



Currents

From the Desk of Rev. Eric Elnes, Ph.D. | Senior Minister

On behalf of my whole family, I thank you for all the prayers and loving support that has washed over us since learning of the recurrence of Arianna's brain tumor. On numerous occasions we were comforted and even uplifted to the point of tears by the depth of feeling expressed in a note, or a kind gesture, or an offer of help. Your support has been way above and beyond what we would have expected or asked for, revealing once again the large heart that is collectively Countryside Community Church.

We believe that your prayers played a vital role in creating the spiritual ecosystem that produced an authentic miracle. While Arianna's tumor is very much still there, our chances of dealing effectively with it (and without as strong a risk of permanent loss of motor function) are many times higher than they were the day of Arianna's surgery. So words truly cannot express the depth of our gratitude.

I know most of you have been following Arianna's story on CaringBridge, so I won't recount the amazing, unanticipated turn of events that led to this new state of affairs. (www.CaringBridge.org/visit/ariannaelnes) Suffice it to say that our heads were spinning as we ate dinner on the deck of The Drydock Lounge at Lake Okoboji, where we went to blow off steam and celebrate, when just that morning Arianna had been hooked up to a heart monitor and IV ready for brain surgery! Never in a million years ...

When Arianna wrote of the meditation she used to clarify what her inner-self was trying to tell her and gain confidence to act on that voice, someone wrote me asking if this form of mediation had been written down anywhere. I realized it had not, even though we used various forms of it a number of times during our Lenten "Spirit Lab" gatherings and also at Darkwood Brew. So I thought I would lay out the process for anyone who is interested. I have personally found this process of listening for the Holy Spirit incredibly helpful, particularly when a number of contradictory voices are all competing for my attention around a specific issue I'm facing. Since there is not enough space in this newsletter to give adequate detail to the process, I have made copies available in the church office and have also posted it in a Google Doc which you can readily access through the following link: <http://bit.ly/1LUZ7B1>

Again, thank you so much for your prayerful support, and continued prayers. They mean a lot to us, and *you* mean a lot to us!

Grace and peace,

Eric

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

In August, the BOX will benefit Youth Emergency Services (YES) <http://www.yesomaha.org/>. This organization works with youth in crisis to empower them to become self-sufficient. YES provides immediate needs, while helping these young people prepare for and transition to a place they can call their own. We are sure you remember the excitement of moving into your first apartment...and the items needed to make it your own. This month, we are looking to help YES by collecting some of these basic items.

YES will accept a wide array of move-in items, but we are focusing on **kitchen and bath towels and small kitchen storage items** (like Tupperware or other food storage containers). If you are shopping for a college student, you might purchase an additional towel or other item to help YES. A list of more items is available at the BOX.

The streets are no place for a young person to call home. With help from the community and organizations like Countryside Community Church, YES has the goal of ending youth homelessness in Omaha by 2020. Thank you for your continued support of the **BOX** and of **YES**.

On a separate note, BOCO wishes to again thank all of you who have or will donate your travel and/or trial size samples to the "Suitcase." Those items go a long way to help organizations in the community to care for the homeless and those who find themselves in a temporary situation requiring help from others. Most recently, your donations were provided to the Sienna Francis House and the WCA of Omaha. Thank you for your continued support of this outreach effort.

CONVERGING PATHS MINISTRY

Many of our small groups have decided to take a leap and do a Bible Study. They are studying the Book of Acts which is the focus of our current worship series, *Drawing the Circle Wide*. Guess what? They are really enjoying it! Here is one small group leader's testimony:

Like other small groups, ours began during the Phoenix Affirmation post-new-member class. While all new members were invited to participate in the Phoenix Affirmations, only six of us showed up one Tuesday evening, with one spouse joining later. Our little group of seven is at different ages and life stages, and in the two years we've been together, we've shared in the birth (and toddler-hood) of new babies, death of a parent, loss of a member through divorce, moves to new homes, and changes in careers. Throughout, and in some ways quite surprisingly to all of us, we have come to rely on one another for companionship, support, and love...and an occasional glass of wine.

