

ADULT FAITH FORMATION
CORE Classes in April



**More Than A Good Story:
Of Kings, Prophets, and the Wise**
with Dr. Ronald Troxel
Wednesdays at 10 a.m. & 4 p.m.
April 4 - May 16, \$20 class fee

The Sunday School lessons of our youth made Joshua a godly general and gave us the courageous David, an innocent youth who felled a giant with faith and a few stones. Our adult discoveries that Joshua sought to kill everyone in the "promised land" and that David was avaricious can reasonably kindle a sense of betrayal about what we were told of these stories. And even if the prophets' demands for justice seem boldly relevant today, those men seem given to bouts of madness and vitriol. How could the Spirit be interested in speaking to us through these flawed books?



**Gist: The Essence of Raising
Life-Ready Kids**
with Rev. Danielle Jones
Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m.
April 11 - May 9, \$20 class fee

Parenting is hard. Anyone who says it isn't, hasn't done it. Take time to read this parenting book with others and to discuss a parenting approach that is effective, efficient, and enjoyable—whether you are parenting a toddler child or a college-aged student. Gist is a powerful book that reviews and examines what the journey to adulthood entails. The book's focus on life-readiness offers parents a new lens through which to see their parenting interactions and translates to an approach that eliminates many of the power struggles and ineffective patterns that can rob families of much of their joy.



Interfaith Leadership, A Book Study
with Rev. Kristen Jeide
Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m.
April 4 - May 16, \$20 class fee

This book study will act as a guide for those seeking to foster interfaith dialogue and promote understanding across religious lines. In this book, interfaith leader Eboo Patel offers a clear, detailed, and practical guide to interfaith leadership, illustrated with compelling examples. Patel explores the core competencies and skills needed, before turning to the issues that interfaith leaders face and how they can prepare to solve them. Join us for this in-depth 7 week study discussion on how to be an interfaith leader.



Called2Care with Rev. S. Lindy Purdy
Thursdays at 6 p.m.
April 12 - May 17, \$20 class fee

We are always seeking ways to be better friends, better parents and more simply, we are seeking ways to be better humans. Our Called2Care class will help you gain the critical skills necessary to develop more empathic, more compassionate relationships with everyone you come into contact with.

Visit www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/AprilCORE for more information about these classes and to register.

Worship on Wednesday

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6:15-7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

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!**



Author Series
Rev. Dr. Allen Hilton
**"A House United: How the Church
Can Save the World"**
Monday, April 16, 6:30 p.m. in the
Chapel, followed by reception

By entering the culture wars, churchgoers in the United States have ushered the Left and the Right to even greater extremes. Battles over moral issues like abortion rights and homosexuality have now widened to include taxation and size of government, so that specific church affiliation has become an accurate predictor of political party affiliation. The extremists in American politics rely on Christians to be the engine that pushes the culture farther right or left. Allen Hilton promotes a Christianity that brings people together with their differences. Through God's transforming work, he writes, we can create a house united that will help our nation come back together.



Band of Brothers Breakfast
Speaker: Brian Jones of Innové Studios
Friday, April 20, 7:30 a.m. in Mithun Hall
Cost: \$20

Join us to hear Brian Jones from Innové Studios. Innové empowers churches to coach, resource, and launch social innovation ideas in their own communities, and empowers churchgoers to connect their Monday work with their Sunday faith. There is a great potential for churches to build powerful congregation-driven engines that intentionally launch and scale fresh ideas and solutions that empower young social entrepreneurs.

Brian began his career with the FBI only to have that lead him to seminary. Until recently, he served as the Minister of Mission at Colonial Church in Edina, MN. He now serves as the Executive Director of Innové Studios, a start-up non-profit with a mission to empower churches around the nation to launch and scale new social innovation ideas. Register online at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/bandofbrothers

inspire!
Weekly

Rev. Dr. John F. Ross preaching at 8 a.m. Chapel, 9 a.m. Celebrations,
and 10:45 a.m. Traditions
Rev. Leslie Neugent preaching at 10:30 a.m. Parables



The Sunday After Easter: Cantus
9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. worship

Cantus, the internationally-recognized male vocal ensemble based in the Twin Cities, will sing in 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. services this morning—an exquisite addition to worship at Wayzata Community Church following Easter Sunday. Cantus, co-founded by Chancel Choir Director Adam Reinwald, performs throughout the United States and Europe. The men of Cantus are educators, singers, and artists dedicated to

lifting up the human experience through song known for its trademark warmth and blend.



