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*“Grounded in Christ, open to make a difference – together”*

September 2018

# Welcome Home Sunday — September 9

## 9:30 a.m. Worship

— Celebration of God's Presence in Our Lives • Sanctuary Choir begins the season —

**9:45 a.m. Children & Youth Sunday School**

— Classes for Pre-School & Kindergarteners, 1st – 4th Graders and 5th– 12th Graders —

## 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

— Stay and catch up with friends over coffee, milk & donuts —

**10:50 a.m. Adult Sunday School**

## Special blessing for the beginning of school

## Surprises throughout the morning

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## Time of Service

### Sunday, October 7

On October 7 we will have a Time of Service. To help us prepare, please keep your eyes open for small toys and items for the Christmas shoeboxes. Also we will continue making the personal dignity kits, school kits, birthing kits and hygiene kits. We have some of the items we need for these but we are in need of deodorant (2-3 oz.), paper (150 sheets), hand towels, wash clothes, soap (3oz. or larger) and shampoo (3oz or larger). This year we would like add making teacher school bags. These bags include 2 notebooks, 1 pack of loose paper, multi-subject notebook (3 or 5 subjects), 3 red pens, pencils, paper clips, rubber bands, ruler (12" with metric), markers, 8" scissors, dry erase maker, dry-erase eraser. Keep your eyes open.

## Coming Events

## September 29 – Neighbors Duck Race

## October 7 – Time of Service

## October 14 – Cub Flu Shot Clinic

**October 27 – Craft Bazaar /  
Soup & Salad Luncheon**

## November 4 — Kids & Money Workshop

## November 6 – ID Theft Workshop

## November 15 – Tax & Social Security Workshop

## December 1 – Breakfast with Santa

## December 16 – Blue Christmas

# September Birthdays

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9/3 — Sharon Yekaldo  
9/4 — Ramon Nachtsheim  
9/5 — Ronald Brummund, Jr.  
Lileigh Doughty  
9/11 — Harison Van Siclen  
9/16 — John Robert Doughty  
Susanne Short  
9/17 — Olivia Van Siclen  
9/19 — Gerald Gross  
Amanda Peterson  
MariAnne Young  
9/20 — Ethan Chun

9/21 — Doug Van Siclen  
Jack Watchorn  
9/22 — Charles Beardshear  
Bob Scopatz  
John Scopatz  
Taffy Storck  
9/26 — Debra Johnson  
9/28 — Victoria Hovey  
Josephine Kranz  
Claudia Spatafore  
Patricia Williams

- If your birthday is missing or listed incorrectly, contact the church office for additions/changes. Happy Birthday, everyone! •

## Thank you to and for during August...

- **Greeters:** Taffy Storck, Judy Pfenning, and Vesta Lach
- **Liturgists:** Bill Bonkowske, John Scopatz, Carol Schuldt, and Sharon Yekaldo
- **Serving refreshments:** Bill Bonkowske, Fred & Bonnie Dick, and Dan Miller
- **Communion Steward:** Judy Turk
- **Thank you** to the volunteers who helped assemble the June/July newsletter

**BE THE TOOL is getting ready to send out three exciting teams this Fall.** We'd love for you to be involved if you would like. As always, we request your prayer support as we serve families in the communities we travel to. We'd love to have you join us! It's not too late for any of these trips, so go ahead and get on the bus and be a part of something awesome. Or if you'd like to support us financially, we would be grateful for that, too. **FALL 2018 MISSION TRIPS:** 1.) **September 9-15 (Marquette 8)** • 2.) **October 6-14 (NOLA12 — Just can't get enough)** • 3.) **November 4-11 (Puerto Rico 1).**

**If you are interested in any of these opportunities to serve, please contact Rod Scofield:** To sign up or show interest, visit this site or click here: <https://bethetool.wufoo.com/forms/slui80bt0rnhqj6/>

## Are you able to help maintain the church lawn?



Even as we move into Fall the church lawn still needs to be mowed. If you can help with this, please contact Collette Peterson at 651-224-6819. Remember the church has **2 riding lawn** mowers, so invite a friend to come and mow with you.

## **Congregational Care Concerns:**

- ♦ **Dick DeNardo** had knee replacement surgery
- ♦ **Marjorie Mitchell** was hospitalized

## **Care Centers:**

- ♦ **Colleen Spadaccini** – *White Pine, Mendota Heights*
- ♦ **Jerry Lach** – *White Pine, Inver Grove Heights*

**Ongoing Concerns:** *(these will be listed for 3 months and then removed. If you wish for them to remain on the list longer, please contact the church office.)*

- ♦ **Benjamin Brummund**, son of Ron Brummund, Jr., continues to struggle with health problems.

