



**Sunday, June 23 is
To Mars and Beyond
Picture Sunday!**

This year we will Blast Off on an amazing space travel adventure to explore where God’s power can take you.

Be a voyager and discover a new realm of possibilities as you reach for the stars and encounter the limitless power and love of God. Come ready to blast off. We will have a photo backdrop and photo prop possibilities for single or group and family pictures! Endless possibilities. Adults and children are all asked to Participate!!!

Glory to God, Who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by His power at work within us. Ephesians 3:20

Remember to register
for VBS -- June 25, 26 and 27

YOU CAN HELP



Meal A Month Program

This Laurel program is designed to encourage ongoing giving to meet the increasing problem of hunger. A menu, consisting of four or five non-perishable food items, is planned for each month. Small and large sizes of each item are welcome. Next time you go grocery shopping bring the items to church and place the bag(s) in the wood box near the office doors. **The Meal-A-Month menu for June: canned Tuna/Chicken, Shells & Cheese, Corn, Vanilla/Chocolate Pudding.**

Dry milk, soap, laundry or dish detergent is always welcomed.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Everyone interested in learning more about Laurel’s mission and ministries and investigating church membership is invited to participate in the Spring New Members Class. The three-session class will meet from 9:30 - 10:30 am in Room 201 on Sundays, June 2, 9, and 16. Alyce Foster will be happy to answer any questions you may have or register you for the Spring New Members Class. Contact Alyce at 793-6484, 525-1866 or e-mail her at afoster.laurelumchurch@gmail.com .

Caring Thoughts

from the Parish Visitor- Gail Lehmann

Summer will be arriving officially in about 3 weeks. Here is a reminder to do something you enjoy and have some fun during this season.

Dust If You Must

Author unknown

Dust if you must, but wouldn't it be better
To paint a picture, or write a letter,
Bake a cake, or plant a seed;
Ponder the difference between want and need?

Dust if you must, but there's not much time,
With rivers to swim, and mountains to climb;
Music to hear, and books to read;
Friends to cherish, and life to lead.

Dust if you must, but the world's out there
With the sun in your eyes, and the wind in your hair;
A flutter of snow, a shower of rain,
This day will not come around again.

Dust if you must, but bear in mind,
Old age will come and it's not kind.
And when you go (and go you must)
You, yourself, will make more dust.

Remember, a house becomes a home when you can write "I Love You" on the furniture.



Caring Prayer List

June 2 – June 8

Steve & Jane Bradley; Sarah, Dennis, Christopher, Michael & Jillian Albanese; Emily & Jackson Ferdina; Carol Callarman; Jacqueline Harmon; Linda McCaffrey.

June 9 – 15

Michael & Cozette Knight; Connie Magee; Angie, Keith, Elise & Raegan Miller; Marty Milligan; Alice Shirley & Don Hoover; Chuck & Judy Smith.

June 16 – 22

Gene & Elmina Carroll; Henry & Karen Hagen; Marilyn Hindson; Dick & Cindy Nagle; Terry & Debbie Neathery; Carla & Grady Peavy.

June 23 – 29

Dottie Troop; Jerry Law; Andy & Deb Van DeVoort; Jim & Betty Wabel; Bob, Bev & Brian Westberg; Greg, Carol, Jason & Nicholas Young.



Start thinking about "Blooms in June." We will need Hosta leaves and other greenery for fillers for the bouquets that we deliver to our seniors.

Plan to bring in what you can offer on June 7th and the 14th before 2:30 p.m. A table will be in fellowship hall to set things on. We will deliver the flowers on June 9th and 16th. Thanks for all your help.



George and Jean Hanson will be married 56 years on June 8th.

Paul and Jackie Carey will be married 52 years on June 17th.

Linc and Gean Cochran will be married 52 years on June 17th.

John and Ruth Ann Hamilton will be married 52 years on June 18th.

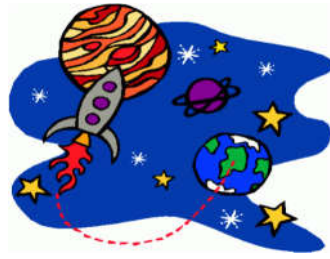
Tommy and Nancy Wilkison will be married 56 years on June 22nd.

Sue and Ron Riggle will be married 53 years on June 25th.



Dorothy Mann will be 90 on June 14th.

