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communicators
for church
communicators*

PDF collection of:

Church Newsletters, #2

**#2 of 3 collections from
churches of various
denominations & sizes**

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This book is part of our Great Idea Swap—materials from church communicators for church communicators.

Here are some suggestions for how to get the most out of these materials:

- Scan the design and layout, but go deeper and ask the following questions:
- What made you look at the piece?
- How did the images help, did they lead your eyes through the page?
- Did the images help you understand the message?
- How easy is the church or ministry to understand?
- How is the writing? Any tips to learn?
- Any way the pieces use to communicate information that you found useful?
- Is there a ministry idea you could use?
- Was there a way a biblical truth that was made clearer?
- How did the piece involve people?
- Pick out a piece, make copies (you have my permission to make as many as you want), take them to a staff meeting or communication team meeting and discuss them.
- Make notes on the pieces, pull apart the pieces and file them in any way useful.
- Or just scan through for fun and ideas.
- Pray for the folks who contributed the pieces and for all church communicators everywhere that we communicate well the wonderful words of life!

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About the Great Idea Swap

The Great Idea Swap is a ministry within the ministry of Effective Church Communications.

The purpose of the Great Idea Swap

The purpose of the Great Idea Swap goes far beyond sharing design ideas. ***The purpose of the Great Idea Swap is for church communicators to help, inspire, and encourage other church communicators by sharing their samples and ideas. Effective Church Communications serves as the host and facilitator of this process.***

This sharing is important because though the ultimate purpose of effective church communication is to fully fulfill the Great Commission, we each express our calling in church communication to our specific church in a variety of design styles, use of color, artwork, wording, type, layout. As director of this ministry, I know what has worked for me and what might be of use to you, but I have no idea of all the resources you might need, what idea might inspire you, what content might challenge you. I do know someone out there has those ideas and we can learn from each other in ways that are wonderful.

I also know that merely trying to copy the communication techniques of big churches or the latest mega church of the month is not the answer and a rather nasty habit I want you to avoid. God does not intend every church to be a mega church and the results of mimicking them is seldom as impressive as we might hope and sometimes downright inappropriate and goofy. However, as you look over what other church communicators are doing in churches of a variety of sizes and denominations, you may find just the modification or idea you need to make your communication project more effective for your people. Chances are a church-changing idea will be some small thing, a minor modification that was just what you needed.

The Great Idea Swap is a tool to facilitate mutual sharing, encouragement, idea swapping, and inspiration among church communicators. It is structured and edited by me, Yvon Prehn. I try to provide kind and minimal moderation as I organize the material into collections of similar communications for you to view and access what you need.

Some of the files are selected and put on the website along with comments, but the majority of the Great Idea Swap files are collected into books without any comments for several reasons. First, so you can pull from them what is useful to you without any influencing opinion. Second, the volume of materials makes this necessary. For example, the Great Idea Swap book on church bulletins, has 24 bulletins and a total of 101 pages. There are three downloads of church newsletter samples, each of over 100 pages of examples and the other collections are similar. Most of them range from 50 to over 100 pages. The simplest way for me to pass this mass of materials on to you was to put them together in an easy to scan PDF that you can either search through on your computer or print out.

The process of putting together materials for the Great Idea Swap:

1. Church communicators share their communications with Yvon Prehn. These can be emailed at any time to yvon@effectivechurchcom.com.

2. The communications can be in a variety of formats from MS Word to Adobe's Creative Suite; many come in MS Publisher. They can also be sent in PDF format.
3. We then take them and, if necessary, convert them to Adobe PDF.
4. Some of the files are put on the website, www.effectivechurchcom.com for online viewing and with comments from Yvon Prehn. The ones on the website are just a small portion of the materials available.
5. For the majority of the materials, the separate files are combined them into downloadable PDF.
6. The books are then made available to church communicators for very reasonable costs (we've got to pay for hosting, software, time to covert, assemble, etc., but we keep it as inexpensive as we can) through the storefront on our website at www.effectivechurchcom.com.
7. The books offered as downloads are very inexpensive--from \$5-\$10 each for between 50-100 pages of examples, even less for very short collections.
8. The downloads are offered on a new Storefront on our website that is different from the www.lulu.com/yvonprehn storefront. The LULU site will still have book downloads (they will be available for the same price both places) but paperback books and CDs will only be available on the LULU site, because they produce and ship them. As we finish a group of the Great Idea Swap communications in PDF format, we will make them available on a CD if people prefer that.

How to become part of the Great Idea Swap

Periodically we offer incentives (usually a free e-book) for contributing to the Great Idea Swap. If you have materials you'd like to share, you can put them into a file until then, or send them to us any time (even if there is no free book) with a note giving us permission to use them. You can send almost any file format to yvon@effectivechurchcom.com.

As soon as enough are sent in a specific area, we'll collect and put out new Great Idea Swap materials. If we send out a request for a certain type of material, we'll be able to get out collections sooner.

Your contributions are greatly appreciated and you never know how your work might inspire a fellow church communicator and a life might be changed for time and eternity.

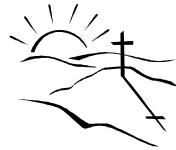
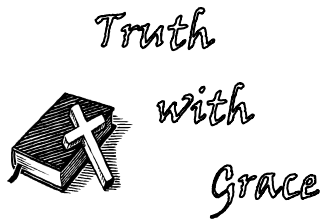
We have an extraordinary calling—the Great Idea Swap is a way we can encourage each other in it.

OUT OF THE BLUE

THE NEWSLETTER OF BLUE RIDGE BIBLE CHURCH

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The First Appearing

Look at this list of names and tell me what they all have in common: George Washington, Al Jolson, Margaret Thatcher, Roger Bannister & Neil Armstrong

Do you see the connection? They all have this thing in common: each person was the "first" in some category ... the first person to do something special or unique. Those five people are the first on the moon, the first to run a sub-4-minute mile, the first person's voice ever heard over a "talking picture," the first female prime minister of the United Kingdom, and the first president of the United States. By the way, if you don't already know which is which, you can have some fun family conversation time over the dinner table, trying to find out who can match up those "firsts" correctly. Now I want to add to your list another special first; Jesus' first appearance after the resurrection.

What difference would it make to be the first to see Jesus after the resurrection? Why would it matter? Hundreds of people saw Jesus after His resurrection. Wouldn't each person be equally blessed to see Jesus alive again? Wouldn't every follower be ecstatic with new-found hope and joy to see that Jesus had risen?

Perhaps, but let me ask it this way: how would you feel if YOU were the one who was chosen by Jesus to be the VERY FIRST ONE that he revealed himself to, in His newly risen body? Not James, not John, not Peter ... but you! Not to the soldiers ... not to Pilate ... not even to the high priest ... but to YOU. Of all the people Jesus could have chosen to reveal himself to FIRST, so that for all of history, your name would be at the top of the list of the most significant events that ever occurred. How would that kind of an awesome blessing strike you? In order for you to know what that would be like, you would have to imagine yourself standing

in the sandals of Mary Magdalene, because the first appearance of Jesus after his resurrection was to her.

Who was this privileged woman, chosen by Jesus to be blessed by his first appearing? We know from her title, Mary Magdalene, that she was in some way associated with the city of Magdala. Magdala was a rather populous town on the coast of Galilee about three miles from Capernaum. It was a city of commerce (a port city) and a city known for its textiles and dye works. She could have been called "Magdalene" because she was born or lived most of her life there, or it could have been because she made her wealth there. Luke 8:1-3 tells us that Mary and some other women were helping to support Jesus and the disciples out of their own means. If she were a wealthy woman who had "made her millions," so to speak, in Magdala, then that could explain why

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Worship Service: 9:30 am
Sunday School: 11:00 am
Youth Fusion: 5:45 pm
IMPACT U: 5:45 pm
Kids Choirs: 5:45 pm

Wednesday Schedule:

Prayer Meeting: 6:30 pm
AWANA: 6:30 pm
Choir Practice: 6:30 pm

The Mission of "Out of the Blue" is to encourage a closer walk with our Lord, enlighten with information pertinent to today's Christian, and entertain and uplift.

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KID'S ZONE

With Marcia Hopper, Children's Ministries Director

It's that time again! **Kids Kamp 2009** is right around the corner. This year, we are planning to add three new camps to our list of choices. In addition to the basketball, soccer, cheerleading, and drama that we had last year, we are adding karate, volleyball, and computer programming.

Kids Kamp 2009 will be June 8-12. Check-in will be from 5:30 - 6:00pm, and the camp will run from 6:00 - 8:30pm each evening. Many workers are needed not only as helpers in the various camps but also for the concession stands, registration, security, etc. If you are available to help, please contact Marcia Hopper. Last year almost half of the kids who attended Kids Kamp were from outside our church family. This is a huge opportunity to minister to our community.

ZONE:

Zeal for God

Oneness in relationships

Nurtured with truth

Expressing the Love of Christ

KIDZone (Preschool)

April 5th - The Empty Tomb, "Jesus is risen from the dead" (See Mt. 28:7); I can thank God that Jesus is alive.

April 12th - Easter Sunday (9:30 brunch & 10:45 worship service) Preschool - 2nd grade children will be dismissed from the adult worship service for a short lesson in the Library during Pastor Scott's sermon.

April 19th - The Road to Emmaus, Luke 24:13-35, "Thanks be to God for Jesus." (See 2 Cor 9:15); I can thank God that Jesus is with me all the time.

April 26th - Jesus is alive, Luke 24:36-53, "Jesus said, 'I am alive for ever and ever.'" (See Rev. 1:18); I can thank God for the good news that Jesus is alive.

In The ZONE (Elementary)

April lesson focus: Easter - Covenant Kept
Memory Verse: Luke 24:5-6

April 5th - Palm Sunday Cantata

(no Kids Church - Sunday School only)

April 12th - Easter Sunday: 9:30am brunch & 10:30am worship service (Prek-2nd dismissed from adult service for short lesson during sermon). No Sunday School.

April 19th & 26th - Regular schedule



Upcoming family ministry events:

April 3-4th: BRCS School Play
"The Music Man"

April 18th: AWANA Grand Prix

May 2nd: Lake Day—fishing, biking, and picnic at a local lake

May 13th: Awana Awards Night



OK, by a show of hands: how many of you catch a whiff of cider vinegar and instantly think of Easter egg dye? I remember vividly my mother boiling a large pot of eggs every Good Friday for us to color. It's a tradition I still enjoy.

Like so many holiday traditions, the origin of Easter eggs is somewhat unclear. A search of several internet sites revealed a smattering of fact and opinion; but one common consensus is that the first use of eggs in holy day traditions trace back to Pagan times. Before the egg became closely entwined with the Christian Easter, it was honored during many rite-of-Spring festivals. The egg represented the rebirth of the earth. The long, hard winter was over; the earth burst forth and was reborn just as the egg miraculously burst forth with life. The egg, therefore, was believed to have special powers. It was buried under the foundations of buildings to ward off evil and given to newlyweds to step on when entering their home as a new couple. The Romans, Gauls, Chinese, Egyptians and Persians all cherished the egg as a symbol of the universe. From ancient times eggs were dyed, exchanged, and shown reverence.

As was common practice centuries ago, the leaders of the Catholic church started

Why Do We Dye?

replacing pagan traditions with their own, often adding new meanings to old symbols and festivals in order to further the spread of Christianity. [Pope Gregory the Great](#) (540-604 AD) ordered his missionaries to do just that, and the [Christian](#) celebration of the [Resurrection of Christ](#) seemed ideally suited to replace the [pagan](#) feast of "Eostre." Many of the traditions were adopted into church festivities, beginning the Christian observation of the Easter Holy Day. Pope Gregory was admired by John Calvin, who declared that Gregory was "the last good pope."

The practice spread throughout the world and was flavored by local beliefs. Polish legends surrounding eggs blended folklore and fact. One such tale speaks of when Mary Magdalene went to the sepulcher to anoint the body of Jesus. She had with her a basket of eggs to serve as a repast. When she arrived at the sepulcher and uncovered the eggs, the pure white shells had miraculously taken on a rainbow of colors. Traditionally, Russian Orthodox Easter eggs were dyed red to represent the [blood of Christ](#) shed on the cross. The hard shell of the egg symbolized the sealed [Tomb of Christ](#)—the cracking of which symbolized his resurrection from the dead. Although the omens and the mystery of the egg have disappeared today, the symbolism remains, and artists continue in the old

world tradition of adorning eggs.

The most famous decorated Easter eggs were those made by the well-known goldsmith, Peter Carl Faberge. In 1883 the Russian Czar, Alexander, commissioned Faberge to make a special Easter gift for his wife, the Empress Marie. This special Faberge egg so delighted the Czarina that the Czar promptly ordered the Faberge firm to design further eggs to be delivered every Easter. In later years Nicholas II, Alexander's son, continued the custom. Fifty-seven eggs were made in all, and are today nearly priceless artifacts. In 2002, one sold for a record 9.2 million dollars.

Today, the dying and hunting of Easter eggs is a popular celebration throughout the world. Even the President of the United States gets in on the act every Easter with a White House Egg Hunt. But the big question IS...what do you do with all those boiled eggs afterward? The uses of boiled eggs seem fairly limited to deviled eggs and egg/tuna/chicken salad. I am a fan of the traditional deviled egg; but every now and then, I like to spice things up. Here are a few variations on the old stand-by; why not try one out this year? These recipes and more like them can be found on the website www.allrecipes.com.

—Editor

Each of these recipes is for one dozen boiled eggs. Simply cool and peel the eggs and then slice in half. Spoon out yolks and mash with fork, together with other ingredients listed. Pipe or spoon egg filling back into boiled whites.

Deviled Ham Eggs

Deviled Ham and eggs; perfect together! Buy deviled ham in the canned meat section of your grocery store. Do not attempt to substitute "potted meat product;" it looks the same, but it's NOT.

- 1 (4.5 ounce) can deviled ham
- 1 tablespoon spicy brown mustard
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1 pinch black pepper
- 24 slices black olives
- Paprika for sprinkling

Creamy Ranch Eggs

Cream cheese gives an extra richness to these zippy eggs

- 1/3 cup Ranch-style salad dressing
- 1/2 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 dill pickle, finely chopped



Bacon and Cheese Eggs

Bacon and eggs...what could be better?

- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 4 slices bacon, cooked crisp and crumbled
- 2 tablespoons finely shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1 tablespoon mustard

Sister to Sister

BRBC Women's Ministries Page

I've been thinking a lot lately of the special people God has placed in my life over the years and the friendships that have grown with them. Each one is special and brings something different to my life. Often they have met a particular need in my life and hopefully, I in theirs.

Friendships remind me of the flowers in my garden. There is an incredible variety even within each type of plant. Each is a unique creation and brings wonderful color and fragrance. Some need lots of sunshine, some need shade, others like lots of water and some only a little. Some, like my lilies, bloom only for a day. Others like my impatiens, will bloom (with plenty of water), all summer into mid fall. Some like my hostas come up every year, and others are annuals that bloom for a season and then are gone. All of my plants need to be planted in good soil. They need fertilizer, sunshine, water, pruning, weeding, and watchful care to be healthy and productive. In other words, I must work at having a beautiful garden. But, what joy, encouragement, and even contentment come as I gaze on

that garden from my patio chair.

I have discovered that having a beautiful friendship garden also takes work. I'm sure you have heard the statement "tyranny of the urgent." It seems that the urgent things that must be done in my day often keep me from having the time to pay attention to people who just need to hear a word from me or have me listen to them. Or perhaps have me do something for them. I don't even have time to look for the needs of people around me because of my urgent need to get through my agenda. My flowers don't do well without attention, and neither will my friendships (old or new).

How are your friendships growing? Are you nourishing them with time, encouragement, loyalty, words of grace, forgiveness, gratitude, understanding, prayer, etc? There are a myriad of flowers in the garden and an infinite variety of friendships in life. Take time to consider the friends God has given you. Thank Him for those friendships and then ask Him what He has for you to be and do in each friendship. Because we have the Holy Spirit living

within, our friendship garden can bloom abundantly if we allow Him to lead. The real secret of happiness is not what you give nor what you get, but what you share. As Emily Barnes says, "even sharing a cup of tea (coffee or soda) creates a little space, an island of calm that can be the beginning of a new friendship (or the strengthening of an established one). Think about putting on the coffee pot, getting out the mugs and inviting a friend or two over or put a thermos of coffee, mugs, and maybe some cookies in a basket and strike out to visit a friend you haven't seen for a long time or a neighbor you would like to make a friend. We all need to have someone we know that thinks we are special.

Let's each make a commitment to nurturing every friendship God has given to us, and to always be looking out for new ones He wants to place in our garden. Friendship is love in action.



- Kay Biery



Many in our fellowship over the last few years have gone through a bout with cancer. Getting that diagnosis is a frightening thing; and then what about the treatments and it's effects? If you would like to talk with someone who has been through it, we have several ladies who are available to listen, to pray, to share, and to encourage you. Please call Betty Maier at 816-478-4183.

 "Genuine friends are like roses, breathtakingly lovely and worth the pain of an occasional and surprising jab of a thorn."
 "Friends are the chocolate chips in the cookies of life."
 "Friendship is the ship the Lord often launches to keep my boat afloat" -Patsy Clairmont
 "Friendship is one of the sweetest joys in life. Many might have failed beneath the bitterness of their trial had they not found a friend."
 -Charles Spurgeon
 "Blessed are they who have the gift of making friends, for it is one of God's best gifts. It involves many things, but above all, the power of going out of one's self and appreciating whatever is noble and loving in another." -Thomas Hughes

How God Sees Them

I work with children who are severely disabled. They will never walk, they will never talk more than a few words (if that), and they will never be potty trained. Their bodies, as crippled as they appear, will continue to mature and grow... but their brains cannot keep up. They lack the ability to say "I love you" and "thank you" to their daddy and mommy. They lack the ability to say "I need a drink," or "my tummy hurts."

