

Living Table

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Tuesday, September 8, 2020

This Week with Living Table UCC



A Message from Pr. Rachael

Can you believe it is September and the program year is gearing up? Of course, this cooler weather certainly feels like fall. Yet, it feels like September got here too quickly, in spite of all the stress and strangeness of this summer. However, I can honestly say that I am excited about all that is before us as the Living Table Community.

Tomorrow we will resume Wednesday night Bible Study focusing on healthy faith in unhealthy times. We will look at Bible stories and discuss how faith can help us navigate stress - stress of pandemic, stress of this election season, and other stress we may be experiencing. Then on Sunday we will celebrate Recovenanting Sunday as we begin this new program year. Following worship, we will have a community meeting to determine how we will use a bequest and receive an update on the discernment process. Sometime soon, we will have the opportunity to come to consensus on Living Table's roll in the shared campus proposal. If we commit to joining, then we will have the task of putting our building on the market and moving. This could be a very exciting fall for us.

I realize that too much change, too much "newness" can be stressful for many of us. Our challenge this fall will be to keep our fears and frustrations in check. As we continue to meet online, it can be frustrating and easily slide into despair. Let's remind ourselves that pandemic will end at some point. We will gather in person again. In the meantime, we need to stay connected with one another, rely on the strengths of this community, and make decisions that will keep us alive and vital for future generations.

As this program year begins, let us celebrate the strengths and gifts of the Living Table community and continue to build relationships of grace and trust. May all our decisions be guided by a sense of God's abundant love for us and our understanding of ourselves as the Body of Christ in the world today - hands, feet, voice, and heart. We are living in strange and, dare I say it, exciting times. The world is struggling and, yet, our community is thriving. We will continue to face the coming days with wonder and gratitude, so that we are not guided by fear and worry.

Thank you for the part you play in sustaining this community!

Be safe.
Be well.

Pr. Rachael

Calendar

All Living Table events are Virtual, see All Things for Online Church for Zoom Links:
<http://www.livingtable.org/all-things-for-online-church.html>

Wednesday:

10 am Virtual Tea with Pastor Rachael
5 pm Centering Prayer Group
6 pm GA Meeting (Rental)
6:30 pm Evening Bible Study: Healthy Faith in Unhealthy Times

Thursday:

6:30 pm Small Group AA

Friday:

1 pm Ethnic Author Book Club

Saturday:

8 am Morning Bible Study Group reading Hebrews

Sunday:

9:15 am Adult Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
Community Meeting After Worship

Monday:

6 pm Discernment Meeting

View the full calendar in the [Calendar](#) tab on our website.

School Supplies

Hiawatha and Howe Schools need supplies even though classes will begin online, as some families will not be able to purchase supplies. The schools' money for restocking supplies was spent last spring to set up distance learning. The best way we can help is to donate money that someone (one of us or maybe the school itself) can use to buy supplies. There is now a category online for supplies when you use the Donate Now button. If you want to buy supplies yourself and send or take them to the school, its address is 4201 42nd Ave. S., Minneapolis 55406. However, making a donation is the most efficient way to contribute.

Money Report

In the week ending Sept 5, via checks and online giving, we received \$3,399.32 for the general fund, \$100 for the food shelf, \$25 for the Sheridan project, \$50 for the Jubilee fund, \$50 for UCC dues, \$35 as a memorial for Joann, and \$170 for school supplies. Thank you to all who donated by check, automatically, and during the week. We give in gratitude for what we receive. If you want to make a donation for something that is not shown online, you can write a check or choose an online category and then let Ann know what you had in mind.

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