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PASTOR MARY'S MESSAGE

Always Learning

*My son, accept my words and store up my commands.
Turn your ear toward wisdom, and stretch your mind toward understanding.
Call out for insight, and cry aloud for understanding.
Seek it like silver; search for it like hidden treasure.
Then you will understand the fear of the LORD,
and discover the knowledge of God. —Proverbs 2:1-5 (CEB)*

As school begins for the fall, it strikes me that virtually everyone understands that learning is important. Some people are more excited about school than others, however virtually everyone invests years in learning the fundamentals of mathematics, language, history, science, and literature. If we're in a good school district we also build a strong foundation in music and the arts. Those who are gifted in learning academically may go on to advanced schooling, easily spending more than twenty years of our short lives and a lot of our income to gain understanding!



Imagine what would happen if we invested as much time in learning and growing in our faith as we did in any of these other subjects alone. The Bible imagines that for us in the book of Proverbs. Insight and knowledge don't just come to those who wait. We are to "call out for insight, and cry aloud for understanding." If we pursue God's Wisdom at the same level as we do the things that we call precious in this world, then understanding comes to us. Then knowledge comes to us.

School begins in just a few weeks, but faith education never ends. Sunday school for elementary and middle school children meets during the 9:00 worship service almost every

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Sunday. Sunday school for high school meets during the 10:30 worship service almost every Sunday. Faith Friends small groups meet every week, either at 11:30am on Mondays, or 7:30am on Thursdays. Adult Sunday School and Deborah By The Palm are starting up in September. In addition, we have an assortment of short term groups for adults throughout the year. There are many opportunities for pursuing understanding already, and the truth is that if these became too large we would add more opportunities.

I'm not speaking my own opinion when I say that faith understanding is something that we should always be

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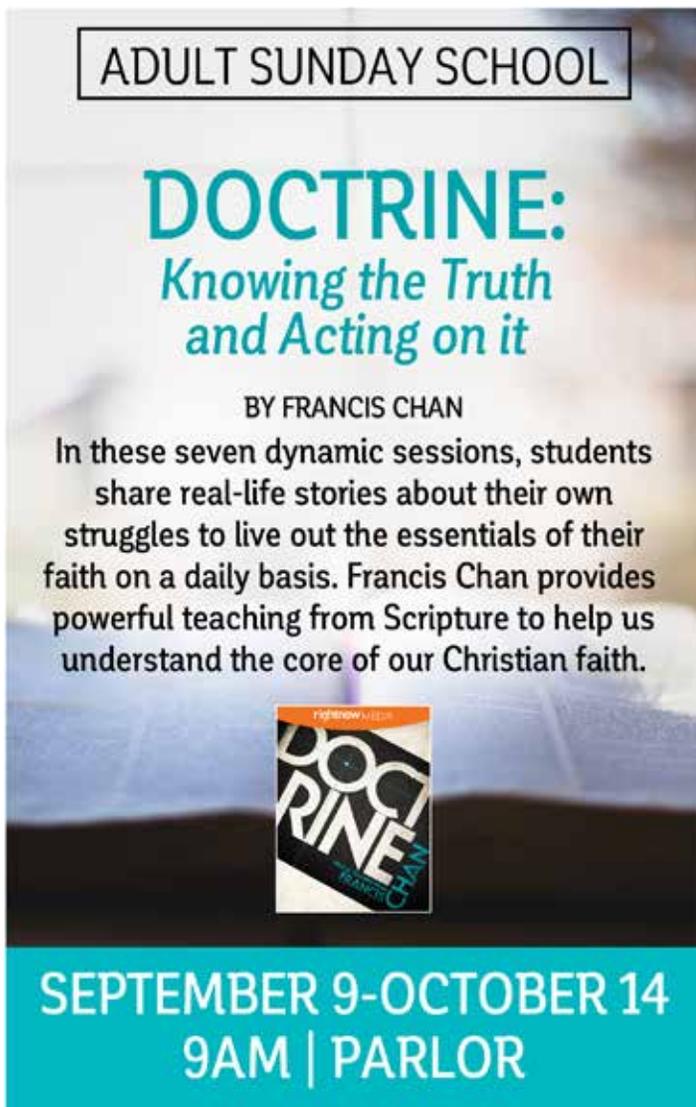
seeking to grow in. This is God's opinion. I invite you to "turn your ear" towards God's wisdom and "stretch your mind toward understanding" by connecting with one of the existing groups or asking for another that you know you need!

