

WALLACE NEWSLETTER

"SERVING GOD, LOVING ALL"

October Worship

October 4th

Theme: The Pillar of Inclusion

Young Disciples Time- "Table Gatherings"

Lessons- Psalm 23 and Luke 22:14-20, 24-29

Message – "Kingdom Seating"

Sacrament of Communion—World Communion Sunday

Pastor Dennis Molnar

October 11th

Theme: The Pillar of Respectful

Young Disciples Time - "An Imprint on the Soul"

Lessons – Deuteronomy 6:4-9 and Romans 12: 9-21

Message - "Honor One Another"

Sacrament of Baptism

Pastor Dennis Molnar

October 18th

Theme: The Pillar of Responsibility

Young Disciples Time - "Our God Is An Awesome God"

Lessons – Psalm 104 and Mark 10:35-45

Message – "Great Servants"

Sacrament of Communion

Pastor Sarah Robbins

October 25th

Theme: Worshipping God Gratefully

Young Disciples Time - "Prayer Manners"

Lessons – Psalm 150 and Ephesians 1:3-14

Message - "The Rhythm of Worship"

Pastor Dennis Molnar

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

October

Friday 10/2

T.R.A.I.L First Friday
@ Arsenal Cider
House. 7pm

Thursday 10/8

Greentree Garden
Club to Soergel's
Orchards

Friday 10/9

Second Friday
Serenades
Wallace Sanctuary at
12:30p.m.

Sunday 10/18

The Table—A Young
Adult Group,
gathering at Trax
Farms

Thursday 10/29

Greater PGH
Community Food
Bank. 8:10am.

Friday 10/30

Halloween Party at
Wallace 6:30 p.m.

T.R.A.I.L/Young Adult Ministry

Three Rivers Adult Interdenominational Links and the Young Adult Ministry are two groups out of East Liberty Presbyterian Church. They welcome all adults post high-school through about age 40. They are students, professionals, married, single, partnered, with or without children and from different races, sexual orientations, abilities, and backgrounds and with varied beliefs. They join together to seek to better understand, to worship and serve the Holy God, and to engage in mission activities, have fun and socialize! There are many opportunities in the coming months to take part in with T.R.A.I.L and Young Adult Ministry.

October Event - First Friday @ Arsenal Cider House. We will gather at this local hot spot for some good drink and conversation. Bring money to try some of the house beverages, and an engaging question for the group to discuss. Friday, October 02, @ 7:00 p.m., @ Arsenal Cider House, 300 39th Street, Pittsburgh, 15201.

Greater PGH Community Food Bank:

VOLUNTEERS for Greater Pgh. Community Food Bank are needed this month on Thursday, October 29th. We carpool from the back church parking lot, meeting at 8:10 a.m. Our work is on the monthly assembly line for the Senior Food Boxes. We place 1 item in each box, then pass it on. We begin at around 9a.m., have a brief coffee/snack break at 10:30a.m., then continue until noon. Please inform Harriette Apel at 412-279-7239 or rustyharriette@yahoo.com if you are willing to participate. Thank you!

The Table:

The Table is a fellowship and service group for young adults who are members or friends of members at Wallace church. We meet about once a month—for dinner, activities and service opportunities. For the most up to date information on our gatherings, check out our [Facebook](#) page, or contact Pastor Sarah. Please note: the Facebook page is a closed group. But please ask to be added if you are interested in this group!

October Event: October 18th, after worship, we will be going to Trax Farms! We will be gathering for snacks/lunch and outside fun! Wear play clothes and come ready to pick a pumpkin.

Green Tree Garden Club:

On October 8 the Garden Club will travel by bus to Soergel's Orchards in Wexford. We will shop in the garden center, market and gift barn and have lunch in the McIntosh Patio. A short meeting and a presentation by a Soergel's representative will follow. Non-members are asked to pay \$10 bus fare. Reservations are required; call Sue at 412-921-0287 or 412-334-6537.

