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Blessed to be a Blessing

- by Chad Kincaid, Stewardship Team Chair

This year's stewardship theme is "Blessed to Be a Blessing". Big thanks go to Lisa Longo who developed the idea and theme. I pray everyone finds things in their life that are blessings. I feel that I'm truly blessed. I've got three healthy rambunctious children and a loving wife that is a true partner in this sometimes mad race of life. I have good friends and I am close with my extended family. Sure I've been knocked down a few times in life but these blessings always help me get up.

But I think our theme goes beyond just counting our blessings. Blessed to be a blessing. What does it mean to be a blessing? That's the question I've been pondering and I invite you to consider it. I think at times I don't consider myself a

blessing. It doesn't feel very humble to say it out loud (seriously try it). I am a blessing. Once we truly think about it we are blessings. We are blessings to the people around us and those we care about. We help out when we can. It could range from simply opening a door for someone to going on a mission trip.

Being the blessing is only half the theme. Blessed to be a blessing. What if we didn't have the opportunity to help out others? There could be a variety of reasons.

Some reasons may be physical. Others may be psychological. I am blessed to be able to be a blessing. I am blessed to have been brought up by parents who cared for my physical, mental, and spiritual needs. I am blessed to be in a position to help others. I am blessed to



share the grace that God has given me to others. I am blessed to feel Jesus's love and pass that to others. I again invite you to ponder how blessed you are to be a blessing.

Team Stewardship needs you! Please if you have some extra time we could use the help. Volunteers are needed stuffing envelopes, writing thank you cards, and helping with events. Contact me, Chad Kincaid, at 317-605-7064 or cnkincaid@outlook.com.

2018 Day of Caring

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 16, to participate in our annual Day of Caring! A wide variety of community service projects are available for all age ranges and abilities. The Day of Caring will begin at 9 am with a short service, and projects will conclude by noon. (There will be no 11 am worship on that day.)

Childcare will be available. Invite your family, friends, and co-workers. All are welcome to participate! Questions? Contact Ruth Moore at ruthcmoore@northminster-indy.org. Sign up on our website or at <http://bit.ly/DayOfCaring2018>

(Cover photo: previous Day of Caring project.)



September Worship

September is always a busy month as kids get into the rhythm of school, sports resume, and fall programming begins to kick in. Be sure to plan church into your schedule. It is not the same when you are not here.

Sunday, September 2 we will celebrate the sacrament of communion by intinction. The Epistle moves us into the little book of James. For the Gospel we move back into the Gospel of Mark. This is the oldest and the shortest of the four gospels. The theme today is "Just Do It!" Nikes are optional.

Sunday, September 9 is our kick-off Sunday. We will look at James 2 and Mark 7 and talk about mercy, mis-steps, and miracles. There will be a big community picnic at noon. Bring a friend for worship and then stay for the picnic.

Sunday, September 16th we will have a brief worship moment at 9:00. Then we split up and go to work for our annual Day of Caring. You can sign up all month for your project. If you forget, show up anyway and we will put you to work. Don't miss this day of putting our faith into action.

Sunday, September 23, James 3 and Mark 9 will tell us how to live the good life. What are the keys to contentment anyway?

Sunday, September 30th James takes us into the power of prayer. Prayer not only asks for healing of body and soul but also the healing of communities and relationships.

