

## Community Events & Other Activities

### Camp Faith Ministry—August 9, 2018 through May 25, 2019

#### Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:00 am-12:00 pm (Education Building)

Preschoolers (ages 2½-5) can learn and enjoy fun, faith-filled activities, under the direction of caring, Christian leaders (nursery available for ages 6 weeks to 2 ½ years). Registration and an Activity Fee are required. Contact the coordinator to register.

**Contact:** Chanda Knight (483-5273 or chandak@kernumc.org)

### Impact Youth

Our youth program offers mission opportunities and other activities in addition to the Sunday and Wednesday routine. Please follow the youth Facebook, Instagram, remind texts, bulletins, announcements, etc. to learn how you can get involved.

### Trunk or Treat—October 28

#### Sunday, October 28, 5:00-7:00 pm (Family Life Center & Parking Lot)

Join us as Kern hosts food, treats, and lots of fun games and activities, both inside and outside the church! Bring goodies for the snack supper, help with activities for the kids, decorate your car and fill your trunk with candy—or just come, participate in the fun! Watch for details on this big community-wide event!

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Alisha Balcom (742-4883 or alishab@kernumc.org)

Classes are subject to change. For additional information on these and other activities at Kern, please visit us at:

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**451 East Tennessee Avenue**  
**Oak Ridge, TN 37830**  
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**[www.kernchurch.org](http://www.kernchurch.org)**

# Kern Church Presents

## Small Groups



developing deep rooted relationships with God and one another

## FALL 2018

## Thursdays

### Pastor Prayer Partners—7:50-8:00 am (Parlor)

Join others as they lift up and support the pastor, staff, leadership, and the church by making a personal pledge and commitment to pray regularly and consistently for our church. Those available for a more intimate and focused prayer time are invited to meet at this time to pray both with and for our pastor, church staff, and other concerns.

**Contact:** David Vick (685-0386 or vickdo88@gmail.com)

### \*CAPs—last Thursday, 6:30-7:30 pm (Parlor)

#### Children's Activity Planners

The Children's Activity Planners (aka, CAPs) is a creative team of folks who plan fun, faith-filled activities for children and families. We meet the last Thursday of every month in the Parlor.

**Contact:** Jennifer Shell (257-8902 or jshell73@gmail.com)

### \*Financial Peace University (FPU), Time & Location TBD

Do you have Financial Peace? Is there more month at the end of your money? Are you saving enough or anything for Retirement, your College, College for your children, Remodeling, your next Car, or for Vacation? Are you saving for that Rainy Day Fund (Emergency Fund) for all those unexpected costly events that always seem to happen at the worst possible time? It's never too late to start saving! You can have money at the end of the month—you just have to know how to manage what you have. FPU also addresses how to have enough in savings, enough insurance—nine topics to help you navigate through life's good times and life's storms!

**Contacts:** Dean & Peggy LeBlanc (DWL74@comcast.net)

## OTHER CLASSES

### \*Spiritual Gifts

A *Spiritual Gifts* class will be offered in November. If you have never taken a Spiritual gifts class, or if it has been a while since you have taken a class, this is the perfect opportunity to discover your current God-given gifts and how He might be calling you to use them in service today. Sign-up for the class in October.

**Contact:** David Vick (685-0386 or vickdo88@gmail.com)

In addition, [Membership Classes](#), [Seasonal Studies](#), and [other classes and small groups](#) are offered as interest and needs arise. Watch for details on these and other classes!

## Wednesdays (continued)

### NEW STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS PREVIEW—September 5, 6:00 pm

#### **\*7-An Experimental Mutiny Against Excess**

Life can get excessive, to say the least. We are invited along for the ride of an experimental mutiny against excess. Seven months. Seven areas of excess. It's the discovery of a greatly increased God - a call toward Christ-like simplicity and generosity that transcends social experiment to become a radically better existence. Come and join us in applying this study to our lives and fighting against greed, materialism, and overindulgence. This study is not a guilt trip, but rather a goal to help us all consider what Jesus' version of rich, blessed, and generous might look in our lives. Purchasing the book and workbook (available at Amazon.com for \$14.95 for book, \$18.95 for workbook) is recommended but not required.

**Contact:** Jenna Rejman (356-4416 or therejman6@yahoo.com)

#### **\*Anatomy of Peace: Resolving the Heart of Conflict**

Is your heart weary with conflict in the news, in the neighborhood, in the church, and in your family? What can you do about all that? What if it all arises from the same root cause? What if we perpetuate the very problems we want to resolve because we don't really understand where they come from? Using a story about the reconciliation of once-bitter enemies teaching others, this study will walk us through how to transform personal, professional, and global conflicts, even in the face of great obstacles. The bishops of the United Methodist Church have recommended this book with the questions facing our denomination in mind. Cost of book is \$12-\$15. **(Meeting day and time TBD)**

**Contact:** Marcia Walker (414-7321 or marciawalker@comcast.net)

#### **\*Don't Know Much About...**

Have you ever wondered about things like, what's in the Discipline, how did the United Methodist Church come to be, why are there different kinds of Bibles, and other things that happen at "church"? Join me for lively discussions and information you can use!