## **Concerns Beyond our Doors:**

- ♦ Those being persecuted for their faith
- ♦ Those separated from family
- ♦ Those living with degenerative conditions
- ♦ Those who are hungry
- ♦ Those who have lost jobs or their homes
- ♦ Those who struggle due to natural disasters
- ♦ Those who grieve

## **Wednesday 6:16 Prayer**

Holy God, in these days help us to love you, to see each other, and to hear where you are calling us.

In the name of Christ who shows us the way. Let it be so. Amen.



**The Mission Well** welcomes your donations to help support the offering of the month. **September's** Mission

Well donations support the Solar Oven Project. This group supplies solar ovens to places around the world. You can put money in the Mission Well in the lobby; you can also learn more about this project in the "Make a Difference" column.



## **† Prayer Partners**

*Prayer Partners will be starting again this fall. Children are paired with an adult prayer partner from our congregation who prays for them and talks with them to promote a feeling of belonging to the church community. Prayer partners are encouraged to send Christmas and birthday cards to the youth to whom they are assigned. If you would like to be a part of this group please talk to Liz Chun at 651-453-1999 and we will happily make the arrangements.*



**The Prayer Chain is active.** If you have a prayer concern, please contact the church office. If unable to reach Susan or Pastor Gail in the church office, please contact Sharon Yekaldo at 651-455-4770; if she is not available contact Carol Schuldt, 651-306-0542. Please make sure the pastor knows so she can respond to pastoral care needs, and knows what is going out over the telephone prayer chain so it can be sent to the e-mail prayer chain as well. If you wish to be involved in this ministry by being either on the telephone chain or the e-mail chain, please speak to Pastor Gail.

**Hospital Calls:** If you learn someone is hospitalized, please contact the church office or Pastor Gail. With new privacy laws, hospitals no longer call when a member is admitted. We would rather have several calls telling us of someone's hospitalization than not to know. Thank you.

**FOR YOUR TIMES OF DEVOTION:** Remember to pick up the **NEWEST issue** of the devotional *The Upper Room* (daily readings in regular or large print). This booklet is found on the table by the parking lot door.

# Steps on the Journey



September and all it brings is just around the corner. Suddenly all our schedules get busier, young people are going back to school, whether it is kindergarten for the first time, entering middle school, becoming a freshman in high school or college, activities are begun that were put on hold for the summer.

Before we move into the fall schedule I want us to pause and think about everything that happened here at Faith. In June we recognized our graduating seniors, celebrating endings and new beginnings. We began our Friday evenings at Covington Court, seeing people we have seen previous years and meeting new friends.

In July we gave away water and cookies to celebrate national sugar cookie day. It was a warm day and there were many smiles and thanks for the water and cookies. We spent time at Garlough School making sure everyone had breakfast and lunch. Hats, food, laughter and sharing – what more do you need. Our evening at Covington Court meant serving food in the rain but people are always hungry.

August found us celebrating chocolate chip cookie day with the people of the Sanctuary. Laughter, cookies and a good time were had by all. We had a pilot project for the outdoor task force with fire-roast pizza and s'mores in the yard. We had neighbors come from down the block and from other communities. I met one woman and her daughter; as we talked she shared that she also watches for events at our

church because they are always fun and well done. But the highlight of the summer for me was our Friday evening at Covington Court. I had challenged you early in the summer to gather 75 backpacks for the kids at Covington. We gathered 87. We brought them out after supper and parents and kids gathered around. The youth and their parents left with huge smiles on their faces. One grandmother walked up to me and wanted to know who we were and why we had done this. I shared that we were from the church down the street and we did it because the people of Covington were important because they were children of God. She grabbed my hand and told me she had just moved into Covington. She now had 3 grandchildren living with her. She had been trying to figure out how to get backpacks for the children for school and there they were. She hugged and thanked me and said we were an answer to prayer.

That is the reason we do these things in the community – to be someone's answer to prayer, to help someone smile and laugh and to remind each person we meet that they are important and a child of God.

It is one more step on our journey of faith together.

*Peace in Christ,  
Gail*



## **Bible Overview Class**

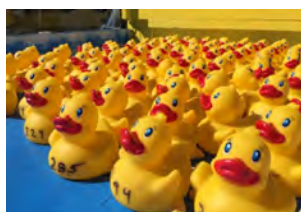
The Bible Overview Class will begin at 12 noon on Monday, September 17 in the Fireside Room. We will be studying the *wisdom literature* of the Hebrew Scripture and then moving on to the prophets of Israel. We invite everyone to join us.

