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Fall Soul Food Wednesdays

School is back in session, fall is in the air, and so it is time to plan for our Soul Food Wednesdays! This fall we will gather on three Wednesday evenings to feed our stomachs with delicious food, and our souls with meaningful interactions with others in our faith community. These gatherings are for every one of ALL ages!

September 28 – Dinner will be served in the fellowship hall at 5:30 p.m. (Suggested donation is \$4 individual or \$10 for a family.) Following dinner all adults will join in a variety of fun and engaging activities to help us get to know others in our faith community. MYF, JYF, and Venture Club will meet with their respective groups. Childcare will be provided for infants through 2nd grade.

October 12 – We will gather at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall for a carry-in meal. Please bring one of your favorite international food dishes (or two!) to share with others (American counts too!). At 6:30 adults will move to the sanctuary to hear the faith stories of our two Beninese guests – Arlette Boko and Pierre Kinkponwe. MYF, JYF, and Venture Club will meet with their respective groups. Childcare will be provided for infants through 2nd grade.

October 26 – EVERYONE (adults, MYF, JYF, Venture Club, children) will gather at the home of Gordon and Cynthia Bontrager at 5:30 p.m. where we will have an inter-generational picnic. Hot dogs and fixings and items for s'mores will be provided. Please bring a side dish or salad to share as well as your own table service and lawn chairs/blankets. Following dinner, there will be hayrides available, as well as time to assemble your own s'mores over the fire or to join

in some lawn games. Come out for a fun evening with your church community!

Please stop by the Participation Station to sign up for the meals, to help set up/clean up for the meals, and for your childcare needs for 9/28 and 10/12.

Cindy Voth, pastor of community life, for Adult Nurture Ministry Team

Update on Katie and JE

Here is the latest information about Katie and JE Johnson Misz's move to WMC and the Goshen community. Their work in Goshen begins on September 19. They are in the process of purchasing a home in Pickwick Manor northwest of Goshen, but are not scheduled to take possession until September 30. Their things are being delivered in a pod that day. They will be staying in a lake house owned by a friend of JE's dad in the interim.

We are working as contact and support people for Katie and JE. They would like help on Friday, Sep. 30 and Saturday, Oct. 1 to clean and ready the house as well as move things in. It also seems logical that food and drink for them and any helpers would be good to have in place those days.

We don't have all the details regarding what time of day would be best, so please save the dates. More information will be coming. We will likely have a sign-up sheet at the Participation Station.

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Ministry Team of the Month

In the following months, the Buzz will feature WMC Ministry Teams to show God's work in our church and its reach beyond the walls of our building. For those who have wondered what different ministry teams do, this series will hopefully showcase the work, inspirations, and challenges of each team.

This month features the Gifts Discernment Ministry Team which has a quiet, yet very important role in our church community. Currently, this six member group meets once a month to prayerfully discern key leadership roles within the congregation including lay ministry partners, ministry leadership council members, endowment team members and delegates (Mennonite Church USA and IN/MI). Ken Otto is the lay ministry partner of GDMT and leads this team in many discussions about how to find ways to energize the church to utilize their gifts. They are often joined by Greg Hire, Coordinator of Ministry Gifts, at these meetings.

Discernment is an important process and one that takes time and prayer. GDMT tries to consider not only what gifts a person might have, but also strives to find places where people can serve God and the church in a way that they feel passionate about. Described as a "dreaming, discerning ministry," they find inspiration for their discernment from three places: Our WMC mission statement, 1 Corinthians, chapter 12 and this year's Fanning the Flames series passage 2 Timothy 1:6. There are always challenges in the work that GDMT does. It is sometimes difficult to reach out to people who are overstretched, burdened and tired, but this team finds joy when God's people say "yes" to serving and are excited to use their gifts among us.

Please pray for Gifts Discernment Ministry Team this month and the important work that they do at WMC. Pray that they may have a spirit of discernment and sustaining joy for the task and ministries ahead. They

also ask that you pray a special blessing on those in our church who feel overstretched and tired that they might feel God's renewing spirit within them.

For those interested in contacting the Gifts Discernment Team, please see: Ken Otto, Vance Weaver, Dan Bodiker, Rita Herrmann, Anne Lehman or Cindy Voth.



The Gifts Discernment Ministry Team:
(Front) Vance Weaver, Anne Lehman, Cindy Voth, (Back) Rita Herrmann, Ken Otto, Dan Bodiker

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Thank You from the Wengerd Family

As we remember and celebrate Jenny's life, thank you for your support and prayers during the last year. We realize how blessed we have been by the outpouring of support this church family has provided. What an amazing gift it has been and knowing we are not on this journey alone is a real comfort. It's been a difficult year adjusting to our new normal and we appreciate your continued prayers as we find our way.

Doug, Ben and Isaiah Wengerd

Member Profile Questionnaire

Everyone should have received a Member Profile Questionnaire in their mailboxes three weeks ago. Please return your corrected and updated copy to the church office by next Sunday, September 18. If you did not have any changes, please write "OK" on the first page and return it also. If you didn't receive one and would like to be included in the directory, please contact the office for a form.