

JUNE 2019

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**HeartBeat**



MCFARLAND UCC - MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

### EXPLORING FAITH

Sunday Mornings,  
Confirmation Sunday,  
Bible Discussion, & MORE

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

Celebration of Life:  
Dana Crumpton-Lee,

SaLT Meeting,  
Yoga Classes  
Music Recital

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### SUMMER AT MUCC!

Sundaes on Thursdays &  
Haiti Allies Mission Trip

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# GROWTH

## exploring faith

### **Bible Discussion** *Sundays after 10 am worship*

Please join us after worship each week for a simple but meaningful time of engaging God's Word through the Bible. We've been using the ancient technique of sacred reading known as "Lectio Divina." It is very simple. We read through a brief portion of Scripture together, and then go around the table and share a thought or verse or few words that struck us as significant. We just listen to each other and minimize discussion as we go around. Then we read the text out loud together again. We go around again and this time share just 2 or 3 words or a very brief thought that felt significant. Then we read it a third time out loud and even slower. This time we each share one word that seemed most meaningful. Then we have discussion about it all. It's been great! We wind up sharing insights from our lives and from our spiritual journeys, and where helpful pastor Bryan (or anyone!) offers some insights regarding the text and context in which it was written. We close with a quick prayer. We'd love to have you join us, and it does not matter at all if you have NEVER opened a Bible before.

### **Confirmation Group** *Upcoming Dates & Times*

All Confirmation meetings are from 6:30 - 7:30 pm at MUCC. For those taking part in Confirmation don't forget to connect with Pastor Bryan between now and the end of May to set up a one on one meeting time (608.291.4457 or [pastorb@mcfarlanducc.org](mailto:pastorb@mcfarlanducc.org)). Only 1 class left (June 2) before **Confirmation Sunday, June 9!**

## SUNDAY MORNINGS

### **JUNE 2**

Worship (10 am) we will celebrate June birthdays and share in Communion  
Bible Discussion (11 am)

### **JUNE 9**

Worship (10 am) Faith Milestone: Confirmation  
Bible Discussion (11 am)

### **JUNE 16**

**Happy Father's Day!**  
Worship (10 am)  
Bible Discussion (11 am)

### **JUNE 23**

Worship (10 am)  
Bible Discussion (11 am)

### **JUNE 30**

Worship (10 am)  
Bible Discussion (11 am)



# BE THE CHURCH

## Upcoming EVENTS

### **Morning Yoga** *Mon & Thurs at 9 am*

Enjoy the morning with Patricia Green-Sotos every **Monday & Thursday at 9am** Patricia will lead you through yoga flows designed to align and destress.

### **Afternoon Yoga** *Mondays at 4:30 pm*

Find your afternoon peace and calm with Georgia Lyon, another fabulous teacher, every **Monday at 4:30 pm, beginning May 13.**

### **Music Recital** *June 10 at 7:00 pm*

We welcome the Independent String Teachers of Madison as their students present a Senior graduation recital, June 10 at 7pm.

### **SaLT Meeting** *Wednesday, June 26 at 7 pm*

All are welcome to join in the discussion at the Servant and Leadership Team (SaLT) meeting. We will be talking about summer events, church finances, and much more.

### **Celebration of Dana Crumpton-Lee**

*June 29 at 11:00 am*

Saturday, June 29 at 11:00 am, all are welcome and warmly invited to celebrate the life of Dana Crumpton-Lee. Dana was so special to many people and we want to pull out all the stops!

Building Crew, Kitchen Helpers, and anyone wishing to volunteer contact Melissa in the office: 608-838-9322 [office@mcfarlanducc.org](mailto:office@mcfarlanducc.org)

### **The Dana Crumpton-Lee Youth CHURCH CAMP SCHOLARSHIP**

Camp was a big part of Dana's life. He asked that we put this fund together in order to assist young people in experiencing the UCC outdoor ministries that were so close to Dana's heart. [Click HERE if you would like to donate online](#) or drop off a check to the office with the memo line: "Dana Crumpton-Lee Youth Church Camp Scholarship."



We All Scream For Ice Cream!

