

Discipling Council Committee Updates

10-16-16

Labyrinth Keepers: A labyrinth walk will be held on Nov. 2 at 6 p.m. to celebrate "All Souls' Day," known as the "Day of the Dead" to our Mexican neighbors. We will walk the labyrinth to honor our dear ones who have departed this earthly life, and follow with fellowship around the bonfire.

Music Committee: A proposal has been recently approved by Discipling Council for a Christmas music program in Dec. which will be open to the community. Tickets will be sold. Plans are now underway for this performance which will include both sacred and non-sacred seasonal music. A possible name for this presentation is "A Misty Mountain Christmas". The presentation will include several groups from the church with a focus on the chancel choir. In addition, a group of singers from north metro Atlanta called the Singers of North GA and a wind quintet from the Blue Ridge area will also be performing. The program will be held in the CLCC sanctuary on Sunday afternoon, the 18th of December somewhere around 3:00 – 5:00pm and will start with traditional seasonal music such as "Silver Bells", "Jingle Bells", "Deck the Halls", etc and move reverently into an intimate retelling of the Nativity. Please note: This presentation will not be a substitute for the Christmas music presented during worship services.

Stewardship Committee: This committee has crafted a vision of an emphasis of Spiritual Disciplines, learning about the blessings these disciplines bestow when practiced. Sharing our CLCC stories is a key to this emphasis, starting in September with PRAYER, continuing in October with GIVING and following through for eight more months of Spiritual Discipline emphasis. Over time it is hoped the entire CLCC Community will be engaged in posting, reading, and actively participating in our learning and appreciation of how these disciplines can help enrich our spiritual lives and maturity as Christians. Every member and guest is urged to participate through sharing stories. October 23 will be GIVING Sunday. Promise cards for 2017 will be collected on that day followed by a GIVING Celebration Pancake Breakfast after the Early Service and a traditional Potluck lunch following the 11:00 service.

Adult Education: The Seekers and the Lectionary Sunday school classes are continuing, the Ecology Theology class has completed a series of Michael Dowd sermons and will soon begin the study of a book entitled "Thomas Berry: Selected Writings on the Earth Community (Modern Spiritual Masters)" Books are available: contact Don Midkiff. The class has also agreed to serve as a committee to seek certification as a "Green Challis Church".

Wednesday night dinner/program will start back up next Wednesday, October 19 with Family Fun Night led by Sharon Meek. The following 6 weeks we will be exploring the Trinity, based on Richard Rohr's The Divine Dance: The Trinity and Your Transformation. A variety of CLCC members will present in the spirit of Advent, taking us up to Christmas. Surveys will be distributed at this first gathering for members' input into the 2017 programs.

Children Education: Nancy Zimmerman has developed a curriculum guide for the three teachers who rotate teaching the 5-10 yr. old class. Format is based on the “Godly Play” schedule of storytelling. The youth will participate in Tower Road Christmas and the socks drive as well as a FYSH Event planned in November at the JUMP Indoor facility.

Small Groups: Brochure was updated last year and will probably not need to be updated this year.

Worship: The Worship Committee is in the midst of planning for Advent. We want to get out a big push for Decoration Day, November 27. We need all willing and able bodies to help with the Christmas decorations that day.