In Christ,
Pastor Mary

Get Your Spirit in Shape Podcast

Get Your Spirit in Shape is a free, 30-minute podcast from United Methodist Communications. Episodes feature casual conversations with leaders, authors and others who offer spiritual nutrition and exercises to help us get and keep our spirits in shape.

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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

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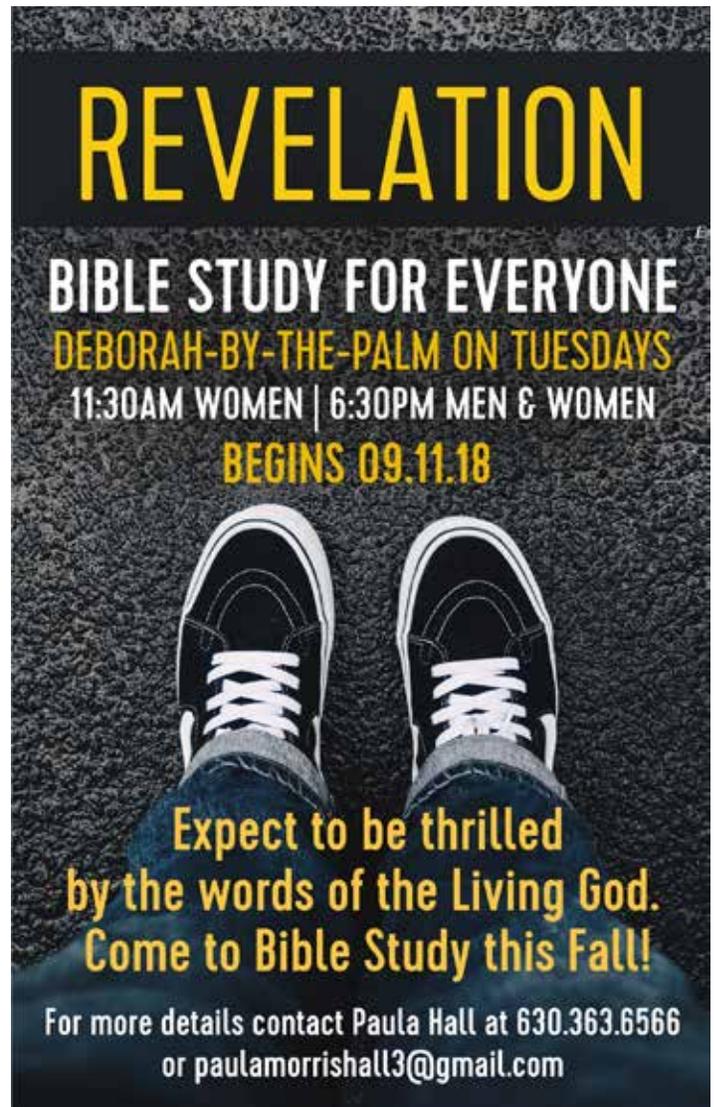
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SEPTEMBER 9-OCTOBER 14
9AM | PARLOR



REVELATION

BIBLE STUDY FOR EVERYONE

DEBORAH-BY-THE-PALM ON TUESDAYS
11:30AM WOMEN | 6:30PM MEN & WOMEN
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Expect to be thrilled
by the words of the Living God.
Come to Bible Study this Fall!

