

The Power Outage

Several weeks ago on a Friday night the power went out. This was the first night all week the four of us had been home together, a rarity indeed. Earlier, we finished dinner and scattered to our separate corners of the house to settle into the routine of turning our attention to our preferred screen(s) (tvs, computers and phones) rather than to one another.

And then it happened. Out of nowhere the lights went out and suddenly, for just a moment, the house got very quiet. The buzzing from the refrigerator stopped. The sound of the dishwasher was silenced. The quiet wooshing sound from the floor vent that reminded us the furnace was working was gone. In the silence, Sara and I heard the sound of two boys ascending the stairs to inform us that the lights downstairs went out. Of course, the fact that we, too, were sitting in the dark didn't clue them in that the problem might be further felt than the basement. We looked out the windows and saw that lights were off across the cove as well.

The boys were horrified about this turn of events. There was a tv show or movie they were looking forward to watching that was about to begin. What were they going to do? At least the DVR would capture it for them. (Then Dad had to tell them the DVR didn't have power either.) In an effort to entertain themselves they grabbed their computers with the hope of settling in to some quality entertainment on YouTube. (Then Dad told them the Internet access in the house required electricity too.) No TV, no Internet, no phones (because we didn't want to run the batteries out in case this lasted a while). What were we going to do?!?

We lit a few candles, the ones we could find, and began to talk with one another. This wasn't the "tell me about your day at school" type of conversation. It was a real conversation, forced, maybe by the fact that we didn't have other options, but real either way. Then we started to play a game together. We kept playing games and talking with each other until the boys' bedtime. After they were tucked in, Sara and I began to have a "real" conversation. Within a few minutes, the lights and house noises started to fill the space once again. We got up and restarted the dishwasher, turned off a couple of the lights in the rooms we weren't using any longer, and settled back in our chairs to turn our attention to our separate screens.

As I think about that night, I am reminded of the importance of disconnecting in order to reconnect. Last year, when we spent a week in Colorado, the condo we stayed had 3 televisions, but none of them had any signal. Instead of zoning out to mind numbing shapes and sounds on a screen, we talked, played games and enjoyed one another's company. Why is it we only do this when there are no other options? When was the last time that you intentionally disconnected from all the distractions around you to connect with the people around you? In our search for connection and community, we often overlook those right next to us. I want to encourage you to take time this week to disconnect from the wider world and reconnect with those right in your midst. As you do, you might just find a spiritual reconnection as well.

Blessings,

Chris



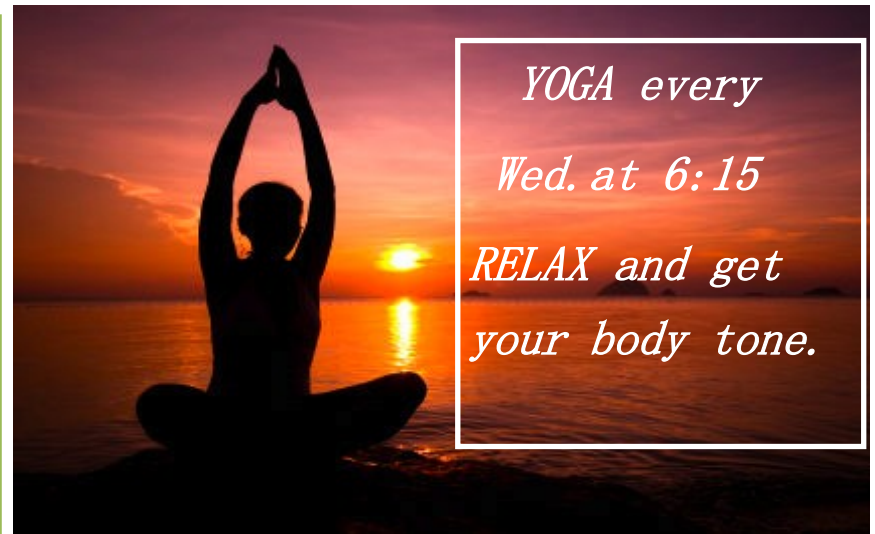
June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 <i>Services</i> 8 & 10:00 am	3	4	5 <i>Be an Angel 10</i> <i>Tarsney Lunch 12</i> <i>Yoga - 6:15 pm</i>	6 <i>Men's Small</i> <i>Group - 7 pm</i>	7	8
9 <i>Services</i> 8 & 10:00 am <i>Food Drive</i>	10	11 <i>Association</i> <i>Meeting 7:30 pm</i>	12 <i>Tarsney Lunch 12</i> <i>Yoga 6:15</i>	13	14	15
16 <i>Services</i> 8 & 10:00 am <i>Food Drive</i>	17	18	19 <i>Be an Angel 10</i> <i>Tarsney Lunch 12</i> <i>Yoga - 6:15 pm</i>	20 <i>Men's Small</i> <i>Group - 7 pm</i>	21	22
23 <i>Services</i> 8 & 10:00 am <i>Food Drive</i>	24	25	26 <i>Tarsney Lunch 12</i> <i>Yoga 6:15</i>	27	28	29
30 <i>Services</i> 8 & 10:00 am <i>Food Drive</i> Fellowship Breakfast 9:00 am						

