VAN DRIVER: Cynthia Lawrence

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 AM
CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
Due to the Cedarkirk All-Church Retreat, there will be no Sunday school for 1st - 5th grade today, October 20th. Children may remain in service with their family for worship. Sunday school will resume next week, October 27th.

11:00 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
The Middle & High Schoolers (6th-12th graders) are meeting this week for Sunday School. All youth are welcome to worship together in the back-left-side of the Sanctuary at the 9:30 Ignite service. After the service, youth will meet in the City at 10:45am for Sunday School where we will be studying our series, Amplify.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
9:30 A.M. TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) Rooms 9-11
TCI is an adult class that provides a respectful, civil and non-judgmental forum to explore the timely issues we face as Christians, citizens, parents and friends. We ground our discussions in scripture and celebrate the diversity of ideas drawn from experiences and perspectives. Today, Stuart Berger of the Clearwater Free Clinic, who is on our board of directors, will give us a virtual tour of the newly opened Clearwater Free Clinic, which our church supports.

11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class Room 15, led by Vicki Krueger
The Experiencing God class offers you a place to connect with other believers in the study of God's word and how it applies to our daily lives. Our goal is to grow in our understanding of the Bible, as Jesus' own group of disciples did; to meet the needs of others in our group in prayer and ministry; to become equipped for evangelism; and to let the living Word of God dwell richly in us.

11:30 A.M. Sunday Morning Bible Study — WE WILL NOT MEET OCTOBER 20th OR 27th. WE WILL RESUME NOV. 3rd
This Bible study meets at 11:30am on Sunday mornings in room 8 of the Christian Education Building. We are studying the minor prophets from the Old Testament. We are looking at God’s message of hope and reconciliation to God’s people while they were in exile. The book we are using is part of the “Immersion Bible Studies: Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, and Jonah” by Bruce Epperly. If you have any questions or would like to purchase a book for the study, please contact Cindy Huffman at 727-409-8727 or lucindy1@aol.com. This is a discussion class and is approximately one hour in length. All are welcome! Come join us!

9:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. “Defenders”
The "Defenders" meet in rooms 5 & 7 at both 9:30am & 11:00am. This class is taught by Michael Jahnosky, who is a Humanities Professor at St. Petersburg College. We will focus on defending the Christian faith in a secular world, studying the book "Christian Apologetics: Renewing the Christian Voice, Conscience, and Imagination in a Disenchanted World" by Dr. Paul Gould. For more information, you may contact Spencer Briggs at spencer.briggs1@gmail.com.

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“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” (377)
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BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO…
Tuesday, October 22: Mary Ellen Zeigler, Cassandra Fredriksen, Rob Robicheau
Wednesday, October 23: Vickie Mills
Thursday, October 24: Imogene White, Jon Mills, Ed Derkevics
Friday, October 25: David Daniel, Larry Taylor, Jordan Mattheus
Saturday, October 26: Sue GiVette, Jody Mattheus, Doug Caccamise

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October 20, 2019  
19th Sunday after Pentecost  
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

**WE COME TO WORSHIP**  
(Let the congregation be silent, and in prayer as the music begins. Please silence electronic devices.)

**CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)**  
Leader: Give thanks to God for the faith we share;  
People: be steadfast in hope through Jesus Christ.  
Leader: Pray always, and do not lose heart.  
People: Being confident of this, that God who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day Christ Jesus appears.

All:  
Let us worship God!

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**  
“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Dennis Funderburk  
Heather Wood, Clarinet

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**  
Beth-El Blanket Sunday  
(8:15) Paul Means  
(11:00) Sue Miskiewicz

**PASSED THE PEACE OF CHRIST**  
(Together)

**HYMN #377**  
“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”  
HOUSTON

**CALL TO CONFESSION**  
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)**

Dear Lord, we confess that it is still all too easy for us to sacrifice our convictions for convenience, our standards for status, your principles for promotion, your absolutes for our ambition, our souls for shallow and unsatisfying success. How easily we are seduced by wealth, power, prestige, pleasure, or possessions—Forgive us when we are lazy and irresponsible stewards of the gifts you have entrusted to us. By your grace, may we experience the freedom and joy of being found faithful in serving you by serving you the good news of the gospel that is found in Jesus Christ our Lord in whose name we pray. Amen.

**HYMN #725,724**  
“O Jesus, I Have Promised”  
NYLAND/ANGEL’S STORY  
Sing stanzas 1 and 2 to #725  
Sing stanzas 3 and 4 to #724

**WE GROW IN THE WORD**  
Matthew 6:19-24 NRSV (page 787)

**SERMON**

“Investing in What Matters Most”  
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

**WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

**HYMN #39**  
“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”  
FAITHFULNESS

**BENEDICTION**  
“God Be With You”  
arr. Dale Wood

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**  
“Fantasia”  
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”  
HOUSTON

**COUNTDOWN**

**WELCOME**

**PRAISE SONG**

“Open Up the Heavens”

**MEET AND GREET**

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“Unstoppable God”

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**SONG OF DEDICATION**

“Cornerstone”

**GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU**

**Sung Blessing**

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