



The Joy Connection

October 2018

A monthly publication of Buffalo United Methodist Church

Worship Events

Sunday, October 7

Guest Pastor:

Reverend Matt Sipe

Guest Musicians:

The Gallery Trio

World Communion

Sunday

Sunday, October 14

21 Questions:

*The First Chapter in the
Book of Wisdom*

I Corinthians 13

Prayer Partner Blessing

Sunday, October 21

21 Questions:

Live to Give Service

Matthew 25:31-40

Sunday, October 28

Guest Speaker:

Curtis R. Rieck

21 Questions:

Live to Give Sacrifices

Sunday Schedule

Joyful Praise Worship

8:15 am

Education & Fellowship Hour

9:20-10:20 am

Celebration Worship

10:30 am

Live to Give

On Sunday, October 21, we're launching a new worship series: *Live to Give*. Yep, annual fall stewardship time is almost upon us. As sure as the leaves change color and fall from the trees, each year we set aside some time in the fall to reflect on our stewardship of all that God has provided for us. Regardless of whether you have more or less of something than you did last year, gratitude for what you do have today is always the foundation of our stewardship: Gratitude for the grace we receive by faith in Jesus; Gratitude for our health, our friends and family, our church, our time, and yes, gratitude for the money that keeps us in food, clothes, and smart phones.

But receiving God's provision with grateful hearts isn't the end of the story. Because we were all created in the image of God, it's impossible for us to be fully alive unless our lives are characterized by giving. The abundant life of Jesus is found as we learn to live our lives to give humble service to the hurting, sacrifices for the sake of God's Kingdom, hope to the despairing, worship to our Lord, and grace to the unlovable. Each week in worship will challenge you to grow in living to give in one of these ways.

On November 18 we'll consecrate our 2019 commitment to grow in these five areas. Be looking for a letter this month that will include everything you need to prepare for Consecration Sunday. I hope you'll make an extra effort to be with us in worship on that date. If you're not able to be here in person, we'd love to include your commitment to grow with the others placed on the altar on Sunday, so please complete them and return them to the church office. On November 25, we'll end where we started, offering thanksgiving for the abundant riches of God's love.

When we say, "God is love," we're saying that God's most essential nature is one of self-giving for the sake of others. Living in a world that is constantly telling us to serve ourselves, it's easy to forget that we'll never really enjoy the abundance God provides for us until we learn to freely, generously, and joyfully give. Whether it's our time, our money, or even our hard-earned wisdom, God's plan for each of us is that we learn to live to give. Only then can we truly appreciate God's ultimate act of giving on the cross.

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*

Live to Give Worship Series Begins

On October 21 we begin our Fall worship series "Live to Give." We'll be exploring many areas of giving, including our time and talents. As we make commitments for the coming year, we invite you to consider where and how you will share with God. You'll receive a servant ministry card asking for you to either re-commit in areas of service in which you already participate, or to commit to a new ministry area. We're all called to serve, but it's always best if we serve in our areas of passion and talent.

Prayerfully consider where you will serve. If you already know what you want to do, there's no need to wait – contact a staff member now! Otherwise, be watching for the card in the mail and in worship!

Financial estimate of giving cards will also be sent out and will be received and consecrated in worship on November 18.

Prayer Partners Needed for 2018-19



We are still in need of a few adults for our Prayer Partner Ministry to pray a blessing on a Sunday School child once a week! Contact Debbie

Bishop or sign up at church ASAP!

Praise and Coffee Gatherings



On **October 1** at 6 pm Sheryl Lehman hosts Praise and Coffee fellowship time in the side room at Perkins. These gatherings are monthly on the first Monday for a time of fellowship, fun and coffee praising God. Men, women, young, old – all welcome! Bring a friend. Coffee is optional.

LIVE GIVE

Life Happens! A Caring Ministry

Life Happens is a monthly ministry where guest speakers share first-hand experiences on difficult topics, helping us know what to do and what to say to let people know we care. Join us on the **2nd Monday of each month from 7:15-8:15 pm**. We meet in the fellowship hall for a time of listening, learning, caring and dessert. Come whenever you can.