We are seekers - learning from Chris and Eric's sermons, from Darkwood Brew guests, and through a variety of church volunteer activities. Despite our combined involvement at Countryside, however, we consider ourselves a bit irreverent, uncomfortable with the Disciple Band nomenclature, and at least once, we raised concern about how "Jesus-y" church can sometimes feel.

So when the Acts series was suggested as a congregation-wide small group opportunity, we hesitated. Would it be too much like Sunday school, some wondered? Would the structure prevent us from our favorite activity - checking in about personal issues? Would it be too "preachy?" On the other hand, we were floundering - trying to find a book or video that spoke to us about spirituality, struggling with the loss of our small group leader, not sure if we'd even have a place to meet. Ultimately, we decided the structure of the Acts series, supported by the weekly sermons, might be just what we needed to get back on track.

Our experience so far has surprised all of us - we like the series. After we got over the words "Bible Study" being in the title, and after we realized we'd really need to find (or, in some cases, buy), and read our Bibles, we've begun to settle in. We have come to appreciate reading the assigned passages aloud, then sharing how each of us interprets the meaning of verses, and exploring what it is about a particular passage that speaks to us.

That's not to say the experience has been smooth. We're way behind the sermons - partly because we don't meet weekly; and partly because we occasionally prefer our favorite activity - checking in about personal issues - over the assigned lesson. Nevertheless, we agree we're going to continue the series at our pace and in our irreverent manner. Some of us will continue to read and complete every single question; others don't plan to write a thing down. Most of us intend to read the Bible, but generally will avoid using the term "Bible Study." And for now, only one of us is willing pray out loud. But despite any inadequacy we may harbor about how much we know or don't know about Acts or any other book of the Bible, what we know for sure is that it is the sharing of friendship, love, and support... and an occasional glass of wine...that keeps our small group together through good times and bad.

For more information please contact Terri Vincent at terriv@countrysideucc.org.

LIFE MINISTRIES

For more information about Life Ministries or to register for an activity, contact Mary Beth Link at marybethl@countysideucc.org or 402-391-0350 ext. 112, or sign up on Sundays at the Information Station in the Foyer.

ALL CHURCH ACTIVITIES

The Tri-Faith Picnic is at Countryside this year! We are so pleased to host the second annual Tri-Faith Picnic on Sunday, August 16, from 12:30 –2:30 p.m. We will have a wide variety of activities for children (face painting, balloon activities, snow cone machine, bounce house and more), musical entertainment, delicious food and outstanding fellowship! Stop by the kiosk in the Foyer to see how you may be of help and/or to learn more about this exciting event!

Brush Up Nebraska Paint-a-thon will be spearheaded by Tom Korth again this year. This event will be held on Saturdays, August 8 & 15. This year we will be working with the Benson Homeowner's Association as we paint the home of Carolyn Peery-Braddock. Carolyn is 70 years old, a widow on a fixed income, and a mother of two. Neither of her children live in Omaha. Sign ups are available at the Information Station or you may contact Tom at tkorth2@gmail.com for more information.

Where do your Faith and environment intersect? Are you concerned about climate change and just don't know what to do about it? Then check out the Faith and the Environment committee. **FATE** is a dedicated group of Countryside members who are motivated by the love of God's creation to advocate, educate and commit small acts to mitigate the effects of global warming in our church and homes. Our next meeting will be held on Monday, August 3, 5:30 p.m. in the COYO Youth Room. While the purpose of our meetings is very serious, our meetings are not. We have a lot of laughs and enjoy getting to know each other. See you there!

Drum for Fun Come be a part of a drum circle. You do not have to have any experience with drum circles or even have a drum. Just bring your desire to awaken the Spirit within and have fun with other people. We will meet on Thursday, August 20, 6:30 p.m. in the Foyer. All adults and children over the age of 10 are invited. Contact Rita, RMOTIS@outlook.com for additional information.