WE HAVE A GALAXY OF GREAT BOOKS



New Adult Books

The Street Lawyer

By John Grisham

Tending Roses By Lisa Wingate

Clock Dance By Anne Tyler

The Treacherous Mix By Kathy Herman

Don't Be a Victim! – An Officer's Advice

On Preventing Crime By John Elliott

How Jesus Became God By Bart D. Ehrman

New Juvenal Books

Pick of the Litter By JF Wallace

Breakaway; Beyond the Goal By Alex Morgan

The Kicks: Saving the Team By Alex Morgan

Game Face; Snap Decision

By Nathan Whitaker

Iggie's House By Judy Blume

New Children's Books

Honey Bunny Funny Bunny

By Marilyn Sadler

The Oak Inside the Acorn By Max Lucado

Olivia Saves the Circus By Ian Falconer

The World is Awake By Linsey Davis

Love is Kind By Lison Chaperon

The Goodbye Cancer Garden

By Janna Matthies

New Board Book

Mix and Match: Fun With God's Animals

By Sally Ann Wright

New Audio Book

Lots of Candles By Anna Quindlen

The Indigo Girl By Natasha Boyd

The House at Saltwater Creek

By Colleen Coble

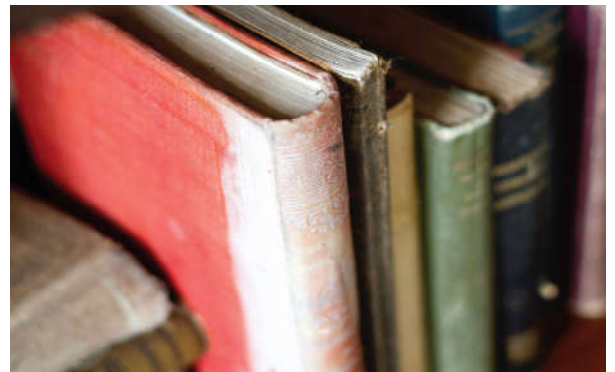
Educated By Tara Westover

The Hideaway By Lauren K Denton

B A P T I S M



On Sunday, May 19, Dr. Chetan and Kathryn Gowda presented their son, Vihaan Chetan Narasanna Gowda for Holy Baptism. Pastor Kent joyfully baptized Vihaan during the 8:30 service. We welcome Vihaan to the Laurel family!



BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS!

The Laurel Scholarship Book Sale is scheduled for September 7 & 8, 2019

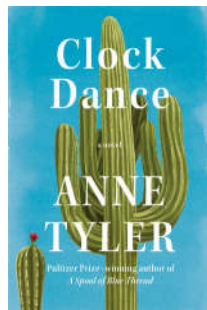
Please save all the books you have enjoyed and are now ready to part with. The Laurel Scholarship program is designed to benefit the youth of our church as they enter college and work to complete their education. Each year any student in our Laurel family who is entering college or has at least one more year before graduating is eligible to apply for a scholarship.

Start saving those books! You may begin bringing them on September 1.

LAUREL BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, June 4 at 6:00 p.m.
in the Parlor

The book for June is ***Clock Dance*** by Anne Tyler. Connie Magee and Robin Small will provide the dinner, and Brenda Allen and Jackie Harmon will bring desserts. Gail Lehmann will lead the discussion. We welcome all to our book club!



Synopsis

Willa Drake can count on one hand the defining moments of her life: when she was eleven and her mother disappeared, being proposed to at twenty-one, the accident that would make her a widow at forty-one. At each of these moments, Willa ended up on a path laid out for her by others.

So when she receives a phone call telling her that her son's ex-girlfriend has been shot and needs her help, she drops everything and flies across the country. The spur-of-the-moment decision to look after this woman – and her nine-year-old daughter, and her dog – will lead Willa into uncharted territory. Surrounded by new and surprising neighbors, she is plunged into the rituals that make a community and takes pleasure in the most unexpected things.

A bittersweet novel of hope and regret, fulfillment and renewal, *Clock Dance* brings us the everyday life of a woman who decides it's never too late to change direction, and choose your own path.

JOIN THIS GROUP OF LAUREL VISITORS TO THE MCFARLAND MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

Since the late 1970's Laurel UMC has had members going to McFarland MHC to visit residents. In recent years, there has been around 8 to 10 persons going on Sunday afternoons once a month. Not all of those persons are able to go each time, but each joins us as they are available. The residents of Monroe Hall enjoy the chance to talk with us and to have snacks that we bring. Like many people, some residents like to talk while others are more quiet, yet there is a chance that each one will warm up to friendly visitors. In 2018, the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) changed the policy for having non-family persons visit their facilities. The new rules call for us to apply for a background check, have an hour orientation, and receive clearance to make visits with the residents.

