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SPECIAL EDITION

Fall Ministries

As I gaze out my office window, I can see that a handful of leaves have already started changing color. How can it possibly be time for that to happen already? Brookings area schools are starting, and SDSU move-in weekend is upon us, which means that this town is about to come alive in a big way. Many are filled with excitement as the normal fall season schedules begin and life returns to its usual rhythm. As you plan your fall schedule, we hope that you will include the excellent fall ministries that we have planned at the church.

September is a busy month with the start of Sunday School and Manna in the Middle activities. We've got something for all ages, from littles to seniors, and everyone in between. Inside this special edition, you'll find information for several groups and studies that you can be part of, and if you don't find one that fits your needs or interests, we'd love to help you start a new group.

God created us to be in connection with one another. He didn't just create Adam and then leave him alone, but instead gave him a partner to share in life. The church can serve as a connection point for God's children to share in community together and to also stay connected to the vine. There's a place for everyone here at the Corner of Church & Community, and we're here to help you find it.

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!

Teresa Person, Worship & Music Director



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WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays

- 9:00am **THE WELL Worship**
Located in the Community Life Center
- 9:30am **Radio Broadcast**
(KBRK 1430AM)
- 11:00am **Traditional Worship**
Located in the Sanctuary

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

Wednesdays (resuming September 4th)

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

Many activities begin on **September 4**, and the full **Wednesday schedule resumes Sept. 11**. Check the calendar for specifics. 

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feed your soul • Wednesdays

MANNA in the MIDDLE

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

- 3:00pm WAM! (Wednesday Afternoon Music)
- 4:00pm Wednesday Afternoon Childcare
- 4:00pm Chiming Children
- 5:00pm Youth Bells
- 5:00pm Manna Meal
- 6:00pm “Manna in the Middle” Worship
- 6:45pm Wednesday School (1st-5th graders)
- 6:45pm Confirmation
- 6:45pm High School Youth Group
- 6:45pm Men’s Group
- 6:45pm Adult Manna Short Term Study
- 6:45pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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.

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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 grief or physical challenges. Contact Joanie if you are interested in volunteering or also if you would like a visit.

Hopeful Spirit Choral

Dr. Rick Holm leads this ecumenical group of singers that practice in the church sanctuary on Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m. before heading out to sing to someone in need of encouragement. Hymns are sung a cappella (without accompaniment), making this a mobile group that brings joy to those in hospice, hospital care, etc. For more information, contact Dr. Rick Holm at richardpholm@gmail.com.

Outside Support Group

New Day Al-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.

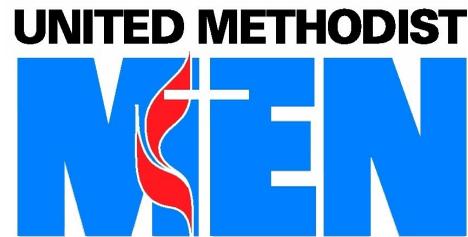


United
Methodist
Women

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.

Piecemakers Quilting Group

Meeting day and time: Third Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 or 4 p.m. and Wednesdays from 1-3:30pm. 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.

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 (1:15-2:15p.m., last Monday of the month) to discuss issues and provide support for older members seeking to age gracefully and faithfully. This will be led by Rick Holm and Lou Prohaska.

Save the Date for Special Events

- August: 25 — Worship in the Park and Picnic
28 — Chancel Choir rehearsals begin
- September: 4 — The following Wednesday programs begin:
WAM!, Wednesday Afternoon Childcare, Chiming Children, Youth Bells, Manna Meal, Manna Worship, and Men's group
8 — Fall Ministry Kick-Off/Blessing of the Backpacks
11 — Confirmation, High School Youth Group, Wednesday School, and the Adult Manna Study all begin
15 & 18 — 3rd Grade Bible Presentation
29 — Turkey Dinner
- October: 5 — Hobo Hospitality
20 — Blessing of the Animals
- November: 3 — All Saints Remembrance
8-10 — DakYouth Event (Aberdeen)
30 — Festival of Lights, Carols & Cocoa Event

Sunday School

Sunday School begins this year with Kick Off on Sunday, September 8, at 10:00 a.m. Our Sunday School classes are offered for ages 2 (age 2 by August 31) through adult. We will celebrate the beginning of our education year with a special Blessing of the Backpacks at both of our Sunday morning worship services. Students of all ages are welcome to bring their backpack to worship to share in this special blessing and to receive a backpack prayer tag to remind them that their church family will pray for them throughout the year.

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 11th.

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.

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 Cross Works Emmaus, which started in the past couple of years. Their focus is to build community within the church. They meet on the 1st and 3rd 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.

Sunday Evening

Family Group

A new group for families will be starting up this fall. The day, time, and specifics are yet to be determined. However, if you would like to get to know more families in the church, be watching in the next FOCUS for further information.

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 9 with "The Creed" by Adam Hamilton.

Confirmation and HS Youth

We are looking forward to our Fall programming/ministry begin on September 11th due to the delayed start of Middle School. Our Confirmation Ministry is for any 6-8 graders each Wednesday in the church basement for a time of teaching, family group, and fun. The first evening there will be a parent meeting for confirmation parents in the CLC after the Manna service.

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 Howard.

New Member Class

When we take our membership vows, we pledge to uphold the church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. All those interested in becoming a member of the church are encouraged to contact the church office. A new member class will be offered at the end of September.

New Family Group

This fall, a new family group will be starting. We have many families in our church, and it would be great to have them get to know each other and give support. The group will get to determine the direction they want to take for what they want this group to do, etc. Please be looking for announcements for the first meeting date.

