



HARVEST TIMES

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

No one likes to clean bathrooms, but everyone likes a clean bathroom.

At seventeen years old, I cleaned bathroom sinks, toilets, and floors once a day for an entire summer as a camp counselor at Warren W. Willis United Methodist Camp. I must confess, I didn't like it, but our team leader would remind us that our job was important. By the end of the summer, I found myself assigned to leading the team that cleaned the bathrooms, reminding my team that this job was important. Two summers later, I was leading the program development and worship teams for elementary camp. **By giving my life in service to God at that camp, I began gaining my life** – a vocation, a husband, and relationships that have opened many doors in my life.

God had so much to teach me in those humid, stinky, well-used bathrooms about being a leader and life in God's Kingdom. The most important lesson...

In the mission of making Jesus known, every job is important!

At Harvest, we welcome people graciously (greeting, handing out bulletins, providing hospitality) **SO THAT** people can encounter the presence and love of Jesus Christ through us! We straighten the chairs and the cards in the backs of those chairs before our guests arrive on Sunday morning **SO THAT** a person can encounter the presence and love of Jesus Christ in that chair. We clean and maintain the facilities **SO THAT** we can make Jesus known to more people! Every person in the body of Christ has a function in the body of Christ – different, but no more or less important! All of our work is important.

In August, during worship, you will have the opportunity to explore where God is calling you to serve:

- **Complete a Skills Inventory**
- **Explore the Ministry Teams Open House (August 13 & 20)**
- **Let us know that you would like to serve on a ministry team, we will tell you how you can do this beginning August 13**

You and me, we are created to join God in the mission of making Jesus known! Let's roll up our sleeves and get to work!

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. – Ephesians 2:10

Katie

Pastor Katie



WORSHIP AT HARVEST

14305 Covenant Way
Lakewood Ranch

Sunday 9 AM
Traditional Worship

Sunday 10:30 AM
Contemporary Worship

Sunday 5 PM
Harvest Youth HY5

BAYSHORE CAMPUS

Our final Worship Service was on
Sunday, June 18

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HARVEST TEAM

Rev. Michael Pestel
Lead Pastor

Rev. Katie Pestel
Pastor

Rev. Jennifer Potter Buff
Pastor

Jillanne Conelias
Sprouts CDC Associate Director

Reed Conley
Director of Worship Arts

Terry Cox
Executive Assistant to the Pastors

Carin Doddroe
Facilities and Guest Readiness Director

Dan Funk
Comptroller

Alan Hensley
Custodial Manager

Mike Kennedy
Director of Discipleship

Molly Lawson
Director of Community Engagement

Dave Lewis
Choral Music Director

Bonnie McElravy
Children's Minister

M. E. Reich
Accompanist

Ginny Scott
Youth Minister

Cindee Shevlin
Sprouts CDC Director

Paul Tassler
Communications Director

Dan Whissell
Associate Worship Leader

HARVEST YOUTH

AUGUST 6 YOUTH SUNDAY

Harvest Youth will take over the entire world! Be sure to join us for this wonderful gathering, as many of the Sunday expressions of worship, including music, will be led by Harvest Youth.



Visit hyfive.org for more info.

SPROUTS is growing!

Sprouts Child Development Center (CDC) has opened a new Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten classroom and all the seats are nearly filled!

We are looking for part-time, preschool teachers for the 2017-18 school year. Applicants may contact Cindee Shevlin, Sprouts CDC Director, at 941-907-7333 or send your resume to cshevlin@welcometoharvest.org.



SMALL GROUPS

We invite you to grow in faith by participating in Sunday School, short-term small groups, and long-term Bible studies that begin on September 6.

Visit welcometoharvest.org/groups to view the groups we are offering in our fall session, and find out how to register.

Staff can be reached via email at firstinitiallastname@welcometoharvest.org (ex. jdoe@welcometoharvest.org)

HARVEST KIDS

40 WEEKS

Children need at least 5 non-parent adults speaking truth and love into their lives at the Kindergarten through 5th grade phase of faith formation.

If you would be willing to commit to serving in Harvest Kids as a consistent leader this school year, go to welcometoharvest.org/40-WEEKS to discover the 40 WEEKS story.

Join Phil Yates, Bonnie McElravy, and many other adult leaders at Harvest as they commit to helping our kids grow by sowing consistently into their lives.



Contact Bonnie McElravy: bmcelravy@welcometoharvest.org or 941-907-7333

OFFICE FLOOD RECOVERY

The new carpet is now fully installed, and the church offices are looking good again.

Hats off to Carin Doddroe, Harvest's Facilities and Guest Readiness Manager, for doing a great job coordinating the recovery effort!



BEFORE...



AFTER!



EXTRA
ORDINARY

EVERYDAY LEADERS

Everyone is a leader. Somehow, within your unique situation and opportunities, God wants to use you to bring God's extraordinary vision to reality. Let's imagine together the ripples that can spread when we decide to lead right where we are, wherever that may be. Mark your calendars for our new message series, *Extraordinary*, beginning Sunday, August 6.

MINISTRY TEAMS

**Open House // August 13 & 20 // Gathering Area
After 9 & 10:30 AM Worship**

- Want to get involved at Harvest and aren't sure how?
- Want to grow your involvement and leadership?

Come learn what ministry teams do – in areas like Congregational Care, Missions, Sprouts, Lay Leadership, Discipleship, Finance, Staff-Parish, Trustees, and more. After each service you'll be able to talk with team members about Ministry Teams opportunities

VITAL SIGNS

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

- < 30 campers went to Warren Willis Camp for a high-energy, life-changing week
- < 11 people became members, making Harvest their church home
- < An average of 525 per week joined us for Sunday worship
- < 29 Youth and 5 adults spent a week with *Revive 225* in Baton Rouge, LA, doing mission work and spreading the good news of Jesus

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.