



The Voice

September 8, 2019



Salt Shakers

Salt Shakers groups will meet tonight at 6:00 pm in assigned homes. For more information contact Carol Hopkins at 344-2631.



Never Grow Old (NGO) Senior Adult Club



The first meeting of the Never Grow Old (NGO) Senior Adult Club for 2019-2020 will be Tuesday, October 1. Jason Stokes, soloist (son of FBC's own Claudia Stokes), and Greg Boatwright, accompanist, will present a cabaret, "Just Getting Started."

Jason has been acting and performing for over 30 years. Credits include *The Great Gatsby*, *Rent*, *Rock of Ages*, *The Full Monty*, *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, and *All or Nothing At All*, which is a show that featured Jason with the Columbia Rat Pack, who will be performing at the Newberry Opera House on May 2, 2020.

Lunch (11:15 am) reservations are \$8.00 per person and must be made by Thursday, September 26, by calling Polly Harvin at 223-3240.



EMPTY BOWLS

11th Annual Empty Bowls Fundraiser is Thursday, October 10, 2019, with all proceeds benefiting the Greenwood Soup Kitchen (GSK). This casual event (sittings at 5:30 pm, 6:30 pm and 7:30 pm, plus take out 5:45 pm - 7:30 pm) is held at the Soup Kitchen and dinner consists of soup, bread, dessert, and a drink. Soup is served in a beautiful hand-crafted bowl. Guests take the bowl home as a constant reminder of the need to help fill the "Empty Bowls" in the community. Event tickets are \$25.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children 12 and under. Tickets are available at the Arts Council (Federal Building), the Chamber of Commerce, and from Norm Fawcett, Chair of the Soup Kitchen. Please call 227-3421 for more information.



Rise Against Hunger
Wednesday, October 9, 2019

Supper begins at 5:30 pm
in the downstairs area under the Sanctuary

Project orientation is at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall

On Wednesday, October 9, 2019, 6:30 pm, FBC will host a "Rise Against Hunger" event. The goal is to have volunteers pack over 18,000 meals to be used in disaster response efforts or in areas where people do not receive enough nutrition to lead active, healthy lives. This will be an intergenerational event. Registration is open online at www.fbcgwd.com or complete the form in today's worship bulletin and return the form to the office. **Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, October 2, 2019.**



The Nominations and Lay Leadership Committee Is Looking for You!

Each January, a third of the members of each of the thirteen standing church committees rotate off (after serving a three year term). One of the tasks assigned to the Nominations and Lay Leadership Committee is to secure new members for committees. If you would be willing to serve on a committee, please complete the form in today's worship bulletin or contact David Jennings by phone (229-5557) or by email at jenningsdaj@gmail.com. The committees are : Children's Committee, Church Visitation Committee, Congregational Life Committee, Heritage Committee, Missions Committee, Outreach and Membership Committee, Personnel Committee, Property Committee, Spiritual Formation Committee, Stewardship Committee, Worship Committee, and Youth Committee.



Extended Session Openings



Help is needed in Children's Church on the second Sunday in October, December, February, April, June, and August.



Children's Movie Night

Friday, September 27
5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Please RSVP by Thursday, September 26, to Anna Burch (aeburchfbc@gmail.com).

Fall 2019 Dates

- Wednesday, October 16:** Practice for Children's Sabbath
- Sunday, October 20:** Children's Sabbath
- Sun., October 20 – Sun., November 17:** Canned Food Drive
- Wednesday, October 23:** CIAs, in costumes, visit nursing home
- Wednesday, October 30:** Fall Festival
- Sunday, November 17:** Annual Meeting and Children's Theme Night—"Can"-struction
- Sunday, December 1:** Intergenerational Movie Night "The Star"
- Wednesday, December 4:** Ornament Party

STUDENT MINISTRY

Upcoming Youth Events

September 22: "Sunday Night Live" at the home of Erin and Sonny Nodine--5:00 pm-7:00 pm (604 North Street)

September 29: Music Sunday -- Youth sing in Worship

October 11-13: Fall Retreat at Awanita

October 27: Youth Sunday - Youth lead in Worship



Snacks Needed



Youth families are needed to help stock the youth fridge for the fall. The youth LOVE: bottled water (8 and 12 ounce sizes preferred), Capri Sun, fruit juices (individually portioned bottles - no gallon jugs, please), and caffeine-free soda in cans. They also LOVE: popsicles, freeze pops, Italian ice, and individually packaged servings of assorted ice creams for our freezer. Donations can be brought to the church office or to The Grind on Wednesday nights. Thanks!



Save the Date: October 11-13, Fall Youth Retreat

This year's Fall Retreat, at Awanita Valley Retreat Center, will offer something fun for everyone: hummer rides, zip lines, hikes, gaga ball, low ropes, kayaks, mud pit, great food, and lots more! The focus will be "Koinonia," which is a Greek word meaning "fellowship, communion, and unity." The group will be learning what it looks like to grow closer as a group with Christ as the bond that holds us together. The cost per person will be \$85 (same as last year). Sign up no later than October 2 by contacting Greg Anders (gregaanders@gmail.com) or by using the link at the top of the current "Youth News."