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Oktoberfest 2023: WC Volunteers Needed

By Cassidy Johnson

ark your calendars to attend this community staple!
Oktoberfest, the annual
German festival, is returning to Southlake for its 21st year.

During the upcoming Oktoberfest event, held **Friday, Oct. 13 – Sunday, Oct. 15,** Southlake will host many vendors and guests in Southlake Town Square. People will come from all over the DFW area to enjoy German food and drinks, crafts and vendors, activities, live music, and the well-known Wiener Dog Race & costume contest.

In past years, more than 20,000 people have attended this family-fun festival. The church will return to the local staple, for its eighth year, to greet members of the community and welcome guests to Southlake.

About 50 volunteers are needed to help greet people with the same warm hospitality that we experience at the church. Participants will hand out God Is Big Enough bracelets and provide church information for those wanting to get more involved with White's Chapel. Volunteer shifts are available during various times. People are needed to help set up, greet, and/or tear down. Individuals and family members can sign up online. After finishing their shift, volunteers are encouraged to walk around the festival and enjoy the fun.

While the Southlake Oktoberfest event has been offered for a little over two decades, similar celebrations have been held for over a century. The original Oktoberfest was held in celebration of a royal wedding in October of 1810.

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THIRD GRADE BIBLES

Last weekend, more than 100 kids recited their favorite Bible verse and received their very own Bible! We are so proud of our third graders, and we pray that God continues to guide them as they read the Word.

October Communion Offering Dedicated to Food Distribution

Many of our White's Chapel volunteer teams have worked tirelessly in the heat of summer to provide a supply of food for area families surrounding GRACE in Grapevine and O.H. Stowe Elementary in Haltom City. Those efforts will continue throughout the fall and winter.

his weekend, offerings
collected through communion
will be specifically designated
to buy turkeys for Thanksgiving
meals for many local families
experiencing food deprivation.

"Our hearts have been touched," said Rev. Joy Roberson, Director of Missions. "We would really like to increase their normal supply of food this month as well as provide turkeys and Thanksgiving fixings for each of our communities."

The White's Chapel Mobile Market has especially made an impact in serving our targeted communities.

"White's Chapel has had our mobile market for just over a year now," said Lisa Barham, the MM volunteer coordinator. "We currently service two locations. At our Grapevine location, clients of GRACE are able to have a shopping experience and select food they would like."

"At our second location— O.H. Stowe Elementary in Haltom City— our clients are provided boxes or bags of food

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"The Invitation"

Bible Based Art Exhibit Opens in October

"The Invitation," a Bible-based art exhibit, will be on display in the Narthex beginning Oct. 1. The Exhibit will feature Keller artist Brittany Scott.

"The most meaningful moments in my life have come through creation," says Scott. "I want to spend the rest of my life promoting creation in others and facilitating experiences for viewers to experience creation in a transcendent way."

Throughout her early training and career, Scott says she has been given unique opportunities to work with and



learn from various mentors, "continually propelling [her] forward towards the next thing [she needs] to focus on."

Throughout this process, She has come to firmly believe that collaboration as an artist has done more for her career, as well as her community and the careers of others than does competition.

"The countless hours I have spent discussing art and learning from artists across the board have helped me to define and redefine my purpose as well as the direction I take with my work. I hope to always allow myself to be open to not only collaboration, but to building

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Sunday Worship Will Feature Carl Tanner

International opera star Carl Tanner will assist in White's Chapel worship on Sunday, Oct. 1 in the Foundation Worship Service at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary.

anner is currently in Dallas
performing with the Dallas
Symphony Orchestra under the
baton of Fabio Luisi.

After graduating from Washington-Lee High School in Arlington, Virginia, he attended the Shenandoah Conservatory of Music at Shenandoah University in



Winchester, Virginia where, in 1985, he earned a bachelor's degree. Upon his return to Arlington, he enrolled in the Northern Virginia Trucking Academy and spent the next several years as a big rig truck driver. To earn extra money, he moonlighted as a modern-day bounty hunter for Arlington-area bail bondsmen.

A turning point for Tanner came one day while he was inching his way along Interstate 95 in the cab of his 18-wheeler, singing the Giacomo Puccini aria "E lucevan le stelle" from Act III of Tosca

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QUEST-ions...

"It is not the answer that enlightens, but the question." - Eugene Ionesco

important for us to have

all of the answers. We

just need to be willing to

pursue the questions.

