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LAUREL SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Do you want to join Laurel's summer softball team? Games are played at the Rochester Community Park diamonds at 1:45 p.m. on Sundays.

If you are interested in playing, please call the church office. Join us any Sunday afternoon to cheer on Laurel's team.

Let's Play Ball!

Bible in One Year, Weeks 25 to 27

Having finished the book of Psalms, the reader now moves into the book of Proverbs. The first twenty-nine chapters were intended for instruction of males who were in court. These wisdom sayings are often attributed to Solomon, but scholars believe they are a collection of folk sayings passed on through multiple generations of instructors to shape moral character. The final chapters are poems and essays. They were written with a rhythmic pattern to make it easier for the student to memorize. In fact, in one of the most famous Proverbs, Proverbs 31:10-31, about a wife of noble character, each stanza begins with a different letter of the Hebrew alphabet.

Instruction of the next generation is important. Dr. John H. Westerhoff III asked the provocative question back in 1976 in his classic work entitled, **Will Our Children Have Faith?** In it he argued that passing along the faith from one generation to another must take a multi-faceted approach. We cannot

rely solely on Sunday School. It must be taught and modeled at home, in worship, in the church community, and in individual instruction with the goal being faith, not knowledge. In other words, it takes a living faith in God to generate a living faith in others! It takes people who have connected with God, providing the opportunities necessary for God to connect to the next generation. This is why we, the church, take the words of commitment in the baptismal liturgy so seriously. It takes an entire congregation with a living faith to help our children have faith. The goal in this sacrament is faith, not fulfillment of a ritualistic expectation.

It is amazing that even after thousands of years, the truth these wisdom sayings still possess. However, it may be helpful for you to re-contextualize a few. Not many spin wool and flax anymore, but it is my hope that you notice just how important it is to pass on our wisdom and faith to the next generation. It is so important, that one book of the bible is devoted to it!

Happy reading. *Kent*

SUNDAY, JUNE THE 25TH IS HERO SUNDAY!

All are invited to come wearing or carrying something that shows everyone who you hold as your hero (cape, shirt, action figure, etc.), super hero, sports hero, historical hero, Biblical hero and more. Endless possibilities. Adults and children are asked to participate. Photos will be taken. **"It's not who I am, but what I do that defines me."** *Batman*



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Caring Prayer List

June the 18th – 24th

Gene and Elmina Carroll; Karen Holmes Hall; Marilyn Hindson; Jo Johnson; Dick and Cindy Nagle; Mary Navkal; Terry and Debbie Neathery; Carla and Grady Peavy.

June the 25th – July the 1st

Dave, Brandy, Cooper and Marley Stubblefield; Dottie Troop; Andy and Deb Van DeVoort; Rick and Barb Van Giesen; Nathan and Jillian Briggs; Jim and Betty Wabel; Bob, Bev and Brian Westberg; Greg, Carol, Jason and Nicholas Young.

July the 2nd – 8th

Ben, Susan, Nathaniel and Lori Berry, Olivia and Garrett Christy; Chris, Erika, Mackenzie and Landon Raymond; Carolyn Fritz; Sandra Fritz; Mark, Robin and Lauren Gauss; Jack, Lynn, Kate, Jessica and Natasha Handy; Pat-sy Lozosky.

July the 9th – 15th

Pat Gallagher and Rick Gosch; Mark, Kelli and Grace Ford; Charles McCaffrey; Jeff, Shelley, and Bradley Hermann; Alina Lysohir, Jude and Max Pagliara; Jessica, Chris, Corbin and Vance Unthank; Richard Stults; Charlotte Wymer.



Caring Thoughts from the Parish Visitor

Here are some thoughts for you to ponder as you enjoy the summer.

10 Phrases of Wisdom

1. If you're too open minded, your brains will fall out.
2. Age is a high price for maturity.
3. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than going to a garage makes you a mechanic.
4. My idea of housework is to sweep the room with a glance.
5. If you look like your passport picture, you probably need the trip.
6. A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good.
7. Men are from Earth. Women are from Earth. Deal with it.
8. No husband has ever been shot while doing the dishes.
9. Middle age is when broadness of mind and narrowness of the waist change places.
10. Blessed are they who can laugh at themselves for they shall never cease to be amused.