Hillcrest Lee's Summit Apartments

Food Pantry

The food pantry at the Hillcrest Apartments assists the families during their three month transformation from homelessness to financial independence. Protein-rich foods are always needed; therefore, during the month of June we are collecting canned tuna, canned chicken, peanut butter, and food items to combine the meats with, such as Tuna Helper and Chicken Helper. There is always a need for fresh meats, so we will also collect cash that will be used to add fresh meats to the refrigerator at the pantry. If you donate money, please write "Hillcrest Food Pantry" in the memo line or on your envelope. Thank you for supporting this truly successful organization with your donations and prayers.



*YOGA every
Wed. at 6:15
RELAX and get
your body tone.*



Be an Angel

Come join this amazing group of women on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month @10am to make needed items for our community.

Everyone welcome to join the fun!



***Its Summer and we are ready for our 2nd Annual
Tarsney Lake Summer Lunch Program!***

*Lunch will be served to our Tarsney families every
Wednesday starting June 5th from 12:00 –1:00 pm.*

*Please join us for an afternoon of food, friendship and worship
with a community that we love to call our church family. Contact Tonia at the church w/ questions
Please check the CONNECT area for sign up sheets and monetary donations are always welcome.*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

VBS coming July 13th & 14th



We are trying a new format this year with One Day VBS -
Sat. July 13th. **Helpers needed!!**

We will have a closing ceremony on July 14th followed
with a family and congregation picnic.

Notify Sophie @ lakeratskier@gmail.com if you can help.

*The prayer of a righteous man
is **powerful** and **effective**.*

Alex

Les Case

Sandy Case

Dorothy Conn

Dionte

Janet Ford

Eric Harrison

Winnie Fuerst

John Hatfield

Michael Hatfield

Karin (Spreitzer)

Kathleen

Don McGowan

Don Raymond

Steve Raymond

Rosemary Robinson

Ginger Scott

Joseph Scott

Congregation

de Mellier

Heart and Soul

Children's

Learning Center

All Ministries

of the Church

Lake Lotawana
Community UMC

**IT'S
UBS
TIME!**

July 13 & 14



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Evening Small Groups @ LLCUMC

For Women

**IT'S NOT
SUPPOSED TO BE
THIS WAY**

WOMEN'S DVD BIBLE

STUDY BY LISA

TERKEURST

WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN GOD'S
TIMING SEEMS QUESTIONABLE, HIS
LACK OF INTERVENTION HURTFUL,
AND HIS PROMISES DOUBTFUL?

6 WEEKS, BEGINNING JULY 7

5:30-7:00 P.M.

LLCUMC SANCTUARY

Contact Sara at ssstephenson.snyder@gmail.com

For Men

First and third Thursdays
@ 7:00 P.M.

Come and Experience the Living Word

**Bible
Study**

Contact Pastor Chris at chrissnyder@gmail.com

For Couples

On hiatus for the summer; will resume meeting this fall

Contact Wayne at w.rogers63@yahoo.com

Small Groups provide the opportunity to connect with others
in a casual study/discussion environment as you strive
to deepen and enrich your walk with God

We Invite You to Attend!