

9.20.26 Heritage Updates

Sunday School classes begin TODAY

Our Sunday School classes meet from 11:15 - 12:00.

Pastor Ruben will continue his class on the Westminster Shorter Catechism.

Ladies, you're invited to our Women's Sunday School class on *Growing in Christ*.

Youth Sunday School Class begins TODAY

Students in K-7th grade meet downstairs. Children may not go down until an adult is present. **Please complete a registration form and drop it in the offering plate or give it to Kristin Hrenko before your child attends Sunday School.**

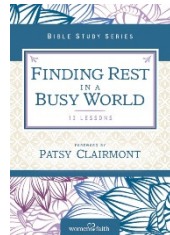


Monday Evening Women's Study, begins 9/21

This fall we're using *Everyday Prayers for Joy* and meeting each Monday evening from 6:30p-8:00p at the Hrenko home (111 Michaels Lane, Newark). Please sign up in the hall or see Kristin Hrenko if you're interested. Books are \$11 (cash or check written out to Heritage).

Thursday Morning Women's Study, 9/24

This fall we're using *Finding Rest in a Busy World*. Books are \$9.50 (cash or check made out to the church). Please see Kristin Hrenko if you still need a book. We meet every other Thursday morning from 10:00 - 10:30 am here at the church.



Mission Prayer Meeting, 9/24

We meet from 10:30-11:00 immediately following the Women's Bible Study to pray for our local and foreign missionaries and organizations. (Men, you're invited too!)

Women's Ministry 'First FriYAY', 10/1

Save the date for our first 'First FriYAY' of the fall. All ladies are invited as we gather here at the church from 6:30 -8:00 pm.

God's Kingdom Building: Craig & Ree Coulbourn, serving with MTW (Mission to the World) in Tokyo, Japan

We arrived back in Japan in June and we're getting used to several new things about our life here in this new term.

We are living in an apartment in a different city, so we're having to get used to a new community, new transportation, new stores and lots of other new things. We're in a massive complex with 65 buildings, and we're living on the 4th floor of an 11-story building. We are still in the early stages of getting to know people in our apartment building and in the complex. **Please pray that God would grant us divine appointments – opportunities to meet and build relationships with people whose hearts are open.**

In addition to getting used to our new home, we're also getting used to new roles. Craig has been the director of MTW Japan since April 2022, but it's only since coming back to Japan in June that he has been able to focus exclusively on that role.

One of Craig's primary roles as director is leading the MTW Japan Leadership Team, which consists of the leaders of MTW's eight teams in Japan. The Leadership Team recently identified three main focus areas for the next five years: (1) revitalization of existing churches (which does not mean we will no longer plant churches); (2) prayer (reflecting in our actions that we are depending on God and know that we can't bring about results by our own power); and (3) leadership development (addressing the critical need for a new generation of Christian workers in Japan). **Please pray for God's leading as we seek to discern practical steps to take as we focus on these areas.**

Ree is also continuing her involvement in the Tokyo Cohort of Metro Baltimore Seminary. She is enjoying the opportunity to have a focused time of learning from God's Word. But on a broader scale, she is also yearning to see this grow into something God will use to equip a new generation of Christian workers for Japan. **Please pray that God would guide Japanese pastors who are considering whether this same sort of opportunity could be provided in Japanese in the near future. And please ask God to meet Japan's critical need for that new generation of Christian workers for Japan.**