

DECEMBER 12, 2019

Official Newsletter of Church of THE BEATitudes



This Sunday's Roundup! December 15, 2019

10:00 - Service of Worship - Nelson Hall

11:00 - Community Life Ministry Cookie Walk & Social

Hour - Patio Room/Nelson Hall

11:20 - Ruminate - Topic: "Sexy Like Me: Automorphism" -

Nelson Lounge

NOT MEETING THIS SUNDAY: Interrobang - Resumes Jan 5

PARENTS: The children will meet this Sunday for Spiritual Enrichment class in the Front Office Craft Room. Please pickup the children there directly after service.

Jr. High & Youth Interfaith Program - We will meet this week as Volunteers for the Cookie Walk.

COMING DECEMBER 24!
CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS IN OUR
RENOVATED WORSHIP CENTER:
CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP SERVICES

FAMILY WORSHIP - 4 PM CLASSIC WORSHIP - 8 PM

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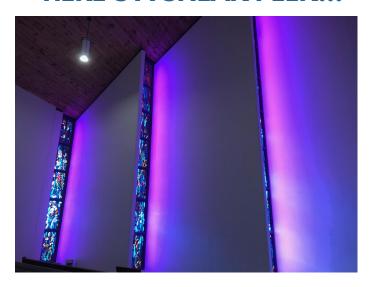


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THE COUNTDOWN IS ON!

WORSHIP CENTER RENOVATION TO BE COMPLETE DEC 22! HERE'S A SNEAK PEEK...



Join us Sunday, December 22, for a new worship experience as we gather in our renovated Worship Center.

It's been a long project, but the wait is finally over! Over the next 10 days, the finishing touches are being made to the renovation and all we need is YOU!

Mark your calendars for the big reveal and share the news! Let's fill the new space with the love of Beatitudes!

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the holidays, please look for the next issue of The Beat on January 2, 2020. The deadline for submitting an announcement/event is Monday, December 30. Please submit to jtapphorn@beatitudeschurch.org



The front offices
will be closed
December 25-26 for
the Christmas
holiday. Normal
hours will resume
on December 27.
We will also be
closed Jan 1 for
New Year's Day,
and will resume
normal hours on
Jan 2.

CANCELED: The
Longest Night
worship service
originally
scheduled for
7 pm on
December 21st
has been
canceled in order
to put the
finishing touches
on our Worship
Center

renovation.

READY FOR SOME COOKIE FUN?

CLM COOKIE WALK THIS SUNDAY!!









BAKERS!! PLEASE BRING YOUR donations of 4+ dozen cookies in a non-returnable container as early as possible to the Nelson Hall kitchen on Dec 15th. Because of food allergies, please include a list of ingredients, especially things like nuts.

HUNGRY MOUTHS!! PLEASE BRING YOUR appetites:

CHRISTMAS TREES - \$20.00 Large Container - \$10.00 Small container - \$7.00

Please contact Gayle Lawson (602-410-2770) or Lori Grobe (602-475-3171) for more information.

Congregational Meeting Results

On December 8, 2019, Beatitudes members unanimously approved the 2020 Budget and election of slated members to the board of directors.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SLATED 2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS:

OFFICERS

President - Gayle Lawson President Elect Nominee - Bruce Bear Secretary Nominee - Jacquie Bosworth

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Nominee - Denise Clough, term expires 2021 Nominee - Dean Levene, term expires 2022 Nominee - Karen Shannon, term expires 2022 Nominee - Donna Stanley, term expires 2022

LET'S MAKE SOME NOISE! Capital Campaign Coin Jar Collection This Sunday



Bring your filled coin jar donations to worship this Sunday and help fill our wheelbarrow!

Wake God's Love Real

A Capital Campaign Moment

CONTRIBUTED BY JOHN CROSS, CONNECTIONS STEWARDSHIP GROUP

I have walked with you over the past several months. Creating and implementing a Capital Campaign is not for the faint of heart!! It takes courage, patience, commitment, faith, imagination and generosity. Thank you for your willingness to work, to create, to read, to listen, to pray and to respond!

