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BUTLER SCHOOL SUNDAY

August the 20th

We welcome Tracy Gage, Principal at Butler School to our worship service this Sunday. She will tell us a little about the school and their needs for this year. The following are events planned where volunteers are needed:

- 9/8 - Grandparent's Day Dinner at 5:00p.m.
- 10/25-27 - Fall Book Fair from 9:00a.m. to 4:00p.m.
- 12/7 - Gingerbread Reading/Math Night at 5:00p.m.
- 4/19 - Family Fitness Night at 5:00p.m.
- 2/7-8 - Spring Book Fair

August the 16th—September 6th, 2017



**AUGUST is
UNDIES MONTH!**

A little fun, a little mission!

During the month of August the Sunday School Department will be sponsoring the collection of underwear, socks and t-shirts for the Kumler Outreach Ministry and Butler Elementary School. Please drop off items in the wire basket at the main level elevator.

Join us in the Fellowship Hall on
Sunday, August the 20th
at **9:30 a.m.**

As Karen Hoelzer presents information
on her recent trip to
Ghana and her work with the
**INTERNATIONAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT
NETWORK PROGRAM**



In March of 1996, a group of men and women of faith gathered in Springfield, Illinois to form a new Medical Missions Organization called International Health and Development Network (IHDN). IHDN is a medical missions nonprofit organization that seeks to develop effective and sustainable Primary Health Care programs in small towns and villages in the developing world. We use the earthly Health Care Ministry of Jesus Christ as our model.



Paul Sims will be 91 on September the 10th



Merwyn and Barbara Nelson will be married 50 years on August the 22nd

John and Darlene Summers will be married 63 years on August the 29th

Earnest and Shirley Jones will be married 59 years on August the 30th

Robert and Jeanne Gordon will be married 68 years on September the 7th

Gary and Jean Taylor will be married 51 years on September the 10th



- * Linda Galecki and family, at the recent loss of her father.
- * The family and friends of Sam Winger, who recently passed away.

Caring Thoughts from the Parish Visitor

As we think about the beginning of the school year, we think about new beginnings. There are new students in each class, and, hopefully, we will have some new people who enter the doors of Laurel. Even if someone is not new, but is trying out a different class or activity, we need to help them feel welcome and comfortable in their new setting.

Here are some words from Joan Walsh Anglund for us to think about:

Only the open gate can receive visitors
 Only the open hand can receive gifts
 Only the open mind can receive wisdom
 Only the open heart can receive love

Let us be open to all possibilities as we end the summer and begin this Fall schedule of activities.



Caring Prayer List

August the 20th to the 26th

Steve, Melissa, Elaina and Alex Hodges; Rhonda and Ralph Howland; Jayme Howland; Judy and David Ingram; Kay Alberts; Dard and Marjorie Schmidt

August the 27th to September the 2nd

Bill and Joy Sherman; Peggy Ross-Jones; Cindy Knight; Matt Rice; Jack Travelstead; Gene Van Scyoc; Jane Wagy

September the 3rd to the 9th

Martha Madlinger; Helen Shane; Lauri Miguel; Robert and Barbara Patterson; Martha Reynolds; Carol Robinson; Lowell and Eileen Royal



You are invited to the
HAMILTON'S
(157 Nottingham Drive)

Sunday, August the 27th
Gather at 4:00 p.m.
Eat at 5:00 p.m.

Bring a dish to share, your lawn chairs, and come join us for a fun evening.

Drinks and the main dish (hotdogs, hamburgers, etc.) are provided.

There will be games to play for both the young and old!



LAUREL BOOK CLUB
Tuesday, September the 5th
6:00 p.m. in the Parlor

Join us for lively discussion about ***The Nightingale***, by Kristin Hannah. Cindy

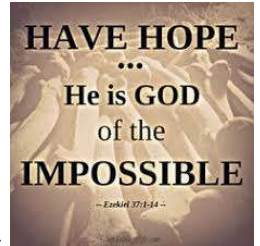
Nagle will lead the discussion. The meal will be provided by Marilyn Kyes and Jean Hanson, and desserts by Debbie Neathery and Jackie Harmon.