Emogene Van Scyoc will be 94 on July the 8th
Mary Flatt will be 90 on July the 12th
Clara Poore will be 93 on June the 14th



Bill and Marilyn Israel will be married 66 years on June the 17th
Tommy and Nancy Wilkison will be married 54 years on June the 22nd

Sue and Ron Riggle will be married 51 years on June the 25th
Phil and Kathy Daykin will be married 58 years on June the 28th
Roy and Kay Nash will be married 54 years on June the 29th
Don and Bev Bergdolt will be married 51 years on July the 2nd
James and Betty Wabel will be married 65 years on July the 5th



Our goal and purpose is to **know** the Good News of **God's love, fellowship and care** for each other, **reach out** into the community, **share** in God's Word, and to offer ourselves in **service** to God.

**BABY FOLD IS
 JULY THE 22ND TO THE 29TH
 HAVE YOU REGISTERED?**

VOLUNTEER THIS SUMMER

VBS Mini Camp
 is June the 27th, 28th, and the 29th
 from 5:30 (dinner) to 8:00 p.m.
Hero Super Summer Reading Program
 Begins June the 18th to July the 30th
Kid's Cook - date to be announced



MISSION TEAM SOUGHT

Senior High
Habitat for Humanity Mission Trip
JULY THE 9TH TO THE 16TH
Come join the 2017 mission team!

It will be the hardest and the most rewarding week of your summer. Our build this year is in **Fayetteville, Arkansas**. Prayerfully consider joining us. We are His hands, His feet, and His eyes of compassion in a world of need. By going on this mission trip, you allow God to use your hands to build hope for the future. Step out of your comfort zone ... we eat, we work, we pray and we even have a lot of fun! It is Amazing! **If you have questions, please contact Doug Rothe at 741-7667, or JoAnn Overholt at 525-1866, or e-mail her at joverholt@laurelumchurch.org.**

REGISTER TODAY for the 2017 Habitat for Humanity Mission Team

Name _____
 Phone # _____ Cell # _____
 Address _____

 Email _____

Return to Laurel UMC with your \$75.00 fee. Make checks payable to Laurel UMC. Put "mission trip" on the memo line.

Double Edge "For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword" Hebrews 4:12

Double Edge (high school youth)

Schedule:

June the 18th—Summer Reading Program (help distribute information to Sunday School Classes)

June the 25th—Hero Day

June the 27th, 28th and the 29th—VBS Mini Camp (help with VBS 5:30-8:00 p.m.)

July the 2nd—Mission Trip Orientation

July the 9th to the 16th—Mission Trip

July the 22nd to the 29th—Baby Fold

Riot

(Rejoice in One Truth)

Riot (Junior High Youth) Schedule:

June the 18th—Summer Reading Program (help distribute information to Sunday School Classes)

June the 25th—Hero Day

June the 27th, 28th and the 29th—VBS Mini Camp (help with VBS 5:30-8:00 p.m.)

Youth groups meet Sunday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted. A snack supper is served when the group's activity is at Laurel. You are always encouraged to contact JoAnn Overholt, Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries at 525-1866, or joverholt@laurelumchurch.org.

GET CAUGHT UP IN A SUPER BOOK!

NEW FICTION BOOKS:

The Right Attitude to Rain
by Alexanderr McCall Smith
Be a Good in the World
by Brenda Knight
Lion by Saroo Brierley
Refining Fire by Tracie Peterson
Treasured Grace by Tracie Paterson
Sea Rose Lane by Irene Hannon
It Happens Every Spring
by Catherine Palmer and Gary Chapman
The Forgotten Recipe
by Amy Clipston

New Juvenal Books:

