



The Joy Connection

August 2017

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Worship Events

Sunday, August 6

*Weeds and Water:
The Disciplines of the
Christian Life*

Matthew 13:24-30
2 Peter 1:5-9

Holy Communion

Sunday, August 13

Mission Sunday
Curtis R. Rieck &
We Can Be the Change
Participants

Sunday, August 20

*Re-thinking Manure:
Suffering and the
Christian Life*
John 9:1-7
Romans 5:3-5

Sunday, August 27

*Harvest Time: The Aim and
Mission of the Christian Life*
Matthew 28: 16-20
Luke 10: 1-11

Sunday Schedule

Joyful Praise Worship
8:15 am

Education & Fellowship Hour
9:15-9:45 am

Celebration Worship
9:45 am

Canoeing the Mountains

In his book on Christian leadership, Tod Bolsinger relates the epic of Lewis and Clarke, who had been charged by President Thomas Jefferson with charting a water route from the Pacific Ocean to the Mississippi River. It was a common belief that such a route existed, but the resources simply hadn't been allocated to finding it. After 15 months of paddling to the source of the Missouri River, Lewis and Clarke made a startling discovery: There was no Northwest Passage. Instead of a gentle downstream paddle to the Pacific, the expedition faced a trek through the Rocky Mountains. Their expedition came to a grinding halt, because all their plans and experience had assumed travel by water over terrain like that east of the Rocky Mountains.

The phrase "canoeing the mountains" refers to the adaptive challenge the Church faces today. In a way, the Church is like the Lewis and Clarke expedition. We have our trusty canoes that have moved us forward, our comfortable and familiar routines of being the Church and our underlying assumption that people will come to us to learn about Jesus. The problem is, the terrain has changed. Fewer people are wandering around looking for a church to be a part of. Fewer people know the basic Bible stories. Fewer people are joining churches simply because their parents did. The river has given way to mountains, and we must get out of our canoes if we want to cross the mountains and bring the Good News to more people.

Adaptive change is hard. It's not easy to examine our most basic assumptions and habits of being the Church. We must think outside the box about things we're not used to thinking about at all. How long will worship continue to be the primary entry point for people into Christian community? For some churches, hands-on missions are now the entry point. How long will classroom approaches to discipleship, like Sunday School and Confirmation, be attractive and effective? And after we've asked those questions, we must do something even harder. We have to get out of our canoes and try new ways of crossing those mountains.

Many, if not most, experiments are failures. Someone recently told me that FAIL stands for First Attempts in Learning. I like that. As our new ministry teams begin to meet, I invite them and all of us to think outside of the box, to experiment, and even to fail. There's no shame in failure, only in staying seated in the boat, expecting to canoe over the mountains.

Blessings,

Pastor Bill

Buffalo United Methodist Church

...serving people for Jesus Christ so that we all may know joy!

Grow in Love of God and Neighbor

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul & mind and love your neighbors as yourself *Matthew 22:37-40*

Introduce People to Jesus

Therefore, go and make disciples of all people... *Matthew 28:19-20*

Heal a Broken World

The spirit of the Lord is upon us to bring good news to the poor
Luke 4:16-21

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✠ Spiritual Growth

Lessons from the Farm

Our Lessons from the Farm worship series continues through August 27. Jesus began one of his most famous parables, “A farmer went out to plant seeds...” He frequently used illustrations from the farm to teach his disciples about growing spiritually, the practices that help us become deeply committed Christians, and the struggles we face in experiencing the joy of the Christian life.

Learn how the process of putting up hay helps us understand one of the most important ingredients to spiritual maturity. Consider how the relentless onslaught of weeds in a garden teaches us about the many challenges to the Christian life. Consider the intriguing connection between manure and the Christian life. And look at how harvest time teaches us about the life that pleases God.

Prayer Partners Needed for 2017-18



Calling all adults! If you are feeling called to be an adult prayer partner this coming year, please sign up on the bulletin board in the entryway. We are

looking for approximately 60 adults to pray weekly for a Sunday school child. Prayer Partners will get to meet their child at a Party October 8 and are then asked to pray for that child throughout the year. This is a great way to support our ministry of prayer and families. If you have been a prayer partner before and have a request for a student let Debbie Bishop know!

