2019-2020

Binding Generations Together in and through God’s Love

Lectionary Series C-A

Based on: Colossians 3:14  And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony and 1 Peter 4:8 Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Generations are becoming more and more separated from God and from each other. This separates them from the support and help God and fellow Christians offer, leaving them unprepared to handle, prevent, and heal problems that are turning into tragedies like suicide killings and worse. This UIM year works to bind generations together in and through God’s love in Christ, who lays a foundation of healing love and saving faith to help believers through their own struggles and pass on their faith and love to help others through struggles on earth and to heaven forever. This same faith and love can help congregations struggling and even threatening to close, as well as congregations divided by conflict, to not only survive but thrive! This year is one of six years of UIM Resources God has helped create to grow His Church.

• FALL UIM SS: "Building God’s Love from Generation to Generation"

Based On: Ephesians 4:16  From whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love and 1 Corinthians 16:13-14  Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. The lessons in this Fall UIM SS Series teach us how the Old Testament Promise of our loving God led to the New Testament love of Christ beginning with the Rally Day Bible story of Abraham’s sacrifice and Christ's. Remaining lessons help to build contentment, trust, forgiveness and healing in generations through God’s love that generations can pass on for generations to build more of God’s love in people and the world. Bible Stories begin with Jacob and Joseph, then move through stories from Moses’ birth to the Exodus, and finally take God’s people to the Promised Land and the Savior. This amazing unveiling of God’s love happens as each lesson offers a deeper understanding of Gods’ love until His ultimate love is revealed in Christ, the full extent of God’s love.

• WINTER UIM SS: "Building Kinder Gentle Generations"

Come! Meet our kind and gentle Jesus. Share Him with others, to build kinder, gentler, generations. Partake of a spiritual journey from darkness to the light of forgiveness and salvation. Each step will help you to be more kind and gentle, like Jesus, and to build kinder, gentler, generations. Put God’s armor of Light, lie down with the Lamb, and walk in holiness. Fellowship with the Father, and be transformed through the majesty of Christ. The journey begins at the manger, preparing us for Christ at Christmas and every day of life. The journey is led by Jesus, Himself, who strengthens generations along the way, through His amazing love, Spirit, and Living Water which springs up into eternal life.

Based On Colossians 3:12 - “Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.”

Come! Discover the many Secrets of Contentment God offers, to help you be content, and find rest in the Palms of His Hands.

This Spring Series uses the stories of Jesus healing the blind man, raising Lazarus, and Jesus own Passion and Resurrection, as well as Jesus on the road to Emmaus and as our Good Shepherd to uncover one secret of contentment after another. Then it uses the disciples healing, and spreading the Gospel, as well as stories of the Apostles struggles and trials to share Christ after His ascension, to share even more secrets of contentment. In the end we are left with the strength of faith that all these stories provide and give to us for our lives and struggles, so that we can truly be like Paul, content whatever the situation.

This Series is based on: **Philippian 4:11** “Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.” and **Philippians 4:13** “I can do all things through him who strengthens me.”

SUMMER UIM SS: “God’s Riches for Generations”

Come! Discover God’s riches, which are worth far more than gold. Leave filled with the riches of God’s grace, in Christ to help you through difficult times on earth and lead you to riches beyond imagination in heaven.

This UIM SS Series uses a combination of favorite and little know Bible Stories, told by Moses, as if he were alive today. Each week Moses becomes surrounded by other delightfully interesting Bible characters whose stories uncover more and more of God’s riches, in Christ, for present and future generations.

This Series is based on **Ephesians 2:6-7**: “.... And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages He might show the incomparable riches of His grace, expressed in His kindness to us in Christ Jesus.”

Each UIM Year and Series contain selected UIM Worship Services

- **UIM SS Rally Day Worship**: “Do Everything In Love”

Advent Christmas Worship Series: “God’s Love Comes Down” Based on John 6:33 “For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

Includes 4 mid-week Advent Services
+ Christmas Eve or UIM SS Worship Program:” God’s Love Is Come Down”
+ Christmas Day: “Spread God’s Love Around”

Each service in this Advent Christmas Worship Series helps to prepare hearts and lives to grow in their faith so they can share it this Christmas and throughout their lives. Those who attend will find the cross of Christ, laying in a manger, bringing joy to the world, this Christmas, and always! At the same time, each service offers faith-training to grow God’s Church that can only come from God Himself through the wisdom and power of His Word in songs, readings, and sermons. Christmas begins to take on a whole new meaning, as the full extent of God’s love is revealed in week one. Then, God’s love and the true meaning of Christmas intensifies as worshipers are helped to love one another during week two; to love their enemies during week three; and to love and obey God during week four. All four weeks culminate on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with the love that comes down from heaven every day because our Savior was born, lived, died, and rose again for our salvation. Come! Find the cross of Christ, laying in a manger, bringing joy to the world, this Christmas, and always!
Lent Easter UIM Worship Series: “Of The Father’s Love” - 1 Corinthians 13

- 11 Services: for The 6 Weeks of Lent
- Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunrise and Easter Celebration

Each service in this UIM Worship Series invites attendance of the next, and a deeper understanding and look at the love of the Father, as it has never been seen before. Based on 1 Corinthians 13, those who attend will experience love that is patient and kind, as God is patient and kind - not proud, not self-seeking, but rather humbles itself, to place the needs of others before its own - is not easily angered, but forgives. This same love which rejoices in the truth on Palm Sunday, protects and trusts, as it is plunged into the depths of suffering and death, specifically to offer those who attend, a resurrection radiating love that always hopes and perseveres, forever. Holy Week will begin to reveal a great mystery, which will unfold on Easter Morning; first in the Sunrise Service, and then more completely in our Easter Celebration Service. Of course, both the Sunrise and Celebration services stand alone, strongly and beautifully, but together, they give God the greatest glory, and offer us God’s greatest joy!

- Twelve monthly UIM Newsletter Articles and Twelve monthly Bulletin Inserts.

Newsletter Articles address the needs of a different generation each month. Bulletin Inserts address pertinent issues generations face in their faith and lives today.

- UIM Congregational Memory Work with Lesson Discussion: Each UIM SS Leader’s Guide includes a memory work schedule designed to engage congregations in learning faith and life-strengthening passages along with the SS when it is published in weekly bulletins.

- UIM Pastor’s Page: This schedule also includes discussion questions pastors can share to increase knowledge and build faith in worshipers and to help incorporate each Sunday School Lesson into Worship.

- A Supporting UIM Resource for every year:

UIM Outreach: "Christ’s Caring Intensified in Congregations" or CCIC is an extremely simple, yet, unique and innovative program. It pairs up members until every member is cared for by another member, through prayer in Phase One - Implement. Then extends prayer to all congregation members as they are equipped by God through His Word in UIM Resources during Phase Two - EQUIP for outreach through the power of the Spirit God has given us (1 John 3:24) in Phase Three - ACT for a life of sharing Christ.

- UIM Vacation Bible School: “Friends in Christ”