

## Activities & Events

### Activities

**Adult Bible Studies – *With a Difference*:** Kerygma. Kerygma is an adult Bible study founded in 1977 to stimulate faith and challenge minds! Kerygma courses transform and revitalize adult Bible study. Kerygma participants will:

- Learn the basics and complexities of the Bible
- Develop skills for interpreting Scripture
- Apply learning from the Bible to personal and corporate life in today's world.

This weekly class begins Sunday, September 14 at 9:45 am. For more information contact Janet Weaver, 273-5743.

**Jesus And Me (J.A.M) Youth Club** resumes September 14! Bryan and Danette Jones will once again lead a weekly J.A.M. Club program that will explore God through what God does. Highlights include a Bible exploration curriculum by Group's Bible Blitz, every lesson featuring the award-winning Hands-On Bible, exciting worship songs and dances on CD and DVD, and much, much more!. The J.A.M. Club meets each Sunday morning beginning with a free breakfast at 9:15 and Sunday School from 9:45 to 10:45. Contact Bryan or Danette at 273-5708, or by e-mail at [bryandanettekids@msn.com](mailto:bryandanettekids@msn.com) for additional information.

**For Parents.** Pastor Alta our interim pastor - and wife, mother, and grandmother - will offer a class entitled "Value Packed Parenting" during the Sunday School hour. There will be 7 sessions using a DVD with Dr. Kevin Leman presenting topics such as *The 10 Best Gifts You Will Ever Give Your Kids* and *How to Talk so Your Kids Will Listen and How to Listen so Your Kids Will Talk*. Discussion will follow the DVD presentation. The first session is scheduled for 9:45 am, October 5<sup>th</sup> at the church. For more information on this timely class contact Pastor Alta at 330-8054 or by e-mail at [snoopyalta@localaccess.com](mailto:snoopyalta@localaccess.com).

**Applied Theology.** This discussion group meets each Sunday evening at 6:30 in the RUMC Fireside Room for typically lively discussions of current events with religious over- or undertones. Led by Alta Smith, Interim Pastor, applied theology sessions are open to all interested adults. For more information contact Reverend Alta Smith at 330-8054, or by e-mail at [snoopyalta@localaccess.com](mailto:snoopyalta@localaccess.com).

**Success Skills 101.** An open discussion group composed primarily of youth and young adults who meet to share and discuss life events common to this age group. The group meets each Thursday evening at 7:00 pm at the church. Contact Gene Weaver at 789-5688 for more information.

**Choir Practice.** Choir practice will resume Wednesday, September 17 at 6:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. If you like to sing and would be interested in joining our choir, please contact Eudora Carlson at 273-9113.

**Exercise Class – Sit to Be Fit.** This low impact exercise class for seniors meets at 10:30 am on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays each week in the church Fireside Room. For more information contact June Gelvin at the church office, 273-5000.

## Community Activities

**Flood Relief.** Months after the December 2007 flood event, members of the Rochester United Methodist Church – specifically Brett DeMond and Susie Hawes – continue with their efforts to assist flood survivors. To date these two dedicated individuals have leveraged \$50,000 in local donations into nearly \$480,000 in flood assistance from local, state, and federal relief agencies. For up-to-date information on how you can help, contact Brett at 482-3037, or Susie at 273-6070.

**South Thurston United Friends (S.T.U.F.) Food Bank.** During the month of July RUMC contributed over 300 pounds of non-perishable foodstuffs and personal hygiene items to the local food bank. Contributions can be placed in the food cart in the Church lobby. For more information contact the church at 273-5000.

**Call in Clothing Bank.** The “Call In Clothing Bank” is preparing for the beginning of the new school year, collecting and sorting new and gently used children’s clothing of all sizes. If you would like to contribute to the clothing bank, or find yourself in need of this service, please call the church office at 273-5000.

**Benevolence Fund.** A Benevolence Fund has been established to provide limited or emergency aid to local families and individuals. Since its inception the Benevolence Committee has responded to numerous requests for assistance from church members as well as our community in general. For more information call the church office at 273-5000.

## Stephen Ministry

The Stephen Ministry is *Christ caring for people through people*. Seven members of our congregation have completed the 50-hour training period required to become qualified Stephen Ministers. Brett DeMond and Lonnie Crumley have also completed the additional training required to become Stephen Leaders. All are ready, properly trained, and able to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to individuals in our congregation and our community who are experiencing difficult times in their lives. If you or someone you know would benefit from this program you need simply to ask for help from a Stephen Minister. When you do, a Stephen Leader will contact you to talk more about Stephen Ministry and what it can mean to you. If your needs can be best served by a Stephen Minister, you will be matched with someone who will support you through those tough times.

Confidentiality is a top priority for Stephen Ministers. You do not need to be concerned that other people will discover what you talk about with your Stephen Minister. Contact Brett DeMond, Lonnie Crumley, or Reverend Alta Smith at the church office, 273-5000, for more information.

## Church Sponsored Activities

**Narcotics Anonymous.** A support group for drug free living meets in the RUMC Fireside Room each Monday evening at 7:00 pm. Call the church office at 273-5000 for more information.

**Yoga.** Gayle Fagernes leads a weekly yoga class in the RUMC Fireside Room. The class is held every Thursday at 7:00 pm. For more information contact the church office at 273-5000.

## Upcoming Events – Dates to Put on Your Calendar

### Saturday, October 18; Potato Feed and Auction

Our annual baked potato feed and live auction is a major fund raising event – not to mention it's a whole lot of fun! The potato feed will begin and 5:00 pm with the auction starting promptly at 6:00. For more information contact Diane Simms at 273-8279.

### Sunday October 26<sup>th</sup>

The Celebrate Team is sponsoring a Halloween party immediately after church for kids of all ages. For more information contact Diane Simms at 273-8279.