

## **Food and Hospitality,** August 13-September 3

Over the summer we heard stories of neighbors and neighborliness, stories of making connections across differences and we told stories in the neighbor challenges of the ways we offered hospitality and the ways we were shown care and community. As we shift back into the rhythms of the school year, we are carrying our learnings about neighbors forward and beginning a short four week series on “Food and Hospitality.”

In our gatherings and throughout the Bible, food plays a significant role in religious rituals, cultural traditions and communal gatherings. Jesus shares food and tells tales about the Kingdom of God revealed in these meals and stories. In the breaking of bread with his disciples, Jesus instructs his followers to remember him every time they eat, offering them his very body for nourishment.

Can our eating together form us into the body of Christ? Can our eating together shape our congregation, or neighborhoods? As part of the body of Christ, we aspire to be a body that shares freely, nourishes each other, and is always ready to put another seat at the table.

Whether you consider yourself a food enthusiast or a boxed mac and cheese kid, a seasoned host or a reluctant guest, this series invites you to consider the following questions:

- How do our practices around food make space for people at the table, or keep them from it?
- What formative stories and expectations about food and hospitality do you bring to this community?
- What are you hungry for? What kind of nourishment do you need from this community? From God?

### **Second Hour:**

For three weeks (August 13, 20, 27) during 2nd hour, adults, children and youth (grades 3-12) will be joining together to have multigenerational conversations and share food together (grade 2 and younger children will be in Sunday school).

During these weeks you are invited to choose one elective you would like to be a part of and participate as much as you are able.

Because many of these electives include food, and some are limited by space and we need to plan ahead, please sign up for the one you would like to be a part of. There are sign up sheets on the table in the Gathering space.

Date	Text	Preacher	Extras	Second Hour
8/6	Numbers 6:24-26 Ephesians 3:17-19	n/a	Blessings	No second hour or Sunday school
8/13	Luke 14:15-24	Scott Coulter	Communion	Sunday school for 2nd grade and under Multigenerational Food/ Hospitality electives
8/20	Luke 24:30-35	Marshall King	Surprise Luncheons	Sunday school for 2nd grade and under Multigenerational Food/ Hospitality electives
8/27	Luke 13:18-21	Jep Hostetler	Vegetable/ Harvest offering and swap	Sunday school for 2nd grade and under Multigenerational Food/ Hospitality electives
9/3	Table liturgy with Hymn sing	n/a	Labor Day Potluck	No second hour