Monday, October 8, 7:15-8:15 p.m.

Facing Breast Cancer

Jan Heyerdahl, presenter

Prayer Journaling Classes Offered

Prayer is a gift from God, but often we feel inadequate, and therefore might not pray as much as would benefit us and our faith lives. To help you explore new ways to experience prayer, there will be a couple upcoming **Prayer Journaling Classes** offered by Sheryl Lehman. Sheryl has prepared a beautiful, comprehensive resource on prayer journaling, and each participant will receive a copy.

The first round of three-session classes is **Mondays in October – the 15th, 22nd and 29th**. A second three-session series will be held on Thursdays in January, possibly daytime but time TBD. If interested in either, you may sign up on the bulletin board at church. *Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.*

–Romans 12:12

Membership Class November 3

Come learn more about the church on **Saturday, November 3 at 9:00 am**. This class answers questions about Buffalo UMC and Methodism in general, as well as what membership means. All are welcome whether contemplating membership or not. It's a great chance to get to know some other people, and get information. Those who choose to join following the class will be received as members on **Sunday, November 18** during worship. Please sign up on the bulletin board or call church to let us know you're coming.

Worship

Upcoming Worship Events

- Oct. 7** World Communion Sunday and offering; guest musicians The Gallery Trio will lead worship with Pastor Matt Sipe presiding
- Oct. 14** Prayer Partner Blessing; SS Children Sing in worship PS-1st
- Oct. 28** SS Children Sing in worship 2nd-6th gr

World Communion Offering Oct. 7

We will receive the World Communion special offering on **Sunday, October 7**, as one of the six annual UM special offerings. The funds will provide racial-ethnic scholarships globally.

Worship Attendance

	Early	Late	Total
August 26	101	53	154
September 2	77	32	109
September 9	140	62	202
September 16	128	121	249
September 23	132	69	201

♥ Ministry & Missions

Frozen Meal Making October 26

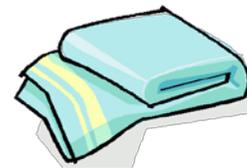
On **Friday, October 26 from 9:30-11:30 am** we will be making beef stew to restock our freezer with frozen meals!! Join us for some great fellowship time as part of the meals ministry, and remember, these meals are available for you to pass on to anyone who could use a quick meal as support. What a blessing!

Financial Peace University Classes

We're thrilled to have 13 households participating in the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University sessions this October and November, learning step-by-step how to create a budget, pay off debt, spend wisely, and save for the future. If you couldn't participate in this series

but are interested in the class another time, please mention that Rita Varner-Otness, Adult Discipleship Vision Team.

Blankets for Beds



Thank you to all who continue to bring in blankets and bedding to donate to the Food Shelf. The need is a NEVERending, so please keep "Blankets for Beds" in mind as you perhaps notice that you have an extra blanket or two in your home or are cleaning your closets. We accept any and ALL new OR gently used blankets/linens. Place them in the "Blankets" box outside of the church office or call Dianne McLain 763-682-2260 if you need them picked up. The smiles, comments and thanks from the recipients at the Food Shelf are a wonderful acknowledgement of this BUMC ministry.

Family Fund Rejuvenation

The fund our church uses to bless those in temporary need of financial assistance has been drawn down and needs replenishing. Though primarily used to help those within our congregation, we have also helped people from the broader community providing help with things like utility bills, medication expenses or new tires. If you would like to support this ministry beyond your regular offering, please write "Family Fund" on your envelope or check and the amount you'd like applied to that fund.

"Let's Talk About It' October 10

On **Wednesday, October 10** Bounce Back and SAVE will host a free meal, resource fair, speaker and two panel discussions (youth and adult) all to talk about how suicide has impacted our community and how we can address the issue. It takes place at **Buffalo High School Performing Arts Center from 5:30-7:30 pm**, and is for all ages. SAVE was one of the nation's first organizations dedicated to the prevention of suicide. Their work is based on the foundation and belief that through raising public awareness, educating communities, and equipping every person with the right tools, suicide is preventable. We all have a role to help!

