

Snowbird Gatherings

FLORIDA SNOWBIRD LUNCH

Join Senior Minister, Rev. Dr. John F. Ross, along with other members of Wayzata Community Church for a **Snowbird Luncheon on January 11, 2018** at the Edison & Ford Winter Home, 2350 McGregor Blvd. · Fort Myers, FL 33901 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$45 per person. RSVP at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/florida

ARIZONA SNOWBIRD DINNER

Please join us for the **Arizona Snowbird Dinner on Friday, February 9, 2018**. The dinner will be held at Eric and Brenda Thompson's Home: 25009 N. Windy Walk Dr Scottsdale, Arizona 85255. Cost: \$25 per person. RSVP online at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/arizonasnowbird

- 4:30 p.m. Cocktail hour
- 5:30 p.m. Rev. Dr. John Ross's Presentation
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner

Good Works Community Theater



THE WIZARD OF OZ

In March 2018 the Good Works Community Theater will present "The Wizard of Oz"! Performance dates are:

- Wednesday, March 14, 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, March 15, 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, March 16, 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, March 17, 2:00 p.m. Matinee, a special needs and child-friendly performance
- Saturday, March 17, 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, March 18, 2:00 p.m. Matinee

The purpose of the Good Works Community Theater is its middle name – Community! Our mission is to connect not only cast and crew, but also the general public, the universal Church and the community of artists to each other and to God. Our performances are free.

Fellowship



COFFEE HOUSE CONCERTS

Beginning Friday, January 12, experience 6 evenings of great music! Founders Hall will be transformed into a European Coffeehouse, offering fabulous music, steamy coffee drinks, and delicious desserts (included in the price of your ticket)! Music guests this season include House Blend, Alison Scott, Michael Monroe, and Daisy Dillman Acoustic! Doors open at 7 p.m., and music begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets (\$10) available at the door. Visit our website for the full schedule: www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/coffeehouse.



SOUP, SALAD AND SONG

Join Rev. S. Lindy Purdy for Soup, Salad and Song! We meet the third Wednesday of every month through May, at 12 noon in Mithun Hall for delicious homemade soups, salads, bread and dessert. Anyone "55 or Better" is invited to share in this! The next luncheon is Wednesday, January 17. The lunch is free and no reservations are required.

Worship



We at Wayzata Community Church enjoy worship. The community we share and the good we do emanate from the joy-filled, life-changing times of gathered worship, as we bring our whole selves before God.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

CHAPEL (8:00 a.m.)

This intimate worship service includes Communion, a shorter sermon, and traditional hymns. This is a smaller worship experience while being connected to the larger life of WCC.

CELEBRATIONS (9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary)

This festive worship experience is more informal, embracing an innovative variety of musicians and vocalists. This Contemporary service includes everything from gospel to jazz, from trumpet and full Celebration Choir to fiddle and a bluegrass quartet. All are welcome!

PARABLES (10:30 a.m. in the Chapel)

The Parables worship service is an interactive, hands-on, "special-needs friendly" service open to anyone and everyone, led by Rev. Leslie Neugent. All are welcome!

TRADITIONS (10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary)

This is our classic, traditional worship service with the Chancel Choir, organ, and liturgy. Grounded in our long history, this is a more formal worship experience.

MERIDIAN MANOR WORSHIP (1:00 p.m. at Meridian Manor)

A weekly worship service for residents and friends of Meridian Manor, led by Rev. Susan Finn.



PARABLES WORSHIP

Parables is a ministry that celebrates and empowers the community of people with special needs and their families. We offer ongoing programs for children and adults with developmental disabilities and their parents, as well as our interactive, "special-needs friendly" Worship Service each Sunday morning that embraces all people to come as they are— special needs or not. All are welcome! PARABLES Worship is offered every Sunday morning from 10:30-11:15

a.m. in the Chapel, September through June. Read more about the Parables ministry at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/ministries/parables-worship.



WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

6:15 p.m., Sanctuary (resumes January 3, 2018)

If you are looking for a chance to "accomplish" something over the course of this year, come to Worship on Wednesday. Through weekly readings, sermon and reflection, we're exploring what a difference an honest, living, growing faith can make in our lives and in the world today. Anyone who grew up in a lectionary-based worship life will appreciate this approach, in a truly contemporary worship experience. All are welcome!

Check out choirs, classes, Suppers, etc. and other opportunities for children, youth and adults on Wednesdays at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/wednesdays.

wccgive.org

To financially support the ministries of Wayzata Community Church, please visit www.wccgive.org.

The Sunday After/New Year's Eve

inspire!



Inspire the world with the inclusive love of Jesus.



Welcome

Welcome to Wayzata Community Church... and welcome to New Years Eve! What a great way to spend the last day of 2017: singing, praying, and dreaming about what God has in store for us in the new year.

If you don't have a church home and sense God's call to be a part of WCC, join us for a New Member orientation class next Wednesday, January 3, at 7:15 pm. We'd be so glad to count you among our family members.

