

STEEPLE TALK

September October HIGHLIGHTS



CHOIRS AND YOUTH MINISTRY TO RESUME SOON



Our music ministry will be getting back in full swing very soon. The adult choir will begin their rehearsals September 7 and sharing in worship in September. As outlined in the enclosed

letter our Cherub and Jubilate Choirs will be preparing for worship during our W.O.W. program. Our Youth Choir, Seraphim Singers, will be getting back together soon as well for Sunday rehearsals in conjunction with the resuming of Youth Group on Sundays. Watch for complete information and remember to check our website and social media platforms regularly.

STAFFING ADDITIONS

Several persons will be coming on part time to serve us in various staff roles as we seek to position our church for faithful ministry. Kaitlyn Exline will be directing the Jubilate choir and Dan and Katherine Hughes will be directing the Seraphim Youth Choir. These persons will be working with Sarah Carr Parsons to continue to provide a wonderful Music Ministry for these young people. Jennifer Walker, while remaining a part of our Office Administrative Staff, will also take on the role of coordinating our new W.O.W. program on Sunday mornings. She will be working with a team of persons as we seek to prepare our young people for a worshipful, Christ centered lifestyle. We are also joyful that Nathan and Tricia Price will be working together as our youth coordinators. While Polly Steele will still be our Preschool Director, Vicki Bracken will become the lead teacher in the 4 year old class and Sara Bealko will join her in conducting this class. Jen Pritchard and Alicia Bice also will be working in our preschool this year. Our After School Program remains vital under Becky Thornton's direction along with many long time staff persons. We are excited as a staff to work as a unit in bringing glory to God through this church.

OUR JOYFUL NOISE IS ALSO IN NEED OF SUBS TO WORK OCCASIONALLY. If you or someone you know would be able to help us please contact Becky Thornton at 304-203-7959.

REVIVE RECOVERY

Once a month (first Wednesday) our Revive Ministry celebrates recovery time from all hurts, habits and hang-ups. This may include freedom from addiction, anger, marital strife, fear, and others. We recently celebrated a collective 35+ years of "Recovery Time"! We'd love to celebrate with you as well. Come and fellowship with us.

MISSION MEAL

Our church is committed to providing a meal for the Mission in Clarksburg every 3rd Sunday each month. **We need volunteers for November and December.** If you would like to volunteer you may sign up in the Narthex. The meal needs to be prepared for 40 people and should include an entrée, salad or vegetable, bread, beverage and dessert. You will not need to stay to serve the meal. It must be dropped off so it can be ready to serve at 2 PM.

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UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES AND MESSAGES

Please consider returning to a regular pattern of in person worship as we continue to rebuild and renew ourselves as a community of faith. We need your presence. Our services are uplifting, inspiring, and encouraging. It is a wonderful venue to invite a friend to join you. Here are some upcoming message titles:

September 4: Getting A Good Estimate Luke 14: 25-33

September 11: An Amber Alert from Heaven Luke 15: 1-10

September 18: Living As A Double Agent Luke 16: 10-13

September 25: But When It's Me! Luke 16: 19-31

October 2: Sizing Up Your Faith Luke 17: 5-10

October 9: The Keys to Wellness Luke 17 11-19

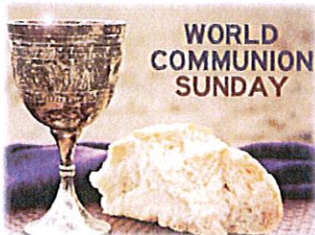
October 16: Will He Find Faith? Luke 18:1-8

October 23 A Distant Cry that Leads Us Home Luke 18: 9-14

October 30: A Better View of Jesus Luke 19: 1-10

CHARGE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 4

Our District Superintendent, Rev. Neil Leftwich will be with us for the Annual charge Conference Meeting on September 4th immediately after the 10:45 Worship Service. This is the annual meeting of the Administrative Board at which time leaders and officers are elected and other business of the larger church is conducted. Since we are still very much in a rebuilding phase, we have asked most of our leaders and officers to stay in place, while also adding some persons as needed. Please pray for our pastors and leaders as they meet with our District Superintendent.



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 2ND

We will celebrate with Christians around the world on the weekend of October 1 & 2 at all of our Worship Services. This is a time in which we affirm our connection with believers all around the globe. We will be shifting to taking communion by using pieces of bread and individual cups for all (Intinction or "dipping" will not return). Plan on coming to these special services.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH ~ NUMEROUS MISSION PROJECTS HELPED



United
Women
in Faith

A special thank you to all who helped with the Women United In Faith Rummage Sale as nearly \$13,000 was raised to support mission endeavors. These include Shepherd's Corner, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, CASA, and numerous others mission efforts in our surrounding area.

YOUTH SUPPORTED BY UNITED METHODIST MEN

Our United Methodist Men's Benedum Open was a huge success as nearly \$7000 was raised to support scholarships and other youth ministry endeavors. Thanks to the those who organized, sponsored, and participated in this event.



W.O.W. IS COMING SOON: PLAN TO CONNECT AND PARTICIPATE

Dear friends:

I am thrilled to announce that a ministry team of persons is introducing and preparing to lead our church in the W.O.W. approach to spiritual formation. W.O.W. stands for Wonders Of Worship. This is a program for ages 3 through 5th grade. A class for youth in grades 6 through 12 as well as a Nursery for those under 3 years of age will be offered so all ages can participate. It will be a Sunday morning program that will meet 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. each Sunday. Our children will engage in Biblically based learning, music discovery, and hands-on activities with the goal of highlighting how wondrous and awesome a life of worshipping the Lord can be.

In today's world, our young people desperately need support in choosing to live a worshipful lifestyle. A worship lifestyle is focused on Christ, centered on serving Him, and dedicated to making the Lord the number one priority in our everyday lives. The W.O.W. experience will help form this in our young people. With Christian music as a foundation and with creative activities they will be encouraged to make worship a top priority in their lives. Each week will include learning, singing, listening, and creating or serving through a hands on activity. We also will provide opportunities at least once a month for our children to be involved directly in worship through singing, reading, leading, or helping serve in other ways. Please consider having your child or children participate. This is an outgrowth of the tremendous Vacation Bible School we had this summer and we want to keep this focus moving forward. Please share this opportunity with friends and relatives who may be interested.

For the parents there are many options:

1. Attend 8:30 worship together and then attend an adult Sunday School class while your child is at W.O.W.
2. Attend an adult class while your child is in the W.O.W program and then come to 10:45 worship together.
3. Drop your child off and spend a coffee time somewhere catching up with your spouse, a friend, or family member and be back in time to pick them up and attend 10:45 worship.
4. Drop your child off and attend the 9:45 worship at Johnson Ave (which concludes by 10:20).

W.O.W kicks off on Sunday, September 11th at 9:30 a.m. Persons will be here to guide and direct you.

If you need more information, please contact Jennifer Walker in the Church Office at 304-842-6284, or Sarah Carr Parsons at 304-669-3466.

In Christ,

