

DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE!

Next Newsletter: July 9, 2018

JUNE 18, 2018

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**New Sermon Series
(June 24 – Aug 12)**

“Freed to Lead”

The church needs leaders rooted in Christ, who have a vision for changing the world. Today’s young people have fearless hearts, vibrant ideas and a passion for ministry. Their

talents should be nurtured to shape the church’s path into the future. The church must invite young people – including women and people of color the world over – into ministry, equip them to be effective leaders and be open to where they want to lead us. We also must strengthen lay persons, who are ministering at every level of the church.

The risk-taking church leaders of the early Christian movement used the ichthys symbol to identify themselves as followers of Jesus. The Freed-2-Lead graphic expands on this theme by contrasting the complacent social shoal in the “clear-water” moments of life, with a fish of a different color that has been “Freed-2-Lead” others through the dark and murky depths.

All of us have been Freed-2-Lead and have a role in mentoring and equipping others to lead.

June 24 “Following Christ” (Luke 22:24-27)

July 1 “An Unexpected Role” (Acts 9:10-20)

July 8 (independent sermon)

July 15 VBS & Youth Sunday

July 22 “Fueled by the Spirit” (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

July 29 “Just in Time Leadership” (Esther 4:14-17)

Aug 5 “Self-Leadership” (Jeremiah 29:11)

Aug. 12 “Following Christ’s Lead in My Life” (Ephesians 5:1-2)

In Christ,
Choongho Kwon

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Prayers Requested
Family of Beth Glaze

Student Ministry News from Taylor Tracy

Since I began in March, I have been thrilled with the positive outlook and willingness to grow that I have witnessed with our youth. As Director of Student Ministry, my priority is, first and foremost, the spiritual formation of our students. This is coupled with the belief that worshipping God together on Sunday morning should be the source and summit of the life of Avondale Church. I have chosen to focus on this with our students because without a strong understanding of why we do what we do as a community, involvement within the church is often perceived as a chore rather than as a contributing and growing in faith.

Thanks to the generous support of our congregation, we were able to purchase new futons and paint our classroom. The students are thrilled to have these changes and are excited to expand our ministry in all ways possible. I encourage you to stop by the youth room and say, “hello!” on Sunday morning.

This summer, our students will be engaged in spiritual formation retreats, community service, liturgical leadership during our worship services, and a mission trip to Chicago in early August. We are positioning ourselves for growth in many ways over the next year, I look forward to seeing what God has in

Music Ministry News from Taylor Tracy

The Avondale Cathedral Choir and Jubilee Bell Choir concluded a terrific season that was full of quality sacred music. To conclude our season, the Avondale Cathedral Choir joined forces with nine other congregations in a celebration of sacred music at Trinity United Methodist Church in downtown Kansas City, MO. The 50-voice chorus, which is called United in Voice, enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of spirit-led music and fellowship.

Many of the United in Voice chorus members and attendees have already asked about our next concert. I have decided to host the concert at our home, Avondale UMC, on June 22, 2019. We will partner with internationally acclaimed conductor, pianist, and composer, Mark Hayes, who tours around the globe for concerts almost full-time.

Avondale UMC is also blessed to have received a new digital baby grand piano for the use of the Cathedral Choir during their rehearsals and an antiphonal organ. The wonderful instruments were acquired at no expense to the church. You are more than welcome to visit the choir room to see these instruments.

The special music during worship this summer will feature our wonderful musicians and friends from the community as they share their gifts. From solos on trumpet and flute, duets, a French Horn trio, to a men’s and women’s group, you will not want to miss a single Sunday!

Looking towards the fall, we have many exciting plans for our next season and will be using sacred music to promote community outreach and evangelism.

On another note: Kansas City will host this year’s American Guild of Organists convention. This is a wonderful opportunity to attend world-class concerts and recitals in some of the most beautiful houses of worship you can find. While the convention itself requires a ticket, many free concerts and recitals will be open during this time. To view the concert list, visit this website: <http://www.agokc2018.com>



OUR SCHEDULE!

