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More Than Another Personality **Test**

By Cassidy Williams

earning about yourself is one thing; learning about yourself to better your relationship with God and other people is perhaps even

better!



Using the Enneagram personality system, Rev. Victor Resendiz will offer three different opportunities for people to engage in a book

study this fall. "The Road Back to You: An Enneagram Journey to Self-Discovery" by Ian Morgan Cron and Suzanne Stabile will be used for reflection and application. Throughout the course, participants will discover their personality type and learn practical ways to lean into their own unique areas of spiritual growth.

"Working with the Enneagram helps people develop the kind of selfknowledge they need to understand who they are and why they see and relate to the world the way they do," the book reads. "When that happens, you can get out of your own way and become more of the person God created you to be."



Resendiz and Rev. Lori Silvestri, two pastors heavily involved with spiritual formation at White's Chapel, believe this is a great opportunity

for spiritual growth. Whereas many personality studies may focus solely on one's personality type, this experience will present opportunities for personal development while encouraging people

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NIGHT OF WORSHIP

Last week's Night of Worship was a powerful experience where God's presence was evident.

Volunteers Needed to Help Kids **Thrive**

C Kids has introduced a new two-fold program this fall, with the goal of providing additional support for children with different abilities, skills, and needs. The program, called Thrive, is implemented each week in their Sunday school class.

Thrive is first and foremost a buddy program that will work as a ministry for children who may need additional support in Sunday school. This is open for all children ranging from kindergarten through sixth grade who would benefit from one-on-one help or simply a friend to help make life a little easier.

The second part of the program is to find and train Thrive buddies to help in the classrooms. The ideal person is a high school student or adult who feels led to participate in this critical ministry.

"The best part of what WC Kids does every weekend is teaching kids from different backgrounds, with different social skills, emotional needs, sensory

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Middle School Fall Retreat

By Bella Briseno

C Students are excited to take Middle School Fall Retreat to the new location of Sky Ranch in Van, Texas. The Fall Retreat will take place Sept. 30 - Oct. 2. Students now get to experience many of the fun and exciting

things that Sky Ranch has to offer, which has created a new excitement and anticipation in our upcoming seventh and eighth grade students. This threeday, two-night weekend of fun will include an opportunity to play games, fly down the zip line, go fishing, play gaga

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By Dr. John McKellar

n our column last week, Pastor Todd called us to a season of prayer, reflection, and discernment about the future of our church. As we consider this crossroad moment, we have three options before us:

- We can remain in the United Methodist Church.
- We can disaffiliate and align with the Global Methodist Church.
- We can disaffiliate and seek to form a new way of being Methodists in our day and time.

Notice that, in all of these options, our intent is to be clearly, unapologetically, unashamedly Methodist. There is a

Where Are We Going? (Part 2) richness in our tradition and theology that defines who we are; it is the DNA of our doctrine and practice. Those pioneers who came from Rising Fawn, Georgia in 1871, came not only with dreams of a new economic future, but also with dreams of planting their Methodist understanding of Christianity on the great Texas prairie. At White's Chapel, every generation has tried to do that. In fact, when we relocated the original sanctuary (now Walton Chapel) to the pond, we discovered behind the siding the words "Methodist Episcopal Church, South." That was the denomination we belonged to for the first 68 years of our existence.

Then, when the northern and southern

Churches merged in 1939, we entered the Methodist Church for the next 29 years – a part of which we were until another denominational merger formed the United Methodist Church in 1969. I offer to that little bit of history simply to say that these conversations are nothing new: alignments and re-alignments of our expression of Methodism have been a part of our history since the beginning.

In fact, of the worldwide Methodist communion, only 25 percent are United Methodists. Of the over 51 million Methodists worldwide, 6.3 million are United Methodists in the United States, and 6.5 million are United Methodists in other countries.

