



January CORE Classes

Five-week classes beginning January 10 & 11, 2018

REGISTRATION is required for these classes 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 that 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: Ron 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's 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.



Soul Sisters Retreat

Rest Restore Revive

Saturday, February 24 –

Sunday, February 25, 2018

Register online at

www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/soulsistersretreat

Women of WCC of every age (18+) and stage, join other Soul Sisters at Camp Courage on February 24 and 25 for the Soul Sisters' Soul to Soul Retreat!

The weekend begins at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 24 and ends at 11:00 a.m. after worship on Sunday, February 25. The fee for the weekend is \$125 and includes meals and activities. Spaces are limited. Registration deadline is January 30, 2018.

The retreat is created to deeply connect women of WCC with God and with themselves in the context of community. A multi-dimensional and transformational weekend, there will be room for rest, fellowship, contemplation, and the reconnection of our spiritual and physical selves through yoga, the labyrinth and the beautiful outdoors at Camp Courage in Annandale.

Led by our speakers Elizabeth Carlson and Debra Lindell, the retreat program will guide each woman to identify an area of personal longing, using it to grow in her faith journey with God and others. The weekend will also provide the opportunity to discover spiritual direction with Rev. Andrea Wichhart Tatley. Read more on our website at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/soulsistersretreat.



Summer Camp 2018 kicks-off later this month!

Registration will begin on Sunday, January 28th at 7:00 a.m.

In mid-January we will be introducing our new and improved online registration. We are encouraging campers to create an account before January 28th. Watch for information to help your registration experience be a snap!

For 2018 we are thrilled to be going back to our 2017 property on beautiful Bay Lake, located on Church Island, and owned by First Lutheran in St. Paul. We had a great summer there last year, and are excited to see what blessings a new summer will bring!

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

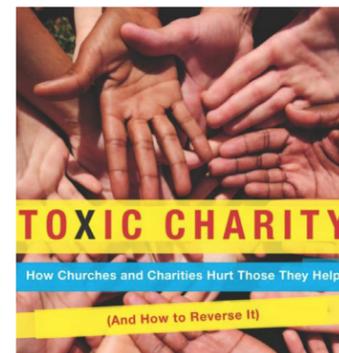
Church Camp Friday, July 27 through Monday, July 30



This Morning in Worship

Rev. Dr. John Ross preaching

8 a.m. Chapel, 9 a.m. Celebrations, 10:30 a.m. Parables, 10:45 a.m. Traditions



Toxic Charity: A Sermon Series

How could charity ever be toxic? How is it possible for us to hurt those we seek to help? Under what circumstances is charity more harmful than helpful? What respectable person of faith would ever knowingly participate in something that steals the dignity and self-worth of another human? These are among the questions we seek to answer through a sermon series in January under the same title as the book, *Toxic Charity*, by Robert Lupton. As we ask and answer these and other questions, we will also draw examples from the charitable efforts of WCC.



January Blankets & More Drive

Each year in January, WCC collects blankets for people who have to sleep on the floor at the Salvation Army due to overcrowding. Last year we collected almost 600 blankets with your support. This year, we would also like to help over 300 students who are experiencing homelessness— with gloves/mittens and hygiene items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, shampoo, and feminine hygiene items. Please place your donations in each of the green buckets located at all WCC entrances. Every donation counts! Please help us fill all our buckets to overflowing so that those who are so young, and cannot exist on what they earn, can stay warm and healthy during the cold months ahead. Read more about our January mission at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/mittensandmore.



Coffeehouse Concerts

Experience 6 evenings of great music! Founders Hall will be transformed into a European Coffeehouse, featuring fabulous music, steamy coffee drinks from *roastlab*, and delicious desserts (included in the price of your ticket)! We have an amazing line-up of music guests again this year. Doors open at 7 p.m., and music begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets (\$10) available at the door.

- January 12: Tapestry Unplugged (House Blend)
- January 19: Robert Robinson
- February 2: Michael Monroe with Chris Jantzen and Mark Anderson
- February 9: Courtney Yasmineh.
- February 16: Alison Scott and her Band
- February 23: Daisy Dillman Acoustic

Inspire the world with the inclusive love of Jesus

January 7-13, 2018

Welcome Visitors! Please take this issue of *Inspire Weekly* home with you today.

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Today, 10:10-10:40 a.m.

As part of our Toxic Charity series, WCC will host key leaders from some of our mission partners. Today we welcome Lee Blons, Executive Director of Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative—our partner and developer of the Cranberry Ridge affordable housing community recently approved by the Plymouth City Council. Lee and the Board of Directors set the strategic direction of the organization to effectively accomplish our mission of developing affordable housing. Lee is responsible for the organization's overall operation, including financial management, fund development, public relations and housing development and operations.

