



The Circular

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

Pizza Lunch/ Open House



All are invited to a pizza lunch/open house on Thursday, September 12, 11:30am - 1:00pm in honor of Linda Swanson's 11 years of service as our Administrative Assistant/Operations Manager. Linda's last day in the office will be this Friday, September 13.

Companions Sharing Group

This small group, lead by Jody Watson, begins again this fall by meeting on Tuesday, September 17, 11:30am—1:00pm in fellowship hall. Come enjoy a light lunch, share needs and concerns, have some conversations and discussions, and worship with prayer, scripture, and songs. Topics are geared toward seniors and their companions, but the group is open to all.



Moon Festival Today! 5:00pm

The Moon Festival is a very important Chinese harvest celebration in the fall that commemorates harvest much like Thanksgiving does.



All are invited to a special celebration potluck at FPC with games and activities as well as a traditional mooncake. If you want to help with dumpling making please come at 3:00pm.

Girlfriends' Gathering

Reclaim Your Happy
Saturday, October 12
10:00am
All Women Invited

Our next Girlfriends' Gathering features Ashland author Beth Duewel. Beth is an author, speaker, and blogger at Fix-Her-Upper.com. She is a freelance writer for magazines and compilation books and has long been a contributor to P31 magazine.

Please bring a friend and/or relative to this fun and meaningful fall gathering.



Movie Night

A young Christian family escapes a war zone and survives for years in a Sudanese refugee camp, but can they cope with the values and customs of Middle America? Reese Witherspoon stars in this challenging film when Movie Night returns Friday, September 20 at the home of Bill and Connie Dravenstott. A potluck supper begins at 6:30pm; film starts at 7:00pm.



Children's Church

Beginning September 15, Bethany Blasdel will lead a children's church experience during Sunday worship for children 3rd—6th grade. The kids will have a variety of activities, spiritual exercises, Bible study, crafts, service projects, etc. during this time.

On the first Sunday of each month, the children will stay in the sanctuary. For all other Sundays, the children will meet in the narthex during the offering and Bethany will lead them to the space they will be using that morning.



FPC Next Couple of Weeks

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8 Communion 10:00am Coffee 10:30am Worship 3:00pm Dumpling Making 5:00pm Chinese Moon Festival Potluck	9 6:00pm Rooted Cohort	10 9:00am Worship Planning 8:00pm AA	11 10:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Praise Band	12	13	14 Presbytery Meeting Camp Wakonda 5:00pm Potluck 6:00pm Chinese Church

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15 9:00am E&O Ministry 10:00am Coffee 10:30am Worship 5:30pm Small Group @ Eckenroths'	16 6:30pm PMS Saccomen's home	17 9:00am Worship Planning 11:30am Companions Sharing Group 8:00pm AA	18 Healing Care Event 10:00am Bible Study 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30pm Praise Band	19 Healing Care Event	20 Healing Care Event 6:30pm Movie Night Dravenstotts' Home	21 Healing Care Event 5:00pm Potluck 6:00pm Chinese Church

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GOD GATHERS US

Preparation for Worship

Howard Thurman

Lord, open unto me
Open unto me—light for my darkness.
Open unto me—courage for my fear.
Open unto me—hope for my despair.
Open unto me—peace for my turmoil.
Open unto me—joy for my sorrow.
Open unto me—strength for my weakness.
Open unto me—wisdom for my confusion.
Open unto me—forgiveness for my sins.
Open unto me—love for my hates.
Open unto me—thy Self for my self.
Lord, Lord, open unto me! Amen.

Prelude

God and God Alone

arr. Leatherman

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

based on Psalm 108:1-4

One: Our hearts are ready, O Lord,
our hearts are ready!

**All: We will sing and make melody!
We will awaken the dawn!**

One: We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples,
we will sing praises to you among the nations.

**All: For your steadfast love is great above the heavens,
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.**

***Opening Song** *Jesus Messiah*

***Opening Prayer**

***Song of Praise** *Lord I Need You*

Prayer of Confession

Moment of Silent Confession

One: Hear the good news!

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ,
and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

***Gloria Patri** #579

Presentation of Our Sacrifices and Offerings

(Place information cards in the offering plate.)

Offertory *Where Two or Three are Gathered* arr. DeCou

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading	Mark 9:33-37	p. 45
	Luke 9:46-48	p. 70
	Matthew 18:1-5	p. 19

Sermon "Child of God—Our Way of Life"

Pastor Mike Parker

WE RESPOND

A Time of Prayer, Reflection, and Ministry

Words of Institution

***Hymn of Response** #508 *For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

GOD SENDS US

***Closing Prayer**

***Blessing**

***The Peace**

May the peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you!**
(Greet one another in Christian love.)

***Postlude**

*Please Stand, as able