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SPECIAL EDITION

Fall Ministries

Welcome to our special “Fall Ministries” edition. As we were putting together this special edition to get ready for a new programming year, even our staff were surprised by the number of ministries our church sponsors and hosts. One of the joys of attending Brookings First United Methodist Church is the number of places people can get involved or find support, “at the Corner of Church and Community”.

This Sunday, our worship series begins a special focus on prayer using Adam Weber’s book, *Talking with God*. August 26, we will have our “Worship In the Park” with a picnic-style lunch and games (as well as a special kite theme...“Lifting our Prayers to God”). Then, that following Wednesday, Aug. 29, Adam, Lead Pastor of Embrace Church, will help us lead our first Manna Meal & Worship of the school year, with a special Q & A time to follow, talking about his book and sharing his faith. You won’t want to miss this kick-off.

The Staff of Brookings First UMC



WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays

- 9:00am **THE WELL Worship**
Located in the Community Life Center
- 9:30am **Radio Broadcast**
(KBRK 1430AM)
- 10:00am **Traditional Worship**
Located in the Sanctuary
Traditional Worship changes back to 11:00am on Sunday, September 9th.

*Missed the Sunday sermon? Find recent messages on our website:
www.brookingsmethodist.org/worship*

Wednesdays (resuming August 29th)

- 6:00pm **Manna in the Middle Worship**
Located in the Community Life Center

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Wednesday, August 29:
Manna Meal and Worship Service
Blessing of the Backpacks
Special Event with Adam Weber

Wednesday, September 5:
Full Wednesday Ministry schedule starts —

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

- 2:30pm WAM! (Wednesday Afternoon Music)
- 4:00pm Wednesday Afternoon Childcare
- 4:00pm Chiming Children
- 5:00pm Manna Meal
- 6:00pm "Manna in the Middle" Worship
- 6:45pm Adult Manna Study
- 6:45pm Chancel Choir rehearsal
- 6:45pm College Age Ministry
- 6:45pm Confirmation
- 6:45pm High School Youth Group
- 6:45pm Wednesday School (1st-5th graders)

CONNECT WITH US

Church Office Hours are
Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-
12:00 p.m. and 1:00-4:30 p.m.,
Fridays, 8:30am-Noon.

Need prayer? Email
prayer@brookingsmethodist.org
and one of the pastors
will pray with you.

[Facebook.com/FUMCBrookings](https://www.facebook.com/FUMCBrookings)
www.brookingsmethodist.org

Health Ministry

Your health and well-being is an important part of staying healthy spiritually. We have an active Health Ministry Team, facilitated by our Faith Community Nurse, Joanie Holm, which meets the first Monday of the month at 5:30p.m. Joanie oversees a number of care ministries and support groups to serve our church and wider community. Contact Joanie at jholm229@gmail.com (unless noted otherwise) if you are interested or have questions.

Healthy Movements

Join this group of active older adults to increase muscle tone and balance through our partnership with Pro PT and SDSU Physical Therapy students. They meet on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings at 10a.m. in the Community Life Center.

Grief Support Group

This group is led by Brenda Hieb RN, for those who are experiencing grief from the recent loss of a loved one. The class currently meets on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:45 in the Conference Room. Please contact Brenda at 691-9395 or bfkhieb@gmail.com for more details.

Visitation Ministry

Volunteers meet and plan activities regularly with church members who are not in the nursing home but may need some extra care or attention during times of physical challenges or grief.

Stroke Support Group

This group, created for stroke survivors and their caregivers, is meant to provide support and encouragement through the often long recovery and healing process. (Currently seeking members to continue. Please contact Joanie if interested and to see if the group is meeting.)

SOUL (Seniors Offering Unlimited Love)

This group gathers on the last Monday of the month for a potluck lunch (Noon-1pm in the CLC)) for a time of fellowship and support. Bring a dish/item and your own tableware.

Aging & Spirituality

These folks meet immediately following SOUL (1:15-2:15pm, last Monday of the month) to discuss issues and provide support for older members seeking to age gracefully and faithfully.

Outside Support Groups

Alzheimer's Support - Meets at the church on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m.
New Day AI-Anon - Meets at the church every Tuesday at 5:30p.m. (Contact – Sandra Ballou at 692-1774 for more information)

United Methodist Women (UMW)

UMW is a community of women who nurture and encourage one another in their spiritual growth, personal leadership and transformation.

Circle Groups that are available for women of the church:

CARE - meets at the church the first and third Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m.

Hannah Circle - meets at the church on the 4th Thursday of each month from 9:30 - 11 a.m.