UMW Missions at Buffalo UMC

All women are welcome and invited to participate in the local unit of UM Women. We value spirituality, compassion, involvement, joy and community, and it is a good way to meet other women for fellowship and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

With the primary purpose of supporting missions, in the past year our UMW has contributed \$3,835 to a variety of projects at home, in the Big Waters District, and through the MN Conference, here in the U.S. and around the world. If you're curious where this money goes:

- \$1,300 was sent to the District and Conference to be used around the world.
- More than \$1,525 in separate gifts of \$100-300 have been given to Emma Norton Services, UMCOR, BUMPreschool scholarship funds, Confirmation scholarships, Youth Mission Trip Scholarship, Senior High Scholarships, Buffalo Food Shelf, Crisis Nursery, Hope House, Hope4Youth and the BUMC Family Emergency Fund.

Additionally, UMW members provide Health Kits for UMCOR, serve funeral luncheons, work with Love Inc. providing clothing and food through Second Harvest, sew uniforms for school children in Sierra Leone, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Blankets for Beds, bake cakes for the Wesley Meal and fill Christmas Shoeboxes etc.

Many individuals also actively support missions through Common Hope, Guatemala, Jamaica, Haiti, Philippines and the UM national mission located right here in the Twin Cities - Emma Norton Services and Emma Norton Place.

Thank you all who have contributed to our Rummage sale, donated at bake sales and Muffin Sunday to make mission possible.

United Methodist Women Update

UMW meets **Thursday, October 11** in the Conference Room at the church at 1:00 PM. We will assemble Christmas Shoe Boxes and UMCOR Care Kits from the July meeting. All women are invited! If anyone needs a ride, please call Paulette at 763-276-7435.

Love INC Gala October 7

Love INC hosts its annual fundraising gala on **Sunday, October 7** at Zion Lutheran Church. Social hour is at 4:30 pm, followed by dinner at 6:00 catered by the Cornerstone Café, a short program and live auction. Tickets available from Barbara Sargent at church, Buffalo Books, the Love INC office or at the door. Love INC provides many services to those in need in our area.

Support for Dementia

There is support for families dealing with dementia through **Caregiver Support Groups** at Zion Lutheran Church. A group meets every Thursday morning from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM in the Library, and also on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM in the Choir Room at the church.

The Gathering is a social respite program for people affected by dementia that will be held the 2nd Thursday of each month from 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM at Zion Lutheran Church in Buffalo. Space is limited, so call 612-562-3943 or email: buffalodementiafriends@gmail.com to register.

Fun & Fellowship

Songs to Live By on October 20

**Saturday
October 20
7:00 pm**



Our October Saturday Awakenings concert is HeartStrings, which includes our own John Hagen and Kellie Strub, along with local musician Bob Strommen. A variety of country, pop and blues with fun and familiar "songs to live by" like Country Roads and Hallelujah, along with a few originals. Join us and invite some friends. Refreshments follow; freewill offering.

October Game Gathering

The monthly "Game Gathering" is on **Thursday, October 4 from 1:00-4:00 pm**. Bring a snack to share if you wish. Coffee provided. A variety of board and card games are played. Come enjoy a fun afternoon.

Children's Ministries & Sunday School

Sunday School Update

It is so great to be back in Sunday school and to see all the smiling faces, new and returning! We've had several fun weeks already in Sunday School - what a terrific start to the school year!!



Sunday School Mission

This October we will hold a "gently used" clothing drive to help fill the Blessing Closet at Zion Lutheran Church!! With the change of season upon us, many of us are going through closets finding what fits and what doesn't fit our kids anymore (and ourselves for that matter). If you're kids are like mine, they don't like trying stuff on, but if we explain that it's a way to share our clothing with those that may be in need, it will let the kids see that they're helping others! Feel free to bring in clothes and drop in the designated bins in the lobby and we will bring it to Zion on behalf of our church family!

