

# KELLOGGSVILLE CONNECTIONS

October, 2018

*The Connections is a monthly publication of church news and events. The next one will be published on November 4. The deadline for submissions is the Tuesday before publication.*

## Upcoming Sundays

### October 7

9:00 am: Group Prayer Time  
 9:30 am: Worship Service (Preacher: Pastor Martin)  
 11 am: Discovery

### October 14

**Communion Sunday**  
 9:30 am: Worship Service (Preacher: Pastor Martin)  
 11 am: Discovery  
 5 pm: Congregational Gathering for Adults (plus Children/Youth Activities)  
 6:15 pm: Fellowship Supper

### October 21

9:30 am: Worship Service (Preacher: Chan Kim)  
*Discovery Off Week*

### October 28

9:30 am: Worship Service (Preacher: Pastor Martin)  
*Discovery Off Week*

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## All Together... A Church Gathering

**WHEN?** The council is calling the congregation to be all together on Sunday, October 14 at 5:00 PM for a “looking forward” conversation.

**WHY?** In January of 2018 the congregation gathered for a similar conversation. At that time the council presented and the congregation affirmed three lenses that the leadership has been looking through for decision making:

- Congregational Care
- Growing Young
- Missional Living

Since that time, the leadership has been intentional about living through those lenses. A building refresh has taken place and a morning Discovery discipleship hour was kicked off. We are also in the middle of a Missional Living sermon series that will be completed the morning of October 14. So now is a good time to check in with the congregation concerning the impact of the three lenses and consider next steps.



**WHAT?** Our time together on October 14 will be a missional living wrap up and we will imagine where God is leading us next. The council believes these large gathering conversations are necessary to keep us all aligned around the united purpose of building God’s kingdom together. Our hope is that through a consistent “coming together” we will develop a lay ministry community that dreams and prays together.

Similar gatherings are being planned for January and March.

**WHO?:** The gathering will be for adults but there will also be activities for the children and youth. A supper will follow the gathering. The main dish will be provided by our Hospitality Team; please help supplement the main dish by bringing a dish to pass.

If you are involved in any ministry now – if you might be involved in ministry in the future – if you have been involved in ministry in the past OR if you care about Kelloggsville Church – this gathering is for you! Please prioritize this event on your calendar and let’s be ALL TOGETHER. We need to hear from everyone!

## Trunk or Treat October 31

Are you ready to BLESS our community and have a fun night doing it? Then consider being a part of a new event at Kelloggsville Church: a Trunk or Treat! Here's some ways you can participate:

- 1. Provide a Trunk:** On Halloween night, October 31, from 6-7 PM, be at church with candy or treats in your trunk to give out to trick-or-treaters! Add to the fun by decorating your trunk and/or coming in costume.
- 2. Donate Candy or Make a Financial Donation:** If you're not able to be at the



Trunk or Treat, consider donating a bag of candy or making a financial donation.

Donated bags of candy will be distributed to our "trunks" to supplement what they brought, and financial donations will be used to help us buy other supplies for the night. We hope to encourage

people to hang out longer than just the time it takes to walk down the row of cars to "trunk-or-treat", so we want to have hot chocolate, cider, donut holes, and popcorn on hand for our attendees! Bring your donations to the event table in the foyer on any of the Sundays before the event. A planning team member will be there to receive your donation.

- 3. Volunteer at The Event:** Volunteers are needed on Trunk or Treat night to help direct traffic, set up and take down tables and chairs, etc.
- 4. Bring Your Children and Invite Your Neighbors:** It's always fun to have a crowd at a celebration!

This is a new event for our church, and follows our series "Surprise the World!" Our immediate need is for **more people to sign up to provide a trunk**. Please sign up after church this Sunday so the planning team can finish working out the details. If you have questions, please call Sue Geerlings at 246-7909. Final details will be completed and communicated soon. In the meantime, put Trunk or Treat on your calendars and join in the fun!