Pastoral Ponderings

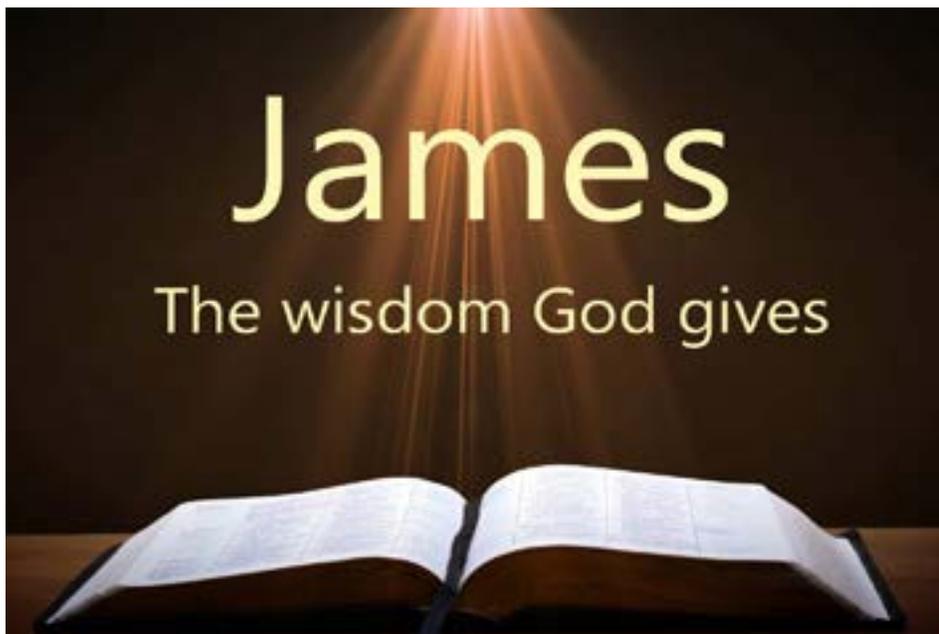
- by Teri Thomas

During the month of September, the lectionary will be taking us through the Epistle of James. While it may not be the sermon text each week it will usually be read in the service. This is a short book and you might want to sit down and read it just for fun.

We are not exactly sure who wrote James, but it may have been the brother of Jesus. Many Christians, including the reformer Martin Luther, claim skepticism about James. He does not talk about Jesus in the book so what can it contribute to a life of faith?

James was most certainly a Jewish Christian and relies heavily on his Jewish tradition and training. He presents a wisdom that comes from God and details what it means to do the will of God. Instead of talking of Jesus, he talks of us and the need for humbly waiting on God's intervention in our lives.

There are a few sections of James that I really love and others I would rather not hear. But this month, I will hear them all and you will hear a number of them. The Book is so short you can also read through the Gospel of Mark while you are at it. That will help you figure out where we are headed this month in worship. Should be great fun! See you in church.



Discipleship Small Group Opportunities

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Wednesdays at 7:30 am throughout the year. Prayers are offered for the congregation. Bible study is led by participants.

Parents with a Passion

6:15 pm on Wednesdays, beginning August 22. This group discusses topical parenting issues and faith. For parents of all ages. Led by church staff and the group.

Tuesday Morning

Women's Bible Study

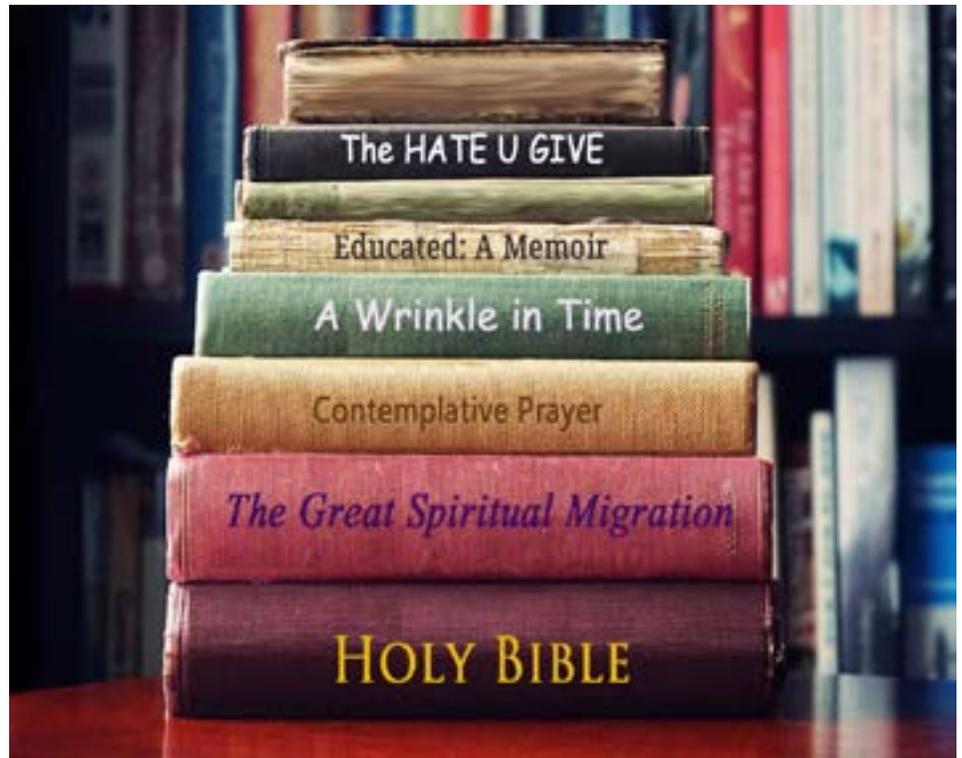
11:00 am, beginning September 11. Study and discussion about the lectionary scriptures, plus prayer and support for each other. Led by Ruth Moore.

