May 17, 2013

Memorial Day Service

One of our traditions at Fountain Street Church is to read aloud as part of the Memorial Day worship service the names of those in our community who have died in the past year. We would also be privileged to include the names of your family members or friends who have died since last Memorial Day. However, please do not assume we are aware of their passing if they were not members of this church. If you would like a name read as part of that service, please contact the Church Office by **Wednesday, May 22.** Please take the time to include your loved one's name on this day by calling the Church Office, (616) 459-8386.

Parents Circle

Wednesday, May 22
9:30-11:30 a.m., in the Choir Room

This will be our "End-of-the-Year" potluck. Please bring a snack to share as we celebrate the end of another great year at Parents Circle. Childcare will be available.

SUNDAY, May 19:

Celebration Sunday / Volunteer Recognition
Childcare, 9:30 a.m., Room 203.
Junior Choir, 9:30 a.m., Choir Room.
Exploring Beliefs & Questions, 9:45 a.m., Room 101.
Sunday Morning Book Group, 9:45 a.m., Room 106.
Tower Club (7th-8th grades), 9:45 a.m., Room 406.
Informal Worship Service, 9:45 a.m., Chapel.
Cherub Choir, 10:15 a.m., Choir Room.
Common Quest Bookshop, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Character School, 11 a.m.
(child drop-off may begin at 10:50 a.m.)
Nursery-K, 2nd floor.
1st – 6th grades, 3rd floor.
Rediscovering Christianity, 11 a.m., Room 104.
Traditional Worship Service, 11 a.m., Sanctuary.
Art committee, 12:15 p.m., Board Room.
Celebration Sunday Feast / Volunteer Recognition Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Social Hall.
Fountain Cub Guitar Lessons, 1:30 p.m., Room 109.
Occupy G.R., 2 p.m., Mezzanine.
Coming of Age Key Ceremony, 2:30 p.m., Chapel
Interfaith Wesak Celebration, 2:30 p.m., Social Hall.
Fountain Club, 1:45 p.m., Room 205.
Coming of Age Family Dinner,6 p.m., Social Hall.

IN THE PULPIT THIS WEEK:

"Who Blesses Whom?"

with W. Frederick Wooden

Memorial Day is when we acknowledge those among our community who have died in the last year. "It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But in a larger sense…"

Celebration Sunday/ Volunteer Recognition Luncheon This Sunday

Be sure to join us for our annual 11 a.m. Celebration Sunday Worship Event, followed by a special Volunteer Recognition in the Social Hall to celebrate our contributions in making a difference. All congregants are welcome to join us for this complimentary meal and short program. Fountain Streeters ***of all ages*** who have given their time to, or on behalf of, FSC will also receive a special thank you gift!

We could still use a couple volunteers to help serve up food right after the worship for about 20 minutes. If you can help, contact Paula at proelands@fountainstreet.org .

See you this Sunday!

Memorial Art Project

The design for the church's new memorial was announced by Rev. Patrick Hamrick on Sunday, May 12. The commission was awarded to the design team of Paul Arnold and Jim Winter-Troutwine – both active, long-time members of the church. Paul is a graphic designer and Jim is an architect specializing in historic preservation.

They will create a stone frieze for the Memorial Tower Room to be installed in 2014. So far, 23 subscriptions to the memorial have been sold, meaning that they will be able to begin the project this summer. To see the design, or to purchase a subscription to the memorial, stop by the Social Hall this Sunday, and for several additional Sundays this spring.

Character School News

All kids start in the 11 a.m. service with their families for our FSC Celebration Sunday festivities, and join their peers in the classroom after the dismissal for some special activities.

Join us at 12:15 p.m. in the Social Hall for the larger FSC Celebration!

Where to go with children and youth:

Childcare – 9:30 to 10:45 a.m., Room 204.
Junior Choir (1st-6th grades) – 9:30 to 10:10 a.m., Choir Room 2nd Floor
Cherub Choir (3-5 yrs.) – 10:15 to 10:45 a.m., Choir Room 2nd Floor .
Tower Club (7th & 8th Grades) – 9:45 to 10:45 a.m., Room 405.
Fountain Club (9th – 12th Grades) – 2:45 to 4:45 p.m., Room 205 .