Throughout the stories of Scripture, God led people so that they might lead others. Jesus was led by the Spirit into and through the wilderness, on to his ministry. The faithful few who were led to this area to form the Church of the Beatitudes in the early 1960's embraced the responsibility to lead others. They nurtured youth and adults who faithfully laid the foundation on which Beatitudes stands today. When the congregation made bold decisions to build and grow, the early pioneers of faith led the way with their hopes and dreams that led to their sacrificial giving.

Since that time, many new members have been led to this amazing church and have been blessed by the generosity of those leaders. Now, it is the time for another generation to lead the way with your courage and with your resources, so that the mission God has given to Beatitudes might know new freedom, continued strength, and an ability to serve this neighborhood and beyond.

The excitement is building as we approach our "Make God's Love Real" time of commitment. This is the time that you will bring (or mail) your Response Cards to church as an act of commitment and joy.

Hopefully, you have received the beautiful color brochure and other materials that were mailed to you a couple of weeks ago. The campaign leaders trust that you have taken time to read everything, to consider the message of the campaign and to prayerfully ponder how you will respond. Our hope is that most of the congregation will respond between December 15 and January 12.

Please pray about your response! Take time to think about the importance of the Church of the Beatitudes to you and to so many others.

Thank you, in advance, for your prayers, your continued ministry, your hopefulness and your generosity!



THE CHRISTMAS CLUB NOW ON THE HALLMARK CHANNEL!!

We are so delighted to share that Beatitudes member, Barbara Hinski's 2016 novel, The Christmas Club, has now been made into a movie! If you haven't seen it yet, there's still time!

We are thrilled for her success and invite you to watch it on the Hallmark Channel 130 or Cox 1130 on one of the following days:

- · Friday December 13 4:00 PM
- · Sunday December 22 12:00 AM
- Wednesday December 25 8:00 AM



Arts Council Mélange



- The Arts Council is excited to share they have launched two artist calls for the renovated Worship Center. The first call is for a muralist for the north wall space next to the Children's worship space. The call is for a bright, uplifting and welcoming mural to illustrate that people of all ages are welcome in this church. The second call is for 8 paintings depicting the 8 Beatitudes to be displayed on the entry hallway to worship center on the southwest side. Notification of Selected Artists is slated for April 13, 2020, with completion by August 7, 2020.
- And don't forget to check out Watercolor artist, Betsy Aguirre's work currently displayed along the West wall in Nelson Hall with purchases benefitting Beatitudes Church. Immersed in art from an early age, Betsy's art has been widely displayed and appreciated, notably at two separate Mayo Clinic locations, Sky Harbor Airport, and the City of Glendale. Her diversity and style are a delightful addition to the Nelson Hall venue. Please take a moment to see her beautiful works up close and in person.



Ruminate: Conversations on Things That Matter

Life is complex. To keep an open mind and try to hear and understand diverse views on various issues can be overwhelming.

Grab a cup of coffee and join Pastor Tony after worship this Sunday at 11:30 in Nelson Lounge for the discussion group,

Ruminate:

Conversations on Things That Matter.

This Sunday's topic is "Sexy Like Me: Automorphism."

FAITH IN ACTION THANKS YOU! MARYLAND SCHOOL HOLIDAY COLLECTION FOR REFUGEE CHILDREN





Many thanks to members and friends of Beatitudes Church for your generous response to our request for holiday gifts for refugee children and families at Maryland School.

REMINDER: Gifts and donations for gift cards for family needs have been coming in well, and this Sunday morning, **Dec. 15** is the final day to bring in the wrapped, tagged gifts and make additional donations for gift cards at the Faith in Action table in Nelson Hall.

What a wonderful way to let these families know that their new community welcomes and cares about them. Your generosity is most appreciated – you are making God's love real for them.





PRAYER CONCERNS

Heidi Eberenz,
Florence Wilkenson,
Lynne Buckwald Coor,
John Evans III,
Sylvia Thorret Evans,
Laurie Pheil,
Susan Torres,
Norm Wilson,
Joyce Vincent

To add someone to the list, please include first and last name and email Janelle at jtapphorn@beatitudes church.org or call 602-264-1221 x 103. Or ask our ushers fora request form atservice.

New prayer requests remain on the list for 30 days. Please resubmit if needed longer.