American Village Bible Study

1:00 pm on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, beginning September 12. Lectionary scriptures are studied and discussed. All are invited to join us – not just those who live at American Village! Led by Ruth Moore.

Wednesday Night Study Group

Beginning Wednesday evening, September 26, you are invited to join in an 8 week study of **The Great Spiritual Migration** by Brian McLaren. In this book, McLaren will discuss how the world's largest religion is seeking a better way to be Christian. The call to Christian discipleship is a call to get going ...to move forward. Join us as we



reflect on and explore who we are and who we can become. Parish Associate Carol McDonald will facilitate our discussions.

We will meet from 6:00 - 7:15 p.m. on the following Wednesdays with this proposed reading and discussion schedule:

- September 26 -- Preface, Introduction, Chapter 1
- October 3 -- Chapters 2 and 3
- October 10 -- Chapters 4 and 5
- October 17 -- Chapter 6
- October 24 -- Chapter 7
- October 31 -- Chapters 8 and 9
- November 7 -- Chapter 10
- November 14 -- Afterword and Appendices

Copies of the book are available in the church office at \$12 per copy.

Or you may order from amazon.com. This title is also available for e-readers. You will need your Bible ... the Common English translation if you have access to it.

Please sign up by calling the church office (317-251-9489) or at <http://bit.ly/MigrationSignUp> so we will know how many to prepare for.

NOTE: During Advent, there will be a special study and in January, 2019, another Wednesday evening study opportunity will be available.

Wednesday Night Dinners - available at 5:30 pm. Reservations due by noon on Mondays: 317-251-9489.

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Discipleship in October and November

– 10 am in the Board Room

1st Sunday of the Month (Oct. 7 and Nov. 4): Science Fiction Book Discussion. Discussion of **A Wrinkle In Time** by Madeleine L'Engle. Led by Bill Dynes.

2nd Sunday of the Month (Oct. 14 and Nov. 11): **The New York Times and the Bible**. Led by Mark Moore.

4th Sunday of the Month (Oct. 28 and Nov. 25): **Coffee with Krista Tippet**. Led by Jennifer Dzwonar and Marcia Young.

Contemplative Prayer and Meditation

This five-week program will engage you in different contemplative prayer practices designed to help you explore ways to spend time with God. Contemplative prayer is designed so we talk less and listen more in ways that open us to a deeper attentiveness to God's love for us. The five types we will explore are: Breath Prayer, Praying with Icons and images, Centering Prayer, Lectio Divina, and Prayer of Examen.

Mary Beth Riner will lead us. She has been engaged in contemplative prayer practices for over 20 years. As an experienced educator she has led this course in the past and been active in prayer ministry with faith communities.

Sessions will be on Sundays from 5:30-6:30 pm, from October 7 through November 4, downstairs in the Board Room. Materials for all five sessions is \$10. Register no later than October 1, 2018 on our church website. Questions? Contact Mary Beth (mary.riner@gmail.com).

Book Club

Sundays at 12:00 noon. The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas on the October 21, and Educated: A Memoir by Tara Westover on November 18. Led by Carol McDonald and Ruth Moore.

Advent Study

A look at the lectionary scriptures for Advent. 6 pm on Wednesday nights (November 28 – December 19) and 10 am on Sunday mornings, (December 2 – 23). Led by pastoral staff.



Hospitality in the Pews

We have visitors attending worship almost every Sunday. Some of them will sign the pew pads and the staff will invite them to come back and join us again. But many visitors do not sign the pew pads because they do not want to be contacted by the church. And that's okay. Still, if you see someone you don't recognize in or near your pew on a Sunday morning, please go up

and pass the peace of Christ with them and introduce yourself after worship. They may be a member or they may be a visitor, it doesn't matter. Everyone likes to be made welcome in worship. And perhaps he/she will come back again next week. Be the welcoming face of Christ to others. That is what hospitality is all about.

