

JULY 2023 NEWSLETTER

Foothills Worship Center

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FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT



Summer Sermon Series:

July 2 Building Healthy Relationships

July 9 Rejoicing in any Situation

July 16 Overcoming Anxiety & Conflict

July 23 The Benefits of Walling

July 30 Guest Preacher / Special Music

Aug. 6 Reaching Out Generously

Aug. 13 Foundation of True Friendship

Aug. 20 The Strength of Being Tender

Aug. 27 Mastering our Passions

*"The fruit of the Spirit is love,
joy, peace, patience, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness,
gentleness, and self-control."
Galatians 5:22-23*

Fruit Salad—Yummy Yummy!

"Let's make some fruit salad today (Uh huh uh)

It's fun to do it the healthy way (Uh huh uh)

Take all the fruit that you want to eat

It's gonna be a fruit salad treat!

Peel your bananas The second step

Toss in some grapes The third step

Chop up some apples Chop up some melons

And put them on your plate"

(The Wiggles)

This Summer at Foothills we will be learning all about the Fruit of the Spirit. They are not watermelons or grapes but they are the fruit found in Galatians 5:22-23. We will discuss one topic each Sunday as we will learn and grow together in Christian character.

The Fruit of the Spirit is most definitely the result of the inner workings of the Holy Spirit. But there is also a real human factor. The Spirit life is a product of both Spirit activity and human response. It comes from obedience to God's commands to love, be patient, kind, and self-controlled, but it also requires dependence on God's power, through the Spirit, to make it possible. So join us this Summer, come learn for the first time, or in a deeper way, how your believing can affect your behaving. I pray that this sermon series about the fruit of the Holy Spirit will renew and refresh you, and enable you to abide more in Jesus Christ, our source of life. Don't miss a single week. Come taste and see that the Lord is good!

Pastor Brad C.



FOOTHILLS WORSHIP CENTER HAS EXPERIENCED SOME EXCITING
GROWTH OVER THE PAST MONTH ADDING **20** NEW MEMBERS!

PLEASE WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY THESE NEW PEOPLE:

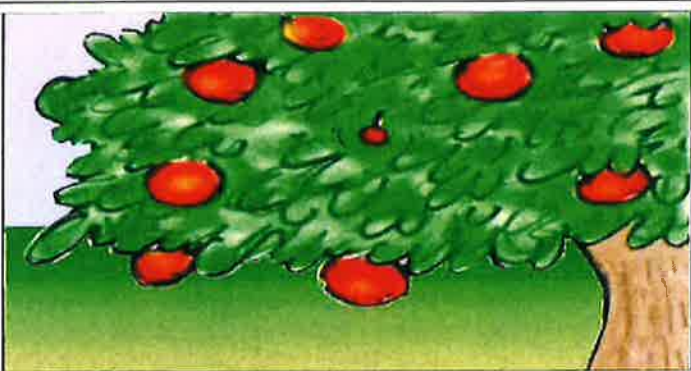
Ashley Abrams
Danielle Anderson
Cari Catucci
Cathy Catucci
Lynné Chesebro
Debbie Johnson
Tabitha Nicosia
Martie Sacerio
Judy Schrom
Stephanie Schrom

Kevin Abrams
Michael Anderson
Carlton Catucci
James Catucci
Betty Damuth
Chris Johnson
Jeff Nicosia
Bev Simmons
Ted Schrom
Wendy Weissman

It is with great joy that we welcome these twenty people into membership! I like the metaphor of membership. It's not membership as in country club or a civic organization. It's the kind of membership given to us in 1 Corinthians 12:27 "*Now you are the body of Christ and individual members of it.*" As a member of the body of Christ, you must be a functioning member, whether as an "eye", an "ear" or a "hand". As a functioning member, we should give. We should serve. We should minister. We should evangelize. We should study. We should seek to be a blessing to others. **I thank God for you all!**

Are You Living a Fruit-filled and Abundant Life?

