

NEWSLETTER GRAZ



United Methodist Church Graz

Sept - Okt 2017

Participating institutions and churches have been asked to offer hands-on activities for the big festival on September 30, 2017 on the Vienna Rathausplatz

and to enable people to have a taste of heaven here on earth.

Naturally not alone, but knowing that God is with us.



The Methodist movement, under John Wesley, never wanted to be its own church but was more interested in healing and sanctification. This binding and essentially concentrating on God, brought Wesley to express the following quote, „Do you love God and do you serve him? That's enough. I extend to you the right hand of the congregation.“

I extend my hand to you is bridge-building. An important,

It was amazing, how quickly and concurring our church's organization committee agreed on the bridge building project. Methodists as bridge builders. What do we think about this? Or, why do we think that this project matches us best? Bridges have something binding. They bridge an obstacle. They enable good progress. What is separated can come together.

This way we have many positive associations which we would like to implement in our lives: to bring people in touch with God, to have people reconcile with one another and heal wounds,

binding, emblematic bridge-building. I extend to you my hand means: I perceive you. I belong to you. I see your emergency. I do what I can.

More is not needed for a successful congregation and a successful relationship.

Where our will, joy, courage or (i know – a mean word – which we do not like to hear) obedience is missing, we can ask those whom we want to follow: Jesus. He loved us first. He is the vine from which we expect that he helps us to be and to become bridge-builders in the world.

Frank Moritz-Jauk

Graduation

On July 2nd, we celebrated the end of the school year during the church service. At the same time it was the end of a Sunday school project that had lasted many weeks: „What is my church like?“

All the children who attended could present their model to the church.

After the service we ate together and said our good byes for summer vacation.





EMK Summerrecreation

Archery, hiking through fields of poppies, building bridges, singing, dancing, or just enjoying the free pleasure time. All of that – and even more – was possible at the austrian Summerrecreation between 12th and 16th of July 2017, for the first time taking place in Ypsertal.

The slogan of the summer recreation was: "to experience community". 79 women and men, girls and boys participated in that community. That we enjoyed a rich and colorful program was due to the engagement of the participants themselves: Everybody could offer either a workshop, a talking round or a trip, and all who wanted to participate, signed in. The children constructed a glass-marble run, reaching from the second floor to the basement and a choir was constituted enriching the Sunday Service. It was the good fellowship and the friendly atmosphere which characterized these days.

On the one hand there was much freedom to design the personal topics, and on the other hand there was a daily structure in form of devotions, meals and a plenum to discuss the scheduling of the next day.

We experienced and saw how much creativity and how many gifts and talents we have among those people walking in and out of our congregations.

By the way: All austrian congregations were represented! So the seeds of community are sowed and will hopefully bring fruit in the next years. Maybe in form of a happy togetherness, in which we share the gifts given to us, among ourselves.

We plan the next EMK Summerrecreation in the year 2019 – from 10th and 14th of July, and again in Ypsertal.

We are joyfully looking forward to that period.

Stefan Schröckenfuchs

Laypastors birthday

For some of us its quite near and for others it seems miles away, but eventually all of us reach the age of 50. Some even become older ...

During the Summerrecreation a big card signed by all who were there and a really big cake were a wonderful surprise. Thank you very much!



Golden Wedding

Ida and Sepp Fabian celebrated their golden wedding on the 6th of august. We wish you both the best furthermore, and may God bless you!



Birthdays

We wish all members and friends, celebrating their birthday during September and Oktober 2017, God's blessing. Especially, we congratulate:

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Sunday Services

So 03.09. Congregational Lunch	10:00	Sunday Service with Holy Communion Sermon: Frank Moritz-Jauk	Exodus 3, 1-15 Romans 12, 9-21 Mathew 16, 21-28
So 10.09.	10:00	Sunday Service Sermon: Frank Moritz-Jauk	Exodus 12, 1-14 Romans 13, 8-14 Mathew 18, 15-20
So 17.09. Schoolstart	10:00	Sunday Service Sermon: Stefan Schröckenfuchs	Exodus 14, 19-31 und 15,1b-11 Romans 14, 1-12 Mathew 18, 21-35
So 24.09.	10:00	Sunday Service with Holy Communion Sermon: Frank Moritz-Jauk	Exodus 16, 2-15 Philippians 1, 21-30 Mathew 20, 1-16
So 01.10.	10:00	Sunday Service Sermon: Gerhard Weissenbrunner	Exodus 17, 1-7 Philippians 2, 1-13 Mathew 21, 23-32
So 08.10.	10:00	Sunday Service Sermon: Matthew Laferty	Exodus 20, 1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Philippians 3, 4b-14 Mathew 21, 33-46
So 15.10. Harvest Festival	10:00	Sunday Service with Holy Communion Sermon: Stefan Schröckenfuchs	Exodus 32, 1-14 Philippians 4, 1-9 Mathew 22, 1-14
So 22.10.	10:00	Sunday Service Sermon: Frank Moritz-Jauk	Exodus 33, 12-23 1. Thessalonians 1, 1-10 Mathew 22, 15-22
So 29.10.	10:00	Sunday Service Sermon: Christine Walzer	Deuteronomium 34, 1-12 1. Thessalonians 2, 1-8 Mathew 22, 34-46
So 05.11. Congregational Lunch	10:00	Sunday Service with Holy Communion Sermon: Stefan Schröckenfuchs	Josua 3, 7-17 1. Thessalonians 2, 9-13 Mathew 23, 1-12

Events

Theological Talk

Every 1st Tuesday of the month
6:30 pm, Devotion Room

Getan speaking Bible Study

Every Tuesday but the 1st of the month (s.a.)
6:30 pm, Devotion Room
OT-Readings „To be onto the Word“

Wednesday Circle

Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month
10:00 am, Devotion Room
Start after the summer: 13.09.2017

Prayer Group in the Devotion Room

Every Friday 9:30 am

Youth Group

Alternating between Friday and Saturday with
their own Program
Contact: Kilian Petau

Choir

Every 2nd Sunday at 11:30 am

Wesley Groups

If you are interested in joining one, please con-
tact the Laypastor
Frank Moritz-Jauk +43 664 73750431
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Women

Every 1st Wednesday of the month
3:30 pm, Devotion Room
06.09.
04.10.
08.11. (instead of All Saints)

Conversation Group Christianity Islam

On demand, please ask the Laypastor.

Korean speaking Bible Study

Every Sunday at 12:30 pm

Chinese speaking Bible Study

Every 2nd and 4th Sunday at 3:30 pm

latest news:

We are celebra-
ting with Miquili-
na, Viktor und
Everaldo Sumbo
for Ewandro
Sumbo.

Welcome, Ewan-
dro!

May God bless
you.



AUT-Events



20. - 22. Oktober Herbsttagung (Autumn Meeting)

Chandlerhouse
4853 Steinbach am Attersee, Dorf 21
Pastor Esther Handschin

Children's and Teen- ager's Birthdays

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Congratulations and God's Blessings!

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