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Family Movie Night - November 13th

By Tina Weiler | November 2015



Family Movie Night

On Friday November 13 at 7pm in the parlor we will be sharing Pixar's *Inside Out*. When a young girl named Riley is uprooted from her Midwestern lifestyle and moves to the busy and chaotic San Francisco, her emotions; Anger, Sadness, Disgust, Fear, and (her most important emotion) Joy, start to disagree on how to deal with this dramatic change, which causes problems up in Headquarters, the central living and working place for the five emotions. Come and see how this all works out. As always snacks, pillows, friends and smiles are welcome.

Care Notes

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In the narthex, we are making available to you “CareNotes”. These pamphlets cover a variety of topics including, grief, suffering, unanswered prayers, anger and busy-ness. You are invited to take them and our hope is that they may help you deal with a situation of life. Also feel free to share them if you know that they might help someone who is struggling.

We Need Your Family Picture

By Amy | November 2015



We are beginning to collect your family and individual pictures to be included in a new pictorial directory. Unlike in past years where a professional studio has come in and done posed shots for the directory, we are asking you to simply email us a family portrait that you would like to have included in our next booklet. Maybe you have a shot from the beach trip, or from the holidays , or WDW or maybe you just want to take a new one in the back yard. You get the idea. [Send it along via email to the church](#) and we will take it from there. No sales pitch to sit through and no waiting and trying to keep everyone from getting messed up. By the way, we can take a picture for you at the church if you would like us to; just let PC know so we can arrange it.

A few tips to help the process

- a horizontal picture is preferred.
- Remember this is a church directory, so please avoid those awkward family photos.
- Please tell us who is in the photo in order.

We may need to crop the photo for the best presentation. If you wish you can preview your photo before we insert it in the final book. Our hope is that we will have a better representation of our church family with your participation. [Email it to the church office](#) and make the subject directory photo.

We Are Getting Busy!

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Things are happening at Epworth and it is not just our ministry. We have over a dozen outside groups that use the church on a regular basis. Combined with our scheduled meetings, often there may be limited space available. As a result it is very important that you check with the church office before scheduling an event or changing your meeting time. This is a great problem to have as we are getting the full use of great facility. Your understanding and cooperation will keep things going smoothly.

Goodtimers

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Goodtimers



Fellowship

Goodtimers: Saturday, November 28 - 9:30 am

LEAF RAKING & TRIMMING at Epworth UMC Cemetery at Broad and Cinnaminson Ave. Then we will do the Garfield properties. Bring rakes, gloves, leaf blowers, clippers, loppers and large tarps for collecting leaves. When finished, we will have lunch at Manny's in Palmyra. Pete Kuhn in charge.

Free Thanksgiving Dinner

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Recognizing that there are people who will be alone during this special day and others who may not be able to have a full course dinner, Epworth is stepping up to address those needs. Once again, we are offering a free full course meal at 2pm on Thanksgiving Day. We ask that those who want to be part of our Third Annual Thanksgiving Dinner simply make reservations by contacting Donna Undercuffler or by calling the church office at 856-829-1908. Our goal is to serve about 100 guests.

We are also inviting you to take part in a number of ways. You may sign up to help out that day from setting up to cleanup, serving or helping in the kitchen.

I hope you are excited about this new ministry as many of us are as we work to make a difference in our community.

Harvest Home Celebration

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The Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 22nd, is set aside as our Harvest Home Sunday Celebration. During that special day, we will focus on giving thanks to God for the many ways we have been blessed individually and as a church. We will be bless our shoeboxes, dedicate our commitments to God and the ministry, and share a potluck lunch following worship.

Following the service we are inviting the congregation to be together for a potluck lunch in true Methodist style. You are asked to bring a dish to share. (Warm items can be brought in crock pot as we have limited oven space.) We will gather in the fellowship room downstairs and share our time together.

Leaf Raking on November 28

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On Saturday morning, November 28, we will gather in the church cemetery off of Cinnaminson Ave. to clean up the grounds. With many hands (and rakes) we are able to clear the cemetery in a very short time. It is a time of fellowship as we work together. You might even catch a glimpse of an occasional leaf pile jumper. (They are very rare in this part of the state!) Bring the family, bring a rake and be part of the fun. That's right...FUN!

Community Thanksgiving Worship Celebration

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The Triboro Ministerium has scheduled its annual Thanksgiving Service for Tuesday, November 24 at 7pm. Christ Episcopal Church in Riverton has been asked to host this special service of prayer, song and giving thanks. In the midst of our many preparations for the holiday, it is important that we take a moment and come together and ponder the blessings that have been showered upon us these past months.

