



PATHWAY  
WESLEYAN  
CHURCH

## September 2023 Newsletter

Can you believe that summer is almost behind us? I hope that you enjoyed your summer and found some time to rest in the Lord. Ray and I just recently returned from vacation, and I must admit it took a few days to really decompress and stop thinking about everything that was on my to do list. Like many, we go through each day thinking about what lies ahead without thanking God for what is present in our lives. What lies ahead is important, but we need to take time every day to be thankful for all he has blessed us with. Sometimes you need to step away from your to do list and enjoy the moment that God has given you so that you can be refreshed and renewed. For God offers rest by leading us to still waters and restoring our souls (Psalm 23:2-3). Wherever you find your still waters, find time to rest, reflect, read God's word, and pray. It is the only way to restore our souls so that we can go forth and carry out his mission.

The summer months were busy at PathWay. We were blessed to be a part of Will's baptism and know that he has a heart for the Lord who will continue to guide him as he enters a new chapter in his life. The Local Outreach and Global Missions Committee was established in July and has had a couple of exciting meetings. Please see below for some additional information. We were honored to host the Scout's Twilight weeklong camp in early August which brought life to our indoor and outdoor facility. Phase 2 of our renovations were completed with the refreshing of the sanctuary, conversion to LED lighting, and new carpet installation. These are just a few highlights of how God has been moving at PathWay and he is not done yet!

### Church Wide Study

On September 11<sup>th</sup> we will be starting a church wide study called the "Red Letter Challenge". The Red Letter Challenge is a 40-day study that takes Jesus' words (red letters in the bible) and teaches us how to put them into practice. We will take time each week and focus on five principles: Being, Forgiving, Serving, Giving, and Going. To complement the study, starting September 24<sup>th</sup>, Kevin will be holding a discussion session on the previous week's principle during our coffee and conversation time on Sunday mornings (9:45-10:15). I will also be preaching these principles every Sunday. If you are an on-line participant and would like to join us in this study, please reach out to Pastor Anna.

### "Meet Your Neighbor's" Event

**Due to** scheduling challenges and our need to best communicate with our neighbors, we have postponed the "Meet Your Neighbor" event to a Saturday in October. Thank you to all who have already volunteered to be a part of this great day. As Kevin mentioned last week, we would like to let our immediate neighbors know that PathWay is a church that

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### September 10<sup>th</sup>

REACH Outreach Event at  
Barberry House 5 - 7pm

### September 11<sup>th</sup>

Start of Red Letter Challenge  
Church-Wide Study

### September 13<sup>th</sup>

Local Board of  
Administration Meeting  
9:30am

### September 16<sup>th</sup>

CityHope  
"Roc the Block" event  
2:00-5:00pm

### September 20<sup>th</sup>

Local Outreach and  
Missions Committee  
Meeting  
6:00pm

### September 25<sup>th</sup>

Dress-A-Girl  
1:00-4:00 pm

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welcomes them and is here to serve our community. More information will follow.

### **REACH Outreach Event**

On Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, the Local Outreach and Global Missions Committee will be serving at Barberry House, a 30-person shelter in the City of Rochester. We will prepare and share a meal with the residents from 5-7 pm. This will be a great opportunity for the committee to assess how we can serve the needs of our community and plan future dates of service. If interested in helping on a future date, please reach out to Lauren VanCott.

### **Missions Month - November**

The Local Outreach and Global Missions Committee is planning an Outreach and Missions Awareness month. We are asking some local organizations to come speak at PathWay so that we can learn how they are positively affecting the lives of others in our community and how we, through God's love, can engage. We are also in communication with the McFredericks, one of the Global Partners we support from the Czech Republic, to come and speak at PathWay and share how God is using them to bring the gospel message to others. Date to be confirmed. If you serve a local organization and would like to have them come and speak at PathWay, please let Pastor Anna know.

### **Website Update and Signage**

The Board, with Ray Santana's leading, has been busily engaged with our web developers on our new website. We are hoping to go live with the new website by the end of September.

Our new PathWay outdoor sign has been ordered and should be in place in the next couple of weeks.

### **CityHope Wesleyan Church – "Roc the Block" Block**

CityHope has invited PathWay to be a part of their outreach event on September 16<sup>th</sup>. They will be hosting their community from 2-5 pm with activities for all ages and a free dinner. If you are interested in attending or helping, please reach out to Pastor Anna.

As always, please feel free to reach out to Pastor Anna, or any member of the LBA (Earl, Kevin, Tom, or Bob) if you have any questions.

Blessings,  
Anna



## Prayer Requests

- Katie Cote as she is at RGH having tests done.
- Dan's cousin, Rosemary's daughter, Tonya, as she recovers from having breast cancer surgery.
- Peri Kott as she continues treatments for cancer.
- Eleanor Mayti, Bruce Jacobs, Ruth Larson, Pastor Caleb Matthews, Jillian VanCott, and that God will continue to send those in search of Him to our church and to send us out to find those in search of Him as well.

## Website Photos Notice and Opt-Out

Photos of people and events at PathWay are periodically posted to our church website. If you prefer that no photos which contain your image be used, please opt out by advising Ray Santana or by emailing your request to [pathway@pathwaywesleyan.org](mailto:pathway@pathwaywesleyan.org)

### Psalm 16:11

*"You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore."*

### John 14:6

*Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."*