T'ai Chi Chih® is a series of gentle movements that can be done by anyone. Classes are held on Thursday mornings from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Suggested donation is \$10.00 for drop in or \$50.00 for six weeks. For information, contact Rita at RMOTIS@outlook.com.

InterPlay will be held on Saturday, August 8, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Foyer.

LGBT 101 will meet in Memorial Hall on Thursday, August 13, at 6:00 p.m. For additional information on this educational small group, contact Joni at jws@spsattorneys.com.

SOCIAL GROUPS

The Welcome Committee will meet on Tuesday, August 18 at 5:30 p.m. in the Commons. RSVP regrets only to Mary Beth.

Men's Breakfast Group meets on Tuesday mornings, 7:30 a.m. at the Garden Café in Rockbrook Shopping Center (108th and Center). This is open to all men of the church.

Women's Lunch Group will meet on Monday, August 3, 12:00 p.m. noon at First Watch, 1222 S. 71st St. Come for lunch, a cup of coffee or just good fellowship. This group is open to all women. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Knit-n-Wit meets on Wednesday evenings at Whole Foods. If you would like more information regarding the group, contact Jeannie Cunningham at jkcunningham@cox.net.

Family Activities Committee members will meet on Sunday, August 30, at 10:00 a.m. in the Family Life Office.

ETC members will meet on Tuesday, August 4, 6:00 p.m. We will be working on arrangements for the golf tournament.

Countryside's Angels bicycling group is getting ready to get out and enjoy the summertime weather! Contact Mark Stursma at mastursma@yahoo.com for more information.

COUNTRYSIDE'S ROAD RUNNERS!

Attention all Road Runners (those 60 and above)!!! We will take our first tour of the season on Tuesday, August 18. We will meet at the Durham Museum at 12:30 p.m. for a 1:00 p.m. guided trolley tour of downtown Omaha called "The Gritty City Tour". The **Gritty City Tour** takes visitors through downtown Omaha, pointing out several historic sites, including the former home of Madame Anna Wilson, The Brandeis Building and the Paxton Hotel. This tour will highlight the impact of noted individuals and events in our city's sometimes turbulent history.

The cost of the tour is \$25.00 per person, checks made payable to Countryside Community Church. Reservations are required and the **cut-off for reservations is Wednesday, August 12th**. The cost includes all day admission to the Durham Museum so you may feel free to check out the museum exhibits or grab a soda or malt at the soda fountain in the museum. Reservations may be made at the Information Station or by calling Mary Beth Link, 402-391-0350 ext. 112 or Pam Gregg, 402-896-3866. We look forward to seeing you for the season kick-off of this new group of Countrysiders. Hit the road with us!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Annual Golf Tournament benefiting Together will be held on Sunday, September 20, 2:00 p.m. at Miracle Hills Club. Your registration form is in this newsletter. You'll not want to miss this fun-filled event!

PlantOneMore.org, coordinated by Vicky and Eva Houston, was specifically designed to help those who are food marginalized. The Houstons have asked us to bring produce from your garden, that you wish to donate to families in the Omaha area who are in need, to church on Sunday mornings through September 6 from 8:30-11:00 a.m. All donated produce will be given to YES. Thanks for your help as you help others.

LIFE MINISTRIES continued..

Looking for 3-4 dedicated volunteers who would take responsibility for Countryside's kitchens on a weekly basis. This would entail putting dishes away, wiping counters, emptying dishwashers and keeping an inventory of necessary supplies. If this speaks to you, stop by the Information Station this morning and speak with Mary Beth.

Conscientious Dishwashers Seeking Same. Volunteers are needed to help with dishwashing mugs after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. It is easy and many hands make light work -- but we really need the hands! Please contact Mary Beth to be added to the list.

Gardeners are needed! If you can identify weeds vs. flowers, then we are looking for your expertise! In preparation for the Tri Faith Picnic, we are looking for folks to help "spiff up" the front gardens. We will be holding a work day on Saturday, August 8 from 9:00-Noon. Sign up at the Information Station if you would be willing to assist!

