

Family Life

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TODAY Is Our Next 2nd Sunday Potluck Fellowship

Our next **2nd Sunday Fellowship** will be a **Potluck Luncheon TODAY** after the morning worship service.

As is our custom, following the luncheon we will dismiss for the day. **There will be no assembly this evening!**

Since this is a potluck, each family is asked to bring the following:

⌘ a main dish (usually a meat or casserole to feed your family and a few others)

PLUS two of the following three items:

- ⌘ a side dish (green beans, corn, potatoes...)
- ⌘ a salad (leafy green, gelatin, pasta, potato); maybe a fruit or veggie tray with/without dip

OR

- ⌘ a dessert (no description necessary)

As usual, ALL ASSISTANCE is gratefully accepted.

Don't be shy to volunteer!



Wedding Invitation

It's Not Too Soon to Plan Your Holiday Calendar

It's less than two weeks until Thanksgiving, which is followed by a marvelous lineup of Christmas Holiday events. Below is a list, so please mark your calendars now!

- December 3 **Breakfast With Santa**, 9 am - This will include breakfast, crafts and a face-to-face with Santa
Youth Ministry "Under the Sea"
Christmas Party - 5:30 pm - You do not need SCUBA GEAR
- December 10 **Annual Open House** at the home of **Ann Ford**, 5:30-8:30 pm; ALL are welcome
- December 17 **Ladies Holiday Brunch**, 10 am-noon; see **Janice McDaniel** to volunteer to help
- December 25 **Christmas Day**. There will be no **EVENING** assembly that day

In addition, while not a Christmas event, the *Iglesia de Cristo* will host a **Spanish Worship Away** event here at Falls Church, starting Thursday December 15 and concluding Sunday evening December 18.

Thank You Note

Dear Falls Church Family,

Your prayers during my brother's illness were such a comfort to both him and me. Your expressions of sympathy, your cards and your prayers since his passing have meant so much to me and my family, and have made his loss a little easier to bear.

With my thanks and love,
Martha Ashley

Falls Church member **Anna Souza** is running today in a 5K race at National Harbor to raise funds for the **Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation**. This organization supports research into the incurable cancer which claimed the life of Anna's brother **Jesse** last year. This year, Anna's mother is joining her for the run. To contribute or to learn more, **go to the link included in the opening note with the email bulletin.**

26th Annual Harvest Festival Is Scheduled for Next Sunday, November 20 During the Evening Assembly

The Falls Church congregation is celebrating its **26th Annual Harvest Festival** next Sunday, November 20, during the evening assembly.

This is one special occasion when we can actually participate in the harvest rather than observe from afar. This congregation has maintained a food pantry for many years, and this festival is the primary means by which we restock that pantry.

To that end, we bring bags (as many as you wish) to the fellowship hall. [see photo below]



The children then unpack those bags. **NOTE: This is one of the principle reasons why we urge you to refrain from glass or other breakable containers.**

After the bags are unpacked, everyone who can is asked to form a double line between the fellowship hall and R. 120 where the food pantry is located.

At that time, we literally pass along each box or can or bag from one person to the next until the items reach the door of R. 120. [See photo above right]

There, the workers take the food articles and sort them into groups - vegetables, fruits, canned meats, soup, rice, etc. The festival ends when the last of the food articles is handed over to the pantry workers.

You may ask, "Why not just take bags to the pantry and be done with it?"

But the delight is in the doing, and for that, ALL of us are welcome to join.

It's great for our children who are encouraged to join in, thereby beginning to cultivate the habit of helping.

It's great for the adults who demonstrate that service is both fun and a privilege.

And it's great for more those who love to watch.

And **THAT** is precisely the reason we continue this "living" display of love and generosity. This is a chance to work together as a church family to accomplish a big goal!



You will find a list of needed supplies on a yellow-colored page in the lobby, and the page is included with this emailed bulletin. Please take that page with you as you shop.

Bring your bags to the fellowship hall BEFORE the assembly, and our younger children will have the chance to unpack those bags.