I needed clothes and you clothed me....When did we see you a stranger and invite you in or needing clothes and clothe you? The King will reply 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers, you did for Me'
-- Matthew 35:36

Third Grade Faith Stepping Stone

Third graders will receive Bibles and a congregational blessing during worship on **Sunday, November 11**. Families may choose which worship service to attend for the blessing.

Children Sing in Church

Our PS-1st graders will sing on **Sunday, October 14** at the late service only. Our 2nd-6th grade children will sing late in the 8:15 worship service and early in the 10:30 worship service on **Sunday, October 28**. We really hope your children will be here to share their gift of music with the congregation!!



Ornament Making Fun & Mission

On **November 17 from 9:30 - 11:30**, families are invited to come and make ornaments for our Christmas tree in the lobby, as well as ornaments to share as a gift to our Christmas Day Dinner guests, and possibly for care centers!! More details to come.

Sunday School Calendar

- Oct. 14 Prayer Partners BINGO party!
- Oct. 14 Prayer Partners blessing in worship
- Oct. 14 PS - 1st grade sing in church
- Oct. 28 2nd - 6th grade sing in church
- Nov. 4 **3rd Grade Faith Stepping Stone** Bible class during SS Hour
- Nov. 11 **3rd Grade Faith Stepping Stone** blessing during worship

Confirmation

Confirmation Kick-Off Schedule

Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30 pm unless indicated

- October 3** Focus Night- Old Testament
- October 10** Faith Night with Faith Partners
- October 17** No Confirmation - Fall Break
- October 24** Focus Night - Old Testament
- October 31** Combined Trick or Treating
- Nov. 2-4** *The Event* UM Youth retreat, Brainerd (Fri-Sun)

Chaperones Needed for "The Event"

We are in need of **two male overnight chaperones** willing to drive and spend the weekend in Brainerd with our confirmation students November 2-4. See Pastor Bill.

Confirmation Trick or Treat

Our confirmation students will Trick-or-Treat for our local food shelf this year at **6:00 on Wednesday, October 31**. What a fun way to collect for a local mission! Students may dress in an appropriate costume if they wish. They will have notes stating their intent to ask for a non-perishable food item for the food shelf. If you would like to volunteer to drive a group around nearby neighborhoods or have questions, please contact Georgia Docherty at 612-203-2113.

Ministry Team Reports

Finance Team Report

by Martyn Dibben

First the good news. Our apportionments are paid to date, our General, Maintenance, and Mortgage reserve accounts are sound, and our mortgage balance has been dramatically reduced in recent years to \$125,000. Thank you for making all that possible!

Now the harder news. The end of September has historically been the time of the year when our giving falls short of our expenses, and this year is no exception. Our year-to-date expenses have outpaced giving by almost \$15,000, which is a higher deficit than we've seen in recent history. It's not too late to turn this around. While ministry leaders and staff are always looking for ways to reduce expenses, and we have spent less than was budgeted so far, the reality is that increased giving is also needed if we are to continue with our current level of staffing and programming.

Special giving has allowed us to accomplish much this year, including the new MCCI ministries, the new sound system, and the new carpet will be installed October 18-19. Now it's time to take care of our regular budget that funds most of our ministries, staff, and facilities. Has God provided for you this year in a way that would allow you to make a special gift to get us caught up with our 2018 expenses? We can still finish our last fiscal quarter strong, but we need your help!



MCCI Teams Are Waiting for You!

If you're new to our church, you've probably heard the letters MCCI and wondered what it's all about. MCCI is the Missional Church Consultation Initiative. In short, it's a national movement by which our church, as well as others around the state and country, are

reclaiming our mission to reach new people with the Good News of Jesus. A key to the MCCI is equipping and permission giving to lay people like you to take ownership of the churches ministries. Staff people come and go, while the saints of the church are those who year after year find ways to use their gifts and calling to serve the church and the world. If you're not currently serving on a ministry team, you may be the person God has been preparing to serve on one of the following MCCI teams:

The Worship Excellence Team is beginning our work with Cathy Townley, a worship design coach. The team seeks people with a heart for shaping our traditional worship service to meet the spiritual needs of those we are most likely to reach in the Buffalo area. Get on board and help us make a great traditional worship service even better!