By Dr. Todd Renner

hy is the sky blue? Where does the wind come from? How much does the earth weigh?

We stammer, and we stutter... but the questions children ask can push us to our limits – to the limits of our knowledge and to the limits of our faith - because, to many of us, these are just the easy questions. What about those questions they have about God? And about life?

And about death? What about their questions about disease and violence and the presence of evil in our world? How do we respond? How to we answer their profoundly innocent curiosity

when we, ourselves, have the same questions? How do we answer them when we, like Nicodemus, know that there's so much that we don't know?

Maybe that's the root of our hesitancy to speak into the lives of our children. Perhaps that's the heart of our reluctance to be the spiritual leaders and mentors that our kids need us to be - but we do so at our own peril... and to their peril, too.

Shakespeare once wrote that "the voice of parents is the voice of gods, for to their children they are heaven's lieutenants." To come to grips with this reality is for us to understand the incredibly important role that we are called to fulfill as mothers and fathers. as grandmothers and grandfathers, as aunts, uncles, cousins, as blood kin and as "families of the heart" - those precious families that we have been adopted into. It is to figure out and to strengthen the foundations of our families. It is to own our vital position in

the spiritual formation of our children, to let them know that our faith is important to us, to let them see our own growth and our own questions. They need to see us standing on holy ground, dumbstruck into holy silence by the sheer majesty and mystery of the Lord.

You see, it isn't important for us to have all of the answers. We just need to be willing to pursue the questions. It's not our call to master all knowledge or to grasp all wisdom. It's simply to grab hold of those moments and to

> their questions to let our kids (regardless of their age) know that we struggle, comfortable with the fact that we

the answers, that we don't have "it" all figured out... in fact, that we're not supposed to. For in those times when we dare to speak the ancient words of faith "I don't know," we open the door to be able to say that faith is that place in our lives where we believe despite our ignorance, where we trust despite our not-knowing... it's where we choose even with all our questions - to follow a God who holds the whole world in His hands! (And just for future reference, the earth is estimated to weigh 5,972 sextillion tons, that's 18 zeroes.)

By the way, this past Sunday, we celebrated 106 third graders as they received their Bibles - maybe the first of their lives. It's a profound and powerful rite of passage that's been observed in our church for decades. I mention this only to ask you to join us in prayer: that our young people will fall in love with the Bible, that they will dig into it and live out of it. Please join in our prayer that their questions will abound!

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WEEKEND THE FOUNDRY PREACHING SCHEDULE SAT. 5:30 p.m. | Contemporary w/ Rev. Sam Robbins **SANCTUARY** 11 a.m. | Rebroadcasted 9:30 a.m. Sermon 8:20 a.m. | Traditional w/ Drs. John McKellar & Todd Renner 9:30 a.m. | Contemporary w/ Drs. John McKellar & Todd Renner WALTON CHAPEL 9:30 a.m. | Traditional 11 a.m. | Traditional SUN. w/ Rev. Steve Lallier w/ Drs. John McKellar & Todd Renner



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SALSA SHOWD

We had quite the turnout for this fundraiser, and we were able to meet our goal to pay off GCISD's student lunch debt for the 2022-23 school year! Thank you to everyone who participated.





By Brenda Forman

- 1 can of crushed tomatoes (28 oz) • 1 can of garlic and onion fire roasted diced tomatoes (15 ½ oz)
- 1 bunch of cilantro
- 2 ½ fresh jalapeños quartered (for less heat, remove the seeds)
- ½ red onion • ½ yellow onion
- 2 cloves of garlic 1 tbsp chili powder
- ½ tbsp cumin
- 2 tsp salt
- 1 tbsp red wine vinegar
- 2 tbsp fresh lemon OR lime juice

Toss all ingredients into food processor and blend until it is your desired consistency.

Blend longer to make it smooth. It's easy and yummy; and it tastes even better on day two.



TOMATILLO SALSA 🍎🌶🌶🌶

by Grace & Evan Zeller

- 10 tomatillos
- 3 avocados
- 1/2 white onion 2 serrano peppers (seeds = spicy)
- 2 cloves of garlic
- 1 lime (juiced)
- salt & pepper (to taste)

HEAT LEVEL: 5/10

Roast the tomatillos, onions, peppers and garlic if you want. Not required.



