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*Sunday School 9:45 am
Worship: 8:30 & 10:45 am,
5:30 pm*

The Problem of Unbelief among Believers

One of the most stimulating books that I have read recently is *The Shattered Lantern* by Ronald Rolheiser. The title of the first chapter of the book is "The Problem of Unbelief among Believers."

"Belief in God, for many of us, is little more than a hangover. We feel the effects of the religious activity of the past, but our consciousness borders on agnosticism. Rarely is there a vital sense of God within the bread and butter of life.... A hundred years ago, when Friedrich Nietzsche made his declaration that God is dead, he was not suggesting that God in the heavens had died. He was saying that God no longer mattered in everyday life..." – even to believers.

Rolheiser pins our lack of a vital experience of God on our inability to be contemplative. We are preoccupied, restless, distracted, and beguiled.

"Our awareness in ordinary life, or lack of it, depends on our ability to be contemplative. Contemplation is about waking up." One of my favorite sermons by John Wesley is, "Awake, Thou That Sleepest." Wesley uses the sermon to help his reader/listener understand how God's prevenient grace wakes us up to our emptiness and the absence of God in our life.

Interestingly, Rolheiser names four factors which militate against contemplation – and against a vital experience of God in our culture:

NARCISSISM – The pre-occupation with self; the incapacity to recognize the reality of others; attitude that "my life" is the ultimate reality.

PRAGMATISM – If it works, it must be good!; worth is based on performance and achievement; the impractical is useless; never stop working because "what we do is who we are."

UNBRIDLED RESTLESSNESS – Driven, compulsive, obsessive, excessive, hyper.

NON-CONTEMPLATIVE PERSONALITY – The loss of the ancient instinct for wonder and astonishment; nothing is sacred; there is no supernatural; technology substitutes for holy curiosity and yearning.

God is present to us, but we are not always present to God. Rolheiser challenges the reader to return to contemplation as a way of respecting the holiness of God. The alternative is to live in the long shadow of God's perceived absence. What Wesley called "prevenient grace," Rolheiser calls "purging our awareness." The result (in either case) is "Blessed are the pure in heart – for they shall see God."

Pastor Dave

June 5, 2019



Summer Salad Luncheons

The Summer Salad Luncheons will be held the last Mondays of June, July and August. The first Luncheon is Monday, June 24. The lunch is from 11:30 until the salads are gone and will benefit Mission and Ministries. Please sign up if you can donate a salad

and plan to join us for these wonderful meals. Julie Rice is our coordinator again this summer – talk to her if you'd be willing to help.

Lawn Mowers Needed

It's time to sign up to help mow the church lawn. There is a sign-up sheet on the first floor across from the elevator. The church has all the necessary equipment and Randy will be glad to show you the ropes.



School Supplies Needed

Part of the experience our youth will be involved with at Youth 2019 in Kansas City this summer is providing school supplies to children all over the world. If you would like to donate, there will be a box in the foyer of our church. Please bring any of the following items by June 30:

- unsharpened pencils
- 12" rulers
- box of 12 colored pencils
- box of 24 crayons
- student rounded scissors
- spiral notebooks of 8" x 10 1/2" lined paper

If you have any questions, please call Bill Podschun.



It's not too late to register for church camp! For all the info, click

<https://horizoncenter.campbrainregistration.com/>. Also, if you would like to apply for a scholarship from our church, go to our website: www.winfieldfumc.org.

Extending Thanks to . . .

Pam Olney and Julie & Dennis Rice for delivering commodities in May.



Paddle for Polen

The "Paddle for Polen" fundraiser for the Community Health Center is Saturday, June 22 at the Winfield City Lake. Pick up a registration form in the church foyer or from the Chamber Office if you would like to participate in this worthwhile cause.



Summer Sunday Nights!

This summer our Sunday Night Worship will take on a new format. Every three weeks we will focus on a specific topic in Scripture and then go out and serve in that area. The first week we will hear the WORD in worship. The second week we will share a meal before going out to SERVE. The third week we will REFLECT as we hear from those who encountered God through their service the week before. The first three week cycle begins with "Caring



for our Elderly", on June 16 at 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall with a meal immediately following.

A Look at Our Loyalty

	May 12	May 19	May 26	June 2
8:30 Worship	78	66	(10 am service only)	67
10:45 Worship	150	121	168	127
Evening Worship	29	HS Graduation	24	40
Total Worship	257	187	192	234
Sunday School	115	82	(none)	104
Offering	\$9,835	\$5,922	\$9,834	\$10,924
Needed Weekly				\$12,050
Needed as of May 31				\$261,073
Received as of May 31				\$224,698

We Have A Mobile App!