At this gathering our Book Selection committee will provide the book titles for the 2017-2018 year.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Bible in One Year, Weeks 34 to 36

What do most pastors long for the most, is it money? No, wrong profession. It is for people to return to the Lord. Beginning in chapter 40 of Ezekiel, during the 25th year of their exile, and continuing to the end of his book, God gives Ezekiel a vision. In that vision, Ezekiel is taken back to Israel and placed on top of a hill. Once there, he views the gates, courts, and the Temple. He also offers the reader significant amounts of detail about the rooms, sizes and dimensions of assorted items, to the point it nearly bores us 21st century readers to tears. The question is, why all the detail? What is its purpose?



The answer is that this is a vision of hope. One day they will return, and, when they do, the re-establishment of a place to worship needs to be at the top of the list. The need to reconnect and reestablish their covenant relationship with God, and with each other, is paramount. It is what nearly every pastor, priest and prophet hopes to see - people faithfully connecting with God. Such detailed description reminds his original audience of their glory days with God, and what is now lost can, but will be re-born. What might seem to us as mind numbing detail, is a source of hope that God has not forgotten them, and is planning with great care and intentionality what the new Israel and new relationship will be like. For a people who thought they were forgotten by God, what a source of hope and joy it is to know that they are remembered, and that God has it all planned out about what it will be like when they return to their homeland!

Our readings in Hosea, Joel and Amos take us on similar journeys from judgement, and call us to repentance, and to the reconnection with God. Our readings also remind us of the power of God to put things back together, things that people believe to be hopelessly gone forever, just like the story of the dry bones in Ezekiel 37.

Do you feel at times that God may have forgotten you? Have your past sins and failures made you feel exiled and alone from God and the Church? In what ways is your soul thirsty? Do you believe God can forgive you and has a desire to connect with you? Apart from Daniel, the theme of our readings over the next few weeks is that, despite the great depths of depravity that humankind continues to sink to, God has not washed His hands of us. God's desire to reconnect with the lost, the forgotten, the exiled, and the powerless, remains, no matter what century it is.

Pastor Kent

Church Family News and Thank You's

- * We are very much appreciative of you lending us the church space for our exercise class on Tuesday afternoons. You are incredibly generous!
-**The Joy of Movement: Dance for Parkinson's**
- * Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$692.00 received in 2017. Your gift helps us purchase food and supplies needed to accomplish our mission of providing meals and activities in a safe, nurturing, Christian environment while responding to the spiritual and social needs of our neighborhood children. Blessings, Nancy R. Edwards, Co-treasurer, **Asbury's Children's Supper Hour**
- * Thank you for your generous gift of \$282.00 to **Illinois Church Action on Alcohol and Addiction Problems**. Thank you for inviting ILCAAAP to speak to all three services, and to share the work of our ministry. Your financial support will help as we prepare to testify at hearings in Chicago and Springfield on the new Lottery private manager, video gambling, and marijuana legalization. We have seen the damage to individuals and families from the use and abuse of this. Gratefully, Anita R. Bedell, Exec. Dir.
- * Thank you, **Jim and Becky Hill**, for weeding around the parking lots of Laurel church. You are amazing!
- * Thank you, **Howard Hennessey**, for seeing to it that the "coffee is on" each Sunday morning. You are appreciated!
- * Laurel UMC, thank you for the use of your building for our meetings of the **SIU Community Support Network** over the years. We give our deepest gratitude for all the support that you have shown to this program and thank you for the kindness and respect that you have shown our clients. Sincerely, Ruta Kilys, Exec. Dir.
- * A great big Thank You to the members of Laurel for the generous number of volunteers who make meals, and those who donated money for future meal needs by **Helping Hands**.
—Karen Ettinger



Laurel ... the food will be great!