## **FLU CLINIC in October**

On **Sunday, October 14** from 10:30 a.m. until noon **Cub Pharmacy will offer a flu vaccination clinic here at Faith.** Please bring your health insurance card, so Cub Pharmacy can bill your insurance company for the cost of the flu shot. If your insurer does not cover the cost of the vaccination when billed, Cub Pharmacy will pay for the cost. Ages 6 and older may be vaccinated. Ages 65 and older are eligible for the high-dosage vaccination.

## **Great Neighbors' Duck Races: Saturday, September 29, 2018**

**Join Neighbors, Inc.** for a day of fun during West St. Paul's *Touch a Truck* event! All proceeds will be used locally to support Neighbors, Inc.'s emergency and supportive programs. Ducks are



just \$5, and the proceeds go to a good cause! While we can't accept payments for the Duck Races online due to gambling laws, certificates are available by

calling our office or via download. Once you've got a printed copy, fill out the necessary information and return it to Neighbors along with your payment. On race day, every duck will be entered in a preliminary race/heat, and the top finishers in each heat go on to race in the finals at the end of the day. Prizes are awarded to the top three finishers in the final race, and the last duck to finish that race — dubbed the Lazy Duck — also receives a prize. The winner of each heat throughout the day will also receive a prize.

**Ducks are available to purchase here at Faith from Karen Cohoes.** Remember, this year's grand prize is a \$500 shopping trip at the Mall of America!

## **Conversations on a Way Forward**

Last fall, Bishop Ough hosted 15 different Conversations on A Way Forward across the Dakotas-Minnesota Area. They were attended by over 1,000 lay and clergy members.

Again this fall, Bishop Ough will host a series of gatherings across the Area to continue the Conversations on A Way Forward as the denomination prepares for the special session of General Conference on February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis.

All interested persons are invited to participate. However, Bishop Ough encourages lay and clergy members of Annual Conference, local church lay leaders and key local church leaders, in particular, to attend.

These gatherings are timely for the following reasons:

- The members of the Commission on a Way Forward have completed their work, and their report has been submitted to the Commission on General Conference.
- The Council of Bishops has endorsed the One Church Plan.

Other petitions related to the Commission's report will be available to the General Conference delegates and the church by this fall. In addition to information about the proposals that will be before the delegates to the 2019 General Conference, the gatherings will provide a setting in which to share resources and tools for how to facilitate dialogue and build resiliency in local churches.

In preparation for the gatherings, Bishop Ough encourages persons & congregations to read *Anatomy of Peace* by the Aringer Institute and *God Unbound* by Elaine A. Heath. Bishop Ough also encourages all United Methodists to participate in the denomination-wide prayer vigil, [Praying Our Way Forward](#).

## **Schedule:**

**Bloomington:** Normandale Hylands UMC (9920 Normandale Blvd) Thursday, Sept. 27, 6:30-9:00 pm.  
**Woodbury:** The Grove UMC (7465 Steepleview Road) Monday, October 1, 6:30-9:00 p.m.

## Extra Help Rolling in & out of Food Shelf

Do you have a large rolling suitcase sitting around picking up dust? Why not donate it to help a family in need. With each family receiving a week's supply of food, it can sometimes be difficult to transport all the food if a client is walking or taking the bus. Help out today by donating your old large rolling suitcase to the Neighbors, Inc. food shelf.



### **Most needed items at the moment:**

- Pancake Syrup
- Juice -Jelly
- Toilet Paper & other hygiene products
- Kid-friendly foods (fruit cups, EasyMac, etc.)
- Baking items (flour, oil, sugar, seasonings)

## LYDIA PROJECT

In 2020, General Conference will take place in Minneapolis. The **Lydia Project** is making purple scarves for each of the delegates who will be coming. Sharon Yekaldo has become a member of this group. She has set a goal of making 100 scarves before June, 2019! To help Sharon with this project we are collecting purple yarn (Vikings or Prince purple), no variegated yarn and no lavender. Acrylic yarn is preferred so the scarves can be washed. Please give your yarn to Sharon. If you do not have yarn, you can give Sharon money for her to purchase the yarn. Read more about the project at <https://www.minnesotaucmc.org/lydiaproject> and learn about Lydia herself in Acts 16:11-15.

## Reimbursements

If you purchase anything for the church, please turn in your receipt to George Brown or Pastor Gail so that you may be reimbursed. If you would like to donate the item to the church, give the receipt to Bill Short or Pastor Gail and it will be recorded on your giving record.



