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From Dianne's Desk

FINDING A FRIEND IN CHRIST

You already know that one rarely becomes a really good friend of anyone overnight. Friendship takes time—long walks together, meandering conversations, time spent just hanging out. So it is with our friendship with God. We believe that moving on to perfection (that is, attaining God-given maturity and complete wholeness in God) tends to be lifelong. We rarely get so mature in the faith, so perfected and holy, that God has no more growing for us to do.

~Bishop William H. Willimon in

This We Believe: The Core of Wesleyan Faith and Practice

Becoming skilled in the art of friendship not only blesses our lives with our neighbors, it also nurtures our spiritual lives. In John 15, Jesus calls us friends rather than servants. That's a promotion of the highest order, but with it comes more responsibility. Servants or slaves simply do what they are told by their master. Obedience is the gold standard for assessing the value of a servant. Friends, on the other hand, may not do anything we tell them to do! They are free agents who choose to be in relationship with us. This is not a relationship of obligation or power. Mutuality and trust form the basis for friendship. Loyalty, understanding, and reliability are the measures of a great friend. Is this someone who will stand with you through thick and thin? Do they understand who you are and why you do the things you do? Even if they don't fully understand, will they be loyal and caring while you try to find your way? Cherished friends speak the truth to us, even when that may be hard to hear, but they never walk away—and we don't either.

So have you found a new friend at Crown Heights yet? Some may think my summer assignment to the congregation is just silly. "I'm perfectly content with the friends I've got. I don't have the time or energy to be making new friends." I grant you that making new friends does take some time and energy, but doesn't everything that's worthwhile? Intentionally making a new friend here at church is important for several reasons:

❖ One of the biggest advantages of being in a smaller church is that we know and care about each other! Newcomers sense this when they come to visit. If we are disconnected from each other, this won't feel like a friendly place to be.

- ❖ Having truly good friends at church helps motivate us to get up on Sunday mornings! It is so easy to get out of the habit of weekly worship. Having a friend at church who will notice and care that you aren't there, provides the support we all need on the Christian journey.
- ❖ Adding new friends to your life expands your horizons, broadens and deepens your life. The more true friends we have, the better our lives will be—emotionally, spiritually, and even physically. Friendships lower our stress levels, help us live longer, and are even good for our hearts!
- ❖ Genuine friends help us experience the unconditional love of God. Practicing the art of friendship also helps us nurture our friendship with Jesus Christ, God, and the Holy Spirit.

So, find a new friend at Crown Heights this summer. Get acquainted, have lunch, find some common ground. Do something fun together! It is worth investing your time and energy. It will make your life better and it will strengthen our church family. And it might even open up a new way of relating to your Creator. See you Sunday!

Blessings, Dianne



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RED HAWKS BALL GAME



Let CHUM take you out to the **Red Hawks ball game on Thursday, July 29th!** The admission is free, but you will need to pay for your own peanuts and Cracker Jacks. It is a suite and we only have room for 40 folks.

A sign-up sheet for tickets will be out *Sunday, July 11th*. We will also be taking the church van, so that will be on the sign-up sheet as well.

Call Brigette Gean 524-2849 if you have any questions.



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Come and cool off from the heat at our **Ice Cream Social on July 11th at 7:00 pm**. We will be on the lawn on 37th Street playing Horse Shoes and enjoying the company. Bring a batch of homemade ice cream and/or dessert, your lawn chairs or blanket, bug spray and any games you want to play. We're inviting the neighbors, so bring a little extra to share.



Don't miss the fun or the delicious treats!

JOIN THE BOOK CLUB

Join the Book Club on July 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the library to discuss *Sherlock Holmes* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

On July 30 we will watch "Sherlock Holmes" starring Robert Downey, Jr and Jude Law. This movie is rated PG-13. We will meet at Classen Towers at 7pm for the movie; refreshments will be provided. Please contact Kerra Fletcher at harold3513@hotmail.com or 570-337-2298 if you would like to join us for lively conversation and fun entertainment.

CHUM GARDENER OF THE YEAR

Our grounds have never been so cared for! We want to thank Carol Weaver for all her TLC for our landscaping.

Carol likes getting her hands dirty. She enthusiastically volunteers her time for planting, fertilizing, mulching, hedging, weeding, etc. in the hot sun providing us with the visual pleasure of a beautiful landscape

We can't thank Carol enough for all the long hours she has committed to working in the yard.

We also want to acknowledge Tom Weaver, Julie Armstrong, and Zach Armstrong for their labor of love in the yards of Crown Heights UMC.



CONGRATULATIONS

Mark Bicket, son of Paul and Colleen, has now received his M.D. degree and will begin his internship at the University of Maryland in internal medicine. Following his internship, Mark's plans are to pursue additional training in anesthesiology at Johns Hopkins. Congratulations to Mark!



JULY SERMONS

- July 4: Theme Song: *God of the Ages/Our Fathers* Exodus 13:17-22 & Acts 22:12-16
 Independence Day
 “Chosen to Lead and Serve”
 Written in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, this beautiful hymn calls us to fulfill our calling as a nation.
- July 11: Theme Song: *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* Matthew 14:22-33 & Psalm 32:1-7
 “Lord, Take My Hand!”
 God is always offering us a hand up, if we will only reach out and take it.
- July 18: Theme Song: *There’s Something About That Name* Philippians 5:2-11 & Psalm 95:1-7
 “So What’s in a Name?”
 Names hold great power, even in our modern culture. What power can we discover in Jesus’ name?
- July 25: Theme Song: *Just As I Am* Matthew 11:28-30 & Psalm 116:1-9
 “Come as You Are!”
 God does not demand that we be perfect in order to have a relationship with the Lord. Grace allows us to come as we are, with all our shortcomings and burdens.
- August 1: Theme Song: *Fill My Cup, Lord* John 4:5-26, 39-42 & Psalm 116:12-19
 “Fill My Cup—And Make Me Whole!”
 Recognizing our emptiness is the first step toward wholeness in Christ.



VBS MEETING

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, July 7th at 5:30 p.m. at the church.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Sunday - Friday, August 1 - 6, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

There will soon be a list of supplies needed for our VBS program. So be looking at the weekly bulletin or call the office if you’d like to help with a contribution.

We encourage all members to join us at a cook-out on August 6 for the final celebration. Come support the kids and all they have done in VBS!



If you’d like to volunteer to work with Bible School this year, call Susie Wallace at 524-1204.



CHURCH STAFF

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4 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST INDEPENDENCE DAY 4:00 pm Youth	5 OFFICE CLOSED 9:00 am Mobile Meals 6:00 pm NA Meeting	6	7 5:30 pm VBS Meeting	8 6:30 pm NA Meeting	9	10 6:00 pm Wedding
11 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 4:00 pm Youth 7:00 pm Ice Cream Social	12 9:00 am Mobile Meals 6:30 pm NA Meeting 6:15 pm Ad Council	13 Eat at Johnnies	14	15 6:30 pm NA Meeting	16	17
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