

THE
CORNERSTONE
Newsletter

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2018

KINGDOM QUEST
LIVING OUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD IN THE WORLD

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 first started attending UALC at the beginning of Vacation Bible School in June 2005. We had two preschoolers and I was seven months pregnant, we lived on the other side of town, I hardly knew anyone at UALC, and I wasn't sure how this was going to go.

I can still remember our first look at Vacation Bible School. It was amazing! My girls were wide eyed and full of wonder; and to be honest, so was I. A few days of VBS was all it took to get hooked. VBS went with us as we left that week, its music playing on repeat in our minivan for years to come.

This was our introduction to UALC, a place that will go to great lengths to share God's love. A place willing to exhaust itself in fun and silliness for the Kingdom's sake, engaging kids at their level. I soon recognized that VBS at UALC was special and would be formational in the spiritual development of our kids.

What I didn't know was that this beginning at Young Kids VBS would turn into something more for me. Seven years later I was asked to join the UALC staff and serve in Children's Ministry. I excitedly, but nervously, said, "Yes!". As much as I loved the wonderful stage production of Vacation Bible School, I did not see myself as a person that could serve in that way. Even still, I decided to trust that God had a plan for me and God would

be faithful to use me and grow me...and that is exactly what has happened.

What started as a place for my children to grow; Children's Ministry has been the place where I have learned, stretched, and grown. I am passionate about inviting people into Kingdom work and watching God change children and adults alike. What started out as a program to help my children know and love God, has turned into a vocation and calling.

Although my kids quickly grew up and out of Young Kids VBS, they have all returned and volunteered. They have helped a new generation of children sing the same silly songs, learn the same important principles, and hear the good news in fresh ways. I look around and see so many familiar faces volunteering in Children's Ministry now. They have similar stories of how God used ministry to children to help them become ministers themselves. Perhaps God is inviting you into a similar experience. Come join us and serve at VBS this year, maybe you will be writing this story years from now!



In Christ,
Andrea Taphorn
Director of Children's Ministry

Mill Run Sunday Services

9:00 am Xalt and Sanctuary (9:00 am Sanctuary*)

10:30 am Xalt and Sanctuary (10:30 am Xalt*)

(*July 1 through August 12 Summer Schedule)

Lytham Road Sunday Services

9:00 am Traditional

10:30 am Xalt and Celebration (July 1 and 29, these services will be combined)



COMING UP

Church Wide Mission

We have noticed and we are responding to a need in our community. Many students are living in poverty and school supplies, even though a necessity, often cause a financial strain on the families. As a congregation, we can make a difference for students and families in our community and beyond. We have pledged to supply basic supplies to over 520 students in Hilliard, Columbus and Southeast Ohio through our long-time mission partners - SON Ministries, God's Hygiene Help Center and Helping Appalachian Rural People (HARP). Prepackaged backpacks are available for purchase (\$10) and donations of tissues, disinfecting wipes, and resealable plastic bags (sandwich, quart and gallon sizes) are needed.

\$10 donation for backpacks or donation of items
Questions: Visit the ministry tables in the lobby June 3 and 10

Contact: Becky Harrass, rharrass@sbcglobal.net, 614-457-5945

Vacation Bible School Registration and Volunteer Opportunities

Register your child soon for VBS. Two separate programs for different age groups are offered. Volunteers of all ages and skills needed.

June 11-15, LR and MR, \$10

Details and registration: ualc.org/vbs

Special Congregational Meeting

Join us for a special congregational meeting to consider the call of Steve Turnbull to be UALC's next Senior Pastor.

Sunday, June 3, 12:00 pm, Mill Run.

Nursery care is available. There will be no lunch.

Sunday Mornings at UALC

We've begun discussions that explore our Sunday morning life together. During this Sunday Morning Discovery Process, we are working prayerfully to determine how to move forward into the future and we want your involvement.

Sunday, June 10, at Mill Run from 1:00-3:00 pm
Show up or register at ualc.org/announcements.

Summer Women of the Word

Why is it so difficult at times to share our faith? Come to WOW (Women of the Word) this summer, watch Andy Stanley's video teaching, "Go Fish," and learn how you can make it natural, easy part of everyday life.

Tuesdays, July 10, 17, 24, 6:45-8:30 pm, LR

Details: ualc.org/adults

Volunteers Needed

Serving Our Neighbors (SON) Ministries' summer programs need your help. There are many volunteer opportunities with the Summer Lunch Camp as well as the Children's Entrepreneurial Restaurants. These programs are part of SON Ministries' mission to overcome suburban poverty in our town - one child, one family, at a time.

Details: son-ministries.org



FAMILY, YOUTH & CHILDREN

Children's Ministry

Join us for VBS

Join us as on a Kingdom Quest at this year's Vacation Bible School (VBS). You'll find a castle with kings, queens, knights and a few surprises. Age specific programs for 18 month olds through sixth grade students.