## End of Life Packet

We have put together a packet of information related to end-of-life issues. It contains basic information as well as information related to Faith Church. There is a section for personal information that you can copy and share with your family and pastor. There are samples of documents to be considered as well as a resource guide for your use. These packets are available on the table outside the offices.

## Growing Through Loss Coalition

The 2018 Fall Series will be held at Church of the Risen Savior, 1501 East County Road 42, Burnsville, on Tuesday evenings, Sept. 11, 18, 25 and October 2. Brochures are available on the table by the parking lot door.

## United Methodist Women—Twin Cities District Fall Gathering & Annual Business Meeting

**September 29, 2018 ~ 8:30 am**

**Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church**

Guest Speaker will be Sara Nelson-Pallmeyer,  
Executive Director of Exodus Lending  
(Exodus Financial Services)

### **The purpose of this nonprofit organization is**

- to provide trapped payday borrowers a just pathway to financial stability
- to help free people from the bondage of debt caused by predatory lenders
- to do its work through its values of transformation, relationship, transparency, and faith rooted action

More information and registration form will be in the Fall/edition of *Twin Cities Connection* newsletter.

### **★ Need a day brightener or thought provoker?**

Dial up *Ideas for Positive Living!*

Every Thursday Gil Kinnunen provides an uplifting phone message.

So call 651-602-2176 each Thursday for a weekly picker-upper!

## **October Mission Well**

**The Tabernacle at Koronis Ministries** in Paynesville has been part of people's lives for over 90 years at the retreat center. Thousands of people have gathered and dedicated their lives to Christ in the historic structure built in 1922. But needs have changed dramatically over the past century. As building standards, technology, expectations of camp groups, and the use of the facility evolved, they created needs that the building could no longer accommodate. The historic Tabernacle had no restrooms, air conditioning, ceiling fans, or heat, and it wasn't able to be used year-round. Years of use had resulted in a leaking roof and a cracked foundation that cause water to puddle inside.

The beloved Tabernacle was razed in spring 2015—and a capital campaign for a new Tabernacle began. Plans have come together for a new year-round, multi-level, multi-use worship and meeting center overlooking Lake Koronis with capacity for more than 300 people. The new Tabernacle will be available year-round with state-of-the-art technology, modern amenities, and full accessibility. Groundbreaking on the new building is slated for Labor Day, 2018.

Koronis is on the verge of building its new Tabernacle (with unfinished space on the bottom floor for a future dining room), but churches' and individuals' help is needed to bring it to fruition. Through the generosity of individual donors and the [2013 sale of Camp Kingswood](#), \$1.6 million has already been promised toward this \$2 million project, but another \$400,000 is needed to make it happen. Each congregation is asked to designate a time to help raise money for the new Tabernacle with a goal raising \$1,500 per church.

Koronis has been a part of Faith's camping history. Before it was a United Methodist Camp it was the E.U.B. camp for Minnesota. The October mission offering will go to the Koronis Tabernacle Fund.

## **MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

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### **Solar Oven Partners UMC**



Solar Oven Partners, working through the Volunteers in Mission shares solar ovens in places where historical and current social, political and economic forces have forced people to live with financial adversity, exposure to things detrimental to health and a ravaged natural environment. Volunteers bring the ovens and instruction on how to assemble and use them.

Solar Oven partner with a regional church body who connects us to the individual churches and communities where we will hold our solar cooking seminars. It is important that the local and regional church leadership provide the seminar leadership for continuing learning after the volunteers leave.

The reduced need to purchase cooking fuel can save a family significant funds day after day, year after year. We provide the ovens with generous donations. But the oven recipients contribute approximately 10% of the cost of the ovens. This assures that they have understood the value that the oven will add to their lives, and that they will care for it, and provides pride of ownership. It also provides the funds for the indigenous church to follow up and to bring this ministry to other communities when VIM teams leave.

Solar ovens are used on Native American reservations in the United States, various parts of Africa, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico and Haiti as well as other parts of the world.

The cost of one oven is approximately \$150.