Watch for the September "Hot Topic" discussion. Most classes and discussion groups start at 6:00 p.m. Please watch for upcoming class schedules for their exact start times.

Remember to be in mission to our world—near and far!

Back from summer break---

Wednesday, September the 6th

Come and make connections old and new!

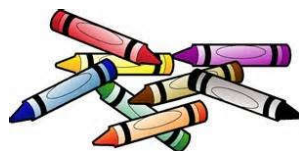
Dinner served from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Attending a class, meeting, dropping off children for Chime Time and Sound Quake practices, or just don't want to cook ... come to

Be a Hero!

Get caught up in a Super Book and keep reading!

It is time to return those summer reading logs, and collect the prize! Please find JoAnn to choose from the prize cart.



Scribbles

Scribbles 2017-2018 new semester start date is **Thursday, August the 31st** **Each Thursday morning from 9:30 to 11:30** we invite you to bring your pre-school aged children for planned activities, music, crafts, games, story time, and a snack. **Scribbles** is a safe, nurturing environment where children experience the love of God and the wonders of His creation. This is a great time for parents to shop, run errands, or just have some down time for themselves. This program is open to anyone in our Laurel family, their friends and neighbors. If you know of anyone who may benefit from this program, please pass this information on to them.

Scribbles has a minimal monthly fee of \$10.00. This fee will be waived if you are involved in a discussion group/project at Laurel during the same period of time. The fee covers crafts, art supplies, snacks, and more. Registration is required. For more information, please call JoAnn Overholt, Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries, at 525-1866, or e-mail her at joverholt@laurelumchurch.org.



**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER THE 5TH
6:00 P.M. IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Join us for a dinner meeting followed by devotions and discussion. We will also make plans for possible future activities. At present we only have two activities on the calendar. Ideas for promoting the mission of this men's group, and for sharing our faith are needed, if the group is to stay together. The Methodist Men is open to any men who attend Laurel. Please indicate in the Sunday bulletin, or call the church office at 525-1866, if you plan to attend. Men of all ages are encouraged to join and share in fellowship with other Methodist men.

Welcome our New Members

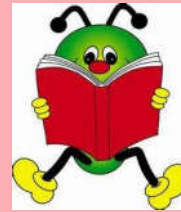



On Sunday, July the 23rd, it was Laurel's joy and privilege to receive four new members by transfer of letter during the 9:30 morning service. It is wonderful to welcome them to the Laurel family! We thank God you chose to join this church family, and are blessed to welcome each of you.

Carol Callarman, and her daughter Emily Ferdina, transferred from Sugar Creek UMC. Carol is employed by Levi, Ray and Shoup, Inc. Emily, a CPA, represented Laurel as a member of our Mission Team on this year's trip to Arkansas. Jackson, Emily's four year-old son, was introduced with his Mom and Grandma.



Bob and Barb Patterson transferred from Rochester United Methodist Church, and are both enjoying retirement.



FALL into READING
Get the Reading Bug and take the Challenge

There are TEN categories ... the challenge is to read a book from as many of the categories starting NOW and ending on September the 30th. You will find bookmarks with the category lists in the library. You may find a book that fits in more than one category. For example, *The Cat in the Hat* is a classic, a book you can read in a day, and a book from your childhood.

Challenge Categories:

1. A book that has been turned into a movie
2. A book considered a classic
3. A book you chose because of the cover
4. A book from your childhood
5. A nonfiction book
6. A book about prayer
7. A book set in your hometown or region
8. A book with a number in the title
9. A book you can read in a day
10. A book by C.S. Lewis or J.R.R. Tolkien

Pick up a Category Bookmark,
Visit Laurel's Library,
And Fall into Reading!



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.

Time to Text: Psalm 63:1-8; Nehemiah 2:17-18; 1 Chronicles 16:8-12, 34-36; Proverbs 24:1-7; Isaiah 14:26-27; Isaiah 54:9-10; Habakkuk 3:17-19; John 8:6-8; 1 John 1:8-9; 1 John 4:7-9. 19-21

PROMOTION SUNDAY is August the 20th—We (junior and senior youth) will serve cookies and juice pouches to all classes, honor our teachers, and guide the groups that move to their new classrooms. Come ready to serve that morning, and have a great time!