June 11-15, \$10 fee

Details and registration: ualc.org/vbs

Middle School Ministry (MSM)

MSM End of Year Party

Come celebrate the end of the school year at the last MSM Group! We're having a giant party, so bring a swimsuit, a towel, and your friends!

Sunday, May 27, 4:30-6:30 pm, MR

MSM In-Town Mission Trip

An amazing three-day local missions experience for middle schoolers! We stay at a host home and engage in Kingdom work around Columbus as we discover the needs of our community and God's desire for us to live with servant hearts!

July 11-13, \$40, offsite

MSM details and registration: ualc.org/middleschool

Contact: Kelsey Payne, kpayne@ualc.org

High School Ministry (HSM)

How to Follow Jesus After Graduation

This Next Step Workshop is for graduating seniors. It is designed to help you think about how to strengthen your faith in college or in the

work force. Come for a great, honest conversation about your new phase of life!

May 29 and 31, 4:00-7:00 pm, LR

\$15 includes dinner and course materials

HSM details: ualc.org/highschool

Contact: Aaron Thompson, athompson@ualc.org

College-Age Ministry

Join us for a summer opportunity for newly graduated high schoolers and current college-age students (18-24 year olds). Come to dinner and learn what the rest of the summer looks like as we begin discipling groups.

Monday, June 4, 6:00 pm, LR

Contact: David White, dwhite@ualc.org

Welcome FYC Summer Interns

Welcome Emily Johnson as the Children's Ministry Intern and Marissa Osborn as the Youth Ministry Intern.

O₂ Conference

The O₂ Conference was a giant success! On May 12, we launched eight ideas that can meet real needs in Columbus. The students were paired with tremendous UALC mentors and provided \$9,000 in funding. Thank you to the 30 volunteers who made the event run so smoothly. An enormous thank you to the mentors who will be spending the next six months working with the students and the O₂ Task Force that planned the whole event! God is opening doors for us in Columbus.

Are you interested in being baptized or baptizing your child?

Come to the Baptism Workshop to prepare for that important next step. Adults, teens, and children of any age are welcome. Parents learn more about

passing faith onto their children.

The workshop takes place the first Sunday of the month, 12:00-1:00 pm. Lunch is provided.

June 10, August 5, LR and July 1, MR

Registration: ualc.org/elementary

Contact: David White, dwhite@ualc.org

IFI FRIDAY NIGHTS!

As a lifelong Lutheran, I'm very familiar with the tradition of the potluck dinner at church. But this tradition took on new meaning for our Small Group recently, as we served an International Friendships (IFI) Friday evening dinner at UALC to students from around the world. It was a great way to gain exposure to the IFI ministry, engage in conversations with international students, and learn about culinary tastes from many other countries and cultures.

Each Friday night during the school year, 120 to 150 international students associated with IFI gather at our Lytham Road campus for dinner, worship, fellowship and Bible study. At



the invitation of IFI, our couples Small Group served one of these Friday night gatherings earlier this year. Since other IFI staff and volunteers coordinate the meal itself, the role

for our group was simple and straight-forward: we set up tables and chairs for the dinner event, brought some food items, helped with serving the dinner, talked with students and helped with cleanup. Don't be concerned about the amount of food needed for such a large group—many of the students, Bible study leaders and other IFI volunteers bring food items as well.

If your Small Group signs up for this service opportunity, be aware that this is not your typical central Ohio church potluck. Students likely will pass over items like sloppy joes, potato casseroles, and dessert pastries in favor of tea eggs, salads, rice dishes, and fresh fruits and vegetables. Worship songs, either before or after the meal, are as likely to be sung in Chinese as in English.

At the same time, there is ample opportunity to engage in meaningful conversations with the students, who all are navigating their way in this new country (for them). At the dinner, I met a number of law students from China and Japan, some of whom came to our home several weeks later for a Christian law students gathering. What a great opportunity to welcome people from around the world in the name of Christ!

Charlie Oellermann

IFI New Volunteer Training

The New Volunteer General Training is an overview of the International Friendships Inc (IFI) Vision and Values and will teach you the skills you'll need to relate well to an international friend. Attend one two-hour in person training session or take the course online.

June 4 or 26, 7:00-9:00 pm, MR

IFI information and application: ualc.org/ifi

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

GET INVOLVED

God's Hygiene Help Center Updates

We are looking for volunteers for one - two hours a month as we help people in need and living in poverty to live more dignified and comfortable lives. We provide cleaning supplies,

personal hygiene products, school supplies and winter accessories to those in need. Information about donations can be found online or in the Exchange Center at Mill Run or Lytham Road.

Contact: Tammy Jewell, godshygiene@gmail.com or Terry Starr, terrystarr70@gmail.com

Visit our new website: godshygiene.org

A Message from the NALC: The Southeast Ohio Mission District

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church located at 3220 Columbus Street in Grove City, Ohio, is the oldest congregation in Grove City. Established in 1849 by German immigrant farmers, it was formed two years before Grove City was incorporated. We hold onto our traditional roots while striving to be relevant to this age.

