

THE 20's & 30's OF FRIENDS WEEKLY EVENTS: The 20's & 30's group will be having their **monthly hang out on Friday, June 16**, at Downtown Uncorked at 8pm. Also, please plan to join the group this **Sunday, June 18, for their weekly lunch** at 12pm at Mooyah's Burgers in CS.

THEOLOGY UNPLUGGED UPDATE: Theology Unplugged will take a break for the month of June and come back for the regularly scheduled meeting on July 18. At the July meeting pastor Trent will lead us in a discussion on "What do we mean when we say that the Bible is the Inerrant Word of God and what are other ways that we as progressive Christians can read and interpret our scriptures?" Look for more details about time and place in the July newsletter, This week at Friends and our Sunday Bulletin.

MIDWEEK SUMMER BOOK STUDY CONTINUES: On June 21st, we continue our book study as we read Walter Brueggemann's *Sabbath as Resistance: Saying No to the Culture of Now* as our primary text, which will be supplemented with readings from *The Biblical Jubilee and the Struggle for Life* and *The UnKingdom of God: Embracing the Subversive Power of Repentance*. All are welcome without an RSVP to the Wednesday night book study in June and July. However, if you'd like to receive emailed copies of the readings in advance of each week's study, please sign up for this by emailing Associate Pastor Trent Williams: pastortrent@friends-ucc.org. Join us for this study on Wednesdays: June 21, 28 and July 12, 19, 26. There will be no study on July 5th, and we will take a Sabbath completely in August, resuming the Midweek Faith Formation Service on August 30th.

WOULD YOU HELP WITH FOOD FOR THE CHURCH PLANNING RETREAT?: We've planned some great meals for the church long-range planning retreat that will be held on Friday, June 23 and Saturday, June 24 and we need your help to make them even more delicious. We're looking for six people who would be willing to bring either salad or dessert to serve 12 people for our lasagna dinner on Friday evening. We're also looking for six people who would bring bags of chips that would serve 12 people to complement the burgers and hot dogs that Eli Vasquez will be grilling for Saturday lunch. If you would be willing to bring one of these items please email Pam Engler at fellowship@friends-ucc.org or sign up at church on Sunday. Thanks for your help!

EXTRA! EXTRA! PASTOR DAN NOMINATED FOR THE EAGLE'S "CLERGY READER'S CHOICE AWARD": Our very own Pasto Dan is among the TOP 2 finaliss for the "Best Clergy" Reader's Choice Award. Please consider going to vote and show your support. You may vote once per day through July 15th. <http://theeagle.secondstreetapp.com//BryanCollege-Station-Eagles-Voters-Choice/Ballot/Professional> Expand "Clergy" and vote for "Rev. Dr. Dan De Leon, Friends Congregational Church". VOTE DAILY. Winner announced July 16th.

LONG RANGE PLANNING & COMMUNITY BUILDING RETREAT:

6-8:30pm, Friday, June 23: Dinner, fellowship, and program: "History of Friends Church"

8:30am-1pm, Saturday, June 24: Light breakfast, program: "Mission and Pathways," lunch, and closing worship.

On June 23rd, we will gather for dinner in the sanctuary to revisit and rediscover the history of our church. We'll hear testimonies and share our stories about Friends Church—who we've been, what we've done together, etc.—to invigorate a communal memory as a starting point for the next day's work: our mission and pathways into the future. On June 24th, we reconvene in the sanctuary to learn about our mission, both what it has been to now and what we would like for it to be in the future. This will be followed by the good stuff: deciphering specific ways for us to accomplish that mission in and through our community of faith. Although the purpose of the retreat is to rediscover our shared history as a congregation and to dream big dreams into the future, the underlying goal is to establish and deepen community throughout our church family. The more we authenticate and nurture our relationships, the better Friends Church will be at receiving this ongoing growth that God has given us. Childcare will be provided for all of these events.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Personnel Committee is looking for volunteers to cover the following time slots in the nursery: June 23rd—5-9pm and June 24—8am-2pm. If you can help, please email Debbie Ridgeway at personnel@friends-ucc.org. Thanks!

WANTED—YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS: Are you interested in learning more about the gospel as seen through the eyes of our youth? Now's your chance! The next Sunday School season starts August 28th, and Friends needs teachers for both our Middle School and High School youth classes. Being a part of our Sunday School program is a great way to contribute to the growing life of our church and share in the spiritual journey with our youth. You'll also be a part of our awesome Christian Ed team and have access to the *Seasons of the Spirit* curriculum to draw from. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Tami Dudo, Christian Education Chair, at christian_ed@friends-ucc.org.

NOTE FROM PROPERTY COMMITTEE: Please remember to check and make sure all doors are locked before leaving the church. The front doors were found unlocked early this past Saturday morning. Thank you!

HELP NEEDED REPAIRING SHED: Our wooded shed is in desperate need of a new threshold. The wood has rotted through and last Sunday morning the door was found wide open and rain had gotten in. Apparently the wind and rain blew in it during the night. If you are able to take a look at the shed entrance and think you can repair it, please contact Property at property@friends-ucc.org. We need this repaired as soon as possible so permanent damage isn't done to the floor and our pageant stable and other items. Thanks for your help!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Please submit all July newsletter entries to the church office (office@friends-ucc.org) no later than Friday, June 23rd. Thanks!

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING JUNE 25: The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place on Sunday, June 25, immediately following worship. Agenda items include discussion of the new format for Family Promise, presentation of our church's Annual Report, and election of new church leaders.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION ON SUNDAY, July 2, 4-8pm: We'll gather again this year at Aerofit (4455 Carter Creek Pkwy., Bryan) to celebrate Independence Day thanks to the generosity of our own Kathy Langlotz. The festivities will begin at 4:00 p.m. so we can enjoy their huge outdoor pool before we share a meal together at 6:00 p.m. Hotdogs (both meat and veggie), buns, condiments and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

THE WEEK AHEAD AT FRIENDS CHURCH

SCRIPTURES FOR THIS WEEK (June 18, 2017):

Deuteronomy 5:12-15; Mark 2:23-27

Sunday, June 18, 2017

10:30am Worship Service

Monday, June 19, 2017

6:30pm Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

No Activities

Wednesday, June 21, 2017

6pm Book Study

Thursday, June 22, 2017

No Activities

Friday, June 23, 2017

6-8:30pm Long-Range Planning & Community Building Retreat

Saturday, June 24, 2017

8:30am-1pm Long-Range Planning & Community Building Retreat

Sunday, June 25, 2017

10:30am Worship Service

4pm Worship Committee Meeting

SCRIPTURES FOR NEXT WEEK (June 18, 2017):

Psalms 86:1-10, 16-17; Jeremiah 20:7-13; Romans 6:1b-11