

Weekly Connector: Mark Your Calendars!

April 27, 2018

Hello, Church!

Last Sunday, I so appreciated your responses to our topic of grief: *Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted. Matthew 5:5* This passage both challenged and encouraged me - I am glad many of you felt the same way.

There is much to consider as we approach the end of the school year and the start of our summer activities. Please mark your calendars for these important events.

- May 8 - **Election Day.** Please plan to perform your civic duty! Check your respective municipality for issues and candidates so that you are prepared to vote!
- May 18 - **Our first “Movie Night” of the year.** Held outside near the Blessings Exchange, we are still finalizing the details, but our movie choice will be *Cars 3*, so stay tuned and reserve that night! Movie starts at sundown.
- May 28 - **Memorial Day Parade in East Canton.** This is a great opportunity to reach out into the community and let them know how much we love them (as we hurl massive amounts of candy at them! :-).
- June 5 - **Summer lunch program starts.** Each Tuesday and Thursday, 11:30-12:30, we serve lunch to the kids and their families of the community. If you like serving, this is a great time to bless the hungry with good food.
- June 8-9 - **The Community Festival in East Canton.** This event was revived last year and expanded this year. We plan to have a booth that we use to meet people, paint kids' faces, and hand out water.



If you are ready to serve the LORD by serving the community, please call the church office and sign up for any of these great opportunities.

This Sunday, we continue in our “The #Blessed” sermon series discussing what it means to be “meek”. Many of us have phrases like “as meek as a mouse” that actually guide us away from the true meaning of the word - and, how that word fits into the Kingdom. Be sure to come early, bring a friend, and celebrate Jesus together.

One of the marks of a Christ-follower is living in peace: *“If possible, so far as it depends on you, leave peaceably with all.” Romans 12:18*

This does not mean that we are not bold in our message and witness for Jesus. Not at all. We ARE to be passionate for Jesus and His work in our lives. **The peace we bring then to all relationships is founded in Him, fostered in Him, made final in Him.** As we live among even the most difficult people in our lives, by His power we can do so with a winsome love for all, praying for all - even our enemies. Let us be known as a church that is *“fervent in spirit...patient in tribulation, ...constant in prayer.” Rom. 12:11-12*



I love you, Church!

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