

Worship Carry Out

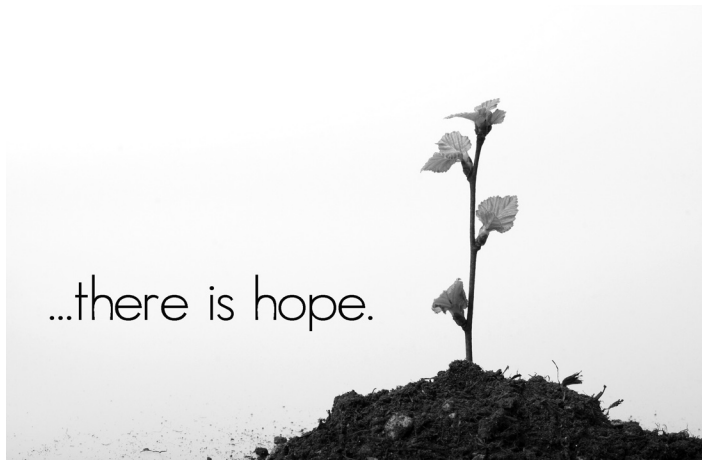
May 24, 2009

TODAY IN WORSHIP..

"In the face of death...there is hope!"

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 7:9-17

Life is full of heartaches. Grief can be a devastating experience. Some of us still feel the sting of the death of a loved one decades later...the pain may be hardly diminished by the passing of time. Sometimes anger and grief threaten to overwhelm us. Trying to keep our emotions under control can take enormous energy. John promises that God will reach out His divine hand and wipe the tears from our eyes. What peace that gives us to know that in life after death, our loved ones have already been healed of their emotional hurts. Eternity with God is an experience of true fellowship, of the joyous presence of God, of the healing of body and soul, and of reconciliation with the rest of God's creation.



MISSION STATEMENT OF LIVING WORD:

"To bring Jesus Christ to all people, strengthen their faith, and prepare them for ministry."

WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

Lord Jesus I know that You alone are the resurrection and life, and that by Your grace I will never die. Share Your presence with me now in this time of prayer, and throughout this day and enable me to leave my tomb of darkness and do Your will with joy, to the glory of Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

Psalm 90

Monday: Romans 6:1-11

Tuesday: John 11:1-44

Wednesday: Acts 17:22-23

Thursday: Galatians 2:11-21

Friday: Ephesians 2:1-10

Saturday: Romans 8:18-39

Prayers for the church, for others, for self

The Lord's Prayer

WORSHIP TIMES:

8:00 A.M. - TRADITIONAL COMMUNION SERVICE

9:15 A.M. - TRADITIONAL SERVICE

10:45 A.M. - CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES AT 9:15 & 10:45



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UPCOMING EVENTS AT LIVING WORD...

The church building will close today, May 24 at 1:00 p.m. There are no evening activities scheduled. Also, please remember the church will be closed on Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day!

All church communion will be on Sunday, May 31 instead of Sunday, June 7. Please mark your calendars.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) SportsLife Camps are coming to Living Word for grades 1st-5th (Fall of 2009) June 15-18 and July 20-23. Registration forms are available online at www.livingwordumc.org. Sign-ups are limited to the first 100 paid registrations for each week, so be sure to register now. **We are currently looking for adults and youth, grades 9 and above, to volunteer during the SportsLife Camps. Please contact Sara Luebbering to volunteer at 636-821-2800 or sluebbering@livingwordumc.org.**

Worship DVD's - If you would like a copy of the Sermon Series DVD for "...there is hope." (April 26 - May 24) please request it on the Connect Card or contact Lisa Baker at 636-821-2800 or lbaker@livingwordumc.org. DVD's are \$5.