A Little Summer Reading

Summer can be a great time to catch up on some reading. If you're looking for some faith-based books, remember our church library has books you may borrow. Thanks to Iona Markley for straightening it up, so it's easy to peruse!

Also, we'll soon have a “little library” book exchange out by the playground for the public or church members to use. So, we encourage you to both donate books to share with others, and/or to borrow a few for yourself!

Worship

Upcoming Worship Events

Aug. 6 Holy Communion

Aug. 13 Mission Sunday – be inspired as you hear about “We Can Be the Change”

Wednesday Worship Feedback

If you attended even one of our July Wednesday night worship services and events, we would love to get your feedback on all aspects.

Nursery Help August 13 & 20

Our nursery attendant, Theresa, is on vacation August 13 & 20, and we're looking for people to cover the nursery for one or both services on those days, paid or unpaid. Please talk to Michelle in the church office, or Laurie, if you could help. Thanks!

Worship Tech Help Needed

It would be incredibly helpful to have more people trained in to help with lyric and PowerPoint projection during worship. It's really SO easy, and training is provided! We especially need help at the late service. Please see Jana Knutson or Laurie Schroeder if willing to help at either service.

Sunday Schedule Changes Sept. 10

The summer worship schedule runs through Labor Day Sunday, September 3. On Sunday, September 10 we return to our fall schedule:

8:15	Joyful Praise Worship
9:20-10:20	Fellowship & Sunday School
10:30	Celebration Worship

Worship Attendance

	Early	Late	Total
June 25	91	63	154
July 2	79	45	124
July 5 (Wed.)			30
July 9	111	44	155
July 12 (Wed.)			32
July 16	101	37	138
July 19 (Wed.)			28
July 23	106	44	150
July 26 (Wed.)			29

♥ *Ministry & Missions*

MCCI/Ministry Teams Update

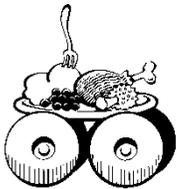
It's been a busy summer of God forming new ministry teams. Teams that are now either forming or already meeting include the Playground Design Team, the Guest Connections Team, the Signage Audit Team, the Adult Discipleship Team, the Confirmation Design Team, and the Congregational Care Team. Wow! If you have previously expressed an interest in being on one of these teams but have not yet been contacted, please check the bulletin board in the lobby for the names of the Team leaders and contact them directly. If you've recently become interested in joining a team or participating in some other way in their ministry area, please reach out to the Team leaders directly.

Also, remember that the roster of existing teams in no way limits your or God's imagination for ministry. Talk to Pastor Bill or Laurie if you would like to champion a new ministry. (We have two new ministry champions currently incubating their ideas!) How will God break through next?

Guest Readiness Training

Pastor Bill and our new Guest Connections Team invite you to join them at a Guest Readiness seminar on **Thursday, August 24** at Minnetonka UMC, 10 am to 3 pm. This training is part of the coaching we are being given through the MCCI. If you have not joined the Team but are interested in helping with hospitality and helping newcomers get connected here, this is a great chance to learn from the experiences of other churches. Please contact the church office to RSVP.

Meals on Wheels in August



There are changes to the Meals on Wheels program, but our church is still asked to provide drivers for the month of August. Lake Ridge quit doing the meals, but now Catholic Charities coordinates the meals out of the Buffalo Senior Center. **They now only deliver meals Monday through Friday**, but there are still three routes each day. Watch for a calendar at church to sign up for delivery in August.

Meals should be picked up at 11:30 by going to the alley entrance at the back of the Buffalo

Community Center, then walking through the center to the kitchen.

Church-School Partnership Training

Many times people have brought up the idea of connecting more closely with our neighbor, Northwinds Elementary School. The question is usually, "But what would that look like?" On **Saturday, September 16** a Church-School Partnership Round-Up will be held from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Hennepin Avenue UMC in Minneapolis. Learn about the impact of a church-school partnership, how to start a partnership, and some practical tools and tips. This event features speaker Jake McGlothlin, author of *The Mission-Minded Guide to Church and School Partnerships*.

