

Congregational

THANK YOU

Thank you for remembering my birthday plus Easter with many beautiful greeting cards! God's blessings to all. ~Geraldine Amstutz

There are not adequate words to thank you for the love, prayers, visits, and understanding you have shown during my hospitalization and rehabilitation. I am so blessed to be a part of God's family at Autumn Ridge. ~Hazel Harper

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Max Gernand, who was recently honored by RCTC for completing 40 years of service as an instructor in auto mechanics.



GREETINGS FROM PASTOR STEER

Today I am in Patmos with 40 Autumn Ridgers. Patmos was the penal colony the Apostle John was sent to in his old age. One Sunday when he was in the Spirit, he met Jesus, and the result was the book of Revelation.

I look forward to being back with you next weekend when we will look together at *Investing in My Work*.

Your friend and pastor, C. John Steer

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**ONLY A FEW SEATS REMAIN—
GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!**



SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER

The Saturday Night Dinner is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children (12 and under). Please reserve your dinner by Friday at noon online at AutumnRidgeChurch.org/meals

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CAFE

Join us for hospitality and fellowship in the CENTER, and enjoy food items for the whole family from light, kid-friendly foods to box dinners, even salads and soup. Each à la carte item is either \$.75 or \$1, and box dinners are only \$4. We serve **each Wednesday from 5:15-6:30pm**. No reservations needed.

OUR GIVING TO GOD

Given Last Week

Offerings: \$ 65,213

*Command them to do good,
to be rich in good deeds, and to be
generous and willing to share.*

1 Timothy 6:18



KEEPING IT REAL: REAL WOMEN, REAL FAITH, AND A VERY REAL GOD

April 24-25, 2015

Autumn Ridge Church

Liz Curtis Higgs, Marian Jordan Ellis, and Nicole C. Mullen are this year's guests. Go to www.DevotedHeartsRochester.com for additional information about these women, details about the conference, and to register.

Group tickets are available. For every 10 tickets purchased, you will receive one complimentary ticket.devotedheartsrochester@gmail.com or call 507-289-2415.

WELCOME, GUESTS

If you are a first-time guest, stop by the **NEWCOMER CONNECTION** in the lobby by Christos Bookcenter to receive your gifts. The staff at the **NEWCOMER CONNECTION** would like to welcome you and answer any questions you may have.

GIFTS FOR FIRST-TIME GUESTS

Come to the **NEWCOMER CONNECTION** to select a book to take home with you at no charge. Please take a gift bag that includes information about our church and our ministries. The bag also includes a coupon good for a free Saturday Night Dinner for your entire family, a coupon for the Sunday morning **CENTER Café**, and a 10% off coupon for Christos Bookcenter.

New Sermon Series
see more at
www.AutumnRidgeChurch.org

INVESTING 101

HOW TO HAVE A PROFITABLE LIFE



PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

Children are always welcome in our services, but if your child gets fussy, please move to the Parents' Room which is located opposite the Christos Bookcenter.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Join us Friday evenings for support to become free from addictive, compulsive, and dysfunctional behaviors. Childcare is provided. We have worship at 7:00pm, small groups at 8:00pm, and Solid Rock Cafe at 9:00pm. For more information contact Gary Seaquist at garyseaquist@gmail.com or 287-9101.

Christos Bookcenter

Mon-Thurs: 10am-6pm, Sat: 5-7pm, Sun: 8:30am-12:30pm

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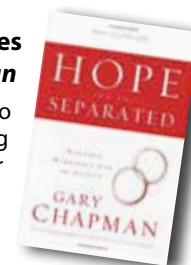


Choose Love: The 3 Simple Choices That Will Alter the Course of Your Life by Stormie Omartian

How do you choose love? You understand how much God loves you and choose to receive His love. You express your love for Him, just as He describes in His Word. And you show His love to others in a way that pleases Him.

Hope for the Separated: Wounded Marriages Can Be Healed by Gary Chapman

It should not be assumed that separation always leads to divorce. Separation may just as well lead to a restored, enriched, growing marriage. The author believes the biblical ideal for a separated couple calls for reconciliation, and he shows that you can achieve this through small, simple steps.