For more details contact Paula Hall at 630.363.6566
or paulamorrishall3@gmail.com

Children & Family Ministries

WORSHIP AND PRAISE!

Calling all Sunday School singers! We are all unique. We each have our own voice that God is delighted to hear; either through prayer or song. We might be our own worst critic, but I do believe practice makes perfect, or in my case, it doesn't hurt. Starting this fall, our Sunday School classes will all be singing praise each week in the Chapel led by our new Sunday School Music Director, Melissa Arndt.

This will be an exciting new direction for our children to sing VBS style of praise songs during the school year. This time will also include prayer, Bible Lesson wrap up, music that will be sung for the congregation, and an opportunity to donate to local missions or our own church. The Loud House Fellowship will no longer be available due to time—you still might hear their loud voices in excitement, but to music instead.

Sunday School teachers and Shepherds are still needed for the upcoming year to help during the lessons and worship. There is something about singing that makes you feel good, brings a smile to your face, and is even contagious. Let's sing our songs to our loving God and tell the whole world how much we love Him and how He loves us.

Blessings and Joy,

Shelly Stienbarger

Director, Children & Family Ministry

A NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Please note the changes in the Sunday School schedule.

9:00-9:10am | Families in service | All children's choir will now sing during prelude and be dismissed immediately afterwards

9:10-9:45am | Sunday School | Children will go directly to their Sunday School rooms (K-2 or 3-5)

9:50-10:10am | Sunday School Praise Worship | This will be a time to worship and praise God through song and prayer

10:10am | Parents pick up in Chapel

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- **August 5, 12 & 19** | 9am | One classroom Sunday School
- **August 29** | No Sunday School | Teacher/Shepherd Training Breakfast

THANK YOU'S!

- **July Shepherds:** Jon Zenker, Ginny Swiatek, JoAnn Poole & Cheryl Freiberger
- **Nursery:** Catherine Rosenquist, Eleanor Sams, Chrissy Farley, Rob Hale & Genevieve Powell

THIS MONTH'S FAMILY BIBLE VERSE

Hear, kings! Listen, rulers! I, to the Lord, I will sing. I will make music to the Lord, Israel's God. —Judges 5:3, Deep Blue Kid's Bible

Christian Education? What's That?

What images come to mind when you hear the words Christian education? Are your first thoughts of children in classrooms studying the Bible? For many of us the Sunday school is the primary place that we think of when we consider what it means to provide Christian education. But exactly what is it that happens in a Sunday school class that enables Christian education and formation to take place?

Christian education does not happen quickly. Christian education is not something we do once as children—then when we get older, we've simply got it. No, Christian education is a lifelong process of learning, believing, growing, and serving. Christian education is a never-ending process that is enabled in Christian community, as

Christians continue to study, worship, fellowship, and serve.

The lessons of Christian education make it possible for us to practice love and to live as children of God. How well we learn those lessons day by day will determine what kind of church we are Sunday by Sunday.

Christian education is a sacred responsibility. To give Christian education less than our best would be unfaithful to the life God has called us to live and to the world God has called us to serve. If there is ever a generation somewhere, sometime, that does not know the power of God's love, it will be because some generation did not continue to teach and learn.

▶ To see the full article, go to: umc.org/resources/christian-education-whats-that

Youth Ministry

YOUTH-LED WORSHIP AND MORE

Our second youth-led services of the year will take place on August 19th at 9am and 10:30am. We will also host a back to school party at the King's residence following the services with games, food and music for all high school youth returning to school in the fall. Bring a water gun, a basketball, volleyball or badminton racket and join in the fun!

In addition, Miriam Circle will begin this fall with Jane Fanslow Pratt and Gina Armstrong taking the helm. Joseph Fellowship, will also launch for middle school boys. Be in prayer for these programs that they can provide leadership opportunities to our youth, spiritual formation and a sense of belonging.

