

PRESBYTIDINGS

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Sunday Worship Service: 10:30 am

Sunday School for all ages 9:30 am

JUNE 2018



COMMUNITY PIZZA DINNER

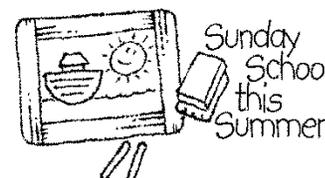
The following are signed up for the community pizza dinner on Saturday, June 2: Dorothy Kaufmann-Food, Elvira Davis-Food, Nita Whiteman-Lasagna & Help, Barbara & Max Hubbell-Help & Food, Lois Fairman-Dessert, Sheryle Dunbar-Food/Help, Connie Hamlin-Help, Sharon Decker-Food. Please have food at the church by 5:00 and helpers need to arrive by 4:30.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTING NEW STUDY

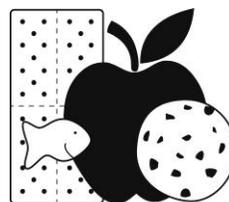
You are invited to join the adult Sunday School class in the East Parlor at 9:30 for a six week study beginning June 10th called *God is Closer Than You Think* by John Ortberg. He shows how we can enjoy a vibrant, moment by moment relationship with our heavenly Father. Participants will learn how to see God in action, how to hear God speaking to them and how to connect to God heart to heart.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEEDS TEACHERS FOR THE SUMMER



Christian Education Committee is asking for volunteers to teach children's Sunday School over the summer. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.



Snacks

SNACKS NEEDED FOR SUMMER PROGRAM

Mission Committee is asking for donations of healthy snack items to go with the free meals that are passed out this summer in the Kidz Summer LunchBox program. Snacks needed are individually-wrapped items that don't need refrigeration such as: beef sticks/Slim Jim, fruit cups, pudding cups, snack bars, breakfast bars, granola bars, cheese dippers, cheese & crackers, individual pretzels, Goldfish, Cheez-it bags, single-serving yogurt-covered raisin boxes. Books from infant to adult are also being collected to give to participants. Boxes are available in the parlor for these donations.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MOWING



A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for volunteers to help with mowing/weed-eating the church grounds. If you are willing to help, please sign your name, phone number & email address. Jon Dunbar will make up a schedule with the rotation of volunteers and send it out to you. Thank you for helping make our church property look more attractive and appealing!

Fundraising



CRAFT/BAKE SALE JUNE 9TH

The Dream Team is planning a craft/bake sale to raise funds for the church. If you love to bake or enjoy making crafts and would like to donate items, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for baked goods, crafts and help the day of. Help us raise funds for our church!!



PASTOR RUTH
REFLECTS

Love God; Nurture
People; Make Disciples

We come now to the final phrase in our mission summary—"Make Disciples." This comes straight out of Jesus's final instructions to his disciples, as recorded in the Gospel According to Matthew: *And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."* Matthew 28:18-20

Making disciples is how the church reproduces. Without somehow making new disciples, the church will die out. It's clearly quite important! But how do we go about making disciples? And what is a disciple, anyway? Most of us would agree that just showing up in church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car. Still, we have some notion that showing up in church is an important part of being a disciple, and therefore must be an important part of making disciples. For most of us, a vague notion is about all the further we get.

Jesus's disciples, during the time he walked on earth, were his followers. A disciple is one who learns from a teacher—almost like an apprentice. Since we are speaking of Christian disciples, a possible definition is as follows: "A disciple is one who knows Christ, is growing in Christ, serving Christ, and sharing Christ." (p. 25, Developing an Intentional Discipleship System: A Guide for Congregations by Junius B. Dotson, Discipleship Ministries, 2017)

Now that we have a definition, how would we go about either being or making disciples? How do we grow in Christ? Both faith in Christ and growth in Christ are works of the Holy Spirit. Still, the Holy Spirit will not work within us if we are unwilling. The Gospel According to Luke contains the story of a young ruler:

