

The Edge

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF FOREST HILLS CHURCH

From Pastor Andrew

Summer is upon us! Covid restrictions have been lifted! God is good and we need to celebrate!

It's time for a Bash.

Normally, we have a party at the end of the summer season, but this year called for more immediate planning. As our world crawls out of isolation and considers once again meeting with others, as a church, we are no different. It's been too long since we have been able to fellowship normally. We have developed new habits and cycles in our days. Yet no matter how things may have changed, God has not! He still has a mission that he is calling us to fulfill. He still has plans and work cut out for us. As faithful people of God, we want to step into those plans. So we invite you to take that first step by attending our Start of Summer Bash!

Here is what you need to know:

This is an event for our community!

Invite your friends! Invite your neighbors! Invite those people who drive you a little crazy! This event is for everyone. We want to help all of Forest Lake jump start their summer.

We'll have hamburgers and hot dogs, live music, a giant inflatable slide and other fun activities.

We want to host a great party and a great party needs people!

This is an event for our church!

Yes, we want everyone to come and have a great time, but we also want our church members to think seriously about how they can reconnect with ministries at our church. We have had a strange year and we could all use an opportunity to plug into a ministry that fits our gifts and interests. So, amidst the food, the music and the friendly conversations, take some time to check out the ministry tent. Find out what Forest Hills is up to this summer and sign up to get involved! Set a goal of becoming involved with at least one new ministry this summer. We want to be a great church, and a great church needs people!

Monthly Church Events

June 2	7:45 pm - Sanctified Rehearsal
June 3	10:30 am - Book Club 12:00 pm - Sarah Circle
June 4	8:00 am - Grow Group
June 5	9:00 am - UM Men Meeting
June 6	Holy Communion Graduation Sunday 10:00 am - In-person and online Worship Service 11:15 am - Meal honoring graduates
June 7	8:00am - Monday Morning Men, Quilters and Prayer Knitters
June 9	10:00 am - Birchwood - All welcome - Teresa Gruber Preaching 11:00 am - Romeo's & Juilets 5:00 pm - Summer Starter Bash! 7:45 pm - Sanctified Rehearsal
June 10	1:00 pm - UM Women Meeting
June 11	8:00 am - Grow Group
June 13	10:00 am - In-person and online Worship Service - Pastor Andrew preaching
June 14	8:00am - Monday Morning Men, Quilters and Prayer Knitters
June 15	10:00 am - Rebecca Circle
June 16	7:45 pm - Sanctified Rehearsal

Pastor Andrew Cont.

This is an event for God!

Our God is a consuming fire, and we could all use some extra oxygen as we seek to burn a little hotter and brighter. Let God re-ignite your heart and set this summer apart from all the others. We want to see God use this Bash to bring our community together and to set his church on fire! We love and serve a great God, and our great God needs people!

For the King,

Pastor Andrew



June 18	8:00 am - Grow Group 2:00 pm - Unload Food Truck
June 19	6:00 am - Set up Community Care 8:00 am - Community Care
June 20	Father's Day 10:00am - In-person and online Worship Service 6:30 pm - Lifeline
June 21	Red Rock Camp Week 8:00am - Monday Morning Men, Quilters and Prayer Knitters
June 22	Red Rock Camp Week Annual Conference - Available online
June 23	Red Rock Camp Week Annual Conference - Available online
June 24	Red Rock Camp Week Annual Conference - Available online
June 25	8:00 am - Grow Group
June 27	10:00am - In-person and online Worship Service - Teresa Gruber Preaching
June 28	8:00am - Monday Morning Men, Quilters and Prayer Knitters
June 30	7:45 pm - Sanctified Rehearsal

Wednesday Mission Days

This summer we are changing up the way we do mission trips. We will be staying close to home and working with various agencies around Forest Lake. How is that going to work you ask? Well, let me tell you.

The goal is for people to help every Wednesday or join in when they can. We will be meeting at church at 2pm then heading out to the mission location for the day such as; Community Helping Hands, Senior Center, Youth Services, or a congregation members home. Then we will come back to church at 6pm for dinner and debrief. This debrief time will walk us through what we did that day and how it matches what God is calling us to do as Christians.

Schedule:

July: 7/7 2-6pm, 7/16 (note Friday) 2-6pm Help with Community Care, 7/21 2-6pm. 7/28 2-6pm
August: 8/4 2-6pm, 8/11 2-6pm, 8/20 (note Friday) 2-6pm Help with Community Care, 8/25 5-7pm END OF SUMMER BASH!



Re-Kindle the Fire!

We celebrate that our church is in the Green Phase of our Pandemic Protocol! That means we are able to engage in the full spectrum of community connection. Yes, some people will need to continue to wear masks and take extra precautions, but we are now able to gather together again as a church.