Through it all, during this season of

discernment (and afterwards, too, of course), our hope, our prayer is that we honor and live into (and out of) the best of our Methodist roots – being persuaded that they are the healthiest, most Scriptural, most God-honoring methodology of any denomination or faith tradition in Christendom (we wouldn't be Methodists otherwise). We want to be a church that combines our head and our heart, that combines our belief system with the lives that we live. As such, we seek to follow John Wesley's **General Rules:**

- 1. Do No Harm
- 2. Do Good to All
- Attend to the Ordinances of God **DISAFFILIATION** cont'd on page 2

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For us that looks like...

- Being a church that spreads "Scriptural Holiness," with grace for all and grace that helps each person become whole and complete by engaging the heart (through missions and outreach), stirring the soul (through worship), challenging the mind (through discipleship), and connecting the body (through fellowship, evangelism, and involvement)
- Being a church that remains the dynamic, Christ-centered congregation we have always been - focused on loving God and loving others
- Being a church that studies and practices Wesleyan Theology
- Being a church that maintains Methodist traditions, rites & rituals
- Being a church that is missionally focused: reaching people for Christ on a local, national, and international scale - changing hearts and lives with the Gospel
- Being a church that continues to raise up Christians who live out their faith as expressed in Holy Scripture

If, at the end of our time of discernment, we feel led to remain in the United Methodist Church or to disaffiliate and align with the Global Methodists, the path forward is clear. If, however, we feel led to begin a new expression of Methodism, we will be embarking on a new path. Please know that our desire is to not be a non-denominational church. It is not to hide our historic roots. We will clearly be a Methodist Church – stewarding the legacy of White's Chapel that has been ongoing for 151 years.

We will be committed to developing a plan of church governance that will

guard the order, liturgy, doctrine, and discipline of the Methodist Church. We will continue a system of accountability that will exercise oversight and support of the Church in its mission of reaching the world for Jesus Christ.

Our desire would be to align with other Methodist churches in a voluntary, cooperative manner in both mission and ministry. We envision a new form of "connectionalism" – one defined by shared ministry, equal accountability, and practical governance. Evangelical at its core and grace-filled in its practice, this partnership of autonomous Methodist/ Wesleyan churches will seek to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to the world and to equip disciples for a life of faithful ministry.

Additionally, our fervent desire will be to foster greater unity with other Wesleyan and Methodist groups which share a common heritage of theology, history, and polity. Unity among the spiritual heirs of John Wesley is a profound hope and desire that we hold. This desire is rooted in our heritage as a "connectional" movement: linking congregations and other ministries in cooperative ministry and mutual encouragement. Closer relationships with other Methodist groups provides increased opportunities for global missions and evangelism, enrichment in our understanding and practice of ministry, and the sharing of resources and expertise.

The president of the United Methodist Council of Bishops, Bishop Thomas Bickerton, said something profound recently: "I've been saying that I believe God has opened the door for us for the next expression of Methodism. The question is: Do we have the courage to walk through the door?"

I believe he is completely right. God has opened a door of decision upon us. We hope that you will join us in this season of discernment and prayer. We hope that we will study and ponder and explore who it is that God calling us to be. And, then, we pray that, together, we will have the courage to follow where God leads!

We invite all to join us for information meetings on Wednesday, Sept. 21, at 7:15 p.m. or Sunday, Sept. 25, at 12:30 p.m. (both in the sanctuary).

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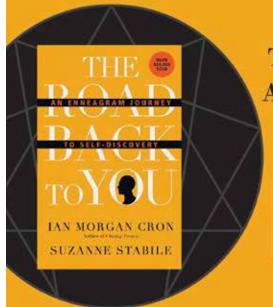
All are welcome.

Hosted by Drs. John McKellar & Todd Renner.

Wednesday, Sept. 21 | 7:15 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25 | 12:30 p.m.

Both meetings will be held in the Sanctuary.

Secure childcare by contacting Dawn Martinez dmartinez@whiteschapelumc.com



THE ROAD BACK TO YOU: AN ENNEAGRAM JOURNEY TO SELF-DISCOVERY.

