

Service times:

10:15am - Blended Worship
Livestreaming
Find link on Facebook or
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9:00am - Sunday School

August 13, 2021~ Will Rogers United Methodist Church





Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it.
1 Peter 3:15 (NLT)

Many of us are familiar with 1 Peter 3:15. We have heard it mentioned in a sermon and maybe even read it in a devotion. But my question is, are you ready to explain the hope you have in Christ if someone was to ask you about it? Do you know why you believe in Christ? Or do you have a friend or family member you would like to tell them about the hope of Jesus?

If this describes you or someone you know, consider inviting them to join you on the next ALPHA course. Because...

ALPHA...an opportunity to know why you believe.

ALPHA is a short practical introduction to the Christian faith that is for everyone! It's especially geared to Christians who want to know why they believe, to people interested in investigating Christianity, to church visitors and members who want to get to know some new people, to couples preparing for marriage or the baptism of their child, and to Christians who just want to brush up on the basics.

ALPHA meets weekly. And this Fall we are offering two opportunities, one online and the other in-person. No matter which option you choose, both will feature a total group learning time as we watch a documentary-like video that will cover a basic topic of the Christian faith. Following this learning time, we will end each night with an opportunity for discussion in a small group. Both courses last 11-weeks.

ONLINE ALPHA will meet via ZOOM on Wednesday evenings starting on September 8 and will meet weekly through November 17. We will gather online at 7:00 PM and conclude each night by 8:30 PM. There will also be a special "Alpha Weekend" that will be held online in the afternoon of Sunday, October 24.

IN-PERSON ALPHA will meet in the food court on Thursday evenings starting September 9 and go through November 18. It will start at 6:00 PM with a light meal and end by 8:00 PM each evening. And the special "Alpha Weekend" will be held in the morning of Saturday, October 23.

ALPHA is offered as a gift to you. There is no charge for the course.

If you just want to check out ALPHA, come and see for yourself by trying out the first night. If you like it, you can come back for the rest! For more information or to register for the next course, look for brochures in the Sanctuary lobby or send me and email at bmangan@willrogersumc.org.

Pastor Brian



OnLine via ZOOM - Sep 8th - Nov 17th, 7p-8:30p
In Person - Sep 9th - Nov 18th, 6p-8p



Bored and Busy



A local newspaper had a Sunday morning religion section that contained, among other things, letters to the editor about various religious issues. Most weeks these letters were pretty innocuous, but one Sunday something was printed that became quite controversial.

A man wrote:

I quit going to church this year. I decided that listening to sermons week after week was a stupid thing to do. After all, I went to church for more than 40 years and during my lifetime I probably heard 5,000 sermons. I can only remember about five of them. What a waste of time.—Bored and Busy

This sparked a fury of incoming letters. Some people wrote that sermons do make a difference, while others sided with Bored and Busy's opinion that they were basically meaningless and unnecessary. Finally, one letter was printed that ended the debate:

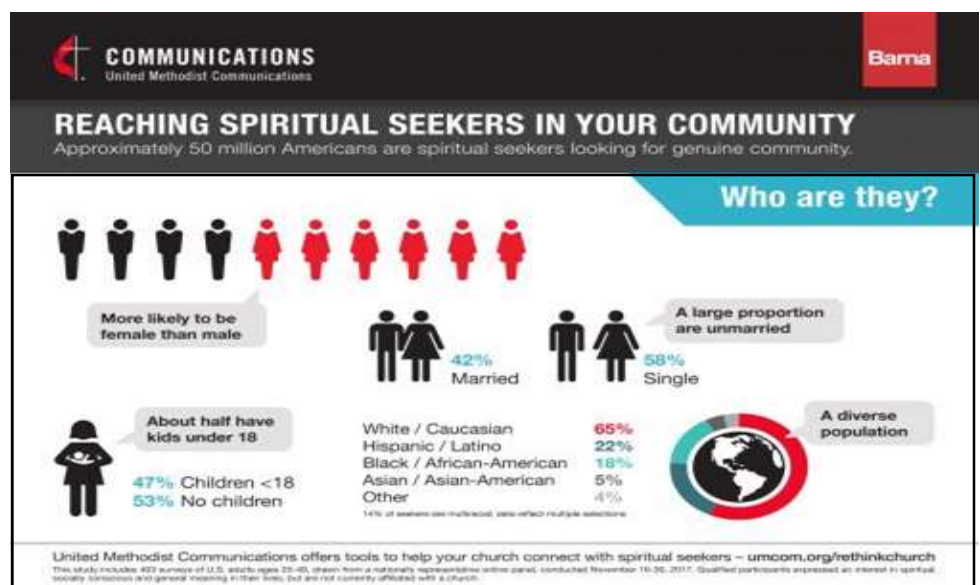
I quit eating this year. Thanks to Bored and Busy's insights, I decided that eating week after week was a stupid thing to do. After all, I have been eating for more than 40 years and during my lifetime I probably have eaten 5,000 meals. I can only remember about five of them. What a waste of time.—Starved and Stupid

Sometimes you may wonder what good it does to listen to sermons or participate in weekly Bible studies or have daily devotions. Like the first letter writer in the story, you may feel that you're too bored or busy for the things of God. But don't overlook the fact that you need those things to survive.

In order to grow as a Christian, you need spiritual food (1 Corinthians 3:2). You need to feed on the Word of God. Not every spiritual meal is going to be memorable, but it will provide you with the nourishment you need to survive and thrive as a Christian.

If you can't join us in person we encourage you to join us online.
Either way, come join us!

Pastor Greg



"Pay careful attention to your own work, for then you will get the satisfaction of a job well done, and you won't need to compare yourself to anyone else. For we are each responsible for our own conduct."
Galatians 6:4-5

The Hummingbird Story -

Once there was a great forest fire.