New Member Classes:

To answer questions about church membership, an informal 3-week information series will be held on the Sunday mornings of October 11, 18 and 25 from 9 to 10. Child care is available. Instruction and discussion about our Presbyterian faith and how that is carried out at Wallace Church will be led by Joan and Roy Humphrey. In addition to meeting other prospective members, attendees will hear from Pastor Dennis Molnar and be introduced to some of the church staff. These sessions are strongly recommended for anyone who might be considering membership. New members will be received at a Sunday worship service in November.

If you know of someone who would be interested in this series, please contact one of the Pastors, the church office at (412) 561-2431 or place a note in the offering plate.

"Create a World of Peace, Work Together to Grow Peace, Give a Gift of Peace":

In too many places around the world, peace is merely a hope. Conflicts between nations, peoples, and ideas put peace at risk everywhere. During the Season of Peace, we recognize that too many people live in situations that are both unsettled and unjust. Your gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering, which will be received on World Communion Sunday, October 04, works to address these deep-seated problems by supporting efforts to inspire, equip, and connect Presbyterians engaging in ministries of reconciliation and peace around the world. Through missions, work projects, and education, we witness to the peace of Christ for our sisters and brothers as they face some of the greatest challenges of our time. Special offering envelopes have been placed in the pew racks for your convenience. Please be certain to note your name and amount enclosed on the envelope. Thank you!

Food Pantry Holiday Needs:

During the months of September and October, the Pantry is collecting boxed dessert mixes for inclusion in the Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner bags given to client families. Dessert mixes that are complete in one box are best {e.g. brownies, lemon bars, pineapple upside down cake}, but we also welcome cake mixes if they are accompanied by icing. Also during September and October, we will be collecting new or like-new children's and/or teen books, games, and DVD's, along with new or like-new holiday gift bags {all sizes, but especially small and medium sizes}, new packages of white tissue paper, and self-stick gift tags. All holiday items can be left any time on the table next to the food pantry {NOT the tables by the elevator}, or can be placed in the cart on the last Sunday of the month.

Coat Drive:

The Deacons are sponsoring a **coat drive** to support SHIM {South Hills Interfaith Ministries}. We will be collecting new and gently-worn cold weather coats for families in need in the South Hills from September 20 through October 25. Children's apparel is very much needed. You can leave your donations on the racks in the hallway by the Transept. Hats, gloves, scarves, and boots are also welcome.

Birthday Fund 2015: Raise the Roof!

The Birthday Fund is an opportunity to give back for the blessing of life, and to help us save for a rainy day! This year, the focus of the Birthday Fund will be "Raising the Roof!" During your birthday month, we ask that you consider giving one dollar for each year of your age in celebration of your years. But it is not limited to those celebrating a birthday during any given month – not at all! Do you see a name of a dear friend on the list below, or someone who has inspired you in your faith journey? Make a gift in honor of his or her birthday.

Gifts can be submitted on Sundays, using the blue envelopes located in the sanctuary pews (please indicate "Birthday Fund" on your check or envelope), or submitted at any time in person or through the mail - simply complete this page with your info below, and return it to the church office.

Happy Birthday to all of those born in October!

1) Mildred Gardner			Marie Hill			Paul Wren
James Warters	16)	Margaret Addis		25)	Nadine Mancini	
2) Rebecca Johnston		Natalee Tortorella			Dolores Paras	
Philip Molnar	17)	Geraldine Sullivan		26)	George Fenton, Jr.	
6) Dale Neubert	18)	Andy Fisher			Joan Jenkins	
Shelby Wherry	19)	William Slater, II		28)	Mowbray Dapper	
7) Liam Donald	20)	Helen Caliguire		29)	Jason Figorski	
Carol Moessinger	21)	Foster Hartman			Linda Oberst	
9) Emily Addleman		Renee Molnar			Terry Oberst	
Marijane Eibs	22)	Wendy Charlton		30)	Alyssa Senn	
10) Linda Wolf		Carolyn Esterly		31)	Charles Addis	
11) Lisa Goodworth		Sue Neubert			Jody Boehm	
12) Dawn Hicken		Kelly Shamlin			Craig Esterly	
Adelena Kappers		Sean Zimmerman			Amy Goelz	
13) Kyle Hicken	23)	Robert Faust			Harry Graff	
14) Stephanie Caruso		Kaitlyn Kunz			Thomas Marchlen	
Autumn Tancraitor	24)	Abigail Fleischauer			William Pini	
15) Boyd Alspach		Dot-Ann Sutter				

Yes, I am grateful for the blessing of life, and am happy to be a part of the Birthday Fund!

