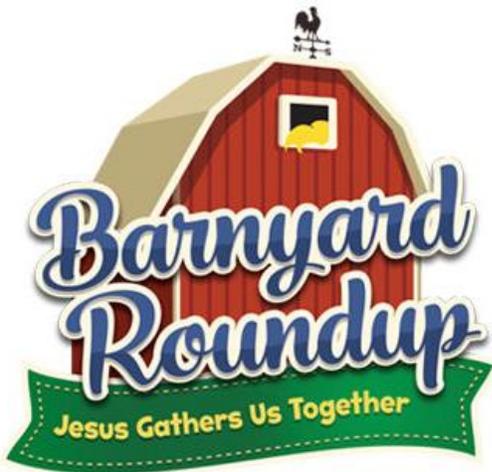




*Faith United Methodist Church*  
432 59<sup>th</sup> Street  
Downers Grove, IL 60516



## **2018 VBS**

**July 16-20**

See registration form  
included in this issue.

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### **SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

9 AM	Sunday School for All Ages
10 AM	Worship Service
10 AM	Children's Church
11 AM	Youth Group
11 AM	Fellowship



## JULY/AUGUST ECHOES OF FAITH

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#### *Keep Our Church Moving*

“The Church never stands still. It moves forward or backward in direction to the devotion and loyalty of its members. The Church is not a building of brick and stone. It is people. The Church is strong when it is filled with people of faith, love and sacrifice. The Church is weak when even a few of its people do not see the needs of their time and are insensitive to the demands the goodness of God places before them.” This is taken from our former Pastor, C.F. Chasteen’s message in the late 1950s. The Church is people, the movement of people, and the work of the Holy Spirit.

The early Christian church began with a group of people with an enthusiastic prayer in the Mark’s upper room. Methodism also started by the small group of people called “Holy Club” on the campus of Oxford University in England. A small group of Oxford students met regularly for spiritual growth. Under the direction of John Wesley, they practiced the disciplines of prayer, Bible study, fasting, receiving Holy Communion, and engaging in social work, especially visiting prisons and caring for the poor. Later the early Methodists organized a small group called “class.” Everyone in the Methodist society should be in a class. It was originally for raising funds but became the effective means of spiritual and moral oversight and mutual sharing.

In early American Methodism the class meeting gave a distinctive mark to the Methodist way. The early American Methodists emphasized close personal fellowship which could be achieved only in a small group. No more than twelve were together under a class leader to meet weekly for spiritual guidance, prayer, Bible study, individual witness, and discipline. Around the middle of the nineteenth century, however, the class meeting went into decline. Finally, Methodism lost one of its strongest supports, the active ministerial participation of the lay people.

Today many churches have focused attention on the importance of a small group in the local church. The small group ministry is highlighted as means of making a healthy and growing church. Those advocates of small group procedures are reviving an original emphasis of Methodism. I think that it is time to discover and get our great faith tradition of Methodism back into our ministry. I hope and pray that every member of our faith community will get involved in a small group, a church within the church, for the purpose of prayer or Bible discussion/learning or mission/outreach activities or community building or, at least, fellowship. I believe this would be a great way to revive our spiritual life and to make a deeper experience with God and one another.

We have several committees which are vehicles of making our ministry happen. In addition to those committees, I would like to encourage you to become a part of small group which will help us to grow spiritually, to pray for and connect to one another, and to support others at and beyond Faith Church. In his *Thoughts Upon Methodism* (1786), John Wesley mentioned of the future of Methodism: "I am not afraid that the people called Methodists should ever cease to exist, either in Europe or America. But I am afraid, lest they should only exist as a dead sect, having the form of religion without the power." In order to make our church vital and move forward, I plan to offer and suggest several small groups for our faith community in near future. Please prayerfully consider to be a leader of a small group or to be a part of a small group when it is organized. It is my hope to make our church filled with more prayer, mutual support, and spiritual accountability. Let us keep our faith community moving.

