

**Adult Faith Formation** (sessions are on Sundays from 9:15 - 10:15 unless otherwise noted)



**Oct 7, SHAZAM!!! Uncovering America's Best History Through a Hymn.**

An ordained Presbyterian minister, **G.L. Corum** spent years compiling shards of fascinating history, deeply rooted in the Reformed faith, where pioneer disciples moved west to make liberty and justice a reality for all people. A graduate of Whitworth College and Princeton Theological Seminary, Corum has spent recent years writing and speaking about *Ulysses Underground: the Unexplored Roots of U. S. Grant & the Underground Railroad*, which has ties to Oak Grove and early mission work with the Dakota Indians of Minnesota. Come hear long hidden, exciting, unifying history!

**Saturday, Oct 13, noon to 5 pm, OLD TIME PHOTO DAY** in conjunction with Harvest Fest that takes place at the Old Town Hall inside and on their grounds. It'll be a time of socializing and sharing photos from the old days. Oak Grove will host tables for a variety of old time locations (such as Rainbow Foods, Dan Patch, etc.). At the Old Town Hall there will be pumpkin painting, a blacksmith, face painting, Johnny Appleseed, story teller, Gordon the Farmer, a pie eating contest and more.

**Oct 14, Implicit Bias**, presented by Amy Pittenger. Most of us feel very strongly that we are not racist, sexist, or biased in any way - but is that true? There is compelling evidence that most of us, despite our genuine intentions, make decisions based on unconscious attribution of a variety of qualities to people based on their perceived gender, race, age, or any other way people are grouped. Please join us for the AFF hour on October 14th to learn more about implicit bias, recognize the biases we all hold, and gain strategies to minimize the influence of implicit bias. The session will begin with a 20 minute video produced by the Association of American Medical Colleges called *What You Don't Know: The Science of Unconscious Bias and What to Do About It*, followed by a large group discussion.

**Oct 21, Reclaiming Jesus** with Pastor Bill Chadwick

**Oct 28, Reclaiming Jesus** with Pastor Bill Chadwick



**Children and Youth Ministry Volunteer Night,**

Monday, October 1, 6:30 - 8:30 pm.

We encourage all children and youth volunteers (Sunday School, Children's Church, Nursery Volunteers, WoW! leaders, Confirmation and youth counselors) to join us for a time of food, fellowship, team building and inspiration on October 1. We strongly recommend this time of fun and learning for anyone who is working with children this year. Please RSVP

(and let us know of any dietary needs you may have) to Karen Gerdes ([bkgerdes@comcast.net](mailto:bkgerdes@comcast.net); 952-884-5549) or Mary Koon ([mkoon@oakgrv.org](mailto:mkoon@oakgrv.org); 952-888-4621).

A special **thank you to Sue Greimel**, who freely gives her time, energy, and expertise and to the elementary and middle school youth who helped make the delicious sweet rolls for Rally Day. They were enjoyed by young and old alike.