Next Sunday I'm kicking off a sermon series titled *Toxic Charity*. We will look closely at ways to ensure that our charitable efforts build independence and dignity among those we seek to serve. Join us!

Happy New Year!

Rev. Dr. John. F. Ross, Senior Minister



The Sunday After/New Year's Eve

Today in 9:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. worship

Welcome to The Sunday After/New Year's Eve with our special music guests, **The Peterson Family!** Minnesota's "First Family of Music" have performed with Prince, Steve Miller, John Mayer, Stevie Nicks, and Bob Dylan, among others.

This morning Rev. Rustin Comer will preach on "ONE Word" for 2018. Resolutions seldom work because they are based on the type of person we're tired of being rather than who God wants us to become. What if our hopes for the year ahead centered instead on who God wants us to become, and the transformation process needed to get there? When you choose a single word, you have clarity and focus, moving toward the future rather than swearing off the past. Join us and claim your word for 2018!



New Member Class

Join us for a **New Member Orientation class on Wednesday, January 3 from 7:15-8:30 in the Holmes Room**. Childcare will be provided. This class will provide you with information about:

- Worship to fit your style
- Inspiring children's and youth ministry programs for all ages
- Adult Faith Formation classes
- Community opportunities to grow your relationship with God and others
- Local, national and international mission and outreach programs

Register online at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/newmemberclass, or contact Rev. Danielle Jones, Minister of Congregational Life, at djones@wayzatacommunitychurch.org. New members will join on Sunday, January 7 at the 9:00 a.m. service.

Vision and Mission

We believe God is active in the world and that God has a specific calling and claim on our unique gifts, history, and resources as a church. Through our Vision and Mission we explicitly join God's work in the world in moving toward a less divided and divisive world. You as an individual have the power to inspire the world by finding your own unique way of living out the call of our Vision and Mission.

OUR VISION

Inspire the world with the inclusive love of Jesus.

OUR MISSION

- To be a caring community drawn together by God's grace and called to personally live out Christ's love.
- To actively extend a welcome invitation to all people, embracing each other with uncompromising compassion.
- To boldly challenge our own complacency through courageous conversation and transformational worship.
- To relentlessly share our extraordinary gifts through life-changing mission and service—near and far.

Summer Camp Ministry



SUMMER CAMP 2018

Save-the-Date for "The Best Week of Your Summer"!

CHILDREN'S SESSIONS

- CC #1 Saturday, June 23 through Tuesday, June 26
CC #2 Wednesday, July 11 through Saturday, July 14

MIDDLE SCHOOL SESSIONS

- MS #1 Sunday, June 17 through Friday, June 22
MS #2 Thursday, July 5 through Tuesday, July 10
MS #3 Sunday, July 15 through Friday, July 20

HIGH SCHOOL SESSIONS

- HS #1 Sunday, June 10 through Saturday, June 16
HS #2 Wednesday, June 27 through Tuesday, July 3
HS #3 Saturday, July 21 through Friday, July 27

ALL AGES & STAGES OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

Church Camp Friday, July 27 through Monday, July 30

REGISTRATION will begin on Camp Kick-off Sunday, January 28 at 7:00 a.m.
Register online at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/summercamp

WCC Nursery School

Enrolling in January! WCCNS is a non-profit, non-denominational school offering toddler and preschool classes for children from 26 months to 5 years old. Our mission is to promote the development of the whole child; physical, intellectual, social and emotional, and to assist parents in their parenting challenges.

- We are NAEYC accredited and Parent Aware 4-Star rated.
 - We are licensed by the State of Minnesota Department of Human Services.
 - We welcome any and all families regardless of race, color, creed, religion, national origin or gender.
- WCCNS offers an extended summer program, along with many enrichment opportunities, providing quality programming for families all year long. Come and see what Wayzata Community Church Nursery School has to offer!
- **Sunday, January 7 we will host a "Meet & Greet"** at 10 a.m. in the Community Room with Sara Luedke, WCCNS Director.
 - WCCNS will also host an **Open House on Tuesday, January 9** from 5:30-7 p.m.



Faith and Learning

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

EARLY CHILDHOOD (Birth-Pre-K)

Sundays: Special church school classes are offered for our preschool-aged children (ages 2-5 years) Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Childcare is offered Sunday mornings from 8:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for children ages Birth to 24 months.

Wednesdays: Cherub Choir is especially for Preschool-age children, and meets from 4:30-5:00 p.m. in the Community Room. Childcare is available from 4:15-7:15 p.m.

CHILDREN (Kindergarten-5th Grade)

Sundays: At 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., children enjoy innovative learning. Children leave for GraceLand from the Sanctuary about 10 minutes after the beginning of worship, and can be picked up in the Great Hall (gym) immediately following worship.

Wednesdays: Choirs, Moment for Mission, and Bible Books and Games classes are offered on Wednesdays.

MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grades 6-8)

Sundays: Seeds meets most Sundays at 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. for 6th-8th graders.

