

The Current Newsletter

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF CLEARWATER UMC | AUGUST 2018



Education News

What a great year to be part of Clearwater United Methodist Church! As hosts of the Community Wide VBS, our church had front row seats to the excitement and joy of the Clearwater Community coming together to share our faith and celebrate our Savior. Thanks to Penny Walker and the many, many volunteers who make this happen every year.

Our Christmas in July project kicked off with a tremendous response. If you did not get an opportunity to choose an item from the tree to purchase and donate to our Good Shepherd Preschool and/or Kids Corner program, you can call the preschool office and let Erin know you want to help. Please return your purchases by August 5 (unwrapped) to the tree or office.

We will ring in the new school year with two events on August 12. Our third graders will be honored at morning worship and will each receive a Bible. We hope everyone will stay for game time during the Sunday School Hour. Our Education Fundraiser will be at 11:45 a.m. in Family Life Center. **Everyone** is invited to join us for a sandwich and salad lunch provided by the Education Committee! Our Annual Ice cream and Dessert Bake-off will follow lunch. Bring your homemade ice cream or a yummy dessert to enter the competition. You vote with your \$\$ and the winners take home the "Traveling Wooden Spoon"!

The Education Committee is sponsoring a Parenting Class the four Wednesday nights in September. See this newsletter or our website for more information.

Continuing to Love and Support our Kids

Can't believe how fast the Summer is flying by! The end of Summer means the end of another great year of our kids attending church camp. This year through our fundraising efforts and the generous support of our church family we helped send over 30 kids to camp! *Please see pictures attached.*

A simple thank you doesn't come close to expressing our gratitude to everyone who supported our campers both financially and through your love and prayers. Providing the opportunity to make new friends, reunite with old friends, have lots of fun, and most importantly grow their relationships with God is one of the most important missions of our church. So, from the bottom of our hearts we thank you for continuing to love and support our kids!

Stay tuned for more information as God Squad will be gearing up for another year of fun! All kids 6th grade - High School are invited to join us! We will have a kick off party on September 9th. More info coming soon!

School supplies are on Sale Now!

Please take advantage and pick up a card for school supplies for Operations Christmas child. God Bless all of you for your generous donations.

Parenting Class September 2018 Open to Everyone

If you have never had the chance to experience parenting education, or if you'd like to see improvements in your day to day life with your kids, seize this opportunity! Parenting the Love and Logic Way™ is a fun and insightful parenting program that helps parents learn how to handle power struggles, set expectations, reduce arguing, improve listening, and promote problem solving, all without breaking a sweat. Parents of kids of all ages have learned and used Love and Logic® techniques and experienced great success. Think "Each One, Teach One". You will learn new skills and then as you share with others you will make the world a better place!

Mika Gross, M.S., parenting educator and owner of The Parent's Place in Wichita, will be facilitating this class and will incorporate her years of experience working with children and families, educating and training parents, and teaching about child brain development. Don't miss out on this amazing local opportunity to grow in your knowledge and wisdom as a parent.

Cost \$45.00 per participant, Workbook \$10 (optional)

Register Now at www.theparentsplace.com or print the form at www.clearwaterumc.com and return it to the church office.

2018/19 School Year

Good Shepherd Preschool and Kids' Corner is getting ready to begin our 2018/19 school year! We do have 4-year-old openings available, but our 3-year-old and Kids' Corner programs are almost full!

Good Shepherd will begin school on Monday and Tuesday, August 20th and 21st with a "Meet the Teacher" night the week before. Kids' Corner will begin when USD264 schools are in session on Tuesday, August 14th. We are excited about seeing our new and returning students!

We plan to do field trips for our 4-year-olds on the last Wednesday of the month to coincide with the schools' early release plans this year. This will help us coordinate it in advance with parents and help us to ensure that we can pick our students up earlier in the day.

Thank you so much for all of your help with "Christmas in July." We end up with a lot of small additional expenses with supplies throughout the year, and your support will help us tremendously!