THURSDAY, JUNE 21

10:30 a.m. Prayer Team in Chapel

FRIDAY, JUNE 22

10:00 a.m. New Hope meeting at Judy Everley's

SUNDAY, JUNE 24

Welcome Back Reception for Rev. Kwon and his family following 8:30 and 10:50 worship services in the narthex

TUESDAY, JUNE 26

1:00 p.m. Bible Study in Contemporary Life

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

Noon : Hot Dog Wednesday in the church parking lot

THURSDAY, JUNE 28

10:30 a.m. Prayer Team in Chapel

SUNDAY, JULY 1

9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Youth Car Wash and Church Service Day (information below)
6:00 p.m. Neighborhood meeting at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 3800 N.E. Parvin Road

See back page for change in office hours July 2 through July 6. There is no Bible Study July 3. The Church Office, Second Hand Ministries, Food Pantry and Hot Dog Wednesday will be closed on the 4th of July

THURSDAY, JULY 5

10:30 a.m. Prayer Team in Chapel

SATURDAY, JULY 7

10:00 a.m. Prayer Walk
10:00 a.m. Book Club in Church Library
10:30 a.m. Finer Things Guild in Wesley Hall
11:15 a.m. Library Committee in Church Library

THRIFT SHOP HOURS

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Friday
12 to 3 p.m. Saturdays



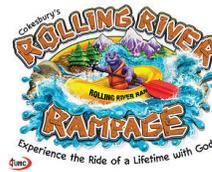
Mark Your Calendars
Youth Car Wash
and Church Service Day
Sunday, July 1st
9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Youth will raise funds for their trip to Chicago by having a car wash, and also complete local landscaping projections within the community.

Bill and Marion Taylor Celebrate 70th Anniversary



Bill and Marion Taylor will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on June 20. Congratulations!



Join us on a Rolling River Rampage Vacation Bible School

Ages 3 through 5th grade

Friday, July 13 at AUMC

Saturday, July 14 at Wilderness Camp

Sunday, July 15 at AUMC

*** Adult Volunteers Are Needed ***

We need treats for VBS helpers on Friday night and Sunday morning. **Suggestions:** Homemade cookies, brownies, trail mix, popcorn, chips & dip, veggies, granola bars (peanut free), etc.

To volunteer for snacks, contact Elizabeth Boman at gssplash@aol.com or Vicki Graft at vgraft@flash.net

July Birthdays

- 1: Jane Nichols
- 3: Karsten Flinn
- 5: Buster West
- 6: Charles Hoopes
- 10: William (Will) House
- 12: Kay Swanson, Madison Wear
- 14: Beckett Ewing
- 16: Violet Cogswell
- 17: Linda Sandrock, Sharon Widmier
- 20: Diana Wescott, Taylor Tracy
- 21: Juanita Taylor, Jan Keeney
- 22: Dave Jacobs, Samuel Kwon
- 24: Dorothy Joiner
- 25: Les Lowrey
- 28: Lauri Smith
- 29: Dorothy Weiss, Linda Brill

Memorials: Contributions have been given in memory of **Rena Lininger** by Bill, Marion, and Merilee Taylor and Marsha Herndon.

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Early Worship 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.

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OFFICE HOURS

Change in Office Hours During Vacations

Due to staff vacations, the church office will observe the following hours for the week beginning Monday, July 2nd:

Monday, July 2: Regular hours 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, July 3: 8 a.m. to noon

Wednesday, July 4: Closed

Thursday, July 5: 8 a.m. to noon

Friday, July 6: Closed

Included in this week's newsletter is a Vacation Bible School flyer and registration/permission slip. This three-day adventure also includes a bus trip to Wilderness Camp on Saturday, July 14. Please invite every child you know between the age of 3 and 5th grade to join us.

**WELCOME
BACK!**

Welcome Back
Rev. Kwon, Hannah,
Samuel & Stephen

Please join us this Sunday, June 24th, for refreshments as we extend our welcome back to Pastor Choongho, Hannah, Samuel and Stephen. We look forward to another exciting spiritual and missional year ahead with the Kwon family. Cookies and punch will be served following 1st and 2nd service.

Judy Jensen, Chair, PPRC

**YOUTH
GROUP**

Wilderness Retreat
Saturday and Sunday
July 14 and 15

The AUMC Youth Group will accompany the Vacation Bible School group to Wilderness Camp for the day on July 14 and return to AUMC for an overnight retreat for movies and games.

On Sunday morning, the youth will help lead the worship service as acolytes, liturgists, ushers, and projectionists, along with special music!