BY IAN MORGAN CRON AND SUZANNE STABILE

Mondays, Oct. 3-31 | 1:30-3 p.m. | Room 3102 or 5:30-7 p.m. | Room 3201 or Center for Spiritual Care

Book is available at the bookstore. Please register online at whiteschapelumc.com

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to tap into positive areas of other personality types.

"I feel like this book kind of opens a door to discovering who you are on the inside, but it's merely a threshold that you pass through because... it doesn't just stop with reading the book," Silvestri shared. "It's an ongoing process after you discover who you are. You keep going and keep learning... not only does it have to do with your prayer life but when you become really aware of the person who God created you to be, and you become aware of the places in your life that you can kind of take detours or go into 'shadow sides of yourself,' this helps you come back to be more like the person that God created you to be so that you get filled up on the inside and it flows out into the world."

The class is wholistically designed to invite participants into a more mature walk of faith. The course itself will encourage transformation – in thought, action and practice. Resendiz hopes that through the knowledge presented in this study, people are able to incorporate new ideas and practices into their prayer

"This type of self-reflection is generally something that you can add to your time of prayer or time reading devotions, or time journaling... or any of those practices that already provide the space for self-discovery," Resendiz said.

Participants will come to the first meeting having already taken the Enneagram assessment. Then, the group will meet to discuss the book, as they read along together. The class will be presented in a dynamic, open format with time for discussion and personal reflection. Resendiz will also use social media material (typically humorous) to engage people and encourage them to continue thinking about their personality type outside of the classroom.

While class members will be able to discover their own habits and tendencies, as outlined in the assessment and book, they will also be encouraged to stretch into healthy personality traits typically associated with other numbers. This is to encourage wellrounded knowledge about the various personality traits - without typecasting individuals.

"This [personality study] doesn't box you in, if anything it invites you to go deeper and to expand," Resendiz shared. "The whole Enneagram concept is that we are wholistically designed, so we have all nine numbers... it just so happens, that because of our personality or even our upbringing, we default to a certain number... but a healthy path that we are invited to is to become whole in the awareness of all the numbers. Then, we can engage in the light of each number rather than stay in the dark shadow of 'my' number."

This five-week book study is open to anyone interested in learning more about the Enneagram and how it can be applied to one's spiritual life. The book is available for purchase at the Circuit Writer's Books & Such bookstore. Registration is available on the church website for the following sessions: Mondays (Oct. 3-31) from 1:30 to 3 p.m., Mondays (Oct. 3-31) from 5:30 to 7 p.m., and Thursdays (Sept. 29-Nov.3) from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

"Just come give it a try and explore" Resendiz said. "I think that is the ultimate invitation."

Silvestri and additional lay leaders are planning to offer similar studies this fall. Contact Silvestri for more information.

Registration is available online. **Rev. Victor Resendiz** vresendiz@whiteschapelumc.com Rev. Lori Silvestri Isilvestri@ whiteschapelumc.com

Scan the QR Code to watch an Enneagram class interview with Rev. Victor Resendiz.





MUSIC REHEARSAL HALL | 9 A.M. - 3 P.M.

Friday, September 16, 2022 The White's Chapel Herald



CAF Connections

Classic Adult Fellowship, or CAF, is a great group for those in the 55 and better stage of life! We love sharing

meals, movies, and outings with each other and invite anyone who loves the Lord and great fellowship to join the fun. You do not have to be a member of White's Chapel to attend functions, so friends are always welcome. If you are not a member and would like to be on the mailing list for upcoming opportunities and connections, please email or call Laurie Williams, Director for Classic Adult Fellowship. Consider attending one of our monthly events!

Having Fun with CAF

The group just enjoyed an annual bingo game - but this time with a twist! We added flamingos for "Flamingo Bingo!" Who knew adding a tropical feel and pink birds would be so much fun? With great prizes provided from our WC Bookstore as well as our members showing up in GREAT costumes, August's luncheon was a huge success!

