THE 1/7/2024

MOUNT WEEKLY

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IN WORSHIP TODAY

Before we tackle anything, we have to know where we are and what is going on.

Nehemiah first had to learn what was going on. He begged God, "Let your ears be attentive". This is true in our daily lives and in our corporate lives. What is our baseline? Where is our base camp? This is the beginning of rallying the family.

FREE GIFT

If you are a first-time guest with us today, we have a gift for you. Please stop by the Welcome Table with your Connection Card. We'd love to share this gift with you.

NEXT STEPS

If you're new with us today or would like a refresher study of the Bible's teachings, you're invited to take this next step. Learn more about God's ways through Christian Essentials. Ask Pastor Bourman for more information or sign-up here:

https://bit.ly/CE_Interest



Tuesday, January 9

10 am – Connect Group 7 pm – Women's Connect Group

Wednesday, January 10

8 pm - SOAP Refresh

Thursday, January 11

8 pm - Connect Group (Zoom)

Saturday, January 13

9 am - Church Undecorating

Sunday, January 14

9:30 am –Worship Service 11 am – Connect Group

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Pastor Krueger Farewell:

January 21 after worship

Regular Voter's Meeting:

January 28 after worship

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SOAP JOURNAL AND SOAP GROUP

Three years ago, we introduced the SOAP method of reading the Bible devotionally. Now, we want to relaunch this method again with some new tools. We are making these devotional journals available to you because we want you to be in God's Word. There are some new features to this journal and plan.

1) A Mount Lebanon reading plan will be published and shared here: https://themountmke.com/s-o-a-p

2)We plan to have regular "SOAP Review and Refresh" gatherings. We'll kick these off with a Zoom gathering on Wednesday, 1/10, at 8 pm so that we can remember why we spend time in God's Word and so that we can walk you through the different components of the journal. You can register to be a part of this group here: https://bit.ly/theMountSOAP. We hope that this group will be able to provide encouragement and support to each other throughout the year as we grow in faith together.

3) "Joining Jesus on his Mission" pages. We want our life to be on mission with Jesus. What better way to make this a part of our lives than by regularly thinking and praying about it. Learn more about these pages at our 1/10 zoom study.

4) I-V-A pages: We are emotional beings. It's important that we I (identify) what we're feeling, V (validate) that feeling, and then A (align) that emotion with God's Word. We are really excited to share this tool with you as you seek to live as resilient children of God. More information will be shared on 1/10/24. Make sure you sign-up for the group to get more information.

MINISTRY UPDATES

CONNECT GROUPS

Mount Lebanon hosts weekly small group Bible studies for 6-8 weeks throughout the year. These Bible studies dig deeper into Sunday's sermon and build, we pray, significant relationships with other Christians. A new quarter begins TODAY, 1/7/24. It's not too late. Sign-up now:

Sign up now: https://bit.ly/MountCG

CHURCH UNDECORATING

As we move into the new year, it's time to put away the Christmas decorations until next year. We will be meeting on Saturday, 1/13, at 9 am to do this. If you can help, stop in!

PASTOR KRUEGER FAREWELL

Sunday, January 21, will be Pastor Krueger's final Sunday among us. After worship, you are all invited to a farewell luncheon following the service. The main meat and sides will be provided. Sandy Arneson and Joan Stewart are organizing desserts. If you'd like to help provide a dessert, please talk to them.

SUNDAY SNACKS AND GREETERS

We are looking for friendly, smiling faces who love to serve other people. Know anyone? We're looking for help to set up Sunday snacks and serve as a greeter at church once every 4-6 weeks. Let the church office know if you can help.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

For **Rachel Wendt** and her family as they grieve the death of her grandmother.

For **David DeLay**, the nephew of Karen Runge, who is in prison.

For our **school ministry** - teachers, students, administration, and families - as they head back to classes this week.