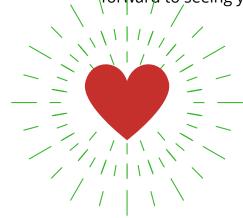
Enjoy Stress Free Holidays Through Heart Fullness and Meditation Hope, Peace, Joy and Love!

Tuesday-December 3, 10, 17, 2019 10-11:30 AM | Britt Chapel

This 3 week Advent Experience is designed to help persons grow heart fully through the holidays. Discover powerful ways you can relax during the holidays, enhancing personal and spiritual growth through Coherence and Heart Connection.

This class is aimed at helping people deal with the emotions and feelings associated with the holidays. The sessions will include finding ways to creatively create the sacred—Transform your mind/body/spirit during Advent through interactive group discussion as well as each session ending in healing ceremonies utilizing spiritual practices---meditation, prayer and therapeutic harp.

For questions or comments contact Rev. Dr. Joyce Buekers 602-717-7001, Dr. Mickey McMahon or Charlene Santee. We are looking forward to seeing you there!!!





Join us Saturday, January 11, for a celebration concert in honor of Rev. Dosia Carlson's 90th birthday! The concert begins at 4 pm in our newly renovated Worship Center with a reception to follow at 5 pm in Nelson Hall. Then return to worship on Sunday, January 12, for a special message from Rev. Dosia

herself!

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MARK & THE HISTORICAL JESUS

6-Week Adult Enrichment
Class with
Pastor Tony and Lucy
Fredrickson
Wednesdays,
6:30 pm
Starting Jan 15
Room 4

GETTING TO KNOW

THE UCC
EXPLORING UCC HISTORY,
POLITY, AND THEOLOGY

Adult Enrichment Class with Dr. Joe Faykosh Thursdays, 6 pm Starting Jan 30 Nelson Lounge

CHILDREN & YOUTH FAMILY MINISTRY UPDATES

-As contributed by Deni Nordmeyer, Family Ministry Coordinator



Children have enrichment during service this Sunday. The Children will attend the first part of the service in Nelson Hall, and at a posted moment during the service, those children who sign-in and have a wristband, will be excused to the foyer and escorted to the Front Office Craft Room (these rooms are located through the door on the right as you enter Nelson Hall.) For our families with preschool children, we have a New Family Worship Space in the back of Nelson Hall. This is a more open and relaxed space.

Sign-in instructions: The children need to be signed-in by 10 am at the table outside. The parent and child will receive a matching wrist band to wear while the children are in our care. A parent can also sign-in their child, after the children have been excused, by walking their child to the Front Office Craft Room and signing-in there to receive a wristband.

Children Pickup: Please pick up the children in the Front Office Craft Room directly after service, so the children can join the community life activities. Please remember to sign-out your child.

Jr. High & Youth Interfaith Program will meet this week as Volunteers for the Cookie Walk.

Wanted: Volunteer Children to collect the coin jars this Sunday for the Capital Campaign Coin Collection. Please come to church early and let Deni know that you want to help.

Mark your calendars!!

Jan 18 @ 10:00 am - Jan 19 @ 6:00 pm Middle and High School Youth Winter Camp



Registration is open! The cost is \$50 which covers meals and supplies for this one-night UCC and DOC overnight event. Youth will sleep in rooms at Foothills Christian Church. Register now: https://docgeneralassembly.regfox.com/winter-youth-experience

Our church wants all people to be included. If finances are a barrier for attending this memorable event, please talk to Deni Nordmeyer or email dnordmeyer@beatitudeschurch.org Looking Ahead:

- Tuesday Dec 24 4:00 pm Family Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
 - 8:00 pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
- Wednesday Dec 25 Merry Christmas! Church office closed
- Thursday Dec 26 Church office closed
- Wednesday Jan 1 Happy New Year 2020! Church office closed

We need Active Chaperones for Youth Events!

If you would be interested in chaperoning Youth events, please email Deni at dnordmeyer@beatitudeschurch.org. All volunteers must pass a background check.

BEATITUDES MUSIC...AH-MAZ-ING!!





Stephen Schermitzler - Soloist - December 8, 2019

Soloists Needed!

