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# The LINK..... Keeping You Connected

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Greetings,

My pastor's article will be dedicated to an upcoming study that I will be leading on Wednesday evenings, May 12, 19 and 26, from 6-7:30 pm. I invite you to come, have supper, and attend the class. Invite neighbors and friends too! Childcare will be available.

### ***Making Love Last a Lifetime: Biblical Perspectives on Love, Marriage, and Sex.***

- Why are men and women so different?
- What do women wish men knew about them?
- What do men wish women knew about them?
- What are the top 10 qualities people look for in marriage?

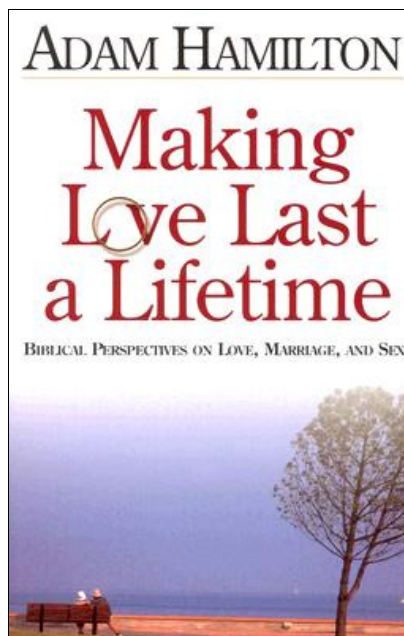
These questions and more will be explored during worship, beginning the weekend of May 8-9 and then in the first class, which will be Wednesday May 12th at 6pm.

*Making Love Last a Lifetime* is based on a video series of the same name featuring the Reverend Adam Hamilton, founding pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas. During the original series, the Church of the Resurrection increased the number of people attending worship by 30%.

Our special emphasis will include worship, sermons, and small-group studies that feature videos, Bible study, and discussion. Come and explore topics rarely discussed in church, such as "Habits of Unhealthy Marriages," "Is Faithful-

ness in Marriage a Calling," and "After the Honeymoon Is Over." This study is intended for both singles and married couples. All that are interested are invited.

One interesting aspect of this study, currently underway, is an anonymous survey of adult



members age 18 and older. Once compiled, the results will be used in sermons and study sessions. If you haven't had the chance to fill out a survey, please do so; forms are available on our website or can be picked up at the church office.

Since this topic is of great interest to

many, we will be making an extra effort to invite members of the surrounding community to participate and join us.

I pray this newsletter finds you well. Enjoy spring, as summer is on the way.

Praise God from Whom All Blessings flow.

Jon Claude

CHURCH WILL PROVIDE THE STUDY MATERIALS. PLEASE SIGN-UP ON THE CLIPBOARD OR CALL THE OFFICE WITH YOUR RSVP.

## May Mission Focus: Bags of Grace

”For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink”

Bags of Grace was started by Rita Auerbach, as a result of a grocery shopping trip in October 2003. Feeling guilty by passing street-corner beggars in Austin Texas, Rita claims, on that shopping trip she heard the voice of the Lord and he 'took me shopping'. She organized Bags of Grace. This is a ministry based on Matthew 25:35-40. Bags of Grace is dedicated to providing the basic necessities to our brothers and sisters in need. This is achieved, primarily through gallon sized zipper storage bags filled with food, water and hygiene products. The bags are handed out to the homeless and hungry.



Bags of Grace are gifts for the last, the least, and the lost. These gifts are a way to reach out to others with the love of Christ. The Bags of Grace contain basic items we take for granted, but which are precious and rare to those facing homelessness.

As part of \*Service Sunday on May 23rd, our congregation will be assembling Bags of Grace. The bags will then be distributed in our area by the Salvation Army.

Thank you for your support! To learn more about this ministry, please check out their website: <http://www.bagsofgrace.org/>

\*More information on Service Sunday can be found inside on page 8.

## Mission Giving

Month & Mission	Amount
Jan- WI Blind & Visually Impaired	1464
Feb-WI Literacy, Inc.	1050
Mar-GBOD	1330
Apr- Ronald McDonald House	707
May-	
<b>Mission Giving Year-to-Date</b>	<b>4818</b>

Through 4/18 a principal payment of \$57,262.00 has been applied toward the church building loan, the balance remaining is \$36,939.