Curious Conversations Class

Want to learn more about Northminster? Curious about what it means to be a Presbyterian? Want to meet others who are new to the faith community? If so, please join us on Sundays September 23 and 30 at 10 am in the Conference Room (admin wing). Try to come on both Sundays as there is a lot to share. Questions? Contact Associate Pastor Ruth Moore at ruthmoore@northminster-indy.org or 317-251-9489 ext. 14.

Fall Church Work Days - September 21 & 22

HELP! Your church needs your help on either September 21 or 22, 9 am to 3 pm, as we spiff up for fall and winter. During these two work days, we'll do yard work, remove bushes, paint, clean, wash windows, and countless other things that need to be done around our church home. You'll get to work with other church members and we'll feed you lunch! You'll marvel at the good works you were able to do while you were here.

We have work for anyone in any age category, so please know - you have the skills we need! (Keene Ricchiutto currently owns the single digit age category and through his efforts we have been able to reduce the average age of the participating workers by a couple of decades!) We will have sign up sheets in the Gathering Place in the coming weeks. Your help will be appreciated by all!



Youth Group

Sept. 9 – All Church picnic, noon.

Sept. 16 - Youth Group, 5:30 - 7:30 pm at Northminster.

Sept. 23 - Youth Group, 5:30 - 7:30 pm at Northminster.

Children & Families

On Sunday, September 30: - Third grade Bible Presentations during 9 and 11 am Worship
- Children's Communion classes during 9 and 11 am Children's Church.

September Birthdays

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| Aaron Eberhard | 9/1 |
| Martha Adcox | 9/3 |
| Kate Keesling | 9/3 |
| Becky Peterson | 9/4 |
| Celestine Donnelly | 9/5 |
| Chloe Holewinski | 9/5 |
| Mike Shannon | 9/5 |
| Mark Gritton | 9/6 |
| Robert Gudgel | 9/9 |
| Betty Young | 9/9 |
| Betty Sue Drake | 9/10 |
| Mark Durham | 9/10 |
| Emma Moore | 9/10 |
| Suzanne Kerr | 9/13 |
| Richard Nelson | 9/14 |
| Robert Buchanan | 9/15 |
| Sara Neitzel | 9/15 |
| Robert Rothrock | 9/15 |
| Meador Hill | 9/16 |
| John Lisher | 9/19 |
| Louise Lord Nelson | 9/19 |
| William Erdel | 9/20 |
| Eleanor Keppler | 9/20 |
| Nannette Kinney | 9/20 |
| Barbara Meriweather | 9/20 |
| Mary Garrett | 9/21 |
| Melodie Sarver | 9/21 |
| Arthur Angotti | 9/25 |
| Betty McCoun | 9/25 |
| Alan Hill | 9/26 |
| Cleonice Barnes | 9/28 |
| Donald Craft | 9/28 |
| Judith Hall | 9/28 |
| Mary Hedlund | 9/28 |
| Deborah Bulloff | 9/29 |
| Julie Stark | 9/29 |
| Grace Yvonne Parker | 9/30 |

2018 Homecoming Reunion

The 4th Annual Homecoming Reunion is fast approaching on Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 10:00 am. The Reunion is an opportunity for members who are unable to attend worship on a regular basis to come for a time of fellowship and lunch. All members who would like to see friends they don't get to see on a regular basis are welcome to attend. There will be a brief worship followed by lunch. Lunch will be provided by Forum again this year.

Please call the church office at 317-251-9489 to RSVP by September 3rd.



(Above: 2015 Homecoming Reunion lunch)

NorthStars

Come join us for a tour of Lucas Oil Stadium, home of the Indianapolis Colts. We will be seeing the playing field, a locker room, Lucas Oil Plaza, Press Box, a suite, as well as numerous other areas not accessible to the general public.

We will gather at the church at 9:45 am on Wednesday, September 19th and leave the church parking lot at 10am. The tour is at 11 am and will last approximately 90 minutes. We will take the church bus, which holds 14 plus the driver. If we have more than 14, people can either follow the bus in their own car or meet us at the stadium.

On the way back to the church, we will stop for lunch, (location is yet



to be determined). We should be back to the church by 2:30 pm.

The fee for the tour for senior citizens (65 +) is \$7. If under that age, the fee is \$10. For those riding the church bus, there will be a fee of \$5. Registration deadline is

Wednesday, September 12th. Tickets will be purchased ahead of the tour date to get this reduced price. Please contact Marty Brooks at (317) 848-6995 or n9kyc@yahoo.com to register.