Naomi Circle - meets at the church on the 4th Thursday of each month at 2:00 p.m.

Piecemakers Quilting Group

Meeting day and time: Third Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 or 4 p.m.

This is a group of people that congregate to make quilts. These quilts are given to people within our church community in need of comfort for an illness/surgery/death of a family member, a joyous baptism, or to celebrate a graduation. Come join us whether you have knowledge of quilting or just an eagerness to learn. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Barb Johnson at 605-651-5980 or Sandy Gamradt 605-690-1054.

United Methodist Men (UMM)

UMM is an organization that allows men to come together for fellowship and service. They meet on the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM in the CLC.

Scouts

Brookings First UMC has sponsored Scout Troop 1 since the 1930's.

Harvest Table

The Harvest Table is a warm-no-cost meal served every Monday night from 5:30—6:30 p.m. at the Community Life Center. The meal is offered for anyone in the community looking for good food and good company!

Groceries are handed out the last Monday night of each month.

For more information, contact Vonda at

692-4345

or communitylife@brookingsmethodist.org



Brown Bag with the Pastors

These “brown bag” lunches on the 2nd Monday of the month during the noon hour, are a great chance to ask questions about what’s going on in the church, to bring concerns, and to finish with a time of prayer for our church and community, Aug. 13, Sep. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 10. in the church basement dining room.

Save the Date for Special Events

- August: 26 — Worship in the Park and Picnic
29 — Manna Meal/Blessing of the Backpacks/Adam Weber Event
31 — Tailgating at the BHS Football game
- September: 5 — All Wednesday activities resume/Confirmation Bible Presentation
9 — Fall Ministry Kick-Off/Sunday Schedule changes (Traditional @ 11am)
23 — Methodist Day at the Zoo
26 — Charge Conference
30 — Turkey Dinner
- October: 13 — Hobo Hospitality
14 — Blessing of the Animals
28 — Hunger Banquet
31 — Halloween Special Event
- November: 7 & 11 — 3rd Grade Bible Presentations
9-11 — DakYouth Event (with the “SkitGuys”)
29 — Festival of Lights Carols & Cocoa Event

Sunday School

Sunday School begins this year with Kick Off on Sunday, September 9 at 10:00 a.m. Kick Off will be during the Sunday School hour at 10:00 with activities in the lower level of the Education building. We will host an old fashioned Hymn Sing in the sanctuary, and there will be plenty of treats and coffee in the foyer (narthex). There will be no Sunday School classes per se that Sunday – but be sure to come enjoy the activities! Our Sunday School classes are offered for ages 2 (age 2 by August 31) through adult.

Wed. Afternoon Childcare

At 4:00 (after WAM — see Music Corner for more info) children who need to wait for mom and dad to get off work are welcome to stay for Wednesday Afternoon Childcare. We take the children over to the Education building for an unstructured time of play. If you would like your child to be a part of Wednesday Afternoon Childcare, please sign them up here: <http://bit.ly/WednesdayChildcare>

Wednesday School

Wednesday School is a Christian Education program open to 1st-5th graders that meets from 6:45-7:30ish. The curriculum is not a repeat of Sunday, so if your child should attend both Sunday and Wednesday it will be different for both times. Here is the link to sign your child up for Wednesday School: <http://bit.ly/WednesdaySchool>. The first Wednesday will be September 5.

Adult Study Opportunities

Sunday Morning

Parlor Class

This is a DVD based class that draws from diverse sources of wisdom in exploring the many dimensions of spirituality, faith and practice, seeking a deeper understanding of religion and spirituality in today's world. This class is open to ALL age groups, ALL faiths and spiritual traditions and meets in the basement of the church in an area called The Parlor at 9:00 a.m.

Seekers

This class will begin the year with the study – Short Stories by Jesus – The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi. One reviewer says: “Talk about opening a window! What a refreshing, challenging, fascinating hike through (what you thought were) well-known parables. I will never hear them the same way again.” Another says: “This is not a book just for Christians and/or Jews. This is a book for anyone who wrestles with the common human search for the meaning of life and the role that religion or lack of religion plays in that wrestling match.”

They meet in the education building in room 102 at 9:45-10:45, beginning September 16.

Dr. Murphy's Class

What does the Bible say about...? Current Events and the Bible

Curious what the Bible might say about race relations? Abortion? Immigration? LGBT? Wealth and poverty? You ask the questions. In this class we will look for places the Bible may comment on issues today. More importantly, Dr. Murphy will place those passages in their ancient context so that we better discuss their impact for today. Dr. Murphy is our resident Bible Scholar and Associate Professor of Religion at SDSU.