Everyone will form two lines from the fellowship hall to R. 121 where the food pantry is located. There, the pantry workers will take the items, sort them and set them by in store for the needs of our community.

If you can't make it here Sunday evening, bring in your bags anytime from next Sunday, Nov. 15 and leave them in the hallway leading into the fellowship hall.

Exodus Reflections: Passover Choices



In the book of Exodus we read about the LORD's plagues He sent as punishment on the Egyptians. These were punishment for the enslavement of the Israelites.

The first three plagues were felt by the Egyptians and the Hebrews. The next 6 plagues affected only the Egyptians as the LORD set aside and protected His people (Exodus 8.2-2) The last plague was different. It would be the worst punishment of them all; the death of the first born. The Egyptians and Hebrews had a choice about whether they were or were not affected.

If they chose to go through with the Passover ritual and painted their door post with the blood of a lamb, they would be spared (Exodus 12.21 - .23). The angel of death would see the blood and pass over that house. However, if they chose to disregard Moses, then this final plague would affect

them.

We also have a similar choice. We all have the choice to be washed in the blood of the Lamb. The Lamb is not some random animal but the Son of God Himself. This blood frees us from the slavery of sin. JESUS' sacrifice on the Cross is a horrible price to be paid but a necessary one to free us from sin.

Our choice is to accept this blood or reject it. Our choice is to surrender to the LORD or continue to live as a slave. Our choice is eternal life in the Kingdom of God or separation from Him for eternity.

Just as the exodus wasn't easy, our journey as a follower of Jesus will not be easy. It is infinitely better than anything the world or our culture has to offer.

GRACE+PEACE
AHLB

Today Is the 16th Annual Orphan Sunday

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world. James 1:27

The **16th Annual Orphan Sunday** is set for Today, Nov. 13, when Falls Church members will have the opportunity to make a “group contribution” to this church of Christ organization devoted to orphaned children.

There won't be a “special collection.” **Instead, please make out your check to the “Orphan’s Lifeline of Hope,” and give it to any one of the elders today or next Sunday, Nov. 20.**

The checks will be collected and transmitted to the organization which will mail you a letter for your tax deductible donation. ***This is a 501 (c) 3 Non-profit.***

Orphan’s Lifeline helps to support about 20,000 children in 9 countries, including Mexico, a country with whom Falls Church has close ties in mission work. There are homes in Haiti, India, Kenya, Uganda, The Philippines, Russia and Pakistan. In fact, the program arose from the desire to help children in the former Soviet Union.

It is estimated that there are 143 MILLION orphans around the world, although that doesn't include children who scavenge in dumps or beg on the streets or take shelter in sewers. Far too many of these innocent children die young, or wind up as “soldiers” in military groups, or as sex slaves, or as slaves to work, but always where they are deprived of the most basic human needs.

If you wish more information about sponsoring an individual child or an orphanage, go to:
<http://www.orphanlifecycle.org/Sponsorship.html>



Children and Staff at the Casa Hogar Bucerias Home in Mexico

Some of these children in the photo above have been taken away from their parents because of neglect and abuse, while others were simply abandoned. Nearly all

were brought to the home by the government, which, unfortunately, does not have the funds to contribute to their support.

The Director of **Casa Hogar Bucerias** welcomes all new children with open arms and has faith that she and the other caregivers will be able to provide for them. There is a new home under construction to replace the rented facility. Please help care for these wonderful children!



Children at the Amazing Grace Home, The Philippines

The Philippines consists of 7,107 islands, with a land mass slightly smaller than Arizona. It also has a population of 89 million, with 34 million under the age of 18. While the country has made significant economic progress, inflation and population growth continue, and development is hindered since nearly 42 thousand villages are spread among the islands.

Around 40% of the population live below poverty level, and there are more than 2 million orphans! The government is willing to help, but simply lacks the resources.