This looks like a great training to explore the possibilities, so if you're interested in learning more, please see Laurie to get signed up.

Blankets for Beds



Though the warm weather is here, the need for blankets continues. Please consider cleaning out your closets for new and gently used blankets, bedding and towels for local distribution. If you need items to be picked up, please contact Dianne McLain at 763-682-2260.

Connecting with Campers

We're so blessed to have 12 children attending UM camps this summer. Some already went in June, but we still have many going in July and August, so we encourage you to pray for them and if you'd like, drop them a note while they're at camp. Pick up a complete list of campers and camp addresses at church.

Aug 6-8 Joanna Hanson
Aug 6-11 Gabriel Dorado, James Dorado,
Rachel Dorado, Anthony Hanson,
Spencer Hanson

Frozen Meals Available

There are several different sizes of chicken noodle casserole, some turkey soup, chili and chocolate chip cookies in the storeroom freezer for you to take to someone needing a meal or two. Ask for help if you can't find them!

UMW Rummage Sale August 16-18

Start collecting your cast-offs! The UMW will sponsor a rummage sale in the fellowship hall on **August 16-18 (W-F)**. All proceeds will support UMW mission projects. We need lots of items to sell and volunteers to make this sale possible.

To Donate: The shed will be open and items can be brought to the church Sunday, Monday or Tuesday August 13-15. Items to bring are books, small household items, dishes, clean children's clothing (no adult), toys and games, knick-knacks, table linens, bedding, collectibles, furniture, tools, and outdoor equipment. Baked items are also welcome all three days. Please, no electronics or gym equipment.

To Volunteer: Talk to Sara Gaeth about helping with sorting and set-up Sunday-Wednesday Aug. 13-15 or with the sale August 16 (eve) – Friday the 18th.

To Buy: The sale will run **5:00-8:00 pm on Wednesday; Thursday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm and Friday 8:00-noon.**

A graphic with the text "GET YOUR RED OF STUFF" in a stylized, blocky font. "GET YOUR" is in yellow, "RED OF" is in red, and "STUFF" is in black.

UMW Bake Sale for Emma Norton

We invite anyone who loves to bake to help us provide muffins on **Sunday, August 6** as a fund raiser for Emma Norton Services. Place items on a paper plate and insert into a gallon size freezer bag and bring to the church when you come to worship. We also invite members and friends to select a plate and leave a donation to support Emma Norton Services, a local St. Paul mission supported nationally through the General Conference United Methodist Women.

This service provides affordable housing, basic needs and support services to women, children and families in an environment that fosters stability and encourages personal growth to combat poverty. Chemical dependency recovery support, case management services, referral services and informative workshops are provided.

Share Your Extra Produce

Bring extra garden produce on Sunday mornings to share with your church family. Freewill donations will help replenish the family fund. This is a great way to be good stewards, promote healthy eating, and support those in need!

Wesley Meal an Advance Special

This year at the MN Annual Conference Wesley Meals were approved to be designated as an Advance Special ministry. That means that individuals or churches can now give to The Wesley Meal through the MN Annual Conference and receive credit for the gift. This is great news for the sustainability of those Saturday meals in downtown Minneapolis. Our church's serving coordinator, Tracy Daleiden, would be happy to talk with you about this fabulous ministry that we are able to serve 4-5 times per year.

School Supplies & Other Donations

From now through September 10 we will collect supplies for Common Hope. There is a collection box in the entryway for your items. (Love INC is no longer coordinating a local school supply drive.)

School supplies must be newly purchased:

Backpacks	pens (black/blue/red)
pencils	erasers
Pencil sharpeners	glue bottles
12-pack colored pencils	scissors (4-5" and 7")
plastic rulers	watercolors
compasses	protractors
#12 paintbrush (flat)	silicone glue (100 g)
fine point (.5) permanent black markers	

(NOTE: No notebooks, paper, or folders!)

