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OUR COMMUNITY AT FISHERS UNC **ABOUT** 

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Nov 3 Parent's Night Out 6:00-9:00p

Nov 5 Charge Conference 3:00-5:00p Noblesville High School

Fifty Plus Luncheon 11:30a Nov 9

**Nov 19** Thanksgiving Food Collection In Worship

Thanksgiving Dinner 5:30p

# COMING IN DECEMBER

Parent Night Out, Blue Christmas Service, Cantata, Fifth Friday Event, UMW Candlelight Dessert

# SUNDAY WORSHIP

TRADITIONAL 8:30, 9:45, 11 am - Sanctuary MODERN at 11 am - Family Life Center SUNDAY SCHOOL meets at 9:45 am

# FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Trash bags, Aluminum foil, Paper towels, Shampoo, Children's toothbrushes and toothpaste



## FISHERS UNITED METHODIST MEN

The focus of the United Methodist Men (UMM) is not inward, concentrating only on those who attend a set meeting, but outward to all men, assisting them to engage the process of spiritual growth. Its mission is to support spiritual growth among men, helping men to mature as disciples as they encourage spiritual formation in others.

All men are invited to participate, and are encouraged to attend the UMM breakfast meeting on November 11, 2017. The event begins at 8:00 am in the Dining Room, and Mark Fidler from the Hamilton County Jail will speak about the Chaplaincy programs offered at the Jail.

The UMM meets on the second Saturday of each month (except in July) from 8:00 -9:30 am. There is also a Lenten Series every Saturday from February 24 through March 24, 2018.

## THE PUMPKIN PATCH

Proceeds from the Pumpkin Patch, Student Ministries largest fundraiser, enables junior and senior high school students to serve on summer mission trips and attend retreats throughout the vear.

We are grateful for those that helped unload pumpkins worked at the patch!





Photos Taken By Matt Detrich



Wow! Over 7,000 diapers were collected during this year's diaper drive! It is such a blessing to know that these diapers will be helping to keep babies clean, dry and healthy for the months to come. Thank you to prayed, EVERYONE who donated, and gave to this You have made a mission. significant difference in the lives of a family with our smallest treasures...our children. Many blessings to you!



Join the Book Club in November as they read and discuss A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine а L'Engle, Newberry Award Winner.

ago, Madeleine Fifty years L'Engle introduced the world to this novel and the wonderful and unforgettable characters Meg and Charles Wallace Murry, and their friend Calvin O'Keefe. When the children learn that Mr. Murry has been captured by the Dark Thing, they time travel to Camazotz, where they must face the leader IT in the ultimate battle between good and evil— a journey that threatens their lives and our universe.

If you are looking for a way to combine your love of reading and books with a small group atmosphere of fellowship, this is the place for you! The Book Club meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month in the Library at 7pm. This month we will meet on November 28. lf you are need interested or more information, contact Kim Arnott 7 9 7 - 8 6 1 2 o r kimarnott@mac.com.

#### FIRE & WATER STUDENT MINISTRIES

#### Weekly Activities:

Sunday School @9:45a

Sunday Night: Refinery(Jr High) @6:00p, Drink Deep(Sr High) @6:00pm After Hours @7:30p

#### **November Activities:**

2018 Winter Retreat Forms Come Out This Month

11/1 Patch Tear Down@4:00p, "Who Is Jesus" Bible Study@ 7:00p

11/1-4 WATER (Sr High) Real World Retreat 11/2 Supermarket Sweeps (Sr. High) @3:30p

11/5 Sunday School, The Refinery, Drink Deep, After Hours

11/8 "Who Is Jesus" Bible Study @7:00 p 11/9 Supermarket Sweeps (Sr. High) @3:30p

11/12 Sunday School, The Refinery, Drink Deep, After Hours

11/15 "Who Is Jesus" Bible Study @7:00p

11/16 Third Thursday(Jr High) @3:15p, Supermarket Sweeps (Sr. High) @3:30p

11/19 Sunday School

11/26 Sunday School, Movie Night @ 6:00p 11/30 Supermarket Sweeps (Sr. High) @ 3:30p

THE 2017-2018 FIRE & WATER CALENDAR is available in Connection Central, in the Wharf, & online. If you want to know what is going on with FIRE & WATER and/or would like to pray for us this calendar will help you do both.



**UPWARD** is a program of more than just basketball for children in grades Kindergarten - Sixth, and runs from January Skills evaluations for team to March. placement begin this month. For more information, please go to fishersumc.org/ upward.

