

## Belvedere Family Church Newsletter 6.23.17

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### Greetings BFC Families!

Remember, this coming Sunday Service will be a special evening service with a potluck supper!

Service will start at 5PM. Please take this opportunity to enjoy visiting other churches, your neighbors, friends, relatives, etc. in the morning and spread the word for Madison Square

Garden on July 15th! Again, the service will feature three things before the potluck:

1) a brief pastoral message

2) acknowledging the graduates from all levels of schools in our community. If you are a graduate or the parent of one in any grade group (ie. elementary, middle school, high school or college) please send an email to [denthew@gmail.com](mailto:denthew@gmail.com) with their name and any details such as "graduated with high honors" before this Sunday if you have not done so already.

3) hearing a couple of short testimonies of outreach for the MSG event.

In addition, we want to make sure there will be enough food, since the last time there wasn't enough. We are therefore making three main groups in alphabetical order, to be assigned to bring three different kinds of dishes.

**Families with last names A-J: main dishes**

**Families with last names K-S: side dishes**

**Families with last names T-Z: desserts**

**BFC staff will provide the rice, chicken, kimchi, drinks and utensils.**

Are you or your children still looking for opportunities to participate in for the summer? **Time is running out!** Please read the previously sent email regarding all the possible **SUMMER 2017 YOUTH WORKSHOPS!** In addition, are you a college student and/or recent graduate? Please read the previously sent email regarding some **exciting internship opportunities with**

**Headquarters!**

Let us know if you have any questions!



We want to make sure everyone has access to the websites promoting True Parents at Madison Square Garden.

**Here are the links and resources for MSG:**

Website: [trueparents.org](http://trueparents.org) and there is also a story and link on [Familyfed.org](http://Familyfed.org)

This is where everyone can access the promotional materials: [trueparents.org/promote/](http://trueparents.org/promote/) These materials can be downloaded for online and print distribution and outreach.

**If you have a Facebook:**

This is the event link under "True Parents at the Garden":

[www.facebook.com/events/1391752214236785/](http://www.facebook.com/events/1391752214236785/)

Here is the Facebook page for the American movement at "Familyfed USA":

[www.facebook.com/familyfedusa/](http://www.facebook.com/familyfedusa/)

We encourage everyone to share it.

**Accommodations:**

Since most of us are already in NY, there may be no need of accommodations for the weekend at Madison Square Garden. However, for anyone who is interested or know anyone looking for a place to stay, the New Yorker is available for the weekend of July 14-16. We encourage those who are interested to make their reservation as soon as possible.

[www.wyndhamhotels.com/groups/family-federation-event-at-msg](http://www.wyndhamhotels.com/groups/family-federation-event-at-msg)

This link is good for booking on July 14, 15, and 16. The rate is available only through this link. After June 15, we may need to release part of the block, so please act fast to secure your space.



We are pleased to announce that this July, Unificationist singles ages 24+ will have the opportunity to attend the annual **24+ Connect Retreat** sponsored by the national [Blessing and Family Ministry](#).

This year's 24+ Connect Retreat will provide an opportunity and resources for the greater 24+ Unificationist singles population to connect, grow together, and prepare for future relationships.

**When:** Thursday, July 27 at 4pm – Sunday, July 30 at 1pm

**Where:** Morning Garden, along the beautiful coastline of Gloucester, Massachusetts.

**Who may attend:** Anyone who considers themselves a member of the larger Unificationist community, who is single and between the ages of 24 and 39 years of age is welcome to attend.

This includes previously matched/blessed individuals, jacob generation, blessed children, first generation members, and members from abroad.

**How:** For more information and to register [check out 24plusconnect.com](#). **The early bird registration deadline for a discounted rate of \$219 is Sunday, June 25.** From Monday, June 26, to Wednesday, July 19, the registration fee will be \$259. Get in touch with the retreat planning team at [24connect.retreat@gmail.com](mailto:24connect.retreat@gmail.com)

#### **Objectives of the Retreat:**

1. **Connect:** Participants will meet and get to know other 24+ Unificationist singles over the course of four days and three nights. They will have opportunities to connect and create community through engaging in various activities, conversations, and discussions.
2. **Grow Together:** Through engaging in activities, presentations and discussions, participants will have opportunities to reflect on their life experiences, and learn more about what they believe and what they want to achieve in their life.
3. **Prepare for Future Relationships:** Participants will leave with new ideas of steps they can take to create the marriage and family they desire.

Please register at [24plusconnect.com](http://24plusconnect.com)

We hope that you will consider participating in this exciting retreat and, or sharing about it with others that may be interested in and benefit from what this retreat has to offer.



**A reminder for those interested in attending Shehaqua Family Camp. Starting from June 30th the registration fee will go up \$25 per person.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please refer to the website at [www.shehaquafamily.org/](http://www.shehaquafamily.org/) or e-mail Kester Wilkening at [kester.wilkening@gmail.com](mailto:kester.wilkening@gmail.com)