In Love and Peace in Christ,  
Pastor Charles

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**Favorite Hymn** - Starting July 1, before we begin worship service, one of the praise team members will ask the congregation for their favorite hymn. Pick one hymn and we will sing it together as we prepare ourselves for worship.

**Something New: Invitation to respond to Questions for Reflection**

Each week Pastor Charles ends his sermon handout with Questions for Reflection. Have you noticed them, thought about them, meditated for a bit about one of the questions that speaks to you? After you get your "fellowship goodies," come and chat with one another at the table with the cross.

**Korean Cultural Day:** The National Association of Korean Schools (NAKS) hosts Korean Cultural Day on July 20 (Fri.) and 21 (Sat.) from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm at Renaissance Hotel in Schaumburg. We will leave at 1:00 pm (July 21 & July 21) in the parking lot for the event. It will be a wonderful opportunity to learn about Korean culture and history. If you are interested in the event or need more information, contact Pastor Charles or the church office.

**New Sermon Series: Forgotten God (6weeks)**

- July 1 Why Do I Need the Spirit?
- July 15 What Are You Afraid Of?
- Aug. 5 Why Do You Want Him?
- Aug. 12 A Real Relationship
- Aug. 19 Forget About His Will for Your Life!
- Aug. 26 Supernatural Church

**Bible Studies:**

**Men** – Tuesdays from 6-7AM at The Baked Apple Restaurant on Ogden Ave. A study of "Acts" led by Bill Miller.

**Men** - Saturdays from 7-8AM in the Fireside Room. A study of *1 John* led by Bill Miller. Breakfast \$2 each.

**Women** – Wednesdays in the Library. Class resumes August 15.

**Adult Bible Fellowship** – Next class to be announced at a later date.

**Children & Youth Ministry**  
**Maria K. Cerezo, Director of Children and Youth Ministries**



**Children's Ministry**

Sunday School is in the Drama Room for our One Room Sunday School from June through August 19<sup>th</sup> (Rally Day).

VBS Meeting - July 1<sup>st</sup> in the Youth Room at 11:45am - 12:15pm. Bring decorations you have made. We will also practice our songs.

VBS – Vacation Bible School is July 16 – 20<sup>th</sup> - Please take some registration forms and pass them to neighbors and friends. The cost is \$20 this year, \$50 family maximum. Cost includes the program, a waterslide day, t-shirts, and a petting zoo day!

VBS Sunday & “Taste of Faith” July 22<sup>nd</sup>! Visitors from VBS will come to hear our children sing. Afterwards they will be invited to the Fellowship Hall to taste the snacks we had during VBS. New this year, we will also have tables set up representing the different opportunities to connect at Faith UMC! If you are on a committee or group, please see me about having a table display.

Hero Rally Day – August 19<sup>th</sup>! Save the date! We will have Hero games, get to know our new classrooms during Sunday School Open House, selling more Hero t-shirts, and some intergenerational group games!

**Youth Ministry**

South Korean Mission Trip Dates are set: July 26 – August 5 – SAVE THE DATE

VBS Meeting - July 1<sup>st</sup> in the Youth Room at 11:45am - 12:15pm. Bring decorations you have made. We will also practice our songs.

Walk in the Parade on July 4<sup>th</sup>! We will meet at the Downers Grove North parking lot by Sherman St. (SE side of Main St. & Ogden Ave.) at 11:45am. Step off is 1pm by Chuck & Rita Bair's van in section 4, position 413. We are following Hobson Road Community Church. If you have creative ideas on decorating the van, please let me know! We will be passing out flyers for VBS with candy.

Six Flags: July 6 – if we get 15 people it's only \$38 each. We are half way there, so please RSVP to Maria before July 1 if possible, as we need to purchase the group tickets ahead of time.

YOUTH SUNDAY: July 8<sup>th</sup>: – We start with Youth Led Worship. Then we will have a Car Wash after church followed by a pool party at the Francisco's House! RSVP to Maria or Brandy. Bring a dish to pass if possible.

