

FAITH IN THE FABRIC OF OUR COUNTRY

WEDNESDAY EVENING 9 SESSIONS

EVENT

Youth and Adults are welcome to a special 9 session conversation exploring how our Judeo/Christian faith was woven into the fabric of the foundation of the United States of America.

Pastor John and Jane are hosting these “Fireside Chats” at the Parsonage located at 487 Starr Avenue Chambersburg PA 17202.

We will begin to gather at 6:30 pm at the fire ring in the back yard of the parsonage. The fire will be going for smores! From 7-8pm Pastor John will lead a study on the influence of the Christian faith in the formation of our nation. Stories of people’s faith in God’s divine providence, and the movement of Christians throughout those formative years will be shared. We will conclude with prayer at 8 pm.

For youth, this will be similar to how Pastor John leads our current Sunday Evenings gatherings so you will feel right at home and a genuinely welcomed.

For adults, this is a short-term opportunity to learn and have fellowship with one another.

Details:

Begins June 2nd and runs through July 28th.

Gathering begins at 6:30 with lesson beginning at 7 pm. Ends at 8 pm.

Stuff needed for Smores and water is provided. (as well as the fire!)

In celebration of Earth Day the Trustees are moving forward with a project to convert all our FLC old style lights to energy efficient LED's. This will save us monthly costs, enhance the lighting in the FLC as currently 3 ballasts are needing replaced, and reduce our electric consumption for years to come. Donations have started and are appreciated. If you would like to make a donation in support of this Earth Day Event please note the donation as "FLC lighting". If donations come in over the cost of the project those funds will go into the designated giving fund for

Building Care. If donations do not come up to the actual cost then designated building fund income will also cover the difference. Thank you for your generous support!

St. Paul United Methodist Church

Sunday, May 9 – Mother’s Day

8:30 & 11:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)

9:45 am Contemporary Family Life Service

9:45 am Children’s Education (A2)

6:30 pm Youth Group

Monday, May 10

7:00 pm Full Staff meeting (Martha)

7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Youth & FLC)

Tuesday, May 11

7:00 pm Cub Scouts (Youth & FLC)

Wednesday, May 12

10:00 am – Noon Food Distribution

1:00 pm Share Group resumes (A2)

7:00 pm Bible Study (On site and Zoom) **(A1)**

Thursday, May 13

7:00 pm SPRC

Saturday, May 15

7:30 pm AA (A1)

Sunday, May 16

8:30 & 11:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)

9:45 am Contemporary Family Life Service

9:45 am Children’s Education (A2)

6:30 pm Youth Group

Office hours are 9am to 1pm Monday through Friday.

Please join the Wednesday Share Group. We are loving, nurturing prayerful followers of Jesus. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday’s at 1pm in room A-2. Our study is “Starting Point” – an 8 session small group conversation about faith. Whether you’re new to faith, curious about God, or coming back to church after some time away, it’s a place where your opinions and beliefs are valued, and no question is off

limits. We share ideas, prayers and fellowship. Hope to see you on Wednesdays starting on April 28.

CONFIRMATION AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Confirmation Sunday is a day when youth make the proclamation of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and enter into full membership in the United Methodist Church. This year Confirmation Sunday will be held on the traditional day of Pentecost Sunday which is May 23, 2021.

In addition to making this public confession of faith, any youth who has not already been baptized will be baptized that Sunday as a part of this service.

This past year I have walked through our Confirmation Class work on Sunday Evenings during youth fellowship. We have explored faith formation, reviewed the scriptures, reviewed the basics of our church history, and encouraged a growing personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Any youth who desires to Confirm their faith and become a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church, this is the time to do so. You MUST contact Pastor John by May 9, 2021 and share with him your desire to confirm your faith on May 23, 2021.

For those who attended the majority of Sunday evenings, there is but one more step to take to be a part of this year's Confirmation Class. That step is to either write a 500-word minimum paper which begins with "Jesus Christ is me personally...." **OR** schedule a time to sit with Pastor John and share your faith verbally. We will schedule ½ hour slots for that time of visiting and faith sharing. The paper is due by May 16, 2021. If you desire a verbal sharing instead you need to make those appointments with Pastor John as soon as possible and they will all be completed before May 16th as well.

For those who have not attended the majority of Sunday Evening Youth sessions, please contact Pastor John and schedule a time to review your faith journey and complete any assignments to complete this journey. The assignments will be based on what sessions of youth you have attended and your current faith journey.

This is truly an exciting time in the life of our youth and we celebrate this Confirmation of their faith journey.

Summer Sunday Evening Youth Times

Youth gatherings continue throughout the summer!!

This year we have a wonderful and awesome way to continue to gather our youth throughout the summer. Every Sunday evening we will gather at the Guilford Ragged Edge Pool! There will obviously be swimming but also pizza, chips, drinks, and sharing of faith.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

Come to the Guilford Ragged Edge Pool anytime from 5pm on and sign in at the normal entry point onto the "St. Paul UMC Youth Sign in Sheet" By printing your name legibly on that sheet you enter for free! (So, you cannot arrive before 5pm but can arrive any time before 6pm). At 6 pm Pastor John arrives with pizza, chips, and water.

At 6:15 after everyone has gotten their food, Pastor John will share a devotion or word of the day to us as a whole group while we snack. This is a devotional sharing, not like Sunday nights now, so it will last 15-20 minutes. Then it is free pool time! Pastor John will hang around to visit as well. The pool closes at 8pm so please have parents pick you up before then.

Other Details:

Yes, you can invite friends. Just have them print legibly on the sign in sheet and they get in free just like you. Pastor John will get their full contact information that evening for future use.

This is for all students who are entering 6th to 12th grades this fall of 2021. Others, like siblings and parents are most welcome to come but just you are the free entry as a youth.

ALL POOL RULES must be followed! In addition, we seek to reveal the loving kindness of Jesus Christ whenever we gather.

If you or a member of your family is graduating this year from High School, College or Technical School, we would like to know so we may

honor them. Please fill out a form found on the information tables and return it to the office by May 23.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the Coffee Bar at the 9:45am service. Training will be provided. If interested, contact Teresa Kable (717)830-3033 or Bobbie Stine (717) 491-6363.