DON'T MISS FIFTY PLUS, a group of active older adults who meet monthly for lunch, learning and fellowship. On Thursday November 9, we'll meet in the Church dining room at 11:30 for another wonderful lunch and to hear a speaker from Dementia Friends. This is a movement that looks to increase the level of education and awareness about dementia, begin breaking the stigma associated with the disease, and create a more conducive environment for those affected by dementia to live and navigate in their communities. Contact Jenni Debaun at 317-849-1805 or jdebaun@fishersumc.org if you would like more information.



CARE PACKAGES ARE BEING SENT TO more than 40 college students whose parents signed them up for the program. These treat-filled boxes tend to show up at just the right time for our students, who Tollege Take Packages routinely comment on how wonderful it is to

addition to cookies and protein bars, notes of encouragement from our youth and children are included. Here's one of our favorites from Fishers UMC Kids:

"Fools think their own way is right, but the wise listen to others 12:15). Stay hydrated, keep ambulating and continue to convert oxygen to carbon dioxide."

#### DEAR FRIENDS AND PARTNERS IN MINISTRY....

When you get really busy with all the responsibilities of your day or week how do you deal with it - or maybe I should ask how does it deal with you? Are you a To-Do List Ninja, multitasking and slashing through tasks like nobody else can? Do you keep your head down, nose to the grindstone, laser-focused on the tasks before you? No? Or maybe that's just me. At times it can be almost addictive to check off all those boxes. If I'm not careful when I'm in that mode people around me can seem to fade into the background and I fail to spend those few moments that mean so much in maintaining relationships. I don't mean to, but too often I do. Simple connections mean a In fact, that can mean the difference between life and death. I found a short article on the net recently that illustrates what I'm talking about.....

A lady worked at a meat distribution factory. One day, when she finished with her work schedule, she went into the meat cold room (freezer) to inspect something, but in a moment of misfortune, the door closed and she was locked inside with no help in sight. Although she screamed and knocked with all her might, her cries went unheard. Most of the workers had already gone, and outside the cold room it's impossible to hear what was going on inside. Five hours later, as she was on the verge of death, the security guard of the factory eventually opened the door. She was miraculously saved from dying that day. She later asked the security guard how he had come to open the door, which wasn't his usual work routine.

His explanation: "I've been working in this factory for 35 years, hundreds of workers come in and out every day, but you're one of the few who greet me in the morning and say goodbye to me every night when leaving after work. Many treat me as if I'm invisible. Today, as you reported for work, like all other days, you greeted me in your simple manner 'Hello'. But this evening after working hours, I curiously observed that I had not heard your "Bye, see you tomorrow". Hence, I decided to check around the factory. I look forward to your 'hi' and 'bye' every day because they remind me that I am someone. By not hearing your farewell today, I knew something had happened. That's why I was searching everywhere for you."

As I said, simple acts of connection can be the difference between life and death. Everybody needs to be reminded that they are someone! That they are not invisible; that they matter to someone else!

As Thanksgiving approaches I am thankful for EVERY "somebody" in my life, including you! In those moments when I get caught up in to do lists and "stirring pots" I hope you will forgive me. Hi, I'm Kevin. I'm a recovering To-Do List Ninja. And I see you. Thanks for being somebody in my life. Do you have any "somebody's" in your life with whom you need to reconnect today?

For The Only Cause That Matters,

Kevin



THE MAC REYNOLDS GOLF OUTING was held on Sunday October 15 at the Edgewood Golf Club. Twenty three people braved the wind and rain to vie for prizes and raise money for missions. Congratulations to Kim Brown, who was the recipient of the Best Female Golfer Award, and to the teams led by Steve Witwer and Paul Rairden and by Milt Yakey for their top finishes. A contribution of \$1000 was given to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) for hurricane assistance from this event.



**THANKS TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO SERVED AT THIS FALL'S FISH FRY FUNDRAISER.** From breading fish to directing traffic, from setting tables to making coleslaw, our humble servants did it all with one thought in mind: to raise funds for the Come to Me Food Pantry so it can serve those who live with food insecurity. The goal of the Pantry continues to be to show love and care to those in need by providing, once per month, a week's supply of food and personal care items.

**PARENT NIGHT OUT** Friday November 3 from 6-9pm, infants - fifth graders will enjoy crafts, games, a movie & a light snack. The evening is free, but donations are appreciated. High schoolers, if you'd like to help, email <a href="mailto:lcrane@fishersumc.org">lcrane@fishersumc.org</a>.

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