We had a tremendous youth council meeting in July and decided to focus our efforts on making a few programs really good, instead of a lot of decent programming. Jennifer Swenson and Paula Hall continue in leadership of the Sisterhood group for High School girls. The counterpart for High School guys is called Brotherhood and we should have leadership and programming finalized by the September 9 start date.

ANNOUNCING...JOSEPH FELLOWSHIP

Boys, 4th through 8th grade, are invited to Joseph Fellowship. Meetings are held on second Sundays from 11:30am-1:30pm. Here are the dates for the next few months: September 9 (Parents stay for 15 minutes), October 14, November 11 and December 9. We're excited to expand our youth program and launch this new group! Look for more details to be announced as we get closer to the first meeting.

Middle School Sunday School and High School Faith Group will begin again on August 5 at 9am and 10:30am respectively. We intend to keep the focus on loving Jesus, learning about Christ and the church and building friendships. If you have not been to one of these groups in a while, we welcome you to drop in and learn with us!

Grace and peace,
Carl King
Director of Youth Ministry

Young Adult Ministry

SPIRITUAL TOOLS FOR YOUR FAITH

Summer has been busy for us all, I believe. Fireworks, games, grilling and reconnecting with the outdoors rushed past and now we are headed back into the familiar routine of school and work. Some Baker Memorial young adults are going to college far away for the first time, while many of our young adults are working in the Chicagoland metropolitan area. Our goal is to offer some type of spiritual tools to you, in order to strengthen your faith.

Wednesday night Bible study will recommence for young families as the wonderful Wednesday night dinners start back up in the fall. Though the leaders will probably change, we want to ensure a space continues to exist for young families growing in their faith. So, keep your green books, notes and check the announcement sheet to stay

abreast of the weekly readings for Bible study.

If you are a church mouse, we heard really good things about the cards created for college students. Those will be available again this year. Check with Nancy Pearson and get a stack to send to your student. They serve as a great springboard when you run out of things to write.

Finally, we have officially formed a new young adult committee and will be meeting regularly to plan activities for young adults and assess the effectiveness of our programming and all aspects of our ministry. Pray that we can serve the young adult demographic (ages 18-30) well and that we grow spiritually and numerically.

Peace,
Carl King
Director of Young Adult Ministry

MISSIONS CORNER

Opportunities for Service

OUR MISSIONARY, CLARA BISWAS WAS HERE!

If you missed the July 18th potluck dinner you will still be able to view her presentation at some point, as it was video taped!! A wonderful time of fellowship and getting to know



Clara and her ministry drew the 70 in attendance even closer to the needs of her community!

Her ministry, “The Street Children Ministry” is an arm of the Methodist Mission of Cambodia run by the General Board of Global Ministries.

Since 2001 the ministry has been working in slums in the Daem Kor Village near the Tonle Bassac River. The poverty stricken families being served live off of the dump-site, selling the goods they find. In 2007 the ministry expanded to work in New Phnom Penh. Education is a key component of Clara’s mission, as she staffs an after school program with classes that include English, computer skills, art and music. Sunday School is a weekly opportunity for street children and orphans to fellowship with one another, sing songs, make crafts and learn about God’s love for them!



All of this sounds like a full schedule on it’s own, but due to the 300 children and their families that Clara serves, she also networks with other agencies to help with other needs. These issues include human trafficking, HIV illness, domestic violence and nutrition support. The needs are many and donations from churches are what keep the ministry alive.

Mission Outreach has committed on behalf of Baker Memorial to financially support Clara and her ministry. Please find it in your heart on a Sunday morning to reach out to the children of Phnom Penh and place your check in the collection plate made out to Baker Memorial UMC. Write “Missions Donation for Cambodia” on your check so we can keep our promise to Clara!

“I tell you the truth, whatever you do for the least of these, you do for me” —Matthew 25:40



Clara Biswas visited on July 18 and gave us some insight into her ministry in Cambodia.

