

# NEWS & NOTES

## It's Time to Celebrate Our Ministries! Starting Point Sunday is

**August 26.** In addition to our ministry exhibits and opportunities to get involved, this year's event will include a Back-to-School Blessing at all services, Promotion Sunday, a church cookout at noon, and Scouting demonstrations.

**Promotion Sunday Parent Meeting** Parents of children age 2 through 5th grade, please join us on Sunday, August 26 at 9:00 a.m. in the Youth Center. We'll have coffee and donuts and learn all about family ministries for the upcoming year. Children are welcome. Following the meeting, children are invited to their first Sunday School in their new class, and parents are invited to attend Sunday School, worship, or the informational displays for Starting Point Sunday!

**Boxes for Baileywick School Supplies Drive** Through August 26, we are collecting 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 in the boxes provided in the Atrium, lobby, and near the office. For more info, contact GG Dexter (ggdexter@nc.rr.com or 919.870.8228).



**Children's & Youth Sunday School** has moved back to the Youth Center. 2nd-8th grade meets in the big room, and high school meets in Y5. Age 3 through 1st grade remains in the Education Building. This schedule will be in place until Starting Point Sunday, August 26. **To register your children for music, creative ministries, Sunday School, and nursery, scan the QR code to the left with your mobile device to access the sign up form.**

## The Backpack Buddies Ministry Needs Your Participation this School Year!

New and returning volunteers are welcome to join our donations team as we collect and distribute nonperishable food for children in our partner elementary schools. The donation period begins with the traditional school year on the last week in August, and continues until June 2, 2019. We also need volunteers to check bags prior to delivery. For more information and/or to volunteer, visit our table at Starting Point Sunday, or contact Penny Oland (penelopeoland47@gmail.com or 919.606.5210).

**Youth Parent Orientation Meeting is August 19** Parents of youth grades 6-12 are encouraged to attend a brief meeting on Sunday evening, August 19 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the Youth Center. Come hear about plans for 2018-2019 regarding youth group, retreats, Sunday School, small groups, parent opportunities, and more. 2018-2019 health forms will be available, as well as information about this year's Confirmation class. Following this meeting you are invited to attend a group dinner at Milton's Pizza beginning at 6:30. (Dinner buffet is \$12.) RSVP on the church website at [nrumc.org/youth-ministry](http://nrumc.org/youth-ministry). Please take advantage of this opportunity to gather and fellowship with other youth parents!

**Want to Go on an Exciting Tour of Western NC?** JOY (Just Older Youth Seniors) is sponsoring a trip that starts off in Winston Salem with a visit to Old Salem and a tour & lunch at Graylyn Estates. Valdese is our next stop, then on to Asheville for a historic & hilarious tour of the city. Elvis will be "in the house" at Flat Rock Playhouse followed by a tour of Hendersonville. The dates are September 11-14 and the cost is \$698 which includes transportation, lodging, all meals (and gratuities), entrance fees to the attractions, and some surprises. For more information, contact Hilda Eakins (hildaekins@gmail.com or 919-327-7760).

**Opportunities for Communion this Summer** Each Sunday in August, we'll celebrate Communion in the 9:45 service. This is an opportunity to experience tangibly the grace of God, and we hope you'll join us this summer.

**Finding Our Way Discussion August 7 & 14** Come to learn more about our denomination's possible pathways moving forward as we wrestle with questions about faith, Scripture, and homosexuality. These sessions are designed to be a time of faithful inquiry and learning, rather than debate or argument. Discussions will be led by our pastors. All are welcome, even if you haven't had time to read the book. 6:30-7:45 p.m. in Room S2.

## Deadline for Reynosa, Mexico Mission Trip is September 1!

Don't sit on the fence any longer! Sign up today! There are many opportunities to help out: construction, medical clinic, administrative tasks, children's programs. If you're interested or you'd like more information, please contact Julie Bass (919.414.6438 or [julie.bass62@gmail.com](mailto:julie.bass62@gmail.com)).

## The Playground will be Closed Tuesday, August 7, for tree trimming.

**Congratulations to Joel Howell on receiving the highest honor in Scouting!** Joel Howell, a longtime part of the NRUMC family and a frequent usher on Sunday mornings, has achieved Eagle Scout, the highest rank in the Boy Scouts of America organization. He will receive the Eagle Scout award in an official ceremony on August 9. If you see Joel, please congratulate him!

# THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

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

<b>Sun 8/5</b>	12:30 p.m. Exaltation! Rehearsal-Vocalists Only (Sanctuary) 5:00 p.m. Partners in Prayer (Conference Room) 6:00 p.m. Community Garden Harvesting & Picking (Church Garden) 6:30 p.m. High School UMYF-Refuge (Youth Center)
<b>Mon 8/6</b>	6:30 p.m. Men's Study Group (Off Campus) Worship Committee (S1)
<b>Tues 8/7</b>	<b>ALL DAY: Playground Closed for Tree Trimming</b> 8:30 a.m. Timothy Tuesday: Youth Missions Day (Youth Center) 11:15 a.m. Emmaus Group (Conference Room) 1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry (S4) 6:30 p.m. Finding Our Way Summer Reading Discussion (S2) 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Men Board (Conference Room) 7:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (S3)
<b>Wed 8/8</b>	7:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study & Prayer Fellowship (Y1) 9:00 a.m. Program Ministries Staff Meeting (S4) 10:00 a.m. Administrative Staff Meeting (S4) 11:00 a.m. JOY (Just Older Youth) Senior Adult Fellowship (Fellowship Hall) 12:00 p.m. Sunday School Teacher Training (S3) 5:30 p.m. Arise My Love Practice (God Rods Across America) (Youth Center) Trustee Insurance Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 p.m. Yokefellow Ministry to Polk Correctional Institute (Off Campus) Community Garden Harvesting & Picking (Church Garden) 6:30 p.m. Middle School UMYF: Impact (Youth Center) • Al-Anon (S2) Board of Trustees Meeting (Conference Room)
<b>Thurs 8/9</b>	6:30 p.m. Generosity Committee (Conference Room) 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir (Sanctuary) • Smart Recovery Group (S4)
<b>Fri 8/10</b>	9:00 a.m. Partners in Prayer (Sanctuary)
<b>Sat 8/11</b>	7:45 a.m. United Methodist Men's Fellowship Breakfast (Fellowship Hall) 9:00 a.m. Creative Ministries Workshop with Jeff Smith (Sanctuary/Youth Ctr.) Community Garden Harvesting & Picking (Church Garden) 10:30 a.m. Creative Ministries Workshop with Jeff Smith (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Sun 8/12</b>	5:00 p.m. Partners in Prayer (Conference Room) 6:15 p.m. Exaltation! Rehearsal-Full Band (Fellowship Hall) 6:30 p.m. High School UMYF-Refuge (Youth Center)