The Social Media Team and the **Website Design Team** have not yet launched, but as the Rebranding Team nears the completion of its work with a new visual identity package, we'd like these teams to get started. Are you a savvy Social Media user who could help our church reach new people in creative ways? Could you help upgrade our website into something more inspiring and engaging?

Take your place in this breakthrough movement of God in our midst! Talk to Pastor Bill or other servant leaders in our church about finding joy in shaping these new ministries!

Nominations for Ministry Teams

The Partners in Ministry team will be meeting soon to produce a slate of nominees for our ongoing ministry teams, and perhaps some of the new MCCI teams. Please prayerfully consider serving in the coming year, and if you're interested in a particular are, please let Laurie Schroeder know!

Shade for the Playground

Though the UM Men generously made a \$2,000 grant to the canopy project, we did not meet the fundraising goal by the end of September to meet the price quote deadline. This effort will continue toward our goal of providing much-needed shade for our beautiful playground through the GoFundMe account established by parents who use the playground.

Our Church Family

Are You Southward Bound?

If you head south for the winter, don't forget to let our church office know your temporary address. We like to keep you informed with our newsletters and mailings. You can contact the church office with your temporary address and the dates you will be gone by email at office@buffaloumc.com or by phone.



Shower for Laudenbachs

On **Sunday, October 7** you are invited to a baby/diaper shower **from 2:00-4:00** at church for Darrin and Lydea Laudenbach, hosted by Louise Fouquette and Paulette Moore. Laudenbachs are expecting twins (a boy and a girl) in November. Instead of bows and gift wrap, consider a child's book with your greeting inside. Diapers are very welcome or they are registered at Target.

Prayer Matters...

- Curtis Rieck's father, Bob, suffered two heart attacks recently and had stents put in, rather than open heart surgery (reported earlier), so pray that he sustains long-term health following the procedure.
- Carmen Merrill is recovering from foot surgery and will not be able to put any weight on her foot for several months. Pray for healing and patience!
- Please continue to hold Ruth Vail and family in prayer as they grieve her son, Troy, and all others who grieve.
- Pat Bowe is now at Bethesda Hospital in St. Paul for the long-term and continues to need healing prayers. She is showing some live improvement.
- Please pray for Jeanne Vokaty as she is experiencing extreme "wooziness."
- Ruth & Merlin Swanson continue to need prayers as he continues physical therapy and Ruth heals her broken nose.
- Nancy Menting asks for prayers for her sister, Jean Hennesey, who is in serious condition at Mercy Hospital. She had heart surgery about two months ago and there are complications,

including a blood clot in her leg. A procedure was done today and they hope that helps.

- Also, Nancy Menting's husband, Joel, has polyps in his throat which will be tested. Please pray that it's not cancer.
- Kris Uter is in recovery mode following surgery and experiencing more pain than expected. Her Dad was released to home care and will be on antibiotics for 6 weeks through a pic line and is slowly healing from a serious leg infection.
- Please pray for Pastor Ralph Holbrook and the Main Street United Methodist Church of North Branch as they prepare for their MCCI weekend, October 26-28. Pray also for Sue Nilsson Kibbey, Pastor Bill, and the rest of the MCCI Site Visit Team for discernment, safe travel, and good health.
- Continued prayers for Bill & Mary Augustin through the journey of recovery.
- Please pray for Janice Laster and family (Paulette Moore's niece) as they continue to deeply grieve the loss of her son.
- Pray for Ida Wermager, sister-in-law of Don & Jeanne. She has tests done this week.
- Celebration that Del Smith's mothers tests were negative for cancer!

Thank You from:

- **Thursday Women's Big Book Study Group:**
"Our sincere gratitude for your support in allowing us to grow spiritually in recovery using the room at your church. God is truly working in many lives through your ongoing support. Thank you for all you do to help us meet and be in recovery."

