

Weekly Enews for January 19 – January 28, 2018



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Adult Education Opportunities in January

Sign up at the Connection Center on Sunday, January 21.

It's not too late to join either of the classes listed below!

Book Purchasing

Please order your book for your upcoming book study via either Amazon.com or Cokesbury.com. Alternatively, if you would prefer not to order your book online, then please fill out a "Book Order Form" available at the Connection Center and church staff will order for you. Call the church office with any questions.

Title: Winter Book Study

Book: *Half-Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things The Bible Doesn't Say* by Adam Hamilton

of weeks: 5

Two Options:

Teachers: Clergy take turns leading class based on who will be preaching at the Alpine Center the upcoming Sunday

Start date: Wednesday, January 10th

Time: 6:00 to 7:30 PM

Location: Alpine Dining Room

Teacher: Pastor Dee Mede

Start Date: Friday, January 12th

Time: 10:00 to 11:30 AM

Location: OMC Coffee House

Description: They are simple phrases. They sound Christian—like something you might find in the Bible. We've all heard these words. Maybe we've said them. They capture some element of truth, yet they miss the point in important ways. Join Adam Hamilton in searching for the whole truth by comparing common Christian clichés to the message and ministry of Jesus. The clichés include: 1.) Everything happens for a reason; 2.) God helps those who help themselves; 3.) God won't give you more than you can handle; 4.) God said it, I believe it, that settles it; and 5.) Love the sinner, hate the sin. This book study coincides with a 5-week preaching series at both centers. Each class session is held the week before the respective sermon is preached.

Title: Invitation to the New Testament

Co-Teachers: Pastor Scott S. Himel and Don Black

Start Date: Thursday, January 18th

Meeting Time: 2:30 to 4:00 PM

Frequency: Weekly, for 8 weeks

Location: Alpine Conference Room

Description: Explore the writings of the New Testament using the story of Jesus as the starting point. This survey of the New Testament looks at how the early church took ownership of and was shaped by the story of Jesus, and how the church learned how to develop as disciples and create communities of faith. Participants find a deeper conversation with the writers of the New Testament and a renewal of our commitment to be shaped—personally and communally—by the story of Jesus. The study is accessible for adults with little prior Bible experience.



Blood Pressure Screening

**Note: There will be no blood pressure screenings
at Our Master's Center on January 21.**



**Good Grief Support Group
Renowned author, Tom Zuba,
will speak on
Thursday, January 25
5:00 pm, Alpine Dining Room**

Good Grief is a grief support group that meets at the Christ UMC Sacred Grounds Coffee House at the Alpine Center on the 4th Thursday of the month, 5 pm – 7pm.

On January 25, Good Grief will host renowned author, grief guide and inspirational speaker, Tom Zuba. He will speak about his



**January 26 Movie Night
*Wonder Woman***

Wonder Woman (2017) is a fun and funny film that will brighten the midwinter spirits. Princess Diana (Gal Gadot) and Captain Steve Trevor (Chris Pine), with help from some of his buddies, fight to save the world. The movie is rated PG-13 for some violence and action and some suggestive content. Movie night on Friday, Jan. 26, starts at 6:15 pm with snacks and conversation. At 6:30, we'll start watching *Wonder Woman* on the big screen in the Sacred

book *Permission to Mourn: A New Way to Do Grief* as well as talk about his personal journey with grief and growth. We are honored to have a speaker who is considered an expert on the subject of grief internationally and has been featured on the Oprah show. There will be an opportunity to purchase Mr. Zuba's book after his talk.

For more information about Good Grief you can contact Pastor Dee at the church office, 815-399-5910.



**"Souper" Bowl Sunday
Collection for Food Pantry is
Sunday, February 4**

Our annual "Souper" Bowl Sunday collection for the Pantry is coming up soon, on February 4. Stock up now on your donations.

Recommendations include:
canned fruits & vegetables,
macaroni & cheese, soup, pasta,
rice, canned meat, cereal and

Grounds Coffee House (door #5) at Alpine Center. There will be a brief intermission. A discussion follows and we conclude by 9:30. This is free entertainment for adults, although children and grandchildren are invited to come at the discretion of and in the company of their adults. Questions? Call Mary English, 815-397-4883.



**Out to Lunch Bunch
Thursday, January 25
at 12:30 pm
At Baci's Kitchen
At 2990 N. Perryville Rd
enter off Old Country Creek**
Call for reservations, by January 22,
to Carol Frey at 815-877-5028.



peanut butter.

Monetary donations can be made by writing a check to CUMC with "food pantry" in the memo line. Before your start rooting for your team's win, please remember those having a food crisis and help win the battle against hunger. Containers for collection will be available.



**Volunteers Needed for Sound
and Media Team at
8:00 and 9:30 am
at Alpine Center**

We are in need of more volunteers for the sound and media team at 8:00 and 9:30am at Alpine Center due to our college students going back to school and relocation. The commitment would be two services, one Sunday a month. No prior knowledge is needed. Training will be provided.

If you would be willing to serve or want to see what the

**Alpine 2018 Flower Calendar
is Now Available**

The flower calendar is now posted on the wall near the Alpine Connection Center. You may sign up now to reserve the date you prefer to provide flowers for worship. If you have any questions about flower donation, please call Linda Kuntz in the church office at 815-399-5910.

commitment entails, please contact
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Warren at church at 815-399-5910
or jodywarren@christumc.cc. Thank
you in advance for your
consideration.


