

Weekly Enews for

August 18 – August 27, 2017



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Blessing of the Backpacks

At all services at both Centers on Sunday, August 20

Children, youth, teachers and administrators are invited to bring their backpacks to worship at all services on August 20. The pastors will tie a tag of blessing on each backpack, as well as offer prayers for the new school year.



Blood Pressure Screenings on Sunday, August 20 at Our Master's Center

Blood pressure screenings will be done by our Parish Nurses at t Our Master's Center on Sunday, August 20 at 10:30-11:00 am in the Library.



Worship Arts Open House
Thursday, August 24,
6:00-8:00 pm
Alpine Coffee House

Just a reminder that the Worship Arts Open House is Thursday, August 24 from 6:00-8:00 pm in the Alpine Coffee House. If you have been involved in the worship arts ministries (music, liturgists, sound and media) in the past year, you and your families are invited for fellowship and finger food. Come and celebrate the past year and gather with friends for the upcoming year. Any questions? Contact Jody Warren at church at 815-399-5910 or jodywarren@christumc.cc Hope to see you there.



Benefit for JFON
(Justice for Our Neighbors)
Thursday, August 24 at 7:00
pm,
JustGoods Listening Room



August 25 Movie Night
Stand and Deliver
6:15 pm, Alpine Coffee House

Here's a back to school movie based on actual events. In *Stand and Deliver* (1988: PG-13), a man in East Los Angeles leaves a good-paying job in business to teach math in high school. He has an idea about how to teach a class where most of the students are just marking time. Edward James Olmos plays Jaime Escalante. Angel, played by Lou Diamond Phillips, is a student.

Come to the Alpine Center Sacred Grounds Coffee House at 6:15 pm, Friday, August 25, for conversation, cookies, and other munchies. The movie starts at 6:30 with a discussion afterwards. This evening of free entertainment and fellowship ends by 9:30. It's an adult movie night, but you can bring children and grandchildren at your discretion.

201 Seventh St.

(use west door off parking lot)

Ron Holm and Trinadora & Company will share special Latin songs and we are looking for others who will join him on stage. We will have a report on the latest immigration law from JFON attorneys and an update on the local services offered, as well as a review of some of the important immigration news. If you cannot attend, you can send your donation to Rockford Urban Ministries, 201 Seventh St., Rockford, IL 61104—make check out to JFON.



Hear the Story of One Woman:

**Foster child, foster parent,
and mentor to foster parents
Monday, August 28, 7:00 pm,
Alpine Dining Room**

The United Methodist
Women group is sponsoring a



Our Master's Chancel Choir "One and Done" Summer Ministry

The Chancel Choir has a "One and Done" ministry schedule this summer, rehearsing on a Wednesday and singing on the following Sunday.

One more opportunity this summer:

August 23—Wednesday rehearsal
at 7:00 pm

August 27—Sunday Ministry—8:45
am warm up for 9:30 service.

Any questions? Email Richard
Stiltner at rstiltner@christumc.cc.



speaker on August 28. Ashley Akerman will describe her own life as a foster child, a foster parent, and an Illinois Statewide Foster Parent Support Specialist. She works for Children's Home & Aid Society of Illinois (CHASI). With Ashley's knowledge of foster families from many sides, she can help us understand their lives and how we can help support them. All are invited. Come and bring a friend. There will be refreshments and devotions. You may give a free-will offering toward CHASI's work.



Collection of Feminine Items for the Rock River Valley Pantry during August

There are women and girls in the Rockford area who have a difficult time affording adequate feminine hygiene products. The Rock River Valley Pantry (RRVP) has a section where paper goods and other optional supplies are offered,

Tender Loving Crafts on October 7, 2017

We are in need of handmade craft items for our UMW booth. All who are "crafty" should start making items to help us have a successful sale. Also if you or someone you know would like to rent a booth, contact Diane Kirkland at 815-621-3118. Remember, all proceeds go to support UMW missions!

Clothing Donations Needed for Tender Loving Crafts Clothing Resale

Please remember to set aside clothing you no longer need in women's, misses and junior sizes: slacks, sweaters, jackets, blouses and coats. We would also like shoes, purses and costume jewelry.

Collection will begin in early September. Watch for further updates! Any questions may be directed to: Joyce Lantz at 815-670-3456 or Marion Kern at 815-240-4125.



including feminine hygiene products. The United Methodist Women group is sponsoring a collection of feminine supplies during the month of August for the RRVP. If you would like to donate to this, put your items in the marked cupboard at Alpine Center or the box marked "UMW August Collection" at Our Master's Center.



**Good Grief
Meets August 24, Sept. 21
Thursday evenings,
5:00-7:00 pm,**

Good Grief is a grief support group for widows and widowers. It will meet once a month, on the dates shown, on Thursday evenings from 5:00-7:00 pm. Each monthly meeting will speak to a specific situation in the grieving and recovery process, with knowledgeable speakers leading the discussions. **No sign-ups necessary;**

Funeral Luncheon Helpers Needed!

We are looking for those who are willing to help in a well-established and important ministry of our church. Both Centers are in need of volunteers to help with preparations for funeral luncheons. We would welcome men as well as women. Families are blessed by the love and care they receive through the food and those who help with these luncheons. To volunteer, please call Linda Slife (815-282-1907), Judi Thorne (815-978-5974) at Our Master's or Joyce Lantz (815-670-3456), Marion Kern (815-240-4125) at Alpine.



Holy Club Resumes on September 6

This scripture study group that meets on Wednesday mornings, 9:30-10:30 am in the Alpine Sacred

just come as you can. There is no book to purchase.

August 24 – Reimagining Yourself:
Being single in a Noah's Ark society.
Kay Cull will present.- **Meets in the
Alpine Dining Room**

September 21 – Friends, Fun and
Food - **Meets in the Alpine Coffee
House**

Pastor Dee Mede and Melinda
Hagerman are coordinating Good
Grief . Please contact Pastor Dee with
any questions you may have.

Word meeting room, will resume on
September 6. Everyone is welcome
to join for Bible reading and
discussion. No homework or book
purchase required. Just bring your
Bible and join us any time.

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