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Next Newsletter: August 27, 2018

AUGUST 13, 2018

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The next newsletter deadline is August 27, 2018 10:00 a.m.

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“Multiplying Kingdom Impact” (MKI)

Rev. Lia McIntosh delivered a powerful message in the Sunday worship services (Aug. 12). The congregation came to think about how the Lord’s Prayer is dangerous (?); Christians seek and pray for God’s will in the prayer. In the afternoon, the Church Council had a meeting with her. As the Associate Director of Congregational Excellence office, Missouri Conference, Rev. McIntosh introduced the “Multiplying Kingdom Impact” (MKI) program, which is a consultation process of the Conference for local churches. The council voted for engaging in the process of MKI. It means we’ll start its pre-works: participating in the prayer team, studies, and focus group. The goals for this new process include:

- Enable **Avondale UMC** to create movements of disciples who make disciples who multiply and create New Places For New People.
- Enable **Avondale UMC** to see our current reality (strengths/weaknesses/opportunities/threats).
- Prepare **Avondale UMC** for new ways of thinking, being and multiplying ministry - facilitating change leading to transformation (books/training topics/consultation/ coaching, etc.)
- Support **Avondale UMC** in new goals and execution (4DX process/coaching, etc.)
- Minimize the time and resources needed to execute this process (Use videos, GoTo Meeting, and Phone whenever possible. Use train-the-trainer method and enable pastors and laity to execute this process.)
- Enable transformational results for 27 existing congregations (3 per each district) over the next 2 years leading to the creation of new places/new people.

It is a process for transformation. We’ll understand better our congregational identity, community, challenges, opportunities, and how to facilitate changes. Also, we’ll be coached to practice what things need to be done for the growth of our church. I am very excited for it. Through the process, I’ll humbly seek the growth/transformation of my faith as well as church. I’ll pray you also can experience faith growth with MKI.

The church office can provide a copy of MKI resources which Rev. McIntosh prepared for the council members in the meeting. You can contact me or Dave Jacobs, Church Council Chair, if you have any questions. I believe it is an opportunity God provides Avondale UMC. Everyone is invited.

In Christ,
Choongho Kwon

Being Faithful

JULY 29, 2018

Our Presence

8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship	22
10:50 a.m. Sunday Worship	82
Sunday School	47

AUGUST 5, 2018

Our Presence

8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship	25
10:50 a.m. Sunday Worship	63
Sunday School	35

AUGUST 12, 2018

Our Presence

8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship	30
10:50 a.m. Sunday Worship	119
Sunday School	52

Teacher Dinner

Yesterday the Outreach Committee prepared a dinner for the staff of Chouteau Elementary School that was appreciated greatly by the people at the school.

The staff had worked all day setting up classrooms, etc., then were having Open House in the evening. Being able to eat between working, changing from super-casual, manual labor type clothes to meet-the-parents clothes (they changed clothes at the school!), then spending two-plus hours greeting parents and children was a God-send to them. Most of them weren't going to be getting home until 8:00 p.m. or later, so getting to eat at a fairly normal time was certainly appreciated.

My appreciation goes to Jeanne Jacobs, Diana Wescott, Lauri Smith, Susan Dowden and Linda Brill for preparing a wonderful meal for the people who work so hard to teach our children.

Suzy Conaway

Thank You!

Hot Dog!

Avondale UMC's Hot Dog Wednesday program ended on August 8th and

I'd like to thank all those who helped. If I forget anyone, it's not intentional. I'm just old!

Thanks to Lauri Smith, Linda Brill, Jeanne Jacobs, John Hickernell, Margaret Smith, Margaret Troll, Carolyn Bell, Nancy Mehl, Violet Cogswell (with fresh fruit), Phyllis Murphy, Bill Conaway (chips), Larry and Dorothy Joiner, Betty Montague, Melisa Strauss, Choongho, Hannah, Samuel and Stephen Kwon, Mark Keeney, and Elizabeth Boman.

Special thanks to Valerie Goodman for furnishing the hot dogs that make it all possible.

And, super-special thanks to Luke, the Hot Dog Cook, Luke Newport, for showing up almost every week to grill!

