



# The Messenger Vol. 8

Our mission: Connect people in a growing, engaged, active relationship with Jesus Christ.

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August 2019

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**Sunday, August 4**  
***"New Beginnings!"***  
Scripture Acts 2:42-47

**Sunday, August 11**  
***Scripture***  
***Philippians 2:3***

**Sunday, August 18**  
***Scripture***  
***Philippians 2:4***

**Sunday, August 25**  
***Scripture***  
***Philippians 2:5***



Please make plans to attend the All Church Meeting, Sunday, August 4th, during Sunday School time at 9:00am. The Worship Service follows at the regular time of 10:30. Pastor Shane's sermon will be "New Beginnings!"



## Community Dinner

Sunday, August 25@ Noon

Please bring a potluck dish for you and your family and then come to share. Our hosts will be United Methodist Men. Everyone is welcome!

Music Ministry Potluck & polish party, August 27, 5:45 pm, Fellowship Hall. The Music Ministry will have its kick-off for the new season on August 27, at 5:45 pm. Bring yourselves, your family, and food to share, plus an old shirt to wear if you are a bell ringer.



Bells begin practice on September 4 at 5:45 pm in the bell room. All ringers are welcome!

### JULY ATTENDANCE -

#### July 7

Worship	139
Sunday School	80
Kid's Church	5
Nursery	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>228</b>

#### July 14

Worship	no report
Sunday School	77
Kid's Church-	no report
Nursery	no report
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>77</b>

#### July 21

Worship	136
Sunday School	56
Kid's Church	not held
Nursery	not held
<b>Total</b>	<b>192</b>

#### July 28

Worship	153
Sunday School	83
Kid's Church	8
Nursery	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>246</b>

Clean out, sort, get rid of stuff and save it for our church garage sale.

Yes it is coming!! Oct. 3, 4, 5.

This will be a great time to free up space for yet more of our collectibles.

More info later.



## Ambassadors

**The Ambassadors, a senior adult group, will be meeting Monday, August 12th, at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall.**

**Come as early as 10:30am to have your blood pressure read by our favorite Johnson County nurse, Barb Thompson. The potluck will begin at 11:30am. Please bring your covered dish and table setting. Coffee, tea and bread will be provided. First-time visitors are not expected to bring food. There is a \$2 donation at the door.**

**Bring pop tabs and old keys if you have them for Ronald McDonald House.**

**Volunteer help is always appreciated and needed. Remember to bring a friend or two!**

# Conversation CAFÉ

**Conversation Café and Meal** is a mid-week community gathering designed to ramp down the busyness of our lives and deepen our connection to God and one another.

**We meet every Wednesday (unless otherwise notified) @ 6:00pm in Fellowship Hall.** A dinner will be offered at 6:00pm followed by meaningful, respectful and stimulating conversation on topics that affect our lives today.

## Getting UNSTUCK

**PRACTICAL WAYS  
TO IMPROVE  
YOUR LIFE**



### **Wednesday, August 7th @ 6:00pm**

Do you want to change something in your life, but you're not even sure where to start? Discover a few keys that can lead to a breakthrough during "Getting Unstuck." Most people have something in their lives they'd like to change, but they can't find a way to make it happen. Learn a technique that can help you take a step in the right direction. What's one area of your life where you feel stuck?

### **Wednesday, August 14th @ 6:00pm**

Often people are their own worst critic, especially when it comes to appearance. Why? Join us and share your thoughts during "Why Are You So Hard on Yourself?" How would your physical description of yourself match up with others? Join us and watch a short film that will reveal the surprising answers. What are your most and least favorite things about yourself?