COOK OUT on Sunday, August the 27th—We will gather at the home of Reverend John and Ruth Ann Hamilton (157 Nottingham) at 4:00 p.m. for fellowship and games. We will eat at 5:00 p.m. Games include bean bag, washers, ladder ball, and more. Bring a dish to share, lawn chairs and your friends and family!

TEEN CHOIR/TEEN BAND begins Sunday, September the 10th—Make a joyful noise and join us at 10:15 a.m. in the First Floor Teen Band/Choir Room. This is open to all 6th through College age youth. Come serve God by sharing your talent!

YOUTH GROUP begins Sunday, September the 10th—Youth Group meets every Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. On the 10th of September come for the PIZZA and the FUN with friends. We will also be looking at the calendar. Bring your school calendar so we can plan around those activities. Bring your ideas for mission service, study, and fun! BRING FRIENDS!

Come on Sunday Mornings! We need you! Fellowship and sharing your faith journey is important. We need to dig into God's Word and discover ways to be the hands and feet in our world, and everyday experiences.

Riot (Rejoice in One Truth)

(Junior High Youth) Schedule:

August the 20th—Promotion Sunday

August the 27th—Cook Out at the Hamilton's

September the 10th—(10:15 a.m.)

Teen Choir. Teen Band starts

(6:00 p.m.) Youth Group begins

Eat, Play Games, Work on Calendar

Double Edge *"For the word of God*

is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword" Hebrews 4:12

(high school youth) Schedule:

August the 20th—Promotion Sunday

August the 27th—Cook Out at the Hamilton's

September the 10th—(10:15 a.m.)

Teen Choir. Teen Band starts

(6:00 p.m.) Youth Group begins

Eat, Play Games, Work on Calendar

MUSIC! BANDS! CHOIRS! BELLS!

Sound Quake—a vocal music experience for all 2nd through 5th graders. We practice each Wednesday **starting September the 6th at 6:00 p.m.** in the Youth Band/Choir Room on the First Floor. JoAnn Overholt, Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries, leads this group with help from Deb Watts.

Chime Time—a chimes and bells experience for all 2nd through 6th graders. Practice is each Wednesday **beginning on September the 6th at 5:30 p.m.** in the Third Floor Choir Room. Carissa Filipiak, Chime Time Leader, can be reached at 415-4297 with questions.

Teen Choir/Teen Band begins **September the 10th**, and practices each Sunday at 10:15 a.m. in the First Floor Teen Band and Choir Room. All Junior High through College age youth are invited to join us.

Laurel Chorale - is a women's choir that practices every Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. **starting September the 10th** in the Third Floor Choir Room, and is led by Doug Hahn, Music Director.

Chancel Choir - practices each Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Third Floor Choir Room, **starting September the 7th.** Doug Hahn, Music Director, leads the choir.

Asbury Bells - is Laurel's Bell Choir led by our Music Director Doug Hahn. **Practices start on Thursday, September the 7th at 6:00 p.m.** in the Third Floor Choir Room.

LAUREL UMC CALENDAR

BR—Bride's Room
FH—Fellowship Hall

P—Parlor
L—Library

CR—Choir Room
S—Sanctuary

JrH— Junior High
K—Kitchen

SrH—Senior High
Ch— Chapel

Sunday, August the 20th

Butler School Sunday

August is UNDIES MONTH

- 8:30am Jazz-Style Worship*
- 9:30am Sunday School
- 9:30am **International Health and Development Network Program (Ghana) with Karen Hoelzer**
- 9:30am Blended Worship*
- 10:45am Traditional Worship