Every day I walk into a building filled with children who have special needs. In my classroom there are seven: James, Rachelle, Rose, Charles, Ann, Marie, and Elise. Each one is different in their needs, abilities, moods and personalities... but they all have this in common: they were all lovingly created by God. I have the privilege of changing their diapers, feeding them through tubes, and playing with them! Some-

times my heart aches for them and the many things they will never be able to do; but I know that God made them with a meaning and a purpose. Maybe it's to teach *others* something?

Last night I had a dream about some of the kids I work with. Rachelle was running around a back yard playing and smiling and bouncing a ball. No wheelchair, no special shoes to make her feet grow correctly- just her acting like a healthy, growing child. Then there was 7-year-old James, riding down the street on his bike, instead of a wheelchair. He called my name and laughed as he came towards me for a hug.

I believe that God gave me this dream so that I will see the children in wheelchairs the way He sees them. When people see me out in public with one of my students, I get a lot of funny looks. They silently say, "I'm glad I don't have

your job" or "God bless you- I could never have the patience for a kid like that." That's only because they see the outside; they see the chair and the breathing tubes and the lack of response from the child's face. If they could see inside—what God sees—they might feel differently. They might feel blessed to work with a child like this, or even to parent a child like this.

Today I saw my students a little more like God sees them. I could imagine them running, playing, and laughing like healthy non-handicapped children. Without that dream from God, I may have never been able to! I left my job crying today. One day in Heaven, all these dear ones will walk and run and laugh and express themselves in a way they never could on earth. They will be whole in God's presence- the way He has always seen them.

—Kathryn A. True

"Too many professing Christians are so spiritually undisciplined that they seem to have little fruit and power in their lives. I've seen men and women who discipline themselves for the purpose of excelling in their profession discipline themselves very little "for the purpose of godliness." I've seen Christians who are faithful to the church of God, who frequently demonstrate genuine enthusiasm for the things of God, and who dearly love the word of God, trivialize their effectiveness for the Kingdom of God through lack of discipline. Spiritually they are a mile wide and an inch deep.... They have dabbled in everything but disciplined themselves in nothing."

-Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life,
By Donald S. Whitney

Have you ever wanted to learn more about how you can assist families with loved ones in Hospice Care? KC Hospice House will be hosting free training seminars throughout the month of April to help you learn how you can volunteer either at their facility or with a family in your area. Many Hospice families just need someone to give them an occasional break by sitting with their loved one, perhaps reading to them or just chatting; or maybe you would like to do more such as light cleaning, providing meals, etc. ALL levels of help are needed. The Hospice House (an in-patient facility for hospice patients) utilizes volunteers to deliver meals, arrange flowers, greet visitors, and sit with patients. For more information, please call KC Hospice House at 363-2600. What an opportunity to show the love of God and share the Good News with someone that may need it! Volunteer Hospice: Live deeply...Love profoundly...Give freely.

**Happy moments, praise God.
Difficult moments, seek God.
Quiet moments, worship God.
Painful moments, trust God.
Every moment, thank God.**



"He is not here, He is risen..."

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she was called Mary Magdalene. In addition, she is not mentioned in connection with a husband, or described as someone's mother, so it is also likely that she was described by the town of Magdala because she did not have a marriage relationship that would otherwise be her "title."

Because Mary Magdalene is first mentioned in Luke 8, right after the story of an unnamed woman of sinful reputation who anointed Jesus' feet, many have tried to say that the unnamed prostitute of Luke 7 is actually Mary Magdalene of Luke 8. The poor reputation of the city of Magdala (a seaman's hangout) and the fact that Mary had once been demon possessed is cited as substantiating evidence that Mary Magdalene was this ex-prostitute; but there really is not enough evidence to make this assumption. There are some legitimate assumptions we can make, though. We can assume that she was most likely well-off, that she was probably unmarried, and that she was definitely a woman whose transformation was extreme, from being a demoniac to a passionately devoted follower of Jesus Christ.

Do we have good reason to speak highly of Mary Magdalene? Can we really know for certain that she was a passionately devoted follower of Christ? Well, let's consider the evidence. Her financial contribution would seem to indicate this in part, since we rarely invest large sums of money with no hope of a financial return, unless we believe strongly in the cause. And her presence at the cross would also speak volumes about her dedication to Christ. How many of the disciples were at the cross as Jesus was being crucified? Was Peter there? Was James there? What about Nathaniel or Philip or Thomas? We have no record of those men being there. John was the only one of the apostles who was there. Along with him, there were a number of women, including Mary Magdalene. But why was she there, risking the damaging association and the possible harm? For this reason: her love for her Savior was no pragmatic fancy. She may not have understood why he died and she may have even struggled with doubts that many of Christ's followers were undoubtedly facing. But nevertheless, she was there. She had faith in this man, Jesus, even as he hung there dying on the cross. She was a passionately devoted follower of Christ.

The example of Mary is quite convicting, I must admit. Do I, like Mary Magdalene, love Jesus without reservation? Do I trust

my soul into his hands, no matter what the future may hold? I must be able to answer this question with a resounding, "Yes!" My eternal future rests on my answer to that question. The direction of my entire life on this earth will unfold with my answer.

Mary Magdalene was there as they nailed him to the cross. She was there and saw him die. She saw the legs of the other men broken, and she saw as Jesus' side was pierced. She was there as Nicodemus and Joseph (from Aramathea) took Jesus' body from the place of crucifixion and carried it to a burial cave that had been recently cut, quickly preparing his body for the tomb. She saw that he was not adequately prepared and that the task would need to be completed later, after the Sabbath. She left the tomb as one of the very few who actually saw his form disappear behind the massive rock that covered his "final resting place." She was a complete witness to his death and his burial. And she made plans with the other ladies to return after the Sabbath, to bring the spices and to give one last honor to Jesus, by completing the preparation of his body for the tomb.

*"I have seen the Lord!
I know He is alive!"*

On Sunday morning, Mary Magdalene was the first to go to the tomb. Other women went to the tomb that morning as well, but Mary Magdalene arrived while it was still dark according to John 20. The other women came soon after the sun had risen, but by that time Mary Magdalene had seen the empty tomb and had gone to tell Peter and John about it. She either did not see the angels or God hadn't sent them yet, because when she returned to proclaim what she saw, she made no mention of angels. Peter and John had a foot race to the tomb, and Mary followed along behind; so far behind that the two men had come and gone before her second arrival at the tomb. The others had received the message of the angels. Peter, John and even the other women had come to the tomb and heard the message of the angels that Jesus was alive. But Mary did not know of this message of hope yet. John 20 tells us that Mary Magdalene, still weeping and crying, stooped over to look into the tomb. At that point, she saw the angels. They were dressed in white and were sitting down, one at the head of the empty death-wrap, and one at the foot. She had seen the cloths lying there herself a couple days earlier, filled with the body of Jesus, but this time they were empty.

The angels who looked like young men said, "Woman, why are you crying?" She answered, "Because they have taken my Lord, and I don't know where they have put him."

Even as she said these words, Jesus was standing behind her. As she turned around, she did not recognize who he was in much the same way that the two men on the road to Emmaus did not recognize the resurrected Jesus. Her heart of love for her Lord Jesus who had died was breaking, and her sadness was now compounded by the thought that someone had hideously and cruelly taken his body from the tomb in which he had been laid to rest in peace. Jesus spoke to her: "Woman, why are you crying? Who are you seeking?" She thought that he was the groundskeeper and asked him, "Sir, if you have taken him away, tell me where he is and I will take care of his body." Jesus then replied simply, "Mary." Jesus once said, "I call my sheep by name and they know my voice." So it was with Mary Magdalene, because when he called her by name she knew it was Jesus, alive and standing before her. She grasped hold of him and cried out, "Rabboni!" meaning "my Master!" Jesus then told her not to attempt to hold on to him, because he was not going to remain on earth, but was going to return to the Father. So she let go and went on her way, again with a message to share. The first message she had earlier that morning was a confused message of despair, but this time the message was an exuberant message: "I have seen the Lord and He is alive!"

And this dear woman was the FIRST ever to utter those words, "I have seen the Lord. I know He is alive!" Before Jesus was done, he would have revealed himself to well over 500 people; but Jesus chose to reveal himself to Mary before everyone else. Why did the Lord reveal himself to Mary first? What could have been his motivation? We cannot speak authoritatively ... to say that we know for sure the reason for this FIRST APPEARING. But we do know that his first appearing was only the beginning. The resurrected Jesus has been disclosing himself to millions of people for thousands of years. His resurrection life has been the symbol of the eternal life, purchased on the cross, for everyone who believes.

This year, as we celebrate resurrection Sunday, consider this question: What difference does the resurrection make? Am I echoing Mary's words, "I have seen the Lord. I know He is alive!"?



— Pastor Paul

YOUTH NEWS



CHECKING IN WITH PASTOR JIM

What is wrong with me?

Do you ever ask yourself that question when you find yourself failing or lacking the strength in the times of difficulties? Proverbs 24:10 says, "If you are slack in the day of distress your strength is limited." The proverb is simply teaching that when we fail during the trials of life we lack strength. Do you find yourself lacking strength? So what's the spiritual solution? Proverb 10:5-6 says, "A wise man is strong, and a man of knowledge increases power. For by wise guidance you will wage war, and in abundance of counselors there is victory." Remember there are always spiritual battles going on around us. We are constantly in a state of war, Spiritual War. Though Christ has given us victory through the cross, we are still called to fight and be faithful through the hard

times. We are called to remain strong to "Fight the good fight" (1 Timothy 6:12). We are called to remain strong because the strength that we are given comes from God. 1 John 4:4 says, "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."

If our strength comes from God then why do we still fail under trials? Where does it all go wrong for most of us? Without sounding too simplistic, our lack of strength is attributed to: 1) our lack of God's knowledge and wisdom. James 1:5 teaches us that we are to ask for wisdom when going through difficult times. 2) our willingness to take advice from others that are not following God's Word. Chapter one of 1 John teaches us that if we walk in darkness or seek out the world's ways we cannot have fellowship with God, the source of our strength. How many of

you would fast for one week before a big marathon you wanted to win? You would probably not have the physical strength to even begin the race because the source of your physical strength is food. *Your source of all strength is God.* Without proper fellowship you will be weak and will fail when trials come. Close fellowship with God is the key to your strength. The closer you are with God the more you will thirst for His knowledge and wisdom, and the stronger you will become.

Sin is the cancer that will rob us of spiritual strength and leave us wondering. "What is wrong with me?" If you're caught in the same trap you only need to seek the knowledge of God that says, "If we confess our sins He is faithful and righteous to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteous" (1 John 1:9).

WHAT'S UP AND WHEN???

Sunday Night Fusion will not meet April 5th and 12th

TMO Dinner: Sunday 19th

Senior High Out-of-School Retreat: May 27th - 29th

This year we will be going to Silver Dollar City

in Branson! Cost is \$45

Please contact Pastor Jim to sign up

Junior High Barn Swinging: June 2nd

Contact Pastor Jim for more details

Teen Missions Outreach:

July 24th - August 3rd.

PLEASE pray for our youth and their sponsors, as they prepare their hearts to minister this summer!

Food for thought:
That which worries
me masters me.



Summer Missions Projects

Anyone planning to be involved in a short term missions outreach this summer and would like assistance should contact John Adams or Dennis Myers from the Missions Committee ASAP.



AWANA Grand Prix!
April 18, 9:00 am,
in Fellowship Hall.



Upcoming Easter Events:

- April 5: Palm Sunday Cantata, 9:30am and "Passover Celebration" by Jews for Jesus, 6:00pm
- April 10: Good Friday Service
- April 12: Brunch at 9:30am followed by the Worship Service at 10:45am.
- There will be a Baptismal Service Easter Sunday. Anyone interested in following the Lord in baptism please contact the church office.

Blue Ridge Christian School presents

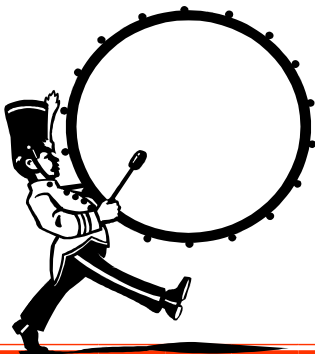


The Music Man

Performances are April 3rd and 4th.

**For ticket information,
please call the school:
358-0950**

**Bring the kids for a fun
family night out!**



TMO Dinners coming up!
April 19 and May 3.

Plan now to join us for lunch immediately after Sunday School. For only a donation toward the TMO, you can enjoy a delicious meal prepared by our TMO teens!

June 28 - July 4:

**Family Camp at Hermit Basin
Camp in Colorado.**

For more information,
contact Les Lemon at
Les.Lemon@noaa.gov

**May 7th:
National Day of Prayer**



Long Time Missionary to Change Ministry

Many Blue Ridgers have fond memories of time spent at Camp Id-Ra-Ha-Je in Bailey, Colorado. Long-time missionary there, Dennis Gilbert, recently announced he will soon be retiring from camp ministry to take a pastorate at a local church. Debbie also took a new position recently working for a graphic design company.

Here is a portion of an e-mail received recently from them: "We would like to invite you to a reception at Camp, Sunday, April 19th from 2-5 pm. Dennis is leaving Camp to begin a new ministry at Pine Community Church, our home church for the past 25 years. He feels the call to minister to the valley of Pine. I realize that some of you are out of state or country, but wanted you to know what was going on in our lives. Most of all pray for us and the ministry in Pine."

We know that Dennis and Debbie are looking forward to the new challenges that lie ahead; but this change will no doubt be difficult for them after so many years at camp. If you would like to send a card or note of encouragement to the Gilberts, their address is:

142 Pine Drive
Bailey, CO 80421

Does Anyone Notice?

The stock market is on a rollercoaster ride not seen since the 20's. Investments are at an all-time low and some are losing nearly everything. Jobs are coming under the axe and many of us are faced with financial turmoil. It would be so easy to cut down on giving to the church right now, or stop altogether... who'd even notice? Besides, who noticed you when you gave your tax refund to the church instead of buying yourself something you've needed for a long time? Does anyone notice that you keep driving an older, used car so you can have more money to give to His causes? Do people see all the times you go without, make do, and tough it out so more of your income can go to support God's ministry?

No one else may ever take notice when you give; but God sees, and He never forgets. Every time we give back to Him we are building treasure up for ourselves in Heaven. Forget the here and now and all the "stuff" of this world. A Heavenly treasure awaits you; one that will last forever. Faithfulness in giving IS seen, and IS rewarded. Give with a joyful heart, out of however much or little God blesses you with...and *He will give back many times over.* (Perhaps in ways better than money!) That's an investment with untold returns; one that will never fail. "... *your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.*" Matthew 6:4.

Pray for the Persecuted

Someone living in China or Africa may seem a world away, literally. But for believers, we have family literally all over the world. Many of these brothers and sisters are suffering intense persecution of a type we cannot even imagine here in America. This persecution has risen to new heights and those of us in safer parts of the world must pray, pray, pray for the safety of those affected. Still, Satan cannot thwart the effect the truths of scripture; as is often the case, Christianity continues to spread in these areas despite the opposition.

In February, violence erupted in Nigeria as Muslim gangs attacked Christians and destroyed churches over the results of a recent election. In China, more than 400 Christian college students in Beijing were arrested in November of last year and interrogated about their beliefs. Four leaders of house churches were sentenced to "re-education" through labor for one to one and a half years. A report from Mexico City in December of 2008 shows that as the number of evangelical Christians in southern Mexico has grown, hostilities from "traditionalist Catholics" have kept pace. Especially in indigenous communities in southern Mexico, the prevailing attitude is that only traditionalist Catholics, who blend native rituals with Roman Catholicism, have rights to religious practice, according to news reports. Moreover, the reports indicate the traditionalist Catholic villagers believe they have the right to force others to conform to their religion. Those that do not have been jailed, fined, and threatened with deprivation of basic services such as water and electricity.

Pakistan, India, Iran, Vietnam, Iraq, Belarus, Africa: all across the globe Christians are forced to meet in secret to do what we take for granted every Sunday. To find out more, visit the Voice of the Martyrs website, www.persecution.com. While there, you might want to click the link to the video "Underground Reality." You can read journal entries from a group of teens who actually smuggled Bibles into Vietnam in 2006. You can also check out ways you can help support Christians under persecution in other parts of the world.

Bridal Shower

There will be a bridal shower for Amy Sides, fiancé of Paul Cartwright, on Saturday, April 4th, at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall.

All ladies of the church are invited to join us for a brunch for the bride-to-be.

Amy and Paul are registered at Bed, Bath, and Beyond. The wedding will be April 25th, 2:00 pm, at Blue Ridge.



April 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30p Missions Conf. NO Prayer Mtg/Awana 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	2 12:30p BRCS presents "The Music Man" 4:15p Ingles GNC 4:30p Santa Fe GNC	3 7:00p BRCS presents "The Music Man"	4 10:00a Bridal Shower for Amy Sides 7:00pm BRCS presents "The Music Man"
5 9:30a Worship Service Cantata: "The Weeping Tree" 11:00 Sunday School 6:00p Jews for Jesus presents <i>Christ in the Passover</i>	6 Church Office Closed 5:30p BRCS Chili Supper and Talent Show	7 9:30a Mentors 7:30p Church Board Mtg.	8 6:00a Men's Bible Study 2:30p Symington GNC 6:30p Choir Practice Prayer Meeting Awana	9 4:15p Ingles GNC 4:30p Santa Fe GNC	10 7:00p Good Friday Service	11 7:45a Men's Ministry Planning Meeting 12:00p Fidelis Potluck
12 9:30a Easter Brunch 10:45a Worship NO Sunday School NO IMPACT/YOUTH/KIDS 6:00p City Union Mission	13 Church Office Closed 7:00p Mission Committee Meeting	14	15 6:00a Men's Bible Study 2:30p Symington GNC 6:30p Choir Practice Prayer Meeting Awana	16 4:15p Ingles GNC 4:30p Santa Fe GNC	17 BRCS Academic Meet (all day) 6:30p Sr. High Youth Event	18 9:00a Awana Grand Prix
19 9:30a Worship Service 11:00a Sunday School 12:00p TMO Dinner 4:00p Elder/Deacon Meetings 5:45p Impact U, Fusion & Kids Choirs	20 Church Office Closed 7:00p BRCS Board Meeting	21	22 6:00a Men's Bible Study 2:30p Symington GNC 6:30p Choir Practice Prayer Meeting Awana	23 4:15p Ingles GNC 4:30p Santa Fe GNC	24	25 2:00p Sides/Cartwright Wedding
26 9:30a Worship Service 11:00a Sunday School 12:00p Homebuilders SS Potluck 5:45p Impact U, Fusion & Kids Choirs	27 Church Office Closed	28 6:00p BRCS Jr. High Spring Concert	29 BRCS "Serve Day" 6:00a Men's Bible Study 2:30p Symington GNC 6:30p Choir Practice Prayer Meeting Awana	30 4:15p Ingles GNC 4:30p Santa Fe GNC		



Wesley Nurse News...