We have spent \$3,000 more than we have received in general giving. While this is not ideal, based on our budget, we had expected to be \$12,000 in the red. A huge **Thank You** to those that have responded to our need with extra giving. To date, Pledge Plus commitments of \$15,165 have been made.

**General Giving through 4/18 = \$118,000.00**

## Church Records

### **Births**

*April 17 - Elena Suzanne Alfonso Hoffmann  
Parents - Juan De Dios Alfonso & Lisa Alfonso  
Grandparents - Jack & Louise Hoffmann*

**Deaths** *April 11 - Lucille Brown*

### **Welcome New Members**

*The Halverson Family*

*John, Kristie, Zachary & Rachel*

*The Szabo Family*

*JR, Tracy, Maggie, Gwen, Lexi & Morgan*

### **Visitors**

In April 47

Year to date 125

### **Average Attendance in Worship**

Saturday Eve 40

Sunday 1st Service 144

Sunday 2nd Service 117

**“The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it,  
the world, and those who live in it.”**

**(Psalms 24:1-10)**

Did you ever experience the serendipity of cleaning out the attic? Much of the joy of that task occurs as we stumble upon long forgotten treasures, many of which bring back special memories of yesterday.

It is important for each of us to sift and sort through our many possessions from time to time. What we often discover are items which we no longer need but which could be transformed into marvelous “charitable gifts.”

Perhaps you have stocks purchased long ago which have increased in value but don’t provide much current income. Perhaps your family has property or real estate bought long ago but now it just takes energy and money to maintain. Perhaps you discover an old insurance policy which was paid up long ago but is no longer needed for its original purpose.

All of these “treasures” can be transformed into wonderful charitable gifts. With the help and guidance of the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation your church can do many good things right now! Take a look in your attic ... and call us if we can help you! That’s what stewardship is all about. -*Rev. William F. Helwig*

P.S. Did you know we can help you liquidate shares of stock or shares of a mutual fund to make a special summer gift to help your church get through the summer months? Call us today for more information and to receive the most recent forms. What’s even better is that we can do this for any United Methodist Church or ministry at no selling fee or commission.

**Biblical Stewardship Principle:** Christ didn’t hold back on his love when he willingly went to the cross for us. God didn’t hold back and make

the cross the last word. God who owns everything also offered everything for our sake. We, in turn, are called to share that Good News.

If we believe that all we have is a gift from God, then we affirm a faithful distribution of God’s gifts in the world. Consider these affirmations, written by Bishop Bruce R. Ough of the West Ohio Annual Conference, as you decide how much of your time, talents, and treasures you will offer to share the Good News of Christ’s love with the world.

I know God wants me to redistribute some of God’s money and time to care for my family. (See 1 Timothy 5:8)

I know God wants me to redistribute some of God’s money to the state. (See Mark 12:13-17)

I know God wants me to redistribute some of God’s time to worship and pray. (See Psalm 42:1-2)

I know God wants me to redistribute some of God’s money to the poor. (See Luke 12:33-34)

I know God wants me to redistribute some of God’s money to the building of God’s kingdom. (See Leviticus 27:30-33)

**Special Offering in May** The weekend of May 8th & 9th will be designated as **Golden Cross Sunday**. Thirteen Health & Wellness ministries will benefit from this offering, some are:

Parish Nurse Ministries - Conference wide

United Methodist Hospitals - Madison

Schmitt Woodland Hills - Richland Center

Cedar Crest - Janesville

Northcott Neighborhood - Milwaukee

All funds received from this special offering will be used by the Ministries to assist persons who are unable to pay the full cost of services. We realize that there are lots of opportunities for giving. Please contribute where you feel called.

**Hosting a Rotary Exchange Student** Each year the Oregon Rotary Club sponsors a foreign exchange student. The student attends OHS and lives with 3 families while they are spending a year in Oregon/Brooklyn. I am the coordinator for this program with our local Rotary Club and it is my job to find 3 wonderful families to share their home and our culture with these students. Al Brown is the youth counselor and helps acclimate the student to Oregon. It is important that I identify the first host family soon so that arrangements can be made for the student to arrive before the school year begins.

If you have never hosted a student before, hosting a Rotary exchange students is a great way to begin. The students arrive in August for their 11 month visit and stay in each of 3 homes about 3-4 months. The basic requirement is that you have a room in your home for the child and a willingness to treat the student like a family member, not like a guest.