Teacher supplies and classroom incentives:

White board markers	masking tape (1")
construction paper	small craft kits
Wite-Out/Liquid Paper	popsicle sticks
Yarn	stickers

Small bouncy balls

The following items may be new or gently used:

scientific calculators
recorders (plastic flutes)
Spanish-English dictionaries (Univ. of Chicago)

Other Donations for Common Hope

Dental items: toothbrushes, toothpaste
Children's books in Spanish
Hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves

Children's Ministries & Sunday School

Summer Reading Program



Our summer "Reading & Fun at the Park" program continues through **Wednesday, August 30 from 9:30-10:30**. Volunteers read books aloud and lead fun activities for children of all ages.

Snacks and play time will follow reading. This is a great opportunity for kids to see their church friends in the summer, and for us as a church to connect with the neighborhood and community.

Also, book donations are welcome so if you have children's books around your home that your children have outgrown, we'll take them!



Register for Sunday School

Sunday School starts on September 10! Have you registered your kids yet? Please complete the form you received in the mail, or go to our website and **enroll online!!** Here is the link: <https://form.jotform.us/71944972221156>.

Remember, this is a great time to invite friends and neighbors to Sunday School! Your invitation might be just what it takes for a family to join the fun on Sunday mornings and get to know Jesus.

Help Teach Sunday School!

We have for sure one opening for a SS teacher for Fall. Pray about this ministry and let us know if you feel called to serve as a teacher or

classroom helper. Please let Debbie Bishop know if you would like to lead a class!! We also encourage parents to volunteer as classroom helpers!!

Sunday School Teacher Training

The mandatory training for Sunday School teachers and helpers is on **Sunday, August 27 at 9:30 am**. For those who can't make that one, we'll have a make-up session on **Wednesday, August 30 at 6:30 pm**.

RSVP to the church office by **August 21** to let us know which session you will attend. Teaching tips, curriculum, calendars, processes and procedures will all be covered. Those needing to view the mandatory safety video will also get that done.



Wednesday Night VBS Fun!

Thanks to all of you that attended our Wednesday night "Growing with God" VBS! Even though attendance was small, it had a BIG impact! Thanks as well to Suzy Smith and Amy Buchholtz for leading – it was terrific!!

Confirmation

Confirmation Starts Up in September

Registration letters have been mailed to incoming 7th graders and returning 8th graders. (7th grade parents, if you haven't returned the faith partner request form, **please do so ASAP!!**)

If you know a youth who might want to participate in our confirmation program, please have them contact us as soon as possible.

Remember that Sunday School starts September 10, and the mandatory Student and Parent Confirmation Orientation session is on **Wednesday, September 13 at 6:00 pm**, so mark your calendar now!

Confirmation Sunday September 17

Confirmation Sunday is September 17 for our 9th graders. Be sure to send in your robe measurements no later than **August 13**. Contact the church office if you have any questions.



Fun & Fellowship

Diners Out Gathering August 24

This fellowship ministry will meet on the 4th Thursday of each month through September. This is a good way for empty nesters and others to get better acquainted with friends of Buffalo UMC, so join us for dinner and a time of fellowship at Perkins restaurant on **Thursday, August 24 at 5:30 pm.** If you have any questions or need a ride, call Dave & Sara Gaeth at 763-682-4964.

Ministry Team Reports

Finance Team Update

by Jim Tool

The finance team would like you to know that our income for the first six months of this year is running about \$10,000 to \$12,000 less than the previous three years. In past years our budget has been balanced by the end of the year and we have paid 100 percent of apportionments to the Minnesota Methodist Conference. We look forward to the successful completion of this year's budget with the faithful and diligent help of all our congregants, and hope that all might review our giving through prayerful discernment.

Growing Generous Givers

We welcome God into most parts of our lives, but often hesitate with our money. Yet money is a gift like any other, and our use of it a spiritual discipline. As a church, and as individuals, we seek to grow in our stewardship faithfulness.

2 Corinthians 9:7: *Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

Prayer: *Dear God, give me wisdom to know what your will is for me and my money this year. Place in my heart your desire for me, and fill me with joy as I trust you to provide. In Jesus' Name, I pray. Amen.*

Congregational Care Team Formed

We commissioned our Congregational Care Team on Sunday, July 23 in worship. This newly-formed team will enhance the ways we support one another in the congregation to include more lay involvement and will assist staff in keeping track of the many aspects of care. This includes visitation, possibly meal support, coordination with prayer shawls, and perhaps even a card ministry to let people know we are remembering them.