First United Methodist Church has a mobile app that can be downloaded to your phone! This is an exciting new way to submit prayer requests, listen to previous sermons, register for events like VBS, or make a one-time or recurring gift from wherever you are, through the Giving module. To download our app, go to the church website, www.winfieldfumc.org and click on the banner for the app.



Trip to Belize

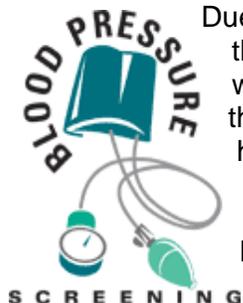
This May, the Southwestern College Discipleship Team took a mission team to Orange Walk, Belize. Several members of the team are faces you may have seen around FUMC! Laura Podschun, Bill Podschun, Sam Podschun, Molly Just, Erin Hall, and Rebecca Borgman all served among other Southwestern students. Laura planned a year in advance to be sure this mission trip would be meaningful for the mission team and the community served. The team worked alongside Praying Pelican Missions to provide food and children's ministries in the city of Orange Walk. We worshiped with the local church, creating lasting friendships with the children, sweat off all the delicious food we ate, played countless games of soccer, and experienced the beauty of Belizean culture through it all. We praise God for the opportunity to travel to Belize, and we pray the seeds of faith we planted would continue to grow. On behalf of the whole mission team, we would like to say thank you for all the financial and prayerful support provided by the FUMC community!

Reminders from Church

If you would like to receive reminders from church by text message, please call or email us with your cell phone provider. Otherwise, you will continue to get reminders by email or post card.

Blood Pressure Checks Suspended

Due to a low number of people utilizing the monthly Blood Pressure Checks, we have decided to stop offering them this summer. If you are interested in having this service resume in the fall, please speak with Pastor Beth or Health Team chairperson Marsha Donals.



Prayer List

Winfield First Family

Pat Davis	Oscar Peterson-Veatch	Larry Schuster
Cindi Madrigal	Mitch & Heidi Potucek	Julie St. Peter
Everett Newman	Eleanor Richardson	

Extended Family and Friends

Valerie Aladieff	Carlos & Amy Garates	Jim McPherson
Gary Courtney	Mark Godsey	Carla Mohlstrom
Sandy Dix	Jasmine Graves-Vaught	Taegen Shogren
Kim Estabrook	Buddy Hendrix	Brantley Taylor
Peggy Everett	Curstin Jenkins	Aaron Toney
Marc Godfrey	Jason Jenkins	Rob Totino
	Gregg Little	

Grief & Loss

Phyllis Hearn and family in the death of Logan Wampler
Family and friends of Vernon Goertz

World Concerns

Military & first responders and their families,
people affected by natural disasters worldwide,
the Carter family in mission work.

If you have given us a name to put on the Prayer List please give us frequent updates so we can keep current. Thank you for all your prayers on behalf of those on our prayer concerns.

Prayer Chain

If you have concerns or joys for which you desire prayer, please email Carolyn Eastman, ice1936@gmail.com or the church, office@winfieldfumc.org.



On May 26, 2019, we celebrated the baptisms of Briar Daugherty Blair, daughter of Anthony & Ailysa Blair, and Kyan Jimi Alan and Ziggy Kieran Denis Mattingly, sons of Nicholas & Sharynne Mattingly.

And welcome, new member, Anthony Blair!

Church Ladies

The "Church Ladies" group meets the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 am at College Hill Coffee. Each month we share a devotion, discussion & prayers. All women are invited to join this fun and informal group. The next meeting is this Saturday, June 8. Speak with Pastor Beth for more information.



Happy Birthday



to all who are celebrating birthdays in July! The birthdays of the members and friends for whom we have records are listed below. If you have additions please call the

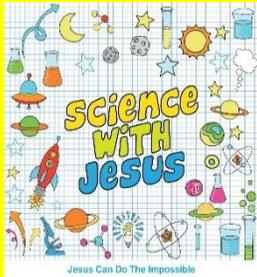
office so we can update our records. Send a card, make a phone call, or do a little something to help recognize these birthdays when you can.