Four members of Laurel have received this clearance. We know that others at Laurel are interested in joining us in our Sunday afternoon visits and you are very welcome to join us. If you would like to be part of this ministry, please contact Merwyn or Barbara Nelson at 546-8930, or Pam Rouse in the church office (525-1866). We are happy to give you the forms that need completed and information to send the forms to Mindy Oldham, Volunteer Coordinator at McFarland MHC. After you have been approved and receive the orientation you may join us on our monthly visits.

Please give this ministry your prayerful consideration.

Cook Out at the Hamilton's Sunday, August 11

It's Great Family Fun!!

Meet at the home of Rev. John and Ruth Ann Hamilton (157 Nottingham)
at 4:00 p.m. for fellowship and games--we will eat at 5:00 p.m.

Bring a dish to share, your lawn chair and come join the fun. If you can help organize this event please let us know (525-1866). We will need help taking tables, grill and food to the Hamilton's home and will need grill masters to make sure the meat is perfect. Come and bring your family!



WELCOME HOME EVENT—June 11

Family, friends and the general public are encouraged to be at Springfield Airport to meet the flight and welcome our Veterans home on the next LAND OF LINCOLN HONOR FLIGHT, Tuesday, June 11, at approximately 9:30 p.m. at the Springfield Airport. Howard Hennessey is one of the veterans who will be on this flight.

Free parking and shuttle service are available at the airport. Seating is limited inside the building so it is suggested that you arrive no later than 8:30 p.m. (7:30 is even better!) and bring a folding chair. The airport Subway Shop is open that evening and some of the proceeds from flight day sales are donated to Land of Lincoln Honor Flight. Show your patriotism and gratitude for our Veterans by wearing red, white, and blue and bring signs and posters. Land of Lincoln Honor Flight fundraising T-shirts, caps and pins, as well as, American flags will be available for the event. If you have questions you may contact Pat Kuster at 416-3741.

LAUREL'S COVENANT GROUP SCHEDULE



- The **Here and Now Covenant Group** that meets on Sunday Mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel will continue to

meet every Sunday through the summer.

- The **Shack Covenant Group** that met on Monday evenings will only meet on June 10, July 8, and August 12. The June 10th gathering will be at the church in the Parlor at 6:00 p.m.
- The **Men's Coffee Covenant Group** will meet on the third Wednesday of June (19th), July (17th), and August (tbd), at 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall at the church.
- The **Covenant Group** that meets on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Peg Fish will continue meeting through June and on July 10 & 17.
- The **Concordia Covenant Group** meets on Wednesday's at 2:00 p.m. at Concordia, and will continue meeting weekly through the summer.
- The **Thursday Morning Covenant Group** will be taking the summer months off.

Thank You's ...

- * I wish to thank one and all for the kind words of sympathy, love, kindness and prayers on behalf of my dear grandson. I feel very blessed and loved. You are all great! Love and prayers, Donna Means
- * Thank you for your recent donations to Midwest Mission Distribution Center. We recently received a medical boot, diapers, quilts, girls hospital gowns, book bags, kimonos and booties. Each donation is a blessing God uses to bless you and others. You are a shining light for Christ and a beacon of hope to countless people in need.
- * For all your kindness...Thanks! We all can't thank Laurel enough for your help in letting us be in the fellowship hall for our exercise group. Thank you—Pam McDonald (Third Age Living) and the rest of the exercise group
- * Laurel, thank you so much for use of the building for the Capital City Men's Chorus Concert! You make our day!
- * Thank you Laurel for allowing us to meet in your facility. We are very appreciative for all you do! - Science Explorers Home Schooling program

SAVE THE DATE



On Thursday, June 20, Laurel will celebrate with Steve & Robin Read their many years of ministry service to Laurel UMC with a dinner at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

The Reads will be moving to Michigan to be closer to family.

We are going to BEREA, KENTUCKY

Laurel Habitat for Humanity Mission Team Sought

Date we leave Laurel: Sunday, July 28th and return Sunday, August 4th

The Orientation meeting will be Sunday, July 21 at 6:00 p.m.

