

De Soto United Methodist Church

E-Weekly Newsletter

September 21, 2023

Sunday, September 24, 2023

Colossians 2:6-7

Worship Service

"Fruitfulness: Intentional Faith Development"

My parents said that when I was a child I was very weak and got sick a lot. I could not even walk straight because I was pigeon-toed. So, when I became a first grader, my father began to run with me. When I was a second grader, he taught me how to exercise with weights and do pull-ups. We ran almost every morning and sometimes climbed the hills. When I was a fifth grader, I outran my father. From the time I was an eighth grader until I was in senior high school, I got the top grade at the annual physical assessments. My father helped me grow stronger. I could do it because he worked out with me.

All the strong warriors and all the skillful athletes in the world were weak and vulnerable when they were tiny babies. But as they grew up, they ate food, exercised a lot and trained hard. In other words, they were not born strong but grew stronger. If you do not have a healthy diet and work out properly, your body cannot be strong and healthy. Our spirituality is the same. If we do not eat the word of God on a regular basis and live it out in our lives, our spirits cannot become mature. As we are learning who God is and how we should love others, and then are living out what we learned, our faith can grow stronger. In addition, it is very helpful for us to learn and practice our faith together as a group because we can learn from one another.

But our spiritual improvement should be intentional instead of coincidental. When athletes thoroughly keep their training schedule, overcoming all kinds of temptations and obstacles, they can improve. We should intentionally plan and make an effort together to make our faith stronger. Bishop Robert Schnase says in his book, *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*: "Vibrant, fruitful, growing congregations practice Intentional Faith Development. From the first generation of Christians to the youngest generations of faithful people today, the followers of Jesus mature in faith by learning together in community, often with people whose life experiences are very different from their own". I agree with him from my experiences. This Sunday, in the third session of the sermon series, "Fruitfulness," we will share about our intentional faith development. Come and join us to grow mature and stronger together in the Lord!

In Christ,

Rev. Young Je Kim

A Note from Sabrina:

Bible Presentations, THIS Sunday, September 24, 10:00 am.



We look forward to presenting Bibles to our upper elementary students. If you have a 3rd, 4th, or 5th grader in your family who has not received a Bible from the church, please contact Sabrina, youthfamily@desotoumc.org, ASAP so your student may be included in this special Sunday.

Bible Explorers

**Oct. 1
4:00-5:30 pm**

Lower-level

For 3rd, 4th, & 5th graders.

**Fun Bible exploration & a light meal.
Bring your Bible. * Bring a Friend.**

Youth Group, Oct. 1 3:30-6:00pm

For MS & HS students. Invite a friend!



Meet in upper parking lot, then
carpool to [The Hub](#) to serve.



We'll conclude with snacks.

RSVP due 9/27 to Sabrina.

Nursery Job

De Soto UMC is receiving applications for the part-time, Sunday morning (8:45-11:15 am) Nursery Attendant.

Interested applicants should be at least 16 years old, responsible, consistent, and have a passion for loving and nurturing children in Christian faith. Apply [HERE](#) or contact Audrey Tiedeman to apply and for full job description: 913-231-0701 or tiedeman2@yahoo.com.



De Soto Food Pantry

Our **Mission and Outreach** Team is shining a spotlight on a food pantry need each month. We're concentrating on items that government assistance does not cover. Thanks for any help with this!

The Month of September: Soup (no tomato, thank-you) or laundry detergent.

Requesting your assistance: Please bring ONE item listed above. If every one of us brings one item to church on Sundays, we would cover the need.

Thanks so much, your Outreach Team,

Lisa Schmucker, Gene Chavez, Carol Coffman, and Gayle Moriarity



The
HUB
Argentine

3730 METROPOLITAN AVE. KANSAS CITY, KS 66106
www.thehubargentine.org



Rev. Carter Ellis, HUB Argentine
After Service, Sunday, Sept. 24th

11:15 Light Lunch & Presentation
De Soto United Methodist Church

All Are Welcome!

Neighbors of Argentine

Stories from our Argentine Neighbors
Nominate someone at info@thehubargentine.org

Afterschool Program

New Stanley Elementary, 1st - 5th grade
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays: after school - 5:15PM

Community Garden

Harvest schedule posted outside!



connecting people to
gifts • neighbors • faith & culture • vital resources • stories • joy



Robert Schnase

Five
Practices
of Fruitful Congregations

- Radical hospitality —
- Passionate worship —
- Intentional faith development —
- Risk-taking mission and service —
- Extravagant generosity —

Revised and Updated

September Sermon Series

9/10 "Fruitfulness: Radical Hospitality

9/17 Fruitfulness: Passionate Worship

9/24 Fruitfulness: Intentional Faith Development

De Soto UMC Calendar

9/21-9/27/23

24	SUN	9:00 am	Sunday School
		10:00 am	Worship
		11:00 am	New Member Orientation (after worship)
27	Wed	11:00 am	The Hub Argentine by Rev. Carter Ellis with light lunch (FH)
		10:00 am	Coffee @ Cause Coffee
		6:00 pm	Choir rehearsal

Save the date: October 1—NEW MEMBER Welcoming

September 24, after Worship: Orientation 2

October 1, during Worship: Welcoming Rite

NEW COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

The Directory is printed and available to the right of the front doors. However, if you picked one up the first week, please pick up another one with a few corrections, discovered as some of you helped after viewing.



Continued healing prayers for those in our community with health and family concerns. Prayers for Sabrina Wellman's mother, Carolyn Pudlas, for Carol Coffman, Gil Rumsey, Keil Hileman and the Hileman family.