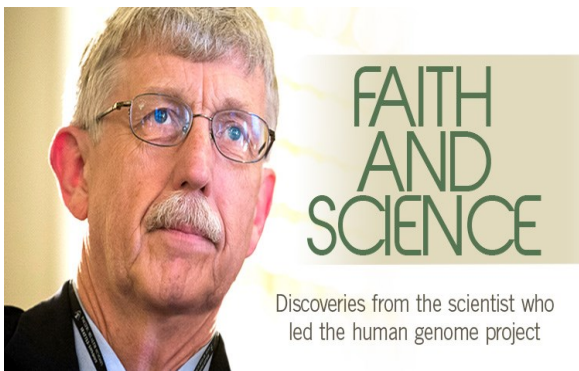


### **Wednesday, August 21th @ 6:00pm**

Why is there often a rocky relationship between faith and science? Join us as we search for the middle ground during "Faith and Science."

How does a world-renowned geneticist, who helped lead the human genome project, balance a belief in God and a trust in science?

Is it possible for faith and science to coexist in your beliefs? Why or why not?

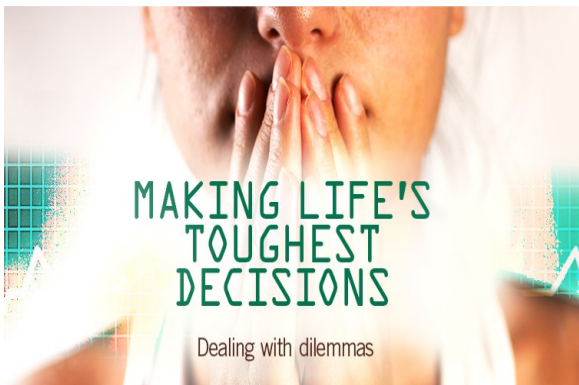


### **Wednesday, August 28th @ 6:00pm**

How do you make a choice that doesn't have an obvious right answer? Discuss difficult dilemmas with us during "Making Life's Toughest Decisions."

When it comes to the really hard decisions, how do you find the right answer?

What was the toughest decision you've ever had to make?





#### **Thursday, August 1**

10:00am UMW Executive Meeting, Room 304  
1:00pm Prayer Quilt, Room 307  
6:00pm Decorating Team, Conference Room  
6:30pm Keystone Class Home Bible Study Group  
7:00pm Bible Study Group, Room 305  
7:00pm Trustee's Meeting, Conference Room  
7:00pm Prayer Shawl, Common Ground

#### **Friday, August 2**

No activities

#### **Saturday, August 3**

No activities

#### **Sunday, August 4**

7:45am Prayer Time, Conference Room  
9:00am All Church Meeting, Sanctuary  
10:30am Worship, Sanctuary  
2:00pm Men's Family Life Skills, Room 308  
3:30pm Gideons Meeting, Room 307

#### **Monday, August 5**

All day Cross-Lines Hot Lunch, Cross-Lines

#### **Tuesday, August 6**

10:00am Lectionary Bible Study Class, Room 304  
7:00pm Prayer Team Ministry Meeting, Chapel  
7:00pm SPRC Meeting, Library  
7:30pm Open Coed Basketball, MPR\*

#### **Wednesday, August 7**

6:00pm Conversation Café, Fellowship Hall

#### **Thursday, August 8**

6:30pm Keystone Class Home Bible Study  
7:00pm Bible Study Group, Room 305  
7:00pm UMW Unit Meeting, Fellowship Hall

#### **Friday, August 9**

1:30pm 90 Year Old+ Meeting, Common Ground

#### **Saturday, August 10**

8:00am UMM, Fellowship Hall  
5:00pm Prayer Service, Chapel

#### **Sunday, August 11**

7:45am Prayer Time, Conference Room  
9:00am Discipleship Hour

10:30am Worship, Sanctuary

2:00pm Men's Family Life Skills, Room 308

#### **Monday, August 12**

11:30am Ambassadors, Fellowship Hall

#### **Tuesday, August 13**

10:00am Lectionary Bible Study Class, Room 304  
4:30pm Staff Meeting, Conference Room  
6:00pm Worship Committee, Conference Room  
6:30pm Stephen Ministry, Rooms 304, 306  
7:30pm Open Coed Basketball, MPR

#### **Wednesday, August 14**

6:00pm Conversation Café, Fellowship Hall  
Early Birds Circle, (Happy Bottoms Project)