Wesley Nurse Health Ministries... "Serving Humanity to Honor God"

Billie Bell RN, Wesley Nurse

Choose to Move for Heart Health

Chances are, you already know that physical activity is good for you. But you may not realize just how important regular physical activity is to your health. According to the U.S. Surgeon General's Report on Physical Activity and Health, inactive people are nearly twice as likely to develop heart disease as those who are more active. This is true even if you have no other conditions or habits that increase your risk for heart disease. Lack of physical activity also leads to more visits to the doctor, more hospitalizations, and more use of medicines for a variety of illnesses. The good news is that physical activity can protect your heart in a number of important ways. Moreover, to get benefits, you don't have to run a marathon. Regular activity, something as simple as a brisk, 30-minute walk each day, can help you to reduce your risk of heart disease.



The Benefits Keep Coming... It is hard to imagine a single practice with more health benefits than regular physical activity. In addition to protecting your heart in numerous ways, staying active:

- * May help to prevent cancers of the breast, uterus, and colon
- * Strengthens your lungs and helps them to work more efficiently
- * Tones and strengthens your muscles
- * Keeps your joints in good condition
- * Builds stamina
- * Improves balances
- * May slow bone loss

Regular physical activity can also boost the way you feel. It may:

- * Provide an enjoyable way to share time with friends or family
- * Help you to relax and cope better with stress
- * Allow you to fall asleep more quickly and sleep more soundly
- * Build confidence
- * Help you to beat the blues
- * Give you more energy

Moving Toward Health

Becoming physically active may start as a reminder note on your calendar and then become, when you least expect it, a habit and a pleasure. The fact is, getting regular physical activity is one of the single best choices you can make for yourself and your health. So make the choice today and get moving!



Wesley Nurse Programs June 2009

Billie Bell RN



WALK AEROBICS held every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 9:00-9:30 in the Hondo First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Join the fun!



SIT AND STRETCH CLASS held every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 10:00-10:30 in the Hondo First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. This low impact, easy to follow workout will provide great exercise from a chair.



SUMMER YOGA SERIES...Looking for a relaxing way to kick off your summer? Join us for free yoga classes every Wednesday at 9:00 beginning June 3 in the Hondo First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Classes will utilize various DVDs from renowned yoga instructors and last 25-30 minutes. Be sure and bring a floor mat. Extra mats are available for use if you don't have one. Each class will also focus on an aspect of stress management. Come experience the benefits of yoga.



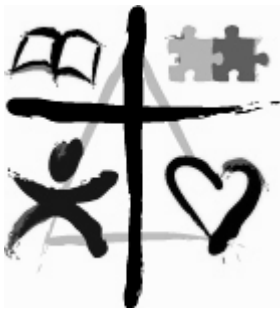
COMMUNITY BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING, Wednesday June 24 from 11:30-12:30 at the Medina County Nutrition Center, 808 Harper.



WHAT ABOUT ME? CARING FOR THE CAREGIVER...If you are a caregiver and would like to learn ways to prevent caregiver burnout and manage your stress, please make an appointment with the Wesley Nurse for a wonderful one-on-one program to help you care for someone you love.



SUMMER YOUTH OUTREACH...Every Monday, 10:30 at Tuscan Court Townhomes. Children will learn about various health and safety topics including water and sun safety, animal safety, poison control, the environment, healthy food choices, the importance of physical activity, germs and hand washing, and treating others with kindness. If you are interested in volunteering for this rewarding outreach, please contact the Wesley Nurse.



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Enjoy God, Embrace one another, Engage our gifts, and Express God's care!

TODAY AT MARANATHA

June 28, 2009

TODAY, two of our own members, seminarians Gareth Harker in the morning and Melinda Saunders in the evening, bring God's Word to us. Gareth's sermon will conclude the Exodus series. Melinda will help us focus on the Shepherd.

NEXT WEEK, in the morning we commission our youth missionaries as Pastor John preaches from Romans 12:1-2 on ***Living Inside Out***. Our evening service will pick up where we left off last summer in the gospel of Mark at 2:23-3:6.

"Pastoral Care: During the summer vacation time, when Pastor John is away on holidays, let's make good use of the willingness and giftedness of our Pastoral Elders for any concerns which arise. Please contact the church office if you need to know your district and elder. Arnie Dzelme is the chair and Gerry DeGier is the clerk of Pastoral Elders and their contact information is listed on the back of the church directory."

The Bible in 90 Days

Day 29	-	1 Chronicles 1:1 -	1 Chronicles 9:44
Day 30	-	1 Chronicles 10:1 -	1 Chronicles 23:32
Day 31	-	Chronicles 24: 1 -	2 Chronicles 7:10
Day 32	-	2 Chronicles 7:11 -	2 Chronicles 23:15
Day 33	-	2 Chronicles 23:16 -	2 Chronicles 35:15
Day 34	-	2 Chronicles 35:16	Ezra 10:44
Day 35	-	Nehemiah 1:1-	Nehemiah 13:14

The Bible is available on CD, voice only, in the church library.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayer Focus for the Week:

Congratulations to our graduates – from grade school, high school, college and other programs. Let's all pray that they will find meaningful places of employment and further study.

Pray for those who are shut-in – Alice Byma, Jake Wiersma, Corrie Welfing, Chester and Mary DeVries, Ken & Linda and Jim & Audrey Lubbers, and Janet Veenema.

Our sympathy goes to Helen VonSolkema, whose niece, Melany Dale passed away at her Dad's on Father's day, after a long struggle.

Pray for those who are looking for work and affected by our economic downturn.

Missionaries: News from Joseph Mutebi in Uganda is in your newsletter today.

80+ birthday – Looking forward; God willing Jake Byma will celebrate his 90th birthday on Thursday, July 9.

Pastor John will be away Monday and Tuesday, taking vacation days. If you have a pastoral concern, please contact your elder.

Dina Zomer, Director of Youth Ministries at Maranatha is taking a week of study leave from June 28 – July 5. Please direct any concerns to the youth elders during this time.

Requests for the prayer chain may be sent to Ahilya Wiersma: 519-623-2073 or ahilya@sympatico.ca

MARANATHA CHURCH NEWS

To our visitors – below are some of the various activities that are available in the church. You won't get to know them unless you come during the week. Feel free to contact any of the names listed in the announcements, if there is something that interests you.

Lost or Borrowed? Has anyone seen or borrowed the Alpha Course DVDs? I seem to have misplaced them and I can't remember when I saw them last. The DVD cover is green. Please contact Caroline at 519-623-1984 or email blackdiamond@rogers.com

Thank you from Caroline Payne

TODAY, the devotional booklets, are available for the months of July and August. We are receiving fewer copies than usual, to cut costs. You are encouraged to sign up for electronic copies at www.backtogod.net

Chicken is coming again! The chicken order will be ready at the church on Saturday July 4 at 9:30am. Please arrive promptly for your chicken so that the product will remain frozen. Talk to Mike Zomer or Colin Kirby if there is a scheduling conflict.

A special Thank-you Thank you to everyone who donated to the bottle drive and ordered chicken! The bottle drive raised \$118 and the chicken orders helped raise almost \$400.

Baby Bottle Campaign for the Cambridge Pregnancy Resource Centre: Please return all the bottles to the table in the narthex. Your money will go to assist women with their unplanned pregnancy, support services for our moms and Centre programs. For more information visit www.pregcentre.com 519-620-0204 --

FROM OUR DEACONS

June 28th - Ontario Christian Gleaners OCG is an interdenominational Christian organization which seeks to demonstrate God's love to a hungry world by working with volunteers and donations to collect, process, and distribute surplus agricultural produce to places where it is needed most. <http://www.ontariogleaners.org>

July 5th Cambridge Pregnancy Resource Centre: It is a community service which desires to cultivate growth relationships with those experiencing an unplanned pregnancy, while showing Christ's love along the way. cambridgepregnancyresourcecentre.ca

2009	Budget	Prior Week	Y.T.D.		
Budget	\$383,126.00	\$7,367.81	\$184,195.19	Young Peoples	\$20.00
Actual last week	21-Jun-09	4,528.13	\$167,355.88	Missionary support	\$20.00
				Aboriginal Ministries	\$444.50
Over (Under)		(\$2,839.68)	(\$16,839.31)		
Denominational	Year Target	Prior Week	Y.T.D.		
Ministry Shares	\$71,172.00	\$1,368.69	\$34,217.31		
Actual last week	21-Jun-09	499.75	\$25,646.96		
Over (Under)		(\$868.94)	(\$8,570.35)		

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CHURCH WITHOUT PASSION: Are you a passionate person? Would other people call you zealous? What gets you excited? Work? Sports? Church? God? Maybe you're fond of God, but would you call it passion? Or maybe you were excited once, but where's your heart now? What does God require of us? Find out on the July 5 Back to God Hour. Go to www.BacktoGod.net for local stations and times.

CLOSER THAN A BROTHER: Have you ever had kids act mean to you for no real reason? Help Lucille decide how to handle this situation on this week's Kids Corner. Kids Corner is a member of the HisKids.net alliance--working together to provide quality entertainment for kids that is Christ-centered and Bible-based. Visit HisKids.net to find great Christian programs and music for kids.

Calling all cyclists, of all abilities. The CRC Loose Spokes (currently a team of 36 from classis Chatham & Huron) are gearing up to ride in the MS Bike tour and we want you to join us. It is a 2-day, 150km, mostly flat bike ride from Grand Bend to London on July 25, returning the following day. The tour includes rest stops every 15km, lunch at half way point, support vehicles, bicycle repair and first aid services. The MS Tour has a mission, "To be a leader in finding a cure for MS and enabling people affected by MS to enhance their quality of life." As Christians, we can help. This is a chance to "pedal" your faith for two days while having fun with 1500 other cyclists. The event registration fee is \$40 (until June 30) and cyclists must raise \$250 in pledges to ride. The registration fee is waived if you are a first time participant and use the refer-a-friend option. **Register online at <http://www.mssociety.ca/ontario/bikeReferafriend.htm>** or call Gilbert VandenHeuvel (team captain)@ 519-524-4557.

"The Cambridge Pregnancy Resource Centre is now accepting resumes for a bookkeeping position coming available in August. If you have a Simply Accounting background, are comfortable using a variety of computer programs and have a heart for serving women in our community who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy, then please contact Lori Luciano at 519-620-0204 for more details. This is a permanent part time position." Thank you, Lori Luciano-Director

ATTENTION GEMS! With the Annual GEMS Counselors' Leadership Conference taking place at Redeemer University College, right in our own back yard, we have an exciting opportunity for girls! The mass meeting on Friday morning, July 24 will include a "choir" of local GEMS. If you have a GEM who is excited about making music with a group like this, please plan for practices on the first four Thursdays of July, 7:15 – 8:15 pm, at Hope Christian Reformed Church in Brantford (64 Buchanan Cres.). It is absolutely essential to attend the practice on July 23, and that you do not miss more than one other practice (if any). Group transportation to the event on July 24 can be arranged. Parents need not be present during each rehearsal, but please plan to stay for the first 10 minutes for announcements. If you need more info, or wish to be involved but cannot attend the first practice on July 2, please contact Annette at 7harts@sentex.net or (519) 647-9814.

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL TEACHERS – ever wanted to relate social justice issues to the subjects you're teaching? Through grant funding provided by the Kuyers Institute of Christian Teaching and Learning, the Office of Social Justice has assessed materials and resources from the ministries of the Christian Reformed Church for their K-12 classroom potential. We're seeking K-12 teachers who are interested in reviewing the resource summaries applicable to your teaching levels and subjects. We'll provide a small stipend in exchange for your time. If you are interested or would like more info, contact Jane Hilbrands: jhilbran@grcs.org.

ONTARIO YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE: On August 7-9 is the second annual Young Adults Conference at Wilfred Laurier University in Waterloo, Ont. for post-high school (single and married) young adults. This year's speakers will be looking at this question - Christianity: Relevant? Please take some time to visit our website, www.oyac.ca. The cost for the weekend is \$140.00 off-campus and \$189.00 on campus. If you have any questions, please contact us at info@oyac.com.

DISABILITY CONCERNS: The summer issue of Breaking Barriers, a quarterly resource with stories and information for inclusion of people with disabilities in churches and ministries from Christian Reformed Disability Concerns, is now available online at http://www.crcna.org/pages/disability_Issue82.cfm

109 + Ways to Say "I Care" #106 # 53: Present me with a list of videos (or books or tapes) with a coupon attached that says: "I will call on the next four Saturdays for your video order," or "you may call me to place your order." (or design your own coupon)
(From the Compassionate Congregation, Karen Mulder and Ginger Jurries, with permission)

THIS WEEK AT MARANATHA		
Today	9:40 a.m.	Prayer
Mon		
Tues		
Wed		Canada Day
Thurs		
Fri		
Sat	9:00 a.m.	Chicken Pickup

New Job postings can be found on the bulletin board upstairs by the nursery

	June 28	July 5
Supervisor	Sara Byma	Kim Dirkse
Infants & Crawlers	Jenn DeVries Kim Dirkse Susie D’Onofrio	Caroline Dyk Marcia Faber Erin Fennema
Toddlers	Tim DeVries Leah DeJong	Ed Dyk Caitlin Dyk
2 Yr. Olds	Denise Gibson Scott DeJong	Jim Dirkse Justine Dyk
Evening	Crystal Harker Meghan Vanderstoep	Annette Regnerus Brian Kloet
Greeters upstairs ☺ downstairs ☺	Cecil & Marylene Mackoon John & Marilyn Morton	Scott & Denise Gibson Charles & Heather VanHoffen
Security a.m. p.m.	Mike Hunnersen Wayne Arkema John Welfing Arnold Depooter	Gerry DeGier Scott Degier Sid Byma Bryan DeWeerd
Welcome ☺	Philippe Rodrigue	Brent Miedema
Elder in charge	Gerry DeGier	Linda Byma
Deacon	Grace Leipscher	Wil Hennink
Ushers	Rick Kerkhof Harry Timmerman	John Arkema Tim Kane
Sound	Freda Bryant	Harry Timmerman
Presentation	Brian Kloet	Tom Botbyl
Children’s Message	Carrie VanLingen	Lori Salverda
Coffee	Rodrigue/Jongeling/	Wiersma/J DeVos
Elevator operator		

YOUTH PAGE

THANKS TO THE KLOET FAMILY FOR HOSTING THE POOL PARTY
LAST WEEK SUNDAY NIGHT! SEE YOU NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 5,
FOR A CAMPFIRE AT THE ZOMER’S.

GRADUATION TIME

Congratulations to all our graduates!! What celebrations were had over the past two weeks!
May you stand tall in your accomplishments and be blessed by the love and encouragement
that you receive from family and friends!

BASEBALL

Are you interested in meeting on the diamond on Thursday nights during the summer?
Please let Justine Joseph (justine_joseph@hotmail.com) or Dina Zomer
(dinamcrg@gmail.com) know and if there is enough players, we will meet up again and play
some ball!

SEA TU AKA COLLEGE AND CAREER’S

Check out the website for the Ontario Young Adult Conference that is being held on August
7-9, 2009 at Laurier in Waterloo. Registration forms are available off the website,
www.oyac.ca or on the youth board downstairs by the friendship room.

FELLOWSHIP CAMPING SUPPER ON SATURDAY NIGHT

For all those coming camping next weekend, please note that you need to take your own
plate and lawn chair for supper on Saturday at the Zomer site. If you are able, please let
Mike and Dina know if you are joining us. This will help in planning the meal. Looks like we
will have quite the crowd, so please help us prepare by getting your name in. GRADE 8's you
are invited too! ☺

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS DV

- July 5- Commissioning Morning for SERVE team
- July 5- Campfire at the Zomer's
- July 6- Youth Leadership Team meeting at the Zomer's
- July 10-12- Fellowship Camping
- July 18-25- Niagara 09
- July 19- Campfire



The Messenger

Lenexa United Methodist Church • July 2009

A Special Welcome to Peggy & Tom Hillmon

We are excited that Rev. Peggy Hillmon is coming to Lenexa United Methodist Church as our Senior Pastor and new CEO! She officially begins her role here on July 1.

Peggy and her husband Tom are coming to us from Parsons, Kansas where they have been for the last nine years. They have four sons: Tony, Clint, Ben, and David. Their daughters-in-law are Amy (Tony), Alisha (Clint), and Mandy (Ben). They have two grandchildren Ricklyn, 18 months old (Clint and Alisha) and Laney, three months old (Ben and Mandy). David is engaged to be married in September.

Peggy's experiences include serving as a Student Local Pastor at Scranton United Methodist Church while in Seminary at Saint Paul School of Theology (1985-1988). Following Seminary, she served three years at Toronto and Fall River churches (1988-1991). She was then appointed to Humboldt and Big Creek churches (1991-2000). Peggy then received an appointment to Parsons Wesley where she is serving until July 1, 2009. She has also served as a counselor at Camp Chippewa and Institute, and has been involved in opportunities to share "hands-on" mission projects locally, regionally, and internationally.