*Just for fun I asked a few friends, "How many fruits of the Spirit are there?" One said eight and the other replied nine. "You're both wrong," I laughed. "The Bible says 'the **Fruit** of the Spirit **is**, not the '**Fruits** of the Spirit **are**.'" Sure, I was putting my English degree to use, but I think the exact wording here makes a significant difference. If we think of **fruit** rather than **fruits**, we take away the freedom to be picky about the fruit we like and the behavior we choose. The fruit of the Spirit is to be seen not as a collection of unrelated fruits that can be selected according to personal preference, but rather as a composite description of our lives. When it comes to living by the spirit, we do not have the freedom to pick and choose what fruit we do or do not want to exhibit. All of the Fruit of the Spirit is to be desired and cultivated in our lives as we abide in Christ. Our all-around behavior is the direct result of a relationship with the living Lord who indwells his people by his Spirit. We need to abide in Christ and strive to produce good fruit and so live abundantly.*



Some of my fruit doesn't appear too healthy...
What about your fruit? Is it all good?



Households to Pray for in July

Linda Flint
Ed Goodemote
Liz Healy Family
Celia Henry
Robert Hohenforst

Jon Glover Household
Richard Havlick Family
Tim & Deb Johnson
Thomas & Joyce Hodge
Dick & Dorothy Johnson

Tom & Patricia Green
Michael Harrington Household
Norman & Sandy Harrington
Chris & Debbie Johnson
Merdice Jones & Family

Father God, Thank you for the life of these families. I pray that you Oh, Lord will be the center of these homes. Forgive their sins and help them to extend that forgiveness unto each other. Guide and protect them, Lord. Root them in your Word. Let their actions be ones that bring honor and glory onto your holy name. Bless their homes and their lives. In Jesus' name, I pray, AMEN

Disaffiliations approved by annual conferences now total 6,182 at end of June 2023. Many more expected.

More than 6,000 congregations have been given the approval to leave the United Methodist Church amid a schism within the second-largest Protestant denomination in the United States. According to numbers compiled by **UM News**, the number of UMC congregations granted disaffiliation passed the 6,000 mark earlier this week, with 6,182 as of Thursday morning.

The number of churches granted disaffiliation from the UMC passed the 5,000 mark earlier this month. Several hundred congregations were given the green light to depart over the course of one week alone.

On Wednesday, the UMC Mississippi Annual Conference voted to approve the disaffiliation votes of 189 churches, representing a little over a fifth of the regional body's member congregations.

Over the past few decades, the UMC has had an internal debate over whether to change the rules in the Book of Discipline prohibiting the blessing of same-sex unions and the ordination of noncelibate homosexuals.

Although efforts at General Conference to change these rules have failed, theological progressives within the denomination have often refused to follow or enforce the rules. Last year, the UMC Western Jurisdiction voted to make the Rev. Cedrick D. Bridgeforth of the California-Pacific Conference a bishop, although he is in a same-sex marriage.

Last week, a Colorado-based UMC Mountain Sky Conference, led by Bishop Karen Oliveto, who is also in a same-sex marriage, approved the disaffiliation votes of 38 congregations.

The willingness of some church leaders to disregard the Book of Discipline's stance has inspired many theologically conservative churches to leave the denomination. With dozens more special Annual Conference votes planned for the Fall of 2023, there is expected to be many more churches disaffiliating.

In 2019, at a special session of UMC General Conference, delegates voted to add Paragraph 2553 to the Book of Discipline, which created a process for allowing churches to leave the denomination over the longstanding debate. The process is scheduled to expire at the end of the year.

Many departing congregations have joined the Global Methodist Church, launched last year as a theologically conservative alternative to the UMC.



Missions Update

Even with summer time we will be continuing our mission projects and outreach to the local nursing homes, homebound and hospital locations. We make and share no-sew blankets and special mittens to the oncology departments. We make baby blankets, hats and sweaters and give them to Nathan Littauer Maternity Center. We continuously make hats and mittens for school children and Food Pantry participants. Prayer shawls are always needed for many people. We do have tons of free yarn you may use. New Project this summer will be to begin making easy quilt lap robes for any and all. These lap robes are very much needed and appreciated.

PLEASE if you are able to help in any of these projects, knowing full well they can be done at home or here, see Cindy VanAllen or call the office.



Anniversary & Birthday List

Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in July:

Janice & Jack Wilson 7/11 Tom & Patricia Green 7/25

Celebrating a Birthday in July:

Jan Sears, 7/06
Sally Brenner, 7/11
Timothy Johnson, 7/14
Elsie Floyd, 7/23
Linda String, 7/24

Ed Goodemote, 7/11
Robert, Crouse 7/13
Lucille Blunck, 7/23
Jewel Ernst, 7/24
Myrna Longhenry, 7/29

The Heart of Worship

"When the music fades, all is stripped away, and I simply come, Longing just to bring something that's of worth that will bless Your heart.

