

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please visit our church website at www.sycamorechurch.org for more information on our ministries, special events, or general information. You are also welcome to visit our Café located across from the Sanctuary to explore the many opportunities here at SPC, and feel free to use any of the contact information listed.

ADULT MINISTRIES

Dr. Timothy McQuade (tmcquade@sycamorechurch.org)

Dr. McQuade's Class - 9:00 AM - Media Center - Meandering with Moses



FAMILY MINISTRIES

Rebecca Behbehani (rbehbehani@sycamorechurch.org)

MATTHEW 25 MINISTRIES - Join us on July 28, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. All families welcome!



Children's Ministries (Infant through Grade 5)

Jan Ferris (jferris@sycamorechurch.org)

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL:

- ◆ **JULY 29**
NEED TWO HELPERS AT 9:00 AM
- ◆ **AUGUST 5**
NEED ONE HELPER AT 9:00 AM
NEED ONE HELPER AT 10:00 AM

Sign up to help on the Children's Ministries webpage or in the Family Room at the clipboard wall! **COLLEGE KIDS... we'd love to have your help. Come BE the church!**



Student Ministries (Grades 6 through 12)

Drew Hood (dhood@sycamorechurch.org)

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:00 AM in the Underground for breakfast and Bible Study/discussion.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

Quest - Middle School Students meet every Sunday from 6:00 - 7:30 PM in the Underground.

Walk and Babes - High School Students meet on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM throughout the summer unless otherwise noted.

MIDDLE SCHOOL - Thursday Summer Hangouts - 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

CURRENT CHURCH EVENTS

DID YOU DONATE 150 SHARES OF PEPSI STOCK TO SPC? This donation was made on or about May 4, 2018. We need your contact information; please email Stephanie McGill at smcgill@sycamorechurch.org. Thank you!

LAWN FETE SILENT AUCTION BASKETS - We need your support; please consider donating items for or sponsoring a basket. Sign up in the Café today. Last year church members generously donated Reds, Bengals, OSU Football, Cincinnati, and Xavier tickets. We also received tickets to Great Wolf Lodge and Kings Island as well as a gift package to O'Bannon Creek Golf Club. If you or someone you know has access to any tickets, please contact Rob or Wendy at wrijs@aol.com or 330-465-6498. Thank you!

DONATIONS FOR LAWN FETE - please remember all items must be clean and in working condition. **WE CANNOT ACCEPT:** clothing or shoes, chipped china or glassware, ANY electronics including TV's, computers, or computer equipment or furniture, food, cosmetics, toiletries, bed pillows, mattresses, exercise machines, large appliances, or tires. For furniture pickups, contact Doug Gausmann at 513-683-8614 or gausmann@dofuse.net.

MATTHEW 25 PILL BOTTLE COLLECTION - The red collection container is in front of the Media Center for your convenience. Please continue to save your RX and OTC bottles.

ROMEO JULY LUNCHEON - we will meet on the 26th at Buck's Tavern (3299 Montgomery Road, Loveland 45140) at 12:15 PM. Please sign up in the Café, so we know how many will be participating. **Contact:** Richard_L_Rogers@yahoo.com or 513-713-7140.

NEEDS BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE - July 29, August 5 and 12 - we are collecting 1 and 1 and 1/2 inch binders and backpacks for Kindergarten through grade 12 students. Please place your donations in the bins outside the Café, and thank you for your kindness in advance.

IHN BEGINS HERE AT SYCAMORE ON AUGUST 5 - Signup tables are in the Café. Please consider how you might help to make our guests feel welcome. Any way you can contribute will be appreciated. Also, we will be collecting new or gently used towels for the Lebanon IHN Day Center. They may be placed under the signup table.

SUMMER MOVIE NIGHT - join us in the Sanctuary on August 17, 7 - 9:00 PM, for a viewing of *Risen*, rated PG-13. Admission is free and so is the popcorn.

DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP (DivorceCare) - a network of 15,000+ churches worldwide equipped to offer divorce support groups is being offered here at SPC. Led by Dr. Tim McQuade, the first thirteen week cycle begins August 29 in the Media Center from 7 - 8:30 PM. This program is designed to help you recover from the pain of separation and divorce through practical information and biblical teaching.

COMPLETE YOUR SUMMER CALENDAR BY SIGNING UP FOR THREE NIGHTS AT THE BERLIN ENCORE HOTEL - PRIME TIMERS END OF SUMMER TRIP AUGUST 27-30 - visit the National Football and Rock 'N Roll Halls of Fame; enjoy a lunch cruise on Lake Erie; and, take a unique educational jaunt to Amish Ohio where we will dine on their delectable homemade cuisine. Visit the Café travel table for complete details. This trip includes priceless Christian fellowship and daily devotions. Registration (\$555.00 per person double occupancy) is limited, contact Irene Strong at 513-677-1712.