Peggy enjoys biking, hiking, and watching sports (football, baseball, and basketball). Her favorite event is "March Madness". Both Peggy and Tom are looking forward to making Lenexa UMC and the Lenexa community their home. We are excited about their move and their first Sunday with us on July 5th. Please come welcome them and introduce yourselves..and please wear your name tag! Peggy's e-mail will be peggy.hillmon@lenexaumc.org (beginning July 1) if you want to drop her a welcoming e-mail!



We Need YOU for The 4th of July Parade!

- ...families are needed to walk in the parade and pass out candy and bubbles!
- ...youth/adults are needed to carry our church banner in the parade!
- ...people are needed to participate in the Lawn Chair Drill Team (we need LOTS of walkers!).
- ...spectators are needed to watch the parade and intermingle with the community to show God's love!

Start your July 4th with all-you-can eat pancakes (prepared by our very own LUMYouth!!) from 7 to 9:30am in Schneeberger Hall...and then join the Parade (begins at 10am).

If you would like to participate, let Linda Stoker know (913-888-5600 or linda.stoker@lenexaumc.org). There is also a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the Library. This event is being coordinated by the Family Ministries Team.



Lenexa United Methodist Church exists to create an enthusiastic Christian community formed in the faith and transformed into dynamic servants of Jesus.

Pastor's Pen

Friends:

It seems to me, the very busiest time of ministry is right before one leaves a church and right after one arrives at a new congregation. Both Pastor Peggy and Pastor Jan have been experiencing the former! Pastor Jan is now officially retired. At the risk of sounding a bit like Alexander Haug, I am "in control" here at the office until July 1. That is why I am writing this Pastor's Pen, instead of either one of them. Jan is off on a much needed vacation, and Pastor Peggy is ministering in Parsons to those who just lost loved ones.

I won't sugar coat it; I will miss working with Jan Hayen. The past four years have been a joy for me. It is hard to imagine a better working relationship. However, that is exactly what I thought when Pastor Kay left. But as much as I will miss the "Ol' Geezer", I have to confess that I believe he made the right decision. Initially I tried to convince him otherwise, but Jan had given his very best to this congregation. It was time for a change for both Jan and for Lenexa UMC. And I am equally convinced that the timing for Pastor Peggy's coming is a "God Thing." Her coming to Lenexa UMC is a great gift to this congregation. Pastor Jan has left us in the best possible hands for the foreseeable future. Rev. Hillmon has met every challenge the Conference has given her with creativity, grace and professionalism. She has a knack for combining common sense with Holy Spirit vision. When I was in lola, I had a chance to see what she had accomplished at Humboldt, and it was impressive.

Peggy is a spiritual marathoner. She is in it for the long haul. Her last two pastorates have both been nine years in duration. That is remarkable in the United Methodist Church. It says volumes about her effectiveness, her churches' confidence in her and their love for her. She shares many of the same traits as her two immediate predecessors. It is all about the ministry of Jesus Christ; not about her ego. The only ambition she has is for the welfare of her people and the glory of God. Folks, that's a hat trick!

Pastor Peggy and I have not had a chance to sit down and discuss the details of how our ministry together will function, and ultimately that is up to her judgment. But I will recommend to Rev. Hillmon that she use me differently in the pulpit; more like Rev. Scarbrough did, than Rev. Hayen. During this next year, it is important that Pastor Peggy have every opportunity to get to know you, and you, her. My role will be more as it was when Pastor Jan first came, to be in the background, assisting the Senior Pastor in making this as seamless a transition as possible. Pastor Peggy is coming to Lenexa UMC with a lot on her plate. She is more than up to the challenge. But you and I need to do all in our power to give her a running start. Welcome, Pastor Peggy and Tom! We rejoice in your coming and in the ministry we will do together.

Grace and Peace - Pastor Lane



Member News

Welcome our newest members:

- Melanie Steinle
- Lyle Wilson
- and we celebrate with Carson and Logan on their recent baptisms!

The next **Newcomer Orientation** is Sunday, July 26 at 12:30. All newcomers are invited to come and find out more about Lenexa UMC, being a United Methodist, exploring membership at our church, and more. RSVPs appreciated: 913-888-5600 or office@lenexaumc.org.

Name Tag Nightmare!

I am in a large room full of people and apparently everyone knows my name, but I don't know anyone's! A variation on this same dream, I know all kinds of personal information about the person speaking to me, but I cannot remember the person's name!

This scenario is not a dream; it is a pastor's reality, especially a new pastor's reality. Give Pastor Peggy a great gift; find and wear your name tag, not just on Sunday, but every time you are on church property.

If you don't have one, there is a sign up sheet at the table by the coat area just outside the Sanctuary. Sign the sheet legibly and the next time you are at church, look on the same table for your new tag. If you have joined in the last year, there will be a new name tag waiting for you on the table.

If you have questions contact the office - 913-888-5600 or office@lenexaumc.org.



Prayer Ministry at Lenexa UMC

Prayer sheets are updated weekly and placed in the Attendance Registration pads in the pews at church. This allows everyone to take a list home to pray over during the upcoming week. The list is also emailed to everyone on the Prayer Chain. Prayer needs and updates can be given anytime to the pastors or the office - office@lenexaumc.org.

Church Cookbook: Recipes due July 5

A cookbook with the combined efforts of Church and Preschool families is in the works! The book will be filled to the brim with the best recipes from the best cooks in our Church and Preschool – and we need **your** favorite recipes! The books are hard-back, 3 ring binders and will sell for \$15.00. They will be available in November. All profits will be designated as follows:

- 10% tithe to church
- 40% Preschool
- 50% Building Fund

Our deadline is July 5 to have recipes submitted. You may submit your recipes one of two ways – online or handwritten/typed.

1. To submit online, please go to <http://www.cookbookpublishers.com/utypeit/>; click on “login”; username is Lenexa; password Cookbook.
2. To submit Handwritten/typed recipes, the forms are available in the church office. If you handwrite your recipe, please print legibly. When you have written or typed your recipe, please place in the *Cookbook Box* in the church office.

We hope to have at least one recipe submitted for every member of our Church and attendee of our Preschool - but feel free to submit more! Please help us make this a successful cookbook by submitting your recipes today! If you have any questions, please contact Tonya Adams (913-888-5600).



In Everything, Give Praise

By Ernestine Irvine

Praise Him for everything,
Such as the sun and April Showers.
For we know they bring the bloom
Of May's gorgeous flowers.



Praise Him for the hard things
We find we sometimes have to do.
Praise Him for the struggles
We must all go through.



Praise Him for the flawed things
We try to make all right.
And praise Him for the dim things,
Even for the dark of night.

Praise Him for the simple things
That we tend to take for granted.
And help us to bloom, Lord,
Wherever we are planted.

New Church Directory

If you had a picture taken for the new pictorial directory, your complimentary 8 x 10 may have been delivered to the church. You may pick it up in the office during the week or outside the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings. If all goes as planned, the directories will be here just in time for Fresh Start Sunday (August 30)!!



KIDS NEWS

by Linda Stoker, Director of Children's & Family Ministries
913-888-5600, ext. 111 - or linda.stoker@lenexaumc.org



Mark your Calendars for Evening Camp (VBS) Wednesday - Saturday, August 12 - 15

6 - 8:30pm Wed. and Thursday; Pool party at 6pm Friday,
followed by a lock-in that ends Saturday at 9am

Join us as we experience Rome and the dangers of the early church! Perhaps you might see Emperor Nero, or visit the Catacombs! See Roman Centurions and face difficulties as early Christians! We will have games, snacks, and great crafts. This starts Wednesday evening, August 12, and ends Friday night with a lock-in at church...and hopefully a Pool Party. Look for registration forms on line or by the West doors. Barbara Pendleton is heading this up...if you can help out, please let us know ASAP!

Kid's Sunday School News

Kid's Kingdom News:

Come join us this summer as we begin Year One: "God's Presence in the World". We will continue studying CREATION until July 19 (No Sunday School on July 5). We will have some fun science experiments to do and great ART projects, too! Then we will study "Noah and the Flood" (July 26-Aug. 30). We are combining grades during the summer. We still have a few openings for helpers; let Linda Stoker know how you can help!!

Summer Pre-K and Kindergarten Sunday School will meet in Room 209 during the 9am hour. There will continue to be the 10:30am Sunday School in Room 209 for kids Pre-K through 6th grade. A different curriculum is used at 9am than at 10:30: "LIVE BIG" is used at 9am and the "Bible Zone" is used at 10:30.



Family Ministries News

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United Methodist Family Night at the KC Royals

Friday, July 17 Game begins at 7:10pm

KC Royals vs. Tampa Bay

The Kansas East conference has reserved only 1,000 seats in the View Level Box Seat area behind home plate, and it hopes to get another 500. Current information states that these tickets will allow you to tour the Royals Hall of Fame and watch the Classic game which begins at 5pm that night. Tickets are \$14 per person (includes the Royals Hall of Fame Classic Game). The deadline for tickets ordered through the Kansas East Conference Office is July 6, but Lenexa UMC would like your orders ASAP. They will mail the tickets to us. Make checks out to Lenexa UMC (with Royals game in memo area), and give to Linda Stoker ASAP (or bring to the Church Office and put them in Linda's mailbox). The conference will earn \$3 per ticket. There will be a fireworks show after the game! Contact Linda Stoker if you want tickets (they are going fast!!): linda.stoker@lenexaumc.org or 913-888-5600.



July Youth and Adult Sunday School News

The Mid-Hi Youth will study "U-Turn: Saying No to Bad Directions" through mid July, and then look at "Wild Truths"! Meet in Room 119 at 10:30am.

The Senior Hi are talking about "MERCY!!" Meet in the Loft at 10:30am!

Foundations is off to a great start in Room 119 at 9am. Facilitators include Anne-Marie and Ted Gartner, and Tammy and Mike Shepherd. This is for all adults not currently attending a class who are wishing to look at a variety of subjects for short periods of time. This group is continuing to study "If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat." Please stop by for one or more sessions of this series as we challenge ourselves to step out in faith. Following this series, class topics will reflect issues we face everyday in our faith, our families, our finances, and more. If there is a topic you would like to study, let us know!

A 10:30am class will begin their study with "Chasing Daylight" starting in the FALL. Look for them in the Asbury Room. Facilitators will be Lisa Freeman and Ann Foster.

Spectrum Adult Sunday School (9am in Room 122) is studying James Moore's new book, "Moments that Take Your Breath Away."

Branches Adult Sunday School (9am in Room 113) will be studying "God is Closer than You Think!" by John Ortberg starting mid-July.

Pathfinders Adult SS (9am in the Asbury Room) are studying Current Events.

Maranatha Adult SS (9am in Room 129) is continuing a Bible Study.

RPM's Adult SS. (9am in Wesley room) is using Cokesbury Adult Bible studies.

Travelers Adult Sunday School (10:30am in Wesley) is continuing their discussion on "Experiencing God" facilitated by Brad Steinle.

LUM YOUTH UPDATE

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It's HOT out there!

The cool place to be is with LUMYouth! Join us for this full calendar of fun for middle & high school youth!

Thursday, July 2 – 7 to 8 pm

Pancake Breakfast Set-up!

Nobody makes pancakes like we do! And tonight we put everything in place. Make sure that you come and help us get Schneeberger Hall ready for the feast!



Saturday, July 4 – 6:30 to 10 am

Time to make the pancakes!

Get up early! Wear your "Spread the Word" LUMYouth T-shirt! Arrive ready to serve! When the kitchen is clean, we'll all go watch the parade together. We expect all youth to stick around until the last pan is washed & put away!

Sunday, July 5 – 5 to 7 pm



LUMYouth Pool Party!

Well...the high schoolers have hit the road for Iowa, so tonight is all about middle school fun... and high schoolers that couldn't make the trip! Join us for a swimming party - contact the Church Office for details: 913-888-5600.

Sunday, July 12 – 5 to 7 pm

LUMYouth Chill'n Together Tonight!

We're back from Workcamps, and we have stories to share, and catching up to do. Tonight is a "take it easy" gathering...playing board games and basking in the glow of our continued tradition of mission trips.

Sunday, July 19 – 5 to 7 pm

"What's the Word?"

Curious?...well, join us and you'll find out!

Wednesday, July 22 –

Visitor's Night at "Institute"

If you are interested in visiting our high schoolers that are participating in "Institute", tonight is your opportunity! Sign up in Schneeberger Hall. We'll figure out the schedule later...but plan on leaving LUMC around 4pm and returning by 8pm

Sunday, July 26 – 9 to 11pm

NOTE THE TIME CHANGE!

LUMYouth Pool Party

Late July...what better is there to do but take a dip in the pool! And tonight is all about a "private party"! Call the Church Office for details: 913-888-5600.



Join us on Sundays!

LUMYouth Ministries offers 3 different gatherings for middle schoolers & high schoolers on Sundays! It provides a balance for the spiritual lives of our LUMYouth!

Worship! ... at 9am! Join us on the right side of the Sanctuary! You're never alone!

Sunday School! ...at 10:30am! All middle schoolers should come to the Middle School Sunday School Room...at the base of the stairs at the east entrance. High School Sunday School is in the Loft...at the top of the stairs at the west entrance.

Fellowship & Fun! 5 to 7pm – LUMYouth Sunday evening activities! We usually meet in Schneeberger Hall...unless otherwise noted.

LUM YOUTH UPDATE

GREEN PEANUTS Wrap-Up!

We had a fantastic week doing outreach with our middle schoolers. Enjoy these shots of our week together.



On Monday morning we visited Crosslines Cooperative Council in KCKS. We helped to prepare one of their buildings for Americorp Volunteers who will arrive in July.



We spent a few hours on Monday afternoon at Harvesters sorting TONS of apples for distribution.



On Tuesday morning we entertained the children of Head Start of Shawnee Mission with our “signature” water fun party! We splashed in pools, played on the “slip-n-slide”, played in the sandbox, blew bubbles, drew with sidewalk chalk, and treated the kids to lots of “flavor-ice”.



Upon arriving in Manhattan, we got settled at Manhattan First UMC, ate a quick lunch and headed to the Habitat for Humanity ReStore warehouse. Our jobs included measuring carpet, cleaning up kitchen appliances, and breaking lots of glass.



Ogden Friendship House was our worksite Thursday morning. Mowing, weeding, sorting clothing, repairing windows, and cleaning out gutters filled our morning.



On Friday we offered lots of “sweat equity” to the folks of Manhattan First for providing us lodging. We enjoyed weeding & cleaning up their extensive grounds...as well as catching up on the steps of Kay’s parsonage.

WORDS ON WORSHIP

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Upcoming Worship Schedule:

July 5: Pastor Peggy's First Sunday at Lenexa UMC. Holy Communion 9 and 10:30am. Message: "Saving Empty Handed"; Scripture: Psalm 48, II Corinthians 12:2-10, Mark 6:1-13.

July 12: Message at 8 and 10:30: "Heart Murmurs"; Scripture: Psalm 24, Ephesians 1:3-14, Mark 6:14-29.
The PEANUTS Workcampers will present the service at 9am.

July 19: Holy Communion at 9am. Message: "Wally World"; Scriptures: Ephesians 2:11-22, Mark 6:30-34 and 53-36.

July 26: Message: "The Problem With Miracles"; Scriptures: Ephesians 3:14-21, John 6:1-21.

**Please note that the above scriptures and sermon topics are subject to change to reflect the spiritual life within our congregation. Copies (on CD) of Sunday worship services are available in the church office. We have CD players available if you need to borrow one. If you are the Liturgist, watch your e-mail for a copy of the bulletin (usually sent Friday for the upcoming Sunday) to see scripture, and other readings, or stop by the office Friday to pick up a bulletin.



Worship in the Park

Worship in the Park continues! Join your friends by the Gazebo at Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park for a relaxed (but energetic) worship service at 8am Sundays. Bring a chair (and one to share if you have extras). There's plenty of time after worship to head to church for Sunday School, Heavenly Half Hour, and other activities if you want.



Chancel Choir News

Chancel Choir is on summer break, and will return after Labor Day. We sincerely appreciate each member's faithful service in providing special music at our 10:30 worship service.

Since we have lost Connie and Jan, I hope there are others in the congregation who will consider joining us. We rehearse one hour, from 6:45 to 7:45 every Wednesday evening, beginning September 9.

Special thanks to the Chancel Choir members who shared their time and talent during the 2008-2009 season: Kay Bailey, Bea Barnstein, Mary Alice Beach, Karen Crow, Craig Dillavou, Diane Fowler, Bob Fowler, Connie Hayen, Jan Hayen, Norm Keech, Bob Locher, Milt Magle, Muriel Mason, Carol Sanagorski, Glenda Sherbon, Keith Stokes, Nora Lee Walter, and Paul Walter.

~ Nan Hulett, Director

Fellowship Pad Fiasco

Hay! You want to pull a great practical joke on our church volunteers and waste literally hundreds of hours of their time (not to mention your pastors' and office staffs)? It's easy! Just refuse to sign the Fellowship Pad in worship! You see, one of the principle ways we do pastoral care is to keep track of attendance. Major shifts in attendance are often an indication of a spiritual need. Miss three consecutive Sundays and a member of the Care Team will try **repeatedly** to reach you and make sure you are OK! The Fellowship Pad is also our most important way of identifying new visitors. In fact, if you don't sign and paste the Fellowship Pad, there is an excellent chance a visitor won't either. We have volunteers who check to make sure there are pencils and pages in each binder. Our ushers struggle to get all the sheets gathered immediately after each service and taken to the office, where a volunteer checks each sheet against our membership roster to see if we have any new visitors so a volunteer can make a front porch visit to the new comers that same day. Other volunteers and office staff enter every person's attendance in our data base, then members of the staff run detailed reports that are used by the Care Team and the pastors. But you have the power to sabotage all of this!!! Just refuse to fill out the Fellowship Pad and pass it down your pew! But now that you know the **Why**, pleeease help us with the **How**! Also, please print clearly & list all of your family members who were in worship...we don't enjoy playing the guessing game.