Name: _____

Gift Amount: _____

This is a:

___ Gift for my birthday month

___ Gift in honor of the birthday of _____

Did we miss your birthday? Please notify the church office and share your information. No ages will be published!

Through your faithful stewardship and generosity, we serve God and love all!

Happy Birthday

DISCOVERER'S CELEBRATE FRIENDSHIP WITH A WEEKEND CAMPING TRIP

The Discoverers class is more than a Sunday School class. It is a group of Christians who have shared more than 25 years of ups and downs. Through the years, the Discoverers welcomed new people while others moved on to



new churches, new cities, and new lives. At the present time, the group includes members from Wallace Memorial, Mt. Lebanon Evangelical Presbyterian Church and Sunset Hills Presbyterian Church. We would love to have more members of Wallace consider joining our group. Our next gathering is in October and at the Faust home.

Each year a “planning session” focuses on planning monthly activities. These include gatherings at each other’s homes, visiting senior centers provide a program and treats to

residents, visiting local sites such as the Aviary and Phipps and even taking afternoon bike ride on one of the local Trails. For more years than can be remembered, a camping weekend was planned – at first tent camping family and extended family but as the kids have grown up, we have moved camping in facilities in the campground or in a camper. Only one person continues the tradition of sleeping in a tent. Two things that do continue is the Discoverers’ Saturday gathering to share dinner and nightly gatherings around the campfire.



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As we have for years, we camped at [Benners Meadows Run Camping and Cabins](#) in Farmington, PA. A group of Discoverers stayed in the Benner Barns, while another group stayed down the road in their camper and tent. As



was done in years past, some of the Discoverers made a trip to Ohio Pyle for an afternoon of biking – just what was needed to get a good appetite for our shared dinner. The rest of the group stayed behind and enjoyed the facilities and opportunities at Benners. This year a special highlight of the weekend was a Bible Study led by Paul and Linda Pokrajac. While most of group left on Sunday a small contingent stayed an extra day; side trips to a nearby state camp ground and Cucumber Falls highlighted the extra day at camp.

Discoverers have been and continue to be an evolving group; we welcome new people to the group – and to our activities. If you are interested in learning more about our group, join us at Sunday School or talk to one of our members. Beginning in October 2015, the Discoverers Sunday School class is studying 1 Thessalonians and 2 Thessalonian. As we have been doing for the last few years, members of the Discoverers will lead the discussion using the study guide by [Warren W. Wiersbe](#) as a starting point for our discussion. The topic of the book is “[A Church is Born](#)” and we thought that just as the early church had its beginnings, Wallace is having its own “new beginning.” We hope to find guidance in Thessalonians 1 and 2 as we travel this new road!

COUNCIL'S CORNER

September Council Summary

- Received with regret the resignation of Pastor Sarah Robbins as Temporary Associate Pastor.
(See Separate Article)
- Approved a Celebration of Pastor Sarah Robbins' Ministry for Sunday, October 25th.
- Approved the Baptism of Jordan Gaefke, son of Jesse & Leanne Gaefke for Sunday, October 11th.
- Approved the Baptism of Kendall Katherine Thomas, daughter of Bob & Tiffany Thomas for November 22nd.
- Will hold a Memorial Service for Jeanne A. Reiff at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 10th, at Wallace.
- Approved the "Close the Gap" Giving Campaign to hopefully match a \$16,000 gift that was received in September. (see separate section)
- Approved the hiring of an Interim Communications Coordinator for 6 months and will begin search.
- Inquirer Gatherings will be held on October 11th, 18th, and 25th during the Education Hour for potential new members.
- The Table Group (Young Adults) will journey to Trax Farms on October 18th after worship, will share a Thanksgiving Meal on November 16th, and then hold a lunch and shopping outing on December 5th for the Angel Tree Gift Project.
- *A Love Your Neighbor Event* will be held on Sunday, November 22nd, with soup and cookies being made and delivered to our homebound members.
- Elected Ann Baldrige and Eunice Nasri as commissioners to the September 24th Presbytery Meeting.
- Noted the approval of the 2014 Minutes and Rolls were approved with commendation.
- Noted the completion of the Paving Project for the Church Parking Lot.
- Noted the Wallace Food Pantry served 117 people from 55 families in August and distributed 33 backpacks with school supplies to children.
- Noted about 100 students enrolled in the Wallace Nursery School.
- Affirmed the continuation of the Friday Serenades Series on the Second Friday of each month through December.
- Approved a Community Outreach Halloween Event for Friday, October 30th, hosted by the Lakota Mission Team.
- Approved Oreo Covered Cookie & Christmas Cookie Fundraisers for the Lakota Art Camp Project.
- Noted the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. Per capita Assessment for 2016 will be \$29.10 per member.