Volunteers are needed to assist with the Tri-Faith Picnic! There are many areas where your help is needed. Stop by the Kiosk in the Foyer or go to www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0545AEAB29A3F85-trifaith, look

through the various opportunities and register to give a half-hour of your time for this outstanding event! Thanks in advance for your help with this project.

Thank YOU!!!

Thanks to the Board of Arts and Music for hosting coffee hour throughout the month of August. Be sure to chat with one of the members to learn about the activities and/or events they provide for our church family.



PASTORAL CARE

For more information about Pastoral Care, contact Margie Bolte at the church office or margieb@countrysideucc.org

Coming Soon!

Living Well Past 50...

Body, Mind and Soul

People are living longer than ever with the help of modern medicine, but are they living well? The Pastoral Care department at Countryside will be hosting a workshop addressing the whole-person approach to optimal aging. Jeannie Hannan, Ph.D., HFD, and Wellness Manager with the EngAge Wellness program at UNMC, will be presenting information on the six dimensions of wellness (social, physical, intellectual, spiritual, emotional and vocational).

We were originally planning for this event to be held in August, but due to scheduling conflicts with the guest facilitator, we will be moving the date forward by several months. Stay tuned for further information on the new date and time...it will be worth the wait!

In Loving Memory:

Patty Pettit – Patty passed away on June 20 here in Omaha. A memorial service was held on June 25 at Heafey, Hoffman, Dworak and Cutler West Center Chapel. Patty's husband is Bob.

Youth Ministries

COYO (COUntryside YOuth)

Get Connected! <http://countrysideucc.org/coyo>

COYO Sr. High 8th Grade Welcome
August 3 * 8:00 a.m. - 11:59 p.m.
Cost is \$25



COYO Sr. High will welcome the new **Freshmen** class and say goodbye to the graduated **seniors** on a trip to **Worlds of Fun**. Meet at **8:00 a.m.** at church to take a bus to K.C. and return by **midnight**. All are welcome and so are friends!

For more details and to sign up go to:
<http://countrysideucc.org/coyo/srhigh>

COYO Sr. High & Faith Singers FALL RETREAT
August 22-23 at Camp Rivercrest!



All COYO Sr. High and Faith Singers are invited to the Fall Retreat. This is the place to go if you are at all interested in Faith Singers for 2015-2016. Great Fun and group building for the whole youth group too! Cost is \$25

Leave church at 9:00 a.m. Saturday and return at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. This is a great way to kick off the COYO year!!

For more details and to sign up go to:

<http://countrysideucc.org/coyo/srhigh/retreat>

Confirmation 2015-2016

Wednesdays 7:00 p.m. & Thursdays 3:30 p.m.

STARTS SEPTEMBER 2



Confirmation is a two year study of the Phoenix Affirmations, the Bible, the Sacraments and the history and current organization of Countryside Community Church. The class is for 7th & 8th graders and is open to anyone. Classes start on **September 2, at 7:00 p.m. in Memorial Hall**. Parents are encouraged to come to the first class to meet the teachers and find out the requirements. This year the class is also being offered on **Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.** in the **youth room**. Students may choose which class to attend.

To register go to:

<http://countrysideucc.org/coyo/jrhigh/confirmation>

COYO 2015-2016 SUNDAYS

4:30-6:00 p.m. COYO Jr High

4:45-6:00 p.m. Faith Singers Rehearsal

6:00 p.m. Dinner for Everyone!

6:30-8:00 p.m. COYO Sr High

STARTS SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

DINNER HELP NEEDED!

Organizers are needed for Sunday night COYO dinners. The job is to organize the dinner including what to serve and how to get it cooked, served, and cleaned up. That means you don't have to do everything...you can team up with someone. Receipts will be reimbursed and donations are gladly accepted. Please use the sign-up genius to volunteer.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044faea923a4f94-sunday>

MUSIC MINISTRIES

Make a Joyful Noise to God!

Choirs to begin Wednesday, August 19, 2015

No auditions necessary!

Ability to count is good!

Commitment to regular attendance a must!