Toxic Charity Series Resources:

- *Toxic Charity*, Robert Lupton, HarperOne, 2011
- *Charity Detox*, Robert Lupton, HarperOne, 2015
- *When Helping Hurts*, Corbett & Fikkert, Moody, 2009, 2012

Chad Greenway Guest Speaker: Band of Brothers Breakfast



Join the Band of Brothers for the first Quarterly Breakfast of the year on Friday, January 19th at 7:30 a.m. in Mithun Hall. Former Vikings Linebacker Chad Greenway will be our speaker. Doors Open at 7:15 a.m. with a hot breakfast starting at 7:30 a.m. Our program starts at 7:45 a.m. Cost is \$20.00. Register for the breakfast at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/breakfast

SUNDAY EDUCATION

This Morning

Ages birth-4: before the 9 a.m. worship service, check your children into the rooms below, and pick them up in the same room following the service.

- Birth-1 year: check children into the DANDELION ROOM.
- Age 2: check children into the SUNSHINE ROOM.
- Age 3: check children into the TREEHOUSE ROOM.
- Age 4: check children into the GARDEN ROOM.

At 10:45 a.m., Birth-PreK, please check your child into the GARDEN ROOM.

- Kindergarten-5th Grade: at the 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. worship service, K-5th grade students begin with their families in worship. Children will be called out by Jodie Nyberg toward the beginning of the service. Pick up children in the Gym directly following worship.
- Middle School: 9:00 & 10:45 a.m. worship services, students begin with their families in worship. Middle Schoolers will be called out by Christa Workmon towards the beginning of the service and will walk down together and meet in The Corner.
- High School: Programs meet from 10:15-11:45 a.m. in The Loft.

FAMILY MINISTRY: EARLY CHILDHOOD



EARLY CHILDHOOD MINISTRY BUILDING BRIDGES

Sundays: Drop-off and pick-up from the child's age-appropriate room before and after the service.

- Dandelion Room: 0- under 2
- Sunshine Room: 2 year olds
- Treehouse Room: 3 year olds
- Garden Room: 4 year olds

Early Childhood on Wednesdays

Childcare is offered from 4:15 to 7:15 p.m. every Wednesday in the Garden Room. Childcare is provided by a trained, experienced group of adults and students of the church. The safety and security of the youngest children of our church is a priority. For children ages Birth to 5 years. Children are invited to participate in Cherub Choir (4:30-5:00 p.m. in Community Room) directed by Jodie Nyberg and Hannah Cruzen.

FAMILY MINISTRY: CHILDREN'S



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY BUILDING BRIDGES

5th Grade Milestone Ministry Classes

It's your turn 5th graders and parents! It's time to sign up to join Rev. John Ross and Jodie Nyberg as we explore the sacrament of communion in a four session class (Jan. 10, 17, 24 and 31) on Wednesday evenings in church. This class will culminate in a celebration of the 5th graders in the Sanctuary on a Sunday TBD. Even if you cannot make all classes come when you can!

Sunday GraceLand (9 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.)

K-5th graders begin in the Sanctuary for the first 15 minutes, then head down with Jodie to the GraceLand classrooms for learning and fun! Pick up is in the GraceLand Gym at the end of the service.

FAMILY MINISTRY: MIDDLE SCHOOL



MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY BUILDING BRIDGES

6th Grade Milestone

On Wednesday, January 17 from 7-8:30 p.m., join us as we get to know other 6th graders and their families and the 6th grade Middle School Leaders as we enjoy an evening of discussing what your middle school can look like and the independence we are trying to gain as 6th graders. This one evening Milestone is one you do not want to miss! No registration necessary.

Did someone say GIRLS NIGHT???

All 6th, 7th & 8th grade girls are getting together for a Girls Night on Friday, January 26 at 6 pm through Saturday, January 27 at noon. This annual event is an awesome time to get to know and have fun with each other and our Middle School Leaders. Christa has planned some great crafts, games, outside fun, baking, discussions, service projects and hanging out in our sweats with other girls. Cost is \$25 and includes dinner, breakfast, snacks, lodging and activities- crafts, service projects, baking and more!

FAMILY MINISTRY: HIGH SCHOOL



HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY BUILDING BRIDGES

Pathways meets this morning for all High School students, grades 9-12. We meet from 10:15-11:45 a.m. in The Loft, beginning with full group announcements before we break off into our individual classes (including Confirmation).

Colorado 2018

Colorado 2018 registration will close on January 29th so sign up as soon as possible! This trip is for all high school seniors who will graduate in 2018. This is a journey of discipleship where we 'follow Jesus into the wilderness'. This summer we'll be hiking in the Colorado Rocky Mountains from July 7th to July 15th. If you have any questions about what this trip entails both logistically or spiritually please do not hesitate to reach out to Jordan. *Please let us know if you need scholarship help and we are more than happy to speak with you about options.

WORD, INC.

Word, Inc is looking for new members

Have you ever wanted to bring Scripture alive by reading it aloud? In front of the congregation? On Sundays? Well here is your perfect chance. Word, Inc is looking for a few new members. There are some prerequisites to reading, so your next step is to contact Katherine Poindexter via email or phone and set up a short interview: katherine.poindexter@gmail.com or 612-310-1118.