#### **Thursday, August 15**

1:00pm Prayer Quilt, Room 307  
6:00pm Finance Meeting, Room 305  
6:30pm Keystone Class Home Bible Study  
7:00pm Bible Study Group, Room 305  
7:00pm Prayer Shawl, Common Ground  
7:00pm Church Council Meeting, Room 304

#### **Friday, August 16**

No activities

#### **Saturday, August 17**

No activities

#### **Sunday, August 18**

7:45am Prayer Time, Conference Room  
9:00am Discipleship Hour  
10:30am Worship, Sanctuary  
2:00pm Men's Family Life Skills, Room 308

#### **Monday, August 19**

1:00pm Esther Circle, Fellowship Hall

#### **Tuesday, August 20**

10:00am Lectionary Bible Study Class, Room 304  
7:30pm Open Coed Basketball, MPR\*

#### **Wednesday, August 21**

1:00pm Mary Ruth Circle, Fellowship Hall  
6:00pm Conversation Café, Fellowship Hall

#### **Thursday, August 22**

1:00pm Reading Group, Common Ground

## August Calendar (Continued)

- 6:00pm Creative Arts Ministry, Common Ground  
6:30pm Keystone Class Home Bible Study  
7:00pm Bible Study Group, Room 305  
7:00pm Children's Council Meeting, Room 104  
7:00pm Diabetes Group, Conference Room

### **Friday, August 23**

No activities

### **Saturday, August 24**

- 4:00pm Parent's Night Out, Room 104

### **Sunday, August 25**

- 7:45am Prayer Time, Conference Room  
9:00am Discipleship Hour  
10:30am Worship, Sanctuary  
12:00pm Community Dinner, Fellowship Hall  
1:00pm All Church Meeting, Fellowship Hall  
2:00pm Men's Family Life Skills, Room 308

### **Monday, August 26**

No activities

### **Tuesday, August 27**

- 10:00am Lectionary Bible Study, Room 304  
5:30pm Stephen Leaders Meeting, Conference Room  
5:45pm Music Ministry Potluck & Bell Polish, Fellowship Hall  
6:30pm Stephen Ministry, Rooms 304, 306

### **Wednesday, August 28**

- 6:00pm Conversation Café & Meal, Fellowship Hall

### **Thursday, August 29**

- 6:30pm Keystone Class Home Bible Study  
7:00pm Bible Study Group, Room 305

### **Friday, August 30**

No activities

### **Saturday, August 31**

No activities



## *PRAYER SERVICE*

Please join us Saturday, August 10th,  
at 5 pm in the Chapel for our monthly  
prayer service.

from the library...a quiet ministry

We have some new books! Look on the display by the library desk to find books about two interesting people -- THE MATRIARCH, 2019 biography of Barbara Bush, by Susan Page and ALWAYS LOOKING UP, autobiography of Michael J. Fox.

We have also added WISHTREE, by Katherine Applegate. LILAC GIRLS, Martha Hall Kelly, is somewhat biographical...it follows the lives of three women during WWII. One woman is a philanthropist from the U.S. who makes sacrifices and does much good, another is a German woman trained in medicine who works in a concentration camp and the other a woman who is a captive in that camp. The first two women were real people. Our SUMC book group recommends this book! WISHTREE, by Katherine Applegate, is a junior fiction book to be read and pondered by all, as it, in a fanciful way, addresses inclusiveness and stewardship 'for the environment. .

The library bulletin board is filling up with bookmarks from readers, telling what they have been reading. Is yours there? We have until August 15 to add bookmarks...then prizes will be given.



### **Fall GriefShare Program**

We will begin another 13 week program of GriefShare on September 16. GriefShare is directed to folks who need help and encouragement following the death of a loved one...no matter how long ago that loss has taken place. It is led by caring people of our church, all of whom have experienced grief. As its name implies, it offers an opportunity to share our grieving process, in a warm and caring environment...and receive support. This is open for both our members and folks outside the church. If you or someone you know are interested, please contact the church office, 913 631-2280.