All the animals fled to the edge of the forest and froze in fear not knowing what to do. They watched as the flames began destroying the beauty of their home.

Finally a tiny hummingbird flew to a body of water and took a few drops into its beak. It then flew quickly toward the fire allowing the drops to fall on the roaring flames.

Over and over the tiny bird continued.

Drop by drop.

Back and forth.

Again and again.

The other animals watched from the edge of the forest, and called to the little bird, "What are you doing?"

The hummingbird replied, "I am doing what I can."

How often we can become overwhelmed by fear or the sheer size of problems and become paralyzed to do nothing. Or we may compare ourselves to others and feel too small to matter.

Small. What we consider to be small and insignificant may actually be huge in God's scheme of things. Have you ever noticed how often God's view and the world's view are opposite? The world says, "Be first!" God says, "Be last." The world says, "Go, go, go!" God says, "Be still." The world says, "Bigger is better!" God says, "Small is important."

The widow giving her offering of two small coins in Luke 21:1-4, was

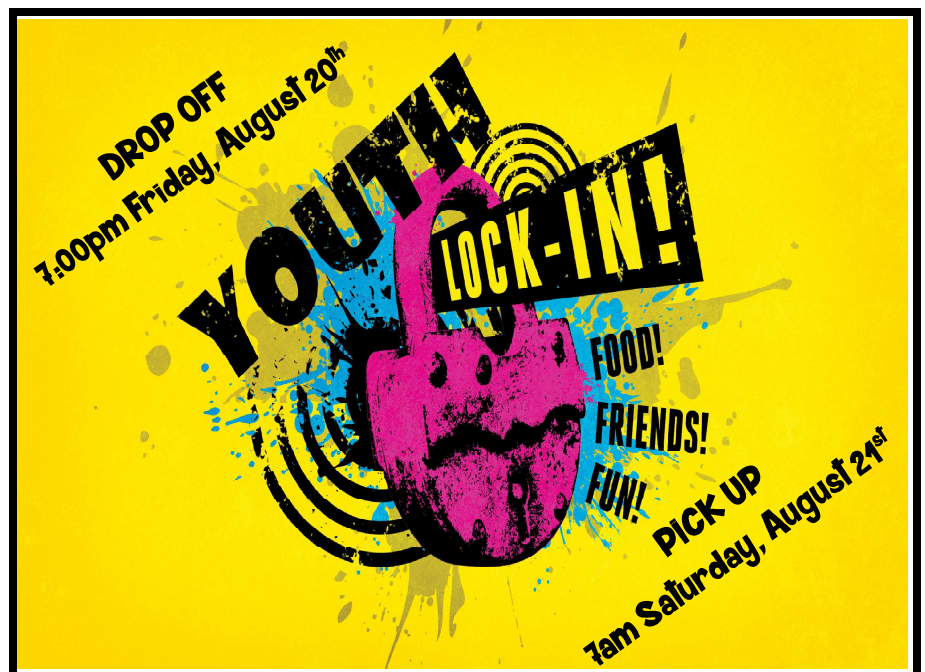
affirmed by Jesus when He said she had given more than all the rest. Jesus went on to say in Luke 16:10, "He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much."

In God's hands, small can become big just like in

John 6 when a boy's lunch of five loaves and two fish became enough to feed over 5,000 and also have leftovers!

This little hummingbird story can remind us to do what we can. Everything we do for the Lord Jesus matters. It counts! Every word. Every prayer. Every act of kindness. Every hug. Every penny. Small counts in the hands of our BIG God!

Steve





Give your child or grandchild a little bit of wisdom each day with these simple notes based on verses from the Bible. Print the inspirational messages, slip them into your kid's lunchbox, tape them on the bathroom mirror, or hand it to them after dinner. You can also leave a personalized note on the back for an extra special touch.

Get your copy from Pastor Greg or go to the Website and click on the WRkids page.
www.willrogersumc.org/WRkids page

FUN AT CHURCH *August 18th*

This is the last FUN AT CHURCH for a while so bring your favorite games and let's play. Don't miss out on this opportunity to just have fun together.

FOR EVERYONE - ALL AGES

5pm - 6pm - Dinner

6pm - ?? - Fun & Games

Singing ~ Scriptures ~ Prayer

**THE
GATHERING**

Sundays at 5pm in the Parlor

AVAILABLE NOW!



Pick yours up:

- Sunday, August 15th
- in the church office
- or contact any UMW member

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SEPTEMBER Birthdays

2 – Becky Wyatt

4 – Sandy Lynn

5 – Micheal Layton

7 – Steven Irvine, Jr., Elma Philips,

Reba Robertson

9 – Jamie Baker

10 – Louise Down

12 – Mary Stone

13 – Lydia Cuthbert

15 – Billie Graham, Cecile Osmond

17 – Mary Neale

21 – Kelli Frusher

22 – Christopher Strunk

26 – Donna Haney

28 – Pam Lundy



BUNKO



No Bunko for September. Instead, we encourage everyone to attend the Revival with Brad Climer.

**Next Bunko is October 1st
in the Food Court at 6:30pm**

Prizes will be brought by Lorraine, Donna G, Cathy Mc, and Teresa.

Everyone come with a snack to share and ready to have fun.

FAITHBUILDERS SS NEWS

Praises: Ruth – cancer free; Judy Blick's grandson got married; new washer & dryer for Nancy
Prayers: Suzie's son-in-law and Sonny's nephew have COVID; continued prayer for the McBeath family – more have COVID; Judy Davis' daughter traveling home; Sue Bennett & sister traveling this week; Mike has 6 radiation treatments left

Taut Thought: We are set apart as priests of God to bridge the gap between heaven and earth.



Memorials given in memory of:

John Hood

by Sallye Harris

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