You will want to hear...

Gracia Burnham speak during the morning worship service on September 9th at 9:30am. Gracia and her husband Martin were missionaries kidnapped by the Abu Sayyaf. Hear her tell about their experience and how they kept their faith through it all.

CALENDAR

August 5

9:30 a.m. - Worship, sanctuary*

10:30 a.m. - Fellowship, FH*

10:45 a.m. - Summer Class*

6:00 p.m. - God Squad, FH*

Aug 7

6-7:00 p.m. - Primary Election Day

Aug 8 & 9

GSPS/KCCC Work Days

Aug 9

10:00 a/m. - UMW planning meeting

Aug 12

Promotion/ Backpack Blessing Sunday

11:45 a.m.

Lunch

(provided by Education Com)

Homemade

Ice Cream & Dessert Contest

Aug 13

5-7:00 p.m. KCCC Open House

Aug 14

USD #264/ Kids Corner begins

Aug 15 & 16

6:30 p.m. - GSPS Open House

Aug 17

10:00 a.m. - Holy Crafters

Aug 19

Meeting Sunday

Aug 20/21

GSPS classes begin

Aug 25

9-2:00 p.m.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Aug 26

3/4:00 Vespers

Sept 5, 12, 19, 26

Parenting Classes

Sept 27-30

Clearwater Fall Festival

Nov 4

Annual Church Conf @ Mulvane

Nov 10

Annual Church Auction

Happy Birthday ...

08/02 Zannie Mumma
08/06 Maxine Mikesell
08/08 Gordon Mikesell
08/09 Madison Moyer
08/10 Marlene Whitaker
08/11 Debbie Peterson
08/17 Eli Winter
08/23 Terry Sullivan
08/25 Mark Bird
08/25 Barbara Emberson
08/26 Bob Smith
08/28 Presley Skiles
08/29 Brad Bennett
08/29 Dawn Mumma
08/30 Donna Penley
08/30 David Frye

THANK YOU!!!

Our goal has been reached for our Parking Lot Fund!

You have been awesome in responding to the need for the repair!

We appreciate your generosity!

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You have possibly noticed that there are now new black-out curtains hanging in the stairway windows and a valance in the secretary's office.

Thank you to Linda McCune for making the alterations needed for this project aimed at lowering our utility bills.

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To: Shawl Ministry

What fun I had with the shawl. I was totally surprised and happy! That was such a nice thing for you to do. Thank you so much. You made me happy. I hope to see you soon.

Lots of Love to You, Connie Speer

Happy Anniversary ...

08/01 Jason & Sonia Harris
08/01 Robert & Bonnie Vierthaler
08/03 Alan & Tamera Judd
08/04 Sean & Tracy Fox
08/04 Clay & Dawn Mumma
08/05 Brad & Kim Mize
08/06 Jeff & Vicki DeMott
08/06 Ken & Marilyn Maechtlen
08/12 Bill & Bev Hammers
08/13 Brad & Diane Nickelson
08/14 T.C. & Andrea Bodwell
08/14 Stan & Mindy Evans
08/15 Roger & Jackie Frischenmeyer
08/16 Kris & Sue Noland
08/20 Terry & Mary Sullivan
08/23 Bob & Glenda Smith
08/24 Donald & Elaine Watt
08/24 Rod & Judy Dietz
08/25 Woody & Roxana Stitt
08/26 Neal & Karen Tjaden
08/31 Howard & Penny Walker

Celebrating 50 Years Together

Howard & Penny Walker

are celebrating 50 years together!

Because you have shared in our lives, please join us at an open house on Sunday, September 2nd from 2:00-5:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center at Clearwater United Methodist Church. Your presence is the only gift we request.