Wednesdays: InnerChange After School Time meets from 4:00 - 6:15 p.m. Chimers Handbell Choir and the Disciples Plus Choir are open to all Middle School youth. Middle School youth and leaders attend the Worship on Wednesday service together at 6:15 p.m. Our main ministry, Crossroads, meets from 7:15 - 8:30 p.m. in The Corner.

HIGH SCHOOL (Grades 9-12)

Sundays: High School Pathways meets from 10:15-11:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

Wednesdays: Chimers Handbell Choir and the Disciples Plus Choir are open to all High School youth. High School Ministry attends the Worship on Wednesday service together at 6:15 p.m. Following worship, High School Ministry meets from 7:15-8:30 p.m. in The Loft.

ADULT

UNIQUE FAMILY MINISTRY: THE SMART STEPFAMILY

If you are interested in a transformative experience, the next eight week session of The Smart Stepfamily is registering now. Class dates are Sundays, January 7-February 25, from 10:15-11:45 a.m. and childcare is available. Registration is required and there is a small fee for class materials (scholarships available). For more information and to register, visit www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/uniquefamilies.



INKLINGS: THEOLOGY ON TAP

Join Rev. Rustin Comer for Theology on Tap. Beginning in January, we'll meet with Rustin each week for a guided discussion on theology, the Bible, and courageous conversations topics. Tailored to Young Adults 21+, Post College and Career, 8:30-10:30 p.m. at the Wayzata Muni.

THURSDAY MORNING FAITH BIBLE STUDY with Rev. S. Lindy Purdy

This class meets in the Folkestone Community Room (Wayzata) at 10:00 a.m. on the 2nd Thursday of each month beginning January 11, as well as a 4th Tuesday Discussion Group in the Northern Lights Room. All are welcome!



SOUL SISTERS

You are called to be a Soul Sister of Wayzata Community Church! Soul Sisters offers small group book studies that are relevant to today's women of faith, as well as a weekend "Rest Restore Revive" retreat, February 24-25. Visit our website for more information: www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/soulsisters.

BAND OF BROTHERS

All men are invited to join the Band of Brothers for the first Quarterly Breakfast of the year on Tuesday, January 16 at 7 a.m. in Mithun Hall. Former Vikings Linebacker Chad Greenway will be our speaker. Find more information about registration on our website.



ADULT CORE CLASSES

Five-week classes beginning January 10 & 11, 2018

Register online at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/januaryCORE



Christian Ethics: A deep dive into current moral issues

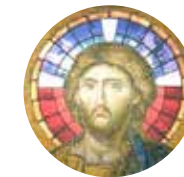
Teachers: Rev. Rustin Comer and Maggie Pierson

Wednesdays at 10 a.m., 4 p.m. and 7:15 p.m., \$20 class fee

Do you wonder how to have constructive conversations with those who differ in thinking about things that matter the most in life?

Take a deep dive into the world of Christian ethics through current

hot button issues: #metoo and the sexual abuse climate; issues of sexuality; issues of violence; and issues of life and death. We will explore these topics and many more through the lens of Christian practice.



The Gift of Being Yourself

Teacher: Rev. Danielle Jones

Wednesdays at 4 p.m. and 7:15 p.m., \$20 class fee

Much is said in Christian circles about knowing God. But there cannot be deep knowledge of God without deep knowledge of one's self. Genuine self-understanding revitalizes our spiritual life and

leads to the fulfillment of our God-given destiny and vocation. Join Danielle Jones for a study on David Benner's book, *The Gift of Being Yourself*.



Does the Spirit Still Speak through the Hebrew Scriptures?

Teacher: Dr. Ronald Troxel

Thursdays at 6:15 p.m., \$20 class fee

The foreignness of the Bible faces us everytime we read it. Its customs, assumptions, and language remind us that it comes from another time and place. At least the New Testament proclaims

Jesus' good news that is central to our faith. But what can redeem the foreignness of the Hebrew Scriptures? Perhaps we should reconsider what these writings afford by understanding how their authors voiced conceptions of faith through the images and ideas current in their world.

Mission & Outreach

BUILDING A PLACE TO CALL HOME

"Building a Place to Call Home" is more than a campaign slogan, it IS the essence of what WCC's mission and outreach effort works to accomplish through its financial and volunteer efforts; locally, nationally, and internationally.



CHARITY

- Food
- Emergency housing

SOCIAL JUSTICE

- Affordable housing for family stability

SOCIAL CHANGE

- Additional resources



Giving financial assistance is only part of our mission. Volunteers are vital to helping the various organizations attain their goals! That's why we need your help.

- Review the organizations listed and the scope of their mission and goals.
- Contact the person involved with this organization and discuss how you might volunteer. It's that easy. You choose the amount of time/days you can volunteer. One hour or one month, it's up to YOU, it's your time and effort that counts! For more information visit www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/missionhome.

MISSION GRANTS

In 2017, WCC's Mission and Outreach awarded grants to help support the the following organizations:

CommonBond Communities
Hammer Residences, Inc.
We Can Ride, Inc.
Can Do Canines
Joyce Preschool

GiGi's Playhouse
Haven Housing Ascension Place
Compatible Technology, Intl.
MoveFwd
My Very Own Bed