Unique Family Ministry Blended & Blessed Event
April 21, 2018 in the WCC Chapel

Blended & Blessed is a one-day (8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) live event for stepfamily couples, single parents, dating couples with kids, and those who care about blended families. Join hundreds of sites around the globe as we unpack the keys that are crucial to healthy stepfamily living. With some of today's most trusted and respected stepfamily experts, Blended & Blessed will challenge, inspire, and encourage you! The \$20 fee includes a continental

breakfast and lunch. Please register each adult individually, online at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/blended



A Bold Vision for Ending Extreme Poverty
Join us on Saturday, April 21 from 6 - 9 p.m. at the Latitude Purpose Space (718 Washington Ave. N., Minneapolis, MN 55401)

for an evening celebrating Opportunity International's innovative work and our Minnesota community's vision for ending extreme poverty in our lifetimes. For years, we in the Bold North have had a bold vision for global change. Together, we have supported Opportunity's Community Economic Development initiatives in Nicaragua—empowering farmers to increase their harvests, children to go to school, and entrepreneurs to build their businesses. We will hear from featured speakers including Opportunity's Global Board Chair Mark Thompson, Executive Director of Opportunity International Nicaragua David Kone, author and humanitarian Ward Brehm, and Opportunity CEO Atul Tandon. Enjoy food and drinks, live music, and an experiential silent auction featuring an Insight Trip!

Thanks to the generosity of the Minnesota Governors' Community, 100% of ticket sales will be donated to Opportunity International to support our work in Nicaragua, and all contributions will be matched dollar for dollar. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at opportunity.org/boldnorth. Questions? Contact Carly McGuire at cmcguire@opportunity.org or 312-487-5030. —Friends of Nicaragua, Wayzata Community Church

Inspire the world with the
inclusive love of Jesus

April 8-14, 2018

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



**NEW CORE Classes are offered
this month! Check out the back
cover of this inspire! for more
information.**



**Beacon Interfaith
Legislative Campaign**
Please attend Beacon's 2018 Legislative Campaign on Tuesday, April 10, 7:00 p.m. at Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church in Plymouth. Funding for building affordable housing like Cranberry Ridge comes from these bonding bills... and our work on Cranberry Ridge is not possible without funding.

Meet with local legislators to tell them, "Our faith calls us to act. Our congregation wants money for homes in the bonding bill." Help us build and preserve affordable housing. Sign up this morning in Founders Hall.

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 Acts will resume on April 11.

FAMILY MINISTRY: EARLY CHILDHOOD



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 Hannah Cruzen.

FAMILY MINISTRY: CHILDREN'S



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.

Wednesday Classes

(Register for these classes online at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/childrensclasses)

Bible, Books and Games • Through May 16, 2018

• **K-5th grade (Graceland Care of You Room), 7:15-8:30 p.m.**

Moment for Mission • Through May 16, 2018

• **K-2nd grade: 5:00-5:35p.m. (Graceland Care of You, Art Room)**

• **3rd-5th grade: 5:35-6:05 p.m. (Graceland Care of You, Art Room)**

FAMILY MINISTRY: MIDDLE SCHOOL



Middle School Retreat is THIS WEEKEND!!

This April comes the event you've been waiting for all year...THE MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT! Join us FRIDAY, APRIL 13 (6 p.m.) - SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2018 (noon). You don't want to miss out on this weekend! Join Christa & your Middle School Leaders (& a special guest!) as your newly made up country of new friends competes in the first ever SPRING OLYMPICS IN THE WORLD! (AKA THE SILLIEST GAMES EVER!!) This will be a super fun weekend with games, friends, small groups, free time & more! The cost for the weekend is \$125 and includes 2 nights stay at Camp Ihduhapi, 4 meals & lots of snacks, transportation by professional bus drivers, games, all activities, & so much fun! Scholarships are available. For more information about scholarships, please email WCC MS Director, Christa Workmon at cworkmon@wayzatacommunitychurch.org Invite a friend and register online now! All 6th, 7th & 8th graders are invited! TO REGISTER: www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/ms-specialevents (Register by Thursday, April 12!)

Summer Mission Trip and Summer Stretch 2018

Register today! www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/mssummer

For this year's Mission Trip, we will be traveling to Moorhead/Fargo and Fergus Falls to explore our state and learn more from our neighbors from Sunday, July 22-Friday, July 27. Cost is \$350 for Middle Schoolers (current 6th-8th graders) and there is no cost for Adult Leaders.

Summer Stretch is for current 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th graders and an opportunity for Middle School Students to come and stretch their faith each day with a service event in the morning and fun event in the afternoon. Dates are Wednesday, June 27 (8:30am-4:30pm), Wednesday, July 11 (8:30am-4:30pm) and Wednesday, August 8 (8:30am-4:30pm).

FAMILY MINISTRY: HIGH SCHOOL



Pathways meets Sunday mornings for all High School students, grades 9-12, 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).

Spring Retreat

Save the Date for the Spring Retreat, May 4th-6th! Please make special note of the Celebration Ceremony on Saturday, May 5th at 6 p.m. All family and friends are invited to join us on the retreat at Camp Friendship in Annandale, MN to help celebrate the high school students.