They are just getting organized under the leadership of Kathy Varner, but it's not too late to get involved if you have ideas or passions for this important ministry of the church.

Staff Parish Update

We have successfully hired a new BUMPreschool classroom assistant after receiving 10 applications. Jennifer Hanson will join the staff this fall, having a degree in community health education and 8 years experience as a special ed paraprofessional. We're very excited to have her on board!

The team has not had success in hiring an organist for the late service, but will leave the position open. For the time being music will be covered by several of our talented musicians who have agreed to rotate a schedule.

Building & Property Update

Custodians Bob & Ryan Highberg have completed the carpet cleaning in the education wing. The property team is working with them to do some projects in August, including bringing in a lift to change some of the highest burned out lightbulbs in the sanctuary and parking lot. They are also replacing the outside doors to the fellowship hall and the preschool entrance, as they are rusted out.

Another property issue that is underway is the purchase of a new projector for the sanctuary, as the optics system is failing on our current one after nine years. Several equipment bids have been received and the property team will be reviewing and making a decision. The new projector will cost in the neighborhood of \$4,000.

Our Church Family

Prayer Matters...

- Please continue to pray in the days ahead for Kyle & Zach Ewer, Wendy Zylla, and Trish Ewer as they grieve the sudden passing of Brian Ewer on July 26.
- Please pray for Angie Beusmann and boys as they remember Matt's death just a year ago and continue grieving his loss in their lives.
- Dave Gaeth's nephew, Jeff Bang, has cancer throughout his body and brain, and has decided to enter hospice.
- Bonnie Kelly (Senior) is recovering from a fall and broken pelvis.
- Jeanne Wermager's brother-in-law Floyd Olson had discouraging results from a recent CAT scan, so they are going to try an autoimmune treatment to see if that can help.
- Pat Bowe has faced many struggles with her treatment for pancreatic cancer. She will undergo chemo and possibly radiation to shrink her tumor before trying to remove it. Pray for physical and emotional comfort and strength, and that the treatments are successful.
- Joyce Dietz' brother passed away and funeral was on July 29.
- Pray healing for Jeanne Vokaty's son Chris fell and broke his arm just above his wrist.
- Traci Lay's aunt, Wendy, has cancer of the appendix and will undergo treatments. She's been given an optimistic prognosis.
- Darla O'Flanagan's sister, Tonya, had a cancerous kidney removed on July 26 and they will now determine what follow-up care and treatments she will need. Please pray that nodules in her lungs are not cancerous or will respond to treatment.
- Jane Hurley is recovering well from surgery to remove a stomach ulcer and tumor, which turned out to be non-cancerous.
- Helen Ann Johnson is back at Haven Homes and her spirit is strong, following a brief hospitalization for cellulitis and congestion.
- Continued prayers for Joanne Johnson, who is improving and gaining some of her strength back.

- Savannah Smith is recovering from gall bladder removal, but pray for her health to be stable as she navigates several health issues.
- Laurie Schroeder's mother, Kathleen, was diagnosed with bladder cancer, but there is a hopeful prognosis with maintenance treatments.
- Continued prayers for those undergoing long-term illnesses including Janice Erickson, Martha Grimme, Judy Peterson, Amy Fouquette, Carl Johnson, Doc Campbell, and for many others unnamed here.

Celebration for:

- We celebrate the June 29 birth of Sydney Kiphuth, daughter of Steve and Brianna.

Thank You from:

- Buffalo Food Shelf: *"Please accept our thanks for your 2017 Mason's Fund Drive donation. A big plus is the Match doubled the value of your donation. Your gift, combines with others we receive throughout the year, ensures that we will be able to meet the ongoing need for food security within the community we share"*
- BHS All Night Graduation Party: *"We'd like to THANK YOU for your sponsorship. The 2017 BHS Graduates has a fun, safe night with memories that will last a lifetime. It's business partners like you that help make our community a great place to live"*
- Thursday Women's Big Book Study Group A.A.: *"Thank you so very much for allowing us to use the room to meet. We are sincerely grateful for all your support!"*





experience this same vital early childhood education. Please consider a donation to this fund that is currently running low, with new requests already in for the upcoming school year.