VBS Decoration Day: July 15<sup>th</sup> – meet in the Toddler Room, and help as long as you can. (We will end about 2pm.)

Youth Group will take a break from July 9 – August 18. The Youth Room will still be open for games and fellowship after church.

South Korean Festival: July 20 & 21: 1pm-7pm. RSVP to Maria or Pastor by July 15.

Ongoing fundraisers:

Mora Kitchen in Bolingbrook will donate 15% to us if we go on a Sunday 10am – 2pm and mention our church. Also, Mar Francisco will donate his labor costs if you get your car fixed through him.

Hero Rally Day – August 19<sup>th</sup>! Save the date! We will have Hero games, get to know our new classrooms during Sunday School Open House, selling more Hero t-shirts, have a silent auction fundraiser, and some intergenerational group games! Youth will go to the Francisco's afterwards for a pool party!

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## 2018 VBS



**Volunteer and invite your friends!**

**JULY 16 – 20**

RSVP to Ms. Maria if you can volunteer or attend! (630) 808-2952

Registration forms online: [faithchurchdg.org](http://faithchurchdg.org) or in church office.

Or email: [maria.wilcox@garrett.edu](mailto:maria.wilcox@garrett.edu)

Faith United Methodist Church

VBS - Vacation Bible School

July 16-20, 2018

Registration Form



- Early registration May 1-31st, \$10.00 per child payable to Faith United Methodist Church.
- If you register after May 31st, \$20.00 per child payable to Faith United Methodist Church.

Payment must accompany registration form to be considered complete.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (Texts OK? Y/N): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size: (circle one) Youth XS, S, M, L, XL Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_ Grade in Fall 2018: (circle one) Preschool K 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th

\*Must be 4 years old by the time VBS starts \* 6<sup>th</sup> graders + can fill out volunteer form to help

Siblings attending VBS (names and ages): \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/Medical Information/Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contacts (specifically available during this week):

Name (Relation): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Dismissal Information: Name(s) of person(s) who may pick up this child if different from above.

Are you registering with a friend(s)? If so, list their names and grades in Fall 2018:

Name/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Name/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about us? \_\_\_\_\_ Home Church \_\_\_\_\_

PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT: I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to have his/her photograph taken during Vacation Bible School. I understand that the photographs may be used for publicity purposes.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JULY 1, 2018

Faith United Methodist Church

Barnyard Roundup Vacation Bible School July 16 to 20, 2018

Volunteer Form



Volunteer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (if under 18): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ (Texts OK? Y/N): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size (circle one)

Youth S – Youth M - Youth L – Youth XL - Adult S – Adult M - Adult L – Adult XL - Adult 2XL - Adult 3XL

Relatives or siblings attending VBS (names and ages): \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/Medical Information/Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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\*Teen only section: Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in Fall 2018: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you volunteering with a friend(s)? If so, list their names and grades in Fall 2018.

Name/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Name/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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RSVP: Orientation lunch meeting: (select all you can attend)

[ ] Sunday, June 10 at Noon [ ] Sunday, July 1 @ Noon

Save the date for decorating the church: Sunday, July 15 at 12-2pm

“Safe Sanctuary Covenant” I am accepting a call to serve with young people at Faith United Methodist Church in Downers Grove. I am committed to recognizing that each child is a unique and wonderful gift from God, knowing that God loves each child. I will do my best to make this ministry a time when children can grow in their relationship with the Lord, with their peers and with their leaders. If at any time I feel that I need help, I will discuss it with the leaders and coordinators of the ministry I am serving. I understand the leaders are willing to help me in this ministry and I will seek their guidance and support whenever I feel the need. I agree to observe and abide by all church policies regarding working in ministries with children, to participate in training events provided by the church that relate to my volunteering assignment and to report promptly any inappropriate behavior to the church staff member(s) who supervise my work.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING - WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!!!

## Items needed for Barnyard Roundup 2018 VBS:

Please bring items to VBS collection basket located in the narthex.

