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Missionaries Serving Around the World

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Bob and Mary Emily Mulloy

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Rich and Karen Brown
Derrick and LaShawn Dobbs
Lloyd and Mary Wapp

Pioneers International

ReachGlobal

Ed and Janet Pollasch
Nubako and Claudine Selenga
Lonnie and Debbie Smith

Wycliffe Bible Translators
Jon and Stephanie Weiss

Partner Missionary Organizations

Anchor of Hope Medical Center

Campus Life

Evangelical Child & Family Agency

Good News Jail & Prison Ministry

**Check the church directory for
contact info on all missionaries
and their sending agencies.**



Get Equipped!

*Equip: 5 - week Sunday morning electives
designed to build up the body of Christ.
(Ephesians 4:11-16)*



Last month, we launched our first ever *Equip* series. The first Sunday, we had over 190 people attend the *Equip 1* sessions - praise God! Join us this month for *Equip 2*, which begins Sunday, October 22.

Plan to attend the *Equip 2 Preview Session* on Sunday, October 15:

- at 9:30am, join us in the Welcome Center for a Connections Fellowship, followed by the Preview Session in the Sanctuary
- or*
- at 11am, join us in Cafe 19 for a Connections Fellowship and the Preview Session

Also at these Preview Sessions, Adam Price will share about his recent short-term mission trip to Honduras.

Equip 2 Topics:

Stronger Marriages II

5 Keys to Gratitude

Friendship of Women (Women Only)

The 5 Irrefutable Laws of Christian Friendship (Men Only)

Praying for Ministries of the Church

Equip is relational and intergenerational, and the topics are varied and timely. We'd love to have you!

October is Missionary Emphasis Month

Several of our supported missionaries will be in the Sheboygan area during the month of October and will be speaking on the following Sunday evenings:

10/1 – Nubako & Claudine Selenga

10/8 – Missionary Family

10/15 – Jon & Stephanie Weiss

10/22 – Rich & Karen Brown



Even though most of the above missionaries are in the US on home assignment, they may be outside the Sheboygan area for much of that time. Therefore, the Missions Committee has arranged for a little extra connecting time with them by organizing a post-service social. You won't want to miss these times together!

FCN to Debut Medical Equipment Closet

According to Coordinator Kristie Ahlborg, Faith Community Nursing will be making a limited supply of medical equipment available for loan beginning early October. A number of "late model" items have been donated to the church, and Kristie has begun the inventory process. Currently, the inventory includes bath/shower chairs, a seated wheeled walker, a walking boot, and a few smaller items.



Items will be accepted for the Closet once they have been reviewed for condition (clean, no repairs needed), model type, and need (frequently-requested item). Items may be borrowed without charge for as long as several months. Contact Kristie at 452.6520 for more information on this new aspect of the FCN ministry.

With Thankful Hearts . . .

October is Pastor Appreciation month! It's a specially-designated time for us to honor and recognize our pastors and pastoral families for their hard work, servant hearts, and sacrificial dedication. Of course our thankfulness is not limited to this month alone, but it's a great time to express our gratitude.

By the way, did you know Pastor Jon and Nikki MacDonald will celebrate 20 years with us in November? Watch for special celebration details!

If you would like suggestions on ways to show your gratitude, please contact Jeff N., Elder Chair, or Heather Tempas, Church Administrator.



Happy Birthday/Anniversary in October

Omitted for security.

This and That

It's time to compile the **2018 Church Directory**. Letters requesting updated information will soon be sent to regular attendees, missionaries, friends of the church, and those who are homebound. Please provide updates to Kay in the church office by Sunday, October 22. Updates can be made on the letter itself and returned to the church office, or you can email changes to kay.r@e-free-family.com. If there are no changes, please inform Kay of that, also.

BabyCare is selling **Boston Store Community Day coupon books** for \$5 each, all of which goes to BabyCare! Coupons can be used November 8-11. Contact Marge V. and help support BabyCare!



