



monthlyTHREAD

April 2018

"I'm happiest on your fridge."

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## Important Dates!

**April 15:** Participant's Journey Begins

**April 21, 9am-12pm:** CPR Workshop

**May 5, Time TBA:** Building Work Day

**May 12, 6pm:** Honduras Benefit Dinner

*Come join us for a special Honduran dinner on May 12th from 6-8 PM in the Gathering space! Eat amazing Honduran food and learn about what God is doing at the La Providencia orphan care community. All donations will help support our team traveling to Honduras this summer. Hope to see you there and ¡Buen Provecho!*



Are you new to Threads and interested in becoming a Participant? Or, are you considering taking the public step of Baptism and committing your life to Jesus and to his family, the church?

In either case, you should register for the upcoming Participant's Journey experience, which will begin on April 15th after the Gathering. Participant's Journey is an opportunity to explore what it means to follow Jesus as part of Threads. We'll go through our Participant's Vow, which outlines what we believe, how we live out this faith and what it means to be part of the family of faith at Threads.

If you are interested, please write "Participant's Journey" on the CONNECTION Card and turn it in at the CONNECTIONS table in the Front Porch. If you have questions about Baptism, you can talk to Kevin or either our Child and Family Life Developer (Rebecca Bell) or Student Developer (Caleb Vanderhill) if you are a student or parent of a student.

God is calling Threads Church to grow as a family of love God, love others Christ followers.

Threads Church is the result of God's love. By God's grace, we have been woven into His family and invited to find our place in His ongoing Story.

Threads Church is also the expression of God's love in the world, the ongoing presence of Christ in the Milwood neighborhood and in all the specific places that we live.

At Threads, we have identified a set of shared practices that define and give direction to what it means to be a family of love God, love others Christ followers. We commit to living these counter cultural practices as a gathered community and extending them into every aspect of our lives.

**Story-Formed Obedience | Presence | Abundance  
Discipleship | Extended Community**



**New Teaching Series begins April 15**

## CPR Workshop - Saturday April 21

CPR groups are small, committed groups of 3-4 men or women who meet regularly to speak the gospel into every corner of our hearts and every aspect of our lives. We help each other identify areas where we are not living out of the truth of the gospel and offer again the life-changing good news of Jesus' love and power.

On April 21st, we will have a CPR workshop from 9am to noon at the building. This is for anyone currently in a CPR group or interested in participating in one. We will cover the basics of CPR and further equip our groups to get the most of this rhythm of life together.

## WHY/HOW/WHAT - Teaching Team

At Threads, our ministry teams are organized around a clear WHY / HOW / WHAT statement that locates our efforts within the heart and work of God.

### Teaching Team:

**WHY:** God wants to reveal Himself to His people and He wants us to know who we are in Christ and what it means to follow Him together.

**HOW:** The Holy Spirit opens our hearts and minds to His truth and uses us to present His truth to others in engaging ways.

**WHAT:** We seek to listen together and help each other present the gospel in faithful and transforming ways.

*If anyone is interested in joining the teaching team, talk to Kevin - this is a great time to jump in!*



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## Missional Communities...

If you are interested in exploring life in missional community, look at the list of our current MCs and the description of their mission.

MCs are organized around a shared mission (though that is not all we do), so it's important to find a good fit. This doesn't mean that this particular mission is what you are most passionate about in the world (maybe you'll start a new MC later), but everyone in the MC needs to contribute towards and take ownership of the mission.

Once you've identified one or two MCs to check out, contact the MC leader and ask about joining the MC for a social time or mission opportunity in the near future so you can get to know the MC a little bit before making a commitment.

After going on mission together a few times, the leader of the group will talk with you more extensively about the Missional Community values, and you can determine together if it will be a good fit.

### MILWOOD CONNECTIONS MC

**Mission** – Building a stronger Milwood through block parties and special events as well as connecting community leaders, volunteers & businesses.  
Leader: Mark Meldrum  
(mmeldrum@SportTruckUSAInc.com; 269-998-1378)

### BREAKING BREAD MC

**Mission** – Bringing Shalom to the world around us by building relationships through sharing meals.  
Leader: Nicole Tiongson  
(tiongson@mac.com; 269-599-4163)

### MILWOOD MAGNET MC

**Mission** – Building relationships with staff, students and parents at Milwood Magnet school. (Gym Nights, Literacy Night, school beautification, etc.)  
Leader: Ben Manting & Bryan Johnson  
(ben.manting@gmail.com; 616-566-7764)

### MILWOOD KIDS & FAMILIES

**Mission** – Supporting Milwood Commons Preschool and Childcare and providing Game nights during the summer for Milwood kids.  
Leader: Esther Bouwman  
(ebouwman@milwoodcommons.org; 269-760-9268)

### LOAVES & FISHES MC

**Mission** - Serving and building relationships with loaves and fishes pantry volunteers and clients.  
Leader: Rick Husted  
(rickhusted@gmail.com; 269-270-4799)

### ROOTS MC

**Mission** - To serve the community by building relationships between neighbors and God by growing and providing access to fresh foods in the Milwood Neighborhood.  
Leader: Jesse Mayes  
(stuff4jesse@gmail.com; 269.348.6422)

FUEL is our group experience for middle and high school students. We meet every other Sunday at the Threads building from 5pm - 7:15pm.

### 2018 SCHEDULE

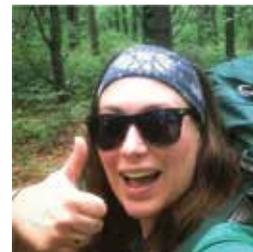
- April 8 - Regular FUEL Meeting
- April 22 - Regular FUEL Meeting
- May 6 - Regular FUEL Meeting
- May 19 - Relay for Life (All day event)
- May 27 - Regular FUEL Meeting
- June 10 - End of year party



Middle School | High School

Send your phone number to [fuel@threadschurch.org](mailto:fuel@threadschurch.org) to be added to text updates.

Questions?  
Contact Caleb Vanderhill  
[fuel@threadschurch.org](mailto:fuel@threadschurch.org)  
or 269.808.5545



Threads is excited to support our very own Amy Boley as she climbs Mt. Kilimanjaro this summer to provide CLEAN WATER for one whole village of people!

To learn more about Amy's adventure or contribute to the climb, go to:  
[give.lifewater.org/AmyBoley](http://give.lifewater.org/AmyBoley)