# September 2018 Worship Schedule

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## **September 2 — 15th Sunday after Pentecost** — *Sacrament of Holy Communion*

*Scripture Readings:* Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 15-16, 21-23

Sermon title: "Receiving and Using our Gifts"

Greeter: Taffy Storck

Lay Reader: Sharon Yekaldo

Fellowship Time host:

Communion Steward: Sharon Yekaldo

## **September 9 — Welcome Home Sunday**

*Scripture Readings:* Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125; James 2:1-17; Mark 7:24-37

Sermon title: "Find a Place"

*Blessing of the Students, Teachers, and Others Who Work with Education*

Greeter: Gloria Gurtin

Lay Reader: Gil Kinnunen

Fellowship Time host:

## **September 17 — 17th Sunday after Pentecost**

*Scripture Readings:* Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

Sermon title: "Power of the Word"

Greeter:

Lay Reader: Angela High-Pippert

Fellowship Time host:

## **September 23 — 18th Sunday after Pentecost**

*Scripture Readings:* Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37

Sermon Title: "Welcoming and Living"

Greeter:

Lay Reader: Dana Scopatz

Fellowship Time host:

## **September 30 — 19th Sunday after Pentecost**

*Scripture Readings:* Ester 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22; Psalm 124; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

Sermon Title: "Using Your Life"

Greeter:

Lay Reader: Ann Beardshear

Fellowship Time host:



# September 2018 Calendar

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Sun., 9/2	9:30 a.m.	Worship	Wed., 10/3	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time	Thurs., 10/4	11:00 a.m.	Mobile Meals
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School	Sat, 10/6	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
Mon., 9/3		Office Closed	Sun., 10/7	9:30 a.m.	Worship
Tues., 9/4	6:00 p.m.	Stewardship Committee		9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth
Wed., 9/5	6:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees			Sunday School
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal		10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
Thurs. 9/6	11:00 a.m.	Mobile Meals		10:50 a.m.	Time of Service
	6:00 p.m.	Finance Committee	Mon., 10/8	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council		6:30 p.m.	Welcome Team
Sat, 9/8	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast	Wed., 10/10	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sun., 9/9	9:30 a.m.	Worship	Sun., 10/14	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth		9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth
		Sunday School			Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time		10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School		10:30 a.m.	Flu Clinic
Mon., 9/10	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group		10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
Wed., 9/12	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Mon., 10/15	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
Sun., 9/16	9:30 a.m.	Worship		12 noon	Bible Overview
	9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth			
		Sunday School			
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time			
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School			
Mon., 9/17	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group			
	12 noon	Bible Overview			
	6:30 p.m.	Covington Task Force			
		Evaluation			
Wed., 9/19	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal			
Sat, 9/22	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast			
Sun., 9/23	9:30 a.m.	Worship			
	9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth			
		Sunday School			
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time			
Mon., 9/24	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group			
Wed., 9/26	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal			
Sun., 9/30	9:30 a.m.	Worship			
	9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth			
		Sunday School			
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time			
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School			
Mon., 10/1	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group			
	12 noon	Bible Overview			



## Community Boards

Help us expand our advertising for church events! Keep your eyes open for community boards, and tell Judy Turk. She is looking for places we can hang posters for events here at church.

## Church Office Hours

Susan will be in the office Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays from 11:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

**Pastor Gail** is in the office Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays most weeks. Tuesdays and Fridays are Pastor Gail's regular days off. Please call her at home (612-703-1296) if it is an emergency and you need to reach her.

**Men's Breakfast Group** will meet on the Saturdays of **9/8, 9/22, and 10/6** at the Fireside Lounge, 1288 S. Robert St. starting at 8:00am. All men are welcome to join us! For more info., please contact Bill Short at 651-552-0736 or [bill.short@whitebeartownship.org](mailto:bill.short@whitebeartownship.org)



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## *Worship Schedule*

We invite you to join us this Sunday  
for worship, study and fellowship:

- Worship — 9:30 a.m.
- Youth & Children's Sunday School — 9:45 a.m.
- Fellowship time — 10:30 a.m.
- Adult Sunday School — 10:50 a.m.

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## Facebook Page

Remember to like the Faith Facebook page at:

<http://tinyurl.com/FaithUMCmn>

## 2018 Mission Summit Invitation

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Minnesota United Methodist Mission Summit will be on Saturday, September 29, 9:00 a.m.— 3:00 p.m. at Oakwood United Methodist Church, [1630 Oakwood Avenue, New Ulm, MN](#).

There will be several presenters this year speaking on a variety of topics:

- Effective School-Church Partnerships
- Solar Ovens
- NUMAS Haus for Women (in New Ulm)
- Congregational Nurses
- MN Conference Intergenerational Mission Trips
- United Methodist Social Principles
- The Changing View of Missions toward 50/50 Partnership

Worship will be led by Southern Prairie District Superintendent Fred Vanderwerf and WORLD BEAT CONNECTION, one of our conference music groups. Along the way, we will be making UMCOR Hygiene kits and have a chance to meet and talk with others interested in mission and service.

The Summit is free, with lunch included. In addition, each church present will receive \$50 Mission Project "SEED" money to take home and start something new in their community.

► *If you are interested in attending, please speak with Pastor Gail.*

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