Mark your calendars now for Fresh Start Sunday: August 30!!

Wednesday Night OASIS will begin again in September. Have a great summer... don't forget to include Church and Sunday School in your plans! Bring a bulletin to the office from churches you visit while on vacation!



Congregational Care and Health Ministries



Stephen Ministry

Feeling alone, sad, overwhelmed or a bit lost right now due to the loss of a loved one, the loss of a job, financial struggles, or experiencing any other life struggle? You don't have to go through it alone - let a Stephen Minister be a special friend to you, helping you through the tougher stages of life. Contact one of the Pastors (913-888-5600) to explore the role a Stephen Minister can have in your life.

Yarn Library

Thank you to everyone who has donated yarn, knitting and crochet needles/supplies and patterns to our Yarn Library. Items donated are used to make prayer shawls and baby hats, booties and blankets for those in need. So far we've given items to children in Kenya and Tanzania. There are also needs closer to our church...if you know someone in need, let Linda Stoker know. We give booties to anyone with a new baby - so let Linda know of any babies that are born!! If you have items to donate to the Library, please give these to Suzette in the office. Completed items go in the "Knit One, Save One" tub outside the Sanctuary. Anyone is welcome to join this ministry effort - Yarn Library items are free to use and are located in tubs by the stuffed chairs in our Library.

Create With Spirit

Come join this creative group the 3rd Tuesday in July and August at 7pm in the Library. Bring whatever craft/art item you want to work on while we do a thoughtful, informal Bible study. You can check out the Yarn Library that evening if you need supplies for anything. Our next gathering is July 16. Contact Linda Stoker with questions - 913-888-5600 or linda.stoker@lenexaumc.org.

Health Ministry Team Recruiting

The Health Ministry Team is looking for additional members. A background in the health field is not necessary. Our focus is on a safe and healthy living style among our church family. Contact Pastor Lane with questions - 913-888-5600 or lane.bailey@lenexaumc.org.

Pastors' Discretionary Fund...Depleted...

The Pastors' Discretionary fund is almost empty. This fund is a vital source of support for those in our community who need assistance with housing, medical, and other personal needs. Hosting a Party With a Purpose Luncheon or Dinner this summer would help replenish the fund...maybe you are interested in organizing one of these fun parties? Contact Karen Dillavou for more details and to express your interest: 913-888-5600.

Wanted:

People who have knowledge, interest, or just strong backs are needed to start a group that would do Estate Sales for our members. If you can help, contact Karen Dillavou at 913-888-5600.

Grandparents Count!!

Grandparents count!!! There was a new study from Australia that studied more than 10,000 families with children. Those children cared for by family...including grandparents had higher learning scores. "This new study demonstrates what a critical role grandparents play in the development of children! We know from this study how important it is to a child's development to ...spend as much time as possible every day reading and spending time playing with children," said Jenny Macklin, Federal Families, Housing and Community Services minister. So grandparents...know how valued you are!! And we value you at LUMC for there are a number of you who bring your grandchildren with you to church and Sunday School. Continue to share your faith...it can have a life-long impact on not only the child but the parents and siblings and on YOU!! God bless.



United Methodist Women
Women's Division

United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ: to develop a creative, supportive fellowship, and to extend concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the Church.

Membership shall be open to any woman who indicates her desire to belong and to participate.

The organization shall encourage all members to participate in the total life and work of the Church and shall support them in assuming positions of responsibility and leadership.

For further information, contact Pody Emmert at 913-888-5600.



**The Kansas East Conference will sponsor
The Cooperative School of Christian Mission
July 16 – 18
at Washburn University, Topeka Kansas
Theme: "Together At The Table"**

Lenexa UMW will pay the registration fee for any UMW member attending. For further information, contact Bernie McNichols or Kathy Fowler at 913-888-5600

Celebrating Womanhood: The Ages and Stages of Life

Facilitator: Kay Bailey



Women of the Church - MARK YOUR CALENDARS for September 19, 2009. Spend a day of fun and fellowship with facilitator Kay Bailey as she presents "Celebrating Womanhood – The Ages and Stages of Life."

UMW invites you to share in this day of love and laughter as we look at what it means to be a woman. Our own stories and experiences will be our main resource as we look at the roles of women throughout our lifetimes, how those roles have changed and what they look like today. We'll visit with several Biblical women for the lessons they teach us about womanhood and Erma Bombeck's wisdom will most likely find its way into our day as well.

Do plan to join us for this meaningful and interesting day. Watch the "Bulletin" and "The Messenger" for details as they become available.

Art image above from Penny-Grace.com



Head to the Park for a Party and Help Someone in Need!!

The Faith Journey ChristCare Group is hosting a **Party With a Purpose** at Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park on Sunday, July 19, from 4-8pm. The event will be at the Lions Club Pavilion next to the playground. **Menu:** Chicken, Brisket, Hotdogs, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Watermelon, and Cookies! The "cost" for the picnic is a donation for the Pastors' Discretionary Fund. (Recommendation - donate the amount you would have spent on a meal out). Fun and games are planned...bring your family and friends! RSVPs are needed by July 15 so enough food is prepared. RSVP to the Church Office: office@lenexaumc.org or 913-888-5600.



Missions Corner

If you had your photo taken recently for our new Pictorial Directory, you were asked to bring canned food in exchange for a \$5 off coupon on the photographs. What a great idea! The food collected produced a total of 305 pounds that has been donated to the Multi-Service Center.

In addition, as part of their "Feed the Need" program, LifeTouch, the photographers, will donate the value of four meals for each family photographed. The number of families photographed was 192, which would result in a dollar amount for 768 meals. The actual dollar amount is determined based on the reported value of four meals purchased by local food banks. We hope to give an account of the final dollar amount in the next Messenger.

The 305 pounds of food collected during the photo shoot brings the total Lenexa UMC donations for the year to 2,472.5 pounds through the end of May. We continue to ask for food donations. Your donation of even one can or box per week can make a difference for a family who may have a member that has had to skip a meal in order to feed their children.

Don't forget that used backpacks in good condition are still being collected for HopeFaith Ministries. Now that school has ended, that old backpack could have another use.

HopeFaith Ministries is a faith-based outreach that serves the needs of the poor and homeless in Kansas City, MO. Their vision is to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty by equipping, resourcing and releasing individuals back into society. Their needs are many. Food, clothing (especially men's jeans, pants and underwear), personal hygiene articles (sample and trial sizes are welcomed), Bibles, and reading glasses are some of the items needed.

For those wishing to volunteer, a wide variety of opportunities are available such as cooking or serving a meal, sorting clothing, drivers, teaching a course or class, doing carpenter or plumbing work, office work, etc. The telephone number is 816-471-4673.

Lenexa UMC's Faith Journey Christ Care group will be volunteering at HopeFaith in the near future and a follow-up is planned for a later issue of the Messenger.

A Thank you note we recently received...

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of every member of Atonement (Lutheran Church), I want to thank you for the donation of eye glasses for our mission trip to Tanzania. Along with International Health Organization Partners of Tanzania, our mission is to build an eye clinic for the Nyakato Health Center in the city of Mwanza.

Because of your generosity, we will be able to provide much-needed aid to those who would otherwise not receive any vision care.

If you are interested in learning more about the effort that is taking place in Tanzania, please visit www.ihptz.org for information on how the Atonement travel team is meeting our goals for the journey, please visit our blog : www.eyes4mwanza.blogspot.com.

We welcome prayers for our travels and mission. Thanks again for your donation and kindness.

Brooke Hodnefield,
Director of Service Ministries

(Note: Lenexa UMC friends donated at least 432 pairs of glasses and lenses!!)

¹²2009 Kansas East Annual Conference Recap

The 2009 session of the Kansas East Annual Conference was held June 3 – 6, 2009 at Baker University in Baldwin City, under the leadership of Bishop Scott Jones. The theme was “The Church United: Called to Lead” which began a four-year cycle lifting up the four areas of focus set by the General Conference in 2008. The conference celebrated facilities improvements made in camping, campus ministry, and ministry expansion in church growth and development through the Bridges to the Future Capital Campaign.

The Rev. Adam Hamilton, senior pastor at United Methodist Church of the Resurrection, was the featured speaker on the theme of leadership. Bishop Sally Dyck, Minnesota Area, preached at the ordination and commissioning service and shared a dialogue sermon with Jones for the sending forth service. The Rev. Junius Dotson, Saint Mark United Methodist Church in Wichita, preached at the memorial service.

The conference adopted a budget of \$5.05 million for 2010 and changed the conference’s apportionment formula to a tithe on local church operating income. The new formula will be phased in over a number of years with a 10 percent annual cap on increases and decreases to a local church’s apportionments. This new way of apportioning, will actually reduce the amount of apportionments paid by Lenexa United Methodist Church, but increase the total funds received by the annual conference. The conference also adopted a resolution moving the annual session from Baker

University to United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in 2010 which will result in a savings to the conference of approximately \$30,000.

The conference contributed \$5,750 to the Central Conference Pension Fund from the conference’s Oil and Gas Reserves Fund from mineral rights the conference owns in Arkansas and Oklahoma.

The conference voted on the 32 proposed constitutional amendments approved by the 2008 General Conference, but the results were not publicized. To go into effect, the amendments must be passed by 2/3 of the total number of voting members of all annual conferences worldwide. The Council of Bishops will announce the results in 2010.

Jones commissioned three into the ministry of elder, recognized the orders for ministry for one person, ordained one deacon received into full connection, and ordained seven elders received into full connection. Eight retired from ministry, one of course being Jan Hayen.

Membership in the Kansas East Conference stands at 71,305, down 760 (1 percent) from 2007. Worship attendance stands at 31,903, up 378 (1.2 percent) from 2007. Sunday School participation stands at 11,800, up 204 (13 percent) from 2007.

To learn more about the workings of the Kansas East Annual Conference, talk to one of the Pastors or one of our Lay Members: Tom Adams, Tonya Adams, Linda Lipp; Reserve Lay Member Jesi Lipp; or Youth Delegates: Abby and Skylar. Lenexa UMC was well represented.

Recycling Updates

Many of you have experienced the recycling bin on the Church’s property being full. We apologize for this inconvenience, but the problem has been remedied. Deffenbaugh is now coming weekly to collect our recyclables (instead of every other week). So please to continue to bring paper, plastics, aluminum, and tin to place in the recycling container located on the southwest corner of our property. Not only are you helping the environment, but the church receives \$12.50 per ton for the recyclable materials. This can really add up! Thanks for your on-going donations!!



Yard Work is in full swing.....please consider the 3 R’s of yard waste as you plant, mow, weed, prune, water, etc: **Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle**. Ideas include mulching instead of bagging, using a rainwater barrel, keeping an eye on sprinklers on timers so they don’t come on when it’s raining/has just rained, composting, xeriscaping, and more.

Miscellaneous

THANK YOUS

- **Thanks to everyone who helped with Vacation Bible School!** We had a blast and it was VERY successful. Look for photos on line at www.lenexaumc.org! Over \$500 was collected for "Nothing but Nets" mosquito nets for Africa, and 65 pairs of Crocs were donated to send to Africa with the "Croc Walk".
- **Thanks Sandy Gunkel** for coordinating the T-bones tickets and night for our church on June 19! Over 85 people came and it was great fun!!
- **Friends: Connie and I** want to thank you all for the wonderful gifts, expressions of care, and support which you have shared with us as we take this leap into the next part of our life. The retirement dinner was wonderful! So glad we got to share it with so many of you. At the same time, it is difficult to leave all of you and this life-style which has bounded our living for so many years. It helps us realize fully, how much all of you have become a part of our lives. We both want to wish you the very best as the new building is completed, and as you move into the next exciting era of the long life of LUMC. You all have much to share with the community around you. I'm sure we'll see you again in the future. God's richest blessings be with you in the coming days. ~Jan and Connie

AUGUST MESSENGER DEADLINE

Everyone is invited to submit info. for our monthly newsletter! It's a great place to "advertise" your group's activities, write a book review, submit a photo, etc!! The deadline for the August issue is Thursday, July 16, at 5pm. Submit info. to Suzette in the office (in the newsletter mailbox in the office or via e-mail - office@lenexaumc.org).

WISH LIST

There is a wish list for items for the new building and rooms for Kid's Kingdom posted on the bulletin board outside of Room 209. If individuals, families or Sunday School classes see something they could contribute...please fill out a form and let Linda Stoker know. We have 6 months or so until things are needed, but thought we could start preparing now! However.....storage is a problem until we can move in. So talk with Linda - 913-888-5600 or linda.stoker@lenexaumc.org.

FIRST ANNUAL DINNER AND TALENT SHOW

Would you like to be part of the first annual Church Dinner and Talent Show this fall? We need some input into how it should be organized, who has talent, suggestions on a great menu, and any other ideas and suggestions. Please contact me with your thoughts at 913-888-5600. Thanks!

~ Karen Dillavou

ENTREPRENEURS IN ACTION GROUP Start-up hopefuls and entrepreneurs unite in Entrepreneurs in Action group and take action on their desire to grow and thrive in these changing times. This may have been a first for Lenexa UMC as it began the new group that is open to members of the Church and the community. The group will continue meeting on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday evenings in July. Join us July 1 as participants, Eric Christensen from All Star Marketing and Becky Rawls-Riley from Operating Sooner will be presenting and facilitating the topic oriented meeting, "Start Sparks in Your Business with Lists and Marketing". Join us in room 122 from 6:30 - 8pm. Contact Becky Rawls-Riley at 913-397-8071 or via email at osbr@operating-sooner.com or just show up for this free event.

MOWERS NEEDED

If you can help mow the church property during the summer/early fall months, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board across from the Church Library. Your help is truly appreciated!! The church has a push mower and a gas-powered trimmer you can use. Contact Roger Neal with questions - 913-888-5600.

Financial Update – May 2009

General Operating Fund	
Contributions Rec'd May 2009	\$45,603
Designated Apportionment Income Received	\$153
Building Use Income Received	\$1,045
Other Income	<u>\$693</u>
Total Operating Income Received May 2009	\$47,494
Apportionments paid May 2009	5,153
Total Apportionments Paid to Date	\$18,587

July...is a perfect month to...



- Eat Pancakes and have fun at the Parade on July 4th
- Fish, canoe or camp with a friend
- Watch a movie .. or 2 ... in a really chilly theater!!
- Wear your sunscreen to the pool
- Take pictures of all the people, places and things when you travel
- Share garden produce with your neighbor or the food pantry



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FOURTH OF JULY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, July 4th

7 to 9:30 am in Schneeberger Hall!

Join us for the BEST pancakes & sausage in town!

Adults \$6.00 Children \$4.00

Proceeds support LUMYouth Programs, Ministries, and Outreach

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Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church

May 2009

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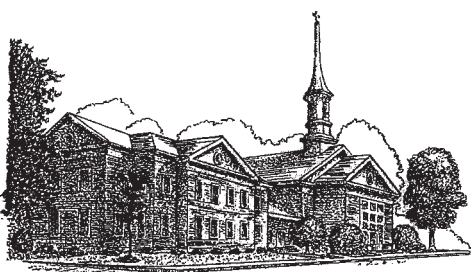
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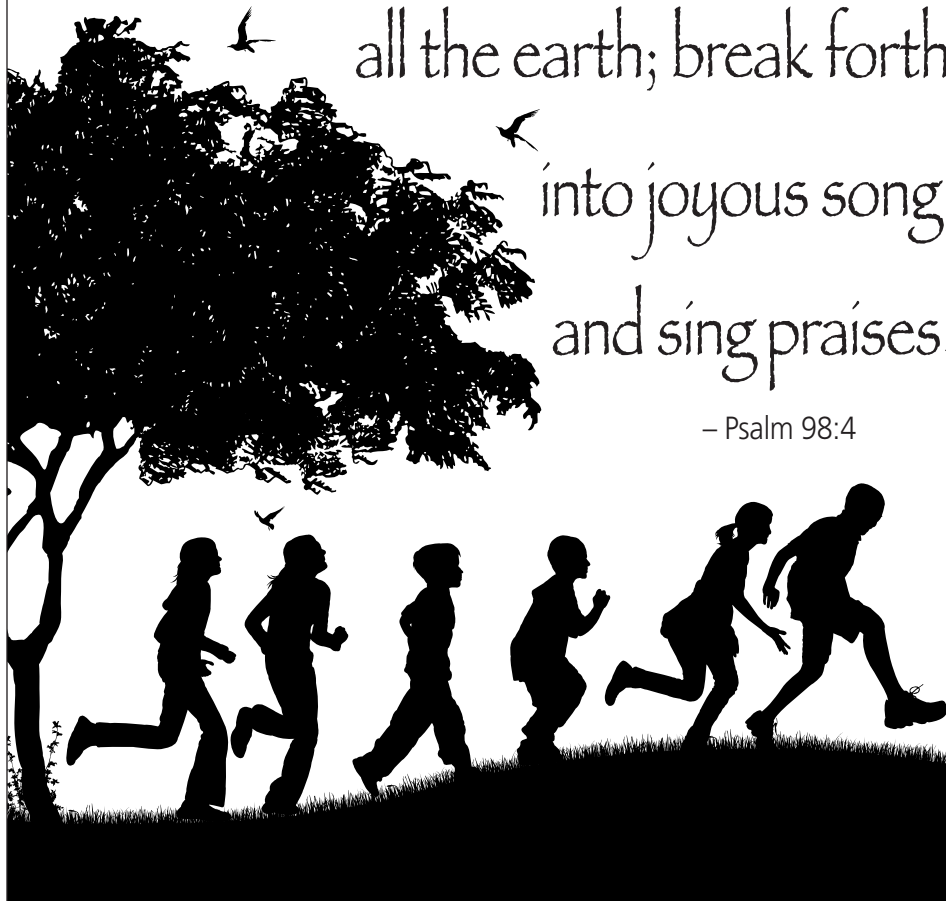
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Summer Schedule: June 7-September 6, One Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord,
all the earth; break forth
into joyous song
and sing praises.