If you think you might be interested, I'd love to come and talk with you more about the program. This will also give you a chance to ask any questions you might have. The student will receive money from the Rotary Club for school lunches and a \$75.00 monthly stipend for general spending.

The student arriving this August is a young man from India. I would expect his English to be very good and this would be a wonderful opportunity to learn about a very different culture from our own. If interested, I can be reached at 835-4502 during the day or at 835-5730 in the evenings or on weekends. You may also email me at [jbv@oregonsd.net](mailto:jbv@oregonsd.net). *Jan Bonsett-Veal*

**Youth on a Journey** I trust the youth of this generation. I trust the young people I know who enjoy the benefits of good schools, good

neighborhoods and good churches. I also appreciate those youth all around the globe who are less fortunate and love in the edge of disaster. Tens of thousands suffer and die from preventable disease, war and unstable societies. I don't dare speak for them, for I dare not look into their eyes. The youth I am most familiar with are our own three sons, those youth in my church, and some young people across New Mexico and Texas. We congregate together at camp and conferences to celebrate our relationship with God and with one another. However, encouraging youth to focus on faith development is made difficult by the distraction their world includes. How many parents in our current culture understand how their son or daughter can possibly send 70 to 100 text messages a day? How can there be that much to communicate about? While we see our youth engaged in vast communication with one another, how their faith is expressed in their communication?

The youth I know tend toward values of mercy, compassion, inclusion, and forgiveness rather than punishment, indifference, exclusion and holding a grudge. They are just learning to articulate their faith, and they certainly understand service to others and accountability before God. Their trusting nature is what I think Jesus was talking about when he advised his disciples "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:3). I see their discipleship when we gather to listen for God's leading as we plan projects to feed hungry people and to help the homeless in our own part of the city.

Yet, we cannot continue to expect our youth to grow in their faith unless adults model discerning behavior that reflects Jesus' ways of living: prayer, Bible study, and actions on behalf of others.

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As adults, we need to let youth see our journey as we bring God into all we do: from making decisions on how to spend money, to seeking where God Is leading the church we attend.

I am convinced that God calls us all to live toward God’s reign. If, as the saying goes, one should be the change one wants to see, then we all have work to do. It’s a journey we need to make together. I hope we can rest assured that today’s youth are willing to walk with us.

*Bob Aubrey, May/June issue of Alive Now*

**April Poll Results: What I Value**

When posed the question, “Which of the following aspects of People’s church do you value the most”, respondents were split between Worship experience (41.7%) and Creative elements, such as video (41.7%). The third highest vote was for Outreach (16.7%). Thank you for your participation. Don’t forget to stop by each month and take our survey at: ([www.peoplesumc.org](http://www.peoplesumc.org))!

**Habitat for Humanity House Blessing** Oregon-Brooklyn Satellite of Dane County Habitat for Humanity, the Apostle Build Churches, and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans invite you to join the House Blessing and potluck luncheon celebration for the Borntrager-Miller, Joseph and Lehman families.

**When: Saturday, May 1 @ 10am**  
**Where: 806-818 Oregon Parks Ave**

Come and celebrate the completion of this multi-family unit with the families who will call it home; the volunteers using their time, talents and treasures along with the construction class from the Oregon High School.

Sandwiches and beverages will be provided, please bring a dish to pass.

**Membership  
Information Gathering  
May 12th @ 5:30pm  
Come for supper, stay for a  
brief meeting**

**Wednesday Night Picnics can happen this Summer with your help** Did you enjoy the Wednesday Night Picnics held in June last year? If so, please consider being on a team to oversee a picnic for one Wednesday night in June this year. Different teams will be used each week, so this is a one-time commitment. 4-5 people are needed to lead a team for each picnic. The number of picnics this summer will depend on the number of volunteers or teams we have. Ready to sign up, or just need more information? Talk to Ladonna Smith (835-8175) or Rebecca (835-3755 ex.33) or email: [rotte@wisconsinumc.org](mailto:rotte@wisconsinumc.org).

**Service Sunday Coming to People’s Church** On Sunday May 23rd, PUMC is going to be the hands of Jesus in action. Many at our church have wanted to have the opportunity to go beyond the walls of the church, and this is our first opportunity to do so as a church body. We plan to gather at 9 AM for a prayer and a send-off, and then disburse to service sites throughout the community to do a few hours of service work. Early in May you will have the opportunity to select your service site. There will be opportunities for outside work, opportunities for things that are appropriate for families with young children, and opportunities for the less able who cannot do physical labor. So, set aside 9 AM to noon on Sunday May 23rd, and watch for more information. **There will be no regular Saturday or Sunday services that weekend.**

**Soul Gardeners** It’s Spring time which means time for gardening! The Soul Gardeners is a ministry to keep our flower gardens looking their best during the growing season. Anyone who is interested in doing a little weeding or watering is welcome to come any Thursday evening at 5pm. If you have questions about this ministry, call Susie Berg @ 882-0988.

