

The Edge

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF FOREST HILLS CHURCH

From the Pastor

The dawning of September is a shift for everyone. Kids are back in the thick of it, parents must adjust to new schedules and we as a church shift into “programming” mode!

As our Wednesday night activities are being re-established, I wanted to take this opportunity to remind everyone what is in store and what has changed.

First of all, as a church, we are committed to making disciples. This mandate does not have an age limit. All people, whatever their age need to be disciplined. Christian education is a vital part of growing in Christ and we want to do our best to equip our people to fully live out their faith. This education can take many forms but it must always be rooted in God’s word. As the Psalms declare, “Your word is a lamp before my feet and a light for my journey” (Ps. 119:105). We are lost without the guidance of God’s word. Every Christian needs to be familiar with their Bible.

We tackle this goal by providing various avenues on Wednesday nights for people of all ages to grow in their knowledge of God’s word. When it comes to kids, we focus on the formative narratives found in Scripture.

In ECHO, our Children’s Director, Sue LaVigne presents Bible stories in creative ways so kids can not only understand, but also apply these stories to their own lives.

In confirmation, our associate pastor Cassi Betker helps young teens grow roots to their faith as they take the next steps in discipleship. She also works with our older teens in youth group as they are presented with all kinds of questions that test their faith are in need of a place that shows them a biblical perspective.

For adults, we provide Grow Groups. Led by volunteer leaders, these groups last for a couple of months and allow members to focus on specific topics or themes, all with the aim of letting God’s word be our guide. But because Grow Groups only meet some of the time, we wanted to introduce another component into the mix of Christian Education here at Forest Hills Church. **The Off-Season.**

Monthly Church Events

Sept 1	10:30am - Book Club 12:00pm - Sarah Circle
Sept 2	8:00am - Grow Group
Sept 3	9:00am -UM Men
Sept 4	10:00am - Worship Service Holy Communion 6:00pm - Women on Fire
Sept 5	LABOR DAY - Office Closed
Sept 7	5:30 Free Meal 6:15pm - Church Activity - Family Game Night 7:30pm -Sanctify
Sept 8	1;00pm - UMW Executive
Sept 9	8:00am - Grow Group
Sept 10	9:00am - Working Woman 5:30pm -ADULT FELLOWSHIP
Sept 11	10:00am - Worship Service
Sept 12	8:00am - Monday Morning Men,Prayer Shawl Knitters 10:00am - Quilters
Sept 14	10:00am - Birchwood 11:00am - Romeos & Juliets 4:00pm - Confirmation 5:30pm - Free Meal Served 6:15pm - Evening Programs 7:30pm - Sanctify Rehearsal
Sept 15	6:30pm - AMT Meeting

Each Wednesday night we meet for a meal after which we break off into our groups based on age. Kids go to ECHO, youth to youth group and adults to their Grow Group.

However, if Grow Groups are not currently meeting, those adults simply head home. **The Off-Season** gives everyone a reason to stay.

After dinner, Wednesdays when there are no Grow Groups, **The Off-Season** provides another means of digging into God’s word and continuing the process of discipleship. This time would be used to present classes, workshops, seminars or other opportunities that bolster our faith and enhance our fellowship!

So come September, join us for dinner and plan to stay for **The Off Season**.

For the King,
Pastor Andrew



KIDS’ SUMMER BASH!

Well, the Bash is over. What a Bash it was; we averaged 19 kids, some returning and some new. We couldn’t have had a better group of volunteers too. Thank you to everyone who helped out. It was much appreciated.

I must admit I got a little teary eyed saying “So long” to all the kids; but I did invite them to come back and join Echo in September.

Now on to Echo. We will start on September 14 at 6:15 to 7:30. I will continue with the curriculum Pastor Andrew and I were teaching last year. That means we will be taking a walk through the Old Testament with stories, songs, and crafts. The age group will be 5 years old or Kindergarten through 6th grade and we will stay together like we did for Bash. I could use some volunteers so if you feel a calling to work with kids I would love to have you on board.

Miss Sue

Director of Children’s Ministries

Sept 16	8:00am - Grow Group 2:00pm - Unload Food Truck
Sept 17	7:00am - Food Distribution
Sept 18	10:00am - Worship
Sept 19	8:00am - Monday Morning Men 9:00am - Birthday Breakfast - PERKINS
Sept 20	10:00am - Rebecca Circle
Sept 21	4:00pm - Confirmation 5:30pm - Free Meal Served 6:15pm - Evening Programs 7:30pm - Sanctify Rehearsal
Sept 22	Rummage Sale
Sept 23	Rummage Sale 8:00am - Grow Group
Sept 25	10:00am - Worship
Sept 26	8:00am - Monday Morning Men, Prayer Shawl Knitters 10:00am - Comfort Quilters
Sept 27	
Sept 28	4:00pm - Confirmation 5:30pm - Free Meal Served 6:15pm - Evening Programs 7:30pm - Sanctify Rehearsal
Sept 30	8:00am - Grow Group

Youth at Forest Hills

Fall is fast approaching, school supplies are in the stores and teachers are back in their classrooms preparing for the year. The same here church we are fast approaching Wednesday programming for confirmation and youth group. The pastoral transition has changed a few things and others will stay the same.

Confirmation: We will continue to meet at 4pm on Wednesdays in Pastor Andrew's office. We will be starting on Sept. 14th. This first meeting will be for both teens and parents. We will walk through the plan for their final confirmation year. This year will be looking for three mentors starting January 2023. They will be working with the teens on their testimony and getting them ready for the confirmation vows.

Youth Group: We will continue to meet after dinner (6:15pm) on Wednesdays starting Sept 14. This year we have an exciting change; Zach will be joining our class as an adult volunteer. This will be a great addition as he brings experience and a male voice to the room for our teens. We will be starting the year off with "I'll Be There For You" which will follow Pastor Andrew's sermon focus "Best Friends." This three-week series helps students learn how to have real friendships.

- Week 1 - Trust: You'll explore trust and how trust needs to be the foundation of a friendship.
- Week 2 - Loyalty and Care: Friendship is made stronger through faithfulness together.
- Week 3 - Correction: What it looks like to step into accountability and correction in our friendships.

Blessings
Pastor Cassi

Fall Grow Groups

September means the start of all things fall, including fall grow groups! Our grow groups won't be starting until October actually, but September is the perfect time to check out what is being offered and sign up. This season we are offering five groups, due to demand all but one will be on Wednesday nights the other will be Friday mornings.

The classes offered this season will be one on prayer, a more classic Bible study and then three topical studies. Please see the grow group brochure and video to learn more about each group.



Blessings,
Pastor Cassi



Isaiah 54:2

COMING SOON !

September Birthdays

May your special day be blessed and filled with joy! If your birthday isn't listed, please call the office and let us know so we can add you to the list!

Lee Hansen 9/13
Doris Richardson 9/18/37
Ezra Bonsell 9/20/11

Steve Betker 9/27/75
Steve Ruter 9/30