

NEWS & NOTES

It's Time to Celebrate Our Ministries! **Starting Point Sunday** is **August 27**. In addition to our ministry exhibits, this year's event will include a Back-to-School Blessing at all services, Promotion Sunday, a church cookout at noon, children's activities and Scouting demonstrations. Today is the **LAST DAY** to **reserve table space** for your ministry or demonstration. Reservation forms are available on our website and on the blue hospitality carts. If you want your ministry to be represented, contact Jo Hardy (parishadmin@nrumc.org or 919.847.1536 x101) or Ruby Rosbach (waruma@att.net or 919.607.3545) or see Jo in the Atrium this morning.

Bibles for All 3rd Graders On **Starting Point Sunday**, August 27, at the 11:15 service, Bibles will be presented to all 3rd Graders. So that we have a complete list of all children who will receive Bibles, we encourage parents to go to nrumc.org, click on the "3rd Grade Bible Registration" link, and fill out the online form. For more information, contact Cassidy Plunkett (familyministry@nrumc.org or 919.847.1536 x103).

Boxes for Baileywick School Supplies Drive From August 6-20, we will collect school supplies for Baileywick Elementary as part of our partnership program. Check the posters in the lobby and Atrium for needed items, then drop them off starting August 6 in the boxes provided in the Atrium, lobby, and near the office. For more information, contact GG Dexter (ggdexter@nc.rr.com or 919.870.8228).

Pastor Duke Speaks at United Methodist Men's Breakfast This Saturday Come get to know Senior Pastor Duke Lackey at the UMM's breakfast this coming Saturday in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee is ready around 7:45, breakfast begins at 8:00 (suggested donation of \$3), and Duke will speak at 8:30.

Family Movie Night, Friday, August 11 Calling all families! Join us from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Friday, August 11, for *Moana*! We will meet in the main room in the Youth Center. Bring a picnic dinner, blankets, and pillows; we will provide popcorn and dessert. RSVP at nrumc.org/family-movie-night. For more info, contact Cassidy Plunkett (familyministry@nrumc.org or 919.847.1536 x103).

Safe Sanctuaries Training will be provided on Sunday, August 13th at 9:45 a.m. in the Youth Center. **This training is required for any member of the congregation who volunteers among children or youth**, and for all others who would like to be informed. In addition to regular child care for 2-5 year olds, E4 will be open for elementary-aged children of parents attending training. For more information, contact Cassidy Plunkett (familyministry@nrumc.org or 919.847.1536 x103).

United Methodist Men's Coastal Retreat Men, please join us for a weekend of fun, great food, fellowship, and worship! Our fall retreat is in Beaufort, NC from September 29-October 1! Cost is \$110 per person. **The last day for registration is Starting Point Sunday, August 27**. For more information, contact Blase Kusterle (bkusterle@outlook.com or 919-649-8463).

Backpack Buddies needs your participation this year! New and returning volunteers are welcome to join our team as we collect and distribute nonperishable food for children in need in our partner schools. All that is required is filling several bags with a week's supply of items. The donation period will begin with the traditional school year calendar. For more information and/or to volunteer, please contact Bruce or Penny Oland (penelopeoland47@gmail.com or 919.606.5210).

Children's Leaders Needed for teaching Sunday School and leading Shine on Sunday mornings. If you have a love for children and sharing in the grace of God with our youngest members, please contact Cassidy Plunkett to find ways to serve. For more info, contact Cassidy Plunkett (familyministry@nrumc.org or 919.847.1536 x103).

Pastors' Listening Groups If you would like to be part of a Pastors Listening Group and are not involved in a Sunday School Class or other small group, see Jo Hardy to sign up in the Atrium this Sunday or call her in the office (919.847.1536 x101).

Got Change? Give to Casa Coins! The Mexico Mission Team is collecting spare change in order to raise \$3,000 so we can build not one, but *dos casas* (two houses) for our November trip to Reynosa. We will gladly accept checks (memo: Mexico Mission Trip) and dollar bills! Pick up a jar in the Atrium or grab one in the office, drop your change in over the summer, and bring it back on **Starting Point Sunday** on August 27! For more info, contact Julie Bass (julie.bass62@gmail.com or 919.414.6438).

Join Our Audio Ministry! If you've been curious about the new sound system and how it works, now's your chance to find out! We're looking for people who would be interested in joining the sound crew for the traditional services. We'll give you plenty of training, and you'll discover that it's not really as complicated as it seems. If you're interested, please contact David Bass at david.bass@sas.com.

Automatic Bank Transfer for Tithes and Offerings Want to stop writing checks? Make your giving easier by enrolling in automatic bank transfer. All you need to do is click on the Automatic Withdrawal button on the sidebar of the NRUMC website. Click on the Automatic Withdrawal form link, fill out the form, and deliver it to Ken Black in the office. You can also pick up forms in the church office or contact Ken (busadmin@nrumc.org or 919.847.1536 x115).

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

For more information, visit one of our blue information carts or contact the church office (919.847.1536).

Sun 8/6	12:30 p.m. Exaltation! Rehearsal-Vocalists Only (Music Room) Children's Council (Conference Room) 5:00 p.m. Partners in Prayer (Conference Room) 6:30 p.m. High School UMYF-Refuge (Youth Center)
Mon 8/7	There are no events scheduled for today.
Tues 8/8	8:30 a.m. Timothy Tuesday (Youth Center) 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting (Conference Room) United Methodist Women Circle of Joy (S4) 7:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (S3)
Wed 8/9	7:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study & Prayer Fellowship (Y1) 11:00 a.m. JOY (Just Older Youth) Senior Adult Fellowship (Fellowship Hall) 11:30 a.m. Staff Prayer (Sanctuary) 2:00 p.m. Safe Sanctuaries Logistics Meeting (S3) 6:30 p.m. Al-Anon (S2)
Thurs 8/10	7:00 p.m. Generosity Team (Conference Room) Children's Sunday School Teacher Training (S3) 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir (Sanctuary) • Smart Recovery Group (S4)
Fri 8/11	9:00 a.m. Partners in Prayer (Sanctuary) 4:30 p.m. Sherman/DePoy Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Sat 8/12	7:45 p.m. United Methodist Men's Fellowship Breakfast (Fellowship Hall) 5:30 p.m. Sherman/DePoy Wedding (Sanctuary)
Sun 8/13	12:30 p.m. Directors' Planning Lunch (Music Room) 5:00 p.m. Partners in Prayer (Conference Room) 6:15 p.m. Exaltation! Rehearsal-Full Band (Fellowship Hall) 8:00 p.m. Youth Swim Night (Seven Oaks Swim Club)

SAVE THESE DATES!

- September 29-October 1 | Men's Coastal Retreat in Beaufort
- November 5-11 | Reynosa Mission Trip