God loves a symphony and every instrument in that symphony. Every Sunday Countryside choirs lift their voices in a symphony of praise in worship to God. All are welcome to the lifting of song that God loves to hear! Prayerfully consider joining or having your children join one of Countryside's many choirs:

Children's Choirs

Wednesdays from 5:15-6:00 p.m.

K-1 Cherub Choir

Grades 2-3 Carol Choir

Grades 4-6 Pilgrim Choir

Christmas at the Durham Museum

May 1 Spring Musical



Youth Choirs

Covenant Choir for Seventh and Eighth Grades
6:15 – 7:00 p.m. Wednesday evenings prior to
Confirmation

Faith Singers for Ninth through Twelfth Grades
4:15 – 6:00 p.m. Sunday evenings
Singing weekly for 11:00 a.m. worship
June 3-12, 2016 Eastern Tour!

Adult Choirs

Both for college age and beyond!

Chancel Choir – Traditional adult church choir singing most
Sundays at 9:00 a.m. worship
Wednesday evenings from 6:25 – 7:55 p.m.

Spirit of Grace – Non-traditional music, singing in worship
once per month at both 9:00 and 11:00 services.
Wednesday evenings from 8:05-9:05 p.m.



Call the church office to speak with either Vicky Palmisano, Coordinator of Children's Choirs, or Jim Larrabee, Minister of Music, about joining a choir. You'll be glad you did!



Countryside

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Golf Outing & Dinner

Miracle Hills Golf & Tennis Club

1401 N. 120th St.

Sunday, September 20, 2015

2:00 p.m. — Four person scramble

6:30 p.m. — Dinner

Maximum — 124 golfers

Adult — \$75.00 per person

\$300.00 per team

Funds to Benefit



SPONSOR and DONATION FORM

Hole Sponsor \$250

Golf Prize Donations
(identify on line provided)

Company Name _____

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Type of Donation _____

Consider this form as your receipt for your donation. THANK YOU!

Have your check(s) accompany this form to register. Make ALL checks payable to:

Countryside Community Church

8787 Pacific Street

Omaha, NE 68114



REGISTRATION FORM

Fill out the information below. Make your own foursome, or we will assign you to a foursome.

NAME	PHONE	EMAIL	Golf \$75	Meal only \$10

TRI-FAITH UPDATE

Updates provided by the Tri-Faith Coordinating Committee: Rick MacInnes, Tim Kerrigan, Paul Nelson, Cyndi Kugler, Pam Kregg and Nancy Behringer. Ex-officio members: Dan Loven and Rev. Eric Elnes Ph.D. Questions and inquiries can be made to moderator@countriesideucc.org or contact one of the committee members.

The Tri-Faith Coordinating Committee met this week to discuss our progress on the early tasks relating to our move to the Tri-Faith Campus.

- New names for the Tri-Faith committees have been decided. Confusion between our internal Countryside committees focused on the building of our new church and the Tri-Faith Initiative groups that involve the work of the three faith communities will end...we hope!
- Our new name is the **Countryside Relocation Committee** (CRC) and is comprised of six members *listed below. Our charge from Church Council is to oversee the building of the new church. An expanded committee called the **Countryside Relocation Advisory Committee** grows our membership to 12 *listed below. This group will be consulted on decisions that require wider input. Church Council will receive regular reports on the activities of both committees.
- The Relocation Committee's careful review of the Alley Poyner Macchietto/HGA architectural services proposal received July 17 continues. This document will serve as a valuable guideline for our ongoing relationship with the architects. When finalized, the architectural services proposal from Alley Poyner Macchietto/HGA will be presented to the Board of Trustees and the Church Council.

Please continue to read the C-10, newsletter and Sunday bulletin to keep abreast with the news from our committee. Also, check out the information wall next to the office entrance as news will soon appear there, also. Direct all questions/comments to our committee members and we will do our best to answer/listen.

***Countryside Relocation Committee:** Rick MacInnes, Tim Kerrigan, Cyndi Kugler, Paul Nelson, Pam Kregg and Nancy Behringer, Ex-Officio members are Eric Elnes and Dan Loven

***Countryside Relocation Advisory Committee:** See above plus Bruce Blanchard, Susie Buffet, Brian Gubbels, Jennifer Hamman, Phil Johnson and Ex Officio member Chris Alexander.