Suzy Conaway, Outreach Chair

Dear Church Members:

On behalf of the board of directors of NAWS we would like to thank you for your donations. We are so blessed that you "adopted" us for your church project in giving back to your community. Every item you gave us saved us money from having to buy it for the clinic. Thank you again! We know you have many choices when it comes to giving and we appreciate you thinking of NAWS and the important work we are doing in our community for people and pets. If anyone wants a tour of our clinic, please contact me and we can set a time to meet.

Goldie Arnold, Founder and President

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FAREWELL

Farewell from Taylor Tracy

One of the great joys of ministry is having the opportunity to meet wonderful people. This has certainly been the case for me while serving at AUMC. I am thankful to have had the opportunity to worship alongside you, to come to know you, and to call you my friends. While I will no longer be a staff member, I will always make myself available to spend time with you if you ever want to catch up. Keep fighting the good fight of faith.

I will be serving as Director of Music at First Presbyterian Church in Independence.

Yours in Christ, Taylor

OUR SCHEDULE!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14

1:00 p.m. Bible Study in Contemporary Life
 7:00 p.m. Education meeting in Contemporary Life

MONDAY, AUGUST 20

7:00 p.m. Finance Committee in Contemporary Life

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 27

10:00 a.m. Newsletter deadline

TUESDAY AUGUST 28

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

7:00 p.m. Cathedral Choir in Practice Room

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

10:00 a.m. Prayer Walk
 10:30 a.m. The Finer Things Guild in Wesley Hall

THRIFT SHOP HOURS

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

September Birthdays

- 3: Cora Boman
- 4: Jim Moore
- 7: Brett Breitling
- 8: Vicki Cole
- 9: Allison Garrett
- 14: Molly McDaniel, Oliver Helfrey
- 16: Loma Frakes
- 17: Jill Boman, Nathan Lightfoot, Mike Sneed
- 18: Jim Chronister, Andrew Ponder Williams
- 19: Cindy Ring, Gary Wescott, Jacy Tapp
- 21: Bonnie House
- 23: Kathryn Zibell

If your name isn't on this birthday list, or is listed incorrectly, please contact the church office.



Salvation Army 37th Annual Omelet Brunch
Sat., September 22, 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

5306 N. Oak Trafficway

\$8 donation per person, tickets available at the door

Good Food! Celebrity Chefs! Door Prizes!



**Church Office Closed
 For Labor Day
 Sept. 3**

**Church Picnic September 9
 5:00 p.m. at Macken Park,
 Shelter House #4**



**Food Pantry Focus for September:
 16 Oz. Pkgs. of Pasta
 149 Jars of peanut butter were collected in July**



Join the Choir Practice Beginning Soon

Choir practice begins on August 29 and the first day to sing for worship service will be September 9.

We welcome everyone who would like to a part of Avondale's Cathedral Choir to join us on the 29th. Practice is every Wednesday from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. We meet in the choir room on Sundays at 10:30 a.m

John Livingston will be leading the choir until a new director can be hired. I hope to see everyone returning and some new faces in our choir.

Jean Hollaway

**Save the Date ...
 Potluck Brunch in
 Wesley Hall
 Anniversary Sunday, Oct. 21**



An Invitation to Bible Study

SHORT TAKES is a Bible study on Tuesdays from 1:00-2:00 p.m. We use the Contemporary Life Room.

Each session stands alone, so it is fine to come whenever your schedule permits. Starting August 14, we will be reading Psalms. Bring your favorite Bible and a friend and explore these songs Jesus knew and loved.

Violet Cogswell

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Early Worship 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

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“New Sermon Series

God’s Great Questions



Many of us are familiar with the questions that individuals regularly bring to God. Yet how many of us are aware of the questions that God brings to individuals? The Bible is full of questions asked by God of His people. In this series, we examine five conversations in the Old Testament that begin with one of God’s disarming questions. From Adam and Eve in the Garden to the time of prophets, God engages these individuals with questions and exposes their mistaken notions about both God and themselves.

I believe each of these questions also challenge us to struggle with some nagging issue or problem inside us. These questions are able to penetrate our hearts as they were thousands of years ago. Let’s discover the truth of God and the reality of human condition as it is revealed in these surprising encounters.

August 19 “Where Are You?” (Genesis 3:9)

August 26 “Why Are You Angry?” (Genesis 4:6)

September 2 “What Is Your Name?” (Genesis 32:27)

September 9 “What Are You Doing Here?” (1 Kings 19:13)

September 16 “Is My Hand Too Short?” (Isaiah 50:2)

In Christ,
Choongho Kwon