– Psalm 98:4



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Note from the Pastor

"What's it worth?" is a question we ask ourselves more often these days. The relative worth of something is calculated before every purchase. If an important (worthy) need might be met by a certain item, and if that item can be proved to be worth its cost, then maybe, just maybe, it will be purchased. There's no hurry. When every dollar is spent only after this careful consideration, it makes that dollar seem worth more than a dollar. Looked at this way, every dollar earned is worth more. Every dollar saved is worth more. We feel better off *not* spending. For individuals and families with a fiscally conservative heritage, "What's it worth?" is a question to keep in mind even in good times.

The meaning of worship is closely related to the idea of "worth." The words themselves are first cousins. Webster's Dictionary defines worship as "to regard with great, even extravagant respect, honor or devotion." We come to worship in order to demonstrate our regard for and devotion to God. We find God to be worth our highest, most extravagant respect. Someone exists who is the most good, the most powerful, the most knowledgeable, and the very definition of every positive quality we can imagine. This Someone is God.

The purpose of worship, therefore, is to praise God. Everything else in a worship service flows from praise. Listening. Repentance. Thankfulness. Prayer requests. Promises to act. Someone this good, this loving, this knowledgeable, is "worth paying for" with our respect, our attention, and our obedience. Worship is "worthship."

Two points flow from this definition of worship. First, the worship of God raises the worth of everything else. Each moment of each day will feel most important when I have given God the respect and honor God is worth each day. Each day of each week will find its truest and best value when I have offered God my worship on one of those days. Every act of love I share will reflect the love I have received from and given back to God. Every dollar I spend will grow in value when I have worshipped God with a worthy number of my or my family's dollars.

Second, *that* we worship is more important than *how* we worship. If a certain period of time on a certain day gives me and my friends a way to praise God, to listen to God, and to respond to God, then we have worshipped. For the past academic year, we have worshipped in three different ways every Sunday. Each hour has been worship. This summer, I will help lead worship for one hour. As worship planners, I and our design team will do our very best to make the 10:00 hour an appropriately special time to praise God, to listen to God, and to respond to God. *To worship.*

Peace, Bob



From the Director of Christian Education

"Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up on wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." – Isaiah 40:31

"So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day." – 2 Corinthians 4:16

"Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain in me a willing spirit." – Psalm 51:12

Over Easter weekend our family expanded to include an 11-month-old puppy. Bella is helping to fill the gap in our lives left when our longtime family dog, Chocolate, died in November. Reflecting on the changes in our lives and the differences between our two dogs, I am reminded of the ways we live our faith.

In recent months and years, Chocolate had become more slow and deliberate in his movements. He was very loyal in his presence with us on outings to the woods or working in the yard, but it was obvious that, even though his heart was there, his energy just lagged. Chocolate's loyalty, love and service to her family were responsibilities that ended only in death. Bella, on the other hand, is like a "whirling dervish" as Carl says. She bounces, runs, sniffs out everything. Her desire to have playmates is evident in her whine as we return her to the run and head inside. Her eagerness doesn't wane. Her greeting just about knocks us over.

In our walk of faith which dog is more like our own witness to God's love and grace? It's so inspiring to watch the enthusiasm of a "new" Christian, eager to share joy and love, but we are tired. Rather than sit back and reminisce of 'good old' days' of young faith, we can be renewed daily. It is a promise found in God's Word. Our calling to serve is "for life" so that daily renewal is important so we can extend the joy and love of our Lord to all we meet! In what ways will our summer plans renew our spirits?

May our lives, no matter our age, reflect the joy, enthusiasm and outgoing spirit of Bella and the loving loyalty and sense of responsibility of Chocolate.

Blessings, Sandra

The church sanctuary is open Monday-Friday, same hours as the office, for prayer and for a quiet time and place. If you seek a quiet location to be with God in prayer, come to the sanctuary.

Pentecost Sunday, May 31!

May 31 is Pentecost Sunday. The Day of Pentecost is a Jewish holiday. It comes from a word that means "50th Day." It comes fifty days after Passover. People of Jewish faith call it the "Feast of Weeks" or "Shabuoth" (a "week of weeks" plus one day is 50 days). The holiday marked the gift of the Ten Commandments. Christians celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the Birthday of the Church. (Exodus 34:22 and Acts 2:1-11).

On May 31, we will celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit with a Service of Confirmation for the members of the 2008-2009 Confirmation Class. Since "tongues of fire" was one of the symbols of Pentecost in the Book of Acts, the color red will be featured in worship. Everyone is invited to wear something red. Please pray for the members of the Confirmation Class as they consider their professions of faith and prepare for the service. Confirmation and the Day of Pentecost will be celebrated in both the 9:00 and 11:00 services. Mark your calendar for the wearing of red and birthday cupcakes.



Christian Education Opportunities

2009 Vacation Bible School:

Wednesdays, 6:00-8:30 p.m., July 29, August 5, 12, 19

On Wednesday evenings in the late summer, Duncan Memorial will be the place for dinner, fellowship, storytelling, activities and a myriad of class options. Mark your calendar and watch for registration forms coming in the June/July *Dove*, Sunday bulletins and at the church office.

Adult Summer Sunday School, June 14-August 30

In summers past, several of our adult Sunday school classes have combined to host a program titled "My Walk in Faith." Many people have requested this program again this summer. Members of our congregation volunteer to speak to the members of the Sunday school classes about their personal walk in faith. Each presentation will be about 30-45 minutes long (which is not as long as it seems once you begin talking).

Your presentation can be about any part of your life you want to share. Many people have flashed back to their childhood to recount their early religious development. Some have talked about specific events that solidified their Christian faith. Others have talked about how their faith has carried them through difficult times or events in their lives. Basically, the story is to be crafted by you, to tell whatever story you choose to tell. It is very fulfilling to hear about how faith grows, develops, and strengthens members of our church family.

If you would like to be a speaker or if you have an idea of someone whose story would be interesting, please contact Les Cook by email at wahooocook@yahoo.com or by phone at 752-5982. We need enough volunteers for the 12 weeks, or we won't be able to offer the class.

Day Camp at the Martin Farm

"This is My Father's World," from the Native American perspective, is the theme for this summer's day camp at the Martin farm. Participants will explore and enjoy God's creation at the farm on June 22, 24 and 26. Learn from speakers, crafts and activities how caring for God's world is closely woven into the appreciation of God's gifts in creation. See God's creation up close! There will be fun times for all ages. Pre-school children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Youth and adults can enjoy the farm and activities while assisting with fishing, crafts, games, and relating to the younger participants. Registration forms will be available in the June/July *Dove* and in the church office. Invite your friends and join the fun!



Confirmation Class

Washington, D.C., here we come! On May 15-16, the confirmation class will visit special sites in D.C., including Rising Hope UM Mission Church, the United Methodist Building on Capitol Hill, the new visitor center at the Capitol, The Potter's House, and the Church of the Saviour. While on this trip the youth will plan special touches for their confirmation service.

On Saturday, May 30, at 6:30 p.m., there will be a "Celebration of the Journey" dinner for the confirmands and their families, mentors and friends. This will be a covered dish dinner.

On Pentecost Sunday, May 31, these youth will be confirmed into the church family at both the J.O.L.T. and 11:00 service.



Special Thanks...

To **Tonya Sikkar** who secured the two donkeys for Palm Sunday; **Jared and Stephanie Nixon** who transported the donkey.

To those who participated on the confirmation church history panel on April 19.

To **Katie Hudson and her students** at the Arts Festival who made the new banner for Good Friday.

From the Youth Director

Holy Week breakfasts were great this year! We discussed what happened each day of Christ's last week on earth. Thanks to Rev. Mark Ogren, Rev. Bob Blinn, Rev. Mary Beth Blinn, Rev. Sandra Stanley, and Jason Stanley for providing the devotions each morning. I would like to thank Michele Herbert, Tonya Sikkar, Pat Herbert, Dana Harris, Corinne Luck and Rachael Vronek for getting up early to provide hot breakfasts for everyone. Also, thanks to Buck Herbert for driving the church van to the schools

each morning. We ended the week with a lock-in on Friday night for the 14 youth who attended each morning or read the daily passages. Matt and Valerie Moore were the brave souls who helped chaperone the evening and deserve lots of thanks.

During May the youth gear up for their mission trip to the hills of Tennessee. We continue to finalize our plans for our August mission trip in our own back yard.

*Peace and Grace,
Dawne Vronek*

Youth News

***May 17 is Youth Sunday.
The youth of our church will
participate in all three services.***

May is the last month of creative classes on Wednesday nights for the youth. The youth will be re-evaluating this program for next year. If you have comments or suggestions, contact Dawne Vronek. We have enjoyed working on skits, slide shows, bulletin boards and many other projects throughout this year.

Summer is fast approaching and the youth would like to continue meeting at least monthly. Last summer we met to scrapbook our mission trips and other events. There is talk of tubing trips, trips to the river or beach this summer. A day at Kings Dominion would be fun. At this point the challenge is chaperones. If there are any adults that are interested in chaperoning some youth events this summer, please contact Dawne Vronek at 798-7224 or dvronek@comcast.net. We must have at least one male and one female per event.

College students are getting ready to go home for the summer and that means exams. From May 17 to May 21, we will host exam breaks for Randolph-Macon students from 9:00 p.m. to midnight. We need people who can help provide food or serve. The college ministry team would also like to send care packages to our own students away at college. If you could provide us with their names and addresses we would appreciate it.

Summer Fun for All

Summer Community Connection

Plans for an enriching experience for the community children are well underway for June 15-July 3, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Some early plans include visits to the library and Skateland, a program by Johnny White, Lego® construction, woodworking, nature explorations, games from yesteryear, math games, reading exercises, music, a tour of Maggie Walker House and other field trips, crafts, writing a book. Tutors and volunteers are needed to assist with and lead activities.

Needed: Meal preparers and food donations for breakfasts, snacks and lunches. Breakfasts the first week are covered. We need books donated that are appropriate for K-5 children.

Junior Counselors: Any youth interested in assisting with Summer Community Connection and Day Camp can attend a special training session. The date to be announced.

To volunteer or for additional information, contact Sandra Stanley at sandra.stanley@duncanmemorialumc.org or 798-7224.



Looking Ahead

June 6, Strawberry Faire –

The sanctuary will be open for music and reflection. The United Methodist Women will hold a bazaar in the fellowship hall and a bake sale out front. The Mission Team will hold a silent auction for Jail Ministry in the colonnade and have “Glorious Giving” gift cards for mission projects for purchase in the narthex. The youth will have a face-painting booth.

June 7, Music Sunday –

All the musicians and musical groups of the church will be celebrated. The service will begin at 10:00 a.m. This is the start of our summer worship schedule and there will only be one service. A picnic (outside, weather permitting) will follow the service. The church is providing fried chicken, drinks, and table ware. Everyone is invited to bring side dishes.

July 5, Independence Sunday

July 19, Church-wide Planning Luncheon, 12:00-2:00 p.m.

August 29, Church Open House for new R-MC students and parents

September 14, Rally Day children’s games, ministry fair, and picnic

October 18, Randolph-Macon College Homecoming Sunday



Lake Junaluska – July 23-26

Join us for a church-wide retreat at Lake Junaluska in the mountains of western North Carolina on July 23-26. Contact Sandra Stanley at 798-7224 or sandra.stanley@duncanmemorialumc.org or 798-7224 to request a registration form or for additional information. For anyone interested in going with us to Lake Junaluska, there will a meeting on Wednesday, May 13, 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Housing: Cottages at Junaluska; Cost: \$112-152/person depending on number attending; space is limited. **Housing Deposit:** \$75/person by May 13. Checks should be made payable to DMUMC with “church retreat to Junaluska” in the memo line. Housing will be available as early as Sunday, July 19, so you can go down earlier if you’d like.

Schedule: Morning and/or evening worship, group activities upon arrival, a group meal one evening, worship together on Sunday morning, and a trip to see “Unto These Hills” (an outdoor drama in Cherokee). All day Friday and Saturday are yours to plan.

Saturday evening: Group outing to see “Unto These Hills.” Tickets: Children 12 and younger – \$8; General admission – \$18; Family packs available and reserved seats are \$22 and \$10.

Activity Options:

- **White water rafting:** Prices are better on Friday than Saturday. Several rivers are great for this outing for ½ day or all day. Prices can range from \$40’s-\$60’s per person.
- **Biltmore Tour:** The cost and length of time depends on how much you want to see – house, gardens, or in-depth (Estate admission: \$59; youth 10-16 years: \$29.50. Guided tours – \$15, with prices increasing with each additional tour. Tickets purchased online save \$5.00.)
- **Grandfather Mountain, N.C.:** This site is about 70 miles from Lake Junaluska. Hours: 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., but best times to see are before 11:00 a.m. or after 2:00 p.m. Walking is involved here – hiking trails and 50 steps to the Mile High Swinging Bridge. Cost: \$7 children 4-12 years; \$15 for adults 13-59; \$13 for seniors 60+.
- **Cherokee, N.C.:** Many sites to see – Cherokee Museum, Oconaluftee Village, shops, craft stores; Cost: Museum (nominal fee); Village – \$6 and \$13, 5 and under free.
- **Gatlinburg, Tenn.:** About 70-90 miles from Lake Junaluska. Lots of shops, cultural activities, entertainment and history can be found in this part of east Tennessee, also close to Dollywood Theme Park (Admission: \$42-53)
- **Or** you can spend time at Lake Junaluska – swimming, hiking, golf, playing tennis, paddle boats, visiting a history museum, rocking on the front porch of various buildings soaking up the views.

Duncan Memorial Worship Planning Summary

Date	Day	Color	Scriptures	Sermon Title (and Theme)
May 3	Fourth Sunday of Easter	White	Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 (137) John 10:11-18	Room in the Sheep Pen (We're all part of the flock of Christ.) <i>Communion at 8:00 and 11:00, Keir Burton and UJIMA Choir at 9:00</i>
May 10	Fifth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day	White	Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 22:25-31 (752) John 15:1-8	Fantasy Fruit (If we are connected to Christ, we will bear fruit.) <i>Communion at 8:00, Healing at 9:00, Kelly Conner, Bailey Scholar, at 9:00</i>
May 17	Sixth Sunday of Easter	White	Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 47 (818) John 15:9-17	Youth Sunday <i>Communion at 8:00 and 9:00</i>
May 25	Seventh Sunday of Easter Ascension Sunday	White	Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 (781) Luke 24:44-53	Something to Shout About (Forgiveness leads to telling, leads to fruit) <i>Communion at 8:00 Memorial Day Weekend</i>
May 31	Day of Pentecost Confirmation	Red	Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	Young Faith, Real Faith (God as Spirit leads us into all truth) <i>Communion at 8:00, Confirmation Class participation at 9:00 and 11:00</i>

May Birthdays

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| 1 Nicholas Gay | 16 Diane Harris |
| 2 Ann Leonard, Amy Ewing | 17 Lin Varner, Dee Dee Phillips |
| 3 Kathryn Miller, Betsy Eggleston, William Gorton, Ed Gay | 18 Josh Ernst, Joseph Rogowski |
| 4 Joan Holsinger, Kate Greennagel | 19 Darcy Inge |
| 5 June Crenshaw, Jimmy Davis | 20 Tessa Harris |
| 6 Stewart Luther | 23 W. H. Ayers Jr., Russ Harris Jr., Erin Luther |
| 7 Hannah Herbert | 24 Bill Holman, Cameron Conklin |
| 8 Kathryn Stephens, Scott Sherrod | 25 Betty Chui |
| 9 Frank Hargrove Jr., Kenneth Cole | 27 Bill Kitchens, Mary Moore |
| 10 Karen Thomas, Will Engleby III, Joe Valent | 29 Ben McIlwaine |
| 14 Gray Hamner | 30 Stephanie Nixon |
| | 31 Rick Laird, Amy Sebring |

Calendar May 2009

26 Native American Sunday 8:00 AM Informal Worship Service 9:00 AM J.O.L.T. Worship Service 9:50 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 12:00 PM Music (FH) 12:00 PM Vols in Mission Mtg (10) 5:00 PM Youth Choir (CR) 5:30 PM Disciple 1 (10)	27 7:15 PM Chorale (FH/S)	28 6:00 PM Handbells (10) 6:30 PM Prayer Shawl (P)	29 10:00 AM Walk ... the Psalms (FH) 4:00 PM Children's Music Program (12/13) 5:30 PM Fellowship Dinner 6:00 PM HSP (5, 6, 7, 8) 6:15 PM Chancel Choir 7:30 PM 4th Way Group	30 10:00 AM Christian Believer (FH) 6:00 PM Campus Ministry Team (6) 7:00 PM Manna Band Practice (CR) 8:00 PM Summer Worship Planning (FH)	1 10:00 AM Yoga (FH)	2 12:00 PM Relay for Life 2:00 PM Campus Ministry (FH)
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Check the church Web site www.duncanmemorialumc.org for calendar updates.

From the Music Director

A late season snow in March threw a monkey wrench in the routine of everyone's life here in our area. Schools were closed and folks were hampered in their ability to get around, such that many missed work or other appointments. It forced us out of our normal patterns, to consider what to do with time at home. Some of us played in the snow, others read a good book, others baked brownies or had popcorn and watched a movie. Those less fortunate had to huddle near their wood stove to keep warm, since their electricity was out, and all had to either shovel or scrape the stuff off their car or driveway. Despite the problems it brings, most of us recognize and appreciate snow's beautiful effect on the landscape.

In times like these we are reminded about our powerlessness over natural forces, and the caprice of fate. Something bigger than our plans and activities is going on. If we listen carefully, we can hear this bigger symphony behind our usual business, but we usually are too preoccupied to listen.