SERMON FOR JULY 29, 2018

They Met Jesus

"A Small Man With a Big Turnaround"

Dr. Larry Kent

JULY 22, 2018
10:00 AM



*Called to be an inviting community where
God is glorified, lives are lifted,
and Christ's spirit of fellowship awaits.*

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DR. LAWRENCE W. KENT ◆ DR. TIM MCQUADE

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.

Please sign the Friendship Pad in the pew.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

July 22, 2018

10:00 a.m.

*Indicates "those able please stand"

As a courtesy to others in worship, please turn off all cell phones.

~ WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME ~

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tim McQuade

****Please sign the Friendship Pad, and pass it to those in your pew.**

PRELUDE

"Praise Him! Praise Him!"

Allen

Rena Taylor, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On this new morning and in every moment of our lives, gracious God,

People: from generation to generation, we praise your holy name.

Leader: Like our ancestors before us, we proclaim your greatness to our children,

People: for we have seen your deeds of power and witnessed your goodness in our lives.

Leader: As you have opened your hand to all, satisfying the desire of every living thing,

People: open our hearts so that we might share the gifts we have received from you. Let us worship God in gratitude and joy!

*SINGING 150

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Presbyterian Hymnal

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

(A Moment for Personal Confession)

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Our great God and Savior Jesus Christ gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good. Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift! Believe this good news!

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

~ WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD ~

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 7: 34-50

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jan Ferris

SPECIAL MUSIC

"The Old Rugged Cross"

Bennard

Rena Taylor, piano

SERMON

They Met Jesus

"With Whom Are You Sitting?"

Tim McQuade

~ WE RESPOND TO THE WORD ~

*SINGING 306

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

Presbyterian Hymnal

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostle's Creed)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

"O, How I Love Jesus"

American Melody

Rena Taylor, piano

~ THE SENDING ~

*SINGING 368

"I've Got Peace Like a River"

Presbyterian Hymnal

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Mansion Over the Hilltop"

Stanphill

Rena Taylor, piano

****If you have brought a prayer need with you today, you are invited to remain in your seat following the service and a member of our prayer support team will come to you. Our prayer partner today is Todd Tegtmeier.**

SERMON APPLICATION

- ◆ How does Jesus' response to this woman's actions provide encouragement about your own life?
- ◆ How would you react if the woman in this story sat down next to you in church?
- ◆ As we consider this woman and her actions, does a deep sense of gratitude for God's free and undeserved forgiveness fill your heart and spill out of your life?

WELCOME FRIENDS!

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE - Large print editions of *The Presbyterian Hymnal* are available at the back of the Sanctuary. Please ask an usher for assistance.

MEDICAL RESPONSE TEAM - available on Sundays - back of Sanctuary.

ASSISTIVE LISTENING - Our sanctuary is equipped with TeleCoil assistive listening loops. Simply turn on your T-Coil equipped hearing aid to connect. In addition, battery operated receivers and ear devices are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

GUEST INFORMATION is available at the Welcome Center in the Café. For additional information, call the church office at 683-0254 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER: Prayer Request Cards are available in the pews; complete and place them in the offering plate; or, email vbarnett@sycamorechurch.org

DEDICATED EDUCATION HOUR is at 9:00 a.m. EVERYONE, infant through adult, is encouraged and welcome to participate.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES: 10:00 AM - We offer childcare in the nursery for infants and toddlers through 2 years of age. Children in PS-K can worship with parents, or attend Sunday School in Room 116. Drop off begins at 9:45 AM. Elementary aged students worship in the Sanctuary.

STUDENT MINISTRIES - (6th - 12th grades) - Student Ministries welcomes students to participate in our activities. Calendars are available on the Family Ministries clipboards in the Family Room.

ADULT MINISTRIES - Please check the Adult Ministry display in the Café for class times/locations and other programs, or simply sign up for more information.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES - Our next class is scheduled for **September 15, 2018**. For more information or to sign up, call the church office (683-0254) or visit us online at www.sycamorechurch.org.

THE FLOWER CHART is located in the Café with detailed instructions on how to order. The cost of Sanctuary flowers is \$50, which is due Tuesday prior to the requested date.

THE DEACONS OF THE MONTH for July are Brad Myers (722-5886) and Dianna Jimenez (617-6549).