Please join us for food & fellowship
at the annual Tri-Faith Picnic!

Sunday, August 16, 2015

12:30-2:30pm

(Rain or shine!)



Hosted by

Countryside Community Church

8787 Pacific Street

Halal burgers and kosher hotdogs provided

Bring a side dish to share!

(Please, no pork, shellfish or gelatin dishes)

Open to all supporters of the Tri-Faith Initiative!

Call 402-934-2955 or E-mail info@trifaiith.org with questions.



ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Education Offerings This Fall

We are gearing up for another great year of seeking understanding and unearthing new questions in our journey together at Countryside. We have several groups ongoing at Countryside. For more information on any of these, please call Kelly at 402-391-0350 ext 119 or email kellyk@countrysideucc.org



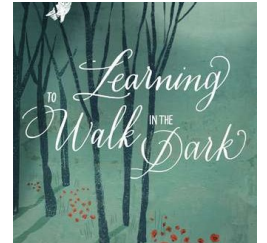
The Other Side of History: Daily Life in the Ancient World—two groups are currently studying this course of the Great Courses by The Learning Company. *The Other Side of History* gets beyond the abstract dates and figures, kings and queens, and battles and wars that make up so many historical accounts. Over the course of 48 detailed lectures, Professor Robert Garland of Colgate University covers the breadth and depth of human history from the perspective of the so-called ordinary people, from its earliest beginnings through the Middle Ages. You'll gain new insights into what daily life was like—what the world actually looked, smelled, and felt like in Neanderthal caves, ancient Egypt, Persia, Greece, Rome, and medieval Britain.

The past truly comes alive in this ambitious course, as Professor Garland takes a series of imaginative leaps to put you inside the world of history's anonymous citizens, providing you with a fuller understanding of the distant past. You'll see what daily life was like for workers, the poor, the elderly, the sick, the disabled, refugees, women, children, slaves, and soldiers.

Mondays O'Dell Brown Bag Lunch—is set to finish this course by end of September and will soon decide another course to begin. This group meets at 12:15 p.m. on Mondays in the Chapel.

Sunday Adult Forum—has recently started the course. This group meets every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Moderator's room. It will not meet on August 16 due to the Tri-Faith picnic.

Wednesdays Books Bible and Beyond—Running every Wednesday starting September 9, this group takes various books of interest and discusses them. The book to start the year is Barbara Brown Taylor's newest, *Learning to Walk in the Dark*. In her new book, Barbara Brown Taylor decides not to believe everything she hears about the dark. Instead of turning away from it she heads into it, embarking on a year-long journey that takes her into dark caves, underground nightclubs, subterranean chapels, and unlit cabins in the woods on nights with no moons. Along the way she discovers a spirituality of darkness that provides a life-saving antidote to the full solar spirituality available in the marketplace. The book is available at the Bookworm. This group meets Wednesdays at Noon in the Chapel. Contact Nancy Ethington at nethington522@gmail.com.



Stay Tuned—Wednesday Night Alive In the Commons!

Starting September 2, every Wednesday evening In the Commons after Community Dinners we will host a variety of engaging thought-leaders, visionaries, and pioneers to provide brief thought-provoking and inspiring presentations on the various ways God's creative presence is still at work in the world. Whether it is engaging in social issues of the day, inspiring new ways to pray, or simply engaging with the created world, the purpose of the evening is to allow Countrysiders time to hear something new and find community in a relaxed and informal setting. In the Commons will take place at 6:30 p.m. Presentations will be 15 minutes from 6:45– 7:00 p.m. followed by opportunities for continued informal discussion for those who wish. Light snacks will be provided.



CENTER FOR
Faith Studies

2015

*The Mythic Journey:
Serving Beauty and Hope in the Every Day World*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!