The group also enjoyed the monthly movie, "Zoo." Based on a true story, young Tom Hall and his misfit friends fight to save Buster, the baby elephant during the German air raid bombings of Belfast, Northern Ireland in 1941. It was a great movie, according to the group.



What's on the Calendar?

CAF is looking forward to a great fall! Trips, luncheons, games, movies, and

> visit an information desk for your copy of the Fall Newsletter. Lots going on

Thursday, Sept. 15 – CAF Day Trip to Stockyards is sold out. Due to the popularity of this activity, the group will take another trip out to see the John Wayne Museum and eat at Joe T. Garcia's again in the spring. If you registered online or made arrangements with Laurie, meet at Walton Chapel | 9

Friday, Sept. 30 | 11 a.m. complete with a red-carpet friends and checking on your spot.

Thursday, Oct. 6 | 1:30 p.m. CAF Free Monthly Movie | Rawlins Hall Quiz Show - Based on true events in the 1940s. A young lawyer, Richard Goodwin, investigates a potentially fixed game a big time show winner, is under Goodwin's investigation.

a.m. - CAF Day at the Fair! See the current newsletter for more details!

Director Laurie Williams

more are on the calendar. Email, call, or

with CAF!

(10:30 check-in) CAF Fall Kickoff – Showtime with Classic Adults! Join CAF for our fall kickoff, movie theme! Movie clips from the decades, trivia, great food, and fun surprises are all on the agenda. Bring friends for a fun time making new current ones. Email or call Laurie Williams to reserve

show. Charles Van Doren, Thursday, Oct. 13 | 9:20

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TAKES A VILLAGE

This community event celebrating and educating families of differently abled individuals was a big success! Over 300 visitors, 150 families, and 100 vendors and volunteers came to meet and greet community members.











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ball, go horseback riding, and so much more. There will also be time set aside throughout the weekend for students to engage in worship and participate in small group discussions with their cabins following worship services. This weekend experience will provide an amazing opportunity for the WC Students staff to continue to invest in the class of 2027 and 2028, while guiding them through their time in middle school. Previous students have spoken about how the time spent with WC Students and other middle school students over this retreat has helped them to form the memories and authentic community that kept them engaged at White's Chapel throughout their time in WC Students.

For this trip to be a success, we also need adult leaders to help lead our students on this trip. Adult leaders will help supervise students, lead small groups, and participate alongside students in fun activities throughout the weekend. If you have ever considered

joining WC Students on a trip but have been hesitant, this retreat is an excellent opportunity to get your first experience serving as an adult leader in a more laid-back experience compared to the busyness of mission trips. We hope you will consider joining us and take this as your personal invitation to sign up to join us as we pour into the lives of some of our middle school students on the Fall Retreat.

This year, the Middle School Fall Retreat can accommodate up to 100 participants total, including staff, students and adult leaders. The cost for the trip is \$199. Participants will meet in the youth space (on the second floor of the Student Education building) on Friday, Sept. 30, at 5 p.m. for check-in and dinner before departing for Sky Ranch. We will return to White's Chapel on Sunday, Oct. 2, at 12:30 p.m. in the back parking lot. Fall Retreat is not currently full. However, we are nearing the cutoff, so if you or your student are thinking about going on Fall Retreat, don't hesitate to sign up before it's too late. Students will not want to miss a weekend where they can stay in a cabin with friends while playing crazy games and making some seriously incredible memories!

If you are not joining us on this trip, we ask for your prayers both before and during the trip. We ask that you pray for the safety of our students, for a positive experience, and for God to move and have a personal encounter with all of our students, parents and staff on the trip!



"We want to ensure that all children receive the support they need so that they not only feel the love of Christ, but also feel safe and confident."

Thrive

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needs, cognitive abilities, and physical abilities how much Jesus loves them," said Alyson Bator, WC Kids Curriculum Coordinator.

"We want to ensure that all children receive the support they need so that they not only feel the love of Christ, but also feel safe and confident. That's where Thrive steps in."

