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MCFARLAND UCC - MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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**McFARLAND
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**
A CHURCH WITH HEART



WELCOME

Let me give you a new command:
Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another. This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples — when they see the love you have for each other.

John 13: 34-35

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a message from Pastor Bryan

Greetings everyone!

Spring has finally sprung! May is probably my favorite month of the year. That has something to do with the fact the both of my children were born on May 10th almost exactly 2 years apart. In fact my son Sam was born at 3 p.m. and my daughter Emma at 2:58 p.m.! And no that was not planned at all! But beyond my own “kids” (they are now almost 35 and 33) coming to life, I just love the way the natural world comes back to life this month. So much beauty and renewal all around, and there’s that collective sense of “we made it through another winter” that gives most of us a lift. Love it.

And let’s face it, April was a FULL month for us at MUCC. The Ken Medema concert weekend, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter, the amazing celebration of the life of Jack Hicks, and then Break The Silence Sunday. Wow. That was a lot for one month, but I am feeling so overwhelmed with gratitude for our congregation and all the incredible leadership and cheerful service that you all offered to make these events possible. I’ve lost count of the number of visitors who have expressed how authentically they feel the hospitality and love of God at the heart of our faith family. It is such a joy to be pastor of this amazing congregation.

TIME TO EXPLORE THE “MISSION POSSIBLE” IN HAITI

Most of you have heard me talk about the work I’ve been doing in Haiti for the past 30 years, and what a huge part of my life that has been. There’s been lots of interest expressed in our congregation embracing some aspect of that mission more officially, and so I’d like to welcome all of you to an evening I’m putting together to share what this work in Haiti is all about, and for us to begin to discuss how we at MUCC can become more involved. I’m calling the May 19th event “Mission Possible,” and other churches and youth groups and confirmation classes have been invited to join us. We’re going to start the evening at 6 p.m. with a simple “world hunger simulation meal” that I think will be very interesting and provocative. At 6:30 we’ll go into the sanctuary for a mini-concert in which I’ll share some of the songs I’ve written over the years based on experiences in Haiti. It will be fun and participatory, appropriate for all ages, and I’ll focus on why mission in general is important for those who want to follow Jesus, and really for anyone from any faith tradition who wants to live the Divine Intention with passion and integrity. At 7:30 we’ll watch a video and learn more specifically about the work of Haiti Allies, and I’ll share more information about the upcoming “Journey of Mutual Exchange” to Haiti which I’ll be leading from August 6-14th. Join us if you can! Bring some friends!! This will be a fun, meaningful, and inspiring evening I have no doubt. Thanks for the privilege it is to serve as your pastor.

I just love this! -Pastor Bryan



GROWTH

faith formation

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). Only 3 classes left before **Confirmation Sunday, June 9!** *Confirmation 2019 Remaining Sessions: May 5, May 19, & June 2.*

SUNDAY MORNINGS

MAY 5

Choir Practice (9 am)
Worship (10 am) we will
celebrate May birthdays and
share in Communion
Bible Discussion (11 am)

MAY 12 Mother's Day!*

Choir Practice (9 am)
Worship (10 am)
Bible Discussion (11 am)
*In honor of Mother's Day
there is no Messy Church

MAY 19

Choir Practice (9 am)
Worship (10 am)
Bible Discussion (11 am)

MAY 26

Choir Practice (9 am)
Worship (10 am)
Bible Discussion (11 am)



BE THE CHURCH

Upcoming EVENTS

Shared Table Community Meal

Thursday, May 2nd 4:00 – 6:30 pm

Shared Table Community Meal is a weekly free meal provided by a rotation of community organizations. Each Thursday night **McFarland Lutheran Church** is the host facility; Community groups bring the food and handle setup, serving and cleanup. We will be providing the meal and service Thursday, MAY 2. If you would like to help out visit mcfarlanducc.org/signups. Thank you!

SaLT Meeting *Wednesday, May 1 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.

Morning Yoga *Beginning May 2 at 9 am*

Enjoy the morning with Patricia Green-Sotos a good friend of MUCC known for her wonderful yoga teaching. Each **Monday & Thursday at 9am** Patricia will lead you through yoga flows designed to align, destress, and strengthen mind body and soul.

Senior Recital: Gabe Lemke

Saturday, May 4 at 6:30 pm

MUCC is pleased to host the senior piano recital for our very own Gabe Lemke. You are invited to enjoy an evening filled with Gabe's original compositions from his many years of playing. You might also want to check out the La Follette High School band concert the night before, May 3 at 7:30 pm as they present a new original work by Gabe.