Dear Family and Friends,



The **Grapevine Project** is a program that partners with Parish Nurses to bring health education and resources to women. (It is part of the Wisconsin Women's Health Foundation, which was founded by Sue Ann Thompson after her diagnosis of breast cancer.) People's Church is now part of the circle of churches across Wisconsin that have been blessed with this wonderful opportunity and I am excited for us all.

The **Grapevine Project** provides Parish Nurses with teaching toolkits, which include **demonstration and educational materials and incentives for women in Wisconsin communities**. All of the health information presented is current, research-based, and from respected authorities and organizations in their fields. Topics include bone health, breast cancer, cervical cancer, domestic violence, heart disease, mental health and oral health. Each session is approximately one hour in length.

The first program will cover **Women and Heart Health** and it will take place on **Tuesday evening, May 25th at 7:00 pm. What might be the "incentive", you ask? A pedometer for each woman who comes!** Join your friends for a time set aside to take care of your health—you are important to your families and they want you to take good care of yourself. Call me (835-3755 x 24) to reserve a spot! The class is limited to 20 people.

God bless your hearts, all you good men and women! And happy May Day!  
Susan Payne, People's Parish Nurse

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Join the **First Monday Gang** for our last gathering before we take our summer break. **Each May we celebrate YOU! This year we will celebrate what a CREATIVE BUNCH you are!** When you come on **Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**, bring something you have created...a recipe you are famous for...a picture that represents something you are proud of. Think about your creativity or your expertise...past or present. Maybe it will be a picture you painted, a doily you tatted or crocheted, a story about your award winning pickles, a piece you carved, a picture of that tractor you always kept running like a clock! Call me for more ideas. Potluck begins at 11:00 and fun to follow!

A group of us "over 50's" went to the Overture Center last month for a great program called the **St. Mary's AM Series** sponsored by St. Mary's hospital. We're going again on May 5<sup>th</sup>. The May program involves a short presentation by neurologist, Dr. Ni, titled **Stroke: Minutes Matter**. It will be followed by a musical program called "**Ooh-La-La!**" featuring music from the 1940s. **Cost is \$5.00** and we will leave the church at **8:45 AM**. Direct questions to Nurse Susan at the church at 835-3755 x 24.



Each Wednesday evening from 5:00pm to 6:30pm. Enjoy a mid-week break from cooking, come as you are, bring a friend, neighbor or family!

**May Menu:**

**5th - BBQ Sandwiches**

**12th - Salad Bar**

**19th - Grilled Chicken Leg & Thighs**

**26th - Grilled Pork, Potatoes, Fruit & Salad**

Wednesday Night Supper on May 26th will be hosted by our very own youth. This will be a fundraiser to help raise funds for their summer mission trip. You can read more about this on page 11.

Wednesday Night Supper is a community program that operates during the school year. We are looking at opportunities to expand into the summer with Wednesday picnics, please read about these efforts on page 5.

You may check the menu at anytime, right from the calendar on our website. Simply select the date, click on Wednesday Night Supper and read the description.

Food Pantry items can be placed in the bin next to the elevator. Thank you for your contributions!

**Food Pantry Collection at a Glance**

Here are some monthly suggestions to keep the local food pantry stocked.