Wednesday Programs

Wednesdays in High School Ministry students are involved in choirs, dinner in Mithun Hall, and the Worship on Wednesday service. Following the service, for 9th-12th grade students we have Acts, from 7:15-8:30 p.m. in The Loft. Acts takes all the elements that we know you love: MUSIC, time together with the high school community, a chance to DO FAITH, time to talk, words that INSPIRE and a chance to SHARE your own thoughts about Bible and faith with each other. High School Acts will resume on April 11.

SUMMER CAMP

Summer Camp 2018

We are thrilled to be going back to camp on beautiful Bay Lake. We had a great summer there last year, and are excited to see what blessings summer will bring! Visit www.wayzata-communitychurch.org/summercamp for details.

- **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
- **High School Sessions**
 - 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

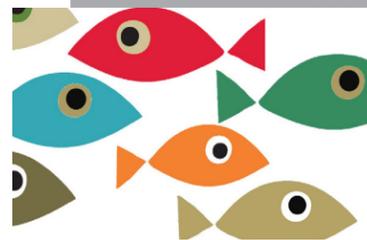
UCC DELEGATES



Looking for a way to engage in the wider church? Wanting to better understand how our denomination, the United Church of Christ is organized and operated? Considering ways to get involved in the broader activities of the church for social justice, youth formation, or missions?

We are looking for 6 delegates to the United Church of Christ Minnesota Conference Annual Meeting, June 8-10, at the College of St. Benedict. Contact Mandi Lee in the church office at (952) 473-8877, ext. 231.

PARABLES



"Faces of Parables" Photo Gallery Event

You are invited to join the Parables community for the "Faces of Parables" Photo Gallery "Meet & Greet" on Sunday, April 29 in the Colonnade between services from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30

a.m. and from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Delicious food and beverages will be served at each event.

People with disabilities are often known by labels. Come get to know us by name. This is a wonderful opportunity to see inspiring photography and the opportunity to meet the inspiring people being photographed. This photo collection, was inspired by the Parables Summer Camp experience where twenty campers of various ages came together for one week of faith, formation, fellowship, and fun. Come and view a very special photo gallery highlighting the inspiring people of Parables Summer Camp. The Parables Community is so excited to share their unique beauty and talents in a way that enables them to introduce themselves to you.

THIS WEEK AT WCC

MONDAY, APRIL 9

Archives, 9:30 a.m., Archives Room
Women's AA, 10 a.m., Places in the Heart (Geo Lab)
Parish/Teaching Committee, 1 p.m., McCutcheon Conf. Room
Parables Women's Book Club, 6:15 p.m., Sorensen Conf. Room
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, APRIL 10

Thimble Bees, 9 a.m., Mithun Hall
Executive Team, 5:30 p.m., Holmes Room
High School Board, 6:30 p.m., The Loft
Building & Grounds Board, 7 p.m., Staff Room
WCCNS Board, 7 p.m., Onan Room
Art & Design Committee, 7 p.m., McCutcheon Conf. Room
Parables Candlelight Conversations, 7 p.m., Piper Library
Personnel Committee, 7 p.m., Parlor
OA, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

Women's AA, 10 a.m., Places in the Heart (Geo Lab)
CORE Class with Dr. Ron Troxel, 10 a.m., Chapel
Middle School InnerChange, 4 p.m., The Corner
CORE Class with Dr. Ron Troxel, 4 p.m., Chapel
Children's Choirs and Classes, 4:30 p.m.
Child Care, 4:15 to 7:15 p.m., Garden Room
Parables Young Adult Book Study, 5 p.m., Room 301
Moment for Mission (K-2), 5 p.m., True Value Heartware (Art Lab)
Moment for Mission (3-5), 5:30 p.m., True Value Heartware (Art Lab)
Suppers, Etc., 5 p.m., Mithun Hall

WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAY, 6:15 p.m., Sanctuary

Membership Committee, 7 p.m., Holmes Room
CORE Class with Rev. Danielle Jones, 7:15 p.m., Chapel
CORE Class with Rev. Kristen Jeide, 7:15 p.m., Piper Library
Bible Books and Games, 7:15 p.m., True Value Heartware (Art Lab)
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, APRIL 12

Finance Committee, 6:45 a.m., Holmes Room
Women's AA, 10 a.m., Places in the Heart (Geo Lab)
Folkestone Bible Study, 11 a.m., Folkestone
Library Committee, 4 p.m., Piper Library
Baptism Milestone, 6 p.m., Community Room
CORE Called2Care Class with Rev. Lindy Purdy, 6 p.m., Colonnade

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

Middle School Retreat, check-in at 6 p.m., West Entrance
Parables Respite/Friendship Group, 5 p.m., Great Hall (Gym)
St. Paul Chamber Orchestra Concert, 8 p.m., Sanctuary

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

Saturday Seekers, 8 a.m., Holmes Room
AA, 10 a.m., Onan Room