Celebrations:

- Thanksgiving for the nine students confirmed on September 16: Taylor Coyle, James Dorado, Rachel Dorado, Ezra Emons, Zachary Ewer, Jade Goth, Zane Jude, Caitlyn Seidel and Jace Stokes.
- Celebration for our new 7th grade confirmation students: Joshua Bishop, Zachary Bishop, Sarah Buchholtz, Carter Gravley, Andrea Larson, Ava Markeson and Abby Urick.
- Celebration for the birth of Jace Davis to Wendy Fitch and Brian Davis, and big sister, Aliyana.
- Thanksgiving prayers on the birth of Craige & Gloria Farwick's new grandson, Edward Alan Ameter, named after his grandfather who died on September 20, 1995, the same day he was born in 2018.



good smells wafted down the hallways when we were cooking! The weather cooperated for some wonderful outdoor time as well.

As we head into October, we will study about Fall and all the great changes that occur in God's world during this marvelous time of year! Fire Safety Week happens the second week of the month, we are looking for any volunteer firemen who might be able to come in to our classes and speak with us on fire safety, and Halloween activities and parties will round out the month.

Also, our Preschool Chapel has started. We are lucky this year to be able to provide this to the children twice a month with Debbie Bishop coming in one week and Diane McLain stepping up and volunteering to help us the other week, so that will be special for the kids!

Our Preschool Advisory Board Team will meet on the first Tuesday of the month from 7:00-8:30 PM with parents, preschool director, and church team representatives. We help shape policy for the preschool, generate new ideas, keep an active connection with the church, and support the work of the preschool staff. The representatives from the congregation can be of any age and stage of life, as long as you believe in the value of early childhood education! If you are able to help, we would love for you to sit on the board. Please let Melissa know at 614-444-6002 or Melissa@buffaloumc.com

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

What's Up in Preschool?

We are off to a wonderful start in preschool, with seven children enrolled in the 3-year-old class and 15 children in the 4/5 year old class. We are assisting two families with tuition out of our scholarship fund, so we are very happy with the beginning of this school year. With room for 9 more students in the youngest class and room for 3 more in the older class, we encourage you to spread the word! Some specific assets to BUMPreschool are: a Christian learning environment, two certified teachers in all classes, phy ed classes taught by Gym Nation, both indoor and outdoor learning/play spaces and scholarship dollars for needy families.



In September, we brought Teddy Bears the first week to have a "friend" with us in school. We also studied apples and made applesauce the last week of the month. Wow, what

Happy Fall to All!
The preschoolers love crunching in the leaves, so we will go outside and enjoy our wonderful new playground as long as the weather permits.



Melissa Ungaro, Director

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 in the fellowship hall monthly to spend time in fellowship and devotions, and to learn more about the missions supported by the UMW.

This Month: Thursday, October 11 at 1:00 pm
Program: Christmas Shoe Boxes
Hostesses: Kathy Varner & Sue Peltier

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: Saturday, October 20 at 7:30 am



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. Call Dianne McLain at 763-682-2260 with questions.

This month: Monday, October 22 at 1:00 pm

Thursday Gathering

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, October 4th 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.

This year we are studying 1st & 2nd Kings, Esther, and Ruth.

Weekly: Thursdays at 6:30 pm

Diners Out Fellowship Gathering

Every 4th Thursday of the month

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

This month: On Hiatus until May



Praise & Coffee

Every 1st Monday of the month



Gather at Perkins for coffee, fellowship and a spirit of praise! All welcome – men, women, young or old! Call Sheryl Lehman at 763-229-0340.

This month: Monday, October 1



GAME ON!