During the 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Character School:

Room 206 – Nursery
Room 201 – 3 year olds
Room 203 – Pre-K
Room 204 – Kindergarten
Room 305 – 1st Grade
Room 302 – 2nd Grade
Room 303 – 3rd Grade
Room 404 – 4th Grade
Room 401 – 5th & 6th Grades

Fountain Streeter Birthdays

For the week of

May 19

Carolynne Allaben
Carl Bajema
Avery Betteley
Nathan Bolen
Susan Chapla
Tom Christensen
Sherron Collins
Ella Fauson
Beka Gair
Jason Gantos
Michael Gantos
Patrick Gantos
Jerry Hamelink
Joey Hysell
William Justice
Sydney Kapolka
Nolan Klinkoski
Steve Lampen
Eleanor Lowen
Roseann Masotti
Bill McKee
Katie Meier
Isaac Petiet
David Russell
Peter Sander
Neal Scott-Scheiern
Ben Sherman
Omega Sonste
Kathleen Swets
Beth Wilbur
Kimberly Wildeboer
Karen Zerrenner
Gretchen Zuiderveen

FSC Annual Picnic

Join your FSC family on **Sunday, June 2, at 1:00 p.m**., at Ada Township Park, located on the corner of Grand River Dr. and Buttrick Ave. for the Annual Church Picnic.

Enjoy the Park's arboretum, playground, covered shelter, and Mother Nature. Bring your chairs, family and a potluck dish to pass.

Grilled hotdogs and organized games will be waiting for you.

Adult Education Offerings – Spring 2013

Please enjoy this season's "Grow the Soul" offerings. There may be additional offerings as spring continues, so keep a lookout for updates! Interested in experimenting in a different way? Fill out a proposal form and let us know your ideas! E-mail us at growthesoul@fountainstreet.org

Be sure to check our web page under "Grow the Soul" at:
www.fountainstreet.org for details on any of the classes listed below

Sundays:

Sunday Morning Book Group, from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m., This will be the last meeting until next fall.
Facilitator – Jean Bahle

Exploring Beliefs and Questions, Sunday mornings, 9:45-10:45 a.m.
An ongoing group-directed open discussion of beliefs and questions. For more information please contact Sherron Collins, (616) 881-2882, or Richard Russell, (616) 717-8367.

Rediscovering Christianity Book Discussion Group, Last gathering will be this Sunday, May 19, 11 a.m.-12 noon, in Room 104. We will be taking the summer off. *Facilitated by Amber Fox and Mark Walstrom.*

Mondays:

Writing Our*Selves* *(Therapeutic Writing Group -- A Spiritual Expression Class for Special Needs)*
Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 10 a.m.-12 noon.
All skill levels are welcome, from beginner to proficient. *Facilitator: Nessa McCasey.*

Open Meditation: Why Peace of Mind is Possible and Easy, Mondays, 7-8:30 p.m., in the Chapel.
Facilitator: Bjorn Willobee.

Spiritual Expression, First and third Mondays of the month, 7- 8:30 p.m. *Facilitator : Nessa McCasey*

Wednesdays:

A Course in Miracles Study Group Wednesday mornings, from 10:30 a.m.–12 noon, in Room 101.
Newcomers are always welcome. *Facilitator: Lin Anderson*

Eckhart Tolle Meditation Group, Last gathering will be Wednesday, June 12, 12 noon – 1 p.m., in the Chapel.
Facilitator: Patrick Duiven

The Practice of "A Course In Miracles," Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. Newcomers are always welcome!
Facilitator: George Bartnick

Eckhart Tolle Evening Meditation Group, first Wednesday of the month, 7-8 p.m., in the Chapel.
Facilitator: Paul Schroeder.

Thursdays:

Writing the Winds of Change, First Thursday of the month, 10 a.m.–12 noon, in Room 105.
Writing can help us access our own deep wisdom and find our inner compass, which is especially useful during times of transition. *Facilitator: Nessa McCasey*

Fridays:

Friday Morning Poetry Group, This group will be in recess until next fall. Group meetings will resume after Labor Day. For further information, contact Louisa Nally, 874-8150 or pnally@comcast.net.

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For further information regarding programming with Grow the Soul,
contact Jill Hinton at: growthesoul@fountainstreet.org

Please Join Us …

INTERFAITH VESAKHA PUJA CELEBRATION

WHEN: **Sunday, May 19, 2013**
2:30 – 5:00 p.m.

WHERE: **Fountain Street Church**
24 Fountain St. N.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Hosted by FSC and The Grand Rapids Buddhist Temple and Zen Center, the Vesakha Puja is a celebration of Buddha's birth and enlightenment, and in some traditions, also his death. As the most important figure in Buddhism, his life is celebrated and revered. Gathering to chant and pray is an important part of a traditional Vesakha Puja celebration. At 2:30 p.m. we will worship and afterward have a vegetarian potluck – everyone brings, everyone shares! There will be a free-will offering to cover operational costs.

*****Seating is limited and admission is by reservation only. To reserve your seat, please call Fountain Street Church at (616) 459-8386 or e-mail kjordan@fountainstreet.org. If you need to cancel your reservation, please call the Church Office.*****