Heros of Pearl Harbor: 10 True Tales
by Allan Zullo
Magic Treehouse: Dingoes at Dinner-time
by Mary Pope Osborne
Magic Tree House Fact Tracker: Heroes for all Time
by Mary Pope Osborne and Natalie Pope Boyce
Magic Tree House Fact Tracker: Horse Heroes
by Mary Pope Osborne and Natalie Pope Boyce
Magic Tree House: High Time for Heroes
by Mary Pope Osborne
Starlight Animal Rescue: Mad Dog
by Daley Mackall
Starlight Animal Rescue: Runaway
by Dandi Daley Mackall
The Secret Garden
by Frances Hodgson Burnett
Corrie ten Boom: Heroes of the Faith
by Kaylena Radcliff

NEW FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY:

Man's Best Hero: True Stories – Great American Dogs by Ace Collins

NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS:

You Go First
by Mercer Mayer
Clifford to the Rescue
by Norman Bridwell
Clifford's Good Deeds
By Norman Bridwell
Let There Be Light
by Archbishop Desmond Tutu
Little Ree
by Ree Drummond
Nubs: The True Story of a Mutt, a Marine and a Miracle
by Major Brian Dennis, Kirby Larson, Mary Nethery
She Persisted
13 American Women Who Changed the World
by Chelsea Clinton
We're All Wonders
by R.J. Palacio
The Berenstain Bears Bless our Pets
by Mike Berenstain

NEW "I CAN READ" BOOKS:

The Berenstain Bears Help the Homeless
by Jan and Mike Berenstain

NEW AUDIO BOOK:

The King of Torts
by John Grisham

You're much stronger than you think you are. Trust me.

Superman

DISCOVER YOUR INNER STRENGTH AND BE A HERO

Blooms in June

Again we are getting ready to shower our shut-ins and seniors with floral bouquets.



How can you help?

On Friday, June the 16th, and again on Friday, June the 23rd, you can bring Hosta leaves to the church, or any other foliage from your garden that would add to the flowers we will purchase.

On Sunday, June the 18th, and again on Sunday, June the 25th, you can pick up a bouquet and deliver it to the person whose name we will provide for you.

If you are a talented flower arranger, we could use your help on Saturday, June the 17th, and again on Saturday, June the 24th, to create beautiful bouquets.

Please contact Gail Lehmann at 525-1866 or glehmann@laurelumchurch.org if you want to help assemble the bouquets in order to get detailed times and place. I encourage our newest members and attendees to come and join the fun.

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Church Family News

- * Many thanks to Brenda Edgar for her thoughtful gift to the Laurel Book Club. On the evening of June the 6th we discussed the book, "A Field of Marigolds." Brenda surprised us by giving each person who attended a marigold plant.
- * Thank you, Laurel friends, for thoughts, prayers, cards, food and rides while I was recuperating after knee surgery. I am now doing very well. Anna Stauder

Summer Theater

Several Laurel members and friends are involved with local musical theater productions this summer. Please show your support and try to catch these shows:

State Fair at New Salem's Theatre in the Park: June the 23 to the 25th, June the 29th to the 30th, and July the 1st - **Melissa Blankestyn** directs music in the show, **Mary E. Myers** plays in the orchestra, and **Michelle Tebrugge** is in the ensemble.

Mary Poppins at Springfield Muni Opera: June the 30th, July the 1st and 2nd, and July the 5th to the 9th at 8:30 p.m. **Kathy Sees** plays the Bird Lady, and **Gus Gordon** plays George Banks.

White Christmas at Springfield Muni Opera: July the 21st to the 23rd, and July the 26th to the 30th, at 8:30 p.m. **Dennis O'Brien** plays Mike Nulty.

Arsenic and Old Lace at New Salem's Theatre in the Park: August the 3rd to the 6th, at 8:00 p.m. **Andy VanDeVoort** plays Jonathan Brewster.

Grease at Springfield Muni Opera: August the 11th to the 13th, and August the 16th to the 20th, at 8:00 p.m. **Melissa Blankestyn** directs music in the show, and **Mary E. Myers** plays in the orchestra.

