



HARVEST TIMES

HARVEST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 14305 Covenant Way, Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202 941-907-7333 | JUNE 2017

When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak. – Acts 2:1-4

Pentecost is so often a story that we tell rather than a story that we live. Really though, can you imagine sitting in church in 2017 and seeing flames of fire hover above your neighbors, your friends, your children? Pentecost feels risky, unconventional, indecent, uncontrolled. And that's precisely why we need Pentecost – we need the story, the challenge, the invitation every year, just as much as we need the stories of Christmas and Easter. For this life of discipleship is risky, uncontrolled, unpredictable. Our God cannot be boxed in, well-defined, contained. Our God is always on the move. And the glory (and scandal!) of the Gospel is that God invites us to come along, to partner in this kingdom building work to set the captives free, to share the good news, to liberate the oppressed (Luke 4).

This month as we explore together the creativity of God, may we be inspired, set on fire, set free to explore where God is calling us to go! Following Jesus should never be boring, we should always be on the move, always be surprised by how the Spirit is leading us to new places and new people, in new ways. This Pentecost season, may God take our lips to speak through them, use our minds to think through them, and most of all – take our hearts and set them on fire!

Pastor Jennifer



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

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

Sunday 10:30 AM

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HARVEST YOUTH

Youth week at Harvest is June 19–23. We'll have tons of fun with a Survivor theme, a Mystery Night, small groups, a lock-in on Friday, and much more. Details and registration are available at hyfive.org.



Save The Date

Here are some dates to highlight on your calendar now . Don't miss these events!

June 26–29 Middle School Mission Trip

July 10–15 Warren Willis Summer Camp

July 22–29 High School Mission Trip

August 6 Youth Sunday

Visit hyfive.org for more info.

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. Space fills up quickly, so we encourage you to register early!



HARVEST KIDS LAKEWOOD RANCH

40 WEEKS

Every child needs at least 5 non-parent adults speaking truth and love into their life at the Kindergarden through 5th grade phase of their faith formation. Would you be willing to commit to serving in Harvest Kids as a consistent leader in their lives this school year? Email bmcelrauy@welcometoharvest.org to request information about our 40 WEEKS campaign.

THANK YOU FOR ALL THE VBS DONATIONS! We couldn't do it without you!
Your support is so appreciated! VBS is going to be AWESOME!

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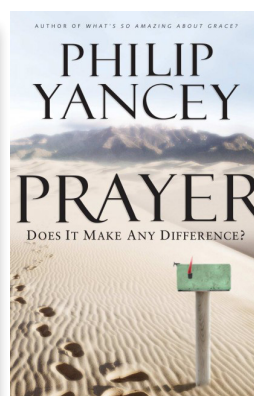
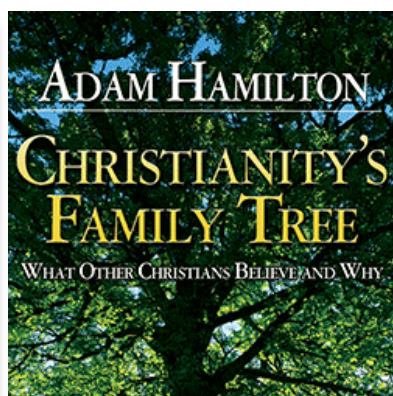
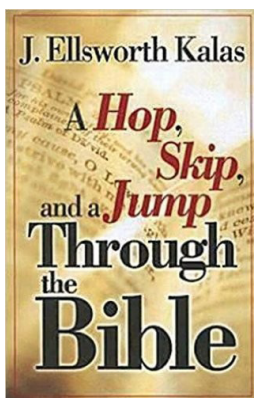
Graduation Ceremony
Tuesday, May 30



These kids!

SMALL GROUPS

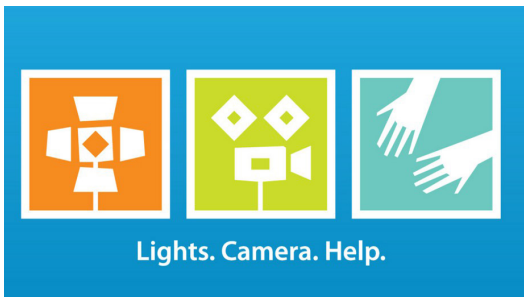
welcometoharvest.org/small-groups





It is not too difficult for Christians to recognize that God is the master creator. However, we sometimes lose sight of God's attention to artistry in the creation. We, as people, are products of God's extraordinary creativity. Being made in God's image, we carry God's penchant for design. Join us for June worship and let God nurture your creative side.

HARVEST VOLUNTEERS



Discover the Media Booth

Sunday, June 25 | After the 10:30 AM service
Learn how you can help

RSVP to Reed Conley, rconley@welcometoharvest.org



Bayshore Community Garden

Help build a composting system
Loan a walk-behind tiller, and more!

Contact Doug Wright at dhwright007@outlook.com

VITAL SIGNS

The people of Harvest are sowing seeds of faith,
growing together in Christ

- < 47 Children graduated from Sprouts/VPK program at Harvest on May 30
- < We recognized 11 graduates on Graduation Sunday, May 21
- < An average of 500+ are worshipping at the Lakewood Ranch and Bayshore campuses
- < 26 children have been invited to participate in our annual *Rising Up Youth Classes*
- < Harvest members have overwhelmingly responded with VBS donations

People are giving generously! You can see our financial picture at welcometoharvest.org.

For a full report of our Missional Vital Signs, go to tools.flumc.org/yearly.asp.