Beatitudes Church is looking for high school & college-age singers who want to be a part of our soloists team! If you know of potential candidates, please have them reach out to our Music Director, Stephen Schermitzler. There is a small stipend of \$60/Week - Auditions are going on right now -- interested students should call (602) 264-1221, x104 or email sschermitzler@beatitudeschurch.org for more information.

BEATITUDES CHURCH PRESENTS

Jazz Coffee House Concert Series 2020



Support Has a Vibe

And that vibe is **YOU**! For several years the Arts Council has brought art and music in a variety of forms and media to Beatitudes Church. From visual art exhibits to jazz music concerts, they are dedicated to enriching the life of our church and our community through the arts.

This year is no different. Starting Sunday, January 19, the annual Jazz Coffee House Concert Series begins featuring some of Arizona's most prolific jazz artists! The concert series is held January to April 2020.

Jazz concerts are held in Nelson Hall and feature relaxed performances, refreshments and talk-backs with the musicians. In the past, a \$5 donation at the door was suggested to help cover the costs associated with the concerts. However, with rising production costs, sustainability may not be possible. Please consider supporting the Arts Council financially to ensure the good vibes continue! To learn more on how you can help, please contact Jeff and Carol Morse at cpianopal@cox.net.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The first concert of the 2020 season is Sunday, Jan. 19, at 6 pm with West by Northwest. This quartet brings together four highly acclaimed artists: Jason Carder-trumpet, Angelo Versace-piano, Tom Wakeling-bass, and Dom Moiodrums. The combined talents have performed worldwide with legendary jazz greats, but it's their live performances that are truly unforgettable bringing together jazz' past, present and future. With its hard-swinging adventurous style, West by Northwest is a toe-tapping kick off to the Beatitudes annual tradition.

Make God's Love Real

CALENDAR 2019

Beatitudes Choir: Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 7:30-9:00 pm in the Choir Room. Anybody interested is welcome for food, fun, & fellowship! For more information, please contact our Director of Music, Stephen Schermitzler, at (602) 264-1221 x104.

Arts Council: Join us for our monthly meeting, Jan 5 at 9:00 am in Nelson Lounge. We welcome anyone who is interested in learning more about our projects.

Interrobang: We will not be meeting for the month of December. Join us Jan 5 following service at 11:15 am in Nelson Lounge for a presentation by Dean Levene: "A brief review of Quantum Mechanics". All are welcome!

Cruisin' Cuisines: Let's join in for a festive Christmas-time gathering at Joyride Taco, 5202 North Central Avenue, on Thursday, December 12, 6:00 p.m. The food is pretty and so are their cocktails! If the weather permits, we will be seated on the patio (with heaters!), but bring a sweater! Please RSVP so that we can give our hosts an accurate count to Mike and Nancy Klatt at dklatt0785@aol.com/ or call (602) 246-2606.

Community Life Ministry: CLM meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 6 pm in the Nelson Hall Lounge. Our next open meeting will be Jan 13 and everyone is welcome! And mark your calendars for Jan 26 - Our Annual Chili Cook off! We are still looking for a few more Chili chefs! There will be prizes again! Stay tuned!

The Nonfiction Book Group: We will meet December 12 at 7:30 in Room 4 to discuss the book, "First: Sandra Day O'Connor" by Evan Thomas. You are welcome to join us.

Women In Faith: Women in Faith meets Saturday, Dec 14 in Nelson Hall Lounge from 8:45-10:30. Theme for this meeting is Christmas: Past and Future. We will enjoy readings, music and discussion. In particular think about how you've spent Christmases in the past and what you anticipate at future Christmases. Keep in mind our program theme for this year "Who Is My Neighbor?" Is there a connection? All women are welcome. All women are welcome!

Beatitudes Book Club: We will be meeting Thursday, Jan 2 at 5:30 pm in the board room adjacent to Buckwald's Grille on the campus to dine and discuss "The Dalai Lama's Cat" by David Michie. Please join us.

Faith In Action: Do you contribute to ICM, ShoeBox Ministry, Bishops Pantry, Maryland School? Would you like to do more? Come to our monthly meeting on the second Wednesday of each month at 1 pm in the Front Office Conference Room. Giving back to the community is so rewarding especially with friends! All are welcome.

