



January 6-7, 2018

*Ridge Lines:* CONNECTING TO  
THE AUTUMN RIDGE COMMUNITY



## Welcome, Guests!

We pray that you are encouraged by the love of Christ as you worship with us. We strive to create a grace- and hope-filled environment where you can take your next step toward Christ!

Please fill out a **Connection Card** from the rack in front of your chair, and bring it to the **Connection Center** in the lobby. The staff would love to meet you, answer questions, and give you a gift bag that includes a coupon for Christos Bookcenter and tickets for a complimentary Saturday night meal in the Common Grounds Cafe.

Children are always welcome in our worship services. If your child becomes fussy, we can direct you to spaces which will allow you to see and hear what is going on in the services while attending to your child's needs.

### A little about Autumn Ridge

**Our Mission** is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who love God and serve people. We do this through **our Vision** to equip Autumn Ridgers, in the power of the Spirit, to be disciples where they live, work, and play, and to share our hope in Jesus.



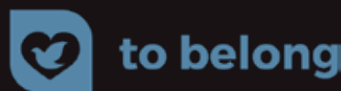
## RUTH – THE ROMANCE OF REDEMPTION

When Benjamin Franklin was United States Ambassador to France, he sometimes attended the Infidels Club. This was a group that searched for literary masterpieces. On one occasion, Franklin read the book of Ruth to the club. He changed the names, so it would not be recognized as a book of the Bible. When he finished, the members were unanimous in their praise. They said it was one of the most beautiful short stories they'd ever heard and demanded that Franklin tell them where he had come across such a remarkable work of art. It was his great delight to tell them it was from the Bible, which they professed to regard with scorn and in which they felt was nothing good.

This month we are going to look at this literary masterpiece. Ruth is a beautiful story of romance, but it is more than that for it tells us about the romance of redemption. We all need to belong, and Ruth points us in the right direction. It starts with a family that has lost all hope and ends with the God of all hope.



*Whither Thou Goest*  
by Sandy Freckleton Gagon



### CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING FEBRUARY 3 and 4, 2018

We will celebrate the ways God worked through our ministries in 2017 and look forward in anticipation and hope as we move ahead in 2018. Our Annual Meeting will be held at two different times: **SATURDAY, FEB. 3 AT 7:05pm in the Common Grounds** and **SUNDAY, FEB. 4 AT 10:35am in the Upper Room**. Members will vote to approve the budget and elders starting a new term. If you are not a member, you are still welcome to join us. A summary budget is available in advance upon request by contacting Pastor Pat Wester at [Wester.Pat@AutumnRidgeChurch.org](mailto:Wester.Pat@AutumnRidgeChurch.org). Elders will be at the tables next to the main entrance after each service Jan 20/21 and Jan 27/28 to answer any questions about the budget and oversight of the church.

**GOSPEL OF JOHN**  
• so that you may believe •

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY  
WEDNESDAYS: 9:30 AM AND 6:30 PM  
BEGINS JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2018

**Lets Roll With ARC Families**

Sunday, January 21 2-5 PM  
Brownsdale Rohler Rink

Cost is \$5 per person  
with a \$20 family max

Ride the bus or meet us there

Register online

**A TIME FOR WOMEN**  
...to relax ...to enjoy ...to connect

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 11**  
Summit Room, 6:30-8:30pm

Devotion: Svea Merry, *Through it All*

Craft: Dawn Pruett  
*Masterpieces with Paint and Glue*

**Preschool Pajamas and Pancakes**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 9-11AM**

Breakfast followed by  
Valentine's Crafts

**\$10 per family**

Register on the Children's website

## AUTUMN RIDGE CHURCH MINISTRY EVENTS

### children (Infant-Grade 5)

**Don't know where to go? Check out the Children's Welcome Desk in the lobby.**

*See a K followed by a number (K18, K19, etc.)?*

*The number = the year a child starts Kindergarten.*

**Saturdays, 5:30pm:** Infant - 5th grade

**Sundays, 9 & 10:30am:** Infant - 5th grade

**Barnabas (Special Needs):** Sundays, 10:30am, LC102

**Wednesday Night Kids' Club: Resumes January 17.**

**January 1 Thing:** Canned Food Drive  
for In His Name

### Coming Up:

Jan 10: Volunteer Leader Training

Jan 21: Roller Skating in Brownsdale

Feb 3: Preschool Pajamas and Pancakes

Register on the Children's webpage

### students (Grades 6-12)

**Mosaic (Grades 6-12):** On break until Jan. 14

**Middle School Life Groups:** On break until Jan. 14

**High School Life Groups:** On break until Jan. 17

### Save the Date

Middle School Tubing, Jan. 28

High School Floor Hockey Tournament, Jan. 14

Winter Retreat: Feb. 9-11

### fusion (Single Young Adults)

**Tuesdays, 7:00pm:** in the Lighthouse

### men

**Men's Bible Study Fellowship (BSF):**

*Mondays, 6:30pm, Upper Room*

**Men's Coffee Club, Discussions, and Presentations:**

*Wednesdays, 9:30am - Upper Room*

**Men's Wed. Night Bible Study:** 6:30pm, Upper Room

**Men's Bible Study:** Fridays, 6:00am - Upper Room

### women

**Women's Bible Study:** On break until January 17.

**A Time for Women:** Thursday, Jan. 11, 6:30pm,  
Summit Room

**Side By Side (medical spouses):** Fridays, 9:00am,  
Summit Room

### missions & local outreach

**Somali Adult Literacy Training (SALT)**

*Saturday, Feb. 3, 8:30am-3:00pm. Register at  
[AutumnRidgeChurch.org/events](http://AutumnRidgeChurch.org/events).*

