

Let's Be Friends

Do you remember the song "Getting to Know You" from "The King and I"? The lyrics begin with these words, "Getting to know you, getting to know all about you. Getting to like you, getting to hope you like me." As our congregation grows and shifts, it has become more difficult for us to get to know each other. Let's be honest, people just seem busier than they use to be; with work, family and social obligation, it is just more difficult to get to know each other. What we know, however, is that no matter how busy people become, they long for community; and church is the perfect place to help people connect to community.

Because we recognize the importance of building community against all odds and crazy schedules, Roberts Park UMC is introducing a simple way for individual to get to know each other. Over the next few weeks, we will be working to help people in our congregation connect to each other by offering an opportunity to engage in a project called "Intentional Friendships." It's pretty simple really. We will be asking those people who would like to participate to fill out a brief questionnaire and then we will match individuals with one another with the intention of helping people to get to know someone in the congregation who they might not have had an opportunity to meet.

Each person who is interested in participating will be matched with another individual in the congregation who they may not know or may only know by face or name. Individuals will be paired with a member of the same gender.

The commitment of each individual is pretty simple:

Each person participating will agree to come to an initial meeting where they will meet with their match and have a few minutes to talk about the goals, objectives and ground rules of the program.

Each person will agree to have weekly contact with their match whether it is over the phone, through texting, emailing or messaging.

However, the members of the pair will agree to have a face-to-face meeting once a month. That meeting can be as simple as having a cup of coffee before or after church but may include meeting for lunch or dinner.

At the end of three months, all individuals participating in the project will meet again as a group to talk about the process and will have the opportunity to be matched again with a new "friend."

We will use the information gathered through the questionnaire to make appropriate matches based on interests, needs and wants. Pastor Melissa will be available to assist with any questions, concerns or issues that arise during the three month commitment. Whether you are new to Roberts Park or have been worshipping here for many years, we believe that this may be a helpful way to connect to people in the congregation who worship together each Sunday but may have not had the opportunity to get to know each other.

If you are interested in participating, questionnaires will be accessible on line or may be picked up on Sunday at church. You may also contact the church office to have a questionnaire sent to you. Join us! We want to get to know you. ❤️



Young Supporters of Soup's On

Soup's On has recently received two very generous gifts from some very young supporters. Brownie Troop 3512 took a field trip to Gleaners Food Bank and worked for several hours sorting food that would eventually make its way to food pantries and soup kitchens like Soup's On. They continued their service to the homeless and food insecure by putting together toiletry kits for the Soup's On guests. They were recently delivered and our guests are very grateful.

Cub Scout Pack 231, the Bear Den, provided a shelf unit to

hold 5 gallon jugs of water for the water cooler used by the Soup's On cooks and volunteers. They assembled and stained the wood and it was delivered in early February. A

former student in Shalom Day-care is a member of the troop, and his Mom has generously washed the towels and aprons for Soup's On for several years. It looks like the boys had a lot of fun with their build and are proud of their work – as they should be! These young people are learning that you are never too young to make a difference in the lives of others!



March 2017



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	26	27	28	1	2	3
				Ash Wednesday Services-noon & 7pm	Hook & Needle Club— 1 pm	
Kristie Hill 3/3						4
Jean Brownlee 3/7						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Sharon Herdman 3/7	Education Task Force—5 pm	Lenten Study- 7:00 pm	God' - 12:10 pm Gray Fellow- ship—12:30 pm			
Parker Hurst 3/12						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Terri Satterfield 3/24		Shalom Task Force—4:30 pm	'20 Min for God' - 12:10 pm	Hook & Needle Club— 1 pm		
John Hill 3/24		Book Club- 6:30 pm		Staff-Parish Task Force—6 pm		
Mary Horner 3/27		Lenten Study- 7:00 pm				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Betty Johnson 3/27	Governing Board Meet- ing—6:30 pm	Lenten Study- 7:00 pm	'20 Min for God' - 12:10 pm			
George Taylor 3/28			Nominating Com- mittee - 6pm in library			
Wade Coggeshall 3/31						
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
Lenten Study-9:15 am		Lenten Study- 7:00 pm	'20 Min for God' - 12:10 pm			
			UMCOR Hour of Power & Casserole Pitch-in—11:30 am	Messy Church— 5:30 to 7:00		

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