## Expressing our Hearts to God

-Myoung Cho

If you were asked the question "What is worship?", what would your answer be? Would you say it is the act of giving praise or that it is a gathering? Is worship a way of life? I believe it is all of those things. We gather together as a church on Sundays to give God praise and adoration and to engage with him. Yet, when we gather every one of us comes with something different to say. One person might come into church ready to



thank God for his goodness throughout the week. Another might come in with a broken heart in need of an answer to why they are suffering. In a worship service we try to create windows for everyone to come and express their feelings to God.

Though worship may be a time to express what we already feel, it is also formative of what we do not yet feel. One day we might be in utter amazement of God's love, but the next day we might be ashamed of ourselves due to our sins. These

two situations require a totally different set of words to express ourselves to God. In one situation we express our love toward God by saying "I/we love you Lord." but in the other we are finding the need to say, "I am sorry Lord", or "We are sorry Lord." A lot of these words are incorporated in the songs we sing at Kelloggsville Church. Therefore, as we sing our songs on Sunday mornings, I encourage you to express yourself to God, but also to be challenged to expand your vocabulary. Think of it as a language school. We are learning to communicate with God.

# What's Happening in Student Ministries?

-Chan Kim

Student ministries is now in full swing! Thanks to parents for all their great support, and for our volunteer adult leaders as they take the time to grow and learn with kids. Grace and I are blessed by this opportunity to build relationships with the middle school and high school youth of the church, and talk with them about Jesus and what it means to be his follower.

Here is what we have planned in the coming weeks:

## Middle School

Our current session of Discovery class (Sundays at 11:00 AM) ends on October 14, and then we will have a two week break before we dive back into our study of the Heidelberg Catechism (Nov. 4—Dec. 2). On the Sundays of November, we will be taking a look at the names of Christ: Son of God, Son of Man, Son of David. On December 2, we will spend our

entire class time playing games in the Family Life Center!

We also have a couple of Sunday evening “hang out” events planned in the coming months. These events will include our high school group, too! The first one will take place on October 14 at 5:00 PM. We will be playing games in the Cave. Dinner will follow in the FLC with the rest of the church (this event is part of a church-wide gathering, so adults and younger kids have stuff going on, too). Then on December 2, we will have a Christmas party in the Cave from 4-6 PM. Snacks/dinner will be served!

## High School

In Sunday Discovery class, the high schoolers are paralleling the adult study, which this session is our missional living book, *Surprise the World*. Next session (Nov 4—

Dec 2), we will be talking about the “lens” of growing young.

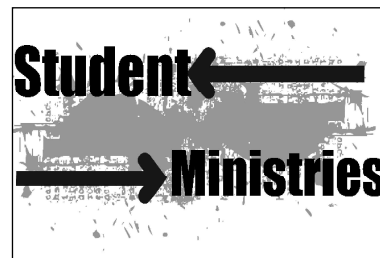
As for Sunday evenings, this is what's planned thru December:

October 14—Games Night, 5-6:15 PM in the Cave, followed by dinner in the FLC (this event is part of a church-wide gathering, so adults and younger kids have stuff going on, too). Includes middle school.

November 4—Bring Your Friends Night, 4-6 PM in the Family Life Center, sponsored by Chick-fil-A. We will be playing some competitive games,

with prizes being FREE FOOD coupons from Chick-fil-A. This is a high school only event. Since it's a “Bring Your Friends” night, bringing a friend or two is strongly encouraged!

December 2—Christmas Party, 4-6 PM in the Cave. Snacks/dinner will be served! Includes middle school.



## Requested Announcements

**Member Thank You:** “Dear church family, thank you so much for the beautiful mum plant sent to us in memory of our dad. We also appreciated all your prayers, visits, kind words, and cards sent to our family. Sincerely,” - *Brian and Denise Herrema and family*

**The Pantry** (formerly the John Knox Food Pantry) has moved to a new location! For over 30 years, The Pantry called John Knox Presbyterian Church home, but a

recent sale of the building meant The Pantry had to find a new home. They are now at 4301 Kalamazoo Ave SE, Suite 25 (formerly Russo's Market), but they still need to raise about \$100,000 to complete renovations, purchase equipment, and sustain operations. Can you help? Find out more at [thepantry.gr](http://thepantry.gr).

