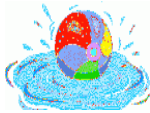


Cross & Crown Weekly News 8-19-18

Town hall forum today!

Join us between services for our 3rd quarter Town Hall Forum. Enjoy coffee and treats and hear news about fall events and our preschool. The fun starts at 9:30 a.m.



The Middle School Youth Group Back to School Pool Party is TODAY at Providence Park apartment complex. INVITE FRIENDS and RSVP to the church office.

NOTE NEW TIMES: 4-6:30 p.m.

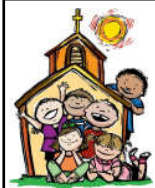


There will be a meeting for Confirmation parents on Wednesday, August 22nd at 6:30 p.m.



BACKPACK BLESSING
School Days are almost here!
What's in your Backpack?
Sunday, Aug. 26th, we will have a Backpack Blessing at both services, 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.

Get your hands and heart ready!
Mark your calendars for
God's Work, Our Hands day on
Saturday, September 8th. More details to follow.



WILL YOU TEACH?

Back-to-School is just around the corner and this growing church needs Sunday School teachers! Help us support the faith journey of these sweet children. Minimal preparation required, and you'll be amazed at how much YOU are enriched by THEM! It's truly a lot of fun. If interested, please contact the church office.



ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP - Saturday, September 8th
Please save Saturday, September 8th beginning at 8:45 a.m. for our next Roadside Clean-Up. We should be finished around 10:30 a.m. Bring gloves, appropriate clothing, and a desire to make a difference in our community! Please contact the church office with any questions.

Back to school shopping? Use Amazon Smile and a percent comes back to the church! Simply use the following URL and order away!
<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/56-1636547>



Back to School Picnic

The Good Soil Group will have a Back to School Picnic at Sardis Park (behind the church) TODAY after the late service (12:15 p.m. for those of you that go to early service). Bring your own family picnic (Popsicles will be provided for dessert for the kids).

- Bring your ideas for this year of Good Soil!
- Bring school supplies, new/gently used backpacks for Matthews Help Center.

RSVP to the church office.



Coming Soon – Volunteer opportunities for

Matthews Alive 2018. Mark your calendars for this year's festival, August 30th – September 3rd, 2018. Sign-ups will be available soon along with assignment details. Consider volunteering for 2 or 3 hour shifts throughout the weekend for this Community Outreach and Cross and Crown fundraiser. We will be under the umbrella at the festival entrance again this year. Contact the church office for more details.



Did you know one Thursday a month our church serves a meal for the Single Parent Gathering at COS Kids? On Thursday, August 9th we served 28 people! The menu was sliced baked chicken, a mixed green salad with toppings, pasta tuna salad, banana pudding, brownies and ice cream sandwiches.

STEWARDSHIP NEWS



Coming Soon!

The fall Stewardship Campaign will be coming in September. It's time to start thinking about your pledge for 2019.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS

SUNDAY MORNINGS:

- There is no Adult Sunday school class today so that everyone may participate in the Town Hall Forum. The summer Sunday school series will conclude next Sunday and two separate classes will resume on Sept. 2nd.

THURSDAYS AT NOON:

- Midweek Bible Study, Got an hour on Thursdays? Gather with us at noon in the parlor to read and talk about the scripture passages for Sunday. No pressure, just relaxed conversation and a chance to soak up the Word. We call it "Word at Lunch," but lunch is not a requirement.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd:

- Be Still and Know - a Centering Prayer group - will meet on Sunday, Sept. 2nd from 12:15 until 1:45 p.m. Participants are invited to bring a bag lunch and, after eating, participate in a time of prayerful silence and reflection. For more information click on goo.gl/y9SiaU.



Meeting Jesus on the Road

In worship this Sunday we will find ourselves on the Road to Emmaus, where Jesus meets two travelers who don't recognize him as Jesus until he breaks bread with them. Where in your life do you recognize Christ present and at work? In whom do you see Jesus? What has shown Christ to you?

During the next few weeks, you're invited to look for Christ in the everyday-ness of your life. Contribute pictures, poems, songs or other writings, or concrete objects have pointed you to Christ. We'll add them to the Emmaus Road display in our narthex. And pick up a booklet there to aid you as you watch for Jesus day by day.



CHICKEN AND CORN ROAST

Charlotte Area Lutheran Men in Mission will hold its annual Chicken & Corn Roast on Monday, August 20 at 6 p.m. at Advent Lutheran Church, 8840 University City Blvd. in Charlotte. Tickets are \$10. If interested, contact the church office.



Let's Get Our Game On!

The Adult Discipleship committee will be offering some activities after Wednesday Night Happenings this fall and inviting you to stick around after the meal to enjoy the fellowship. The kickoff activity will be a September 5th Board Game Night! Bring your favorite board game to play after dinner—or just bring yourself (there'll be plenty of games available).



You are Invited...

... to a community forum on racial bridge-building. This forum is sponsored by Matthews Methodist Church, Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church and Matthews Presbyterian Church, and supported by the Matthews Clergy Collective, of which Cross & Crown is a member. The August forum will feature an all-women's panel of community leaders. Join us to hear about efforts to promote diversity and inclusiveness in our community.

Racial Bridge-Building Community Forum
Tuesday, August 21, 7:00 p.m.
Mt. Moriah Baptist Church
381 Crestdale Road Matthews, NC 28105

Please remember to
PRAY
for those on our
Church Prayer List

Readings for 8-26-18

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18
Psalm 34: 15-22
John 6: 56-69

**Save the Date: Habitat for Humanity
Thrivent Faith Build is September 8th. Details to follow.**



WEDNESDAY NIGHT HAPPENINGS IS BACK!

Starting on August 29th our popular WNH will be back after our summer break! Join us each week for a delicious dinner and conversation! Menus are posted in the newsletter each week. Sign up for the year or sign up per week! See the insert in the bulletin on how to sign up!

MENU FOR AUGUST 29th: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs with all the trimmings, baked beans, chips, salad and dessert