

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT DAILY SCRIPTURES

August 17	Matthew 5:43-48
August 18	Matthew 6:1-4
August 19	Matthew 6:5-15
August 20	Matthew 6:16-18
August 21	Matthew 6:19-21
August 22	Matthew 6:22-23
August 23	Matthew 6:24
August 24	Matthew 6:25-27
August 25	Matthew 6:28-34

BIBLE BUCKS FOR KIDS

We have been trying a new incentive program for K-5th graders. The kids LOVE the new Bible Bucks incentive program we kicked off this summer. So, we decided to continue it this fall! Your K-5th grade kiddos can earn a "buck" by:

- * Coming to church
- * Bringing a friend
- * Bringing an offering to small group
- * Random acts of kindness
- * Bringing their bible (3rd-5th graders)
- * Turn in their God Time Sheet from the previous week, (signed by parent/guardian)
- * Bringing in an item for the Blessing Box

We could really use some donations for the Bible Bucks Store. Simple items like \$5 gift cards to Barnes and Noble, art supplies, sport related trinkets (bouncy balls, hackey sacks, etc), really just think of stuff your kids would like. Thank you in advance!

Weekly Announcements

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

We are excited about the start of a new season of Wonderful Wednesdays – a time for the congregation to enjoy a meal together and be a part of children’s fellowship and choir, small groups, and Chancel Choir. But, we are in need of volunteers who can make this evening happen! Please contact Barb at btodd@normalfirst.org if you have time to help out on Wednesdays between 4:30 and 6:30pm (different shifts available). Most of the volunteers commit to one week per month.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY KICK-OFF

September 4, 5:30-7pm-Fellowship Hall

Join us for a meal and games as we begin our Fall launch kickoff. This is an all church event.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Starting September 11

5:30-6pm — meal for all

6-7pm — Men’s Small Group, Room 303

6-7pm — Women’s Small Group, Room 103

6-6:30pm — K-5th grade, Choir Room

6:30-7pm — K-5th grade, Room 214

7-8pm — Men’s small Group, Room 303

7-8pm — Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

SMALL GROUP FAIR-SEPTEMBER 8 & 9

Learn about the many small group opportunities at Normal First. Some are on-going groups while others are launching for the first time this fall.

BLESSING BOX DONATIONS

College students have been taking full advantage of our Blessing Box. We are running out of take and go foods and other items.

If you are able to provide the following to help this wonderful cause, please drop off your items to the bin located at the west door. The bin is labeled **“Blessing Box Food Donations”**.

Non-perishable boxed or canned food items
(think what college kids may like)

- △ Toiletries
- △ Personal care items
- △ Paper Goods
- △ School Supplies

COFFEE WITH THE PASTORS

August 25, September 15 and October 20
10:30am-noon, Fellowship Hall

Visit with the Pastors in a casual atmosphere for people to meet each other, learn more about our church, and discover ways they may wish to serve. Reservations are not required but are appreciated. To RSVP or for further information, contact Barb at btodd@normalfirst.org. Child Care will be available, so please mention if you are in need of childcare during that time.

ISU Merge

Grow in faith while at ISU with other students

- △ Wednesday night worship at 9pm
- △ Small group studies
- △ Monthly Sunday night meals

Contact Rev. Roxy DeLong (roxytdelong@gmail.com) for more details.

AUGUST MISSIONS

We are collecting school supplies for the Boys and Girls Club. The school supplies will be distributed in late August. Please bring these items to our Lounge.

SCHOOL STREET FOOD PANTRY

Normal 1st UMC
Open Every Friday 4-6pm
All College Students eligible
Just bring a student ID
www.schoolstreetfoodpantry.org

PASTORAL CARE

When being admitted to a hospital, please let the hospital know that you are affiliated with First United Methodist in Normal. One of our Pastors can visit with you.

CHURCH E-MAIL LIST

Are you on the Church e-mail list? A lot of church news is sent out weekly. To sign-up, contact Theresa in the church office (tgarrett@normalfirst.org).

You will be sent a Mid-week email (Tuesdays @ 6pm) and This Weekend in Worship (Fridays @ 10am).

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