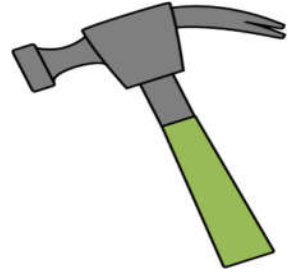
We are looking for an ALL CHURCH TEAM of adults and high school youth this year. We are His hands, His feet and His eyes of compassion in a world of need. By going on this mission trip, you allow God to use your hands to build hope for the future.

Take the call --- sign up today! Fill out the registration form and return with \$100.00 to JOIN the TEAM! As always, scholarship money is available as needed upon request.

If you have questions, contact Doug Rothe at 217-741-7667 or e-mail

Doug_Rothe@sbcglobal.net or contact JoAnn Overholt at 217-525-1866 or e-mail joverholt@laurelumchurch.org

Prayerfully consider joining this Summer's Mission Team. It's Faith in Action!



**Yes, I plan to serve on the 2019 Habitat
for Humanity Mission Team.**

Name _____

Phone # _____ cell # _____

Address _____

_____ zip _____

e-mail _____

Return to Laurel UMC with your \$100.00 fee.

If you have questions, contact Doug Rothe at 741-7667 or

JoAnn Overholt at 525-1866 (Laurel) 652-8137 (cell) or e-mail joverholt@laurelumchurch.org

Come join the team!!!

Theology of the Hammer

Everyone can use a hammer as an instrument to spread God's love.

*"...And you also are among those who are called to
belong to Jesus Christ." (Romans 1:6)*



TEENS GATHER IN FAITH

TGIF
May 2019

YOU are NEEDED! Your help with our VBS Mini Camp is always needed and helpful. Call JoAnn at 52501866 or email her at joverholt@laurelumchurch.org. The dates are:

- VBS Picture Day—June 23
- VBS Set up—June 24
- Mini Camp—June 25, 26, & 27
- VBS clean up—June 28



WE still need YOU!
LAUREL HABITAT FOR HUMANITY MISSION TEAM Sunday, July 28—August 4

MISSION TRIP All High School Youth....hear the call to missions! By going on this mission trip you allow God to use your hands to build hope for the future of others. We need commitments! Scholarship money is available. The cost is \$100. If you have questions, contact Doug Rothe at 741-7667 or at Doug_Rothe@sbcglobal.net, or contact JoAnn Overholt at 525-1866 or at joverholt@laurelumchurch.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June 23 is Photo Sunday

VBS Mini Camp
is June 25, 26, 27

Senior High Youth
Make plans now to attend
Baby Fold Camp
July 14—19

Habitat for Humanity Build
July 28—August 4

Come Sunday mornings for
conversation and Bible study!

Double Edge

Senior High Youth
(9th—12th Graders)

The youth groups meet at 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and unless otherwise noted, a snack supper is served when activities are at Laurel.

- July 14-19—Baby Fold Camp
- July 21—Mission trip orientation at 6:00 p.m.
- July 28-August 4—Mission Trip

Riot

Junior High Youth
(6th, 7th and 8th graders)

Watch for special events throughout
the summer months

*Our goal and purpose is to **know** the good news of **God's love, fellowship and care** for each other, **reach out** into the community, **share in** God's word and to offer ourselves in **service** to God.*