Mahjong Madness: We meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1 pm in Nelson Lounge for an afternoon of Mahjong fun and fellowship. This tile-based game of of skill, strategy, calculation and chance is addictive and there's a spot for everyone, including beginners! Due to the Christmas Eve services on Dec 24, Mahjong games are cancelled for December. We will resume playing in January. Contact Marilyn Wong for more information.

Ruminate-Conversations on Things That Matter: Join our adult enrichment class with lively dialog on ethical subjects such as sanctity of life, public health, sex and gender, and work. We meet this Sunday at 11:30 am in the Nelson Lounge. Grab a cup of coffee and join Pastor Tony to talk about things that really matter in your life and society. This Sunday's topic is "Sexy Like Me: Automorphism."

**Did I miss something? Click the form: https://www.beatitudeschurch.org/beatitudes-communications

842 Pounds of Donated Food!!



The ICM Thanksgiving Food Drive was a big success!

Thank YOU for Donating!

Spotlight on Duet: Partners in Health & Aging





ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?

2019 COB NFL Charity Football Pool

Football Season is almost over! Reminder to all pool participants, Saturday, 12 Noon is the deadline for getting your picks in for the Sunday and Monday games.

Remember the alternative is THE ARIZONA CARDINALS! Please contact Chris Hass or Mike and Nancy Klatt with your picks! UPDATE: The pool is growing as the season progresses with over \$630 currently going to the winning charity!

HOW CAN I CONNECT AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

BEATITUDES FAITH IN ACTION!

Faith In Action needs YOU! Outreach has never been easier. Beatitudes Faith In Action ministry connects volunteers with programs like ICM (Interfaith Community Ministry), ShoeBox Ministry, Bishops Pantry and partners with Maryland School. Would you like to do more? Come to our monthly meeting. We meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 1 pm in the Front Office Conference Room. All are welcome! For more information, contact Dee Sullivan, Chairperson.

Bishop's Pantry Needs...

Please help restock our pantry!
We need canned vegetables,
spaghetti, dried beans, canned
soup and tuna packets or
Vienna sausages
with pop tops for our noncooking bags. You can drop
your donations at the church
front office.



We will be hosting the families from Family Promise once again starting January 26, 2020. For more information on how you can help, please contact Kris Nyman at

kanboise@msn.com

CHURCH OF THE BEATITUDES MINISTRIES

FAITH IN ACTION & ICM



BISHOPS PANTRY

WANTED: PLEASE HELP KEEP OUR PANTRY STOCKED! We especially need the following: CANNED VEGETABLES!, spaghetti, dried beans, canned soup and tuna packets or Vienna sausages with pop tops for our non-cooking bags and hygiene items (e.g. travel size shampoo, body wash, lotion, etc.).

Helping the homeless couldn't be easier! Next time you do your grocery shopping, simply pick up a few of the items listed below and drop it off at the front office. We'll take care of the rest! Please make note of the expiration dates on your donations-We can't accept items with expired dates!

For a complete list, stop by the information desk in the foyer. Some of the essential staple items needed are: CANNED FRUIT, VEGETABLES, PEANUT BUTTER, JELLY, CRACKERS, SOUPS, BEEF STEW, CHILLI. RAVIOLI, DRY PASTA, SPAGHETTI SAUCE, MAC & CHEESE BOXES, CANNED TUNA & MEATS, & BREAKFAST BARS & CEREAL. WE HAVE PLENTY OF APPLESAUCE AND DRIED BEANS & RICE FOR NOW. HYGEINE ITEMS ARE ALSO NEEDED.

ICM (Interfaith Community Ministry) is always in need of clothing, food, and household items. If you are cleaning out cupboards and closets, before you discard, give thought to the possibility that ICM clients could use it. ICM serves the low income working people, after they pay their rent and utilities, there is very little money left. We can lend a helping hand!

WANTED: EMPTY SHOE BOXES FOR THE HUMANE SOCIETY! Shoe boxes of any size, with or without lids, are needed for the kittens to provide them a place to feel secure and snuggle. You can add a small towel or soft fabric if you wish. The box is theirs during their stay. We will be a designated collection point, and the Humane Society will pick empty boxes up on a certain date each month. Please bring any shoe boxes you can part with on the last Sunday of the month. Place them next to the Faith in Action baskets in the Narthex or you can also drop them at the front office. Make a cuddly kitten happy and secure!

