

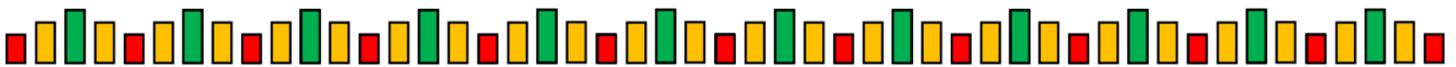
“Messy Church” in July

Tuesday, July 10 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Our next Messy Church is Tuesday, July 10 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Our theme is, “Wonderfully Made,” and we will celebrate God’s special handiwork in all of us! What makes you uniquely you? What is it in God’s creation that makes you say, “Wow”? Come to Messy Church and discover why God made us all unlike but equal in value. Messy Church is crafts, games and activities from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. followed by Celebration Time and dinner. Open to all – invite your friends, family and neighbors!



Questions, contact Cindy Banek (229-1771 Ext 258).



RE CHARGE WEDNESDAYS

Powered by the Holy Spirit

ReCharge “Summer Café”

For the month of July, we will be in summer “mode,” and our menus will reflect this more informal time of year with many of your favorite picnic/cookout foods served. Meals will be available to carry out or eat-in depending on your summer evening plans. **Please Note: there will be no ReCharge on Wednesday, July 4 and July 18.** Don’t forget to make a reservation for dinner (including specifying Vegetarian Option, if desired) by completing a dinner form at Connection Corner, in the pew racks, the church website or calling the church office. Reservations are due into the church office by Tuesday noon before the Wednesday dinner.

We will be taking a break for the month of August, so there will be no ReCharge dinners on Wednesdays. Dinners will resume on Wednesday, September 5.



UNITED METHODIST MEN

The United Methodist Men (UMM) monthly breakfast will be held at the Capitol Pancake House on Capitol Landing Rd the second Saturday of July and August at 8:30 a.m.



Praying Our Way Forward

The Council of Bishops invites all the people of the United Methodist Church to join together in prayer as we prepare for the 2019 General Conference. The General Conference will address proposals to move beyond the UMC's impasse on the Discipline's language regarding homosexuality, specifically (1) the provision of marriage rites to same-sex couples, and (2) the ordination of LGBTQIA persons. The Bishops specifically call upon us to:

1. Engage in a weekly Wesleyan 24-hour fast from Thursday after dinner to Friday mid-afternoon. Those who have health situations causing food fasts to be unadvisable might consider fasting from social media, emails or another daily activity.
2. Pause and pray for our church's mission and way forward daily for four minutes from 2:23 - 2:26 a.m. or p.m. in their own time zone OR at another time. This is because the Special Session of General Conference will be held February 23 - February 26, 2019.
3. Pray using a weekly prayer calendar that will be posted on the UMCPrays.org website from June 2, 2018, through the end of February 2019. The calendar will list a unique cluster of names each week. The names will balance United States bishops and delegates with Central Conference bishops and delegates. It will also include General Secretaries, Commission on a Way Forward members, the Commission of the General Conference and the staff of the General Conference.

We urge every Annual Conference to use the video available on the umcprays.org website to promote Phase 3 of Praying Our Way Forward.

The above information and more can be found at: <http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/bishops-the-upper-room-launch-phase-3-of-praying-our-way-forward#.Wwac4pQdz5s.facebook%20>



UPDATE on The Way Forward

On July 25, 7:00 p.m. — 8:30 p.m., we will have an information session giving an update on developments in the UMC as we prepare for the February 23-26, 2019, General Conference to deal with the church's stance on LGBTQIA inclusion. ReCharge dinner will be served 5:30 p.m. — 6:30 p.m. for those who make dinner reservations with the church office.