Wednesday, Oct. 24

6-8:30 pm Cost: \$10



UPCOMING STUFF

Grades 9-12

Wednesdays

6:00pm- 7:30pm

Oct. 3- Dots and Stars

Oct. 10- God's Voice

Oct. 24- WhirlyBall

Oct. 31- Trick or Treat
for the Food Shelf

Nov. 7- God's Voice in
Silence

A "sport" that combines basketball, hockey, lacrosse, and bumper-cars. *That's right, bumper-cars.* In WhirlyBall, two teams of 5 players use scoops to try to toss a ball through elevated backboards at opposite ends of an enclosed court (roughly the size of a basketball court) while driving specially designed bumper-cars. Friends are welcome as always. Also, we could use at least 3 parents to assist with driving. Please contact Michelle in the church office if you can help with this!



A Sunday morning opportunity for senior high students. Watch for announcements to arrive in your "INBOX" in October!

PARENTS! Thanks for all you do to invest in the life of your teenager(s). You probably feel like an Uber driver (ready to pick them up/drop them off when they call), coach (helping them perfect their sport), tutor (working with them on homework), guidance counsellor (preparing them for the future) and, sometimes, a jockey (pushing them to cross the finish line...without a whip of course!)...all wrapped up in one! With all the insane busyness of parenting a teen, it's easy to let youth group attendance slide off the grid. It's tempting to think, *"My kid's just too busy for a night of hanging out with other teenagers, playing some goofy games and hearing another Bible lesson."*

With this as a backdrop here are 4 reasons you should encourage your teenager(s) go to youth group:

1. Teenagers need models and mentors.

Of course you as a parent are called to be the primary spiritual mentor of your own teenager but he/she also needs other godly adults! It's important for your son or daughter to see that this whole *"Christianity thing"* is more than just mom's and dad's belief system. They need to have LOTS of models and mentors.

2. Teenagers need community.

In an age of bullying, gossip, slander and hatefulness (which can destroy a teenager's self-identity), young people need other young people who can lift them up, encourage them and challenge them. Youth group is also a place where teenagers can discover their spiritual gifting and begin to use it to serve others. This will help them have a heart to selflessly serve others for the rest of their lives!

3. Teenagers need theology.

Youth group is a place where teenagers can wrestle through the theology you've been teaching them (you've been teaching them right?) and have it reinforced in a powerful and personal way under the guidance of adults who know how to ask great questions and point teens to sound truth. This should result in your teenagers knowing and owning their faith on a deeper level.

4. Teenagers need a safe place to confess and confide.

Often teenagers who struggle with sin and temptation have nowhere to confide. They feel trapped by their sins and mistakes. A healthy youth ministry can create a safe space for teenagers to open up and talk honestly about their struggles.

Yes, I know that teen life is busy. But it would be a shame if our teenagers graduated from high school and were catapulted into *"the real world"* without every opportunity to know, live, share and own their faith.

Curtis Rieck—Youth Coordinator

October Schedules

Scripture Reader Schedule Celebration Service 10:30 am	
October 7	Duane Otness
October 14	Rebecca Warner
October 21	Pam Croft
October 28	Mike Knutson
Coffee Server Schedule	
October 7	UEC - Dennis & Tracy Daleiden
October 14	Del Smith & Amber Monson
October 21	Larry & Darla O'Flanagan
October 28	Georgia Pollock & Barbara Norrix
Usher Schedule	
8:15 am	
October 7	Mike & Barb Sande
October 14	Ava Markeson & Barbara Sargent
October 21	Barb Odenthal & Sandy Weldele
October 28	Larry & Darla Frink
10:30 am	
October 7	Ivan Erickson & Lester Hamann
October 14	Susan Anderson & Ivan Erickson
October 21	Linda Bostic & Jeremy Carlson
October 28	Bob & Chris Highberg

Looking Ahead... Items to Put on Your Calendar	
November 2-4	"The Event" for Confirmation
November 3	New Member Class
November 4	All Saints Sunday
November 4	3 rd Grade FSS Class
November 4	Daylight Saving Time Ends
November 11	3 rd Grade FSS Blessing
November 11	Park View Service
November 17	Ornament Make and Take
November 18	New Member Sunday
November 18	Consecration Sunday
November 21	Community Thanksgiving Worship at Zion Lutheran
November 22	Thanksgiving
November 25	United Methodist Student Day
December 1	Saturday Awakenings - Singleton Street
December 2	Hanging of the Greens
December 2	Church Conference at 11:30 am

Information

Resources

Current issues of the *Upper Room* are available in the entryway for a nominal donation.