A LETTER FROM PASTOR SARAH

Sunday September 27, 2015

To the members, visitors, and friends of Dormont/Wallace Memorial Presbyterian Church,

It is with deepest affection that I write this to all of you. October 25, 2015 will be my last Sunday as your Temporary Associate Pastor. I submitted my resignation to the Council on Monday September 21, 2015. It has been my distinct honor and blessing to serve as your Pastor for the past five years, and I will reflect on my time with you with great fondness for years to come.

When I look back on all that we have accomplished together in Christ's name, I am astounded by the twists and turns in the journey! Through new programs, the formation and discernment of the partnership team, the moving and nesting of the Dormont congregation, the enduring work of the Envisioning committee and the new possibilities on the horizon, we have worked prayerfully side by side.

You all are a new congregation of great history, and also of a promising future. As you continue to explore the plans that God has for you, I pray that you will be open to the Spirit's guiding as you discern together how to reach a new generation and a changing community.

May you continue to glean from the experience of some and from the anticipating hope of others as you meet new challenges and embrace new beginnings. May you continue to find new ways to be an open and hospitable family of faith for all that walk through your doors, that all may know the unmatched love of God. For each of you, the story continues. I pray that you embrace and support future staff and leadership with open and honest communication, steadfast care, energy, intelligence, imagination, and love.

Ben and I remain thankful for each and every way that we have felt supported and loved these last five years. Your care, counsel and hospitality will long be remembered. And while I do not know where or to what work God will call me to next, I remain faithful in searching and listening.

Always know that as you journey in faith, you do not do so alone, but are guided and sustained by God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who will be with you and abide with you both now and forevermore.

In Christ's Peace,

Rev. Sarah Robbins, Temporary Associate Pastor

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The **High School Class** is up and running as they are planning another trip to the McDonald House to cook breakfast for the families of children hospitalized in Children's Hospital. The families were **very much** appreciative. This will be an ongoing mission project for these students!

Beginning on Sunday, October 18th, the **Short Class** will begin a new, but similar 3-month series, "Twelve Extraordinary Women". It is about "how God shaped women of the Bible and what He wants to do with you". The class is now finishing the series "Twelve Extraordinary Men". Sounds intriguing!

The **Intermediate Class**, (2-5 grade) under the direction of Lynn Wallace are "under construction" again as they build their knowledge of the Bible and their relationship with God. Not only were they donning construction hats in which they wrote a word to reflect on that day's lesson, they now have construction vests and shirts. Look for them in worship soon!

MUSICAL UPDATE- POETS OF THE PIANO

The Miniaturists

Friday, October 9, 2015 from 12:30pm-2:00pm at Wallace Memorial Church

SECOND FRIDAY SERENADES: Poets of the Piano is a piano recital series in four parts devoted to the pianist as 'reciter' and composer as 'poet' of music. The second concert features music in miniature, tiny poems in an astonishing emotional range.

These concerts are free and open to the public. Donations benefit the Wallace Music Program.

A pre-concert talk begins at 12.30 pm, followed by a break at 1, and the concert begins at 1.10 pm. Come to either or both!

Scriabin - Preludes, op.11 (1. C major, 4. e minor, 7. A major, 8. f# minor, 15. D-flat major, 19. E-flat major) Quentin Kim - Four Preludes. Chopin - Preludes, op.28.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

CATCHING UP-- As we enter the final three months of this year it should be pointed out that of the \$214,000 pledged for the first nine months of this year, only \$172,000 has been received. Council and Finance committee are urging everyone who has made an annual pledge to review their giving to date and "CATCH UP" on any short fall by the end of 2015. Budgets, for staffing operations and programming are all dependent upon receipt of all giving that has been pledged.