BAKER CAFE FUNDRAISER IN OCTOBER...

Baker Cafe happens October 6 & 7! You might remember years ago when we opened our doors during the St. Charles Scarecrow Festival to serve food from our church kitchen! Missions plans to bring back that tradition as a fundraiser for our Rainbow Covenant giving for 2018. Not only do we support Clara in Cambodia, but we support five other ministries. This makes our church a “Rainbow Covenant Church”—supporting all 6 bands of the rainbow.

AND WE NEED CONGREGATION SUPPORT

We are asking for help from the congregation so the Baker Cafe is a huge success! If you would like to be on the committee, please contact Chris at cstumpf0308@gmail.com. Soon we will be asking for bakers, pots of chili and other donations. This event not only funds our rainbow giving, but allows us to open our doors to the community and welcome them in Christian love! So, join in the fun, lend a hand and help support ministries Here, Near and Far Away!

NIL FOOD BANK VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

In July, Baker volunteers packed 5579 pounds of food and provided 4649 meals for hungry neighbors in Northern Illinois! Join us on Monday, August 20 at 9am for our next volunteer date. This is a great way to serve your neighbors through helping to pack boxes of food and other similar tasks.

Contact Betty Erickson for more information at N9YFC@aol.com or 630-399-6183.



Our hard working crew had a great volunteer experience at the Midwest Mission Distribution Center on July 27.

Adult Sunday School

Doctrine: Knowing the Truth and Acting On It by Francis Chan begins Sundays at 9am on September 9.

In these seven dynamic sessions, students share real-life stories about their own struggles to live out the essentials of their faith on a daily basis. And Francis Chan provides powerful teaching from Scripture to help us understand the core of our Christian faith.



What are the essential beliefs of Christianity? And how should a healthy understanding of doctrinal issues—like The Trinity, the Church, sin and

salvation—impact the way we live and act toward God and others?

We will all face times where our faith will be challenged either by other people or by difficult circumstances. That's why it's critical that we have a foundational knowledge of the core beliefs of Christianity and a willing heart to obey God.

Caring Ministry News

The Caring Ministry has many opportunities for you to serve those in need of a visit, a phone call, a meal, participate in the Day Guest Meal Train, send a card, or donate clothing. If you are interested in volunteering or want more information about this ministry, please call Judy Schlarb in the office at 630-584-6680.

We are excited to welcome back the Mid Valley Special Ed Cooperative Transition Program on August 27th. This group meets in our church each day during the school year. One of their projects is to help us with our Day Guest

Program on Tuesdays and Thursdays. They serve the meals that have been donated, prepare salads and desserts, clean up Baker Hall after the lunches and wash the mugs that are used for Sunday morning fellowship. In addition, they clean the nursery room toys, restock and clean the pew racks, set up for Wednesday Night Supers and do some prep work. They are a busy group of students and we certainly appreciate their help.

If you have any suggestions on how we may add to this important ministry for our church, call the office.

—Judy Schlarb, *Caring Ministry*

Attention Group Leaders...

If you would like to plan a Wednesday Night Dinner fundraiser for your committee or group during the upcoming school year, please contact Gina Armstrong at gmarmstrong@smartgate.com or 630-254-1632. The WNS crew is starting to plan the upcoming menu.

Women's Retreat Registration

The Baker Memorial Women's Retreat is October 12 and 13. For more information and to sign up go to bit.ly/bakerwomensretreat

UNITED METHODIST MEN

MEN'S BREAKFAST STARTS BACK UP

The **UMM Men's Breakfast** starts back up on Sunday, September 16 at 7:30am. Come for food, fun and a featured speaker on third Sundays in Wiley Hall.

MEN'S FOOTBALL FELLOWSHIP KICKS OFF

It's almost football season! Plan to join the UMM in the Parlor for fellowship, food and Bears football on the following Sundays. Please bring your favorite soft drink or snack to share and \$5 to cover the cost of food that will be provided. Hope to see you there!