**May** ..... Peanut Butter/Boxed Meals

**June**..... Canned Veggies

**July**.....Canned Meat/Tuna

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

1st	Matthew Arttus Cody Garton Jody Lien Dylan Rausch	19th	Tom Elmer Jamie Horan
2nd	William Hazeltine Tim Olsen Susan Payne Kajal Russell <b>Darren &amp; Becky Arttus</b> <b>Debby &amp; Randy Wright</b> <b>Eldon &amp; Sandy Zimmerman</b>	20th	Kathi Kemp Quincey Newton <b>Dale &amp; Mary Culp</b> <b>Larry &amp; Kathy Desotell</b>
3rd	Gary Whited <b>Barb &amp; Larry Bryant</b>	22nd	Dale Culp
4th	Dorothy Gasner Brooke McCallum <b>Marshall &amp; Betty Mennenga</b>	23rd	Andy Anderson Kalee Mahr Mary Roys
5th	<b>Mike &amp; Dawn Schmeltzer</b>	24th	Jo Brennan Terri Carow Mike Slack Gehrick Tarkenton Brianna Tway <b>Greg &amp; Krista Kienitz</b>
8th	Deb Edwards	26th	Debbie Trexel <b>Wendy &amp; Al Zimmerman</b>
9th	Becky Arttus Ruth Elmer <b>Todd &amp; Judy Huebler</b>	27th	Mike Brennan Ron Outhouse Sara Wendlandt
10th	Brittany Mellen	28th	<b>Homer &amp; Joann Bellus</b>
12th	Jenn Wachtl	29th	Lisa Alfonso
13th	Linda Cornwell Isaac Flood Taylor Powell <b>Larry &amp; Barb Newhouse</b>	30th	Sandra Donner
14th	Diane Monroe <b>Nathan &amp; Juanita Franke</b> <b>Elinor &amp; Dick Zach</b>	31st	Heather Carrier Keith Jacobson
15th	Samuel Arndt Sue Haffele Barbara Heywood		
16th	Jim Clark TJ Grady Anna McCartney <b>Rachel Angel &amp; Steven Bradley</b>		
17th	Chad Wachtl Kelsey Zimmerman <b>Al &amp; Sue Capelle</b>		
18th	Lukas Dopart <b>Jerry &amp; Debbie Ace</b> <b>Bill &amp; Cindy Delkamp</b>		



Do you notice an error or an omission?

If you are new to PUMC or have not turned in an updated info sheet recently, we may not have your birthday or anniversary date! Please notify the office. Or submit your info on line at:

[www.peoplesumc.org/info](http://www.peoplesumc.org/info)

**The Church Office**  
**will be closed, Monday May 31st!**

**Aluminum Can Drive** You may have noticed that a dog kennel is set up next to the garbage cans in our parking lot. What I hope we can do is raise money by recycling aluminum cans, the same way as the High School Band here in Oregon. Bring your garbage bag of cans (hopefully crushed) when you come to church on Sunday or Wednesday Night Supper or whenever. On a regular basis I will take the cans to the Madison Recycle Center and cash them in. This is a great learning experience for the kids and is something that we all can participate in.

### Why is aluminum can recycling important?

- Two-thirds of the world's aluminum is in use today.
- Are 100% recyclable.
- Can be recycled over & over again.
- Go from recycling to the retail shelf in as few as 60 days.
- Making new aluminum cans from used ones takes 95 percent less energy. Twenty recycled cans can be made with the energy it takes to make a brand new one.
- Last year, 54 billion cans were recycled, saving the energy equivalent of 15 million barrels of crude oil. That's America's entire gas consumption in one day.
- Tossing away an aluminum can wastes as much energy as pouring one half of that can's volume in gasoline.
- The average employee consumes 2.5 canned beverages a day while at work.
- The empty aluminum can is worth about one cent.



Recycling aluminum cans saves precious natural resources, energy, time and money - all for a good cause - helping out the earth, as well as the economy.

*Scott Sanford*

**Ingathering 2010 of the Wisconsin Annual Conference** Annual Conference is a gathering of all United Methodist Churches in Wisconsin. This year, it is scheduled for June 13th through the 16th, in La Crosse, WI.

The conference has statewide mission projects that local churches can choose and bring with them to Annual Conference. We have chosen to assemble two projects; *Personal Kits for Harbor House* located in Superior, WI and (4) *Layette Kits* for UMCOR.

The Personal Kits will consist of thirty in all: ten men, ten women and ten kid kits. These kits will include such items as: tooth brush and tooth paste, soap, wash cloth and many other items. Additionally, the kids kits will include coloring books, crayons, play dough and pencils.

We will assemble four Layette Kits. Each will include 6 diapers & pins, onesies, sleepers, receiving blankets and a sweater. Two sweaters have already been knit. We are looking for someone to make two more; a pattern will be provided. If interested in knitting one or both, please speak with [Karen Baker](#) (835-3151). Items for both type of kits will need to fit into a 1 gallon storage bag.