(Check the list on the bulletin board for update of items needed.)

Thank you for supporting VBS!

### Decorations:

Green paper rolls  
Butcher paper roll  
Tractor for parking lot  
Wooden apple baskets  
Wooden milk crates  
Pictures of animals  
Large stuffed farm animals  
Shovels  
Gardening tools  
Lots of handkerchiefs for leaders  
Checked red and white table cloths (30)

### Snacks

Chocolate donuts  
Graham crackers  
Chocolate cupcakes  
Goldfish  
Rice Chex  
String licorice  
Rice Crispy treats  
Popcorn  
Chocolate chips  
Pretzels  
Bread  
Gluten-free bread  
Strawberry or raspberry jam  
Heart cookie cutters

### Crafts

4x6 cardboard as backing  
Glue  
Yellow paper  
~~7 inch paper plates (70)~~ Thank you  
70 rulers or 70 brown construction paper strips 3x12  
Felt sunflowers (70)  
Grass seeds  
~~Green pipe cleaners (70)~~ Thank you  
Animal pony beads (500)

### Science Center

Homemade playdough  
Zip-lock sandwich baggies  
Little plastic pots or pots made of newspaper (70)  
Magnets

### Games (12 each)

Egg cartons  
Fly swatters  
Balloons  
Water balloons  
Big plastic baskets  
Potatoes  
Corn on the cob  
Potato sacks  
Bushel baskets  
4 farmer hats

*From our friends. . . .*

Dear Friends,

Thank you all for the many cards and prayers for the Kelly family on the passing of Sharon's mother Ruth Dralle. And a special thank you to Pastor Charles for giving his time to officiate at the graveside ceremony.

Blessings,

Dennis & Sharon Kelly

To: Faith United Methodist Church

So sorry, but I no longer attend church. I moved away to Hillside. It's too far for me to come. Want to thank you for everything and will keep praying.

Thanks,

Joan Myles

Dear Friends,

We want to thank you for your support of Phil's Friends with your donation. Your gift helps us to continue sending care packages, cards of hope and visits through our Hope to Hospital program to provide hope and encouragement to those individuals and families facing cancer. Thank you for making a difference.

In hope,

Phil's Friends

Dear Faith Church,

Your recent donation is helping transform the lives of families and individuals who are homeless by providing shelter, meals and comprehensive support services. Case managers assist participants in creating their own plan for housing and obtaining careers.

As a result of your support, individuals obtain stable income and become productive citizens. Communities become safer and tax payers experience cost savings in major public systems, including medical services and criminal justice system. Last year DuPage Pads assisted 383 individuals in obtaining stable housing. Thank YOU for being part of our solution!

Sincerely,

Carol Simler

DuPage Pads President & CEO



Hello Seniors 55 and Older,  
Summer is here! Wet or dry, we will be cooling off at our luncheons.

July 12<sup>th</sup> at

Papa Passero's (buffet style)

6326 Cass Ave., Westmont

&

August 9<sup>th</sup> at

TGIF (Thank God It's Friday)

2201 75<sup>th</sup> St. (in front of Walmart)

Remember: if you are going, see Bonnie Gentile at church on Sunday or call 630-969-3419 before Wednesday.

Have a great summer!

In God's good grace,

Bonnie Gentile

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### **Finance Report**

General giving through April is at \$64,852 vs. \$65,421 last year. May giving was slightly over \$13,000 which was just below last year as well. Rent collections are up \$1400 while Building/Cap ex giving is down \$1300. Easter giving was \$3000 less than last year.

On the expense side the Insurance (Health) went up \$150 per month and utilities are running heavier this year (about \$1000 higher). Our salary expense is up due to the timing of hiring our Christian Ed/Youth leader in April last year vs. a full year of salary this year (\$3000 difference).

Our available cash balance is \$15,000 vs. \$22,800 at the end of the year and \$21,000 this time last year. The drop in cash is due to maintenance fund expenses for the church and parsonage. Additional cash burn is due to the expense variances mentioned above and lower Easter giving. The long-term cash balance has been declining though stabilized at the end of last year.