I'll bring You more than a song, for a song in itself is not what you have required. You search much deeper within through the way things appear; You're looking into my heart.

I'm coming back to the heart of worship, and it's all about You, all about You, Jesus. I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it, when it's all about You; it's all about You Jesus"

Lyrics by Matt Redman

It's all about You, Jesus. We would do well to make that our refrain—not just on Sunday morning during worship, but every day. For the believer, every day should be "worship-full." Every moment is given to us by God's grace. And if every moment is really an opportunity to worship God, then every moment is all about Him.

What an effect it would have on our lives if we stopped and realized, "It's not about me." What peace we will gain when we understand that whatever happens in our lives is because "it's not about me; it's about Him." When things don't go the way we want, we understand that it's not about us, it's about God's bigger picture, God's glory. When we face suffering and difficulty, we understand that it's not about us, it's about Him. Whatever fills our days, whatever God calls us to do in any moment, we can remember that if we do that job, we are doing it for Him because it's all about Him. That infuses whatever we do—even the mundane and ordinary—with eternal significance. It's not about us; but it is all about Him!
It is all about JESUS OUR LORD!

Put Your Hands in the Air!

You may wonder why some people lift their hands to God when they sing or pray. For many it just feels like the appropriate response to the holiness of the Lord. The Bible speaks often about this. In Psalm 63:4 David says, "I will praise you Lord as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands." Psalm 134:2 tells us to "lift up our hands in the sanctuary and praise the Lord." David says in Psalm 88:9 that "every day I call to you Lord and spread out my hands to you—every day." Finally, 1 Timothy says that, "I want people everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer."

So why don't we? Why don't all of us worship God with our hands? Look at your hands. Aren't they incredible? Who gave them to you? God did of course. What do you do with your hands? Well we work with our hands. We play with our hands doing sports and hobbies. We give and receive gifts with our hands. We show love and affection with our hands. But we also fight with our hands and cause pain. We sin with our hands and cause sorrow. The question is why are we so hesitant to worship Almighty God with our hands?



Lifting our hands to the Lord is a Biblical posture of prayer. It is a physical demonstration of a spiritual truth. In the same way that we bow our hearts when we bow our knees, we also lift our hearts when we lift our hands. By kneeling before God, or lifting our hands to God, or singing to Him, we are simply presenting our bodies to the Lord as a spiritual act of worship. It is a beautiful way of saying "Thank You Lord" for all that He has done in your life and is continuing to do. So when you came into the presence of God, don't keep your hands at your side, but raise them high in the air and simply say, "I surrender, I surrender all!"

Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name—

Amen!

Ushering at Foothills Worship Center—

Thanks to everyone for volunteering to usher during the month of June, “couples-month” at Foothills. Below are the guidelines for ushering. I hope they are helpful. Please do not hesitate to ask me if I can be of any further help, and again, much thanks for your willingness to help out in this ministry.

Ernie Clapper

Head Usher- Foothills



- a) Arrive at least a 1/2 hour before the service.
- b) Have one person at the head of the hallway leading to the chapel. Welcome everyone who comes in. Take note of anyone “new” who normally is not here, please make sure they are welcomed. Tell them they can sit anywhere they please.
- c) Have one person at the entrance to the chapel who also welcomes those entering and offers them sermon notes if Pastor Brad has them for that week. (Having your kids pass out sermon notes is also a nice option.)
- d) About 5 minutes before service starts, just go to the choir with an offering plate to see if anyone there wants to put in an offering.
- e) Check the service order found at the computer table in the back to see when the congregation offering is taken.
- f) Have two people come up the aisles when the choir starts to sing to pass the offering plates. When the offering plates are overflowing—grab some more plates!
- g) Then place the offering in one of the sealed envelopes in the back and give it to Linda Flint or Lynné Chesebro.
- h) If Communion Sunday (usually the first Sunday of the month), then at that time, come forward for communion and after the choir is served, you two go row-to-row to allow those attending to come forward to receive communion. After you have sent all forward, and allow rows to go to keep it a smooth flow of traffic, then you come forward yourselves to receive communion. PS- don't forget for someone to go and alert the Sunday School class to come in for communion!
- i) This is important to remember! Immediately after service, wish everyone a great week and thank them for their attendance at the hallway leading from the chapel.