Monday, August the 21st

- 12:00pm Toastmasters, 303
- 6:00pm COA, 201
- 6:00pm Knit Night, 303
- 6:30pm SHS reunion planning, 201
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts 36, FH
- 7:00pm Stephen Ministry, BR

Tuesday, August the 22nd

- 6:30am Pastor's Bible Study, L
- 9:30am Stitch N Go, FH
- 10:00am LCFS, 201
- 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

Wednesday, August the 23rd

- 9:30am Laurel's Quilters, FH
- 10:00am Men's Aware, 303
- 5:30pm Men's Aware, 106
- 5:30pm Centering Prayer, Ch
- 5:30pm TCCMC Board, 106
- 6:00pm Pastor's Book Study, BR

Thursday, August the 24th

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

Sunday, August the 27th

Fifth Street Renaissance/SARA Center Special Offering

August is UNDIES MONTH

- 8:30am Jazz-Style Worship*
- 9:30am Sunday School
- 9:30am Blended Worship*
- 10:45am Traditional Worship*
- 4:00pm Laurel's Cook Out at the Hamilton's

Monday, August the 28th

- 12:00pm Toastmasters, 303
- 5:30pm Lydia Circle, P
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 36, FH

Tuesday, August the 29th

- 6:30am Pastor's Bible Study, L
- 10:30am Muscles in Motion, CR
- 11:15am Forever Strong, CR
- 11:30am Staff Meeting, L
- 1:30pm Joy of Movement, CR
- 5:30pm Aware, 106

Wednesday, August the 30th

- 9:30am Laurel's Quilters, FH
- 10:00am Men's Aware, 303
- 5:30pm Centering Prayer, Ch
- 5:30pm Men Aware, 303
- 6:00pm Pastor's Bible Study, BR

Thursday, August the 31st

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

Friday, September the 1st

Newsletter deadline

Gauss/Lauer Rehearsal

Saturday, September the 2nd

Gauss/Lauer Wedding

Sunday, September the 3rd

Communion Sunday

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

Monday, September the 4th

Labor Day—Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September the 5th

- 6:30am Pastor's Bible Study, L
- 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
- 6:00pm UM Men's Fellowship, FH
- 6:00pm Laurel Book Club, P

Wednesday, September the 6th

Newsletter mailed

- 9:30am Laurel's Quilters, FH
- 10:00am Men's Aware, 303
- 5:00pm First Wednesday, FH
- 5:30pm Centering Prayer, Ch
- 5:30pm Chime Time, CR
- 5:30pm Men Aware, 303
- 6:00pm Sound Quake, 109
- 6:00pm Pastor's Bible Study, BR
- 6:00pm Powers Squadron, L106

Thursday, September the 7th

- 9:30am Scribbles, 203
- 10:00am Women Aware, 303
- 10:35am Muscles in Motion, FH
- 11:15am Forever Strong, FH
- 6:00pm Asbury Bells, CR
- 7:00pm Chancel Choir, CR
- 7:00pm Nar-Anon, BR

Sunday, September the 10th

Stephen Ministry Sunday

- 8:30am Jazz-Style Worship*
- 8:30am Laurel Chorale, CR
- 9:30am Sunday School
- 9:30am Blended Worship*
- 10:45am Traditional Worship*
- 1:30pm SFFA Guild, 201
- 5:30pm TCCMC, CR
- 6:00pm Youth Group

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NOTE to PARENTS:

Remember Worship Kidstyle! On the second Sunday of each month, we are asking parents to bring their children to the 9:30 a.m. worship service. This is the Sunday that Chime Time and Sound Quake are in worship, and the day that Reverend Lolling will invite our children forward to join him in a Children's Moment to interact and talk about God prior to the children going to their Sunday School classes.

We also encourage you to involve your children in our Sound Quake and Chime Time, where the children have the opportunity to learn music in a wide variety of styles during Sound Quake, and chimes and bells during Chime Time, as well as the beginning fundamentals of reading music. For more information, contact JoAnn Overholt, Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries, at 525-1866, or e-mail her at joverholt@laurelumchurch.org

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