This class meets in the basement of the church at 10:00 on Sunday mornings.

Sunday Afternoons

Walk to Emmaus Group

If you have been on a ‘Walk to Emmaus’, you might be interested in joining the Emmaus group, now called CrossWork Emmaus, which started this past year. Their focus is to build community within the church. They meet on Sunday's from 4:30 until about 6:00 in the church library. For more information you may contact Nancy Bohlen at

nbohlen@swiftel.net or call the church office at 692-4345.

Monday

Open Door Singles Group

Single and looking for a group? Join our Open Door Singles Group. They meet the 1st and 3rd Monday's at 6:25 in our Sr. High Youth room. They will begin the year on September 10 with “God in the Movies.”

College Age Ministry

College Students/College Age Young Adults we invite you to a weekly Wednesday gathering for community service, Bible studies, and conversation. This group is a safe space to ask questions about faith and learn something new about the bible and being a Christian in today's world. Join us for our weekly community Manna Meal and short worship before hand. We hope you join us for our Manna Special Event with Adam Weber on August 26th. Regular programming will begin the following week at 6:45p.m. following Manna. You are welcome to attend as you can! For further questions contact Pastor Theta.

Confirmation and HS Youth

We are looking forward to our Fall programming/ministry begin on September 5th. Our Confirmation Ministry is for any 6-8 graders each Wednesday in the church basement for a time of teaching, family group, and fun.

Our High School group is for any 9-12 graders as we gather each Wednesday in the HS Youth room for a time of checking in, prayer, and creative activities and service projects. Both groups begin at 6:45 p.m. and end at 7:45 p.m. For questions, contact Pastor Theta.

New Member Class

Every other month, we host a “New Member” Class to help visitors understand our church and tradition and show ways you can get involved “at the Corner of Church and Community”. Join us Aug. 19, Oct. 21, and (possibly) Dec. 16 in the High School Youth Room. Times, T.B.A. Contact Pastor Theta if you are interested or have questions.

Commission On a Way Forward

There will be studies this Fall and Winter that will address the upcoming special General Conference, Feb. 23-26, 2019 addressing “Unity of the Church and Human Sexuality”. These are stand-alone studies that will help address social issues and how we address them as faithful Christians and Methodists.

Sept. 13, 20, 27 – “Won't You Be My Neighbor?” – An introduction into United Methodist Social Principals, and why the church “takes a stand” on social issues.

Oct. 18, 25, Nov. 1 – “Can I Still Be a Methodist If...” – this study addresses “Holy Conferencing,” or faithful discussions together, even when there are major disagreements.

WAM!

WAM! (Wednesday Afternoon Music) is a Wednesday afternoon children's ministry for grades K-5, and music is the focus for this Wednesday afterschool program. Kids arrive at the Community Life Center between 2:45-3pm after school, and we start off our time enjoying a snack together. Our programming includes activities such as singing songs, playing games, experiencing some theater/drama activities, playing with musical instruments -- just to name a few.

WAM! kids have the opportunity to share music in Worship services on some Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings at Manna in the Middle. We provide the backbone for the music of the Children's Christmas program (Dec. 9th), and we will also sing special music at our Family Friendly Christmas Eve Worship service at 5:30pm on Dec. 24th. After Christmas, this group will work hard in rehearsals in preparing to present a musical on April 28th and May 1st. Middle School kids are welcome to join us for the musical as well. The Children's Musical is a fantastic experience that we are pleased to offer kids.

WAM! begins on Wednesday, Sept. 5th. Please use this link to sign your child up for this program: <http://bit.ly/WAMkids>. If you can provide snacks, we greatly appreciate that as well.

WAM Snacks

When signing your child up for WAM, please note that we ask parents to bring a snack once or twice a year. Since we ask for snacks for 50, we would encourage you to partner with a friend when bringing snacks. Here is the link to WAM Snacks: <http://bit.ly/WAMsnacks>

Chancel Choir

This group of singers is comprised of adults, as well as high school, middle school, and college students. Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:45pm in the church sanctuary. This group prepares music for 3-4 Sundays each month for the 11:00am service in the church sanctuary. Childcare is available, but please call ahead. Begins September 5th.

Chiming Children

Kids in grades 3-5 are invited to join the chime choir directed by Lynette Smith. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 4:00pm, right after WAM! programming.

Jubilee Ringers

This is a group of college-age and adult handbell ringers. Rehearsals take place on Tuesdays at 6pm, and this group generally shares music in worship once each month. Childcare is available, but please call ahead. Begins September 4th.

Contact Teresa Person (Worship & Music Director) for more information about any of our music programs.