There will be a tree with flowers in the Narthex. The flowers will each have items to purchase on it. They have been broken down to about \$5-\$10 cost on each flower. As this is an extra project over our monthly Mission Project, pick and choose as your heart calls you to do. Return items to the church by May 23rd, Service Sunday. They will be put together on that day. Please keep in mind that all items need to fit in the gallon bag when you purchase them.

*Karen Baker*

*Lay Member to Annual Conference*

**Stewardship/Finance Report** (March 25, 2010) Sandy reported that 29 people had completed Pledge Plus cards for an approximate additional annual giving of \$13,765.00. We have also received approximately \$2000 to \$3000 additional funds from the congregation prior to the pledge plus campaign.

Now that the first quarter is complete an update will be provided to the congregation with the results of Pledge Plus so far and how we are doing with the budget year to date. Quarterly statements will be completed soon. These will include a reminder about the pledge plus opportunity as well as provide an update of the budget, number of visitors and a testimonial

The three year Capital Appeal will be completed at the end of April. A decision was made to provide a reminder at that time to those members who have not fully completed their Capital Appeal commitment.

The following items were brought forward as ways we can follow up pledge plus to keep stewardship in front of people:

- PUMC Piggy Banks either purchased or that the youth make out of recycled products – Betty Mennenga will get a quote
- 30 Day Prayer Calendar with each day listing a different ministry area – Betty Mennenga will prepare for the month of August to be included with the second quarter statements.

**Worship Potpourri** We are currently in the church season of Easter (Eastertide), a time to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, find our identity, discern our calling, and claim our ministries in the body of Christ. One way to discern our calling is to use the ["DIY Tools for Spiritual Gifts Discernment"](#) on the Global Board of Discipleship website. <http://www.gbod.org/> . Try it, it's fun!

Scripture specific to Eastertide includes. *Fifth Sunday of Easter* - Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 148, *Sixth Sunday of Easter* - Acts 16:9-15, Psalm 67. *Seventh Sunday of Easter*. - Acts 16:16-34, Psalm 97. Check [GBGC Website/Planning Calendar](#) for more.

Pentecost Sunday (May 23<sup>rd</sup> this year) follows Eastertide.

May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Pentecost Sunday, is also PUMC Living Our Faith Service Sunday. Watch/listen for more details.

**Sermon Series: May 8-9, 15-16 & 22-23**  
**Making Love Last a Lifetime**

Class on Wednesdays: 5/12, 19 & 26 @ 6pm - 7:30pm. Supper at 5pm-6pm. Child care will be provided.

Jesus commanded his disciples to become "fishers of people." Beginning the weekend of May 8-9, we will go on a fishing expedition of its own, through a three-week study called "Making Love Last a Lifetime: Biblical Perspectives on Love, Marriage, and Sex."

This special church-wide event will include worship, sermons, and small-group studies; and we are making a special effort to invite people from the community to join us. Please invite your neighbors and friends to attend.

"Making Love Last a Lifetime" is based on a video-based study of the same name created by the Reverend Adam Hamilton, founding pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas. The study is designed for singles and married couples. Topics include "What Women Wish Men Knew About Women," "What Men Wish Women Knew About Men," and "When the Honeymoon is Over." For more information on this special event and how you can participate, please contact [Rebecca Otte](#) or [Pastor Jon](#).

# Adult Discipleship

May is already here: Mother's Day, planning for upcoming weddings, weeding and watering and collecting the garden's first fruits. What in your spiritual life needs weeding or watering? To what celebrations is God inviting you? Where in your life are you bearing fruit?

## Living Our Faith: Service Sunday

Sunday, May 23rd

9:00 am

See page 8 for details

Do you want to get involved? Maybe you're looking for a service opportunity. Perhaps you want to deepen your prayer life. Maybe you want to learn more about your faith, or you want to connect more deeply with the people of People's Church. If so, contact Rebecca Otte, Director of Adult Discipleship, to start something fantastic.

## Some Ongoing Groups

*Yoga*: gentle, free, every Thursday 5:45-6:45pm (note the time change). Newcomers welcome!

*Gluten Group*: third Wednesday each month 5-6pm (part of Wed Night Supper).

*Knitters Group*: first Monday each month 6-7pm.

*Adult Discipleship*: second Thursday, 5-6pm.

*Covenant Groups*: there are several covenant groups already in place, and a new one is forming soon. Are you interested in meeting with others once a month to share your faith journey? Contact Rebecca for details.