Bator, who joined the church staff in June, is the Thrive Coordinator. She recently received a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and Special Education from Abilene Christian University.

"I have known since middle school that I was called into ministry," said Bator. "I didn't realize what that specific call was though, until college. I felt God telling me to go into special education and from there I dove into a public-school teaching career."

Bator taught second grade, Kinder through second grade special education and most recently, 5th grade math and

"I absolutely adore teaching; however, I felt like God was leading me on to a different path with education. That is what led me here to Whites Chapel."

"When I was very young, we attended Whites Chapel, but moved to Austin," she said. "My family moved back to Keller when I was a sophomore in high school and I quickly got involved with WC Student ministry. This led to many amazing opportunities to grow in my faith and be mentored. I have always thought it would be amazing to work at Whites Chapel, but I was working in public education and was focused on teaching."

WC Kids Co-Director Hannah Robbins contacted Bator, asking her if she would be willing to interview for the Curriculum Coordinator position.

"After a lot of prayer, I agreed to interview and by the end of that interview I had so much peace that this is where God was leading me. The position combined my love of teaching, with my heart for special education, and with my desire to disciple others."

There are already many families hoping for a buddy for their child. To meet this need in WC Kids, volunteers to be a buddy are essential. The job would require a minimum of two Sundays a month at either the 9:30 or 11 a.m. service. Volunteers are matched with a Thrive kid, and will be paired with them each time both attend.

"We want to ensure that all children receive the support they need so that they not only feel the love of Christ, but also feel safe and confident. That's where Thrive steps in. Thank you in advance for pouring God's love into our children!"

If you are interested in being a buddy, requesting a buddy for your child, or have any questions, please contact Bator. Alyson Bator | abator@whiteschapelumc.com

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Taizé Service Wednesdays | 6 p.m.

Taizé is a prayerful form of worship and is filled with song, Scripture, and quiet reflection. It includes silence as well as a celebration of the Lord's Supper. This offering will resume each week in Walton Chapel. All are welcome to attend.

Women's Fall Event Thursday, Sept. 29 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Join WC Women for our Women's Fall Event featuring Amberley Neese. It will take place on Thursday, Sept. 29, starting at 6:30 p.m. with dinner and a message from Amberley. Amberly Neese is a national speaker, comedian, and Bible study author who ties together humor and God's Truth in a relatable, encouraging way. Amberly is a featured speaker for the Aspire Women's Events and the main host and female comedian

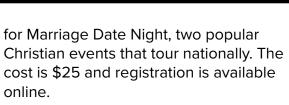
cost is \$25 and registration is available

Looms of Love Thursday, Sept. 29 Yarn Donations Needed!

Looms of Love is seeking yarn donations at the upcoming Women's Fall Event on Sept. 29. Volunteers are needed to help support the request of over 2,500 hats for people in need. Over 100 participants are creating hats for 15+ ministry partners, and additional yarn is desperately needed!

There will be a designated box available on campus, if you'd like to drop off donations prior to the event. We sincerely appreciate your consideration to this worthy cause!

Please bring: Size 6, Super Bulky, Washable - Acrylic/Wool Blend Yarn





children of aging parents

October Meeting Featuring Parrish Horton,

RN, of Community Healthcare of Texas

Tuesday, Oct. 11

7 p.m. | Room 2234 | Second Floor of Evans Hall

SUNDAY REHEARSALS

Every Sunday from Oct. 2 - Dec. 4 (5 - 6:30 p.m.)

DRESS REHEARSALS

Dec. 7 (6:30 p.m.)