### general events & classes

**Adult Bible Study:** Sundays, 10:30am - Upper Room

**Unity English (English language class)**

*Tuesdays, 9:15am, Den Rooms*

**Volleyball:** Tuesdays, 6:30pm - CENTER Gym

**Celebrate Recovery** Fridays, 7:00pm - Upper Rm

**OASIS (Seniors):** Soup & Sandwich Lunch

*with Bob Nowicki, Tuesday, Jan. 16, 12:00pm*

*\$8/person. RSVP to Marilyn Leske at 282-0544.*

More information about our activities are available at [AutumnRidgeChurch.org](http://AutumnRidgeChurch.org) or the church app.

**Sisterhood, Encouragement, Fun, and Fitness**  
join us for 6 weeks beginning January 9

Tuesdays 8-9am | Fridays 6-7pm | \$10 per class

All Women 18+  
30 min Devotional - 30 min Workout

Details & registration @ [Twelve1fitness.org](http://Twelve1fitness.org)

TWELVE 1 FITNESS

### HIGH SCHOOL FLOOR HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

JAN. 14, 7:15-9 PM (AFTER MOSAIC)

5 ON 5—MAKE YOUR OWN TEAMS!

DOUBLE ELIMINATION

FREE SNACKS



Middle School



**Snow Tubing**  
January 28, 2018 5-8 pm



Dave Ramsey's  
**Financial Peace**  
UNIVERSITY



Jesus said more about **MONEY** than **LOVE**

**Sundays, 9AM, Upper Room. Begins Jan 21**

Register at: [fpu.com/1055247](http://fpu.com/1055247)

# Congregational News

We extend our **SYMPATHY** to Curt Herman whose mother, Phyllis, died on December 31.  
We extend our **SYMPATHY** to Wendy Richter whose father, Louis, died on December 23.  
We extend our **SYMPATHY** to Allen Rensch and family. His mother, Mary Petree, died on December 28.  
We extend our **SYMPATHY** to Kenneth Weaver and his family whose brother, Harvey, died on December 23.  
We extend our **SYMPATHY** to Nick and Annie Abbot and family. Nick's grandmother, Patty Moose, died on December 27.

We **REJOICE** with Taylor and Hannah Lindeman on the safe arrival of Poppy who was delivered at the side of the road by her dad on Christmas morning.  
**CONGRATULATIONS** to Jason and Leah Hyde on the birth of Ella Grace on December 28.

**LAST WEEK'S GIVING TO GOD'S WORK: \$ 311,715**

## MISSIONS THIS WEEK

Elise H is settling in to her new city in Asia. There are challenges as well as blessings in a deeper culture adjustment. She was unable to return home for Christmas, but will enjoy celebrating the New Year with a friend's family there. Remember her as she continues language study and adjusting to the culture.

## CHRISTOS BOOKCENTER

[AUTUMNRIDGECHURCH.ORG/BOOKCENTER](http://AUTUMNRIDGECHURCH.ORG/BOOKCENTER)

TU: 10:30AM - 5PM | WED-FRI: 10AM - 5PM | SAT: 5 - 7PM | SUN: 8:30AM - 12PM 507-252-9090

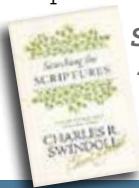
*The Unreformed Martin Luther: A Serious (and Not So Serious) Look at the Man Behind the Myths* ~by Andreas Malessa

Many of the tales we know about Luther are falsehoods and fallacies surrounding the reformer. This book educates and entertains while demonstrating a profound respect for Luther's life and mission.



*Searching the Scriptures: Find the Nourishment Your Soul Needs* ~by Charles R. Swindoll

Swindoll outlines the principles of Bible study he has used for years and passes them on to us to help us communicate God's Word clearly to those around us.



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Saturday 5:30 pm Band  
Sunday 9:00 am Choir & Orchestra  
Sunday 10:30 am Band

[www.AutumnRidgeChurch.org](http://www.AutumnRidgeChurch.org)  
[www.facebook.com/AutumnRidgeChurch](https://www.facebook.com/AutumnRidgeChurch)

**Senior Pastor**  
C. John Steer

**Executive Pastor**  
Pat Wester

**Care**  
Karen Foster

**Next Generations**  
Jason Motte

**Missions**  
Woody Roland

**Worship**  
Jamie Robinson  
Alan Shoumaker

**Administration**  
George Beech

**Life Groups & Serving**  
Paul McDonald

**Generosity**  
Bob Stanhope

**Would you like to give to Autumn Ridge Church? Simply text ARIDGE to 77977 \*\***

\*\*You will receive a one-time reply containing a link to give to ARC (1 msg/request). Please be aware that msg & data rates may apply. For full terms & conditions please visit <https://pushpay.com/terms>. For the privacy policy please visit <https://pushpay.com/privacy>. For help reply HELP or STOP to cancel.

You may contact our staff via email at:  
[Lastname.Firstname@AutumnRidgeChurch.org](mailto:Lastname.Firstname@AutumnRidgeChurch.org)

If you want to contact the Elder Board with your questions or concerns, send an email to [elders@autumnridgechurch.org](mailto:elders@autumnridgechurch.org)

For a complete listing of our leadership team, please visit the church website at:  
[www.AutumnRidgeChurch.org/leadership](http://www.AutumnRidgeChurch.org/leadership)