September 23 | 3-6pm | Bears vs. Arizona

September 30 | 12-3pm | Bears vs. Buckineers

October 14 | 12-3pm | Bears vs. Miami

October 21 | 12-3pm | Bears vs. Patriots

November 11 | 12-3pm | Bears vs. Lions

November 18 | 12-3pm | Bears vs. Vikings

December 2 | 12-3pm | Bears vs. Giants

December 9 | 12-3pm | Bears vs. Rams

December 16 | 12-3pm | Bears vs. Packers

Join Us for Jazz Sunday

St. Charles Jazz

Weekend is a four-day event, September 6-9, that promotes live jazz music. An array of downtown St. Charles venues will take part in featuring numerous



jazz groups. Baker Memorial UMC is participating again this year. "Jazz Sunday" takes place on September 9 with the Alex Murphy Trio playing for the 9am service and Kingdom of Groove for the 10:30am service.

All Choirs Begin in September

Looking forward to all Choirs beginning in September. Look for sign up opportunities in Baker Hall beginning Sunday, August 12th. You will also be able to sign up on line. Here is a list of opportunities:

- **Sunday School Choir:** meets every Sunday morning during Sunday School. No need to register.
- **Chapel Bell Choir:** Boys and Girls age 3rd grade through 8th grade, meets Wednesday's from 4:30-5pm
- **Chapel Choir:** Boys, ages 3rd through 8th grade, meets Wednesday's from 5-5:30pm
- **Wesley Singers:** Girls ages 3rd through 8th grades, meets Wednesday from 5-5:30pm
- **Women's Ensemble:** new this year, sings four times a year in church, meets occasionally
- **Men's Ensemble:** two times a month, Sunday mornings at 8am
- **Chancel Bell Choir:** High School and adult meets Wednesday's at 6-6:30pm
- **Chancel Choir:** High School and Adult meets Wednesday's at 6:30- 8pm
- **Instrumental Ensembles** for adults and children meets on call

For more information, contact our Music Ministry director, Jeff Hunt at jhunt@bakermemorialchurch.org



FINANCE CORNER

JUNE 2018 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Operating Fund Balance is a POSITIVE \$ 66,055

The operating fund balance is down \$11,000 over 2018. A portion of this differential relates to money that was moved to long term savings rather than expensed. Lita is consolidating checking accounts for ease of tracking. We are looking into the real estate tax burdens on the Cedar Ave properties as well as providing any assistance we can to the strategic property team as they move forward with presenting the financial ramifications of those properties. The finance team is down to three members at present, so we are actively seeking new members that would like to serve on the finance team. We meet quarterly as well as providing monthly oversight for the balance sheet and income/expense statements. We provide counters for Sunday giving as well as assistance to endowment and church council. If you feel called to serve in this manner, we would love to discuss our opportunity on the finance team with you as we get ready for Stewardship in the fall. Please reach out to Pete Helland at PFNH8@aol.com if interested or any church staff member.

St. Charles Singers' Mozart Weekend

The St. Charles Singers, conducted by Jeffrey Hunt, will open their 35th concert season with a three-day Mozart Festival Weekend in performance with the Metropolis Chamber Orchestra and guest soprano Michelle Areyza. The festival is August 24 through 26.