LAUREL'S CALENDAR

Sunday, June 2

Communion Sunday

Kumler Outreach Ministries Special Offering Sunday

8:30am Jazz-Style Worship* w/God's House Band

9:30am Sunday School

9:30am Worship*

10:45am Worship*

Monday, June 3

11:00am GAN Sr Luncheon, FH

11:00am Mission Team, P

12:00pm Toastmasters, 303

6:00pm Laurel's Lights Team, 106

7:00pm Stephen Ministry, BR

Tuesday, June 4

11:15am Forever Strong, FH

11:30am Staff Meeting, L

5:30pm Altrusa, FH

6:00pm Laurel Book Club, P

Wednesday, June 5

9:30am Laurel's Quilters, SrH

10:00am Men Aware, 106

10:30am Covenant Group at Peg Fish's

12:00pm Women Aware, 106

2:00pm Covenant Group at Concordia

5:30pm Centering Prayer, Ch

5:30pm Men Aware, 106

Thursday, June 6

7:00am Covenant Group, L

9:30am Scribbles, 203

10:30am Muscles in Motion, FH

11:15am Forever Strong, FH

7:00pm Nar-Anon, BR

Sunday, June 9

Blooms in June

Name Tag Sunday

Pentecost Sunday

8:30am Worship* w/God's House Band

9:30am Sunday School

9:30am Worship*

10:45am Worship*

1:30pm SFFA Guild, 201

Monday, June 10

12:00pm Toastmasters, 303

6:00pm The Shack Covenant Group, P

7:00pm Vinegar Hill Neighborhood Assoc., 201

Tuesday, June 11

9:30am Cachet Club, P

11:15am Forever Strong, FH

11:30am Staff Meeting, L

Wednesday, June 12

9:30am Laurel's Quilters, SrH

10:00am Men Aware, 106

10:30am Covenant Group at Peg Fish's

12:00pm Women Aware, 106

2:00pm Covenant Group at Concordia

5:30pm Centering Prayer, Ch

5:30pm Men Aware, 106

Thursday, June 14

9:30am Scribbles, 203

10:30am Muscles in Motion, FH

11:15am Forever Strong, FH

7:00pm Nar-Anon, 106

Sunday, June 16

Blooms in June

Father's Day

Peace with Justice Sunday

Trinity Sunday

8:30am Worship* w/God's House Band

9:30am Sunday School

9:30am Worship* with Laurel's Choirs

10:45am Worship* with Laurel's Choirs

Monday, June 17

12:00pm Toastmasters, 303

5:30pm Worship Cmte, L

7:00pm Stephen Ministry, BR

Tuesday, June 18

8:00am Marketing Sr Lifestyles, 201

11:15am Forever Strong, FH

11:30am Staff Meeting, L

6:00pm Altrusa, 201

Wednesday, June 19

8:30am Men's Coffee Covenant Group, FH

9:30am Laurel's Quilters, SrH

10:00am Men Aware, 106

10:30am Covenant Group at Peg Fish's

12:00pm Women Aware, 106

2:00pm Covenant Group at Concordia

5:30pm Centering Prayer, Ch

5:30pm Men Aware, 106

Thursday, June 20

9:30am Scribbles, 203

10:30am Muscles in Motion, FH

11:15am Forever Strong, FH

7:00pm Nar-Anon, BR

Friday, June 21

Newsletter deadline

Sunday, June 23

Asbury Children's Supper Hour Special Offering

Laurel's Lights Relay for Life Kick-Off VBS Photo Day

8:30am Laurel's Chorale, CR

8:30am Jazz-Style Worship* w/God's

House Band

9:30am Sunday School

9:30am Worship* w/Laurel's Choirs

10:45am Worship* w/Laurel's Choirs

12:00pm UMW Lemonade Day Gathering, FH

Monday, June 24

VBS set up

12:00pm Toastmasters, 303

5:15pm Finance Cmte

Tuesday, June 25

9:00am To Mars and Beyond Mini Camp

11:15am Forever Strong, CR

11:30am Staff Meeting, L

6:00pm CPR Class, 300

Wednesday, June 26

Newsletter mailed

9:00am To Mars and Beyond Mini Camp

10:00am Men Aware, 106

10:30am Covenant Group at Peg Fish's

12:00pm Women Aware, 106

2:00pm Covenant Group at Concordia

5:30pm Centering Prayer, Ch

5:30pm Men Aware, 106

Thursday, June 27

9:00am To Mars and Beyond Mini Camp

9:30am Scribbles, 203

10:30am Muscles in Motion, FH

11:15am Forever Strong, FH

7:00pm Nar-Anon, 106

Sunday, June 30

Hat Day

8:30am Jazz-Style Worship* w/God's House Band

9:30am Sunday School

9:30am Worship*

10:45am Worship*

Mark your Calendar for "To Mars and Beyond" VBS Mini Camp



To Mars and Beyond is a Space Travel Adventure to explore Where God's power can take you! Along the journey, Voyagers will discover a new realm of possibilities as they reach for the stars and encounter the limitless power and love of God

**When: June 25, 26 and 27
From 9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.**

**"To Mars and Beyond" VBS Mini Camp will need lots of volunteers!!!
Adult and Youth volunteers—mark your calendar and come volunteer!!**

This is a great opportunity!!!

Did you know---according to a recent survey of people who volunteer...68% say it makes them feel physically healthier, 73% say it lowers their stress level, 92% say it enriches their sense of purpose in life, and nearly 100% of people who serve, feel enriched.

With those numbers---you have to say yes!!!!