Music is like this snow. It's something we can't really ignore. It goes into the crevices of our lives, affecting how we feel, what we see; it is something we must deal with. Like the snow, it provides a similar opportunity to see a bigger picture, to feel that our personal concerns are not all that matter in life, to know beauty that we had not paid attention to before. In all cases, music becomes a part of our felt experience, both personally and collectively when it is heard in public. Just as we all talk about the weather because it affects us, so we talk about music and how it affects us.

The real joy is that in making music, we get to act as God's agents of creation. We can make snow! We can affect people's experience in a visceral way. This is a powerful ability, and one that carries no small responsibility. An amazing

capacity to affect people's mood, and sometimes even change their lives, is in the hands of those who make music. Since it does have a real affect, we should bear in mind our responsibility in it, so that we make the experience a positive one for those who listen. This requires an investment of care through disciplined practice and a positive attitude. Our work is most perfectly realized through honest expression of feelings suggested by the musical score. This requires vulnerability, and an understanding of the human condition, for which we must draw upon our personal experience. We intend that as we minister in this way, people will be blessed. We invite your prayers, and your participation, to that end!

*Blessings,
William Gorton*

Central Virginia Masterworks Chorale Spring Concert
Beethoven's Mass in C and other works
Sunday, May 17, 6:00 p.m., Duncan Memorial UMC
Tuesday, May 19, 7:00 p.m., St. Mark's Episcopal Church

From the Children's Choir Director

by Melissa Hawks

I hope you were able to share in the celebrations at Duncan Memorial on Palm Sunday this year! It was a really special time with the donkeys, who were so friendly and well-behaved! The children's choirs ended the parade singing "Sing

Hosanna!" and playing chimes. What a fitting way to celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry to Jerusalem, and enter Holy Week ourselves!

Exciting things are planned for the children's choirs as we finish out the school year. You'll hear the kids sharing their music in the J.O.L.T. service in late May. We will

also take the opportunity on May 31 to join with the A Dei Gloria choir and share an afternoon of music with the residents of Hanover Manor. It is a privilege to be able to share our talents doing something we enjoy as much as singing, and at the same time bless those in our community.

2009 Virginia Annual Conference Offering

The 2009 session of the Virginia Annual Conference will be held June 14-17 at the Scope in Norfolk.

Our Lay Leader Dave Stoakley, Pastor Bob Blinn, and Ron Lefever are riding their bicycles to the Virginia Annual Conference. This

year's "Holy Roller Ride" starts in Lynchburg and finishes in Norfolk, approximately 200 miles. The riders would like Duncan Memorial to help them raise \$10 per mile toward the 2009 conference offering. Your offering will help

street children in Brazil, train future leaders in Mozambique, and support Pathways Ministries in Petersburg. Donations may be made payable to Duncan Memorial UMC marked "2009 Conference Offering."

Making Connections – Local and International. Your 2009 Annual Conference offering will ...

• help street children in Brazil • train leaders in Mozambique • support Pathways Ministries in Petersburg.

Brazil – Shade and Fresh Water: \$100,000

Brazil has the largest number of "street children" in the world. Millions of parents work long hours to earn enough money for food and shelter. Since children go to school for only four hours each day, most are left alone for long periods, fending for themselves. Many of them turn to life on the streets, gangs and drugs.

The Shade and Fresh Water Project is a national network of centers developed by the Brazil Methodist Church to keep children off the streets by offering supervised activities and after-school programs for children between six and 14 years of age. Shade and Fresh Water centers have become safe havens – places where children can have fun and learn about the love of Jesus Christ. Your gift will help establish two new Shade and Fresh Water centers.

Mozambique – Leadership Development: \$100,000

The United Methodist Theological Seminary at Cambine Mission trains future clergy and laity leaders to serve the needs of the hundreds of new churches being established throughout this southeastern African nation. Seminary faculty members work hard under difficult conditions to give students a quality education – enduring lack of current textbooks, too few desks for all the students, shortages of supplies and classrooms with leaking roofs.

Your gift can help fund needed renovations, replace the roof, buy desks for faculty and students, purchase books and furniture for the library, establish a maintenance fund for the building and pay for teaching team exchanges between the Virginia Conference and the United Methodist Church in Mozambique.

Virginia – Pathways Ministries: \$100,000

Pathways, an interfaith community development corporation, works to rebuild and strengthen the city of Petersburg and surrounding counties. Pathways rehabilitates older houses, builds new affordable single family homes, and offers free clinics with medical, dental and even special cardiac treatment for uninsured patients. Its YouthBuild program works with at-risk youths and young adults, providing them with basic education classes, job skills training, counseling, help in building assets, and experience in civic engagement.

Your gift can help young people earn their GEDs, transform their lives and, at the same time, help the community by building safe, green, affordable houses for low-to moderate-income families.

Conference Goal ... \$300,000

Mission Opportunities at Duncan Memorial

Hunger Facts and Ways Duncan Memorial Can Help Meet the Need

In the current economic crisis, it is more important than ever that churches and volunteers step up to address the unmet needs for food assistance. Here are some ways you can help:

- **June 4**, we will be assisting St. Ann's Catholic Church with CARITAS by serving the evening meal.
- **June 30 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.**, volunteers are needed to assist Central Virginia Food Bank with packing, sorting and stocking food donations at their facility at 1415 Rhoadmiller Street in Richmond.
- **July 12-18**, volunteers will be needed to help with the Harvest of Hope. There will be 91 youth in our area for the week glean-ing the fields and working in the cannery. More information in the weeks to come.

For more information or to volunteer with any of these activities please contact Lyle Wieber, 883-6177 in the evenings, or Randi Buerlein, 798-1414 in the evenings or email rwbuerle@vcu.edu.

To raise awareness of the hunger needs in our world, the Missions Team Subcommittee on Hunger offers these facts as food for thought.

- ***Children are twice as likely to live in households where someone experiences hunger and food insecurity than adults.***

Research shows that pre-school and school-aged children who experience severe hunger have higher levels of chronic illness, anxiety and depression, and behavior problems than children with no hunger.

The Lenten Offering in April was dedicated to the Society of St. Andrew, St. James the Less Free Clinic and Pathways.

- In a survey conducted by The United States Conference of Mayors in 2006, ***almost half the cities surveyed (45 percent) said they were not able to provide an adequate quantity of food to those in need. And 63 percent of surveyed cities reported they had to decrease the quantity of food provided and/or the number or times people could come to get food assistance.*** And this was *before* the economic crisis of 2008-2009!

Ukrop's Golden Gift Program

Duncan Memorial is participating in the Ukrop's Golden Gift program. Certificates will be mailed to eligible Ukrop's customers in May. Bring them by the church office or drop them in the offering plate. The money will go to the Society of St. Andrew to help feed the poor.

Benefit Concert for Heart Havens Sponsored the United Methodist Men

The Ashland District UM Men are sponsoring a benefit concert for Heart Havens. The Steve Kropp Band will perform in Blackwell Auditorium on May 23 at 7:00 p.m. Opening the evening will be performances by Jim Hewitt and Brooke and Drew Willson. Tickets

are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students. Contact Pat Koontz (798-3500) or David Luther (798-3821) for more information.

Heart Havens, Inc. is an independent, non-profit corporation formed by the Virginia Annual Conference UMC in 1996. It

provides for the residential needs of adult individuals with cognitive and intellectual disabilities, regardless of their age, race, gender, or religious preference, through the development and management of group homes throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.

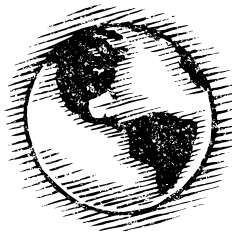
Book Discussion Group

The Duncan Memorial Book Discussion Group will meet at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 17, in the church parlor. We will discuss *The Preacher and the Presidents: Billy Graham in the White House*. Over many years, Billy Graham was the private minister to eleven U.S. presidents. This is a book about those relationships. The book is clear and concise since it was written by editors of *Time* magazine. The book also contains many photographs which should make it even more interesting. We hope you will join us!

United Methodist Women News

Sharon Morgan, President, United Methodist Women

- Following the 11:00 a.m. service on May 3, we will have lunch with Heather Koontz Gomez and hear about her trip to refugee camps in Thailand. Join us in the fellowship hall.
- Please save your items for our yard sale at the Ashland Strawberry Faire, June 6. Boxes for donated items are in the fellowship hall. You can bring items the week of June 1.
- We are collecting supplies for UMCOR health kits. The kits are used by UMCOR in response to worldwide disasters. The UMW will take the health kits to Conference. The following items are needed:
 - 1 hand towel (15"x25" up to 17"x27", no kitchen towels);
 - 1 washcloth;
 - 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized);
 - 1 metal nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers);
 - 1 bath-sized bar of soap (3 oz. and up);
 - 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, no child-size brushes);
 - 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages (Band-Aids).



Seal all items in a one-gallon plastic ziplock bag. Please place these items in the brightly striped boxes in the library hall or in the fellowship hall.

Note: Do not include toothpaste! Sager Brown from UMCOR is purchasing toothpaste in bulk to be added to health kits before shipping to ensure that the product does not expire before they are sent.

Appreciation

At the time of the death of Ted Keller, the love and support from our church family and Stephen Ministers was awesome. Thanks so much. We will certainly try to pass it forward.

*Much love to all,
Cathy Keller and family*

Dove Articles

Articles for the *Dove* are due the second Monday prior to the month of publication. All materials should be sent to newsletter@duncanmemorialumc.org.

The next issue will cover events in June and July. Please remember to send materials for both months. If you know of events or activities taking place in August, send them for inclusion in the June/July issue. We will publish a detailed article in the August issue, but it will help to announce the event earlier. The deadline for articles for the June/July *Dove* is May 11.

Receive the *Dove* electronically

The *Dove* is available by email. Send an email to newsletter@duncanmemorialumc.org and we'll add you to the electronic distribution list.

Blood Drive – On Sunday, May 24, 8:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Virginia Blood Services will have a bloodmobile in our parking lot. Please take the time to donate. A sign-up sheet is in the hallway.

Duncan Memorial Church Council Meetings

March 26, 2008 – Summary

Pastor Blinn noted there would be a Five Talent Training Academy and several staff and lay leaders were attending.

Blinn reminded us that the “holy rollers” would be bicycling to the Annual Conference this year from Lynchburg to Norfolk. The group now includes Bob and Mary Beth Blinn, Dave Stoakley and Ron Lefever. This will be a fund raiser for the conference offerrig.

Finance Team coordinator Bill Flexon presented a report showing a deficit of about \$10,000. Expenses are controlled but revenues have not come in as projected. The team is monitoring the finances on a weekly basis. There was general discussion and some suggestions for helping the congregation understand the impact of the economic downturn on the church.

Council coordinator Danny Phillips reported that the Child and Youth Protection Policy is being reviewed.

Mission Team coordinator, Pat Koontz, reported there are 32 people on the team. We have fed 145 meals this year, and the Food Team will be working a day at the Central Virginia Food Bank. We have two full scholarships for the All God’s Children’s Camp. We are supporting a Heart Havens concert at R-MC on May 23. We will work with St. Ann’s Catholic Church hosting CARITAS in July.

There was some discussion prompted by Tim Ernst regarding

32 amendments to the church constitution which will be brought to votes at Annual Conference. Tim will inform us of the issues with a slide presentation.

A committee has met with an architect regarding changes to improve the sanctuary.

Dawne Vronek reported that the Campus Ministry team has been meeting regularly and there will be a campus group meeting every Saturday. They also decided to focus on a service project.

April 16, 2008 – Summary

The Worship Team recommended one worship service to be held at 10:00 a.m. throughout the summer until Rally Day. After discussion, council approved with the understanding that if the attendance and revenues drop significantly over past years’ history, another service could be reinstated.

Lay Leader Dave Stoakley’s report led to Council members being asked to review the 32 amendments that will be voted upon at the Annual Conference and to give our input to those who will vote, including: Bob Blinn, Sandra Stanley, Tim Ernst and Dave Stoakley. The issues can be reviewed on the conference website – www.vaumc.org.

Stoakley will distribute information to council members about the Five Talent Academy. Council needs to determine if we want to participate and become a Five Talent Church. Several staff and

members attended a training recently and a decision must be made by Council before Annual Conference. If we sign the covenant, we will receive guidance and training from church leaders of Virginia congregations who have been successful in growing attendance, stewardship, and mission outreach. Cost is about \$200 per year for three years.

Dave Beish reported that a record attendance on Easter Sunday brought our revenues to just above the budgeted level, but we are still behind last year’s revenue-to-date.

There is a silent auction planned for the Ashland Strawberry Faire. The UMW will host a yard sale and youth will have activities. The Mission Team will take responsibility for overseeing that the church is open to the public. Council agreed to have professional cleaning that evening with payment from the cleaning budget.

Dawne Vronek said that there is still an urgent need for adult chaperones for youth activities.

Allyse Harris reported that the Holy Week breakfasts were successful. The youth would be addressing details of their “Invisible Children” fundraiser and the August mission trip at their next meeting.

There is a tentative church-wide meeting scheduled for July 19. Church Council meetings are open to all and held at 7:00 p.m. on the third Thursdays monthly.



Sunday Morning Schedule

for the month of May ...

8:00 a.m.

*Informal Worship Service with
Holy Communion*

9:00 a.m.

J.O.L.T. Contemporary Service

- Contemporary service, in Blackwell Auditorium or the Topping Room of the Old Chapel,
- Healing service on second Sundays.
- Holy Communion on third Sundays.

9:50 a.m.

Christian education for all ages

11:00 a.m.

Traditional Service

- Holy Communion on first Sundays

for the summer, beginning June 7 and continuing through September 6 ...

*Sunday school time will be
announced in the May bulletins.*

10:00 a.m.

Combined Worship Service in our sanctuary

- Holy Communion on first Sundays

The summer worship schedule is being updated and final plans will be printed in the May bulletins and the June/July *Dove*. Rally Day will be September 13.

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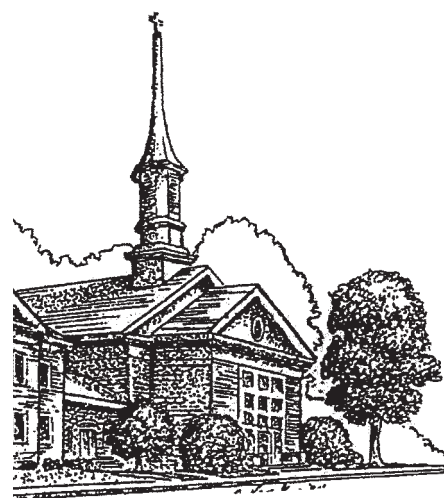
Copies of the complete 2009 Lay Leadership are available in the church office.

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The Dove Dates and Deadlines

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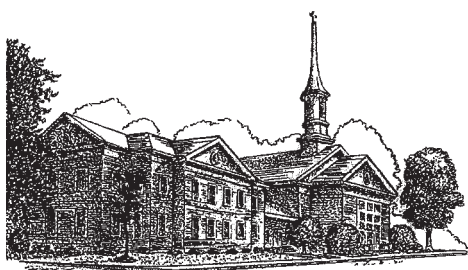
Summer Schedule

June 7- September 6

One Worship Service

at 10:00 a.m.

As disciples of Jesus Christ at Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church we:



Give service to God's people,
Respond to local and worldwide needs,
Offer opportunities for spiritual growth,
Worship in a loving environment,
Teach through fellowship, and
Hear God's call.

Wednesday Fellowship Dinners – *for Everyone!*

Please come and join us for dinner! All children are welcome with their parents and grandparents.

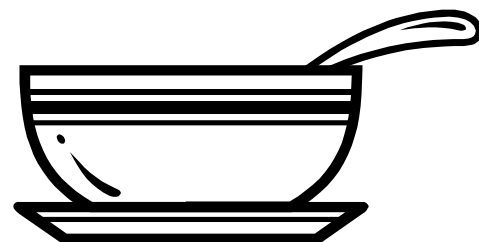
If your child attends the afternoon children's musical and choir practices led by Melissa Hawks and Rebekah Wood, join them afterward in the fellowship hall for dinner. Youth are led in creative classes after dinner by Dawne Vronek. All adults in the Chancel Choir are welcome before their rehearsal with William Gorton and organist Jim Doering. Some meetings are held after dinner,

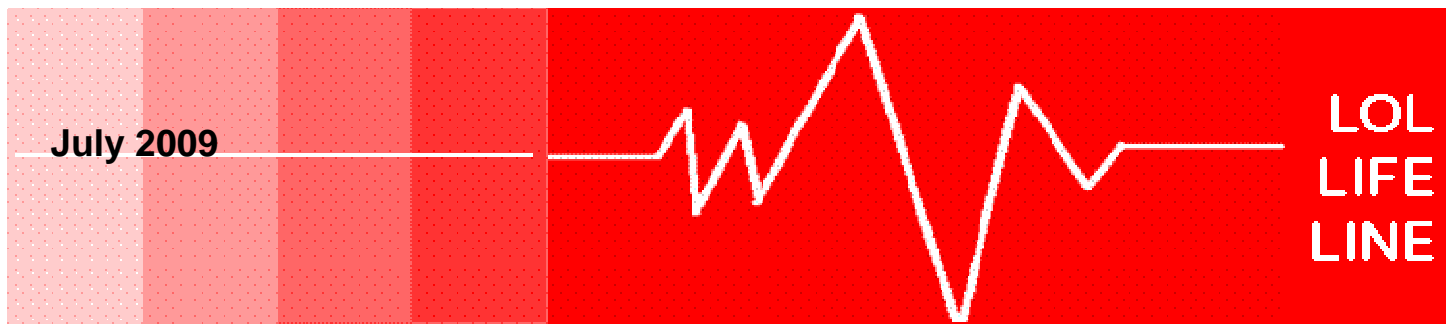
and sometimes special studies or videos are offered.

