

First United Methodist Church of Windsor

News From The Pews

August 2024

Christ is counting on us to *Know, Love, and Serve* God.

Our doors are open for all to join us in worship every Sunday at 10 am.

9:00a Adult Sunday School (Church Basement)

10:00a Worship Service (in-person and online)

10:10a Children's Church

11:00a Fellowship Hour (Fellowship Hall)

Pastor's Pen



Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior,

As I sit at my desk in the church office, I am finding it a little difficult to type because I have a splinter in a finger on my right hand. It's not a bad splinter, but each time I press down on my keyboard I can feel it. I received said splinter yesterday as I was moving a piece of furniture at my house to make room for a different couch. The silly part is, I had my gloves on a table right next to this piece of furniture and I just didn't put them on. If I had, I would not be dealing with this splinter in my finger.

I am what my wife calls a 'splinter magnet,' because it seems any time I am around a piece of wood, I get a splinter. Even if this wood is finished and smooth, I will find the bad part. I've received splinters from closet doors, ladders, wood trim, my fence, and even once from a broom handle that I had to get dug out by a nice fellow at the Urgent Care clinic.

I think that we all go through life with some sort of splinter, which nags at us. This could be a physical ailment, it could be emotional trauma, it could be relationship oriented, or it could be spiritual in nature. Over time, most of us learn to overcome these things or at least, live a life of acknowledging these things without letting them overcome our every waking moment.

For me, I tend to go to Christ for my nagging issues. I do this because Jesus has the power to help me. Jesus gives me the courage to face these challenges unafraid, Jesus gives me ideas of how to overcome, and sometimes Jesus simply takes the weight off of my shoulders for a while so that I can focus on other things in my life.

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Pastor's Pen Continued

There is a simple solution for my splinters: Wear gloves! Or, don't touch anything made of wood! However, in my haste, I just don't do it. Again, I believe that sometimes in our lives we just want to deal with things our way, so we don't invite Jesus in to help. Maybe it's a matter of pride, maybe it's a matter of faith, or maybe its just that we don't want to bother Jesus with our small problems. But we need to understand that Jesus is here for us, no matter if we think the problem is small or large. He is here to help, and this is help that we really need to accept because it makes our lives so much more enjoyable knowing that we do not have to deal with these issues all on our own.

So, I'll make you a deal: Ask Jesus for help in all situations and I'll start wearing gloves. How about it?

Blessings upon you all and watch out for those splinters!

Pastor Phil



Adult Ministries

There are a variety of ongoing opportunities for Adults to connect each week. For more information about any of the groups please feel free to reach out to the leaders listed below.

Sunday School: All are invited to join our Adult Sunday School Class at 9:00 am each Sunday in the church basement. Class Leader Bruce Hyink (Bruce@Hyink.org)

Vera's Bible Study: Vera's Bible Study meets each Tuesday at 12:30pm in the church's Upper Room. All are welcome to join. Contact: Paula Allard (paulaallard38@gmail.com).

Women's Bible Study They meet each Thursday at 5:30pm. All are welcome. For more information Contact: Pat Ferrell (patferrell59@yahoo.com). Currently for the summer, they are meeting at different homes for Garden Parties.

August Mission News

Coming Soon! 2024 Windsor Harvest Festival!



We are excited to report that the Harvest Festival Parade on September 2nd, will be returning to its traditional route this year, along Walnut street in front of the church. The Missions team will continue our food sale tradition, this year with **homemade breakfast burritos, as well as fresh baked cinnamon rolls!** We will again have coffee donated by **The Human Bean**, so we encourage you to thank them by purchasing coffee as you are out and about.

This is a major fundraising project for our various missions projects and we can use some extra hands to make it happen. If you would like to help with burrito-making, please see Cheryl Gerstner or Cathy Bell for details. Some extra help will be needed also, on Monday morning to set up at 7:00 am, as well as help with the sale and clean up afterward. See Cheryl (740-683-4459) or Cathy (719-640-9374) for information and to volunteer. This is a fun event and great way to get better acquainted and make new friends. Please join us!

Note: Date Change

Missions meeting will be on August 11th, immediately following worship. As always, anyone who is interested, is invited to attend our meetings in the upper room.

Children and Family Ministries



Squeaky's Corner

Hi Everyone!

Wow, we had a really great time here in the church last week! There were a lot of kids, volunteers, and tons of decorations that filled every nook and cranny of the church. What was going on? It was Vacation Bible School time!