WAYS TO SERVE AT "TO MARS AND BEYOND"

Serve before Mini Camp by:

- Praying for our children and those working with them.
- Providing ingredients for snacks.
- Creating decorations

Serve by leading groups during Mini Camp:

- Recreation leader
- Snacks/Mission leader
- Craft Room
- Puppet skit readers
- Puppeteer
- Science lab leader
- Be one of the story tellers
- Small group guide

Volunteer to serve by calling JoAnn Overholt at 525-1866 (Laurel) or 566-3821 (home) or e-mail her at:
jooverholt@laurelumchurch.org

____ Yes, I serve at "To Mars and Beyond"
How I would like to serve - - -

My phone # is _____ c

ell # _____

my e-mail address is _____

the best time/way to reach me is _____



When: June 25, 26 and 27
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: To ensure that we have adequate supplies and resources for each student, please have registrations in by Sunday, June 9. Registration should be sent to Laurel United Methodist Church, 631 South Grand Ave. West, Springfield, Illinois 62704

AGE GROUP OFFERINGS:

Nursery: Child care for children under the age of 3

If a parent or guardian is working as a mini camp volunteer. Nursery children attend at no cost.

Cadets: For children who are 3, 4 or 5 years of age.

Voyagers: Kindergarten through Second grade.

Star Guides: Third, Fourth and Fifth graders (Star Guides assist and lead the groups to each station)

Station leaders: Teen and Adult leaders—who know the count down and are ready to help each Group launch into the days activities.

Lift Off Kids Workshops: Science Discovery Center, Craft Lab, Recreation Station, Bible Story Time, and Snack Station plus a mission stop and music

COST: Cost is \$10.00 per child. (\$8.00 each additional sibling) This covers all materials, snacks, each day's take home craft, and music CD. Checks should be made payable to "**Laurel United Methodist Church**" and should accompany registration. No child will be denied, scholarships are available as needed upon request.

YES! I will be bringing my child/children -

Names _____ Ages or grades completed _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

e-mail _____

Allergies/Medical Information _____

Emergency Contact _____

_____ Name _____ phone _____
 Dismissal Information (name(s) of person(s) who may pick up this child from mini-camp.)

Please enclose a check made payable to "Laurel United Methodist Church"

One Camper	\$10.00	Additional Sibling	\$ 8.00
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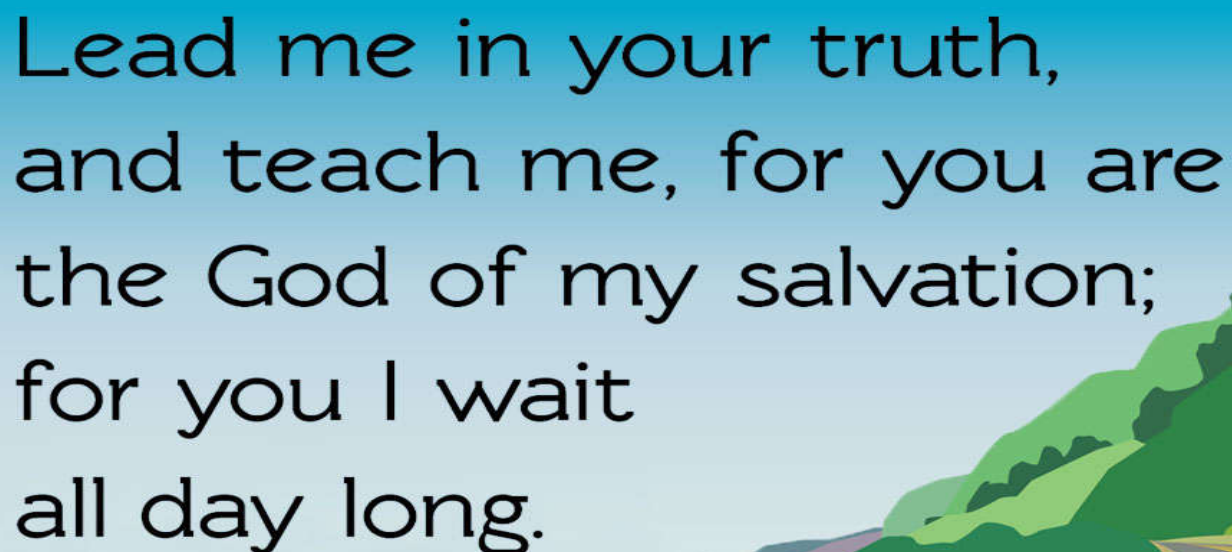
Mark your calendar, come volunteer and bring all the kids you know!!

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Lead me in your truth,
and teach me, for you are
the God of my salvation;
for you I wait
all day long.

Psalm 25:5, NRSV