
Breaking Bread and Sharing Stories



There is something sacred about gathering around a table. Throughout Scripture, some of the most meaningful moments of faith, friendship, and community happened while people shared meals together. Jesus often taught, encouraged, and built relationships while breaking bread with others. Those simple acts of eating together continue to strengthen the bonds of Christian community today.

Recently, members and friends gathered for an evening of fellowship at our Dinner and a Movie event featuring *Remarkably Bright Creatures*, based on the beloved novel by Shelby Van Pelt. Before settling in for the movie, we enjoyed a delicious meal of chicken alfredo, salad, and bread, followed by traditional movie favorites of popcorn and chocolate. A special thank you goes to Shelby Straub, whose generous donation of the snacks helped make the evening even sweeter.

As we laughed, reflected, and shared the story together, we were reminded that community is built not only in worship services, but also in ordinary moments spent with one another. Gathering around the table allows us to slow down, listen to one another's stories, and cultivate friendships that encourage and sustain us in our faith journeys.

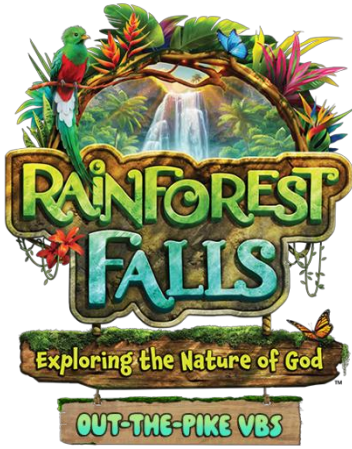
In a world where schedules are busy and people often feel isolated, taking time to sit together over a meal and enjoy an evening of conversation and entertainment becomes an important ministry. These moments remind us that church is more than a place we attend—it is a family with whom we share life.

Acts 2:46 tells us, "*They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts.*" We are grateful for opportunities like Dinner and a Movie that allow us to continue this beautiful tradition of fellowship, hospitality, and joy.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and to those who helped make the evening possible!



Vacation Bible School is almost here!



Summer is a wonderful time for children to discover God’s love, make new friends, and create memories that can last a lifetime. That is why we are excited to invite children and families to **Out the Pike Vacation Bible School**, taking place **July 20–24**, as we join with our partner churches—Vance Presbyterian Church, First Christian Church, and St. Mark Lutheran Church—for **Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God**.

Vacation Bible School is much more than crafts and games. It is an opportunity for children to grow in faith, learn Bible stories, sing songs, and experience the love of Christ in a joyful and welcoming environment. Through hands-on activities, music, stories, and fellowship, children will discover how God's creativity, beauty, and care are reflected throughout the world around us.

VBS also provides a wonderful opportunity for churches to work together, modeling the unity and love that Jesus prayed for among his followers. By sharing our gifts and resources, we create a vibrant ministry that reaches children and families throughout our community.

Just as important as the children who attend are the many volunteers who make this ministry possible. Whether you enjoy playing games, preparing snacks, helping with crafts, welcoming families, or simply offering a smile and encouragement, there is a place for everyone to serve. No special experience is required—only a willingness to share God's love with the next generation.

Jesus said, *"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these"* (Matthew 19:14). Vacation Bible School is one way we answer that call by creating a space where children are welcomed, valued, and invited to know the love of God.

We hope your family will join us for this exciting week of adventure and discovery. We also encourage members and friends to prayerfully consider volunteering. Together, we can help children explore the wonders of God's creation and grow in faith.

For more information or to register, scan the QR code below or contact the church office. We look forward to sharing this exciting week with you!

