



The BELL TOWER

A Newsletter of The Church at Litchfield Park

Fall 2019

Serve the Kingdom of God through Mission Work

Each summer, The Church of Litchfield Park provides various mission/service opportunities for our youth. These weeks provide the youth with space to create new friendships and work together while serving others.

Mission camp was the last week of June. Thanks to Nana Hamlin, Judy Mercy, Jack Rataezyk, Julie Rataezyk, Susan Adams, Cathy Navarra, Jack Sigler, Rob Gimbl, Dolores Broski, Alberto Hernandez, Kathy Broom, Cynthia Bush, Carla Dudley, and almost twenty 4th and 5th graders experienced serving. Each day they left the church at 8 a.m., served at a mission site, and returned at 12:00 p.m. to each lunch together and debrief their activities. They were able to work with Wigwam Creek Middle School, St. Mary's Food Bank, Feed My Starving Children, Agua Fria Food Bank, and Alberto Hernandez at The Church at Litchfield Park.

Our Ignite youth group (grades 6-8) traveled to Flagstaff the last week of June. Eleven youth served at Sunshine Rescue Mission which is a men's shelter. The youth cleaned mattresses and served lunch to those in need. At a women and children's shelter, Hope Cottage, the youth were able to sort clothes for their thrift shop and clean up their playground. They also served dinner

at the Family Food Center. Their trip ended with service at the Family Food Center's warehouse as well as a fun trip to Bearizona Wildlife Park. Along with service, the youth looked at 1 Corinthians 13 and how they exemplify the love of Jesus Christ.

Twenty-two high school students (Pulse youth group) headed to San Diego for a week in July for their mission trip. The youth read with children at the Story Tent to begin their week. Then, they served at Father Joe's Villages, as well as the Salvation Army and Kitchens for Food. Each day brought a new experience, a new story, and a new picture of the Lord's love. The youth were moved each evening in worship led by Michael Sandusky and Amanda De La Torre.



Thank you

to Steve Charney, Beth Charney, and Jay Sandusky for their help with the trip.

Most of all,

Thank you

to a congregation that continually empowers and showers the youth with love, support, and prayer.

Welcome!



■ Meet Jessica Sproull Our New Part-time Ignite Youth Director

Welcome Jessica! Jessica grew up at The Church at Litchfield Park and helped out with the youth groups in 2017-2018. We are so excited to welcome Jessica and her gifts to the youth group!

■ Meet Steve Yamamori Our New Part-time Pulse Youth Director

Welcome Steve! Steve has been a member of The Church at Litchfield Park for three years and has spent his life serving others in non-profit endeavors. We are excited to see the Lord working through Steve!

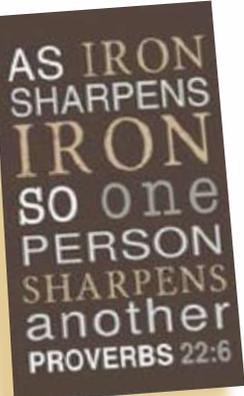
Men's Christian SERVICE FELLOWSHIP

2nd Tuesday of the Month
Starting Sept. 10 @ 6:00 p.m. in Souers Hall

The goal of Men's Christian Service Fellowship (MCSF) is to develop followers of Jesus Christ's ministry by spreading the word of God through fellowship, faith, learning and action.

Please join us on the second Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. in Souers Hall for dinner followed by fellowship and teaching that will enhance your life and grow your relationship with men of similar faith, and most importantly the Lord Jesus Christ.

We look forward to meeting you—more members will enhance our opportunities and strengthen us all!



MARK YOUR *Calendar* FOR THESE SPECIAL EVENTS!

4C CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Wednesdays—Starting September 11 @ 5:00 to 5:45 p.m.

4C Children's Choirs will begin on Wednesday, September 11 from 5-5:45 p.m. All children K-5th grade are welcome.



GOD'S OWN KIDS IS COMING BACK!

Wednesdays—Starting September 11 @ 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Join us in Classroom 3 (Rec Room) from 6:30-7:30 p.m. for crafts, prayers, popcorn and a "Veggie Tales" bible story video!

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Friday—October 18 @ late afternoon/evening through Saturday—October 19 @ late afternoon/evening

The retreat is going to be at The Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center in Carefree, AZ. It is a 24 hour event and will begin in the late afternoon/evening of October 18 and go through afternoon/evening of October 19. The theme is "What a Friend." All women are welcome and scholarships are available. Women should be prepared to make new friends, spend time with old ones, connect with God, reflect, participate in group activities, enjoy good food, and take in beautiful scenery. For questions contact Kristin McNamara at kmcnamara@clp.church

HALLOPALOOZA

Thursday—October 31 @ 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Our popular family Trunk or Treat event will be hosted Halloween Night, Thursday October 31 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wear your costumes and join us for trick or treating, hot dogs, games and a haunted house!



ALL CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday—November 3 @ 11:45 a.m.

All are invited to join us for fellowship and a delicious lunch! Sunday, November 3 at 11:45 a.m. It is our time to celebrate what it is to be God's church!

WCSF WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS TEA

Saturday—December 7 @ 2:00 p.m.