Senior Ministry Events

Caregiver Support

All caregivers are welcome! You don't have to be a member of NPC to attend: Monday, Sept. 10th at 6:00 pm & Wednesday, Sept. 5th at 1:00 pm in the Conference room next to Ruth's Office.



Scam Awareness Presentation

Diane Dove, Investigations and Community Outreach Manager, BBB Serving Central Indiana will present this program at:

- Faith – September 6 at 1 pm
- Irvington – September 11 at 1 pm

In today's world with the internet and new technology it can put you at risk of being scammed. Diane Dove of the Better Business Bureau will give you some ins and outs of how to avoid these scams. To recognize the potential of scams in your life and how to protect yourself from predators.

Medicare Presentation

Stephanie Balusik-Fultz, Community Outreach Options Counselor, CICOA will present this program:

- Irvington – September 27 at 10am
- Faith – September 27 at 1pm
- Northminster – October 9, 10am

The Medicare enrollment period is approaching, and you can never have enough information on the all the changes which occur from year

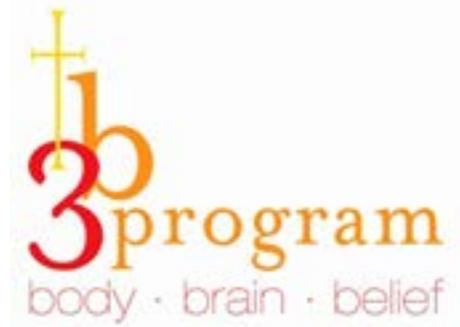
to year. This will be a good time to get your questions answered. RSVP: dharrington@northminster-indy.org or 317-251-9489 ext. 26.

Medicaid Waiver Presentations

The Indiana Medicaid Home and Community Based Services Waiver, presented by Stephanie Balusik-Fultz program provides individualized supports to assist people, of all ages, to live successfully in home and community settings. The details of this program are often unknown to people. This is an opportunity to learn more about this underused and vital program. RSVP: dharrington@northminster-indy.org or 317-251-9489 ext. 26. Dates and locations: Irvington – October 23 at 10 am. Northminster – October 25 at 10 am. Faith – October 30 at 10 am.

Thank You

A heartfelt Thank you to John Wright (*photo below*), Amy Studabaker, and Pat Rozeboom for the beautiful musical presentation on August 9th. There was true joyfulness in the music!



3B Exercise

Join us in Calvin Hall on Mondays & Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. 3B (Body, Brain and Belief) is an exercise class for ages 55 and older focusing on: building flexibility, strength and balance; challenges to increase memory and problem-solving skills as new brain cells grow; and time to recall beloved scriptures with devotionals and "scripture in motion." Exercise improves circulation and keeps the brain & body healthy. Therefore, we do 3B!

Contact Denise Harrington

If you have questions about Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, Caregiving, Rehabilitation Therapy, Estate Planning, Grief, Probate & Guardianship or need a referral for Elder Law, check out the bulletin board outside of Denise's office for updated information, or contact Denise at: 317-509-7085 or dharrington@northminster-indy.org She is here for worship on the 3rd Sunday each month.

Come and Sing in the Choir!

Even though choir rehearsals resumed August 22nd, September is a good time to jump into one of Northminster's choirs. Choir is a great place for spiritual and musical learning and formation. Our children's, youth and adult choirs are open to all, regardless of experience. Children and youth rehearse once a week (Wednesdays) and sing once a month in worship. The Chancel Choir rehearses once a week and sings each Sunday in worship. Contact John Wright, Director of Music Ministries, for information (317-251-9489 ext. 20, johnwright@northminster-indy.org)

Wednesday Evening Choir Rehearsal Schedule

Celebration Choir (K – 2nd grade) 6:15 – 7:00 p.m. Room 203
Robbie Foote, director (rfoote1006@gmail.com)

Peace Choir (3rd – 5th grade) 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Choir Room
Stephanie Voll, director (svoll22@gmail.com)

Bel Canto (6th – 11th grade) 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary
John Wright, director (johnwright@northminster-indy.org)

Chancel Choir (age 16 and up) 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Choir Room
John Wright, director (johnwright@northminster-indy.org)



(Photo above: Previous Peace Choir participants)

Sound & Spirit Seeks Financial Assistance

We definitely appreciate all who have given so generously to Sound & Spirit for the upcoming season. At this time we are short of our needed funding for our 2018 – 2019 concert offerings. Whether you are a past supporter or a potential new supporter, we sincerely hope you will consider a gift to Sound & Spirit, regardless of the amount.

