

FAIRVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Loving God & Loving Others = worship + missions



Another summer is quickly fading into our memories. The days are not as long, the sun not so hot, and our lives are returning to normal. We are coming off of the hustle and bustle of a busy summer. The kids no longer have to get to little league and summer camp. Vacation Bible School took up a whole week of your time and you didn't have any extra time, but praise God it's over. No more preparing three meals a day for the kids not to mention all of the snacks just to keep them going between meals. No more grass to mow, weeds to pull, windows to wash, or lawn furniture to clean.

Now we can get back to a "Normal Christian Life." Maybe now that all the extra summer stuff is over you can get back to worship once in a while. Maybe you can even try one of those Bible Studies that the pastor was talking about. The one in the morning sounds good. No wait a minute, mornings are awful busy. Maybe one in the evening would be better. Maybe there will be one that isn't on Tuesday or Wednesday because those are good television nights. Let's hope that it's not on Monday nights. After the weekend we need to rest on Monday. Surely it won't be on Friday, everybody knows how busy that night is. We sure hope the pastor realizes that Thursday night is club night. If he expects anyone to come he can't plan on Thursday. And the weekends, well forget it.

Well now that I think about it maybe this fall isn't a good time to get back into the swing of going to church. The fall is pretty busy too. After all just keeping up with the family is enough during the school year. We will have to get back into a "Normal Christian" life when the kids are out of school or when we retire. Maybe the first of the year will be better, there is always a few slow weeks then.

Does this sound like your life? Always busy, always too much to do. Do the things of God take a back seat so that you can make sure to get as many other things as possible in your life? If so then that is your "Normal" life. Notice I didn't say "Normal Christian Life." Take a look at your life, if it looks like the life I have described then is it a "Christian Life." Is it a Christian life if Christ isn't in it?

I ask you all to take a look at your planners and see how often you plan to do something for your Lord and Savior this week or this month. If nothing is there maybe it's time to make some changes. God wants to be #1 in you life. Christ wants to walk with you every day. Open your life to Him and see how easily everything else falls into place.

"He has shown you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8)

God Bless
Pastor Joseph Tomich

CHARGE CONFERENCE 2024

The West District Charge Conference will be held on **Sunday, October 6th at 4:30 p.m.** This year the conference will be at Grace UMC.



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

On All Saints Sunday, November 3, 2024, we will once again recognize all those of the church or related to our church family, who have passed away since last All Saints Sunday. We will have this special service during worship.

We invite all family and friends to attend this special worship service. A list of those included will be posted the second week of October. Please review the list so that we can make sure it is complete. If we have missed someone, please call the office immediately.

WIENER ROAST/EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION @ VIRGINIA UMC



Everyone is invited to the Virginia UMC wiener roast/employee appreciation

**Sunday, October 13th
5 p.m.**

in the church parking lot

Just bring a covered dish, a lawn chair, yourself and a friend

The following are all furnished:

Hotdogs, buns & condiments

Ingredients for S'mores

Cider and Hot Chocolate

Plates, Glasses & Flatware

Roasting Sticks

Come enjoy God's great outdoors

& a relaxing evening of conversation, games and maybe even signing with church friends!

In case of rain, we will meet in the fellowship hall.