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I recently found three interesting articles about millennials and their relationship with the church. The first one focuses on young believers who live under Communist regimes, the second on American millennials who are backing away from God, and the third is based on a blog by a millennial who says, "Want millennials back in the pews? Stop trying to make church 'cool'".

While there isn't complete agreement on who is a millennial, most would suggest they are those who were born between the early 80s and late 90s or early 2000s. That would make them young adults in their late teens to late 30s. Obviously it's a demographic we need to be concerned about, so I'm going to highlight thoughts from each article in the next few columns.

The article from *Christianity Today* noted that there is a growing spiritual hunger in millennials who live where the Communist regime proved unable to deliver on its grand promises of utopian equality, and that these young people are choosing the narrow road of Christianity rather than the broad road of conformity and compromise.

After then noting that revolution is in the air around the globe, and that class struggles are driving millennials who are rightfully concerned about their future, the author contrasted the difference between changes brought about by revolution and revelation. She also warned that many young people are attracted to the ideas of historical Marxist revolutionaries, despite the philosophy's historic tendency toward violence to achieve and maintain control.

Jesus came to bring change, and His teachings are truly revolutionary, but Christian millennials in Communist countries realize that revolution alone leads to tyranny and dehumanizes the opponent. Under revolution alone, power is merely shifted from one set of hands to another, and it's only when revolution is empowered by Christ's transformative power that it can produce something better.

I pray that American millennials will learn from their peers who have witnessed the failure of totalitarian socialism, and that we can set before them an accurate picture of revolutionary Christianity.

God Bless, Rick



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Fried
Chicken
&
Pot
Luck



Farewell to the Carrolls this Sunday at Noon

After 38 years of service and leadership in our congregation, Bill and June Carroll will be moving north to be closer to their kids and grandchildren. They will obviously leave a big hole in our church, and in our hearts, so we're going to honor them with a fried chicken/potluck this Sunday. The church will provide the chicken, and those coming are asked to bring sides and/or desserts.

STATISTICS

Worship 123
Offering \$3,905.82

SERVING THIS SUNDAY – 5/7/17

Greeters	Bill & June Carroll
Visitors' Stand	Judy Marlow
Communion Meditation	Chris Luzio
	Otto Huber
Ushers.....	Scott Bales
	Paul Hunley
	Chad Formea
	Rich Mann
	Brad Stirmell
	Bob Williamson
WORSHIP NURSERY	
Toddlers	Julie & Abbie Divjak
Infants	Rhonda Luzio
	Reagan Formea
Sunday School	
Toddlers	Julie Divjak
Infants	Janet Polley



Let Us Pray For...

--Deanna Langheim in hospice care, and Pete having a biopsy for breast cancer.
--Co-worker of Renee Bales having lung cancer surgery.
--Friend of Beryl Reese with blood clots in lungs and wife with congestive heart failure.
--Joy Sanner recovering from a broken arm that required surgery.

Life of Christ

To bring our current study of *Life of Christ* to a close, we will be looking at the Transfiguration this Sunday at 6:30. We will also be discussing what we'd like to study when we start meeting again in the fall. Come ready for a good study, and with your thoughts about options for next year.



MAY SERVERS

5/14: Otto Huber, Chris Luzio
5/21& 5/28: Kirk Polley, Chris Luzio

MAY PROJECTIONIST

Chris Luzio

MAY GREETERS

5/14 Jack & Bonnie Ruebush
5/21 Beryl & Jamella Reese
5/28 Debbie Sanner

MAY VISITORS' STAND

5/14 Rick & Janet Polley
5/21 Jim & Mary Sexton
5/28 Bob & Dixie Williamson

MAY NURSERY

Worship - 5/14

Toddlers: Karen Mann
Emily Hughes
Infants: Kelly Donaldson
Kate Sperry

Sunday School

Infants: Dixie Williamson

Worship - 5/21

Toddlers: Nikki & Anna Hunley
Infants: Shannon Higgins
Grace Hunley

Sunday School

Infants: Jeni Sperry

Worship - 5/28

Toddlers: Kristin Polley
Jake Divjak
Infants: Dixie Williamson
Courtney Bales

Sunday School

Infants: Rhonda Luzio



Kristin Polley will be teaching a class on quilting at the May 8th meeting of Tabitha's Touch. She will be providing materials for 4th of July placemats, but needs to know how many patterns to cut out. Please let her or Carole know if you are coming.

KINGDOM WORKERS



A huge thank you to Anna Hunley who spent the majority of her Sunday afternoon updating our seasonal bulletin board. She has a nice summer beach theme going and is requesting that each family participate in filling up the beach with a paper flip flop. The flip flops are available on the table in the auditorium. Just sign your name and Anna will tack it in the sand! Thanks Anna!



Besides the guys (me included) messing up the icing a bit, we had a great day baking cookies to deliver in a couple weeks while inviting others to VBS. Kaelyn Mann, Lily Divjak, Cooper Formea, Carter Hunley and team Huber baked around 75 cookies for the project. It was a fun way to spend the afternoon serving our Lord. Thanks kids!



We have been asked to participate in the Rochester Church Softball League and it looks like enough guys responded on Sunday to pursue playing. The games will start the Sunday after Mother's Day which is May 20th. Traditionally, the season has included eight to ten games concluding in early August and games will be played at the Rochester Park diamonds.

I'll have more information after the initial meeting this Sunday, but it the meantime consider joining the team! We need as many guys as possible so when summer vacations are upon us, we have enough to continue playing. This is a great opportunity to come out and get to know the men of the church a little better in a fun sports environment. Please see me if you have any questions!



Thank you to the many people who have volunteered to assist with VBS this year! Nikki and Julie have a vision for the stage and classrooms which will set environment for a great VBS. I can easily find a spot for more volunteers, so feel free to talk to me soon.

As a reminder, the dates are June 5th-June 8th during the evening here at the church. Promotional material will be on the table Sunday.