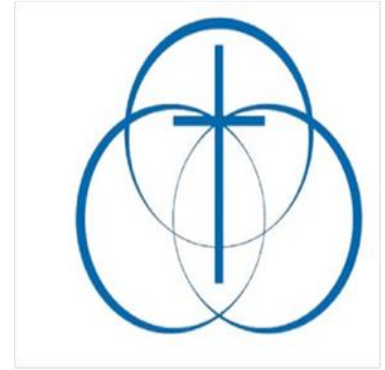


Oneco Hope News

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Greetings Family!

I began sharing with you last month about our Wesleyan Discipleship. We will begin September 4 from 9:00 – 11:00 in the Fellowship Hall. On August 25th, we are inviting you to a Town Hall meeting where we will fully describe the Wesleyan Discipleship process and give you an opportunity for any and all questions.

Last month I described the Covenant – Accountability small groups. This month I will share with you about the “Academy.” The Academy is the teaching/educational arm of Wesleyan Discipleship. Here, for fifty minutes each week you will, together with the entire Wesleyan Discipleship group, prayerfully discuss the chapter(s) of a book that you will have read the previous week. You will be asked, “Where did you encounter God in your reading last week?” A few other relevant questions may also be discussed. Sometimes I teach on the chapter we just read. We will be offering a Biblical, Christ-centered curriculum that centers on Servant growth in areas such as the Holy Spirit, Servant formation, Wesleyan discipleship, Bible reading, prayer, missions, fasting, and leadership.

Are you interested in learning more? Then please

- ✚ First, pray and seek God.
- ✚ **Next, fill out an insert in the bulletin that simply lets us know of your intention to attend the Town Hall Meeting on Sunday August 25th at 2:00 in our Fellowship Hall.**
- ✚ Finally, and very importantly, come to our Wesleyan Discipleship Town Hall Meeting. Here you will hear a complete Wesleyan Discipleship presentation and be able to ask any questions you may have.

Here are some Frequently Asked Questions and Answers that may prove helpful.

1. When are the Wesleyan Discipleship meetings? Wednesday mornings from 9:00 – 11:00 AM.
2. Where are the meetings held? We begin in the Fellowship Hall for the Academy and then use other small rooms throughout our church building for our Loving Accountability groups.

3. Please describe the commitment I will initially be invited to make. You will be invited to commit to attend meetings, read appropriate book chapters, and maintain a personal devotional life, from September 4 through December 4 of 2024. During December, I will be meeting with each candidate to help the candidate discern if God is calling him/her to a longer commitment, from January 2025 – early June of 2026.
4. What is the weekly Wesleyan Discipleship agenda?
 - a. 9:00 – 10:00: Worshiping through singing, and the Academy Meeting: Here we will be together, discussing a book chapter.
 - b. 10:00 – 10:10: Break - and moving to small groups.
 - c. 10:10 – 11:00: The Covenant-Accountability Groups (See last month’s newsletter)
5. What happens if I miss a meeting? If you are ill or on vacation, we understand missing meetings. Otherwise, both for your sake and the sake of the group, we need you to do your very best to attend. To put it simply, Wednesday morning becomes your Wesleyan Discipleship morning. You will be amazed how important your attendance becomes to the group! You will need to attend at least three out of four meetings each month.
6. Does Wesleyan Discipleship take any weeks off? Yes. We take off...
 - a. From mid-June to the beginning of September
 - b. Two-three weeks in December
7. Pastor, why is Wesleyan Discipleship such a priority for you? Wesleyan Discipleship is simply a return to discipleship as lived out by the early Methodists. As your pastor, I long to see God forming you more and more into the image of Christ. Wesleyan Discipleship is by far the most effective means I know for effecting this transformation. I have led Wesleyan Discipleship in my churches since 2007. Here is where I consistently see the most fruit.

God bless us all,

Pastor Gene

Our Mission

To make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

August Birthdays

08/02 Sue Micciche
 08/03 Carol Rankin
 08/04 Judy Dobbins
 08/06 Helen Case
 08/07 Debbie Hanson
 08/10 Linda Bussey
 08/12 Michael Arnold
 08/15 Janet Saver
 08/16 Sharon Stewart
 08/18 Peggy Rebstock
 08/21 Thomas & Christopher Hemp
 08/22 John Bradbury
 08/22 Mary Markle
 08/24 Barbara Mehl
 08/25 John Benson
 08/26 Linda Hale
 08/28 Alek Cram
 08/29 Bill Leytham

August Anniversaries

08/02 Eileen & James Hawblitzel
 08/02 Claudia & Nelson Kellogg
 08/05 Renee & John Paxton
 08/27 Fern & Paul Hency
 08/28 Mary & Cliff Wilson

Please let the church office know if we missed a birthday or anniversary.

New Member Classes
Sunday Nov. 10th & 17th
3:00 – 5:00 PM
Come & See!

No baptism, No communion, No confirmation, No speaking in tongues, No mission trip, No volunteering, No financial gifts, No church clothes. He couldn't even bend his knees to pray. He didn't say the sinner's prayer and among other things, he was a criminal, and he was worthy of death. Jesus didn't take away his pain, heal his body, or smite his scoffers. He was a thief who walked into paradise the same hour as Jesus simply by believing. He had nothing more to offer other than his belief that Jesus was who He said He was. No spin from brilliant theologians. No ego or arrogance. No shiny lights, skinny jeans, or crafty words. No haze machine, donuts, or coffee in the lobby. Just a naked dying man on a cross unable to even fold his hands to pray.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son so that WHOEVER believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life."

(John 3:16)

Because **THAT IS ENOUGH !!**

Dear Church Family,

Summer is flying by. We have been busy gearing up for all that God has planned for us in the days and months to come. Thanks to all of you who have helped with sprucing up the facilities, planning for new ministries and old ministries to start again, preparing to minister to our school across the street, keeping our food pantry open and most importantly praying.

We continue to meet every week together for prayer on Sundays before service at 8:15 in the Prayer Room, Monday Morning Prayer at 9:45 in the Prayer Room, and Wednesday evenings on zoom at 6:30 pm. Please join us!

Praying together is vital to the health of the church. When we pray together God unites our hearts together as one.

Blessings,

Janet Saver

"For where two or more are gathered in my name, I am there among them" (Matthew 18:20)

We need you to fulfill our Mission!!! "To make disciples of Jesus Christ"

Wiggly, squiggly, precious children hungry for love, the love of Jesus, but they haven't heard! They haven't heard the gospel. They don't know they were fearfully and wonderfully made. They don't know that God loves them so much He sent His son to die for them. Don't miss this opportunity to tell them the Good News.

Our Avenue941 ministry begins September 10, 2024. We need you for just a couple of hours on Tuesday or Thursday from 3pm-5pm. We pray with them, read with them, help them with their homework and tell them about Jesus. There will be a training session on August 7, 2024 at Resonate Life Church. If you would like to serve let me know. You will be blessed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

08/04	Reception for Diane & Greg – 4:00 – 6:00 P
08/04	Deadline for receiving school supplies
08/12	Music in Motion in Fellowship Hall 10:00 – 11:00 A
08/14	Family Life Dinner (Men's Group) – 5:00 P
08/19	Leadership Council Meeting in Hebrews Rm - 6:30 P
08/20	Primary Election in Fellowship Hall – 6:00 A – 7:00 P
08/25	Town Hall Meeting in Fellowship Hall – 2:00 – 4:00 P

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