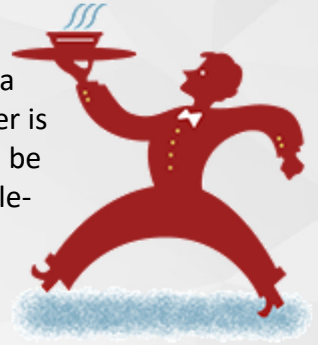
Wells for Life


On Sunday July 22nd, 17 of our CUMC church family walked one mile to raise money for Wells for Life. Wells for Life is a non-profit establishing hand pump wells in villages in India. Nearly \$1,200 was raised. You can still make a donation to this project and make a difference in someone's life. Contact the church office.

What spills out?

Rev. Henry Wingblade once compared the Christian personality to the unseen soup in a bowl carried high over a waiter's head. No one knows what's inside — unless the waiter is bumped or trips. If Jesus is truly living inside us, Wingblade said, what spills out should be the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

When you falter, what do people see? How can your "spillage" better reflect the Holy Spirit, who lives in you?





PUZZLE


GOD'S amazzzzing BEES

God created bees to pollinate flowers and make honey. Psalm 119:103 says God gives us something that's even sweeter than honey.

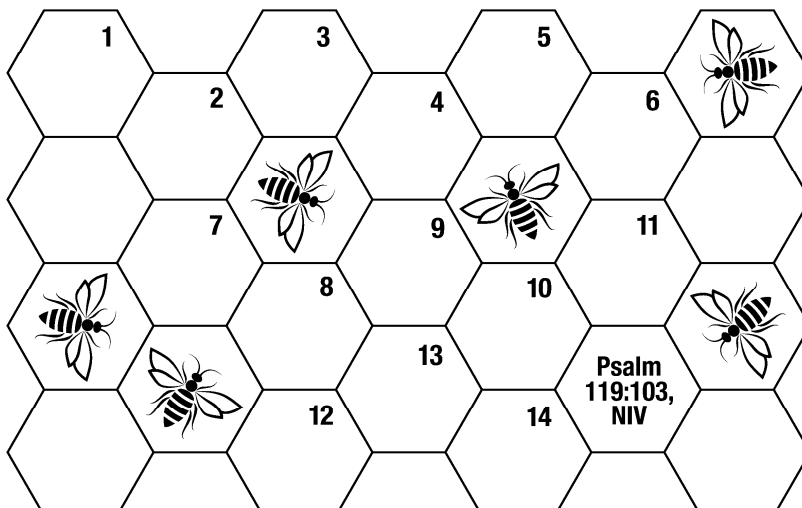
Directions: Find the word that fits each clue. Then write the answers in the correct numbered honeycomb shape to complete Psalm 119:103, NIV.

CLUES

1. rhymes with cow	8. the tongue's job
2. opposite of sour	9. more sweet
3. pronounced "R"	10. rhymes with pan
4. rhymes with four	11. golden liquid
5. Letters create ____.	12. Pleased __ meet you.
6. not too or two	13. rhymes with fly
7. rhymes with by	14. body part

 **WORD BANK**

than your to are
sweet sweeter How
my honey mouth
words to taste, my



Answer: How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Psalm 119:103, NIV

BUMBLE BEE BALLS

Make these yummy treats as a summer snack.

What you need:

- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1½ oz. instant oats
- ¼ cup honey
- ½ cup instant milk powder
- ½ cup dark chocolate chips
- 40 mini chocolate chips
- 20 slivered almonds
- 40 sliced almonds
- Adult help

What you do:

1. In a bowl, mix peanut butter, oats, honey and instant milk powder into dough. If too dry, add more peanut butter or honey.
2. Roll dough into 20 long balls. Place them on a cookie sheet and refrigerate.
3. Melt the dark chocolate chips and place them in a zippered baggie. Cut a tiny bit off one corner.
4. Remove dough from refrigerator. Squeeze thin lines of chocolate as stripes onto the bee bodies.
5. Use two mini chocolate chips for eyes, a slivered almond for a stinger and two sliced almonds as wings. Enjoy!