Each day will feature a different concert of music by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, including two new installments of the choir's Mozart Journey. All three concerts will take place at Baker Memorial UMC. For details and tickets, go to: stcharlessingers.com

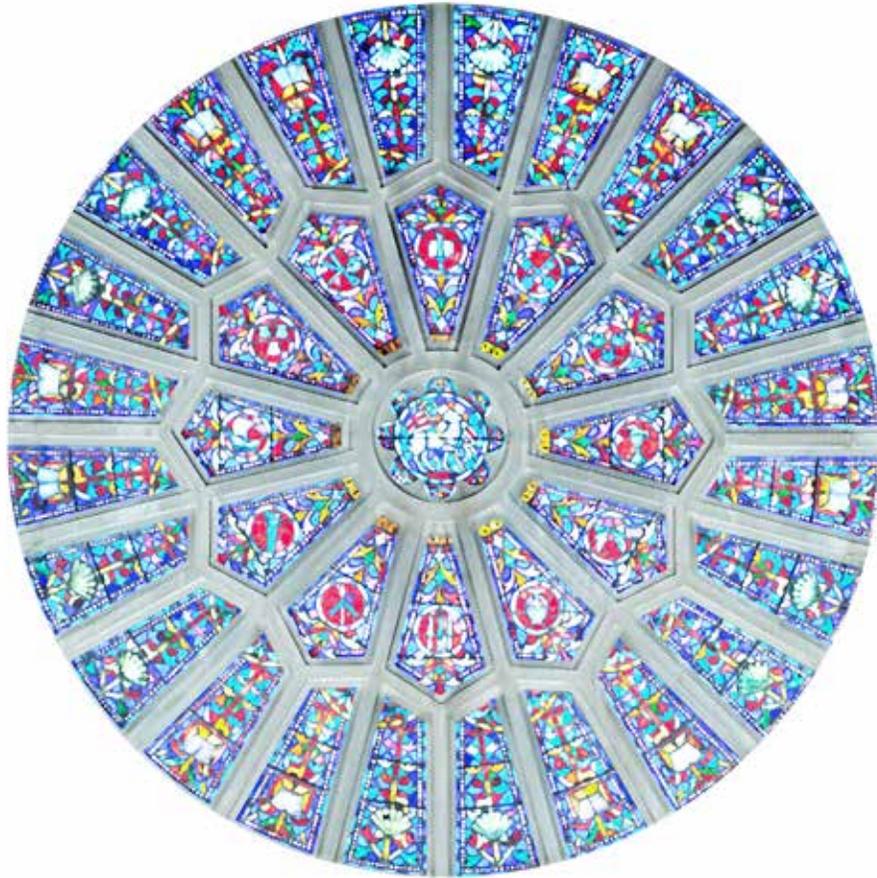
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AUGUST 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9am Worship 9am Sunday School: Children 10:30am Jazz Worship 10:30am High School Sunday School	11:30am FaithFriends	11:30am Day Guest Lunch 11:30am Kiwanis 1:30pm Staff Meeting 8pm Alcoholics Anon- ymous	4pm & 7pm Careful, Caring Conversation Group	7:30am FaithFriends 11:30am Day Guest Lunch	NOTE: The first row of items occur every week and will not appear on daily listings (except in case of schedule change)	
			1	2	3 9am Outdoor Farmer's Market	4
5	6 1pm One O'Clock Book Club 7pm Staff Parish	7 7pm Blueprint for Discipleship	8 Life Line Screening	9	10 9am Outdoor Farmer's Market	11
12 2pm Joseph Fellowship	13 9:30am SHIP Help for Seniors 7pm Trustees	14 3:30pm Lazarus Cooking 7pm Children & Family 7pm Blueprint for Discipleship	15	16 1pm Women's Emmaus	17 9am Outdoor Farmer's Market	18
19 	20 Carillon Articles Due 9am NIL Food Bank 7pm Church Council	21 5pm Women's Emmaus (off site) 7pm Blueprint for Discipleship	22	23	24 9am Outdoor Farmer's Market 7:30pm St. Charles Singers Concert	25 7:30pm St. Charles Singers Concert
26 9am Preparing to Teach Training 12pm Have-A-Look Membership Class 4pm St. Charles Singers Concert 6pm Summer Reading Class	27 11am Garden Club 7pm Worship & Spiritual Growth	28	29	30 8am Red Cross	31 	



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