

GROUP NOTES

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

Reminder

If your class elects a new president, please inform Pastor Madison and have them reach out with their name, email address, and expected term length.



Communications

Please announce the following to your class:

RSVP for Congregational Conversation August 25 (Journeys of Paul)

Please join us at noon in the Great Hall as we gather to share news of our ministry activities over lunch. Because we had to cancel the Journeys of Paul in Greece interest meeting, we will provide information about that trip during this time. **Make sure to RSVP** in order to ensure that we order enough food.



Pastor Madison Bible Study

Nobody showed up for my Bible Study I worked so hard on! So now I'm guilting all of you who are available to show up next week at 10 am in Room 100. The next three weeks, we are covering the books of Ezra-Nehemiah, Ruth, and Jonah.

Kids Hope Mentors

All children need healthy, consistent relationships with adults who are committed to helping them grow, develop, and thrive. Our local public elementary school has asked us to come alongside parents, teachers, and others to invest in their students through one-on-one mentoring relationships. Contact Pastor Molly for more information.

More Plastic Bags Needed

Are you like me in that you have a stockpile of plastic shopping bags under your kitchen sink? Please drop these off at the church so that our Monday Mat Makers group can continue to serve the community through this ministry.

Additional Volunteers Needed for First Fridays

We have several new families that will be joining us in September. and so we need some additional volunteers. We also need groups to volunteer to provide a meal for our volunteers (usually 25-30) at 5:30 before the families arrive at 6:00. Contact Pastor Kay for more information!

Keep the Youth Fed

Sign up with a friend or your Sunday School class to bring snack supper to youth group on Sunday nights at 5. Sign up on the sign up genius - <https://tinyurl.com/supper25>. And help us keep the fridges stocked all year long by bringing a case of small water bottles and/or bags of candy. You can drop things off at the church office Monday - Thursday or on Sundays.

Empty Mangers Interest Meeting September 4

On Wednesday, September 4 at 7 pm on [Zoom](#), Pastor Madison will be leading a meeting for anyone interested in learning about or helping plan this year's Empty Mangers retreat for those impacted by infertility, pregnancy loss, and child loss.

Family Volleyball Night September 9

Join us for an evening of volleyball in the Great Hall! The cost is \$5 per individual or \$10 per family with two or more people. The courts will be open from 5 - 7 pm. Young Adults can play for free and will get an extra hours of play from 7 - 8 pm. If volleyball is not your thing, this is still a great opportunity to connect with our Young Adults and welcome back college students who will be returning to town for the start of their fall semester. Let Pastor Madison know if you would be interested in helping with hospitality.

Spaghetti Sunday October 5

The spaghetti supper is coming back bigger and better than ever. Save the date for October 5. Our youth will be serving up a delicious spaghetti dinner, offering great items in a silent auction, and maybe even performing a bit. All proceeds support the youth ministry. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. If you or your Sunday school class/small group would like to donate to the auction, email Loni at lfancher@arlingtonmethodist.org.



Calendar

[Click here for link to full calendar](#)

Next Fellowship at First/Away We Go:

Wednesday, August 28 at 11 am in Banquet Room
Potluck then Presentation by Sam Emerson from our church's Historical Committee

Upcoming and Ongoing Studies:

[Saints and Their Stories - Ancient and Modern w/Pastor Kay](#)

Tuesdays at 2 pm in Room 154; Zoom at 7 pm
8/6 - 9/24

[Bible Study w/ Pastor Madison - Ezra-Nehemiah, Ruth, and Jonah](#)

Thursdays at 10 am
8/15- 9/5 in Room 100

[For Such a Time as This? - Election Year Group w/Pastor Madison](#)

4th Sunday of every month from 5 - 6:30 pm Banquet Room;
Following Wednesday from 6:30 - 7:30 pm on Zoom