“Some have extended hospitality to angels without ever knowing it!”

-Hebrews 13:2

A Foothills Worship Center Community Outreach Event!

Foothills Fairy Festival



Crafts for
Boys & Girls



Food Vendors



Birds of Prey



Pixie Punch



Bubble Stations



Fairy Wings



Magic Wands

August 5th 10 am – 5 pm at FWC!



Help!

Calling All Bakers

We want to sell baked goods like what you see here,
at the Foothills Fairy Festival

August 5, 2023

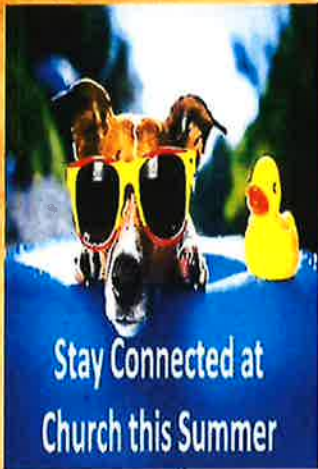


Sign-up sheets - across from the office



Top 10 facts about the number 68

1. The NCAA Division I men's basketball tournament has involved 68 teams in each edition since 2011.
2. 68cm is the maximum permitted length of a badminton racket.
3. There are 68 species of bumblebee in Europe, 68 species of mosquito in Florida and 68 species of freshwater fish in Finland.
4. According to a recent survey, 68% of men in China are smokers.
5. In restaurant terminology, 68 is used as a code meaning "put back on the menu", the opposite of 86 which means "remove from the menu".
6. Wimbledon tennis balls are kept at 68 degrees Fahrenheit.
7. According to a survey this year, 68% of people think it's best to eat pizza with their hands.
8. The planet Jupiter has 68 known moons.
9. Charles Osborne of Iowa, USA, started hiccupping in 1922 and continued until February 1990. His 68-year hiccup attack is a record.
10. The official church vote taken on Sunday June 25, 2023 for Foothills Worship Center to disaffiliate from the United Methodist denomination was passed with all 68 members voting yes. A 100% unanimous vote!



Elementary School and Sunday School are over for the summer. But there is still some learning to do and fun adventures to have. The last Sunday in July and August the kids are invited to watch a movie during worship. There will also be activity sheets weekly

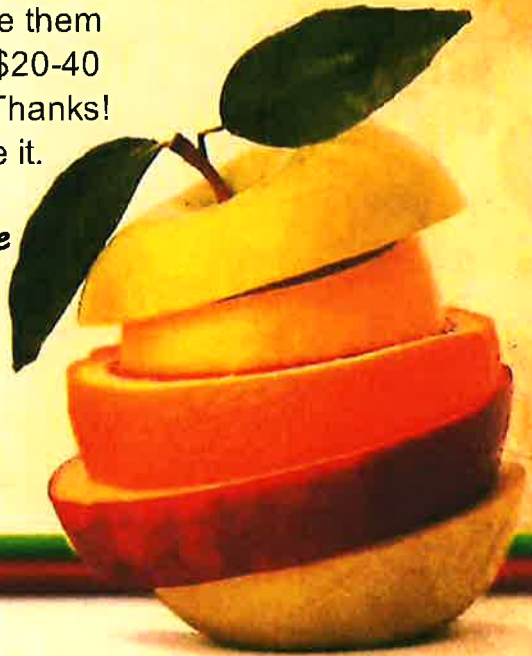


Got Empty Cartridges?
Empty Toner?

Please bring these in to the office so that we can recycle them for you & get \$20-40 each month. Thanks! We appreciate it.



I rejoiced with those who said to me, Let's go to the Lord's house to worship!"
Psalm 122:1



The Lord said "Let there be light!"

Your Church Leadership Team recently made a decision to take advantage of a substantial rebate offer with National Grid and sign a contract with *Genesis LED & Energy Assoc.* to replace all the church light fixtures with new LED bulbs. This agreement also will remove all the fluorescent fixtures hanging in the chapel and replace them with LED Bluetooth enabled Flat Panels with wireless dimming & color controls. Wow! Fancy! This lighting project will initially cost \$\$\$ but we expect to eventually see about a \$400 monthly savings.

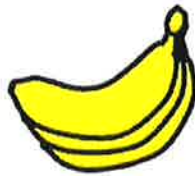


Fruit of the Spirit Word Search

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