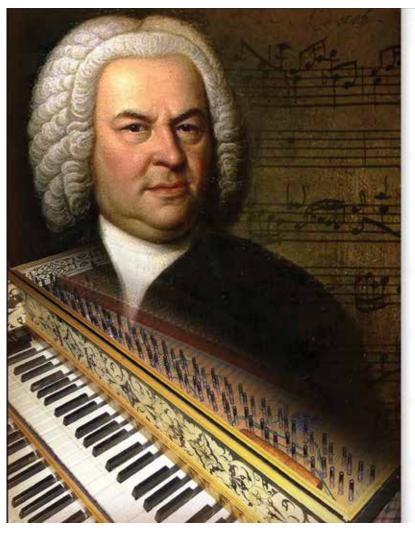


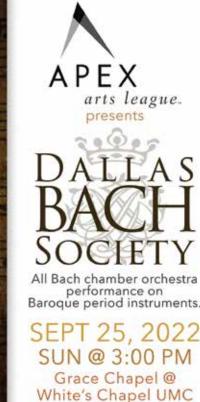


Prayer List

Brooke Akers, Cindi Arnold, Jeanne Arnold, Libby Assenheimer, Carol Barret, Walt Barret, Jerry Barron, Gene Baugh, Betsy Beggs, Darla Beggs, Duke Bell, Mark Berger, Tena Bibb, Joyce Billingsley, Jay Bittick, Bethia Blomquist, Susan Boelens, Mindy Bogan, Tom Bradshaw, Dillon Bredvick, Jeremy Brown, Lee Bryant, Ron and Carol Bryant, Becky Buckman, Ruby Buffalo, Joe Burns, Whitney Butler and Baby Pierce, Bobbie Cameron, Connie Center, Becky Collins, Lori Cotton, Karen Dominy, Margie Duffy, Stacey Dyer, Eleanor Faye Elizondo, Janne Eller-Isaacs, Linda Evans, Ralph Evans, Von Ceil Evans, Fairview Fire Hemet CA, Eric Falls, Caroline Fleps, Becca Floyd, Billy Glass, Jeanne Gossett, Jane Grazer, Tim Green, Judith Hallam, Jennifer Harness, Maxie Hays, Ron Hellstern, Art Hill, Karen Hodges, Lorie Houghland, Gloria Howe, Dennis Howry, Joann Weseloh-Hurtig, JoAnn Jensen, Ziba Johnston, Rick Kinsella, LuAnn Knowles, Cooper Kohan, Joan Lakin, Caleb Graham Larson, Phil Larson, Barbara Lisk, Jessica Lloyd, William Lloyd, Lisa Lockhart, Lafayette Marcum, Bonnie Mart, Margaret Massey, John McBride, Riley Middleton, Buddy Mincey, Claudette Morrow, Marjean Nelson, Larry Nichols, Elida Parish, Sandra Patty, Azor Phelps, Kathy Pierce, Joanne Pohlman, Myrna Puls, Colton Sawyer Quillicy, Blake and Chris Reikofski, Jim and Mary Renner, Matt Rios, Alynne Rivers, Megan Robison, Johnnie Ruth Rogillio, Christine and Aubrey Roser, Randy Ross, Michael Rush, Paul Sewall, Shelly Slagle, Vickie Slaughter, Sid Soileau, Gayle Sorenson, Mary Spain, Grey Stinson, Sherrie Stoecker, Peggy Sward, Jenny Thornell, Donna Turner, Carolyn Voelker, Julie Waddle, Brenda Walker, Linda Ward, Julie Wentworth, Leslie Westerman, Chris White, Shantelle Whitehead, Leigh Winzeler, Elliott Young, Baker, Jeremiah, Military and their Families, Ryan, , , The Family of Fritz Acuna, The Family of Ed Blalack, The Family of Nelda Borror, The Family of Chris Chaconas, The Family of Nina Coon, The Family of Jay Cross, The Family of Alan Curington, The Family of Howard Drew, The Family of Chuck Flowers, The Family of Gerry Means Hairgrove, The Family of Carol Bender Hales, The Family of Dana Jumper, The Family of Doris Lewis, The Family of Earl McCauley, The Family of Lauren Ossenkop. The Family of Bob Perry. The Family of Evelyn Seubert. The Family of Randy Shannon. The Family of Mitch Velickovich.

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