With three traditional services and one contemporary service each weekend, we average over 450 in worship attendance. We are served by two full time pastors plus 14 additional staff members.

We seek to: Invite, Welcome, Equip, and Serve in Jesus' name. This is most evident in our youth ministry which develops faith, discipleship, and leadership skills. As our youth grow in age and faith, they take on roles of leadership and mentoring for younger youth groups. This continues in our intergenerational ministries where we pair adults and youth in ministry teams to serve together in Jesus' name.

Some of our ministry teams serve the needs of the congregation, others are focused on outreach. One example is our Bed Brigade ministry team. Youth as young as five years old work with adults of all ages to build and deliver beds to needy families in Franklin County. With over 100 ministry teams, there is a place for everyone to be involved.

Our congregation has a strong adult and youth Bible education emphasis. We stand on the authority of God's Word and try to apply this to living out our faith. Building on the six marks of discipleship from Micheal Foss' books, and training through the Navigators, we are still growing in our understanding and practice of discipleship.

Future issues of *The Cornerstone* will highlight the 13 congregations of the Southeast Ohio Mission District.





ADULTS 65+

While the opportunities listed here are planned with Adults 65+ in mind, if you are interested, please join us! We do not discriminate based on age, and all are welcome.

*With each new sermon series, we send out *The Link*, a newsletter of current information. If you are not receiving this via mail or email, please contact us to add you to the list.*

Contact, event registration and RSVP:
65plus@ualc.org, or call 614-451-3736, ext. 4652.

Thursday Bible Study

Join us for coffee and doughnuts and a study on the Miracles of Jesus. From the healing of lepers to turning water into wine, miracles demonstrate God's power. But they also reveal God's character, Kingdom, and love for you. No study on June 14.
Thursdays, May 30-June 28, 10:30-11:30 am, LR

Monthly Lunch and Program

A delicious lunch and fellowship followed by a short program. This month Frank Stewart, a senior and volunteer with SON Ministries, will share his experiences and what God is doing through Hilliard Summer Lunch Camp.

Thursday, June 7, 12:00-1:15 pm, LR, donation

Progressive Euchre Card Party

Never played? Come and learn—all ages welcome! Bring a friend and a snack to share.

Tuesday, June 26, 1:00-4:00 pm, LR

Mid-Week Dinner

Vacation Bible School volunteers are planning a dinner midway through the VBS week. All are welcome! Dinner is on your own.

Wednesday, June 13, 4:30-6:30 pm
Der Dutchman in Plain City

Single Men's Lunch

Join other men who are single, or single again, for lunch, discussion and fellowship with Pastor Jeff.

Tuesday, June 26, 11:30 am-12:45 pm
Panera, Mill Run 3625 Fishinger Blvd.

Visit the Summer Lunch Camp

Come see how UALC partners with SON Ministries to provide a Summer program and lunch for kids facing poverty in *our* community. And share a meal with the kids!

Thursday, June 28, 12:00-1:15 pm Horizon Elementary School, 6000 Renner Rd
RSVP by June 14

Columbus Jazz Orchestra

Join us in July for a terrific free outdoor concert by the Columbus Jazz Orchestra! Bring your own lawn chair or reserve a folding chair at our pre-arranged, flat area near the front. Come early, park at the Sunny 95 lot and look for the UALC signs.

Thursday, July 19, 7:00-8:45 pm
Amelita Mirolo Barn at Sunny 95 Park in Upper Arlington, RSVP by July 9
Details: Christine Strommen, 614-499-9354

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Practically, how do we live out the Kingdom of God in this life? The Bible tells us that we belong to a heavenly Kingdom, but what does that look like in the grocery store, or on a night out in downtown? The instructions we get in Scripture about this Kingdom Quest seem contradictory. But when we take a closer look, they are pointing us to a deeper way of life with Christ. Join in on the journey and learn about your Kingdom Quest!

SERMON TOPICS AND SCRIPTURE FOR MAY 27-JUNE 24:

Holy and Free (2 Corinthians 3:7-18)

Pastor Brodie Taphorn preaching

The Kingdom Quest is to use your freedom for holiness.

Grace and Truth (John 1:1-14)

Aaron Thompson preaching

The Kingdom Quest is to win people to truth through His uncommon grace.

Sent In and Not Of (John 17:14-19)

Pastor Dave Mann preaching

The Kingdom Quest is to serve where you are sent without forgetting where you are going.

Wise and Adventurous (Luke 14:25-33)

Joe Valentino preaching

The Kingdom Quest is to count the cost and embrace the calling.

Vacation Bible School Sunday – June 17

Pastor David White and Aaron Thompson preaching

The Kingdom Quest is to find the true treasure God has for you.

Find the worship and preaching schedule at ualc.org/stylesandtimes.