BEATITUDES VOLUNTEERS: IMPACTING LIVES TODAY!

VOLUNTEERING INSIDE BEATITUDES

CLM COOKIE CUPBOARD

Are you a baker? CLM Cookie Cupboard is bare and needs your goodies to serve during social hour after church. These can be store bought or homemade. You can freeze your goodies and bring them to Gayle Lawson who is always accepting donations. Thanks so much!

PLAZA GREETERS

A church greeter is the first- and last-person people see when visiting a church. But it's more than a hand shake. Greeters play a vital role in forming a visitor's first impression of our church and, to some, their first impression of Jesus. You play a significant role in ensuring that people see and experience the love of CoB. If this sounds like you, please contact Janelle Tapphorn itapphorn@beatitudeschurch.org for further information on becoming the face of Beatitudes!

USHERS

Do you have a servant heart? Sign up to Usher today! Ushers play a vital role in our weekly service by greeting people, handing out bulletins, and helping direct people to find restrooms and locations of other campus meeting rooms, taking up the offertory collection and serving communion to our members. After service, they go through the aisles and pick up lost items and used bulletins. This is an easy way to get involved with our church as well as get to know everyone better. If you're interested in being a difference maker, please sign up by contacting Joyce Glazner at jagphxaz@q.com

VOLUNTEERING *OUTSIDE* BEATITUDES ICM

ICM Food & Clothing Bank is looking for volunteers Monday – Friday from 8:45 – 11:30a.m. There are several positions open where volunteers of all ages can help. Please contact beth@icmaz.org or 602-254-7450 for more information.

FAITH IN ACTION

Faith in Action extends a grateful "thank you" to all of you who bring items regularly for Bishops Pantry. Your donations are a vital help in filling bags for our clients who come to our door every week. See list above on page 9 for items needed.

JUSTA CENTER

Justa Center serves homeless senior individuals. They are in need of donations to purchase food and volunteers to serve at the Justa Center, 1001 West Jefferson, Phoenix (SE corner of 10th Ave and Jefferson). You can make your donations to COB designating Justa Center. To volunteer, register with Doris or Pat at damcvey@cox.net

Learn more about the Justa Center - Watch these videos

Overview: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dKLDwbDeUdY
The Beatitudes Bunch serve lunch: https://youtu.be/54oK2uZ9vPU

Online Giving is Easy!

You may choose to give to the church in a variety of ways. Our church supports the community as well as programs that help the homeless and school children in our area. If you feel called, please donate here:

Donate Here

How Can I Join Beatitudes Church?



Considering membership with Beatitudes Church?
We will equip you with the essentials of how to connect with our church family and community. To learn more and take your next step at Beatitudes, contact Janelle Tapphorn at (602) 264-1221 ext.
103 or email at: jtapphorn@beatitudeschurch.org

What Can I See On The Beatitudes Church Website?

As a Church Member: You have access through the membership portal to the Board and Congregational Meeting Minutes plus everything visitors receive.

As a Church Member/Visitor:

- Calendar of Events, Spiritual Practices, Renovation Updates
- Access the Beatitudes Radio Show Weekly Sermons (at the bottom of the home page, you can listen right there), Dialogue and Interviews by Pastor Tony.
- Weekly Blog
- See the most recent Facebook Post (at the bottom of the home page) and Like our Facebook Page
- Sign Up for the Weekly Newsletter The Beat

Visit us online at www.beatitudeschurch.org, accessible on your iPhone, Android Phone or device and on your PC.

Promote Beatitudes...it's easy!

- Reviews, Reviews: How often do you Google search a restaurant and go based on the reviews you've read? The same is true for our digital footprint. Write a review about your experience at Church of the Beatitudes on Google and/or Yelp. Ask Comm. Specialist, Janelle, for assistance if you're unsure how.
- Follow us on Facebook and SHARE our posts with your network of followers.
- A good ole' fashioned in-person invite will also work! Did you know that approximately 82% of the unchurched are at least somewhat likely to attend church if simply invited? That's a lot of people who need your invite!