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INVESTING IN MY MARRIAGE



Saturday
5:30 PM

Sunday
9:00 AM

Sunday
10:30 AM

Our purpose is to make disciples of Jesus Christ
who love God and serve people.

APRIL 18-19, 2015



MISSIONARIES IN GUINEA

The SIM Guinea team, including Autumn Ridge missionaries, David & Katie H, were all able to meet together in February. One topic of discussion was how to know when it was time to go back to their ministries in Guinea. Let's pray for a consistent decline in Ebola transmission throughout Guinea and for less resistance to health-care workers dealing with the disease. We need Guineans to grow in understanding of Ebola and to work with the health-care system to help stop the disease.

"The mark of a great church is not its seating capacity, but its sending capacity."
~Mike Stachura

Dear Autumn Ridge Family,

It is with a mixture of joy and sadness that I write to you to inform you that I have accepted a call to be the next Senior Pastor at Oak Haven Church in Ham Lake, MN. Oak Haven is a part of Converge Worldwide (formerly called the Baptist General Conference). This denomination is affiliated with Bethel University where I graduated from Seminary ten years ago. Oak Haven is a church of around 250. I will begin serving at Oak Haven on July 1.

It has been my desire to serve in a role of regular preaching and greater influence of church leadership for some time. The opportunity at Oak Haven allows me to step into this kind of opportunity. I will always cherish my years at Autumn Ridge. I've learned much from my pastoral colleagues, especially those who I've served with for quite a long time. I will always be grateful to Pastor Steer for the lessons that he has shared with me on being a senior pastor. I believe that I am a deeper disciple of Jesus and a more well-rounded pastor because of my wonderful experiences at Autumn Ridge.

The congregation of Autumn Ridge has always been gracious and encouraging. I want to express my deep gratitude for the way that you have loved me and my family through 8 years of ministry together. I believe that the future of Autumn Ridge is very bright and our family will miss you deeply.

For the Kingdom, *Andy Kumpel*



MATCHING GRANT SUCCESS!

Thank you to everyone at ARC for your generosity with the Lighthouse Renovation project! Because of you, we exceeded our goal of \$8,000! The extra funds will go toward basement improvements, allowing our youth to use the basement year-round.

We are humbled and so grateful for God's provision. Construction will begin in the next few weeks. Feel free to stop by and check it out or stop by our website for updates at www.NextChapterRochester.org.

Next Chapter Ministries is committed to building relationships with people that have been impacted by crime, restoring them to God, family, and community.

WORK AT THE FORT!

Fort Wilderness is currently filling its summer staffing needs. Applications are open to people 15 years and older. There are a variety of paid and volunteer positions available.

For job descriptions and an application, visit www.fortwilderness.com. You can also contact June Connelly, the Fort Staff Coordinator, at junecon@fortwilderness.com or 715-277-2587 x18.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP


BSF Men's class meets for a 4-week study of Deuteronomy in the **Upper Room at 6:55pm on Tuesdays**. Did you know Deuteronomy is one of the most-quoted scriptures by Jesus? Men are encouraged to join anytime from now until the end of April.

Register for the Revelation study starting in the fall. Learn more at bsfinternational.org or contact Ben Lorence at 612-382-8449 or e-mail him at benlorence@gmail.com.

COMING SOON!

Food 4 Friends End-of-School-Year Boxes


Look for your opportunity to participate in our end-of-school year food drive for the children that are a part of our backpack program. More information and sign-up coming soon.



Today we are celebrating the faith-based adventure troops chartered at Autumn Ridge: American Heritage Girls troop 22-6 and Trail Life USA troop 4-12. Our troops have about 80 boys and girls in elementary and middle school. You may have seen some of them in uniform as you entered the sanctuary.

The mission of AHG is to build women of integrity through service to God, family, community, and country. Trail Life's mission is to guide generations of courageous young men to honor God, lead with integrity, serve others, and experience outdoor adventure. Both troops accomplish this through a variety of activities, learning life skills, completing service projects, and developing Godly character.

Our troops are now accepting registrations and volunteers for next year. If you would like more information, you can talk to representatives from the troops this weekend at the tables by the Summit Room, or write "Trail Life" or "AHG" on your welcome card, and someone will contact you.