CLOSING THE GAP IN CHALLENGING TIMES-- The Church is in receipt of a memorial gift of \$16,300. Council has approved using this gift as the basis of a matching campaign through the end of the year. The campaign will be called "Close The Gap" and is intended as a way to reduce the projected 2015 operating deficit of \$80,000 in addition to the \$100,000 we budgeted. It is hoped that many congregation members will enthusiastically and generously support this gap campaign.

MISSION MINUTE

A REFLECTION FROM BEVERLY BRONDER

New Wilmington Missionary Conference “NWMC” held at Westminster College near Grove City

Melissa (16), Brenden (13) and I attended the conference for the entire week in July. It was our first time at the conference.

You don’t need to go for the whole week, you can go for any number of days you choose. If you attend just for one day, it’s free (or make a donation). I recommend the first Sunday of the conference. So, mark your calendars early for July 23-30, 2016 and set aside a day for a new experience. Here is a typical day at NWMC:

Mornings: Choose between talks for the two morning sessions. Listen to missionaries from all over the world talk about their experiences. One speaker was an author and biblical scholar. About 11:00AM: The entire conference heads to the HUGE outdoor, open-air, covered roof NWMC Anderson Auditorium for more modern Christian songs and talks, sometimes a skit or something fun.

Afternoon: On the first Sunday of the conference, there was a “Mission Display” where you could purchase items from other countries (I bought some fair trade coffee, a hand-made wallet, etc) along with displays from organizations. It even had a chocolate fountain to mingle around! Then there was a mission sale for a few days filled with donated items from all over the world and proceeds went right back to missions.

Tuesday afternoon: We packed over 20,000 meals into bags and sealed them for Stop Hunger Now organization. This was really fun and so rewarding! The kids and I enjoyed it.

Evenings: 7:45 PM to 9 PM, the conference gathered at the Anderson Auditorium for more Christian songs and talks.

Kids go with their own age groups and do activities like prison simulation, tie-dye, hear talks, sing songs.

Each part of the day is optional, so you could drive there for the day attend parts you select. (Meals are extra).

If attending multiple days, you register and stay in a dorm room. Prices vary.

I recommend experiencing the conference, even if you go for the day, to be surrounded by the love and dedication of so many Christians who are teaching the faith all over the world. It’s very touching.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

October 30th 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Wallace Church Fellowship Hall

A Halloween party will be hosted by the Lakota Sioux Mission team for Wallace Memorial Presbyterian Church members and members of the community in the Fellowship Hall. We hope to generate awareness and raise some funding while having some Halloween fun!

Activities will include a walk through a Spooky Hallway (Free Kids' meal from TGI Friday's for every kid that goes through!, more goofy than scary), Bobbing for Apples, Photo Booth, Costume Contest, Pumpkin Design, Face Painting, Crafts and Storytelling! All ages are welcome!

FRIENDS OF THE LAKOTA SIOUX

The friends of the Lakota Sioux Mission Team seeks to empower and help restore communities in the Lakota Indian Nation and beyond through enhanced Indian education practices.

Our efforts are made possible by the involvement of John Connolly (Hal Hatta) with the Lakota people for a span of over 40 years. John's vision involves continuing commitment to come alongside the Lakota Nation to enrich the lives of Indian youth and their families.

Enhanced Indian education is rooted in traditional Lakota beliefs and practices. Our volunteer instructors draw from a rich Lakota tradition of storytelling, craft making and core values.

LAKOTA INDIAN MISSION FUNDRAISER

CHOCOLATE COVERED OREO COOKIE ORDER

The Lakota Sioux Mission Team is also sponsoring an OREO SALE to assist in raising funds! If you are interested, please fill out the order form and your order will be ready for pick up on Friday October 30th at 6:30, the same time the Halloween party is happening!