Tuesday

Movie Night

Join a group of movie goers to discount night at Cinema 8. They go to a predesignated movie around the 7:00 time and then go to the main street Cottonwood Café for discussion afterwards. For more information, please contact Marilyn Brown at brownma1@brookings.net.

Thursday

Brookhaven Study

If you would like a mid-week bible study—then the Thursday afternoon Brookhaven study might just be for you! This study held from 2:00-3:00 pm. at Brookhaven (brick building behind the hospital) is a pastor led study and meets every Thursday except the 3rd Thursday. All that is needed for a resource is a bible. If you should need a bible, please let Gretchen know—there are several available!

Friday

Men's Breakfast

Wanting to have some time with the guys? There is a group of men which meet every Friday morning at Hy-Vee at 6:30 a.m. for breakfast and fellowship. That's it – just fellowship and breakfast and out the door by 7:15! Join them some Friday morning.

New Study

Disciple Fast Track (Bible Study)

Some of you may remember the Disciple Bible Study of many years ago. This fall we are offering a new Disciple Bible Study called *Disciple Fast Track*, which has been developed for the busier lifestyle people have now. Fast Track groups meet for a total of 24 weeks, devoting 12 weeks each to the Old Testament and the New Testament. You will meet each week for 75 minutes during which time you watch a brief, illustrated review video followed by discussion.

Disciple Fast Track Bible Study provides a great option for busy people just like you who seek to gain a better understanding of the bible and want to grow as disciples. Although this new *Disciple Fast Track* would be a repeat for you if you have previously taken the Disciple from years ago, you are certainly welcome to take this course. Nancy Bohlen and Steve Eliason will be the leaders for *Disciple Fast Track* Bible Study which will be held on Tuesday evenings starting September 11 at 5:30. The time can be adjusted according to the classes wishes.

Thanks to a generous donor, the cost of the study manuals is covered for this class. If you would like more information or would like to sign up to take the course, please call the office or email Gretchen at education@brookingmethodist.org.

(CLC) = Community Life Center

(Sanc) = Sanctuary

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
12 9am-The Well (CLC) 10am- Traditional Worship (Sanc) 4:30pm-CrossWork Emmaus	13 10am- Healthy Movement (CLC) 12pm-Brown Bag w/Pastor 5:30pm- Harvest Table served by Brookings High School Staff (CLC)	14 9am-Memorial Committee (Library) 10am-Staff Meeting (Conf. Rm) 5:30pm-New Day Al Anon Group meeting (Library) 7pm-Trustees Committee (Library)	15 10am- Healthy Movement (CLC)	16 9:45am-Neighborhoods Com. 10:30am- Edgewood Vista Com. 2pm- Stoney Brook Com. 3pm- ULC Communion 6:30pm-Alzheimer's Support Group (Parlor)	17 6:45am- Men's Breakfast Fellowship (Hy-Vee) 10am- Healthy Movement (CLC)	18 9am-Piecemakers Quilting Group (Church Basement) 9am-Car Care Ministry (Brookings Car Care)
19 9am-The Well (CLC) 10am- Traditional Worship (Sanc) 11am-New Member Class (Church Basement) 4:30pm-CrossWork Emmaus	20 10am- Healthy Movement 5:30pm- Harvest Table served by Preston Christian Church (CLC) 6pm-Finance Committee 6:25pm-Open Door Singles Group (HS Youth Room)	21 9am-CARE Group (Basement) 10am-Staff Meeting 5:30pm-New Day Al Anon Group meeting (Library)	22 10am- Healthy Movement (CLC) 5:30pm-Foundation Meeting (Conference Room) 6:45pm-Grief Support Group (Conference Room)	23	24 Focus Deadline @ 11am 6:45am- Men's Breakfast Fellowship (Hy-Vee) 10am- Healthy Movement (CLC)	25
26 10am- Worship in the Park (Pioneer Park) 4:30pm-CrossWork Emmaus	27 10am- Healthy Movement 12pm-SOUL Potluck (CLC) 1:15pm- Aging & Spirituality (Basement) 5:30pm- Harvest Table served by Arlington, Lake Preston UMC (CLC)	28 10am-Staff Meeting 5:30pm-New Day Al Anon Group meeting (Library)	29 10am- Healthy Movement 5:00pm-Manna Meal (CLC) 6:00pm-"Manna in the Middle" Worship with Blessing of the Backpacks (CLC) 6:45pm-College Age Ministry 7:30pm-Church Council	30	31 6:45am- Men's Breakfast Fellowship (Hy-Vee) 10am- Healthy Movement (CLC)	1
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