**Contact:** Dan Taylor (485-5273 or dant@kernumc.org)

#### **\*Focus on Photography—Collect Moments Not Things**

For anyone interested in exploring the hobby of photography, learning new aspects of photography, expanding photography skills, and sharing the "moments you have collected" with your camera (or smart phones), join others of similar interest to explore the possibility of meeting periodically to discuss and share photography related topics. The "Preview" meeting will be led by Terry Allen who has engaged in the hobby of photography off and on for over 30 years – and is still learning. You can see some samples of the "moments he has collected" on his website: [www.photostba.com](http://www.photostba.com). **(Meeting frequency, day and time TBD by those interested.)**

**Contact:** Terry Allen (visit website above)

#### **\*Why United Methodism is Dying & Why Untied Methodism May Replace it**

This six-week class will consist of about a half-hour of lecture, followed by group discussions. Reading assignments will be given, but no exams!!! This class may be a Wednesday evening option, or a Sunday "Lunch & Munch" class, depending on the preference of the group. Class participants will decide together future study topics.

**Contact:** Ray Penn (423-562-4559 or 2rpenn@gmail.com)

Classes and small groups are a perfect way to expand our knowledge, as well as form new friendships and experience a deeper sense of community in the church. This booklet contains a variety of classes, studies, and fellowship opportunities available at Kern this fall. If you would like to start a new class or group that is not listed, please let us know—we are always seeking new ways to bring people together. You do not need to be a member of Kern to participate. For more information, contact the leaders listed in the booklet, read weekly bulletins, visit our website [www.kernchurch.org](http://www.kernchurch.org) or contact Program Director Debbie Shope (483-5273 or debbies@kernumc.org).

**\*NEW this fall**

## Sundays

### Sunday School for All Ages—10:00-11:00 am (church-wide)

#### **Nursery—ages 6 weeks through 3 years (Room 28)**

Provided each Sunday from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm.

**Contact:** Lindsay Shope (850-9943 or L\_Shope1@aol.com)

#### **Children—PreK through grade 4 (Rooms 26, 24, 29)**

Kids enjoy fun activities from our *Deep Blue* curriculum!

**Contact:** Chanda Knight (455-4769 or chandak@kernumc.org)

#### **Youth—grades 5-12 (Room 14)**

Youth continue the *Getting To Know Jesus Through His Parables* study.

**Contact:** Alisha Balcom (742-4883 or alishab@kernumc.org)

## Adult Classes

***Christian Formation (FLC)***—Discussion-oriented discussion of select Bible chapters with emphasis on life-application.

**Contact:** Steve Pawel (482-9097)

***Faith Weavers (Room 11)***—Offering family and faith-based short-term studies.

**Contact:** David Bradshaw (483-3343)

***Hot Potatoes (Room 10)***—Discussions on contemporary, faith-based studies.

**Contact:** Linda Morrison (414-4319)

***Seekers (Parlor)***—Discussions of contemporary or historical theological issues.

**Contact:** Priscilla Spitzer (483-7584)

***Young Adults (Room 3, FH)***—The Young Adult ministry is in transition and taking a break over the summer to regroup and create fresh ideas for class and fellowship. A planning session will be scheduled soon. All young adults are invited to help plan.

**Contact:** Ashley Lockridge (399-3597 or ashley.lockridge@gmail.com)

### **HIS (Hands in Service) Puppets—2:30 pm (Dance Room, #12)**

Join the group that creates props, scripts, YouTube videos, and voices for puppets that not only perform in worship services at Kern, but also at different churches, providing fun for the entire family.

**Contact:** Paul Bennett (291-8164 or pauljoebennett@yahoo.com)

## **Mondays**

### **Monday Morning Maintenance—9:00 am (Fellowship Hall)**

This group provides maintenance and general repairs to Kern facilities. They meet for coffee, prayer, fellowship, and support before they begin their work. All are welcome!

**Contacts:** George Smith (483-3684 or johncccxi@yahoo.com)

### **United Methodist Women—2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 10:00 am (Fellowship Hall)**

This women's fellowship comes together to grow in Christ, as well as to reach out in mission to other women, children, and youth throughout the world. In addition to monthly General Meetings, dinner meetings are held in September and December. There are also two "Circles" which meet monthly—one during the day and one in the evening. The Mary Martha Circle meets at the church at 10:00 am on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. The Friendship Circle meets at 7:00 pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, either in the home of individuals or at the church. UMW welcomes all women to participate in various mission opportunities.

