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THE CORNERSTONE *Newsletter*

Daring To
TRUST
God



The Cornerstone is your guide to ministry opportunities at Upper Arlington Lutheran Church. Look inside for ways to take next steps in your faith journey, grow deeper through service opportunities, and be encouraged through stories of God at work! If you'd like more information about our church, please stop by the Connect Center in the lobby.



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Welcome to Upper Arlington Lutheran Church!

We're glad you're here!

How could I have known?

With what wisdom could I see ahead to what life would become? When I was a young student I loved dreaming about the next five or ten years of life. I would map it all out in my head in great detail. It took a couple cycles, but I came to realize that the future never happened quite the way I planned it. In my experience, the VBS memory verse rings true:



“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.”

I still love dreaming about what could be, but I have a different starting point. By asking God what He wants

and reflecting on what's most important to Him, I find that He refines my motivations and priorities, pointing me to things that are much

greater than I could ever dream. In fact, I've found this verse to be very true:

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”

Ephesians 3:20-21

When I joined the staff almost three years ago, God drew my attention to this verse. As someone who still has fresh eyes, I want you to know that there is so much good already going on. I see God at work through all the generations of this church and I dare to trust that God is able to do immeasurably more through us than we could ask or imagine. My family and I are thankful that we get to dream big dreams and follow God together with you!

David A. White IV

Director of Family, Youth & Children's Ministries

Sermon Series: Daring to Trust God

Regardless of your age, living in today's world challenges your faith. Sometimes our situations don't make sense, don't fit with the goodness of God, or make us wonder if we are alone. Living as a follower of Jesus means we're often going against the grain of our culture. Why should we put our confidence in God instead of ourselves? Can we take God at His word? Can we depend on Him even in hard times? Why is taking this risk worth it? Through this series, we will invest in building our trust in God and relying on the truth that we can trust God no matter what. Read more about the series, and find out who is preaching, at ualc.org/currentseries.



Service Opportunities

Community Garden is Growing

Join us for weekly work parties. No experience needed and all ages welcome.

Sat., 8:00 am or Wed., 6:00 pm at MR

Details: ualc.org/garden

Contact: Todd Marti, todd-kelly@columbus.rr.com

God's Hygiene Help Center

Help give back dignity to women by donating feminine hygiene products during the June Dignity Donation Drive.

Drop off: MR and LR

Contact: godshygiene@gmail.com or 614-601-8122

Volunteers and Donations Needed

Volunteer as an individual, group or family this summer at the Hilliard Free Lunch Summer Camp for Kids. Donate non-perishable food and water.

Details: son-ministries.org

Questions? E-mail info@SON-Ministries.org

Drop off: Collection bins at MR and LR

Family, Youth & Children

Summer Opportunities

Middle School Summer Mission Trip

Students and adult mentors will work at multiple service sites around Columbus.

Friends are welcome! Register by July 9.

Wednesday, July 12 through Friday, July 14

Students entering grades 7-9. Cost: \$40

Details and registration: ualc.org/middleschool

Contact: Kelsey Payne, kpayne@ualc.org

Middle School Summer Bible Study

Bring a Bible and a friend. Snacks provided.

Thursdays, July 20 - August 10, 6:30-8:30 pm

Contact: Kelsey Payne, kpayne@ualc.org for details and location

How to follow Jesus in High School

Single-day Next Step Workshop for incoming freshman and parents.

Sunday, July 9, 3:00-6:00 pm at LR

Details and registration: ualc.org/highschool

Contact: Aaron Thompson, athompson@ualc.org

Student led High School Ministry

Weekly high school meetings planned and led by high school students.

Sundays, July 2, 9, 16 and 23, 4:00-6:00 pm at LR

Details and registration: ualc.org/highschool

Contact: Aaron Thompson, athompson@ualc.org

Pray for Faith Growing Experiences

During the summer, our middle and high schoolers will lead VBS, experience camps in Florida and Kentucky, and share the love and Gospel of Jesus in New Orleans and around the Columbus area.

Pray for students to have memorable, life-changing experiences as they seek God and make a difference!

Senior Adults

Thursday Bible Study

Learn from Romans 8 how the Holy Spirit can change your "if onlys" to "what ifs" through the study, *Unstuck*, led by Pastor Jeff.

Thursday, June 22, 10:30-11:30 am at LR

Contact: seniors@ualc.org

My Story: The world is coming to Columbus

I am amazed by how God grows us through our friendships. **My friends teach me about myself, about the world, and about God.** They are a divine blessing, and so I am thankful that God has used International Friendships, Inc. (IFI) to introduce me to many friends studying abroad at local universities.

The first was a Chinese student I met as an English conversation partner shortly after Easter 2015. My friend knew nothing of this holiday, so he asked me what it was. I



instinctively responded, “Easter is the day Jesus rose from the dead.” He looked at me as if I were crazy and politely responded, “Oh, so that’s a pretty big deal for you guys then.” “Yeah,” I nodded. “It’s a big deal.”

That was the first of many opportunities God provided me to share my beliefs and ask my friend about his own, and soon my eyes opened to the many opportunities I have every day to speak God’s truth and love to the people around me.

No longer need I confine the public expression of my faith to the four walls of the church, the safety of a small group, or the momentary boldness of a church-sponsored mission. **Truly God has called me out into the world to be and to make disciples of Jesus Christ.**

God is calling my friend too. Though he has not yet fully surrendered to Christ, he has taken many steps along that journey. **It has been my privilege to journey with him.**

Star Bradley

International Friendships Inc. Volunteer

Coming Soon:

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIPS TRAINING

International Friendships, Inc. (IFI), a registered Ohio State University student and Christian organization, promotes friendship and hospitality for international students. If you want to show hospitality that could make an eternal impact in the life of an international student, fill out an online application and attend an upcoming training session on June 21, 22, 25 or July 19.

Application form at ualc.org/service.

Contact: Jerry Cable, jerry66.cable@gmail.com