## Sundaes on Thursdays!

June 20 - August 8

We are gearing up for another great summer of fun, music, and ice cream! For almost 30 years MUCC has been serving sundaes and root beer floats donating all proceeds directly to the McFarland Community Food Pantry and other local nonprofits. For all things Sundaes on Thursdays (SOT) and an up to do schedule including weather information, visit: [mcfarlanducc.org/sundaes-on-thursdays](http://mcfarlanducc.org/sundaes-on-thursdays)

You can also check out the Sundaes on Thursdays Facebook page for current info, pictures, and videos! Feel free to share your own photos, videos, and comments. The Facebook page is also shareable and a great way to stay connected and invite neighbors, friends, and family: [facebook.com/sundaesonthursdays](https://facebook.com/sundaesonthursdays)



## “MY KIDS AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THIS ALL YEAR!”

*-posted by a McFarland neighbor on the Sundaes facebook page*

Another summer is upon us! We have some great community partners helping out with Sundaes on Thursdays this year. Please consider signing up to join them!

### *How do I sign up?*

To sign up for the date that works best for you, visit: [mcfarlanducc.org/signups](http://mcfarlanducc.org/signups) OR check out the paper signup on the bulletin board near the kitchen area at church.

### *What do I need to serve?*

Serving at SOT is simple and fun. For sanitary purposes, all servers are asked to wear a hat (let us know if you need one). Then meet at MUCC at 5:45 pm or at Arnold Larson Park Gazebo at 6:10 pm.

### *Thanks for supporting Sundaes on Thursday!*

If you have questions contact Melissa in the office at [office@mcfarlanducc.org](mailto:office@mcfarlanducc.org) or 608-838-9322. You can also talk to anyone from the Sundaes on Thursday Planning Team: Rachel Saladis, Cindy Wendorf, Heather Ross, & Joan Jacobsen.

## SUNDAES ON THURSDAYS 2019 SCHEDULE

ARNOLD LARSON PARK 6:30 – 8:00 PM

### **JUNE 20**

Almost in Time Dixieland Jazz Band  
McFarland Optimists Club

### **JUNE 27**

McFarland Community Band  
McFarland Senior Center

### **JULY 11**

TBD

McFarland Historical Society

### **JULY 18**

Trish & Donny!  
EDS (Ehlers Danlos Syndrome) WI

### **JULY 25**

McFarland Community Band  
McFarland Community Garden

### **AUGUST 1**

TBD

McFarland Youth Center

### **AUGUST 8**

McFarland Fiddles on Fire!  
TBD



# HAITI ALLIES

**You are invited for the adventure of your life!**

## “Journey of Mutual Exchange”

**There are still a few spots available!** Dates: August 6-14, 2019

Cost: \$1,850.00 (*scholarship discounts possible if necessary*)

Official Deadline for Registration is July 10, 2019.



Haiti Allies refers to these trips as “journeys of mutual exchange” in order to underscore the priority placed on being open to receiving the many gifts the Haitian people and culture offer to those who venture to this beautiful island. We will of course offer gifts of service ourselves, but the overriding experience of most participants on these trips is that we inevitably wind up receiving so much more than we give. While there will be a nucleus of folks from Haiti Allies’ home state of Wisconsin, there are typically participants from other parts of the U.S. who will meet us at our official “gateway city” which will most likely be Atlanta and we will fly to Haiti on Delta Airlines. Haiti Allies will make the round trip flight arrangements from Atlanta to Port au Prince (unless participants prefer to do so in order to get these miles and points on credit cards and/or frequent flyer programs) and all subsequent costs other than souvenir purchases will be included in the \$1,850 price of the trip. Participants who make their own flight arrangements (though we all **MUST** be on the same flight to/from Haiti) will have that cost deducted from the \$1,850 total.