Both the arts and charitable giving are powerful reminders of who we are as human beings. We give to those organizations or causes that we feel are important, or to those which we feel sustain others. I hope you will find Sound & Spirit to be such an organization. At any given Sound & Spirit concert, the music may entertain, delight, challenge, give meaning to, interpret, raise awareness, transport, and stimulate.

As a contributor to Sound & Spirit, your name(s) will be included in the list of supporters in each concert program. Your tax-deductible donation goes directly to sustaining the Sound & Spirit program. Northminster Presbyterian Church graciously pays our “overhead” costs. Put simply, we need your assistance to maintain and advance Sound & Spirit’s tradition of artistic excellence and accessibility.

Deadline to receive contributions is Friday, September 21, 2018. You may make a contribution in two ways:

Online – <http://www.northminster-indy.org/sound-and-spirit/>

Mail or bring a check to the church office. Checks may be made out to Sound & Spirit.

The levels of contributions are:

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| Saints | \$2000 and up |
| Angels | \$1000 – 1999 |
| Patrons | \$500 - 999 |
| Benefactors | \$250 – 499 |
| Donors | \$100 – 249 |
| Friends | up to \$99 |



September Calendar Highlights

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| Monday, 9/3 | All day | Building Closed |
| Tuesday, 9/4 | 7:00 PM | Team Meeting Night |
| Wed., 9/5 | 7:30 AM | Men's Prayer Breakfast (see page 4) |
| | 1:00 PM | Caregiver Support Group (see page 8) |
| Sunday, 9/9 | 12:00 PM | Church-Community Picnic (see back cover) |
| Monday, 9/10 | 6 & 7 PM | Stephen Ministers |
| Tuesday, 9/11 | 11:00 AM | Women's Bible Study (see page 4) |
| | 4:00 PM | Finance Committee Meeting |
| | 7:00 PM | Deacons Meeting |
| Wed., 9/12 | 12 Noon | American Village Bible Study (see page 4) |
| Thurs., 9/13 | 10:00 AM | Homecoming Reunion (see page 7) |
| Sunday, 9/16 | 9:00 AM | Day of Caring (see page 2) |
| Tuesday, 9/18 | 7:00 PM | Session Meeting |
| Wed., 9/19 | 9:30 AM | NorthStars - Lucas Stadium Trip (see page 7) |
| Friday, 9/21 | 9:00 AM | Fall Work Day (see page 6) |
| Sat., 9/22 | 9:00 AM | Fall Work Day |
| | 12:00 PM | Broad Ripple Home Tour |
| Sunday, 9/23 | 10:00 AM | Curious Conversations (see page 5) |
| | 12:00 PM | Broad Ripple Home Tour |
| Monday, 9/24 | 10:30 AM | Stephen Ministers Leaders |
| Tuesday, 9/25 | 9:00 AM | Newsletter Assembly |
| Wed., 9/26 | 12 Noon | American Village Bible Study |
| | 6:00 PM | Wednesday Night Study Group (see page 4) |
| Sunday, 9/30 | 10:00 AM | Curious Conversations |





Church and Community Picnic – September 9 at Noon

School is back in full swing and church programming has begun. Save September 9th on your calendar to stay and eat, play and catch up with your church friends after worship. We will have bounce houses, games, face painting, entertainment, and 2 food trucks.

Greiner’s Food trucks will have cheese steaks, hoagies, meatball sandwiches and more. Mac Genie will have deluxe mac and cheese entries. Sea salt brownies, chips

and ice cold drinks will also be for sale. Sandwiches are \$9.00 and the mac and cheese is \$9.50. Credit cards and cash will be accepted. No reservations are required.

We are also inviting the community to join us so put on your best smile and welcome our neighbors.

Neighborhood friends are being offered a free sandwich and bottle of water, but church members are being asked to pay for their own food.

We wouldn’t charge our neighbors to come and eat at our home, so we won’t charge our neighbors to eat with us at our church home.

This event will be held rain or shine. Invite your friends and neighbors too!



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