Bruce Denby

Finance & Stewardship Chairman

# *God Bless Our Graduates!*

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion

### Hope Alcantara

(Daughter of Rose Alcantara)

Gower Middle School

Hope will attend Hinsdale South High School.

### Dylan Carlquist

(Grandson of Wally & Carol Carlquist)

Thomas Middle School

Dylan will attend Hersey High School,  
Arlington Heights.

### Matthew Francisco

(Son of Marcelino & Brandy Francisco)

Jane Addams Middle School

Matthew will attend Bolingbrook High School.

### Fumi Hodonou

(Son of Charles & Gladys Hodonou)

O'Neill Middle School

Fumi will attend Downers Grove South High School.

### Stephen Hoffmann

(Grandson of Mel & Nancy Gehrs)

Lincoln Middle School, Naperville

Stephen will attend Naperville Central High School.

### Avery Lipasek

(Great-grandson of Bill Wagner)

Westmont Junior High School

Avery will attend Westmont Senior High School.

### Paul Francis Pagulayan

(Son of Paul & Ellie Pagulayan)

John F. Kennedy Middle School

Francis will attend Plainfield East High School.

### Alicia Pergler

(Daughter of John Pergler)

Texas Junior High School

Alicia will attend Downers Grove North High School.

### Carley Wagner

(Granddaughter of Bill Wagner)

Sitting Bull School, Apple Valley, CA

Carley will attend Apple Valley High School.

### Lucas J. Wold

**(Son of Maria & Alfonso Cerezo)**

(Grandson of Jon & Kim Wilcox)

O'Neill Middle School

Lucas will attend Downers Grove South High School.

## High School Graduates

### Sarah Alcantara

(Daughter of Rose Alcantara)

Hinsdale South High School

Sarah will attend Loyola University to study Biology.

### Alex Hunter Bowden

(Grandson of Belle Bowden)

Flushing High School, Flushing MI with Honors

Alex will attend Kalamazoo College to study dentistry.

### Bella Rose Kelly

(Granddaughter of Dennis & Sharon Kelly)

Downers Grove South High School

Bella will attend College of DuPage for one year and  
then transfer to Berklee College of Music, Boston, MA  
to study songwriting.

### Jason Medrano

(Grandson of Eric Natividad)

Plainfield East High School

Jason will attend North Central College.

### Bryce Christopher Nicola

(Grandson of Jim & Evelyn Nicola)

Elko High School

Bryce will attend Great Basin Jr. College for 2 years and  
then University of Nevada, Reno, NV, to study speech  
pathology.

### Marissa Papacek

(Granddaughter of Mel & Nancy Gehrs)

Plainfield Central High School

Marissa will attend Waubensee Community College,  
Aurora, IL.

### Casey Wagner

(Grandson of Bill Wagner)

Granite Hills High School, Apple Valley, CA

Casey plans to look for a job.

## Higher Education Graduates

### Nicholas J. Alcantara

(Son of Dr. Noel and Naty Alcantara)

Chamberlain University, College of Nursing

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)

Nicholas passed the Nurse Certification License  
Examination (NCLEX) and plans to be an Operating  
Room Nurse.

### Kerri Carlquist

(Granddaughter of Wally & Carol Carlquist)

St. Louis University

Bachelor Degree in Business

Edmund John Cordova  
(Son of Dr. Emer & Judith Cordova)  
CSU College of Pharmacy  
Cum Laude

Doctor of Pharmacy  
Edmund will take board exam and look for work.

Jenna Lee Dubinoff  
(Daughter of Ronnie & Karen Dubinoff)  
Arizona State University  
Bachelor Degree in Educational Studies  
Jenna will be a one-year challenge missionary  
to Budapest, Hungary

Lauren J. Dubinoff  
(Daughter of Ronnie & Karen Dubinoff)  
University of Missouri  
Degree in Business Management  
Lauren plans to work in hotel management.

