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Sunday Worship Services at 8:30, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
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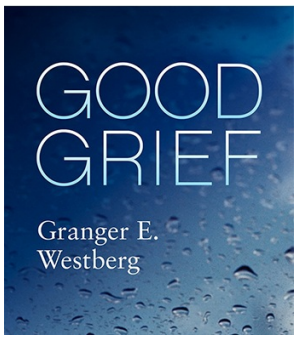
Equip Yourself for Effective Ministry at Pathways!

Join other Pierce Chapel folks at Trinity UMC in Warner Robins on August 24, 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pathways features workshops on a variety of subjects, from children and youth-focused workshops to spiritual discipline workshops to those focused on missions and outreach. The conference costs $25 per person. A boxed lunch from Chick-fil-A is included in the registration fee. Childcare is available for newborn to fifth-grade children at a cost of $10 per child which covers the cost of their lunch. For questions, contact Allison Lindsey at allison@sgaumc.com.

The Good Grief Group

August 19 in Room 214, 6:15-8:00 p.m.



Loss is an inevitable part of life and comes to us through all kinds of circumstances - the death of a loved one, divorce, a job change, moving, empty nest, change in health, etc. The Good Grief Group (aka Triple G) is a safe place where people can learn to face and process grief in a healthy and good way with the knowledge that God still cares about them. We will be using the book, *Good Grief: A Companion for Every Loss* by Granger E. Westberg. Childcare will be provided by request. For questions, please contact Charlotte Baker (678-707-2192) or Susan Durham 706-593-3081.

Christmas Cantata Kick-Off Celebration

Christmas Cantata Choir is open to those who enjoy singing and can match pitches in a group choir. This includes high school students who are involved in music or drama in their school.

Join us on **Wednesday, August 28, 6:30 p.m.** in the Worship Center. PLEASE BRING YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY hors d'oeuvres to share! We'll visit, eat, listen to our Cantata for this Christmas and hear information regarding dates! Dress is holiday festive…or whatever makes your attendance most practical! Loving childcare is available by RSVP. For more info, please contact Donna Pounds at 706-326-3005 or donnappounds@live.com.

UMW TEA: 150TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Come celebrate with us on Saturday, September 7, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. in the Worship Center for our United Methodist Women's Tea. This event is for ladies of all ages (4 and up) and will include a BIRTHDAY CAKE, activities for our younger guests, food and fellowship and our speaker, Mrs. Minnie Carlisle. Contact Thelma Bunch (706-610-6496), Barbara Morris (706-662-5801), or Sara Bankhead (706-322-4753) if you have questions.

United Methodist Women

The Esther and Sonshine Circles of United Methodist Women will meet together on Tuesday, August 20 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 210. Our program will be a Pledge Service for 2020. Any women interested in learning about United Methodist Women are invited to join us. Please bring a snack to share.

Frozen Assets

We will be preparing meals for members in our church who are in need. We will meet in the church kitchen August 20, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Contact Susan Wooldridge if you can help: 706 358-2973 or queenie.one4@gmail.com.

Happy Achers & Senior Exercise

Happy Achers sack lunch & games for senior adults happens in the Hospitality Room at 11:30 a.m. on Thursdays. Bring a sack lunch! Join us for extraordinary fun & fellowship. Questions? Contact Thelma Bunch at 706-610-6496.

Senior Exercise meets Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays in the Youth Barn from 9:00-10:00 a.m. If you haven't been before, or need to check the dates that we may not be meeting, please contact Connie Luby at 706-325-2615 to learn of any changes in the schedule.

Mary/Martha Bible Study

The Mary/Martha Bible study group will be studying *What If It's True* by Charles Martin. Martin uses a storyteller's imagination to illuminate key moments from the Scriptures, and from his own journey as a disciple of Christ. "The result is a striking exploration of truth that helps us not just think differently, but live differently." Join us as we engage the fundamental principles of our faith in new and inspiring ways. MM will begin this study September 9 from 7:00-8:15 at the home of Elaine McKenzie, 8095 Turtle Creek Drive, Columbus). Contact Barbara Rouse at 706-464-0425 or rousehouse54@yahoo.com for more information.

WNS is Back!

Join us August 21 for Wednesday Night Supper with Guest Speaker John Sims from Magnolia Manor

RSVP at https://www.piercechapel.com/wns

Menu: Ranch Chicken, rice, green beans, salad, roll, and dessert (nuggets and fries available for children). Supper line opens at 5:30 p.m.

Office Deadlines

News deadline for the September 1 newsletter is 12:00 **noon on Monday, August 26.** Sunday bulletin deadline is **12:00 noon on Wednesdays.** Email announcements to jessica@piercechapel.com.

Safe Sanctuaries Training & Appreciation Lunch for Children and Youth Volunteers

Sunday, August 18- 12:15-1:45 pm- Youth Barn

All children & youth ministry volunteers are invited to join us for a taco bar lunch and to attend the Safe Sanctuaries Training! *Please remember that ALL children & youth volunteers must complete this training annually to serve with students.* RSVP to roseanna@piercechapel.com **by Friday, August 16.**

Children's Choirs Begin Sept. 8!

Children 3K-5th grade are invited to join our Children's Choirs beginning on Sunday, Sept. 8th. Choir meets from 4:00-5:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoons. To register your child, email roseanna@piercechapel.com.

Sunday Night Youth: (5:00-7:30 p.m.) Youth (6th-12th grades) meet in the barn to eat, hang out and worship with our youth band starting at 5:00 p.m. We're so excited to have Sam Creswell as our Guest Speaker for the month of August and our awesome SGLs (Small Group Leaders) back! Don't miss out on amazing Sunday Nights with the youth of PCUMC!

Wednesday Night Youth: (6:00-8:00 p.m.) We'll hang out in the barn from 6:00-6:20 and then everybody will head across the street for Ultimate Frisbee! If you don't know how to play, we'll teach you! And....you don't have to play --- you can chat with friends and cheer on your favorite team! (Be sure to wear something you can sweat in.) We'll pack up at 7:45 and head back to the barn. We want YOU to be there!

K.I.L.T's Annual Highland Games

Where: Youth Barn
When: Noon to 3 pm, Saturday, August 17
Who: All high school age young men
Why: Fun, fellowship, and to learn what KILT is all about.
A Manly Meal will be provided. Kilt optional. For more info call or text Stephen Childers at 706-905-1701.

Preschool Notes

Be sure to mark these important dates on your calendar:

August 19
First day of school for M/W, M-TH and 5 day students

August 20
First day of school for T,TH & T,W,TH

preschool@piercechapel.com

Marriage Ministry Bible Study

CLOSERconnection

Communication can either push a marriage apart or bring spouses closer together. Nearly everything we do communicates a message, so what happens if the two of you seem to be speaking different languages? Join our 7-week study, beginning September 5, and meeting each Thursday in Room 210, 6:30-8:30 p.m. $20 per couple for materials. Loving childcare provided by request. Contact Jennifer Putnam by August 29 to sign up: 719-505-3728 or mjputnam1218@gmail.com.