

SUMC August 2018 Herald

Pastor's Note:

Friends,

In my cupboard – in my corner hutch – are dishes I never use. Perhaps you can relate. It wasn't always that way. I used to use them – before kids – I would bring them out every week to use them and remind myself of my grandparents. I am the oldest female grandchild on both sides of my family so I have both grandma's dishes. But now they stare at me from inside the hutch reminding me of the fragility of life.

What would be the consequence of using them? Breaking them? Why do I save them only for special occasions? And what in my life is REALLY irreplaceable? My children, my relationship with my husband most certainly to name a few. And THOSE relationships are deserving of a celebration of gigantic proportions on the best china in the world! I KNOW this in my heart of hearts. Then why do I always reach for the plastic, non-breakable plates?

The church was born on the damaged consciences and rotten reputations of tax collectors, sinners and people in need. The church will always be criticized when it challenges the world on these issues. We will always be told that the barriers are there for a reason, that the rules are there to keep order, and that if we can keep to ourselves – in our separate houses and neighborhoods, we will all be better off. The myth is we should keep all sinners at their own table (with the plastic dishes, of course) – away from "us". And of course, this is wrong, and profoundly self-deceiving. Because there are sinners among us all.

Friends, God sets a divine table for you and me and for the rest of God's beloved children – prodigal, irresponsible, precious, and irreplaceable. God sets before us a banquet table where all are extravagantly welcome – where there is no jockeying for positions, no resentments, no competitions, or score-keeping. Its all meaningless because we can never earn our place at the abundant table, but rather we arrive only through God's extravagant grace.

Live in Grace This Month,
Pastor Laura



Continued prayers for:   

Donna Liechty, , Marilyn Frick, Martha Wertz, MaryAnn Miles, Ted Debacon & Jody Debacon, Arlene Fleck, Susy Riches

Happy Birthday to...   

August 8 Heidi Dum

August 13 Christopher Wicks

August 25 Scott Kemper

August 28...Susan Hall

From Christopher Wicks



The **First Friday** Concert Series will continue at 7 PM on **September 7**, with a concert by the Portland Lyric Strings: violinist Dolores D' Aigle, violist Gwen Sieben, and cellist Angela Powers-Melo. They will play music by such composers as Dvorak and Telemann, and will be joined by Christopher Wicks, pianist, for a performance of Wicks' own Quartet in B-flat Major. Come one, come all!

Nametags....

Let's help Pastor Laura to learn who we are by wearing our nametags in August. If you don't have a nametag please let Carol know and she will make you one.

August Calendar



- Thursday August 2...9:30 am Snack Sack,
- Sunday August 5...9:30am Worship Service
- Tuesday August 7...7:00 pm Block Party
- Thursday August 9... 9:30 am Snack Sack
- Saturday August 11...4-6 Messy Church
- Sunday August 12...9:30 am Worship Service
- Wednesday August 15... 6:30 pm Ad Council
- Thursday August 16...9:30 am Snack Sack
- Sunday August 19...9:30 Worship Service
- Thursday August 23...9:30 am Snack Sack
- Sunday August 26...9:30 Worship Service

The Pew Project...



The pew project is well underway. So...keep an eye on that thermometer in the Narthex and watch that red line get higher and higher. For those of you that are just hearing about this project, it is all about refinishing and repairing and recushioning the pews in the sanctuary. As far as anybody knows, it has not been done since the sanctuary was built in 1954. Your donation is a gift to the future of SUMC and its' upkeep.



Messy Church...

Come and join us for all the fun on Saturday, August 11th, 4-6 pm for Messy Church. The topic is *Creation*. There will be lessons, lots of fun and dinner all served with a smile. It is great fun for the entire family. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome!

Could you please remember to... lock the parking lot side doors if you are in the church and are the last one to leave. If you do not have a key, lock the door from the inside of the building and exit through the Fireside Room door that faces the parking lot. It is self- locking. Thank you!

It is School Box Time Again!



Beginning in August there will be a table set up in the Narthex to collect school supplies. The supplies will be used to help children and parents with the costs of having children in school. Below is a list of the most needed items.

Small back packs, glue sticks, #2 pencils, Kleenex, Fiskars child scissors, colored pencils, wide ruled notebooks, crayons, pee-chee-folders, brown paper lunch bags, washable felt markers, dry erase markers, pink pearl erasers, pencil top erasers, white glue, wide ruled paper, rulers, hand sanitizer, zip lock bags (sandwich and gallon size).

July GIVING SUMMARY

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	OFFERIN G RECEIVE D	OFFERIN G BUDGET ED	OVER (UNDER)	OFFERIN G RECEIVED	OFFERING BUDGETE D	OVER (UNDER)
07/01/18	4,760	1,871	2,889	65,194	48,646	16,548
07/08/18	1,375	1,871	(496)	66,569	50,517	16,052
07/15/18	2,032	1,871	161	68,601	52,388	16,213
07/22/18	1,752	1,871	(119)	70,353	54,259	16,094
07/29/18	1,665	1,871	(1,871)	70,353	56,130	14,223
TOTAL	11,584	9,355	564			

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