REGISTER FOR FAMILY CAMP AT FORT WILDERNESS!

Family Camp is August 1-7, 2015

Charlie Cleverly, our speaker for this year, is coming all the way from England. Please pick up a registration form at the Info Link or in the Living Room. Registration information is included on the form. Register soon, as space and lodging options are limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Questions about Camp? Email Pastor Andy Kumpel at Kumpel.Andy@AutumnRidgeChurch.org or Mark Foley at markkfoley@hotmail.com.

For detailed information about Family Camp, visit the Autumn Ridge website at www.AutumnRidgeChurch.org/familycamp.

MEMORIAL SERVICE 2015

Whether you have lost a loved one this year or in a previous year, we invite you to join us as we remember them and give glory to God for their lives. Refreshments will be served following the service.

Sunday, May 3 • 6PM • Timothy Chapel

We ask that you register for this service by writing your name, the name of your loved one, and your relationship to them on a welcome card or on a registration card that can be found at the reception desk upstairs and at the Information Link in the Main Lobby.


For more information, contact Pastor Dan Farm at 288-8880, Farm.Dan@AutumnRidgeChurch.org, or Gail Shores at 289-1140.

OASIS

Please join us for good food and fellowship at the **Stewartville Pizza Ranch on Tuesday, April 21, 12:00pm**. Cost is \$9.63 per person.

RSVP by Sunday, April 19 to Bob and Mary Ellen Manthei at 281-8044.

Adventures in Acts:
Building God's Church



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

April 22 Standing Trial for your Faith
April 29 Shipwreck and Imprisonment



WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLUBS

6:30 – 8:00pm
K15 Preschool – 5th Grade

April Meeting Dates:
4/22, 4/29

DISCIPLEKIDS WEEKEND CLASSES

Saturdays at 5:30pm:
Classes for infant - K15 Preschool

Sundays at 9:00am and 10:30am:
Classes for infant - 5th Grade

Elementary students are encouraged to attend class for one hour and then attend a worship service with their families during another service.

BARNABAS MINISTRY

Sundays at 10:30am in the **Maninka Room**
Kids and teens with disabilities are invited to join us for a class on Sundays.

SAVE THE DATE

SHiNE Festival
June 15 – 18, 6:00 – 8:00pm
Harriet Bishop and Bamber Valley Schools

Science Camp
June 29 – July 2, 9:00 – 11:30am
Children completing 3rd – 5th Grades

FCA Youth Sports Camp
July 6 – 9, RCTC Field House
Children completing 1st – 7th Grades

Art Camp
July 13 – 16, 9:00 – 11:30am
Children completing 3rd – 5th Grades

Creation Camp
July 27 – 30, 9:00 – 12:00 pm
Children completing K – 5th Grade

Upward Soccer
August 3 – October 10
Registration begins April 27
Children entering K – 5th Grade in the fall
For information and registration go to www.AutumnRidgeChurch.org/soccer

THING

April: Gift Cards
Benefitting: Safe Families
See flyer at any Children's check-in station for more information.

Student Ministries



Mosaic Student Night:
Sundays, 5:30-7:00pm
April 26: Night of Worship

Middle School Small Groups:
Sundays during Mosaic

High School Small Groups:
Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00pm

Missions Training April 19:
Minneapolis and Appalachia 4:00-5:30pm
Haiti: 7:00-8:30pm

HIRE A STUDENT

This summer, students in grades 7-12 will be participating in mission trips to Haiti, Appalachia, and Minneapolis. If you would like to support some of these students by hiring them to help with projects or tasks around your home, please email Students@AutumnRidgeChurch.org. Include details of the job, how long it will take, when it needs to be completed, and contact information.

Young Adult Ministries



SINGLES BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday nights at 7:00pm. Meeting in April at the home of Jeff and Jo Kuball (4415 Stratford Lane NW, Rochester).



GROUNDS KEEPERS

We need help keeping the grounds beautiful at Autumn Ridge and Elizabeth Lodge. If you are interested in trimming and mowing a section on a weekly basis, or if you can assist with mulching, weeding, or general upkeep, please contact Tom Ulwelling at 288-8880 or Ulwelling.Tom@AutumnRidgeChurch.org.