- 7/1 Jerry Hopper, Dollie Hutto-Rosecrans, Daniel Miller, Nathan Morrison
- 7/3 Jenna L'Hommedieu, Barbara Podschun
- 7/4 Joy Lewis, Kye Madrigal, Marisa Steiner, Tyce Yates
- 7/5 Taylor Danielsen
- 7/6 Pat McCutcheon, Nianne Mohlstrom
- 7/7 Will Abernathy, Mary Nichols, Lindsay Wilke
- 7/8 Cherri Baer, Susan Dean, Mike Pressnall, Terry Revell, Tim Zakharov
- 7/9 Brian Buffum, Jake Jewers, Georgia Larson, Kathryn Lattimore, David Richardson
- 7/10 GraceLynn Benavides, Nancy Heinz, Gordon Tasker
- 7/11 Tara Duncan
- 7/13 Chad Harding, Claire Hartman, Carl Jewers, Mike Steiner, Ashley Winblad
- 7/15 Garrett Calvin, Vicki Hittle, Jim Holcomb, Meg Stone, Gale Tredway
- 7/16 Elizabeth Hall, Madison Hall, Larry Schuster, Tristan Wood
- 7/17 Lilli Benavides, Elly Bertholf, Cassie Homan, Nick St Peter, Nancy Tredway
- 7/18 Logan Branscum, Ed Foster, Isaac Hicks, Claire Norton, Bryanna Riddle, Gordon Rowley, Curtis Trecek, Bill Ward
- 7/19 David Dimit
- 7/20 John Beers, Donetta Godsey, Diane Rosecrans, Martin Rude
- 7/21 Joan Bair, Jimmy Brock, Bobbi Pekarek
- 7/23 Barbara Dunn, Tony Hutto, Megan McCoy, Ray Nichols
- 7/24 Gunther Flower, Abram Rankin
- 7/25 Jeff Everett, Jim Everett, April Finuf, Ina Gray, Aubrey Schmidt, Andrew Yates
- 7/26 Beth Lungren, Dale Russell
- 7/27 Rachel Lashier, Aaron McGuire, Pam Olney, Kelly Rowe
- 7/28 Patti Brenn, Rex Finley, Camille Richert
- 7/29 Diane Detter, Christy Kemp
- 7/30 Lindsey Keith, Lilya Woodburn
- 7/31 Tom Wallrabenstein

Summer Sunday School

This summer, pre-K through—5th grade will combine for one-room Sunday School in Room 205.

Winfield FUMC KidMin



Volunteers are Needed!

We're looking for several VBS volunteers this summer (July 15-19). Talk to Jessica if you would like to help out!

VBS Registration is open!

Rising K-5th grade voyagers, join us as we travel through space to explore God's power! You can register now on the church app or online at <http://winfieldfumc.org/children/vbs>

~~~~ Youth News ~~~~

Middle School Youth

Middle School youth will meet on Sunday nights following our Sunday night worship service. There will be worship at 5:30 pm and supper at 6:30 pm followed by youth group at 7 pm.



High School Youth

High School youth will meet on Wednesday nights this summer at 7 pm on a regular basis. If there are changes to that meeting time for any week, there will be notification of that change, dependent upon the activity planned.



Congratulations to our Graduates!

Caleb Hubert, Meganne Nihart, Zach Butler, Lydia Bumgarner

Youth, Your Help is Needed!!

Vacation Bible School here at First United Methodist Church is in need of youth volunteers. If you would like to help, please talk with Jessica, Bill or Erin Hall (our summer intern) to volunteer. Your great energy would be appreciated!

Thank you

Thanks to Kara Gale for coordinating our graduate breakfast for our high school youth, and to the youth for serving the meal.





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Hymn Sing Sunday

On Sunday, July 28, we will have an Old Fashioned Hymn Sing. Pastor Beth is putting together the service, so please email her: beth@winfieldfumc.org or call 221-2700 to let us know what hymns you'd like to have included that day. We will sing as many of them as possible! Join us for worship at 8:30 or 10:45 am on July 28.



1st Annual Car Show

Mark your calendar for the first Annual FUMC Car Show which is this Sunday, June 9, at noon. There will be a lunch and a number of great cars to view. The event is free to attend and the only cost will be lunch. Please join us for

this benefit for Youth 2019.

Mark Your Calendar

June 9	FUMC Car Show
June 24	Summer Salad Luncheon
July 7	One combined 10 am worship
July 15-19	VBS

Special Worship Time

On Independence Day weekend, July 7, we will have **one combined 10:00 am worship service**. The adult Sunday School classes who decide to meet that day will meet at 9:00 am (children and youth Sunday School classes will not meet.) Fellowship Time will be from 8:45-9:45 am.

Tasker's 65th Anniversary

Gordon and Jo Ann Tasker will be honored with a reception for their 65th wedding anniversary on Saturday, June 8, from 2:00-4:00 pm in the MacGregor Room at Cumbernauld, hosted by their children. All are invited to help celebrate!