

THE 20's & 30's OF FRIENDS EVENTS: This Sunday, the group will meet immediately following worship in the double classrooms for lunch and to discuss current events among friends. Next week, we will meet for lunch at the Feed Barn, 2017 Fountain Avenue, Bryan.

SENIOR PASTOR AWAY FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE: Pastor Dan is currently on family vacation through October 22nd. If you have a pastoral need during that time, please contact Associate Pastor Trent Williams: pastortrent@friends-ucc.org.

PROPERTY HELP NEEDED: Do you regularly drive by the church on Monday's? We need someone who can bring in the trash cans every Monday after the garbage has been picked up. It is picked up fairly early in the morning so anytime after 10:00 am would usually work. Please let Susan Fontaine know if you can commit to this responsibility! Contact: property@friends-ucc.org

MIDWEEK SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES: For the next seven weeks, we will be using the Animate: Faith series, which offers an exciting opportunity for conversation and reflection around core topics of faith. Each session includes a video reflection from a contemporary Christian leader and a chance for interactive conversation--think of it almost as confirmation for adults! Topics include "God: Faith is a Quest," "Jesus: The Revolution of Love," and "Salvation: Abundant Life Now." This should be a fun and engaging series and a chance to get to know each other better.

ACCESSIBILITY TO ALL UPDATE: Negotiating the front steps of the church building just got easier. Going down stairs can sometimes be difficult for many people. So the Faith Inclusion and Disability Awareness Team, in cooperation with the Property Committee, has recently completed a project to make the edges of the front steps more visible. A newly painted white band marks the edges of the steps and makes them easier to navigate. This is just one more way that we have been able to help make our building accessible to all.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASSES, Meeting at 9:15am. All are welcome!: MORNING MANNA -For the next few weeks the class will be taking a deeper look into the Exodus scriptures from which many of the current sermons are based. Pastor Trent is leading this study/discussion. SOCIAL JUSTICE—The class has begun a book study, *The Greatest Prayer: Rediscovering the Revolutionary Message of The Lord's Prayer*, by John Dominic Crossan. This Sunday's class focuses on "Give Us Our Daily Bread".

FAMILY PROMISE GRAND OPENING: FAMILY PROMISE GRAND OPENING: Family Promise is ready for the grand opening of their new home on 1401 MLK St.. in Bryan! Tuesday, Oct 24th 4:00-7:00pm is the date and time people are invited to tour the renovated facility. First Host Week for Friends is set or Nov 12-18. Trifold will be up on Sunday for you to choose how you might like to assist with this vital ministry that has been a part of Friends Church for 8 yrs. New Family Promise Board policy requires that all volunteers who plan to be at the center with the families must complete a background check. Background forms will be available at FP trifold. Please direct questions to Anne Wehrly awehrly@suddenlink.net.

FUNDRAISER BAKE SALE: Get your Halloween treat on Saturday October, 28 while supporting a good cause. On Saturday morning, October 28 from 9am till noon in the church parking lot stop by and pick up a few terrifying treats. Proceeds will benefit Sexual Assault Resource Center of the Brazos Valley and information about the services and programs provided by this organization will be available with volunteers from the center on-hand. For more information, contact Katy Stewart via katydstewart@gmail.com

CROP HUNGER WALK OCTOBER 29: What are you doing Sunday, October 29? Would you like a way to visit with friends, make new friends, enjoy the outdoors, get exercise AND help change the world? Come walk with us in the CROP Hunger Walk to raise funds to fight hunger around the world and in our community through the Brazos Church Pantry. We'll start and end at Veteran's Park American Pavilion (3101 Harvey Road). Registration starts at 2:15pm and the Walk starts at 3pm. And if you can't walk on that day your donation in support of the Friends Church team would be greatly appreciated. You can find out more about the CROP Walk by seeing the tri-fold poster that is on the buffet in the sanctuary. Register to be a walker and/or make a donation at www.crophungerwalk.org/bryantx and clicking on the Friends team on the bottom of the page. You may also register by getting a walker's envelope or make a donation by seeing Megan Nelson, Keefe Baker or Pam Engler.

GET YOUR PASSPORT READY AND MARK YOUR CALENDARS!: Our mission trip to Reynosa, Mexico to deliver school supplies to Iglesia Zoar is on! Tentative plans are to leave after school on Nov. 17, spend the night en route, visit Reynosa on Saturday, then head back, spending the night of the 18th en route again, and be back in time for church on the 19th. Details to follow. . . but if you're interested in going, please email justice-mission@friends-ucc.org so we can get an idea of how many may want to go!

SCRIPTURES FOR THIS WEEK (October 22, 2017):
Psalm 96:1-9; Matthew 22:15-22; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Sunday, October 22, 2017
9:15am Sunday School
10:30am Worship Service
12pm—20's & 30's Lunch at Friends
4pm Worship Committee Meeting

Monday, October 23, 2017
7:30pm Handbells Practice

Tuesday, October 24, 2017
No Activities

Wednesday, October 25, 2017
6pm Mid-Week Spiritual Development Gathering
7:30pm Choir Practice

Thursday, October 26, 2017
No Activities

Friday, October 27, 2017
No Activities

Saturday, October 28, 2017
9am-12pm Fundraiser Bake Sale in Church Parking Lot

Sunday, October 29, 2017
9:15am Sunday School
10:30am Worship Service

SCRIPTURES FOR NEXT WEEK (October 29, 2017):
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Matthew 22:34-46