*Young Adult Group*: Join the newly formed Young Adult Group. Meet with other 25-40 year-olds to talk, have fun and make connections. Ask Rebecca about it.

## Catalog Here

The Adult Discipleship Spring catalog is here. Look for the yellow booklet by the front doors.

## Everyday Living

This month we continue our series in Everyday Living. What are the practical applications of our faith? What difference does being Christian make in how we parent, how we communicate, how we shop, how we eat?

Below are a few things to put in your May calendar. Is there anything you'd like to learn? anything you'd like to teach? We welcome your suggestions!

### Parenting Matters

Sunday, May 2 10:30am-1:30pm

—Facilitators: Anne and Steve Staton

—For parents, guardians, grandparents of children of all ages, to learn practical skills for common concerns.

—follow-up Thursday, May 20 6-7:30pm

### Non-Violent Communication

Wednesday, May 5 6-7:30pm

—Transform your relationships, work, and sense of self. Learn how to communicate effectively and with compassion.

### Making Love Last a Lifetime

Wednesdays, May 12, 19, 26, 6-7:30pm

—Facilitator: Pastor Jon Claude Bartlett

—Discover concrete and simple tools to make love last

\* Sign-ups are on the kiosk in the narthex

\* Childcare will be provided at all events

# Children & Youth Ministries

**Wednesday Night CKC and Youth Groups - Last Day will be May 12th.**

**Sunday School - Last Day will be May 16th.**

**Congratulations to our 8th Grade Confirmation Class:** Gabbie Bahrke; Brady Behrend; Paul Cole; TJ Grady; Mason Higgins; Hannah Jacobsen; Anna McCartney; Miranda Mellen; JJ Rogers; Nichole Tofte; Kayla Wright.

**Congratulations to the following students from People's UMC, who made the Oregon High School Fall Honor Roll:**

**Freshmen** - Allison Lindsey, Mackensie Maier, Colin McReavy, Ethan Rausch, Lydia Russell, Lizzy Temte, Sara Wendlandt.

**Sophomores** - Kira Bausch, Marisa Koch, Riley Murphy, Bailee Paddock, Danielle Slack, Jackson Smith, Emma Xander.

**Juniors** - Emily Biersdorf, Kyle Hammon, Megan Dietrich, Sara Dippong, Aaron Kluz, Brittany Mellen, Molly Rossiter, Walker Shedivy, Morgan Stone, Lexi Szabo, Alex Zimmer, Kaitlyn Zimmerman.

**Seniors** - Briana Olson, Erin Powell, Dylan Rausch, Katrina Rudolph, Grace Smith, Lindsay Tway.

**Little Angel's Christian Pre-school** still has openings for the 4 year old class on Weekday mornings. Please contact Katie Grady for more information. The 3 year old class is full at this time.

**Youth Mission Trip - Male Chaperone still needed:** Our summer trip to Illinois is scheduled for June 20 - 26th. If you are available for all or a portion of this week, please contact Sue Koch.

**Youth Fundraiser May 26th** - The Junior and Senior High Youth will be providing supper on Wednesday, May 26th. Plan to come and enjoy grilled pork, potatoes, fruit, salads and dessert, prepared by our youth and grill master Uriah Carpenter especially for you! All proceeds will help to fund our youth mission trips and Convo for 2010. **Plan also to participate in our Bake Sale to support our youth attending Summer Camp.** Baked goods will be available during supper that can be purchased to assist our youth going to United Methodist Camps this summer. If you would like to donate items for the sale, please sign up on the Kiosk.

**Vacation Bible School will be held July 19 - 23rd.** VBS is open to children in grades Pre K - 5. Please fill out the form in the basket marked "VBS" on the usher cart to both pre-register and indicate your time preference. You may also use this form to let us know if you are interested in volunteering during VBS week. There are many opportunities available, please let Sue Koch know if you need more information.

**Summer Camp Registration** is now open. Check out their web page [www.wiumcamps.org](http://www.wiumcamps.org) for more information, or contact Sue Koch. People's UMC provides scholarships for students to attend camp to help defray some of the expense of camp for families.

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**Our Mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ.**

**Our dream is to make this church, this community and this world a better place.**

**We are called as a community of faith to reach out by:**

**listening openly, loving unconditionally and inviting all to hear the good news of Jesus Christ.**

**We will share God's love through circles small enough to care for each, and large enough to encompass all.**

**We accomplish this with integrity, trust, honesty, respect and inclusiveness.**