



HARVEST TIMES

Harvest United Methodist Church | February 2017

“Call it a clan. Call it a network. Call it a tribe. Call it a family. Whatever you call it, whoever you are, you need one.” – Jane Howard

We each need a tribe. Most of us move in and out of several tribes on a regular basis – our tribes at home, work, school, our social tribes, those tribes that reunite once a year, our neighborhood tribes, the list can go on and on.

Our tribes make life fun. A part of our Harvest staff tribe was gathered in the church office hallway recently, remembering lines from our favorite movies, laughing with one another before going our separate ways into other meetings and responsibilities. Tribes that laugh and have fun together, so good. Michael and I are certainly blessed to serve in ministry alongside the extremely gifted, flexible, caring, and fun staff of Harvest.

Tribes also make it possible to go on living in the worst of times, lifting us up and carrying us when we need it, providing a path for healing the wounds, getting us going again when we feel paralyzed or overwhelmed by life. Four friends once tore a roof off the house in order to get their paralyzed friend to Jesus. “When they had made an opening, they lowered the mat on which the paralyzed man was lying.” Jesus saw their faith and forgave the man’s sins and healed his paralysis (Mark 2:1-12). Yes! That’s the kind of tribe Jesus wants for all of us, whether we are the one on the mat or the one tearing off the roof.

Life, specifically the Christian life, is rooted in relationships, community, and tribes. We will spend February worship exploring what scripture has to say about how to build and sustain life-giving healthy relationships within our tribes, as well as how to continue to grow our tribes – as there is always room for more in the tribe of Jesus Christ.

See you in worship on Sunday. It is always great to be together. If you haven’t been to worship in awhile, no worries, but do come back...your tribe misses you. It’s so good to be part of the tribe called Harvest.

May God bless and keep you,

Katie

Pastor Katie



WORSHIP AT HARVEST

LAKWOOD RANCH CAMPUS

14305 Covenant Way, Lakewood Ranch

Sunday 9 AM

Traditional Worship

Sunday 10:30 AM

Contemporary Worship

Sunday 5 PM

Harvest Youth HY5

BAYSHORE CAMPUS

Worshiping at Lee Middle School
4000 53rd Avenue West, Bradenton

Sunday 10:30 AM

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HARVEST YOUTH

We Can't Wait For Summer!

June 4-8 Youth Week

June 26-29 Middle School Mission Trip

July 10-15 Warren Willis Summer Camp

July 22-29 High School Revive225 Mission Trip

August 6 Youth Sunday

Visit hyfive.org for more info.

SAVE THE DATE

Here are some dates to put
on your calendar now.
You won't want to miss these events.

Summer Camp

Registration for Summer Camp is still open!

Students who are currently in 3rd-12th grade are invited to join us at Warren Willis Camp in Fruitland Park, Florida, on July 10-15.



Find out more information and register online at warrenwilliscamp.org/register. Scholarships are available through Warren Willis, and are due by April 1. Space fills up quickly, so we encourage you to register early!

Valentines Date Night Parents Night Out

Harvest youth will host a *Valentines Date Night, Parents Night Out* on Friday, February 17 for the families of our community from 6 - 9 PM. Kids ages K through grade 5 will spend the evening playing games, making valentines crafts, watching a movie and eating a snack. We'll also have activities for nursery-age little ones. Pickup is promptly at 9 PM.

This event is a youth fund raiser. Proceeds will be split amongst the youth who serve on February 17, to help them attend Summer Camp.

The suggested donation is just \$25 per kid, capped at \$40 a family. Spaces are limited, so we encourage you to register today at welcometoharvest.org/events.



HARVEST KIDS

LAKWOOD RANCH



February is LOVE Month!

This month in Harvest Kids we will be learning about LOVE! We will celebrate this February, a month already marked by love, to dig deeper into the love that God has given us as we learn ways to give that love to others. Our memory verse comes from 1 John 4:10, "This is love; it is not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent God's Son as the sacrifice that deals with our sins."

We will be learning about how God's love helps us to comfort others who are hurting and give to others who are in need. We love others because God love's us and because everyone matters to God.

Family Sunday | LUNCH, GAMES & FELLOWSHIP



On Sunday, February 26, we will be offering our families another opportunity to build each other up, to lay a strong foundation in our relationships, and to continue to work on building up our faith. Stay tuned to the bulletin and the Harvest Weekly E-News! for more information about the upcoming Family Sunday-with lunch, games including Jenga, and fellowship right after the 10:30 service!

We are always seeking to help our families find their place to serve in the Harvest Community, so this month we're asking parents to consider serving in Harvest Kids small groups to help build consistent relationships with the children in our community. What an exciting way to practice love this season!

If you haven't yet had the chance to meet Bonnie McElravy, our new Children's Minister, be sure to come by and say hello! To remain up-to-date with what's going on with our events and programs, check out the Harvest Kids Facebook page, facebook.com/welcometoharvestkids or at welcometoharvest.org/events.

HARVESTERS



Harvesters to Stroll in St. Petersburg in March

The Harvesters will have the opportunity to stroll in downtown St. Petersburg on Saturday, March 4, for a guided, walking, history and nature tour. You may pick from two tour times and each tour will be limited to 25 participants. Cost for the tour is just \$9/person, carpooling will be arranged, and lunch with our group is available as a paid option when you register.

To register for the tour, go to welcometoharvest.org/harvesters. If you have questions, please contact Bob and Mary Stark at 231-564-0677.



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Harvest is improving the way we collect and communicate vital signs. Look for our new design in March!
If you have questions, contact Terry Cox at 941-907-7333 or tcx@welcometoharvest.org.



We want it to happen naturally, and sometimes it might - but generally building healthy relationships takes hard work. Whether it is with God, a friend, one of our children, a co-worker, or spouse, we get out of relationships what we put into them. And even then, we might find that simply trying harder isn't enough. We need something more. *Build* will offer some thoughts and strategies to help our relationships stand strong.