October 4
Measles Night

October 11
Crazy Cap Night

October 18
Change the World Night

October 25
Operation Christmas Child begins

Recruiting Table Designers!

We are eagerly planning and preparing for the 2017 Ladies' Christmas Brunch on Saturday, December 2. This year's theme, *A Gingerbread Christmas*, will lend itself to whimsy and creativity. We're currently recruiting table designers to decorate a table in one of the two Gingerbread-themed rooms, as well as tables with any Christmas theme (except Santa) in the Multi-Purpose Room.



Sign up to decorate a table on the Women's Ministries bulletin board in the Welcome Center outside the Sanctuary. If you wish to decorate a table and not purchase the accompanying tickets, please sign your name next to one of the "guest designer" tables on the list. Table designers will be able to purchase tickets at their own tables beginning Sunday, October 22, and tickets will be available for general purchase starting Sunday, November 5. The price is \$10 per ticket.

Volunteers are also needed in a variety of ways, both prior to and on the day of the Brunch. Please help us make this outreach event a success!

GOAL: Retire Debt, Save for Expansion

As the Master Plan moves closer to reality, the Finance Committee desires to pay off the mortgage of \$446,729, incurred from the purchase of the former Quasius building. Ideally, paying off the debt before we begin major construction will allow us to save more, and borrow less, for the campus expansion.



Gifts above the tithe can be targeted to help reduce the current debt. Note that Solomon's Temple was built exclusively with gifts above the tithe. If God is

leading you to help in this effort, you can give in several ways:

1. Write "Debt Reduction" on the bottom line of your offering envelope or on the memo line of your check
2. Use a bank check (ACH) and specify the purpose of the gift
3. Go to the church website, click Online Giving, and choose the Debt Reduction icon
4. Use bill-pay to electronically give towards debt reduction

We are in awe of how God works as we respond to His faithfulness.

Christmas Concert Has a Role for All!

We like to think of that first Christmas night as being peaceful, silent, and calm, but the world Christ entered then was full of chaos and adversity—much like today. He came to a world full of people who were broken and looking for answers—much like today. When the Lion of Judah who came as a Lamb steps into our lives, everything changes.

This year's Christmas concert, *Little Lion, Little Lamb*, shares a message of how lives can be made new. Please pray and consider how you may be part of bringing that message to those who need to hear it. **Singers** are needed: adults and high school age, as well as children grades 1-8. You might be led to help **host** the reception after the concert or to help with **publicity**. Perhaps you are able to provide **child care** so young parents can participate. All are needed to **pray** and **invite** others to come.

Rehearsals will begin this month. A schedule will be posted on the bulletin board next to the Gathering Grounds coffee bar. For more information, contact Lynne Z.



Website Gets New Look

Have you visited our church website lately? Recently, the site has been redesigned in an effort to better communicate information about our church to both attendees and those seeking a church home.

Visit the site to find details on upcoming events, listen to past sermons, register for an upcoming *Equip* class, and much more!



New Building Signage Is Here

Thanks to the combined efforts of Rendy L., Sandy G., and Nikki M., it's easier for guests (and even those attending for a long time) to find their way around!

Please make sure to thank them for their hard work!



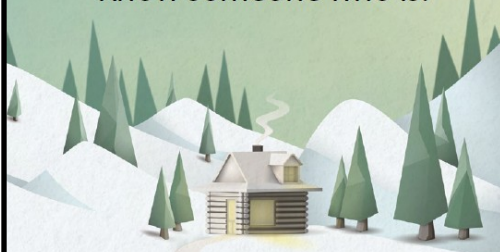
Here's A Way To Serve

Non-medical volunteers interacting with one of our seniors in an assisted living home!



Grieving?

Know someone who is?



SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

When you are grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful. Our **Surviving the Holidays** seminar helps participants prepare for the holidays and even discover hope for the future.



www.griefshare.org/holidays

Saturday, November 4, 9am
Call today for more information
(920) 452.6520

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