CARES Outreach - has been chosen as the recipient of the fresh produce unsold by Soulard Market vendors at the end of each Saturday. We need volunteers for this very important weekend opportunity. It's a great way for families or groups of friends to work together. You may use your own vehicles or the CARES' vans. You'll go to the Market between 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. on your Saturday to pick up the produce; then bring it back to Centenary UMC to sort it. You will make a very simple, brief inventory of what has been donated; separate that which needs to be refrigerated from that which can be left out for the kitchen staff to use the next day--and you're done! If you'd like to help launch this new program, please email Debra Crowe at dcrowe@centenarystl.org.

June Food of the Month - In June the Missions Committee will be collecting school supplies for Circle of Concern; pencils, glue sticks, two-pocket folders, Fiskars scissors, three ring binders, scientific calculators, backpacks, etc. Circle plans to help more than 400 kindergarten-high school students this year. Please place your items in the collection bins located on the lower level at the bottom of the stairs.

Small Groups Now Forming...

The Mary Martha Circle invites all women to join us on Thursday, May 28 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 104. Our guest speaker will be Jerry Williams, Vice President of the UMC General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns. She has traveled the world extensively and her talk will be entitled "Travels with Jerry". Refreshments will be served and a brief business meeting will follow.

Men's Ministry Dinner & Meeting - On June 1 we will have dinner at 6:30 p.m. followed by our speaker, Adam Mustoe and a meeting in the Fellowship Hall. We will be discussing the Father-Son Bar-B-Que, summer schedule, and fund raising events. All men welcome. Call 636-821-2880 and leave a message that you will be attending or send an email to Walt Olszewski at wjostl@sbcglobal.net so we can plan dinner for the correct number of people.

What's Your Answer? This summer Scott Watson and Chris Shank will be hosting the discussion group "What's Your Answer?" at a coffeehouse on Saturday mornings! Beginning June 6 we will be exploring the essays of Bertrand Russell, particularly "Why I'm Not a Christian" (26 pages), over coffee, a nice breakfast pastry, and great dialogue! Bertrand Russell was a 20th Century philosopher who was lionized for his founding of 'analytic philosophy', and vilified by some for his criticism of religion, especially Christianity and the Bible. Come join us in our fearless endeavor to probe our faith and grow stronger in pursuit of God and Truth! If you are interested please mark it on the Connect Card or contact Scott Watson 636-536-5341 or swatson282@charter.net and ask about the Facebook group that's following along with us!

Disciple Signups for fall! Are you ready for *Disciple*? *Disciple* is an *in-depth study* of the Bible and Christian belief, that takes place within a small group atmosphere in which *dialogue and relationships* are fostered. It's perfect for anyone who has never been in a study group, or who desires to be more involved with others that are passionate about *growing* spiritually. Each *Disciple* lesson is designed to be used for devotional purposes, and helps to break down readings and exercises for daily study, reflection, and prayer. Disciple I is great for beginners, and subsequent classes (Disciple II-V) are also available to educate and equip believers for a life of continuous growth in *faith and service*. Class schedule will be posted and signups taken in the Fellowship Hall in between services on May 31 and June 7. Classes fill up fast, so don't miss your chance to reserve a spot.

OUR PRAYERS

Prayer Concerns are listed for four weeks and are given to the Hedge Prayer Ministry Team and Prayer Chain.

Health & Healing

Eileen Avakian	Jean Huff	Jacob Rice	Colonel Townsley	Michael Hethcote	Doris Jackson
Kevin	Barry Wilber	Sidney Dockery	Michael Hairsine	Tom Nondorf	Cassie Horrocks
Don Stoos	Delores Keiter	Dave Bailey	Kathy O'Keefe	Mary Cooney	Caleb Risse
Jim McCormick	Patty Brown	Vern Vedder	Richard Kahill	Carolyn Thompson	Dennis McIntyre
Don Smith	David Hartmann	Cleda Stoller	Mason Woodward	Elizabeth Marris	Nancy Davis
Tonya Heath	Kevin Barger	Dorothy Ingram	Steven McDonough	Betty Bush	Darcy Denner
Glenn Koenen	Ethan Crowley	Brenda Juenger	Carl Allbee	Ken Ingram	Ginny Leibner- Amen