A certain ruler asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is

good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; Honor your father and mother.' " He replied, "I have kept all these since my youth." When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "There is still one thing lacking. Sell all that you own and distribute the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." But when he heard this, he became sad; for he was very rich. Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." (Luke 18:18-25)

As you can see, Jesus did not chase after this young man. When he decided not to follow, Jesus let him go. Thus we learn that the Holy Spirit will not work within us if we are unwilling. By the same token, there are practices that we can adopt that signal our readiness for the Spirit's work within us. Those practices are "spiritual disciplines," sometimes called the "means of grace." By using spiritual disciplines, and employing the means of grace, we signal our readiness for the spirit's work within us. More next time...

TUGGS PICNIC JUNE 3

TUGGS will meet at 6:00 on June 3 at the North Main Park for a picnic with Watch 1 (Sweney, McCully Odom, Hutchinson, Kaufmann) with Nita Whiteman as watch chairman in charge. Chicken and sides will be served.



ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

Date	Attendance	Offerings
May 6	80	\$3,204.80
May 13	64	\$3,291.69
May 20	85	\$2,329.28
May 27	60	\$2,145.00

Thank you for your faithful giving and remember the \$2 challenge!

from the
YOUTH
minister

YOUTH NEWS

It's time for 8th grade promotions and high school graduations in the youth ministry of the church! I'm really proud and excited for the students of the church. I was just telling Sheila Scheibmeir, the last couple of weeks, that I'm really starting to see some of the kids growing. They're maturing, and they are getting bigger! They are physically, mentally, and spiritually developing. That's exciting to see. Some of our students will begin high school, next year, and some will begin their college careers.

Especially for those starting high school, this can be a difficult, awkward, or even dangerous time of life. Kids are growing up in a different world than even I did a couple decades ago. While my generation learned about the world through television and music, like all generations since the advent of those mediums, kids today are figuring out the world through social media and the Internet, also. The Internet was at the dawn of its advent when I started high school and was nothing like it is today. These are great tools, but they also expose kids to things previous generations didn't deal with.

I think there are two big things we need to do with our youth. One is I think we should definitely see them as kids because that's what they are. At the same time, kids know a lot today and are growing up faster than ever, probably faster than they should be. They don't want to be viewed as inferior humans. They don't want to be treated like "children". We shouldn't give students the status of mature, experienced adult, but we should genuinely value their input and give them, as we should all people, respect. They count, and not in a lesser way than the rest of us.

The other item I recommend concerning youth culture is monitoring them and protecting them on the Internet. There are just so many things to watch out for in this area. I know many parents trust their kids and are proud of the decisions their responsible teen has made. However, everything from cyber bullying to pornography can be and is found on the Internet in teen culture. I know families who have their teens turn phones in at a specific time of day; families whose parents regularly look through

their history or install filters on internet devices that restrict where their kids can go online; and families whose only computer is in a centrally located place. I can tell you for certain that no matter how well Lucas does in life, I will be closely watching him as he grows and won't give him free rein in cyber space. The stakes are simply too high to let him do so.

-John Simon

PRAY FOR CAMP STAFF & CAMPERS

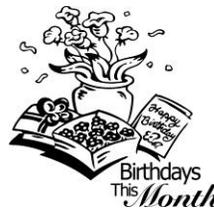


Please hold Brian and Diane Wheeler and the 2018 Westminster Woods Summer Camp Staff in prayer. Also pray for the campers.

3 rd & 4 th graders	May 29 th – June 1 st
5 th & 6 th graders	June 4 th – 8 th
7 th & 8 th graders	June 11 th – 15 th
High School	June 18 th – 24 th

Morgan Sirmans and Rachel Evans will be going to Sr. High camp from our church.

