

### **LEAP WEEK Short-Term Summer Missions Trip**

Pastor Ron Brown will lead people from our church on a short-term missions trip to London July 1st -10th, to participate in Serge ministry's church planting work in London's South Asian communities. LEAP stands for London Evangelism And Prayer week. LEAP week is a time to leap out of your comfort zone and into a different world, a time to engage in prayer and ministry to London's Muslims, Hindus, and Sikhs. The trip date is scheduled for July 1st - 10th (this includes all travel time) and the cost will be approximately \$2,000 per person. If you are interested please call the church office or contact Pastor Brown for more information. We need commitments by March 1st.

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# Church Communique

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### **PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Our next monthly Lord's Supper celebration will be during the Sunday morning worship service on March 4th.

### **BUDGET PRESENTATION**

On Wednesday, March 7th following the Church Family Dinner, Rev. Brown and the Treasurer of the Diaconate will give a general overview of the 2018 church budget. The budget is a reflection of the ministry vision of our church leadership for 2018. We trust this will provide the congregation with and opportunity to prayerfully look forward to the year of ministry ahead. The Family Dinner begins and 5:30 p.m. and the presentation will take place after a time of prayer, starting around 6:00p.m.

### **NEW BIBLE STUDY SERIES**

On Wednesday, March 14th following the Church Family Dinner, Rev. Brown will start a new series on the topic of *Forgiveness* using John MacArthur's book entitled *Forgiveness: The Freedom and Power of Forgiveness*. You may purchase a book to read in preparation each week but reading the book is not necessary to benefit from attending the teaching on the very helpful and important topic.

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Mar. 1	Aaron Halvorson	Mar. 14	Emily Pons
Mar. 2	Georgia Gann	Mar. 19	Robb Moss
Mar. 4	Aline Youngblood	Mar. 25	Kozlynn Gulde
Mar. 8	James Davis	Mar. 25	Rena Hammett
Mar. 8	John Schneider	Mar. 26	Foster Pons
Mar. 10	Marie Bazzel	Mar. 29	John Christensen
Mar. 11	Jann Daughdrill	Mar. 29	Anita Lucas
Mar. 14	Jeanie Faulkner	Mar. 30	Tommy Duncan
Mar. 14	Yelena Nielsen		

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Mar. 2	Ronnie & Karen Napier	Mar. 19	Frank & Bobbi Skerratt
Mar. 3	Alex & Kelly Bonner	Mar. 31	Doug & Kristin DeVries
Mar. 17	Tim & Ann Percival		

**\*\*\*Please call the church office to update birthday & anniversary information\*\*\***

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH EVENTS

- ◆ Friday night, March 2 will be a night of fun, fellowship and awesome food as the middle school and high school students go to “A Night in Tokyo”. After a brief devotional on “Every tribe, every tongue every nation” we will travel over to Tokyo steakhouse and enjoy not only a great meal, but the entertainment of watching the meal be made right in front of our eyes... all at a greatly reduced price... More information coming soon.
- ◆ Friday night March 16 is another fun event for middle school and high school students and their friends as we, “go for the green”... FPC’s first Putt-Putt tournament, Followed by an enjoyable time getting dessert together. Proceeding all this will be a brief message Entitled, “The Whole in One.”
- ◆ Saturday, March 31, the day before Easter, we will have the Annual FPC Easter Egg Extravaganza...hundreds of Easter eggs await children up through fifth grade...as well as a simple message on the Beauty of Resurrection Sunday. More information coming soon.

*There are still a few more days to sign up for any of the following -  
Sign-ups end on Wednesday, February 28th.*

## AT-HOME PRAYER MINISTRY

Each year announcement is made about our pray-at-home program which includes volunteers who sign up for one year to pray every day for a short list of prayer requests which are sent to them by the pastor each month. There are no meetings or other requirements for those who participate. Those currently serving can agree to continue for another year if they wish and new participants may join. Please call the church office to sign-up.

## DINNER FOR EIGHT

Sign-ups are still going on for any who want to participate in this fellowship program during March, April, May, and June. Dinner for Eight is for ALL adults, singles and couples, and provides opportunity to interact and to get to know each other by sharing meals together within a group of eight. The sign-up period will last through February 28th and participants will be notified of their groups the first week in March. Each group of eight will decide whether they will rotate as hosts (in their home) for dinner or to meet (Dutch treat) at a chosen restaurant. The goal is to have a minimum of one Dinner for Eight meeting during each of the four months. If you would like to participate in this program please call the church office at 785-7423.

## BEREAVEMENT TEAMS

Would you be willing to provide a side dish for a meal to members of our church when a loved one passes away? If so become part of our Bereavement Team ministry. What do Bereavement Teams do? When a church member has a death in the family a Bereavement Team will provide food for the family after the funeral. The food will either be provided in the church Social Hall or in the home of a family member after the funeral service. This wonderful ministry takes place through the volunteer service of church members. Our Bereavement Team leadership is in place but we need to add volunteer members to each team. In addition to providing a side dish team members also help serve food and clean up if the Social Hall is used. This is a ministry overseen by the Women in the Church but men can certainly be on the Bereavement Teams if they are willing and able to cook. If you interested in serving on a Bereavement Team or would like more information please call the church office at 785-7423.