Prayer Requests

Call the office or use the cards available in the pews 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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:00 am Commodity Distribution 10:00 am AA 6:00 pm Praise & Coffee 7:30 pm AA	2 10:30 am AA 6:30 pm Anxious For Nothing Book Study 6:30 pm Weight Watchers 7:00 pm Property Meeting 7:00 pm Preschool Board Meeting	3 8:30 am Weight Watchers 6:00 pm Confirmation – Focus Night 6:00 pm Sr. High Youth 6:30 pm Financial Peace University 6:30 pm Handbells	4 1:00 pm Thursday’s Gathering 6:30 pm AA Women’s Group 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study 6:30 pm Anxious For Nothing Book Study	5	6 9:00 am AA
7 <i>Holy Communion</i> <i>World Communion Sunday</i> 9:20 am Anxious For Nothing Book Study 4:30 pm Love INC Gala @ Zion Lutheran 7:30 pm AA in FH	8 10:00 am AA 6:30 BeFriends 7:15 pm Life Happens! 7:30 pm AA	9 10:30 am AA 6:30 pm Anxious For Nothing Book Study 6:30 pm Weight Watchers 7:00 pm Leadership Meeting	10 8:30 am Weight Watchers 6:00 pm Confirmation – Faith Night 6:00 pm Sr. High Youth 6:30 pm Financial Peace University 6:30 pm Handbells 7:30 pm Joyful Praise	11 1:00 pm UMW 6:30 pm AA Women’s Group 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study 6:30 pm Anxious For Nothing Book Study	12	13 9:00 am AA
14 <i>Prayer Partner Blessing</i> <i>PS-1st Grade sing 10:30</i> 9:20 am Anxious for Nothing Book Study 9:20 am Prayer Partner Party 7:30 pm AA	15 10:00 am AA 6:30 pm Prayer Journaling Class 7:30 pm AA	16 10:30 am AA 6:30 pm Anxious For Nothing Book Study 6:30 pm Weight Watchers 7:00 pm SPRC Meeting	17 8:30 am Weight Watchers No Confirmation 6:30 pm Financial Peace University 7:30 pm Joyful Praise	18 6:30 pm AA Women’s Group 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study 6:30 pm Anxious For Nothing Book Study		20 7:30 am UMM 9:00 am AA 7:00 pm Saturday Awakening – HeartStrings
21 9:20 am Anxious For Nothing Book Study 7:30 pm AA	22 10:00 am AA 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl 6:30 pm Prayer Journaling Class 7:30 pm AA	23 10:30 am AA 6:30 pm Anxious For Nothing Book Study 6:30 pm Weight Watchers	24 8:30 am Weight Watchers 6:00 pm Confirmation – Focus Night 6:00 pm Sr. High Youth 6:30 pm Financial Peace University 6:30 pm Handbells 7:30 pm Joyful Praise	25 6:30 pm Women’s AA 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study	26 9:30 am Meal Making	27 9:00 am AA
28 <i>2nd-6th Sing in Worship</i> 9:20 am Anxious For Nothing Book Study 7:30 pm AA	29 10:00 am AA 6:30 pm Prayer Journaling Class 7:30 pm AA	30 10:30 am AA 6:30 pm Weight Watchers 7:00 pm Finance Meeting	31 8:30 am Weight Watchers 6:00 pm Confirmation & Sr. High Trick or Treat 6:30 pm Financial Peace University 6:30 pm Handbells 7:30 pm Joyful Praise	Sunday Schedule 8:15 am 9:20-10:20 am 10:30 am		Joyful Praise Worship Fellowship & Education Traditional Celebration Worship



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**Prayer Partner
Blessing**

during worship at 8:15 or 10:30

Sunday, October 14

and **Prayer Partner Bingo Party** during
Sunday School from 9:20-10:20

See you then!



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