Afternoon Yoga *Begins May 13 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 Recitals *May 18 & 19*

You are welcome to come to either of these free music recitals: **May 18 at 9:30 am** the piano students of Holly Zeilenga will perform their spring recital, and **May 19 at 1:00 pm** we welcome the Independent String Teachers of Madison as their students present a spring concert.

Haiti Allies & McFarland UCC
present

MAY 19TH

MISSION POSSIBLE!

An evening with Singer/songwriter & McFarland UCC Pastor
Bryan Sirchio

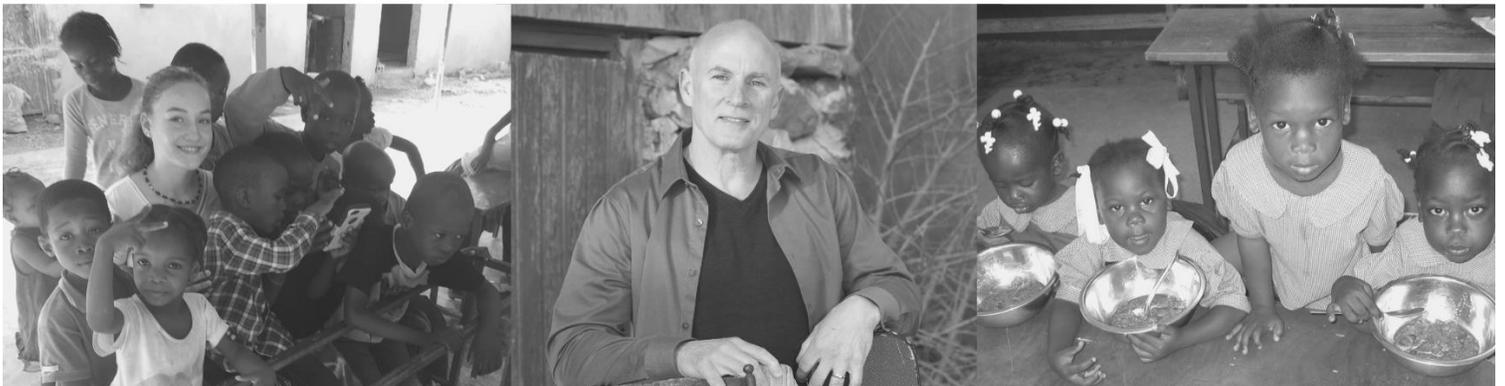
A presentation of songs and stories that will explore why “mission” is so vital for followers of Jesus and for anyone on an intentional spiritual journey. Bryan will play some of his original songs born out of his 30 years of working among the poorest of the poor in Haiti, and interact with the audience around questions of world hunger, charity vs. justice, and biblical teachings on giving and receiving. This will be participatory, educational, challenging, inspiring, and fun!

5.19.19 | 6PM

**McFarland UCC
5710 Anthony st**

FREE ADMISSION

An offering for the work of
Haiti Allies will be received



SUMMER 2019

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. The SOT team is currently putting together the entertainment schedule and coordinating with our community partners who help us serve. Once all the details are ironed out, head on over to:

mcfarlanducc.org/sundaes-on-thursdays

With this page on our website you will find the entertainment schedule as well as up to date information on weather cancellations, venue changes, etc.

You can also check out the Sundaes on Thursdays Facebook page for current info, pictures, and videos!

facebook.com/sundaesonthursdays



Travel to Haiti with Pastor Bryan

August 6 - 14

Haiti Allies a non-profit organization Pastor Bryan helped start about 20 years ago. Haiti Allies typically 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. These trips include a wide range of ages, but participants have to have finished 8th grade

Our daily activities 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. But 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, and volunteering at a school supported by Haiti Allies. Most evenings we will also have meetings with Haitian friends and leaders who will teach us about various aspects of life in Haiti. Our group is limited to 15 persons so please be in touch as soon as possible with Pastor Bryan if you are interested. If cost is a concern, please talk to Bryan about scholarship and discount possibilities. God will make a way if this is something you're meant to do.

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Gail Freedman, Kitchen*

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SaLT (SERVANT & LEADERSHIP TEAM)

Moderator: H el ene Benink; Vice Moderator: TBD

Treasurer: Joan Jacobsen; Clerk: Anne Gerke

Jason Chapman; Ann Ross; Bruce Fischer

FINANCIAL SECRETARIES

Tracy Donohue & Ann Ross

MESSY CHURCH TEAM

Nikole & Jason Chapman

Rita Treece; Lisa Ludwig

Diane & Lydia Mikelbank;

Mel Thompson

YOUTH LEADERS

Dana Crumpton & Mel Thompson

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS

Jason Chapman, Tech Support; Martha Olsen, Kitchen

Joan Jacobsen, Ushers

ON THE WEB at

mcfarlanducc.org

facebook.com/mcfarlanducc

Raise prayer requests and find support at

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?