HOT LIKE SAUCE By Daniel Arnold

- 6 fire roasted Roma tomatoes
- 3-4 cloves fire roasted garlic
- ¼ fire roasted yellow onion 4 tbsp pickled jalapeños

HEAT LEVEL: 5/10

- 4 tbsp jalapeño juice ½ tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp pepper 1 tbsp garlic powder
- A SPECIAL THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED!

FINANCIALS

2023 2022 September \$207,794 \$202,279 Week 1 Week 2 \$140,230 \$119,649 \$173,235 \$145,268 Week 3 Week 4 \$191,453 \$174,754

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WC CARE & SUPPORT



The Lord's Table

very Sunday at White's Chapel, we are offered Holy Communion, which is one of two sacraments ■ recognized in the Methodist tradition - the other being Baptism. A sacrament is defined as "an outward sign of inward grace, and a means whereby we receive the same" (John Wesley, from sermon "Means of Grace"). In other words, God uses material, tangible things as instruments of grace in a sacrament: water in Baptism and bread and grape juice in Holy Communion. In baptism, we receive our identity and mission as Christians. When we receive communion, we receive spiritual nourishment that sustains us in our faith journey.

The grace we receive at the Lord's Table enables us to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ in this world and shapes us as a faith community. Holy Communion, also known as Eucharist and The Lord's Supper, is an act of thanksgiving for God's mighty acts in history and a time to remember Christ's sacrifice for us. When we celebrate Holy Communion, we follow Jesus' commandment to do this in remembrance of him. Forgetting is all too easy, even when we have the best intentions.

Also deeply rooted in Methodism is the oral tradition of an open table, which simply means that church or denominational membership is not required to receive communion. Christ our Lord invites to his table ALL who earnestly repent of their sin, seek to live in peace together, and love the Lord. The importance of inclusion cannot be understated when considering the sacrament of Holy Communion. Which leads us to the question - Who is missing at our Lord's Table?

WC Care and Support wants to extend Holy Communion to those who are missing at our Lord's Table. If you currently are homebound or unable to be physically present at a worship service, we want to extend the Lord's Table to you in your home once a month, Monday-Thursday. If you or someone you love would like to receive home communion, please contact Dianne Will at dwill@whiteschapel.org. As this ministry grows, opportunities for volunteering to serve may arise.



Rev. Lori Cotton lcotton@whiteschapel.org



Invitation

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and strengthening the creative sides of others around me."

A reception welcoming and honoring the exhibit will be held Oct. 7 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

"The Invitation" is a show that will definitely move all who see it," said Brenda Wyatt, White's Chapel Art Coordinator. "The artist tells us her spiritual inspirations for each painting. the Bible verses they are based on and even guides us though her process. It is a 'must see' show that will awaken a deeper understanding and connection to the gospel thru the eyes of an artist."

Sunday

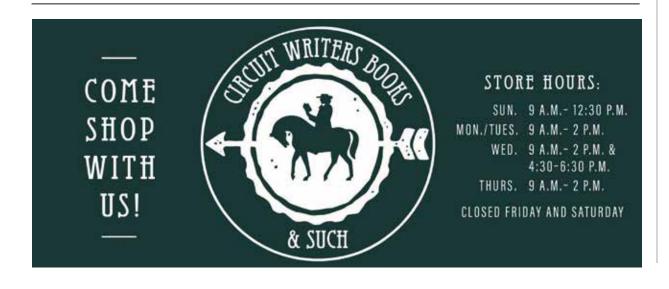
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to pass the time, when a woman in a convertible in the next lane called up to him: "Is that you, or is that the radio?" "That's me, lady," Tanner replied. "Well then, you've missed your calling," the woman declared. "You should be singing for a living, not driving."

Soon thereafter, Tanner decided to embark upon a musical career. With the support of his employer, he moved to New York City in 1990 and, in late 1991 while working as a singing waiter in the

restaurant Bianchi and Margarita's, he was heard by Richard Gaddes, the head of the Santa Fe Opera, who arranged for him to join the Apprentice Program for Singers for 1992 (and then 1993) to obtain more training.

Tanner has established an international performance career with appearances at the world's most prestigious opera houses including the Metropolitan Opera and La Scala in Italy. Additionally, the American tenor has performed in the Opera House, Covent Garden, and the Washington National Opera, as well as international opera houses in Paris, Tokyo, Berlin, Florentino, Madrid, and Barcelona.