BIRTHDAYS



- 2 – Kim Jensen
- 3 – Keith McCluskey
- 5 - Kelcey Clites
- 10 – Garrett Smith
- 14 – Chad Hamilton

- 16 - Jim Copeland
- 18 – Melissa Coash
- 20 – Mackenzie Powers

ANNIVERSARIES



- 2 - Don & Shirley Hutchinson, Mary & Arlan Stackley
- 6 - Brad & Nancy Clites
- 7 – Rick & Kathy Shoemaker
- 13 – Bob & Nancy King
- 19 – David & Trisha Yearout

VISITORS

- May 6: Naomi Ronin
- May 13: Bob & Durinda Schlitz
- May 20: No visitors listed
- May 27: John & Sue Drach, Jim Zorn



Welcome Guests

**A HUGE THANK
YOU TO ALL OUR
WONDERFUL
VBS HELPERS!!**



The congregation for all your support and donations.

Pastor Ruth, Jennifer and Brian Penner, Carla Varner, Sharon Waugh, Carla Chrispens, John Simon, Barbara and Max Hubbell, Cheri Ogle, Emily Simon, Sheila Scheibmeir, Tara Varner, Nita Whiteman, Katie Penner, Weiss Comer, Shelby Varner and Trena Garcia. Special thanks to our VBS director, Tresa Garcia.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Ten members of PW met May 10, 2018 with Lois Fairman, Connie Hamlin and Ruby Shoemaker serving as hostesses. Cards for members of the congregation were signed by the group and members expressed their joys and concerns. Pastor Ruth Waite offered up our prayers.

Moderator Nita Whiteman gave a short report on the Presbytery meeting, which was also attended by Pastor Ruth and David Yearout. Connie Hamlin read the corrected minutes for the April meeting and they were accepted by the group. Pat Varner gave the treasurer's report. There was a disbursement for the funeral dinner for Helen Wagner's family. Connie read a thank you note from "Thrive! Butler" for the meal that Nita provided on April 3rd.

Nita announced that the PW Board will meet June 14th at 10:00 and then the group decided that the Girls' Night Out would be at 6:00 pm on Thursday, August 2nd. Ruby Shoemaker will call and reserve the meeting space.

Pat and Nita gave a brief report about the Spring Gathering at Sterling on April 21st and then Mary Baker led the group in our lesson study about Priscilla who was an ordinary woman who loved Jesus and who quietly worked and served Jesus alongside her husband, Aquila. By graciously opening her home and working in partnership with Paul and others, she was able to spread the message of the gospel. God does more

through faithful, ordinary people than through any other group and when we let Him take our lives in His hands, God can do wonderful things.

Others attending in addition to those named above were: Patty Goedecke, Billye Odom, Dorothy Kaufmann and Barbara Hubbell.

The next regular meeting will be September 13th. Submitted by *Connie Hamlin*

JUNE ACTIVITIES

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Fri, June 1, 6:00-8:30 pm-VBS

Sat, June 2, 5:30 pm-Community Pizza Dinner

Sun, June 3, 9:30 am-Sunday School, Youth Stampede & Choir Practice, 10:30 am-Worship, 6:00 pm-TUGGS' picnic

Tues, June 5, 4:30 pm-Finance Committee

Thurs, June 7, 5:30 pm-Weight Watchers

Sat, June 9, 7:00 am-1:00 pm-Craft/Bake sale in parking lot

Sun, June 10, 9:30 am-Sunday School, Choir Practice, & Youth Stampede, 10:30 am-Worship
June 13, 4:00 pm-Urban Plunge meeting, 6:30 pm-Trustees

Thurs, June 14, 10:00 am-PW Board meeting, 5:00 pm-Personnel, 5:30 pm-Weight Watchers

Sun, June 17, 9:30 am-Sunday School, Choir practice & Youth Stampede, 10:30 am-Worship

Wed, June 20, 4:00 pm-Urban Plunge meeting, 6:30 pm-Mission Committee

Thurs, June 21, 5:30 pm-Weight Watchers, 6:30 pm-Session

Sun, June 24, 9:30 am-Sunday School, Choir practice & Youth Stampede, 10:30 am-Worship

Wed, June 27, 4:00 pm-Urban Plunge meeting

Thurs, June 28, 5:30 pm-Weight Watchers

Thurs, June 28-Sat. June 30-Youth Urban Plunge Mission Trip

