

D.O.G. Night

The meal for D.O.G. Night this Wednesday, March 21 will be soups and subs. We have one more D.O.G. Night after this, so make sure you join us for fellowship.

Calling all PIE & CAKE Bakers

The 16th Annual Psalms & Songs Concert and Pie Auction has a new twist! We are adding cakes & cupcakes to the auction. We are looking for people to bake pies, cakes or cupcakes for the auction. If you are willing to make some delicious goodies, please contact Sandy Martin by phone at (810) 694-2190, text at (248) 789-5851, or email sandym-bonds@sbcglobal.net. We will need over 100 total!

It's Summer Camp Time

If you will be going into grades 4-6 this coming fall, Pastor Joel would like you to join him at Summer Camp at Lake Louise August 5-11. Swimming, hiking, kayaking, games, eating s'mores, singing, silly skits – Summer Camp has it all. Most of all, we learn about how much God loves us. The cost for the week is \$425, but camp scholarships are available through our church. You can register at lakelouisecommunity.org – look for August Polar Bear Camp! If you're younger than 4th grade, there are shorter part-week options for you. You can attend with your parent and Pastor Joel. If you have questions, talk to Pastor Joel.

If this week doesn't work for you, there are lots of opportunities to attend summer camps. There are brochures in the back. Go to camp, camp changes lives!

Readiness360 Survey

Hopefully you received an e-mail asking you to complete this survey by March 23. This survey must be done online. If this is difficult for you, the church office staff will assist you with computer access and assistance to get you started, just give them a call at (810) 636-2444. The survey will take you about 20 minutes to complete. You may remember doing this survey but the purpose of it is to measure our church's readiness to do new ministries where we are now. The consultants always hope for 100% participation.

Growing Our Church Through VCI

The Vital Church Initiative (VCI) is moving forward to revitalize our church. GUMC needs all of us to participate in this event to help our church grow and move forward.

VCI Dates to Mark Your Calendar

Consultation Weekend, April 13-15

Friday, April 13

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| 8:30-10:00 AM | VCI Consultation team tour and interview with Pastor Joel |
| 10:30 AM-12:30 AM | Staff and Church Leader interviews |
| 1:30-5:00 PM | Staff and Church Leader interviews |
| 7:00-8:30 PM | Focus Group for all people who attend church except for church leaders and staff |

Saturday, April 14

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| 9:00-10:00 AM | Focus Group with Church Board Members |
| 10:15 AM-3:00 PM | All Church Workshop with Pot Luck for all people who attend church, including church leaders and staff |

Sunday, April 15

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| 9:45-10:45 AM | Worship Service with VCI Consultants |
| 11:00 AM | VCI Consultants read of the Report and Prescriptions |

Town Hall Meetings

- Tuesday, April 17 from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Sanctuary
Saturday, April 21 from 10:00-11:30 AM in the Sanctuary
Sunday, April 22 from 11:00 AM-12:30 PM in the Sanctuary
Monday, April 23 from 11:30 AM-1:00 PM in the Sanctuary



The psalmist's prayer

The Psalms are full of wonderful verses about God's care and protection.

Directions: Find each missing letter in the alphabets below. Use the resulting words to complete Psalm 86:7, NIV.

- A B C E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z _____
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When I am in _____, I _____ to you,
 because you _____ me. Psalm 86:7, NIV

Answer: When I am in distress, I call to you, because you answer me. Psalm 86:7, NIV

Wanted: Soup Chefs

Get out that apron, and plan to join us Sunday March 25 for Soup and Substance. On this Sunday we plan to feature soups, and are in need of a half dozen or so crock pots of soup. So, if you have a favorite soup, and would like to help out, please contact Brian Samuelson at 810-577-7416 (call or text).

Donations Needed for Easter Baskets

We are looking for donations of travel size hand lotion, hard candies (butterscotch, mints), and Little Debbie oatmeal cookie sandwich snacks for Easter Baskets we are preparing for residents at the Pines as well as our own shut-ins. We are also looking for people to help assemble the baskets during Soup and Substance on March 25, beginning at 5:00 PM. Please make sure your donations are at the church by that night.

Opportunity to Heal From Past Hurts

If you haven't had a chance to join us for our healing listening sessions, but still are in need of God's healing from past spiritual/emotional hurts, you're invited to come to a healing worship service tomorrow night, March 19 at 7:00 PM. This will be a short, quiet service where we receive God's caring and healing through word and prayer.

Helping Hurley

This is a mid-process message to encourage you to help in any way you can with the Hurley Children's Mission Center Project. If you look on the shelf at the back of the church, you will see we already have some blankets and other items. All items will be delivered in early May, so you still have time to contribute. They accept handmade baby blankets, crib and car seat types, baby hats and burp cloths – check out yarn available at the church under the shelf. They also collect new books, coloring books, colored pencils (no markers or crayons) and new stuffed animals. Just remember to have all items at the church by the beginning of May. Hurley is always so appreciative when our delivery arrives.