THE LAUREL CINEMA CLUB

Tuesday, June the 20th at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor

Join us for, *Mildred Pierce*. When Mildred Pierce's (Joan Crawford) wealthy husband leaves her for another woman, Mildred decides to raise her two daughters on her own. Despite Mildred's financial successes in the restaurant business, her oldest daughter, Veda (Ann Blyth), resents her mother for degrading their social status. In the midst of a police investigation, after the death of her second husband (Zachary Scott), Mildred must evaluate her own freedom and her complicated relationship with her daughter.

WHAT IS STEPHEN MINISTRY?

Stephen Ministry is based on the idea that all Christians are ministers. God has given us all gifts for ministry, and called us to put those gifts to use. Stephen Ministry is a program where people with special gifts for caring, are trained and organized to provide focused care to others who are experiencing challenges or difficult times in their lives. Stephen Ministers receive 50 hours of training, and are then commissioned by the congregation. The Stephen Minister meets one-to-one, with a care receiver of the same sex to show their Christian care by listening, supporting and encouraging, praying, being dependable and trustworthy, and maintaining confidentiality. These meetings continue for as long as the care receiver benefits from the relationship. It is the Stephen Minister's goal to bring God's love and healing power to those who most need it. Stephen Ministry is Christ caring for people through people.

JOB SEARCH

The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) members and Pastor Kent Lolling are seeking to fill the newly-named position of Director of Adult Faith Formation. The position will focus, as the title implies, on faith formation, and not include inviting, connecting and integrating new members, which Alyce Foster is managing. When the position is filled, you will see the Director of Adult Faith Formation all over the place ... on Sunday mornings, with small groups, coordinating volunteers, training leaders, and brainstorming new ideas with you. The SPRC is focusing on filling the position with the best candidate, rather than filling it by a specific date. In the meantime, our dependable staff has pitched in, taking on additional tasks and responsibilities. We are grateful.

Pastor Lolling and SPRC members are always ready to chat. Let us know if you have questions.

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LAUREL UMC CALENDAR

BR—Bride's Room P—Parlor CR—Choir Room JrH— Junior High SrH—Senior High

Sunday, June the 18th

Blooms in June
Peace with Justice Special Offering
Happy Father's Day!

8:30am Jazz-Style Worship*
 9:30am Sunday School
 9:30am Blended Worship*
 10:45am Traditional Worship*

Monday, June the 19th

12:00pm Toastmasters, 303
 6:00pm COA, 201
 6:00pm Knit Night, 303
 7:00pm Stephen Ministry, BR

Tuesday, June the 20th

HONOR FLIGHT
 8:00am Marketing Sr Lifestyles, 303
 9:30am Clara Swain, FH
 10:30am Muscles in Motion, FH
 11:15am Forever Strong, FH
 11:30am Staff Meeting, L
 1:30pm Joy of Movement, FH
 5:30pm Aware, 106
 6:00pm Altrusa, 201
 6:30pm Movie night, P

Wednesday, June the 21st

First Day of Summer
 9:30am Laurel's Quilters, FH
 10:00am Men's Aware, 303
 1:00pm SIU Wellness, 303
 5:30pm Men's Aware, 106
 5:30pm Centering Prayer, Ch
 6:00pm Sierra Club "From the Ashes" documentary, FH

Thursday, June the 22nd

9:30am Scribbles, 203
 10:00am Women Aware, 303
 10:35am Muscles in Motion, FH
 11:15am Forever Strong, FH
 1:00pm SIU/CSN, 303
 7:00pm Nar-Anon, BR

Saturday, June the 24th

Relay For Life Weekend at Southwind Park—Noon to 10:00 p.m.
 1:00pm Kamen Petkov Recital

Sunday, June the 25th

Asbury Children's Supper Hour
Special Offering
Blooms in June
Hero Sunday/Laurel's Lights Celebration

8:30am Jazz-Style Worship*
 9:30am Sunday School
 9:30am Blended Worship*
 10:45am Traditional Worship*
 2:00pm Diane Dietz recital

Monday, June the 26th

12:00pm Toastmasters, 303
 5:15pm Mission Team, 106
 7:00pm Boy Scouts, FH

Tuesday, June the 27th

9:30am Stitch N Go, FH
 10:30am Muscles in Motion, FH
 11:15am Forever Strong, FH
 11:30am Staff Meeting, L
 1:30pm Joy of Movement, FH
 5:30pm Aware, 106
 5:30pm Hero Mini-Camp, FH
 6:00pm LLSS/TIP rehearsal, CR