**Contact:** Carla Giles, 2018 President (482-5935 or james.e.giles@comcast.net)

## **Tuesdays**

### **Tuesday Morning Bible Study—10:00-11:00 am (Fellowship Hall)**

Bring your Bible and come walk with us and the disciples as they work to build the first churches. Then move back to the Old Testament to study about kings and kingdoms of old in Kings, Samuel and Chronicles. All you need is your favorite version of the Bible!

**Contact:** Dan Taylor (483-5273 or dant@kernumc.org)

### **\*Sermon on the Mount—6:00 pm (Parlor), begins September 4**

This Tuesday evening group, comprising of mostly women, gathers for short-term studies of interest. Join the group this fall as they discuss Jen Wilkin's *Sermon on the Mount*. This nine-week DVD based study will help participants learn what it means to be citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven. Together we'll seat ourselves on the mountaintop to learn at the feet of Jesus, asking for ears to hear and hearts to respond to the teachings of our King.

**Contact:** Cheryl Beams (368-0109 or cbeams05@gmail.com)

### **United Methodist Men—1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 6:00 pm (Family Life Center)**

This men's Christian fellowship prepares and shares in a meal, followed by a brief program. All men (and women) are invited to participate in meetings and projects.

**Contact:** Doc McCarty, 2018 President (483-7359 or docmccartypat@bellsouth.net)

### **PK Hope is Alive—3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 11:30 am (Fellowship Hall)**

Parkinson's Disease is a chronic, progressive brain disorder that occurs when certain nerve cells become impaired. This self-help group learns ways to improve lifestyle through greater understanding. Care support partners are welcome. Lunch is provided.

**Contacts:** Joan Cassens (220-8900) and Alan Zimmerman (zman@alanzimmerman.com)

## **Wednesdays**

### **FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY**

#### **Starting August 29**

### **Wednesday Niter Meals—5:30-6:30 pm (Family Life Center)**

Jeanetta Nutter and her Kitchen Team are once again hosting a delicious buffet dinner for all to enjoy. All are welcome to join us for food and fellowship each Wednesday evening during the school year. Cost of the meal is \$7.00 per person (ages 7 and up). Both permanent and week-to-week reservations can be made. For menu and details on this year's Wednesday Niter ministry, please refer to weekly bulletins and our website.

**Contact:** Jeanetta Nutter (567-8946)

### **ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS**

#### **Note: NEW Studies & Small Groups Begin September 12 at 6:30 pm**

### **Chancel Choir—6:45-8:15 pm (Choir Room / Sanctuary)**

Kern's Chancel Choir provides musical leadership for the 11:00 am worship service by singing a variety of anthems and leading the congregation in responses and hymn-

singing. During Advent and Holy Week, the choir presents special music and programs.

**Contact:** Kevin Miller (742-0108 or kerndirector@gmail.com)

### **Praise Team—7:15-8:30 pm (Family Life Center)**

Kern's Praise Team provides musical leadership for the 9:00 am worship service with a blend of popular contemporary music and traditional favorites. The Praise Team also leads several special worship services (i.e., Blue Grass, all-music Sundays, etc.) throughout the year.

**Contact:** Ashley Lockridge (399-2297 or ashley.lockridge@gmail.com)

### **Knit Wits & Happy Hookers—6:30-7:30 pm (Fellowship Hall)**

This fellowship group centers on a common interest, namely crocheting and knitting, but other hobbies go on too. There are group projects and personal projects, and many group projects are given to a good cause. Don't know how to knit or crochet? We'll teach you!

**Contact:** Michelle Pawel (482-9097 or michellepawel@comcast.net)

### **CHILDREN'S & YOUTH ACTIVITIES (begins August 29, 6:30 pm)**

#### **Youth Activities (Room 14, Education Building)**

Youth (grades 5-12) meet for activities on Wednesday nights (in conjunction with Wednesday Niter meals) and other times throughout the school year. Refer to church bulletins, the Youth Calendar ([www.kernchurch.org](http://www.kernchurch.org) and hard copies available), Youth Facebook page, or sign-up for Remind texts to stay well informed of all youth events.

**Contact:** Alisha Balcom (742-4883 or alishab@kernumc.org)

#### **Children's Devotions (Room 24, Education Building)**

This fall, kids (ages 4 through grade 4) will enjoy a variety of devotional activities. Together we will experience the Bible through story, movement, creativity, wonder, exploration and service. We will share a new story and activities each week!

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