Oktoberfest

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According to various historical sites, the Crown Prince Ludwig, later to become King Ludwig I, was married to Princess Therese of Saxony-Hildburghausen. The citizens of Munich were invited to attend the festivities held on the fields in front of the city gates to celebrate the royal event. The celebration continued to be recognized in the years that followed, and it became a tradition for the local people.

Now, it is a celebration not only for German people but also for people all over the globe. Even though Munich has the largest festival in the world, Addison, Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, McKinney, Granbury, Southlake, and Fredericksburg are just some of the places in Texas that also offer Oktoberfest events.

For more information about Southlake's Oktoberfest, please visit www. southlakechamber.org/oktoberfest. Admission is free and the festival is dog friendly.

Rev. Sam Robbins | srobbins@whiteschapel.org



For easy parking, plan to park at White's Chapel and take the shuttle bus! Times: Friday 4 - 11:15 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m. - 11:45 p.m. Sunday 1 - 7:45 p.m.

Sign up to volunteer by using the QR code above!

Communion

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that are put directly into their vehicles. This is a larger market with up to 300 families coming for food. We have a large following now in this established neighborhood, and numbers continue to

Barham pointed out that regardless of the location, the need for food is staggering.

"This ministry keeps growing in both communities with new locations on the horizon," she said. "We see the same families each month, moms coming after work with two to five kids in their cars, dads stopping by on their way home and each person is met with a smiling face and loving volunteers. The need continues to grow, families are finding it harder and harder to make their money stretch. Each month we are signing up new families and they are all so appreciative and grateful."

The Tarrant Area Food Bank provides much of the food for these clients. The Mobile Market works with them by providing added protein so these families can enjoy a meal that includes meat, something that is a delicacy for many of them. Food is provided on the first and second Thursday of each month.

Volunteers are working on the logistics to either schedule an additional Mobile Market event, or at least let the families know that turkeys will be available for

"As a church, we are blessed to be able to fill a huge need in communities with great needs," said Barham. "The mobile market leadership team thought it would be a great idea to provide a Thanksgiving meal for the families we serve. Regardless of how we get the turkeys to them, we know this will make so many people excited and happy to receive meat for their families that can stretch into multiple meals. We serve a lot of clients with at least 5-10 people in their family."

Roberson is excited about the idea of providing turkeys for Thanksgiving. "One of the biggest blessings of the Mobile Market is the capability of transporting such items to the community," she said. "Our hope is that each family can come through the line and choose for themselves a Thanksgiving feast."

As always, 100 percent of the monies collected through the communion offering will go toward this cause.

November Communion Offering

Looking ahead, our **November communion** offering will be for the Thanksgiving Boxes that we provide for local schools and nonprofits. The White's Chapel **Missions Team reaches out** to our network of agencies and schools to secure names of families in need of food assistance. Our congregation comes together to provide food, and on Super Saturday, we meet to pack items and and put this all together. Last year, we packed over 300 boxes with more than 350 volunteers.

This year, the Super Saturday packing event will be on Nov. 18, with sorting and packing happening on Friday, Nov. 17. We will also need delivery volunteers to take these boxes to participating schools and agencies on Nov. 18.

The food drive will begin Nov. 5. Lists will be provided for the food donation items.

local church.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Labyrinth Walk Wednesdays | Oct. 4, Nov. 1 & Dec. 6 9 a.m. | WC Labyrinth

A labyrinth is an ancient symbol that relates to wholeness. It combines the imagery of the circle and spiral into a meandering but purposeful path. Labyrinths have long been used as meditation and prayer tools and are a part of the pilgrimage path to wholeness and holiness. At its most basic level, the labyrinth is a metaphor for the journey to the center of your deepest self and back out into the world with a broadened understanding of who you are.

Join Rev. Victor Resendiz as he leads participants through a prayer walk. The labyrinth is located next to the Center for Spiritual Care. Whether you are familiar with this unique spiritual practice or not, you are invited to experience this sacred space. All are welcome; please register online. Rev. Victor Resendiz

vresendiz@whiteschapel.org

Build a Home Project - Trinity Habitat for Humanity

Build Dates Beginning Oct. 13 - Nov. 11 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

We still need volunteers to help us work on the 1,00th home build in in the Fort Worth Hillside/Morningside community! About 20 volunteers are needed for each of the 12 build dates, beginning Friday, Oct. 13 and ending Saturday, Nov. 11. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old; youth under 18 may not operate power tools.