Amazing Grace Home was established in 2002, and was approved as part of the Orphan’s Lifeline in 2005. At the time, 12 children desperately needed medical care due to malnutrition, malaria or typhoid fever.

In 2010, Lifeline helped move them to a new home, allowing 17 more children to enter. In that same year, four of the children were the **FIRST EVER** to be graduated from high school. As of 2012, 7 were enrolled in college.

The home needs special donations and monthly sponsorships to cover increases in education expenses. A young adult can attend college there for just \$750/year, and the home would like to provide this life-changing opportunity for each child.

General Information

For Children:

- ❖ An attended nursery and a nursing mother's room - located adjacent to the Assembly Center - are available during our assembly.
- ❖ For ages 2 through Pre-Kindergarten, Children's Worship is conducted in rooms 223 & 221. Children are dismissed following communion.

Recordings:

Recordings of sermons at Falls Church are available for no charge on our website after about four days.

Assistive Listening System:

Personal sound receivers are available for hearing enhancement in our Assembly Center. Our ushers will be happy to supply one of these aids for your convenience upon request.

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Nursery Attendants

Morning

Lisa Swetnam
Wendy Ward

Evening

NO EVENING
SERVICE

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Morning

Amanda Brock
Alyssa Williams

Evening

Janice McDaniel

Children's Worship (Ages 2 through Pre-K, R. 222)

Jackie Arevalo, Joy Hayes

Lisa Byrd, Anna Souza

Worship Today, November 6, 2016

Hymn #77

Glorify Thy Name

Hymn #781

Thank You, Lord!

Prayer

Jeff Malcolm

Hymn #535

The Glory-Land Way

Hymn #364

Come, Share the Lord

Communion/Collection

Bill Kincaid

Hymn #853

When We All Get to Heaven

(Children ages 2-Pre-K are dismissed to Children's Worship)

Scripture Reading (Luke 7:36-38)

Gordon Rampy

Bible Lesson

Mike Tune

Hymn #453

Love Lifted Me

Announcements

Joseph Tucker

Introduction of Visitors/Closing Prayer

Jonah Shumate

Song Leader

Charles McMillian

Ushers for November 13

John Reagan, Habtu Zemech



THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE THIS EVENING.

November 13 Servers: Josh Byrd, Mark Dawson,

Brian Ellis, Frank Estes, Eric Slechter & Mark Ward

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Classes 9:30 am
Morning Assembly 10:30 am
Evening Assembly 6:00 pm

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class 10:15 am
(October through April)

Wednesday

7:15 pm

Office Hours

9:30 am - 4:30 pm

Contact Information

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Bill Kincaid Jim Lane
Oliver McDaniel Joseph Tucker

Deacons

Roberto Alvarez Jose Arevalo
Ben Bohannon Ignacio Espinoza
John Reagan Saul Reyes
Wilfredo Reyes Jonah Shumate
Hal Swetnam Kevin Thie
John Waterston Ken Yeatman
Habtu Zemech

Missionaries

Gary & Sue Babcock, Kent County, RI
Pedro & Mireya Batres, Nicaragua
Henry & Rosa Gutierrez, Nicaragua
Gene & Janice Luna, WBI/Guatemala
Don & Esther Roarabaugh, Lewistown, PA
Jesus & Abigail Sosa, Mexico City, MX
Mike Tune, Amazing Grace International
Deonté Watkins, Blacksburg, Va Tech
Jay & Piera Young, Italy & Ukraine
Habtu Zemech, My Neighbors, Ethiopia

Staff

Mike Tune, *Pulpit Minister*
Josh Byrd, *Youth Minister*
Mary Ann Kincaid, *Secretary*
Kelly Shumate, *Secretary*

Statistics

Sunday, November 6, 2016

Bible Study	202
Morning Assembly	306
Evening Assembly	90
Contribution	\$ 9,828
YTD Average	\$11,981
Budget Goal	\$12,710

Wednesday, November 9, 2016

Classes & Online	72
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Wednesday, November 16

Prayer - Joe Bohannon

Song Leader - Xander Williams