God's Guidance & Presence

Nate Melek	Chris & Jenny Crowley
The Young Family	Janet & Kathleen
South Technical High School	Jeff Lodato
Courtney Kuhn	Brian & Kelly Risse
Frank & Vivian Sagehorn	U.S. Military serving away from home
Kate Aderman	

Grief

The Sain and Stokes families on the loss of the children's great-aunt, Bertha Stone
The Nix family on the loss of Bev's daughter, Cathy
The Mustoe family on the loss of Adam's grandmother, Betsy Mustoe
The Frizzle family on the loss of Tom's father, Jack Frizzle
The Schulte family on the loss of their daughter, Rosalyn
The Davidson and Wynne families on the loss of Bob's cousin, Gerard Wynne
The Hirsch family on the loss of Faye's father
The Short family on the loss of Don's mother, Betty Short

To add a prayer to this list please contact Wendy Sain at 636-821-2800
or email prayers@livingwordumc.org
Emergency Pastoral 24/7 On-Call Phone: 636-288-5144

Vision Statement:

We are an intentionally regional church that seeks to make an impact in all areas of our community by bringing the presence of Christ in a transformative way. We will mobilize the vast resources of the Kingdom to benefit others so that the community recognizes who we are and Whose we are by the difference we make.

WHAT IS STEPHEN MINISTRY?

Stephen Ministry provides an individual with a compassionate, objective, safe environment to deal with strong feelings during and after crisis as well as long term chronic needs. If you or a loved one is in need, call Wendy Sain for detailed information on how a Stephen Minister can provide support.



Weekly Calendar

Sunday, May 24

8:00 AM Discipleship Sunday School
8:00 AM Traditional Communion Worship
9:15 AM Sunday School (all ages)
9:15 AM Traditional Worship
10:45 AM Sunday School (all ages)
10:45 AM Contemporary Glory & Praise
Worship
1:00 PM Church Closed
4:00 PM BRIDGES Concert at Christ Church
Cathedral
6:00 PM Youth Disciple Class (offsite)

Monday, May 25

Memorial Day

Church Closed

6:30 PM AA Support Group

Tuesday, May 26

1:00 PM Offertory Count Team
6:45 PM GAP Band Practice
7:00 PM Church Council
7:00 PM Missions Committee
7:00 PM Scouts Troop Meeting

Wednesday, May 27

6:00 AM Men on the Grow Bible Study
6:15 PM Praise Hymn Mixed Ensemble
6:45 PM Childcare

Thursday, May 28

6:00 AM Men's Fraternity Study Group
6:30 PM Great Awakening Tour Dress Rehearsal
6:45 PM Childcare
7:00 PM Al-Anon Support Group
7:00 PM Alateen Support Group
7:00 PM Living Water Praise Band
7:00 PM Mary Martha Circle
7:00 PM Quilters
7:30 PM Venture Scouts

Friday, May 29

6:30 AM Men for Christ Bible Study

Saturday, May 30

No Activities Scheduled

Sunday, May 31

Communion Sunday

Pentecost

8:00 AM Discipleship Sunday School
8:00 AM Traditional Communion Worship
9:15 AM Sunday School (all ages)
9:15 AM Traditional Worship
10:45 AM Contemporary Glory & Praise
Worship
10:45 AM Sunday School (all ages)
4:00 PM Faith Walkers
4:00 PM Great Awakening High School
Youth Choir
4:00 PM Koinonia Small Group Bible
Study
4:00 PM Middle School Youth Group
5:00 PM High School Youth Group
6:00 PM Youth Disciple Class

**Reminder that up to date ministry
information and the church calendar
are available at the church website
www.livingwordumc.org**

Worship Attendance:	May 10	May 17
8:00	61	51
9:15	439	375
10:45	272	265
Roots	3	7
Confirmation (5/16)		180
Total	775	878

All Worship Carry Out articles are due on Tuesday by noon for the upcoming Sunday. Please send announcements to communications@livingwordumc.org (75 words or less) We reserve the right to edit copy due to space or other limitations.