September 10

Rev Eric Elnes, Phd and special guest Fr. Tom Greisen. Countryside kicks off the national book tour for ***Gifts of the Dark Wood: Seven Blessings for Soulful Skeptics (and Other Wanderers)***. Discovering the gifts of uncertainty, emptiness, being thunderstruck, getting lost, temptation, disappearing and misfits.



October 1

Pulitzer Prize winner, New York Times best-selling author Chris Hedges presents his newest book ***Wages of Rebellion: The Moral Imperative of Revolt***. Hedges examines the rise of corporate power and its effect on the three branches of government—judicial, executive and legislative, which threatens to undermine the American democratic experiment. Can we find the moral courage to fight for America's soul?



October 4 (2:30 tea and conversation)

Sr Lucy Kurien, founder of The Maher Institute which serves destitute women, children, and men off the streets of India. A community event sponsored by the Sustainability Leadership Institute, Servite Center for Compassion, UNO Women's Studies department, College of Saint Mary, Sacred Journey, Trifaiith, Servants of Mary and Urban Abbey.



October 22

T.A. Barron, Rhodes scholar, conservationist, winner of awards for lifetime contributions to children's and young adult literature and founder of the Barron Prize for Young Heroes which honors young people who serve their community, especially on behalf of the environment. Author of the best-selling series *The Lost Years of Merlin*, Barron will speak on *The Hero's Trail: Merlin's Wisdom for Encouraging the Epic Life*.



November 12

Lucianne Walkowicz, Astrophysicist, Ted Fellow, and Planet Hunter. Rescheduled from last season, Lucianne will bring stunning footage from her work on NASA and Kepler missions.



August Nursery Schedule

August 2:

8:30– 10:30 a.m.—Tim K.

10:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.m.— Breann & Eric, Isaac

August 9:

8:30-10:30 a.m.— Breann

10:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.m.— Breann, Joe

August 16:

8:30-10:30 a.m.— Sammi

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.— Jessica & Jo Johnson

August 23:

8:30-10:30 a.m.—Breann

10:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.m.— Marc and Karen

August 30:

8:30-10:30 a.m.— Breann

10:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.m.—Lisa Gonzalez, Sammi

Mark Your Calendars

August 8: 6:00 p.m.— 5 and 6 grade lock-in at Countryside (register online)

August 15: 5:00 p.m.— 5 and 6 grade movie night! (register online)

August 19: 6:30 p.m.— Wednesday night programming begins for K-6 grade. (register online)

Our new Children’s Worship schedule begins September 1! On the first Sunday of each month (September through May), we will celebrate Family Worship together in the Sanctuary. The remaining Sundays in the month will alternate between Sunday School and Children's Church.

Thanks to our Vacation Bible School team for making Vacation Bible School a huge success! Our students and leaders alike spent time exploring Bible stories, making crafts, doing science experiments, and sharing snacks together. Our leaders are an essential part of our programming and we are grateful to all the time and effort that everyone put towards this project!



Summer 2015 Worship Schedule:

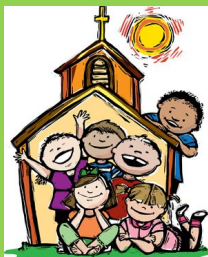
August 2—Family Worship

August 9— Children’s Church

August 16—Family Worship

August 23— Children’s Church

August 30— Family Worship



Fear is the polio of the soul which prevents our walking by faith.

Clarence Jordan

Children’s Education



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Membership Class is Beginning Soon!

Are you interested in joining Countryside Church or exploring Countryside more deeply? Then consider joining us for membership classes from 7:00-8:15 p.m. on Tuesdays, August 4, 11, 18 & 25. These classes will enable you to get to know more about the church, the church staff, and programs. You will get to know yourself and God better, too.

Indicate your interest by signing up at the Information Station on Sunday mornings—or contact Patti Tu at 402-391-0350 ext. 103 or pattit@countrysideucc.org.

We'd love to have you join the Countryside family!



Office Hours -

Church office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Only the main office door will be open during that time. For night activities, access to the church after 4:00 p.m. will be through the northwest door (upstairs by the gym) only.



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