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 send an email to: communitylife@brookingsmethodist.org



WAM! Begins Sept. 4

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. 8th), 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 May 3rd and 6th. 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. 4th. 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 August 28th.

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 3rd.

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.

Wednesday

Adult Manna Study

There will be an adult study offered after the Manna service. They will be short term— one month studies. Watch the FOCUS and bulletin for titles.

Men's Group

If you would like a place to talk with other guys about faith, family, daily trials, pressures, etc. this men's group just might fit that bill! They are also a group which likes to 'do' as well as. So periodically they will take part in a service project around the church or wherever needed. For more information contact John Prohaska at john.prohaska@sdsbp.com

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.

Contact Gretchen Knutson (Education Director) for more information about any of our education programs.

(CLC) = Community Life Center
(Sanc) = Sanctuary

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>25 10am — Worship in the Park at Hillcrest Park Shelter E 11am — Meal in the Park</p> <p>Focus Deadline</p>	<p>26 10am- Healthy Movement (CLC) Noon — SOUL Potluck 5:30pm- Harvest Table served by Arlington & Lake Preston UM Churches (CLC)</p>	<p>27 10am—Staff Meeting (Conf. Rm) 5:30pm—New Day Al Anon Group meeting (Library) 6:30pm—Preschool teachers orientation</p>	<p>28 10am- Healthy Movement (CLC) 1pm — Quilting Group (basement) 6:45pm—Chancel Choir kickoff and dessert party</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 6:45am- Men's Breakfast Fellowship (Hy-Vee) 10am- Healthy Movement (CLC)</p>	<p>31</p>
<p>1 9am—The Well Worship (CLC) 10am—Adult Class (parlor) 11am—Traditional Worship 4:30pm—CrossWork Emmaus (library)</p>	<p>2 Labor Day—Office Closed 10am—Healthy Movement Class (CLC) No Harvest Table</p>	<p>3 9am—CARE Group (basement) 10am—Staff Meeting 5:30pm—New Day Al-Anon Group (parlor) 7pm—SPR Committee (conference room) 7pm—Movie Night@Cinema 8</p>	<p>4# Manna Returns 10am—Healthy Movement Class (CLC) 1pm—Quilting Group 6:45pm—Confirmation Parent Meeting for Middle Schoolers *No Youth Groups/Wednesday School/Confirmation</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 6:30am—Men's Fellowship Breakfast (Hy-Vee) 10am—Healthy Movement Class (CLC)</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 Blessing of the Backpacks 9am—The Well Worship (CLC) 10am—Adult Classes (parlor and basement) 10am—Sunday School Begins 11am—Traditional Worship</p>	<p>9 10am—Healthy Movement Class (CLC) 5:30pm—Harvest Table served by Trinity Lutheran Church (CLC) 5:30pm—Health Ministry</p>	<p>10 9am—Memorial Committee (library) 9:30am—UMW Board Meeting 10am—Staff Meeting 5:30pm—New Day Al-Anon Group (parlor) 7pm—Trustees Mtg (library)</p>	<p>11# 10am—Healthy Movement Class (CLC) 1pm—Quilting Group (basement)</p>	<p>12 5:30pm—Missions Committee</p>	<p>13 6:30am—Men's Fellowship Breakfast (Hy-Vee) 10am—Healthy Movement Class (CLC)</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 9am—The Well Worship (CLC) 10am—Adult Classes (parlor and basement) 10am—Sunday School 11am—Traditional Worship 4:30pm—CrossWork Emmaus</p>	<p>16 10am—Healthy Movement Class (CLC) 5:30pm—Harvest Table served by First Presbyterian Church (CLC) 6pm—Finance Committee</p>	<p>17 9am—CARE Group (basement) 10am—Staff Meeting 5:30pm—New Day Al-Anon Group (parlor) 7pm—Movie Night@Cinema 8</p>	<p>18# 10am—Healthy Movement Class (CLC) 1pm—Quilting Group 6:45pm—Journey through Grief Group (library)</p>	<p>19 9:45am—Neighborhoods Communion 10:30am—Edgewood Vista Communion 2pm—Stoney Brook Comm. 3pm—ULC Communion</p>	<p>20 6:30am—Men's Fellowship Breakfast (Hy-Vee) 10am—Healthy Movement Class (CLC)</p>	<p>21 9am—Piecemakers Quilting Group (basement)</p>
<p>22 9am—The Well Worship (CLC) 10am—Adult Classes 10am—Sunday School 11am—Traditional Worship 1:45pm—Neighborhoods</p>	<p>23 FOCUS Deadline 10am—Healthy Movement 12pm—SOUL Potluck 5:30pm—Harvest Table served by White, Sterling, & Impact UM Churches</p>	<p>24 10am—Staff Meeting 5:30pm—New Day Al-Anon Group (parlor) 7pm—Movie Night@Cinema 8</p>	<p>25# 10am—Healthy Movement Class (CLC) 1pm—Quilting Group (basement)</p>	<p>26 9:30am—Hannah Circle 2pm—Naomi Circle</p>	<p>Wednesday Schedule—# 3pm—WAM! (CLC) 4pm—Afternoon Childcare 4pm—Chiming Children 5pm—Youth Bells 5pm—Manna Meal (CLC) 6pm—Manna Worship</p>	<p>Wednesday Schedule—# 6:45pm—Chancel Choir, Men's Study, Wednesday School, Confirmation/MS Youth Grp, HS Youth Grp</p>