William Francisco  
(Son of Efren & Rina Francisco)  
Chamberlain School of Nursing  
BS Nursing (Magna Cum Laude)  
William passed the board exam and is looking for a job.

Grace Natividad Lawrence  
(Sister of Eric Natividad)  
George Mason University  
Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing

Amanda Papacek  
(Granddaughter of Mel & Nancy Gehrs)  
Colorado Christian University  
Bachelor of Science in Accounting  
and Bachelor of Science in Business Administration  
Amanda will be a Data Analyst for Colorado Christian Univ.

Kristine Yoon  
(Daughter of Charles & Esther Yoon)  
Washington University in St. Louis  
Bachelor of Arts in Biology and Healthcare Management  
Kristine will be a full-time researcher at Washington Univ.  
Medical School and is applying to medical school.

Braxton Zoladz  
(Grandson of Doris Larsh)  
University of Iowa  
Bachelor's Degree in Enterprise Management  
Braxton plans to travel to Poland and find a job.



#### July

6 Emiline Alcantara  
7 Winston Lin  
9 Douglas Carmichael  
Terry Paulhus  
11 Gail Olson  
Janette Skaer  
Cindy Ayers  
13 Rudy Gutierrez  
14 Rose Alcantara  
Jackie Madrid  
15 Nathan Musni  
16 Christine Fischer  
19 Mel Gehrs  
20 Bonnie Russell  
23 Judy Fox  
25 Rosanne Paulhus  
26 Rupert Mayuga  
28 Vic Fischer  
29 Alex Alagano  
31 Jon Wilcox

#### August

3 Ed DeLongo  
4 Kaleb Pergler  
5 Mia Johnson  
9 Naty Alcantara  
10 Paul Pagulayan  
12 Esmeraldo Cordova  
13 Bruce Denby  
15 Diana Smith  
16 Marlys Aspel  
17 Karen Dubinoff  
20 Ruth Wolfe  
22 Hazel Cramer  
24 Kristine Scherbring  
28 Pam Bielak  
30 Renato Francisco  
31 Harold Whitt  
Cely Chavez



**Youth Car Wash  
Fundraiser for Korean Trip  
Sunday, July 8 – 11am-3pm**

The Downers Grove FISH Pantry helps families in need. The following items are always appreciated:



- Toilet paper
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Large canned meats (stews, chili, etc.)
- Bars of soap
- Pudding and Jello
- Canned fruit
- Vegetable Soup
- Cereals
- Financial donations

Please bring your donations to Faith Church and place them in the FISH Barrel located in the narthex near Fellowship Hall. (Please do not use the barrel for garbage.)

**FROM YOUR FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE**

We all can agree that our congregation enjoys the fellowship we share every Sunday after worship. We are once again asking for volunteers to sign up to provide food for fellowship. A sign-up sheet is posted on the narthex bulletin board. Please let Rose Alcantara know ahead of time what you are planning to bring [alcantara\\_rsa@yahoo.com](mailto:alcantara_rsa@yahoo.com) or (815) 212-1952. The Fellowship Committee will step in to provide the refreshments and serve on the Sundays when there are no volunteers.

**Everyone is invited**



**Sunday, August 19th  
at Faith Church in the Parking Lot**

**★Food**

**★Praise Band**

**★Games & Prizes  
for Children & Adults**

**★Wear picnic clothes to church or your favorite sports team jersey.**

**★Hamburgers & Hot dogs will be furnished. Please bring a salad or dessert to share and a lawn chair.**

**Show and Tell**

A kindergarten teacher gave her class a “show and tell” assignment. Each student was instructed to bring in an object that represented their religion to share with the class. The first student got up in front of the class and said, “My name is Benjamin and I am Jewish and this is a Star of David.” The second student got up in front of the class and said, “My name is Mary. I’m a Catholic and this is a Rosary.” The third student got in up front of the class and said, “My name is Tommy. I am Methodist, and this is a casserole.”

