

Hershey Free Church Announcements

September 25, 2011

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Community

Our semiannual congregational meeting will take place tomorrow at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Members will vote to affirm elder and deacon candidates selected by the Elder Board. Their profiles are posted on the bulletin board by the library and on hersheyfree.com.

We are planning to launch new Life Groups over the next few weeks. They will meet in homes in various geographical areas with the purpose of connecting people to God and one another. Sign up online at HersheyFree.com or contact Pastor Gary Lathrop at 533-4848 if you don't have Internet access.

KidzWorld Volunteer Staffing Needs: The Early Childhood department needs volunteers for a 4-year-old class and kindergarten at 11 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Elementary age children need small-group leaders and large group facilitators. Some classes may need to close in October if more volunteers are not found. If interested in serving in KidzWorld, call Amanda Fletcher at 533-2092, ext. 2017.

All health care professionals and their spouses are invited to a fellowship brunch sponsored by the Congregational Health Ministry on Saturday, October 8, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. in room 601. The event will include a catered hot brunch, fellowship and worship time. Dave Wiedis, founder and executive director of ServingLeaders Ministries, will speak on "Your Ruling Passions – How They Help and Hinder." Cost is \$10. Registration forms are available in the lobbies and should be returned to Craig Koskela at the church office by October 5. Questions? Contact Kathy Frantz, MD, 903-9264 or Linda Woodin, CRNP, 564-1948.

Printed weekly prayer lists are available at the Welcome Centers. Prayer requests are sent daily via e-mail to those who subscribe to the distribution list. Go to HersheyFree.com, click on "Adults," and then "Prayer" to sign up.

Compassion Ministries needs a few volunteers to pick up food occasionally from Giant Foods in Hershey and the Central Pa. Food Bank in Harrisburg, usually on weekday mornings. The volunteers should have access to a larger vehicle such as an SUV or minivan. To volunteer, call Lori Wagner at 838-6564 or 304-5862.

The "Discover Your Purpose" workshop will be presented as a 5-week course on Wednesday evenings starting October 5. Cost is \$10. Using PLACE materials, this workshop will help you discover how God has made and equipped you for service in the church and community. Visit HersheyFree.com to register online or contact Steve Santos at 766-6068.

Anyone who is hurting, experiencing abuse, emotional pain, challenging relationships, addiction, or just feeling broken is invited to check out the Rising Hope support group, which meets Mondays from 7 to 8 p.m. in room 704. It is a Christ-centered, safe and supportive place.

Church membership classes will meet Sundays at 11 a.m. in room 502 for five weeks beginning October 2. No pre-registration is required. Questions? Contact Amanda Fletcher at 533-2092, ext. 2017.

Do you have some gently used toys, board games, Legos or building sets that your kids have outgrown? If so, please consider donating them to KidzWorld for use in 1st- to 4th-grade classrooms. Donations can be placed in the Children's Ministries Resource Room. We are unable to accept stuffed animals, dolls that require clothing or anything with small parts. Questions? Contact Jennifer Stoner, jstoromas828@aol.com.

"Release time" is an opportunity for public school students to leave their classrooms once a week for an hour of biblical instruction. Stop by the lobby kiosk today to learn how you can help with release time in Lower Dauphin and Palmyra elementary schools. Questions? Contact Dave and Martha Siwert, 534-1123.

The Peru Medical Team is collecting adult and children's vitamins and over-the-counter pain medication such as Advil, Tylenol and Aleve for their trip this fall. Donations may be placed in marked barrels in the lobbies until Sunday, October 2. Questions? Contact Chris Miller at cbmiller@liberty.edu or 507-1036.

Anyone who is separated, divorced or in the process of a divorce is invited to attend DivorceCare on Wednesdays from 6:45 to 8:15 p.m. in room 20. Questions? Contact Laurie Ellsoos, 533-2092, ext. 2012.

Everyone is invited to join in a day of service at the Global Aid Network (GAIN) Distribution Center in Mount Joy on Tuesday, October 11. We will leave the church at 8:30 a.m. and return around 4 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Projects can be done either standing or sitting. For more information or to sign up, contact Larry and Judy Mongold at 533-6474 or flex822@verizon.net.

Copies of the “Seasons of Grace” cookbook are still available for purchase. It includes a wide variety of recipes from people in our church family. Cost is \$16, and proceeds benefit the Women’s Ministries daytime childcare fund. To buy a copy, contact Anne Marie McAlester at 533-2092 ext 2039.

Children

Child dedication is scheduled for Sunday, October 9, during worship services. If you have not previously dedicated a child at Hershey Free, you are required to attend preparation class next Sunday, October 2, at 11 a.m. in room 30. To dedicate a child, contact Anne Marie McAlester, 533-2092, ext. 2039, or amcalester@HersheyFree.com.

Student Ministries

Core Middle School students (grades 6 to 8) will meet at Adventure Sports on Route 743 this Wednesday. Cost is \$20. Parents should drop off their students at Adventure Sports at 6:30 p.m. (no earlier, please) and pick them up at 8:45 p.m. Transportation will not be provided from the church. This event will be canceled if it rains.

High School Core (grades 9 to 12) will meet Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the church. Enter through the Core entrance (by the Pepsi machine). The Core Café will be open from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

See you at the pole! Students are encouraged to join others at their school’s flagpole on Wednesday at 7 a.m. to pray for their teachers, administrators and peers.

The Core Middle School Fall Retreat for students in grades 6-8 will be held at Camp Orchard Hill October 21 to 23. Cost is \$110 (\$90 for each additional student from the same family). Registration forms are available at the Core kiosk and at HersheyFree.com.

Senior Adults

A **senior adult Bible study** is set for Wednesday, October 5, at 10:45 a.m. in the overflow. Join us for a time to study God’s Word, worship and fellowship followed by a light lunch (suggested donation \$2). If you will be attending for the first time, sign up by calling Jo Albrite at 533-7329.

Men

Morning Men’s Frat meets Tuesdays from 6 to 7:30 a.m. in the auditorium. All men are invited to join us for a hearty breakfast, biblical teaching and discussion with other guys. Our study this year is the second half of “Knowing Christ: A Journey through the Old Testament.” Questions? Contact Pastor Gary Lathrop, 533-4848.

Evening Men’s Frat meets Wednesdays from 6:45 to 8:15 p.m. in rooms 602-603 starting September 21. We will begin a new series called “Knights of the 21st Century,” which focuses on what the Bible says about becoming a man of chivalry and honor. Sign up at the kiosk in the sanctuary lobby. Questions? Contact Pete Johnson, 298-1013.

Young Adults

Passion Livelink is happening at the home of Randy and Susan Seavers, 93 Plymouth Circle, Hershey, tomorrow from 8 to 10:30 p.m. All college-age young adults are invited. If you can’t make it, you can link with us at <http://livelink.268generation.com/> from 8:30 to 10 p.m. Directions can be found on Facebook - 4twelve Hershey Free.