After arriving in Port au Prince we typically begin the journey with a brief tour of the capital city and then travel to a small mountain village outside Port au Prince where we will experience the gentle rhythm of rural life, receive a cultural and historical orientation, and enjoy the hospitality and warmth of the people in this village. This is a restful and slow-paced time in which we will get to know some Haitian people, learn some basic Haitian Kreyol phrases and customs, catch up with our own hearts and minds, get to know each other, hear Haitian music and drumming, and maybe even learn a few Haitian songs and dances. Activities in the village vary from trip to trip, but often include making coffee from scratch as rural Haitians do, making peanut butter, and learning about Haitian voodoo. The accommodations will be very rustic, but we’ll be safe and welcome and experience the healing magic of Haitian hospitality. After this initial orientation, we will return to the city and move into Walls International Guest house, a very modest but secure and friendly guest house that will be our home for the remainder of the journey. Our daily activities in Port au Prince will include a number of different adventures and experiences. Haiti Allies’s methodology always involves a combination of working with our hands, hearts, and minds. The hands on/service component of the adventure will depend in part on the skills and interests of our group and also on what’s happening in the country when we are there. These experiences typically include volunteering at an orphanage run by the Missionaries of Charity (the sisters of Mother Teresa), volunteering at a hospice-like facility also run by the Missionaries of Charity called the “Home for the Dying and the Destitute,” and volunteering at a school supported by Haiti Allies in one of Port au Prince’s most impoverished neighborhoods. Most evenings we will also have meetings with Haitian friends and leaders who will teach us about various aspects of life in Haiti.

In addition to opportunities to serve and be a compassionate presence, we will spend time together as a group each day processing and reflecting on what we are seeing and learning. These are powerful heart-opening trips that often lead to profound personal insights. There will be space open in our agenda for journaling, resting, and meditation. We will touch and be touched by a number of painful and heartbreaking realities connected to the extreme material poverty of Haiti, but group members are almost always inspired and deeply moved by the joy and hospitality and grace of the Haitian people. The group will be limited to 15 persons including the leaders, so please be in touch as soon as possible with Bryan Sirchio at [bsirch@sirchio.com](mailto:bsirch@sirchio.com) (608) 577-8716 if you are interested in learning more about this adventure and discerning whether or not it’s the kind of trip you’d love to experience. We’ll look forward to hearing from you and to sharing this amazing adventure together. Once you contact Bryan he will send you information and details regarding medical prep, etc. (which is relatively minor). The most important thing is to make sure you have a valid passport!

# CONNECT HERE

## CHURCH STAFF

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Barb Baumgartner, Office Volunteer

Samantha Johnson, Custodian

Diane Smeaton, Worship Keyboards

Gail Freedman, Kitchen\*

\*Requests for supplies can be made on the white board by the freezer.

## SaLT (SERVANT & LEADERSHIP TEAM)

Moderator: Hélène Benink; Vice Moderator: TBD

Treasurer: Joan Jacobsen; Clerk: Anne Gerke

Jason Chapman; Ann Ross; Bruce Fischer

## FINANCIAL SECRETARIES

Tracy Donohue & Ann Ross

## YOUTH LEADERS

Mel Thompson & Kati Atkins

## MESSY CHURCH TEAM

Nikole & Jason Chapman

Rita Treece; Lisa Ludwig

Diane & Lydia Mikelbank;

Mel Thompson

## SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS

Jason Chapman, Tech Support; Martha Olsen, Kitchen

Joan Jacobsen, Ushers

## ON THE WEB at

[mcfarlanducc.org](http://mcfarlanducc.org)

[facebook.com/mcfarlanducc](https://www.facebook.com/mcfarlanducc)

Raise prayer requests and find support at

[Facebook.com/groups/achurchwithheart](https://www.facebook.com/groups/achurchwithheart)

## THE SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

### Ask, Seek, Knock Box

Located in the Fellowship Space just outside the Sanctuary, the "Ask, Seek, Knock Box" is available so that you'll have an easy, quick, and anonymous (if you prefer) way to offer positive responses, questions, or suggestions regarding your faith and the Sunday morning worship experience here at McFarland UCC

### Questions?

Is there a question about God, the Bible, a specific Scripture verse or your faith journey, etc. that you would like Bryan to consider addressing or responding to in a Sunday morning message?

### Topics?

Is there a topic or issue or concern you would love for us to somehow bring into the context of worship?

### Music, Art, Liturgy?

Do you have a favorite hymn or song or poem or something that could be a part of worship that you'd like to suggest?

If you would like to meet with pastor Bryan personally to discuss anything about your worship experience, please approach him and let him know. He would love to meet with you!