This year we took the kids of Windsor on an undersea adventure called Scuba where we learned about God's friendship, God's love, and how we can trust God. There were really fun crafts, awesome games, incredible food, and lots of talking about God! It was a pretty cool week, and it is my prayer that all of these kids really got to know who God is.

I really love Vacation Bible School because it gives everyone in the church a chance to help out. Some of you brought food and supplies, some of you volunteered, some of you prayed, and some of you filled in all the gaps that need to be filled. It was really fun watching all of the excitement and love of Jesus filling the church. Oh, and did I mention the music? It was awesome to hear all the kids singing all of these songs of praise and having fun while doing it!

Oh wait, I have a couple of Knock, Knock jokes for you. Are you ready for them? Okay, here they come!

Knock, Knock:

Who's there?

Bacon

Bacon Who?

Bacon some cookies in there? Smells delicious! Ha, ha, ha, wasn't that funny! Okay, here comes another one.

Knock, Knock:

Who's there?

Sadie

Sadie Who?

Sadie magic word and I'll tell you? Get it? Say the magic word? Wow, that was super funny!

Okay, where was I? Oh, that's right, we were learning about Jesus. Did you know that Vacation Bible School can be traced back to the year 1894 in a place called Hopedale, Illinois? That's a long time to be teaching children about Jesus, isn't it? And I hope we keep teaching about Jesus for at least another 100 years! I love learning about Jesus, how about you?

I think public school and the Sunday school classes here around the church will be starting up again in a few weeks and so I just wanted to invite you to join one of these amazing groups so we can learn about Jesus together. So, keep track of those in our newsletter and the Sunday morning bulletins. The more we learn about Jesus, the better disciples we become!

Well, I better get going because I hear the ice cream truck and I don't want to miss out on today's icy treat!

Take care and I'll see you around the church!

Squeaky



-Squeaky

Announcements



Blessing of the Backpacks: Sunday, August 4th. We invite all students to bring their school backpacks to worship. We will ask God to bless the bags and our journeys, wherever they may take us this year.



Make sure to join us on August 11th, for United Women in Faith Sunday!



Back to Choir Picnic: Cole and Cheryl Gerstner are hosting a Back to Choir Picnic on Monday, **August 12th** at 6pm. If you are interested in joining Choir this year, please join us. Call the office for more information. (970) 686-2368



Music in the Park: August 15th is the final concert of the summer. Join us at Boardwalk Park at the south-east center of park shelter. Wear your turquoise shirt and bring a chair. We'll gather to see Bad Colorado, a Bad Company tribute band. We hope you'll join us. The concert starts at 6:30pm. Contact Ruth Ann Roberts for more information.



Choir Rehearsals: Choir Rehearsals will begin on Monday, **August 19th** at 5:30pm. Meet in the Sanctuary. All are welcome to join. See Susan McKenzie for more information. Choir will begin singing at service on September 8th.

August Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday

8-03 Lavon Hood
8-05 Perry Cogburn
8-08 Cindy Vogels
8-11 Brett Freitag
8-13 Angie Johnson
8-14 Larry Ellison
8-15 Mona Dane
8-15 Tracy Bates
8-20 Keith Roberts

8-20 John Hood
8-21 Anita Ervin
8-26 David Hinton
8-27 Cheryl Gerstner

Happy Anniversary

8-01 Susan Jewell-Klema & Dan Klema
8-10 Tara & Dan Overton
8-17 Linda & Bill Burr
8-22 Melinda & Jeff Stephan
8-25 Cheryl Ann Craven-Lindblad & Gary Lindblad
8-31 Paula & Steve Allard

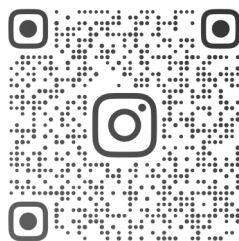
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4 9am Adult S.S. 10am Worship/ First Kids 11am Fellowship	5 7pm Scouts	6 12:30pm Vera's Bible Study 6:30pm Troop 88 Committee Mtg.	7 10am League of NOCO Quilters 5:30pm Trustees Mtg.	8 5:30pm Ladies Garden Party	9 10am UWF Craft Group	10
11 9am Adult S.S. 10am Worship/ First Kids 11am Fellowship & Missions Mtg. UWF Sunday 	12 7pm Scouts	13 12:30pm Vera's Bible Study	14 1:30pm UWF 5:30pm Finance Mtg.	15	16 10am UWF Craft Group	17
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