There are also other ways you could support our preschool:

Donate items: Circle button magnets; C links, (those used for babies); buttons; cottonballs; felt; bells; ribbon; paper plates, spoons, napkins, toilet paper cardboard rolls. If you are able to contribute any of these items (new or used) we would greatly appreciate it! We will continue to update you on items we use that you can donate. They can be dropped off anytime.

Financial Support: We have a new Program Enhancement Fund to help cover costs of two field trips or to bring in educational programs, like Como Zoo; and to help pay for our physical education program with Gym Nation, that is a huge bonus for our kids, teaching fine and large motor skills and muscle development.

Volunteer: We LOVE to have church members come in just to talk with us and help out in the classrooms, or to share a special interest.

On August 29 we hold our Orientation Night for parents and their preschoolers. Preschoolers get to meet their new friends and teachers with a short play time, story time and snack; parents get to meet with the director and other parents to gather all the important information needed for the year. And then we are ready for the start of the preschool year which begins on Sept. 7 for the 3's and Sept. 8 for the 4/5's!

Melissa Ungaro, Director

Preschool Staff:

Melissa Ungaro, director
Christine Hartke, 3-year-old & 4/5 teacher
Jenny Hanson, teaching assistant

What's Up in Preschool?

The summer is flying by and we are busy getting ready for the start of another preschool year! The rooms are getting a deep down cleaning, the paperwork is getting organized, materials are getting prepared, and staff is busy planning an exciting school year for 2017-2018. We're in our second year with our new curriculum that we all love, and we have hired an eager new classroom assistant, Jenny Hanson. She comes with lots of great training and experience, and enthusiasm for working with children! It's great to have her as part of our team heading into fall.

We are also thrilled to announce that our preschool has just received a 4-Star Parent Aware rating!! (We had a two-star rating before.) This is the highest rating and will be highly regarded by parents as they search for a preschool. Congratulations to the BUMPS staff on accomplishing this achievement.

Our fall enrollment for our 4/5 class has 17 students, and our 3 year old class has 4 of the 16 spots filled, with continuing interest and tours taking place. In telling others about our preschool, whether in person or by social media, please remember to mention that scholarships are offered to those in need who meet the criteria, so encourage anyone to apply. Our loving Christian arms want to reach out to ALL little people, regardless of economic status, so that EVERYONE may

Preschool Open House August 2

If you or someone you know may have a child interested in our BUMPS preschool program next fall, we will have an open house on **Wednesday, August 2 from 6:00-7:30**. We currently have openings for our three-year-old class, but all are welcome to come and tour as we will have a wait list for 4-5 year olds in case someone's plans change. Spread the word, and stop by!

Connection Points

Ministries and fellowship opportunities meeting at regularly scheduled times

United Methodist Women

Every 2nd Thursday of the month



All women are invited to join on the trip to the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. We will meet at the church to carpool. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

This Month: No Meeting - Garage Sale August 16-18

United Methodist Men's Fellowship

Every 3rd Saturday of the month

Men of the church interested in service, faith and fellowship are invited to come meet with other men for fellowship, devotion and fund raising projects. The meetings begin with breakfast at 7:30 am.

This month: On hiatus for the summer



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Every 4th Monday



Gather at Arlene Nelson's home at Park Terrace at 1:00 pm to knit or crochet shawls for people who might be homebound, in the hospital, grieving, or in other challenging situations. You may participate in ministry even if you can't attend the sessions. Call Dianne McLain at 763-682-2260 with questions.

This month: Monday, August 28 at 1:00pm

Thursday Gatherings

Every 1st Thursday of the month

Gather in the fellowship hall at 1:00 pm for a time of fellowship playing games and occasional service project. Bring a favorite game and snacks. All are welcome! Call Esther Kiphuth at 763-477-6221 if you have questions.

This month: Thursday, August 3 at 1:00 pm



Adult Bible Study

Every Thursday



An ongoing traditional Bible study meets at Paulette Moore's home. All are welcome to join this study long- or short-term as able. Call Paulette for details at: 763-276-7435. Currently studying the books of Jude, James, 1 Peter and 2 Peter.