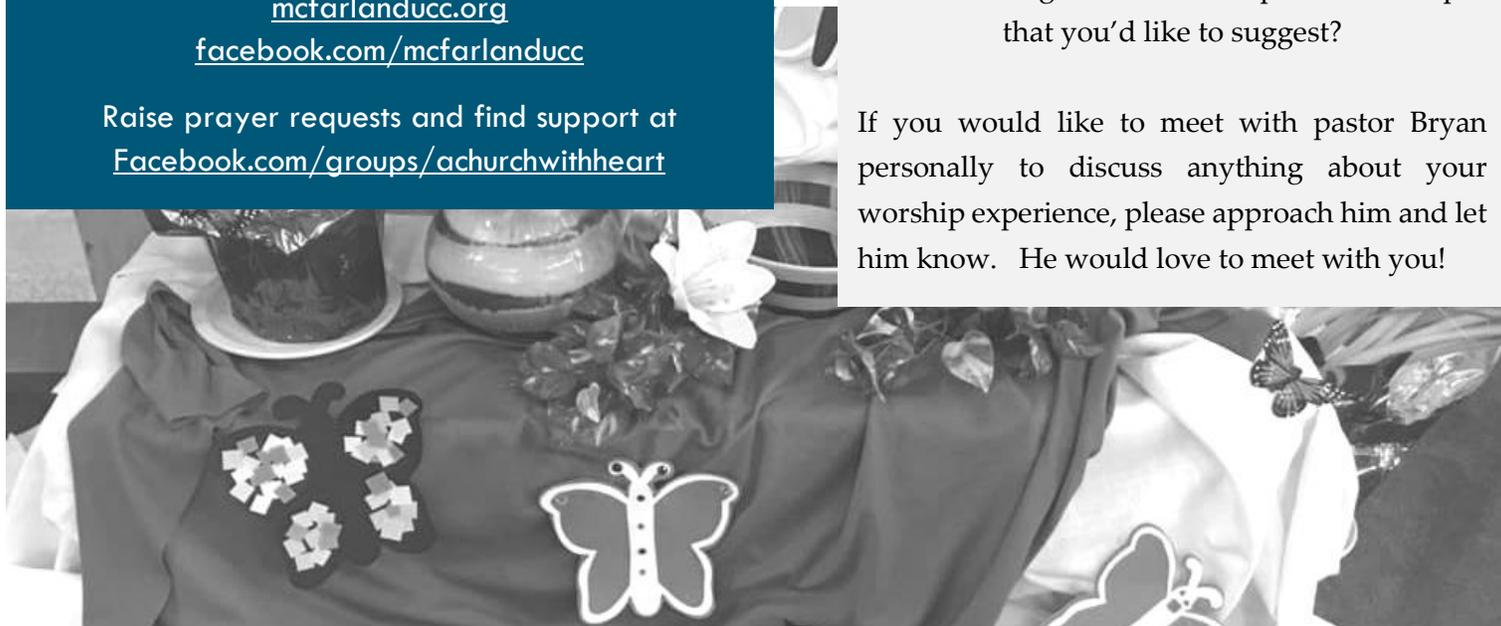
Topics?

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!



Month	Average Weekly Revenue	Monthly Revenue	Monthly Expenses	Variance (between rev/exp)
May 2018	\$ 2,971	\$ 11,884	\$ 9,512	\$ 2,372
Jun 2018	\$ 2,996	\$ 11,983	\$ 13,923	\$ (1,940)
Jul 2018	\$ 2,726	\$ 13,630	\$ 8,035	\$ 5,595
Aug 2018	\$ 3,320	\$ 13,281	\$ 7,444	\$ 5,837
Sept 2018	\$ 2,991	\$ 14,957	\$ 13,654	\$ 1,303
Oct 2018	\$ 3,619	\$ 14,475	\$ 18,144	\$ (3,669)
Nov 2018	\$ 3,137	\$ 12,550	\$ 9,958	\$ 2,592
Dec 2018	\$ 3,821	\$ 19,103	\$ 18,455	\$ 648
Jan 2019	\$ 2,697	\$ 10,787	\$ 13,185	\$ (2,398)
Feb 2019	\$ 3,247	\$ 12,988	\$ 9,861	\$ 3,127
Mar 2019	\$ 3,208	\$ 16,039	\$ 14,071	\$ 1,968
Apr 2019	\$ 3,008	\$ 12,030	\$ 12,038	\$ (8)
Totals		\$ 163,707	\$ 148,280	\$ 15,435

May 2018 – Apr 2019

2019 Budget	\$162,726
Weekly Average Revenue Needed to Meet Budget	\$3,130
Actual Average Weekly Revenue May 2018-Apr 2019	\$3,008

