

September 4, 2018

Dear Grace Church Family and Friends,

This week marks the beginning of a new program year at Grace Church, and our theme for the year is ***Faith & Fellowship***. Our hope is to deepen our connections with each other and with God, and over the course of the year, we will have plenty of opportunities for everyone to do so, from Adult Forums and small group learning opportunities to Second Sunday Suppers and brunches after church.

In particular, **Dinner Groups**, a new offering for this program year, will enable parishioners to the gather together over the course of the year for food, fun and social time. More information and signs-up for Dinner Groups will be available after church, and I invite you to consider participating.

It all gets started this coming **Ministry Sunday, September 9**. Ministry Sunday is a great day to see old friends, meet new ones and learn more about Grace Church. After both services, leaders from our various ministries will be available to talk about their work and the many ways in which you can participate. Following the 10:30 am service, there will be lunch plus special activities for children, including the always popular Moon Bounce and Face Painting.

One important note about this coming Sunday is that both Sunday School and Adult Forum will be on hiatus, due to construction on the Parish Hall building. As many of you know, the Auburn School will soon be using the Parish Hall alongside of us, and they are renovating the entire building, with new bathrooms, lighting and painting. Unfortunately, their work recently hit a snag (doesn't that always seem to happen...?), pushing the completion date, the start of school, and our ability to use the building back a few weeks.

Therefore, this Sunday, families and children are invited to attend an **Opening Children's Chapel and Sunday School Teacher Meet 'n Greet** on the playground beginning at 10 am, weather permitting. Rev. Amanda and our Sunday School teachers will all be there, and we hope you will join them. Families are then invited to worship together at our 10:30 am service.

Meanwhile, Adult Forum should resume very soon – stay tuned for more details on location and topics.

See you in church,
Andrew