Wednesday, June the 28th

9:30am Laurel's Quilters, FH
 10:00am Men's Aware, 303
 1:00pm SIU Wellness, 303
 5:30pm Centering Prayer, Ch
 5:30pm Hero Mini-Camp, FH
 6:30pm LLSS/TIP rehearsal, CR

Thursday, June the 29th

9:30am Scribbles, 203
 10:00am Women's Aware, 303
 10:35am Muscles in Motion, FH
 11:15am Forever Strong, FH
 1:00pm SIU/CSN, 303
 6:30pm LLSS/TIP rehearsal, CR

Sunday, July the 2nd

Communion Sunday
Compassion International Special Offering

SCHOOL SUPPLIES MONTH

8:30am Jazz-Style Worship*
 9:30am Sunday School
 9:30am Blended Worship*
 10:45am Traditional Worship*
 6:00pm Mission Trip Orientation, FH

Monday, July the 3rd

12:00pm Toastmasters, 303
 6:00pm MDA Support, 303

Tuesday, July the 4th

Happy Fourth of July
The church office will be closed!

Wednesday, July the 5th

9:30am Laurel's Quilters, FH
 10:00am Men's Aware, 303
 1:00pm SIU Wellness, 303
 5:30pm Men's Aware, 303
 5:30pm First Wednesday Event
 5:30pm Centering Prayer, Ch
 6:30pm LLSS/TIP rehearsal, CR

Thursday, July the 6th

9:30am Scribbles, 203
 10:00am Women's Aware, 303
 10:35am Muscles in Motion, FH
 11:15am Forever Strong, FH
 1:00pm SIU/CSN, 303
 6:30pm LLSS/TIP rehearsal, CR
 7:00pm Nar-Anon, BR

Friday, July the 7th

Newsletter deadline

Sunday, July the 9th

ILCAAAP Special Offering

SCHOOL SUPPLIES MONTH!

8:30am Jazz-Style Worship*
 9:30am Sunday School
 9:30am Blended Worship*
 10:45am Traditional Worship*
 1:30pm SFFA Guild, 201



BE A HERO! Get caught up in a Super Book!

Children of all ages are invited to register for our summer reading program, "Power Up and Read!" This summer's challenge is to read 30 books for the young readers, have 30 books read to you for the non-readers, and to read for 30 hours for the older readers. Audio books can be included!

Super Hero Power Logs and program information will be available in the church library starting on June the 18th. Reading logs will need to be returned on July the 30th. Prizes are awarded! **Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade Challenge:** Gift certificates will go to those reading beyond the 30 hours, and reading the most books.

HERO CENTRAL—Laurel's VBS Mini-Camp June the 27th, 28th, and the 29th 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Schedule:

5:30—6:00p.m. Light Supper
 6:00—6:15p.m. Opening Assembly
 6:15—8:00p.m. Activity Centers
 8:00—8:15p.m. Closing Activities



Hero Central is offered to children ages three, through those having completed second grade. All 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders are asked to volunteer as group assistants and center aids. Teens and adult are needed as volunteers, as group and center leaders, and kitchen helpers.

A New Thing: Hero Central is not just a kid thing! The **Adult Study** will open the door to discover strength in God. This group will be led by Reverend Kent Lolling.

Dinner: We will serve a light supper each evening from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. Please indicate your reservation on the Mini-Camp registration form. Children need to be accompanied with an adult for the meal. A donation basket will be available for the meal.

Registration deadline: To ensure we have adequate supplies and resources for each student (adults and children), please have registrations in by **Monday, June the 19th.**

REGISTER TODAY for Laurel's Mini Camp!

Name: _____

Age: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address _____

Email: _____ If school age, year completed _____

Allergies, Medical information: _____

Cost: \$10.00 for one Hero and \$8.00 for each additional (sibling). Make checks payable to Laurel UMC with "VBS" on the memo line.