Weekly: On hiatus for the summer

Diners Out Fellowship Gathering

Every 4th Thursday of the month

Gather at Perkins during the months of May-September at 5:30 pm for food and fellowship. Primarily active seniors, but all are welcome! Call Sara Gaeth at 682-4964 if questions.

This month: Thursday, August 24 at 5:30 pm



August 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Morning Schedule 8:15 am Joyful Praise Worship 9:15 am Fellowship 9:45 am Traditional Celebration Worship		1 10:30 am AA 6:30 pm Weight Watchers 7:00 pm Property Team Meeting 7:30 pm Sunday School Teacher Meeting	2 8:30 am Weight Watchers 9:30 am Summer Reading Program 6:00 pm Preschool Open House 7:15 Joyful Praise	3 1:00 pm Thursday's Gathering 6:30 pm Women's AA Group	4 	5 7:30 am Worship Design Team 9:00 am AA
6 <i>Communion Sunday</i> 7:30 pm AA in Fellowship Hall UMW Muffin Sunday	7 10:00 am AA 9:00 am Commodity Distribution 7:30 pm AA	8 10:30 am AA 6:00 pm Adult Discipleship Vision Meeting 6:30 pm Weight Watchers 7:00 pm Leadership Team Meeting	9 8:30 am Weight Watchers 9:30 am Summer Reading Program	10 6:30 pm Women's AA Group 6:30 pm Guest Connections Team 7:00 pm Signage Audit Team	11 Building Maintenance – Sanctuary & Parking Lot	12 Building Maintenance – Sanctuary & Parking Lot 9:00 am AA
13 <i>Mission Sunday</i> 7:30 pm AA Garage Sale Set up	14 10:00 am AA 6:30 BeFrienders 7:30 pm AA Garage Sale Set up	15 10:30 am AA 6:30 pm Weight Watchers 7:00 pm SPRC Meeting Garage Sale Set up	16 UMW Garage Sale 8:30 am Weight Watchers 9:30 am Summer Reading Program 7:15 Joyful Praise	17 UMW Garage Sale 6:30 pm Women's AA Group	18 UMW Garage Sale	19 9:00 am AA
20 <i>Commissioning of Signage Audit Team</i> 7:30 pm AA	21 10:00 am AA 12:30 pm MS Support Group 7:30 pm AA	22 10:30 am AA 6:30 pm Weight Watchers	23 8:30 am Weight Watchers 9:30 am Summer Reading Program 7:15 Joyful Praise	24 5:00 pm Diner's Out at Perkins 6:30 pm Women's AA Group 7:00 pm Signage Audit Team	25 8:00 pm AA	26 9:00 am AA
27 7:30 pm AA 9:30 am Sunday School Teacher Training	28 10:00 am AA 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl 7:30 pm AA	29 10:30 am AA 6:00 pm Preschool Orientation 6:30 pm Weight Watchers 7:00 pm Finance Team Meeting	30 8:30 am Weight Watchers 9:30 am Summer Reading Program 6:00 pm Confirmation Table Leader Orientation	31 6:30 pm Women's AA Group	August is BUMC's month to deliver Meals on Wheels. Sign up now to help! Call the church office 763-682-3538 	

August Schedules

Scripture Reader Schedule Traditional Celebration Service 9:45	
August 6	Suzy Smith
August 13	Julie Bedker
August 20	Barbara Sargent
August 27	Jen Bowe
Coffee Server Schedule	
August 6	UEC - Linda Sherman, Duane & Rita Ot-ness
August 13	Bonnie Kelly & Gail Hurley
August 20	Phyllis Griffith & Mary Johnson
August 27	Mike & Jana Knutson
Usher Schedule	
8:15 am	Sandy Weldele & Esther Kiphuth Jan Heyerdahl & Tim Schwietering Doug & Sherri Clark Pam & Dean Croft
August 6	
August 13	
August 20	
August 27	Ivan Erickson, Lester Hamann Lester Hamann & Mary Johnson Linda Bostic & Linda Sherman Bob & Chris Highberg
9:45 am	
August 6	
August 13	
August 20	
August 27	

