

the Inside Scoop



ARE YOU GOING TO JUMP?

by Gwen Bartels, for the Worship Commission

The other morning on my way to work, I was listening to the radio and had the dial set on a Moody Bible station – the speaker was someone who had been recorded at the Moody Pastors Conference (which must be an outstanding event). He was preaching on a passage from the first chapter of James and gave an illustration about following Christ or being a follower of Christ. Here's his example: If there are 5 frogs on a log and 3 decide to jump off, how many are left? He said 5 because deciding to jump and actually jumping are two different things. He then compared that with servanthood. If 5 believers decide to follow Jesus Christ, how many are followers of Jesus Christ? None. Because deciding to follow Jesus and following Jesus are two different things. To me, it's like the song "... be Jesus to the World." Think of what that could look like... what would it be like if tomorrow morning when you woke up, Jesus took your body, kept your personality, took your heart, and you lived out tomorrow with Jesus living out his life through you. It would be Jesus at breakfast, in the classroom, walking across campus or your neighborhood, at work, during dinner, in the grocery store, or behind the wheel. What would people say to you the next day when you came back into your body? Would they see two different people and ask you "What got into you yesterday? you were so _____."

Just like September begins a new school year for many in our church, so it begins a new church year for all of us. We are starting out fresh with our Kick-Off Sunday on September 12th with a new slate to write on. We can decide to be a part of the body of believers and then actually JUMP! Then, on September 26, we have a special service planned by our United Methodist Women – a presentation on "Women of the Bible." If we all become a little more like Jesus, a little more active, a little more helpful, more prayerful, deliberate, studious, celebratory, praising, worshipful, thankful, witnessing, participatory, giving, serving, loving. Church is a great place to practice for the real world – there are many opportunities to live out the life of Jesus – and be an authentic Christian. Don't just sit on the log – JUMP OFF!!

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September - December

5:30 p.m.	Dinner (Social Hall)
6:00-6:45 p.m.	Junior Singers/Chimers
6:00-7:30 p.m.	Nursery
6:15-7:15 p.m.	Spiritual Sisters
6:15-7:15 p.m.	Son Club (Junior Singers will join us at 6:45 p.m.)
6:30-8:30 p.m.	Disciple IV
7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir

*We have high hopes that our new director of Adult Education will have additional classes offered on Wednesdays.

Youth Corner

Sundays

3D—11:20 to noon: High School students and their parents will Dream, Discover, and Discern questions and issues related to the Bible, Christianity, and faith.

2:52—11:20 to noon: Middle School students and their parents will learn how, and what it means, to grow as a Christian.

Evening Program - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.: Middle and High School students will come and participate in one of three programs (depending on the Sunday): Feast, L.O.L., or Koinonia. Sunday evenings will be a time for fun, fellowship, discipleship, and service.

Fridays

Middle School Movie Nights—usually the first Friday of the month (check your calendars!) at Ashley's apartment. A time for Middle School students to bring friends, relax, and have fun!

High School Movie Nights—usually the third Friday of the month (check your calendars!) at Ashley's apartment. A time for High School students to bring friends, relax, and have fun!