Help Wanted for Clown Ministry

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Allelu and Yah Yah are looking for anyone who wants to have fun. We are forming a clown ministry here at Epworth. This ministry requires no experience and is open to all ages. We will be putting together skits and the goal is to put together a program that we can take to hospitals, gathering, be in parades or where ever they are looking for fun. We can spend the morning at Epworth food pantry. There are many events that ask for clowns. Someone can learn the art of balloon making. Someone can learn or may know a little magic. We can develop Christian puppets.

Please contact Debbie or Bryan Campion if you are interested. Let's spread the word of God thru laughter and fun.

UMW Christmas Luncheon

By Amy | November 2015



Christmas Luncheon Potluck

Please join us on Sunday, December 6th at 11:30am for our annual Christmas Luncheon Potluck. All are invited!

- **Program, Paper Products, Utensils, Beverages & Cups:** Deborah Circle
- **Devotions and Response Moment:** Esther/Ruth Circle

8 SOLID TIPS TO BRING BACK FAMILY

WORSHIP

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8 SOLID TIPS TO BRING BACK FAMILY WORSHIP By Darby Jones

So many families are on the go these days. Sitting down for a family dinner is so passé. At least, that's what many teenagers think. And forget any kind of family worship at home. Yet, spending time together intentionally discussing and experiencing God's work in our lives should be one of our most important goals as a family. That's why it is important as a church we seek to equip parents with the tools to bring back family worship.

- 1. You don't have to know everything to lead.** Parents don't have to be Bible scholars or know all the answers to start a family worship time. You just need the willingness to lead your family and follow God's guidance.
- 2. Create a worship space in the house.** This place should show the connection between Christ and the family. Praying and bonding together in this space will make it sacred.
- 3. Set a time for spiritual bonding.** The time and length of family worship depend on the age and attention span of family members. If someone isn't available, have a backup plan. Set a virtual prayer time (for example, at 6 p.m., remember to say a quick prayer with and for the family, no matter where you are). Be consistent about bonding at the same time and it will soon become a habit.
- 4. Challenge your family to a night without television.** Even better, make it a "No Screen Night," which excludes video games, computers and phones as well. This time can occur as often as a family determines (perhaps monthly or weekly). Blocking all distraction frees time for family worship, letter writing, board and active games, sports or general conversation and discussion. Mix up the activities, especially for younger children with short attention spans.

It won't be long before family members look forward to the time and realize the most important things in life are free. However, small rewards can be fun and even can be a part of [stewardship lessons](#). Children will love the extra attention from their parents. Don't be surprised if the stories of memories made from this time together get a little bigger each time they are told!

5. Work together on a community volunteer project. This is a chance to focus on others (and on what Jesus calls us to do) while spending time together. It's also a great teaching opportunity that will enrich the community and lives of others.

Parents can start by asking the pastor about community ministries that can use the family's help. Contact your conference Volunteers in Mission coordinator to find out about good service opportunities for families. Another great resource is [VolunteerMatch](#), an organization that strengthens communities by making it easier for good people and good causes to connect. You can find volunteer opportunities in your community and narrow search results by keywords to find opportunities that interest your family.

6. Prepare. It doesn't have to take a long time. Read a favorite Bible verse and think about the theme that you'd like to share. Cokesbury offers several [family devotionals](#) to help with this process. Develop a list of simple faith questions (e.g. Where have you seen God today? How do you think we can apply Sunday's sermon?) While watching a television show, plan to discuss, during a commercial, how one of the characters could have acted like Jesus.

7. Create a family gratitude journal to promote interaction.

Create a family gratitude journal using a hole punch and some ribbon. Keep the book in the family worship space. Each person is responsible for documenting at least one thing for which he or she is most grateful every day ... more than one is highly encouraged. Little ones can draw something special, cut out a picture or glue on something from nature that they found. Ideally, everyone will have something positive to share.

8. Provide examples on how to pray aloud. Discuss times and situations when it is appropriate to pray, such as before bed, before meals, upon waking, upon receiving good news, when worried or afraid, when you hear an emergency siren, when you hear bad news or when facing a problem with a friend or sibling.

Prayer times are also good times to look up Bible verses. Show your family how to use a Bible concordance or go online to [Biblegateway.com](#) so they know how to look up verses that relate to their problems.