Name _____

Contact Phone # _____

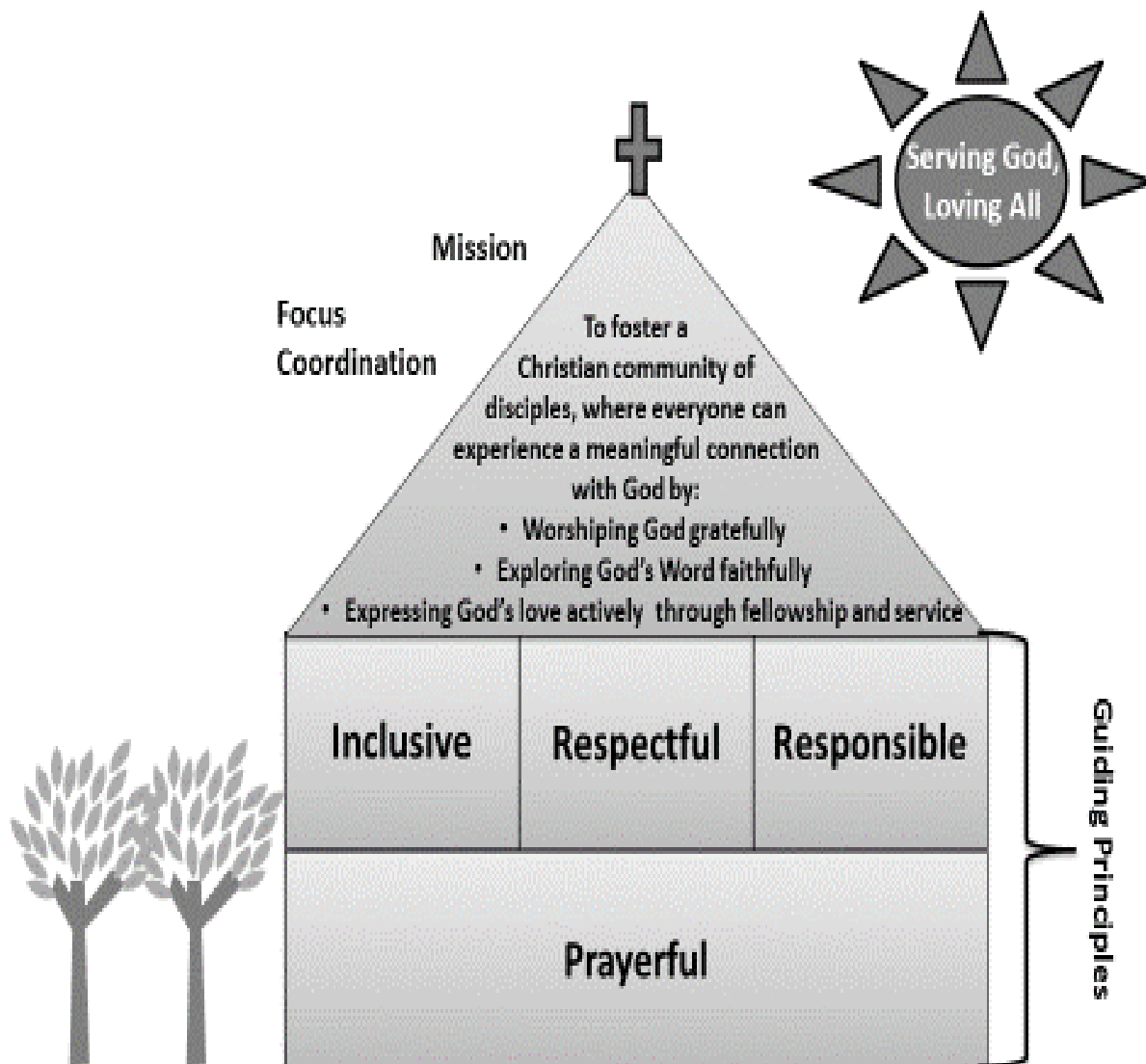
Covered Oreos \$6.00 for 6

____ # Milk Chocolate ____ #White Chocolate ____ #Variety Covered

Total # _____ Paid Total _____

LIVING INTO THE FUTURE!

Please continue to join us as we continue to unfold and develop ministry programs and missions for our future.
Look for more information coming in November.



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