We have been the church this past year, even if in different ways. We have found creative ways to connect, to support, to encourage and to bless. Thank you to everyone who went out of their way to be a blessing during this time. I have heard so many reports of our church going the extra mile and reaching out in love and care!

It has also been easy to slide a bit in our spiritual growth. We've missed the routines of worship, study and prayer together. We've stalled on the habits of fellowship, serving and eating with each other. Even our personal habits may have grown a bit rusty, such as daily devotions, Bible reading and prayers.

This summer is a time to re-ignite the spiritual fire! We've been learning how our God is an all-consuming fire, who sends His Holy Spirit to live within us, kindling our inner spiritual fire. As people of Pentecost, we have holy heartburn! We need to fan that spiritual flame and reignite for God.

We do this by renewing our commitment to healthy, holy habits. As Methodists, we embrace the method of practices that keep us close to God. That means we commit to attend Sunday worship in person when possible: "When we are in town, we are in worship!" That means to engage each week in two other spiritual practices (Worship + 2), one to help us grow spiritually and one to reach out in service.

Our church is coordinating a number of ways to do these this summer. Check out Pastor Andrew's article on the Beginning of Summer Bash. Here are some ideas:

- Worship with our church at Birchwood Care Center every 2nd Wed. at 10 a.m. Join or create a Life Group (talk to Marilee Leonard for ideas)
- Join a UMW circle, the MMM, the Prayer Shawl knitters, the Comfort Quilters
- Join a summer Grow Group (coming July, watch for signups!)
- Join the prayer ministry: the Intercessory Prayer Team or a prayer chain
- Go to Red Rock Camp June 22-28 (talk to Cassi Betker for more info)
- Serve at St. Andrew's Family Shelter, Hugo, the week of June 27 - July 4
- Serve in our community through our Weekly Mission Days (July-August)

Hebrews 10:25 says, "Don't stop meeting together with other believers, as some people have gotten into the habit of doing." A fitting word for us right now! Let's re-ignite our spiritual fire, and lean back into our healthy, holy habits. Let's be the community together!

Keep calm and carry God!
Pastor David

NEW Directory!

We are working on updating the directory. If you have moved or changed phone numbers after 2015 please let the office know by email, phone call or drop a note. We would also like to add email address to the directory this time. Please send an email with the email address you would prefer we use or to opt out of email inclusion. The deadline is July 1st.

Graduation Sunday June 6th!

This year has been amazing we have had five seniors regularly attending youth group. This doesn't include the friends they have brought throughout the year. It is rare to have seniors in high school so invested in their local church. Congrats church for being so welcoming to our teens that they want to be part of the group here. This Sunday we will be honoring 7 high school graduates and 3 college grads. They will be sharing with us their plans for the next season in their lives. There will be a meal to follow the service for everyone.

High School Grads:

Ian Bautch, Lily Betker, Michael Karan, Erik Kargel, Conner Keintz,
Sara Spears, Nathan Werner

College Grads:

Jeff Coley, Zoe Karan, Shane Kargel

Please join us in celebrating their accomplishments.

Youth Group this summer will be participating in the Wednesday Mission days during July and August. Check out the article on Wednesday Mission Days.

Cassi Betker

Director of Youth Ministries

Register Today for Red Rock Camp!!

Spend a week with God experiencing his renewing love and saving, healing power at Red Rock Camp on the shore of Lake Koronis near Paynesville, MN. Red Rock Camp is for the whole family. There are speakers for children, youth and adults, they partake in a five-fold mission to: Encounter God, Experience holiness, Equip generations, Empower leaders and Engage communities. Amazing things unfold when people gather and seek Christ for a week. Nothing is impossible for those who believe! Brochures for camp are in the lobby! Sign up before April 30 and receive \$25 towards the camp store.

Camp Scholarships (Blackford Fund)

Would love to come to camp but are unsure how to afford it? We can help with that. Forest Hills offers three different styles of scholarships. The first goes to first time campers, this will pay your full registration. You can get the [application here](#) please apply by May 1st. The second is for those that need a boost of funds to pay for the registration. You can get the [application here](#), please apply by May 15th. The third way is for all campers. They will receive an incentive for going to camp. Each person under 18 receives a \$100 and everyone over 18 receives \$75.

June Birthdays

May your special day be blessed and filled with joy! If your birthday isn't listed, please call the office and let us know so we can add you to the list!

Calvin Leonard 6/2
Angie Prchal 6/11
Chuck Werhan 6/16

Colby Keintz 6/7
Kayla Rosenbaum 6/12
Michael Berglun 6/19

Rich Kargel 6/8
Linda Meyer 6/15
Colleen Kargel 6/23

