

**How Hyde Park United Methodist  
Created reCONNECT BUZZ  
Each Sunday Morning**

**KICKOFF– Sept.7**

**Enhanced hospitality with greeters coordinated by Bess**

**PAPER CHAIN VINE ON CROSS**

Beginning this Sunday and continuing through Commitment Sunday (six wks), a paper prayer chain will be constructed and attached to a wooden cross with a vine attached. Each Sunday a slip of colored construction paper (use fall colors; 11 inches long) will be inserted into the bulletin with a question posed to which each congregant should respond. They will be asked to fill out their responses and leave those strips in a copper bucket at the foot of the cross in the courtyard. The strips will be prayed over by the staff at Tuesday morning staff meeting and volunteers will form the slips into a chain to display in Courtyard each Sunday on the cross. Karen will be sure it is installed every Sunday morning and taken down at end of Sunday services.

Steve will print slips at his office and deliver to Rebekah by Thursday afternoon to assemble with bulletin.

**Questions for each week:**

**Sept. 7** – Connection – Where is your greatest need to reCONNECT in your life?

**Sept. 14** – Prayer – What is your prayer?

**Sept. 21** – Presence – Who do you pray would come to church?

**Sept. 28** – Gifts/Generosity – For what in your life are you grateful to God?

**Oct. 5** – Service – Where do you feel led to use your gifts in service?

**Oct. 12** - Commitment - What commitment will you make in prayers, presence, gifts or service?

**ReCONNECT TEAM COMMUNION:** at 9:30 Sanctuary service, the reCONNECT team will serve communion wearing tee-shirts for a “sea of green.” 11:00 Sanctuary will also feature some members of team in green shirts

**PHOTO TAKEN OF reCONNECT GROUPS FOR PRESENCE SUNDAY**

Linda and her photography ministry team will be visiting around campus and in the classrooms taking pictures of groups in reCONNECT (hands linked and raised above head) pose. Pictures will be taken on Wed. night (9/10) in dinner and in classrooms and grouped with others taken of youth, etc. to be used on presence Sunday in worship (most likely during the offertory).

## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER**

Tables will feature a centerpiece with “disconnected phone” and other images challenging us to get reCONNECTED.

**PREPARATION FOR PRAYER Sunday:** Print handout for bulletin with different types of prayer. Create to look like a ticket. Print extra (50-100) to use in Activities Center for prayer exhibits and information.

John will send an invitation to group facilitators about taking the spiritual gifts assessment. Mention in second or third week and provide a copy to discuss with groups in third week (presence) to be prepared for the service Sunday.

## **PRAYERS – Sept. 14**

- Set Up for Prayer Sunday to take place Saturday evening after AA meeting. See enclosed layout. Karen, Steve, Sherrie will do set up. Demonstration will include representatives from each discipline and materials describing types of prayer.
- Signage will direct everyone to Activities Center (AC). Empty coffee maker with sign “Coffee in AC”

## **Person with “Sandwich board” directing folks to visit demonstration.**

- Enhanced hospitality (food and balloons) to be placed in center and demonstration tables around walls.

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## **PRESENCE – Sept. 21**

Enhanced hospitality in courtyard with balloons coordinated by Bess Coleman

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## **SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

Six foot table set up under reCONNECT banner with Spiritual Gifts Posters displayed on easels. Copies of the Spiritual Gifts Assessment will also be available for people to pick up with a note on top directing them to go to the [www.hydeparkumc.org](http://www.hydeparkumc.org) site to take and submit electronically.

Small posters of Spiritual Gifts placed around campus inviting people to take inventory online in preparation for Service Sunday.

## **DURING SERVICE/OFFERTORY**

Photo montage prepared by Eric using photos of classes and others on campus in reCONNECT pose to demonstrate presence.

## **GIFTS – Sept. 28**

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## **SERVICE – Oct. 4**

Demonstration to be set up in Activities Center with signage directing folks to head there for coffee and refreshments. The Nicaragua Mission teams (adults & youth) will be have a bake sale that will be the refreshments and it will be set up in center of room. All of the opportunities to serve would be displayed on 9-10 posters (11"x17") with pictures of folks serving in those ministries and volunteers from ministries to talk with perspective volunteers. Set up time and volunteers to be determined.

## **IN SERVICE/OFFERTORY?**

Eric is preparing a photo montage using the photos selected from church archive to be shown during offertory demonstrating some of the service opportunities members are involved in.

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## **COMMITMENT SUNDAY – Oct. 12**

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**CELEBRATION SUNDAY – Oct. 19**

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**IN SERVICE – AFTER SERMON**

**CARDBOARD TESTIMONY** – Members write their “one-phrase” testimonies on a hand-held cardboard/posterboard sign. One side is them “before” and the other is “after” One by one, they silently walk across the chancel displaying first “before” and then “after” during music at the end of the sermon.