Registration is required and can be found on the church website. If individual participants are signing up more volunteers, select the number of slots (reservations) needed and include the additional names in the comments field. After completing the registration, volunteers will receive an email with the home address, what to bring and wear, and a Trinity Habitat liability waiver to bring on the day of the event. Contact Beverly Chernoff at bcher06@gmail.com.







Prayer List

Ivy Nell Alspaw, Jan Anderson, Joseph Ashmore and Family, Olen Baley, Carol Barret, Walt Barret, Jerry Barron, Diane Belote, Michelle Birmingham, Allison Bishop, Bethia Blomquist, John Bloom, Phil Bogan, Cara Bradshaw, Quinn Bradshaw, Kay Brandt, Marlin Brandt, Cheryl and Ernie Brashear, Debbie Brown, Ruby Buffalo, Bobbie Cameron, Gary Carter, Connie Center, Ralph Choppy, Kim Coard, Carey Cockerell, Jim Cox, Mel Crosier, Agnes Davidson, Steve Dowd, Tommy Duer, Bobbi Dunbar, Wilma Dykman, Dennis Eaton, Ralph Evans, Elliotte Fitzpatrick, Diane Franks, Dubi Fridman, Sam Fryer, Jerry Fuselier, Billie Jean Garner, Earl Geddes, Jeanne Gerlach, Brenda Glimstad, Mary Golden, Jane Grazer, Gina Green, Tim Green, Curtis Griffith, John Guthrie, Robert Gutierrez, Judith Hallam, Al Hansen, Ellen Hartenbower, Maxie Hays, Jarrett Hodnett, Bob Horn, Kenneth and Eloise Horne, Nikki Houillion, Dennis Howry, Mary Howry, Elyse Huettl, Claudia Jenkins, Sheri Jones, Luke Karel, Lynda Knorpp, Linda Kurtz, Marge Kyle, Sam Lapp, Saprina LeDay, Mason and Casey McCowen, Ernestine McCrary, Kelli Meyers, Bobbie Miller, David Miller, Mary Miller, Buddy Mincey, Bill Moist, Thomas W. Morris, Nelda Morrow-Winblood, Paris Morse, John Nadeau, Harvey Ozmer, Roderick Page, Oleta Paige, Marna Parker, Jennifer Parks, Zeb Phillips, Barbara Pico, Kathy Pierce, Jim and Mary Renner, Johnnie Ruth Rogillio, Ann Sawyers, Gary Schneider, Bruce Slocum, Alan Small, Sid Soileau, Diane Spies, Bill Splichal, John Stamper, Sherrie Stoecker, Sara Sturtevant, Jim Swanson, Cathy Tanner, Gary Taylor, Shane Thompson, Jenny Thornell, Bill Thornton, Buster Thrasher, Sharon Valentine, Charlene Wahrmund, Pat Warner, Pat White, Glenn Whittington, Helen Wilson, Elaine Wingate, Leigh Winzeler, Lynn Wolford, Annie Wright, Bob Wright, Robin. Recent deaths: The Family of Bill Belding,

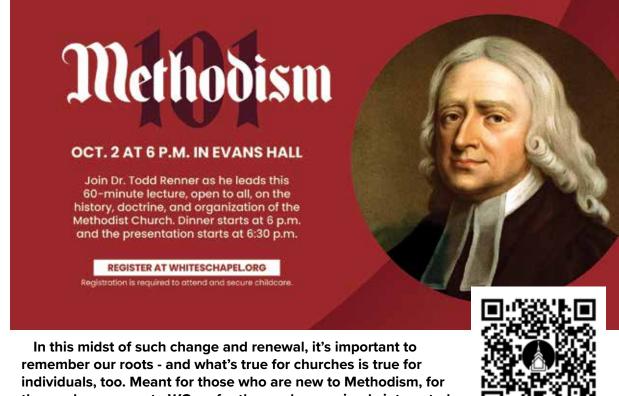
You may submit prayer requests at whiteschapel.org/prayer-request.html or or use the QR code.

The Family of Sandra Courson, The Family of Peggy Ferguson, The Family

of John Grubar, The Family of Tori Jackowski, The Family of Nelda King, The Family of Barbara Lisk, The Family of Everett Plummer, The Family of

Sandra Rogers, The Family of Gloria Strangi.





those who are new to WC, or for those who are simply interested in what our new structure looks like, this class is the perfect opportunity to learn more about who we are and what we believe. In the Wesleyan tradition, dinner will, of course, be provided. Join us for a fun mix of discussion and information-sharing to grow your understanding of our denomination and