Looking Ahead... Items to Put on Your Calendar	
September 10	Rally Sunday—Fall Schedule!
September 13	Confirmation Orientation— Students & Parents
September 17	Confirmation Sunday
September 23	UMW Big Water Fall Gathering
September 24	7th Grade Faith Stepping Stone
September 30	Wesley Meal
October 1	World Communion Sunday
October 8	UMW Conference Annual Gathering
October 22	Union Gospel Mission
October 28	Saturday Awakenings— Zion Jubilee Band



Information

Resources

Current issues of the *Upper Room*, *Alive Now*, *Pockets (for children)*, and *DevoZine* are available in the entryway for a nominal donation.

Prayer Requests

Call the office or use the cards available in the attendance pads to make prayer requests. Turn them in to the pastor before services on Sunday morning for inclusion in announcements.

Prayer Circle

Please call the church office at 763-682-3538 with prayer concerns or to be part of the prayer circle.

Flowers for the Altar

Do you have a special event or person you want to honor with flowers some Sunday? Sign up on the flower chart posted by the office, and indicate if you will bring your own, or place your check for \$39 in the offering marked "flowers" and we will order.

Please let the church office know:

- If your telephone number, e-mail address or mailing address change.
- When a member of your family is hospitalized or in need of pastoral care.
- If you would like Holy Communion brought to you.
- If you know of someone in the congregation that could use a delivered meal.

Be a Blessing! **Now seeking short-term volunteers**

Be the one to help us
make this happen!

Putting out an urgent call for adult leaders. These people work with others on the team to lead our groups. We know that most people believe that teenagers need help and that helping them is valuable. We also know that most people just don't think they have the skillset or the ability to do it. We are looking for six people who are willing to step out and try something new, knowing that it is just 8 weeks. If it becomes something you love (*and we think that it will*), AWESOME. If you find that it is not your thing, no worries. Adults Leaders serve on a "one does what one can" basis. We all try to attend as often as possible, but we do have others to jump in when anyone is gone.

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Making a "School Starts Soon" Plan

Shop 'Til You Drop

One way to make sure teens are ready to go back to school is to set aside a time for each individual teenager and take him or her shopping for back-to-school supplies. From backpacks to jeans and sneakers, getting teens the things they need to get off to a good start at school will help them become aware that life is about to change.

(YES! The key is taking them with you!)

Regain Control

Summertime is a time of leisure and sometimes rules are forgotten or overlooked. If your house has been a summer hangout for the entire neighborhood it might be time to re-establish control over the house.

Start Setting the Pace

It helps if you start practicing the schedule a little early so that your teenagers won't be too tired when school first starts. The weeks prior to school starting talk to your teen about getting their room prepared for school, organized, and ready for the days of studying. We like to start them getting up early by creating a few things around the yard and house that "must get done before school starts."

Plan a "School Starts Soon" family event

Get emotionally ready. A new school year can mean a lot of stress for a teen and parents alike. Take some time JUST before school starts to relax and enjoy an activity together. This will serve as a marker of the coming lifestyle change. Talk about the school year coming up and reaffirm with your teenager that you are there to help whenever help is needed. Talk about things that need to change from the past year, starting fast, and how you will help to make it an easier transition. It is easier to handle stress from outside sources, like school, when you know someone is on your side.

Then plan a "School Starts Soon" class event

The largest stressor for students surrounds the re-start of a whole new socialization process. Celebrate the milestone of whatever year of high school your teen is going to start by gathering students FROM THEIR GRADE for a simple bonfire or pool party. It's an exciting and scary time for everyone so help them to get the "friendship Factor" started before the long walk to the school front door.

Set Expectations

It's also important to talk to your teenager about what you expect them to accomplish this year. Do you want your teenager to improve on any subject or skill? Let them know what you expect and give them **clear guidelines** on how to achieve your expectations and the consequences of not succeeding. Don't save this until you find yourself in a 911 situation.

PRAY and GET YOURSELVES TO CHURCH

Yes, it has been summer and we have all let some very important things slide.

But, and you already know this, the biggest impact you can have on your student is to model priorities for them. Let them know that you are praying for them and show them what is important through your actions!

See you on Sundays!



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