NICARAGUA INSIGHT TRIP



Nicaragua Insight Trip March 1-5, 2018

Come see first-hand the transformational work of Opportunity International, our mission partner in Nicaragua, on this 5-day Insight Trip. Join John & Sheila Ross and other members of WCC for this long

weekend of exposure to the community economic development of OI through the Emprededor School, agricultural strategy, and micro financing groups. For more information, contact Ann Shaw at ann.c.shaw1@gmail.com.

BE A GREETER!

Greeters Wanted!

We are currently working on a plan to reestablish having greeters at each of the three main entry doors before the 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. services each Sunday morning. If you are interested in this easy and important way to serve, please let us know! You can volunteer as an individual or as an entire family. The time commitment is 20 minutes before the service and you can serve when your schedule allows. For more information please contact Kathy Probelski at probelski@msn.com or Danielle Jones at djones@wayzatacommunitychurch.org.

ARIZONA SNOWBIRD DINNER

Please join us for the Arizona Snowbird Dinner!

Friday, February 9, 2018

Register online at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/arizonasnowbird

This dinner will be held at Eric and Brenda Thompson's Home: 25009 N. Windy Walk Dr Scottsdale, Arizona 85255.

- 4:30 p.m. Cocktail hour
- 5:30 p.m. Rev. Dr. John Ross's Presentation
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner
- Cost: \$25 per person



TRAVEL MINISTRY

South of Spain: Exploring the Common Ground of the Abrahamic Traditions

September 24- October 4, 2018

Limited spots available!

Join Rev. Dr. John and Sheila Ross in Spain as we explore the Common Ground of Abrahamic Traditions. For

centuries, adherents to the Muslim, Jewish, and Christian faiths have co-existed in this historically rich part of the world. We seek to learn from their experience. This 10-day trip will begin in Madrid, continue through the ancient cities of Toledo, Cordoba, Seville, and Granada before departing out of Malaga. A Barcelona extension will be offered. Read more and register online at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/spain.

THIS WEEK AT WCC

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

Archives, 9:30 a.m., Archives Room
Women's AA, 10 a.m., Places in the Heart (Geo Lab)
Wizard of Oz Rehearsal, 6:15 p.m., Mithun Hall
Camp & Retreat Board, 6:30 p.m., Holmes Room
Middle School Board, 7 p.m., Parlor
Orono High School Choir Concert, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary
Al Anon, 7:30 p.m., Piper Library

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

Thimble Bees, 9 a.m., Mithun Hall
Executive Team, 5:30 p.m., Holmes Room
Wizard of Oz Rehearsal, 6:15 p.m., Sanctuary
Building & Grounds, 7 p.m., WCC Staff Room
Personnel Committee, 7 p.m., Parlor
OA, 7 p.m., Community Room

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

Women's AA, 10 a.m., Places in the Heart (Geo Lab)
CORE Class with Rev. Rustin Comer, 10 a.m., Chapel
CORE Class with Rev. Rustin Comer, 4 p.m., Chapel
CORE Class with Rev. Danielle Jones, 4 p.m., Colonnade
Middle School InterChange, 4 p.m., The Corner
Child Care, 4:15 to 7:15 p.m., Garden Room
Soul Sisters Book Study, 4:30 p.m., Piper Library
Children's and Youth Choirs, 4:30-6:00 p.m.
Parables Young Adult Book Study, 5 p.m., Room 301
Suppers, Etc., 5 p.m., Mithun Hall
Children's Moment for Mission (Gr. K-2), 5 p.m., Care of You
Children's Moment for Mission (Gr. 3-5), 5:35 p.m., Care of You
WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAY, 6:15 p.m., Sanctuary
CORE Class with Rev. Rustin Comer, 7:15 p.m., Chapel
CORE Class with Rev. Danielle Jones, 7:15 p.m., Colonnade
5th Grade Communion Milestone, 7:15 p.m., Mithun Hall
Children's Bible, Books and Games (Gr. K-5), 7:15 p.m., Care of You
Middle School Crossroads, 7:15 p.m., The Corner
High School Acts, 7:15 p.m., The Loft
Chancel Choir, 7:15 p.m., Choir Room
Celebration Singers, 7:15 p.m., Grace Notes
Al Anon, 7:45 p.m., Onan Room

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

Finance Committee, 6:45 a.m., Holmes Room
Soul Sisters Walking Group, 9 a.m., Plymouth Fieldhouse
Women's AA, 10 a.m., Places in the Heart (Geo Lab)
Folkestone Bible Study with Rev. Lindy Purdy, 11 a.m., Folkestone
Heritage Council, 4 p.m., Holmes Room
CORE Class with Dr. Ronald Troxel, 6:15 p.m., Colonnade
Wizard of Oz Rehearsal, 6:15 p.m., Sanctuary

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

West Metro League Kids Night Out, 5:15 p.m., Great Hall (Gym)
Coffeeshouse Concert, 7 p.m., Founders Hall

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

Saturday Seekers, 8 a.m., Holmes Room
Old Timers Basketball, 8:30 a.m., Gym
Wizard of Oz Rehearsal, 9 a.m., Sanctuary
AA, 10 a.m., Onan Room
Parables Respite/Friendship Group, 10 a.m., Great Hall (Gym)