**Legacy Christian School craft sale** will be Saturday, November 3 from

9 AM—2 PM at the West Campus. All are welcome!

**40 Days for Life** fall campaign is currently underway, September 26 through November 4. It will take place on the public sidewalk in front of Heritage Clinic for Women at 320 East Fulton Street. Sign up online to participate in the vigil: [www.40daysforlife.com/GrandRapids](http://www.40daysforlife.com/GrandRapids), or call/email Laura: 231-286-9438, [40daysGR@gmail.com](mailto:40daysGR@gmail.com).

# October Church Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY/SATURDAY
<b>OCTOBER 7</b> 8:30 am: Chin Sunday School 9:00 am: Group Prayer Time 9:30 am: Worship 11:00 am: Discovery 12:30 pm: French Service 1 pm: Chin Service	<b>8</b> 3:30 pm: Kids' Life Bible Club 6:30 or 8 pm: Women2Women Bible Study 7 pm: Trunk or Treat Planning	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9:30 am: Joy Club 6 pm: Deacons 7 pm: Council	<b>11</b> 4:30 pm: Non-member wedding rehearsal 7 pm: Women's Bible Study	<b>12/13</b> Sat: 3:30 pm: Non-member wedding Sat: 5-8 pm: French Prayer Group Sat: 5-10 pm: Chin Choir/ Youth Group
<b>14</b> <b>Communion Sunday</b> 8:30 am: Chin Sunday School 9:30 am: Worship 11:00 am: Discovery 12:30 pm: French Service 1 pm: Chin Service 5 pm: Church Gathering 6:15 pm: Fellowship Supper	<b>15</b> 3:30 pm: Kids' Life Bible Club	<b>16</b> 7 pm: Men's Bible Study	<b>17</b> 6:45 pm: Cadets 6:45 pm: Gems 7 pm: Prayer Team 7 pm: Shepherd Leaders	<b>18</b> 7 pm: Women's Bible Study	<b>19/20</b> Fri & Sat: All Day Chin Church meetings Sat: 5-8 pm: French Prayer Group Sat: 5-10 pm: Chin Choir/ Youth Group
<b>21</b> 8:30 am: Chin Sunday School 9:30 am: Worship 12:30 pm: French Service 1 pm: Chin Service	<b>22</b> 3:30 pm: Kids' Life Bible Club 6:30 or 8 pm: Women2Women Bible Study 7 pm: Missions Committee	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9:30 am: Joy Club 7 pm: Elders	<b>25</b> 5:30 pm: Member wedding rehearsal	<b>26/27</b> Fri: 5 pm: Member wedding Sat: 5-8 pm: French Prayer Group Sat: 5-10 pm: Chin Choir/ Youth Group
<b>28</b> 8:30 am: Chin Sunday School 9:30 am: Worship 12:30 pm: French Service 1 pm: Chin Service	<b>29</b> 3:30 pm: Kids' Life Bible Club	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 6 pm: Trunk or Treat	<b>NOV. 1</b> 9 am: Senior Singles Breakfast	<b>2/3</b> Sat: 5-8 pm: French Prayer Group Sat: 5-10 pm: Chin Choir/ Youth Group



## Upcoming Birthdays to Celebrate

### Member Birthdays 70+

Oct. 16—Pat Fredricks (80)  
 Oct. 26—Pat Huizinga (79)  
 Nov. 3—Jim Hoffman (83)  
 Nov. 4—Mary Knight

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Nov. 6—Jacque Bolt  
 Nov. 20—Russ VanDommelen (83)  
 Nov. 22—Bernie Fredricks (84)  
 Nov. 26—Jean Meines

### Missionary/Staff Birthdays

Oct. 12—Chan Kim  
 Nov. 11—Leanne Geisterfer