Hosted by the Women's Christian Service Fellowship, the Tea will be hosted Saturday December 7 at 2 p.m. For questions about the Tea contact Jane Holdcroft at wcsf@clp.church or contact the church office at 623-935-3411.



Church Thrift Shop



The Thrift Shop is organized and operated by Women's Christian Service Fellowship (W.C.S.F.) and its volunteers. It is headed by Amber Gilbert, Amanda Clough, and Jennifer Scott and is the primary source of funding for W.C.S.F. Proceeds are used to support W.C.S.F.'s many community and world-wide outreach projects, including grants for women in crisis and special projects on the church campus.

W.C.S.F. appreciates your support throughout the year as donors, shoppers, and volunteers. If you would like to volunteer at the Thrift Shop, please sign up in the breezeway between services. The Thrift Shop is open for business from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month and the third Thursday of each month, with a donation day on the day before from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. If you have questions or need to make other donation arrangements, please feel free to contact Amber, Amanda, or Jennifer at thriftshop@clp.church.

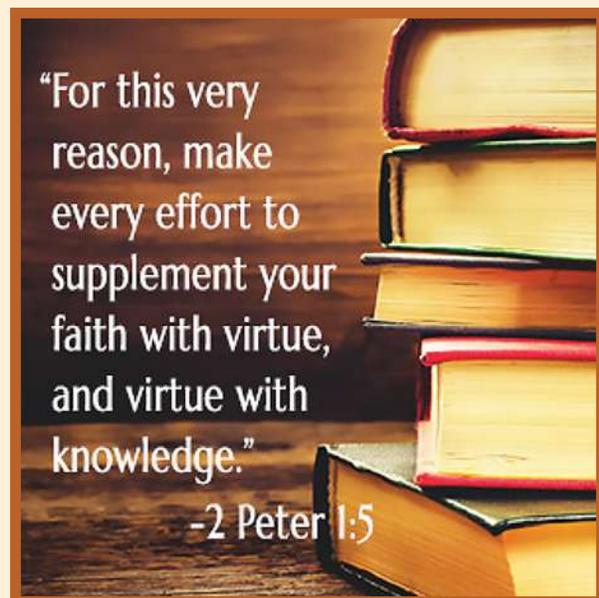
Thank you!

Continuing Education *at the Church* OPPORTUNITIES

History of The Church at Litchfield Park

Tuesday—Sept. 3 @ 10 a.m. in Souers Hall

Our very own Meredith Stucky will be presenting a very fascinating and thorough overview of the history of The Church at Litchfield Park in partnership with the Litchfield Park Historical Society.



Adult Studies Fall Season Kick-Off!

Tuesday—Sept. 10 @ 10 a.m.

Wednesday—Sept. 11 @ 6:30 p.m.

Be ready to kick off our fall season as our adult Bible study resumes with a two week study on spiritual gifts that includes a discovery assessment (see above dates and times). The remainder of 2019 will be spent studying the book of Genesis with various leaders by exploring the lives of Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph, as well as their relationship with others. This final study of 2019 will be interspersed with various lectures in partnership with the Litchfield Park Historical Society on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. and Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. We are also launching our first life group consisting of men and women, singles and couples of various ages who live in different locations, with the hope of launching more life groups in the future. These life groups will be based on the early church model mentioned in Acts 2 where people gather in homes for the purpose of sharing a meal, studying God's word, praying and serving together. The mission of Life Groups at The Church at Litchfield Park is to equip participants to experience God in everyday life, deepen and share their faith with others, and connect faith with action in a relaxed, confidential environment.

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Volunteer Opportunities for our Church Mission

Do you have talents? Of course you do—we all do! Do you have time? Some...a little...a lot? We need you!

VOLUNTEER RUSH SUNDAY

**There Are Opportunities For All Ages!
 No Experience Required!**

SOUERS HALL | Sunday, Oct. 27 @ 8:30 a.m. to Noon

Come find out about all the ways you can get involved at The Church at Litchfield Park. On Sunday, October 27, from 8:30am-noon, volunteer opportunities will be showcased in Souers Hall. You will be able to learn about specific ministry needs and to sign up if you are interested.

It will also be a time to find out about ministries and committees that are social and/or service oriented.

It takes a lot of people to keep the various ministries running smoothly and keep us connected to each other.

*We hope you will consider serving in one of them!
 See you on October 27 in Souers Hall!*

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

The church would also like to put together a contact list of those who might be interested in volunteering occasionally for one of our church missions.

THE FOLLOWING ARE MISSIONS WE CAN HELP LOCALLY:

- *Agua Fria Food Bank*
- *Feed My Starving Children*
- *Homeless Youth Children*
- *Homeward Bound*
- *Mission of Mercy*
- *St. Mary's Food Bank*
- *New Life Center*

More information about these missions can be found at our information booths. Occasionally we are asked to help sort and stock the food banks, pack boxes for Feed My Starving Children or help with projects at the New Life Center or Homeless Youth Connection.

If you would like to help or if you have questions, please call the church at 623-935-3411 and be asked to put on the Volunteer Mission Program.