Wednesday Fellowship Dinners are a time to catch up with church members you may not get to see on Sunday. Willing workers help set up dinner, and others take turns cleaning up. We have a wonderful Fellowship Hall. Our kitchen is slowly but steadily improving, thanks to the Aesthetic Team led by Brenda Meadows, and the Kitchen Team led by Lisa Davis. Dinner is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students pre-school through

college, with a \$15 maximum for families. If you have a standing reservation, please remember that a dinner is purchased for you unless you call by Monday noon to cancel.

Dinners will be offered through Wednesday, June 3, stop for the summer, and then resume in mid-September.





WELCA NEWS

July 14th Tuesday 9:30 AM Love Day
Bible Study Leader Alice Lindahl
Hostess LaVerne Mills
Covered Dish Luncheon
Shut-in Project

July 24th --26th Synod WELCA Convention
Clarion Hotel; Manhattan, KS
Theme: "The Gift of Grace"

When saving Campbell Soup Labels, please save the entire label including Bar Code. Save Bar Codes only for Best Choice, for which we receive \$30.00 plus a \$30.00 bonus for first 1,000 each year.

YOUTH GROUP FIREWORKS SALES



Youth group fireworks sales begin Sunday, June 28 at noon. Sales will be open daily 8:00 am until 12:00 midnight each day from June 28 through Saturday, July 4. See Kyle Scheel to be a helper in this major youth group fund raiser. Many jobs are available, from sit-down positions to more active jobs – something for everyone! This year's proceeds will be matched by Thrivent, and will be divided between the youth group and the scholarship fund.

SUMMER READING

With summer here, it is a good time to visit our church library! Keep the kids reading this summer with Bible stories from the library. Pick up an

inspirational book for vacation reading. The library is located in the education wing, first door on the right. Sign the card inside the front cover and drop the card into the little card file box.

BOOK CLUB



The book club selection for the month of July will be published in the weekly news for July 5 and weeks following.

BELTON'S LARGEST DIAPER SHOWER

Belton's Largest Diaper Shower was a HUGE success. Items collected totaled: 21 packages of diapers, totaling 955 individual diapers; 4 boxes of wipes totaling 352 wipes; 2 packages of overnight training pants = 46 pull-ups; 5 cans powdered formula; one large & 2 small bags of babies'/children's clothing, some plastic sippy cups, and coupons for women's & children's items equaling \$27 in savings. A million thanks for your generous response. The car-load was delivered to Hope Haven Monday, June 22, and the staff and residents extend their thanks to LOL.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Address and phone update for Charlie Richards: 7666 Crown Park, Belton, MO 64083; 816-322-6339.

Address change for Madelon & Robert Gott: 301 Sunset Court, Belton MO 64012.

PASTOR'S PAGE

Your time on earth is limited.

"No matter how much this idea makes you squirm, it's a fact. No matter who you are, how young or old, what measure of success you've obtained, or where you live, mortality remains the great equalizer. With each tick of the clock, a moment of your life is behind you. Even as you read this paragraph, seconds passed that you can never regain. Your days are numbered, and each one that passes is gone forever.

If you're like us, you may be tempted to view this reality as harsh and unwelcome, to let it overwhelm and even paralyze you. But that's not our purpose in writing this study series – just the opposite. Rather than inhibiting us to play it safe, I'm convinced that embracing our time on earth as a limited resource has an incredible power to liberate us. For most of us, if we knew we only had one month to live, we would live our lives differently. We would be more authentic about who we are and more deliberate about how we spend the time we have. But such a contrast begs the question: What keeps us from living this way now? We invite you to take the One Month to Live Challenge!"

Kerry & Chris Shook

This month we will be gathering a team to bring the One Month to Live challenge to LOL this fall. This challenge will help all of us think about the life that we are living and compare it with the life that we should be living. Life is short, so shouldn't we take the time to make sure that our lives, our time is well spent?

For those who participate, we will read a chapter a day in the bestselling book, *One Month to Live*, attend a small group study weekly to discuss what we are reading, and hear an !!!INSPIRING!!! sermon to help us all stay focused and motivated.

Pray for this challenge to motivate us to discover our purpose and passion.

Look for signup sheets next month!

Love,

Pastor Newman

Synod Assembly 2009

FROM THE ASSEMBLY MANAGER ...Rev. Cynthia Schaath

What a great Assembly! It happened because of many people lending their hands. I want to lift up a few:

- Pr. Peter Rupprecht for doing the Assembly newsletter (lots of great information!)
- Mary Bridges and Rhonda Temping working with Sandy Van Tuyl in the Assembly office
- Pr. Cheryl Lamaak and Becky Llewellyn working with the volunteers
- Dan his tech crew working the back of the room
- Pr. Amy Austin managing the display area and Joyce Peterson working with youth in the hospitality area
- Missional Direction Task Forces for their presentations
- Being WOWed by Peter and Brendan Mayer and Ron Glusenkamp!

I am thankful that the business and the spiritual balanced out. We ended the banquet in record time! And Bethany College was a beautiful site!

As I told others, we worked as a team to make this assembly happen and the Holy Spirit was driving the bus!

Synod Assembly Highlights

Friday Events

Friday was a day wrapped in prayer. This began at the Opening Eucharist and continued throughout the day. This included the bible study with Rev. Glusenkamp and the songs by Peter and Brendan Mayer. The chaplain Rev. Noni Strand prayers included petitions brought forth from the attendees.

The banquet had several highlights besides the good food. One was the recognition of anniversaries of ordination, consecration or commissioning. Another highlight was the crowd participation with Peter Mayer. This included both a rhythm section backup and a conga line throughout the banquet hall.

Synod Vice president report

Melba Bangert called us to mind our Ps and Qs. Under the "Ps", keep asking Purposeful questions, Participate in the process (top down is not the way to go, but listen to people across synod), stay Playful, be Productive and reProductive,

Bishop's report

Using the image of the St. Louis Arch, Bishop Mansholt raised up the themes of the synods four Directions. Two supporting legs of the arch represent: 1) P.M.C. (Partnership for Missional Church) and 2) A.R.E. (A Renewal Enterprise) Asking the question in relation to our mission, "Are we there yet?" Bishop answered, "Not yet. But we're on the way." We're still on that journey of putting our mission at the heart of our lives as God's people. The goal is for all congregations to be involved in mission. Three final points: 1. God's mission continues in good times and bad. 2. We remain the wealthiest church in the history of the world, 3. God's grace is abundant

Saturday Events

Saturday events included the business of the church during the Plenary Sessions IV, V and VI, Bible study and music with the Ron and Peter focused on the Synod Assembly's theme and Missional directions, and the second session of the committee of the whole, leading to the votes on the four resolutions related to the memorial concerning recommendations on ministry policies.

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The Epistle is a monthly newsletter of Lord of Love Lutheran Church, Belton Missouri. It is a devotional and informational tool for Lord of Love and community.

PRIVILEGES FOR JULY

Greeters

7/5 Bill & Linda Darr
 7/12 Bob & Thelma Morris
 7/19 Betty Tuttle & Dorthy Johnson
 7/26 Gale & Joyce Hankins & Alice Lindahl

Ushers

7/5 Bob & Thelma Morris
 7/12 Joye Conklin & Dennis Schnell
 7/19 Tom & June Eagan
 7/26 Joye Conklin & Dennis Schnell

Lectors

7/5 Linda Darr
 7/12 Carol Petznick
 7/19 Ila Muchow
 7/26 Becky Oshel

Cantors

7/5 Merl Teigen
 7/12 Alice Lindahl
 7/19 Merl Teigen
 7/26 Alice Lindahl

Acolytes

7/5 Lille Stewart-Carnes
 7/12 Megan Oshel
 7/19 Blake Eagan
 7/26 Douglas Adolphson

Altar Guild

Ruth Van Sickle

Offering Counters

TBA

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Acolytes	Beverly Ballew
Ushers	Marion Circle
Lectors	Sharon Carneal
Cantors	Merl Teigen
Chancel Choir	
& Music Director	Carol Petznick
Greeters	Bill & Linda Darr
Offering Counters	Gale Hankins

Prayer Concerns For The Past Month



Chris Ballew, Judith Bartell, Jackie Brown, Margaret Brundige, David Carlson, Dee Carnes, Scott Childs, Luke Davidson, Family & Friends of Vern Ellis, Joel Fawcett, Karen Franke, Alice Geer, Molly Gould, Cynthia Gromer, Bill Hoppen, Family & Friends of Edna Hoover, Howard Huber, Norma Kauffmann, Ruth Ladd, John Murphy, Carol Patterson, Quinton Ramirez, Jane Richards, Mary Smith, Rick Smith, Annabelle Tebbe, Jean Troutman, Georgette Vater, Carol Watson, Family & Friends of Georgia Zay, Other Congregations in Central States Synod

Military Personnel: Michael Best, Bryan Collver, Geoffry Collver, Mike Flowers, Bill Hibner, Mae Hibner, Richie Keller, Melvin Leonard, Seth Mackey, Derek McDonald, Will Oliva, Scottie Penney, Brent Rose, Nick Sanford, Vernon Van Dyne

Birthday Celebrations

7/6	Valerie Trigger
7/10	Breanne Eagan
7/13	Ernie Franke
7/17	John Maher
7/20	Garrett Sartain
7/25	Shirley Johnson
7/27	Casey Conklin
	Doris Park
	Merl Teigen
7/31	Thelma Morris

If you have been omitted from the birthday list, please contact the Church office at 331-5465 or lolsecretary@sbcglobal.net so we can correct our records. JCR

LUTHERAN FACTS FOR 4TH OF JULY

1. Lutheran were in America 7 years before the Pilgrims.
2. The first book translated into any Native American language was Luther's Small Catechism.
3. The first "Stars & Stripes" was made by Sara Austin & the Ladies Aid Society of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Philadelphia. It was presented to John Paul Jones and received the first salute granted to the Star Spangled Banner in Europe.
4. Our Statue of Liberty was made by a French Lutheran, M. Frederic Hartholdi.
5. Washington's army at the Battle of Trenton was composed largely of Lutherans.
6. It was a Lutheran boy who called a Lutheran sexton to ring the Liberty Bell.
7. The Liberty Bell was hauled from Philadelphia to Allentown by a Lutheran, Fredrick Leisser in 1777. The bell was hidden under the floor of Zion Lutheran Church.
8. The 2nd oldest military unit in America was formed by 137 men from St. John's Lutheran Church, Charleston, SC.
9. The first president of the Continental Congress was a Lutheran, John Hanson. He served until Washington was inaugurated.
10. A Lutheran, Michael Hilligas, became the first Treasurer of the United States, serving until Alexander Hamilton took office.
11. A Lutheran pastor, Frederick A.C. Muhlenberg, was the first Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

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DATE CORRECTION

Mom's Club will be July 10 instead of July 3.

50 DAYS OF PRAYER

Preparing for the 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly

Prayers for Wisdom in Discernment

For the 50 days leading up to Aug. 17, [starting June 29] this church is invited to pray for wisdom in discernment for the ELCA and voting members of

the 2009 Churchwide Assembly. Prayers, scripture readings and hymns are posted on the ELCA Web Site. Visit 50 Days of Prayer on the Central States Synod website, <http://www.css-elca.org>.

WADDAYA BID?

Quilt Auction at Camp Tomah Shinga, Saturday, July 11 to raise funds for this outdoor ministry. Quilts go on display at 9:00 am, with the auction at 10:00 am followed by a barbecue lunch 11:30 am – 1:00 pm. A map to Camp Tomah Shinga is on the kiosk in the Narthex, or may be obtained at www.tomahshinga.com, or by calling 1-888-656-6254.

SENIOR MEN'S COFFEE

Men Wanted: we solve the world's problems (or at least gain a new perspective from each other) at our weekly Men's Breakfast, 6:00 a.m. at Belton HyVee, and then apply the wisdom of our experience monthly at the Sr. Men's coffee 9:00 a.m. the last Thursday of each month. Still on a work schedule? Breakfast meets early enough to get you energized for the day & on your way.

**TOUR De REVS****100 Days for Hunger and Wellness**

From May 13 – August 20, 2009 three ELCA pastors from the West Virginia / W Md Synod will put foot to pedal/ seat to saddle to travel over 13,000 miles on a custom made bamboo 'triplet' ...a bicycle built for three.

The "Revs" will stop at all 65 ELCA synods. **The stop in Kansas City will be July 29, arriving late afternoon.** An evening presentation will be provided -- watch for details to be confirmed soon.

Their focus is to raise awareness of domestic and world hunger and to provide education on hunger and wellness issues. They are riding to raise funds for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. For more information visit: www.tourderevs.org or www.elca.org/hunger.

FIREWORKS SALE

50% off!

Except specially marked items

JUNE 28—JULY 4
8 AM—MIDNIGHT

LORD OF LOVE PARKING LOT
8306 E. 171ST STREET
BELTON MO
(ACROSS FROM WAL-MART)

ALL PROCEEDS MATCHED
BY THRIVENT FINANCIAL
AND WILL BENEFIT
LORD OF LOVE YOUTH GROUP
AND THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND





Join us in Rome!

You'll explore the caves of the Underground Church, meet the Apostle Paul, create cool Bible-times projects, experience thrilling real-life drama, play high-energy games, sample tasty Middle Eastern snacks, and hear unforgettable music. Plus, you'll meet lots of new friends!

Location: Lord of Love Lutheran Church (across from Wal-Mart)

Date: Saturday, August 1st

For ages 3 years—6th grade

City Gates open at 8:30 am for registration, activities begin at 9:00 am

City Gates close at 3:00 pm

For more information, call 331-5465

To register, email child's name, age, address & phone to: lolsecretary@sbcglobal.net

HERE I AM, LORD...

**ARE YOU CALLING ME TO LOVE MY NEIGHBOR WHO HAS BEEN INCARCERATED
JUST AS YOU WOULD UNCONDITIONALLY LOVE AND FORGIVE?**

**ARE YOU CALLING ME TO BE YOUR RADICAL LOVING PRESENCE IN ANOTHER'S
LIFE JUST AS YOU ARE HELPING HIM OR HER HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE?**

The TurnAround Program

(A Re-entry ministry of Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph)

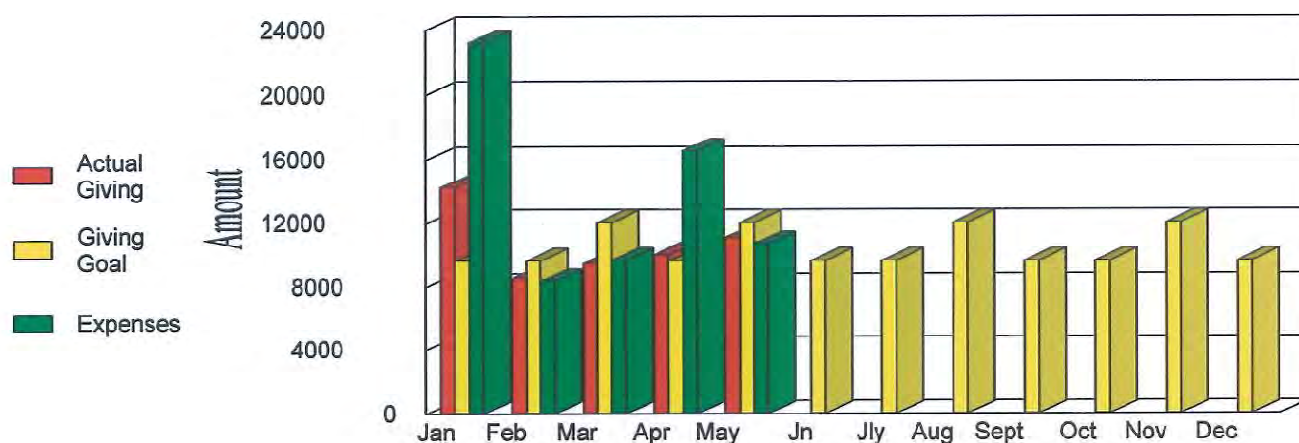
What is needed and how can I serve to advance God's work in this neighbor?

- **Mentor**—welcome a man or woman back into the community again by agreeing to walk with the person for a year (an average of 3 to 4 hrs/week by phone and/or in person). It's about building a caring, wholesome relationship that tangibly demonstrates the person's value and importance. Your loving is a testament to the goodness you see inside...it is powerful!
- **Job**—if you or someone you knows has the capacity to give someone a chance at having a job so that he or she can have the gift of the dignity and value of work...please do so. There is a Federal program to provide bonding and tax credits to employers who are willing to participate!
- **Home**—if you or someone you knows has an apartment or house that can be made available for rent so that he or she can have a chance to create a safe home for his or her family...please do so. Safe harbor is so essential!
- **Clothes**—our neighbors need new or gently used clothing in order to seek and keep employment because they typically come out of prison with only one set of underwear and clothing...just what they have on. Clothes mean so much!
- **Personal Hygiene**—our neighbors need soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, wash cloth & towel, laundry soap, etc. A backpack of items is an ideal!
- **Transportation**—our neighbors need bus tickets, gas cards, bicycles, or any other reliable means of transport. If you or someone you knows has a used car to donate, Catholic Charities can handle the details for you.
- **Faith Community**—a truly radical hospitality to welcome the neighbor back into fellowship and communion is an essential ingredient in God's work of conversion to a new life. Love, joy, gratitude, acceptance, and forgiveness are just a measure of what such a community can offer! It means so much...

If HE is calling you in some way to this service, call us today! (816) 462-3171

Olga Conteron-Harkness...I am waiting to talk to you!

Current Expense Giving & Expenditures



Our January current expense giving included a prepaid contribution for all of 2009 of \$4,649. If that is subtracted from the January giving shown, and then distributed equally across all 12 months, the May giving would be \$11,467.98, 95% of our goal. Months with five Sundays have a higher goal.

Lord of Love Lutheran Church 2009 Mission and Ministry Plan**May 2009**

Total Current Expense Contributions Desired: \$125,000 divided by 52 weeks equals **\$2,403.85** needed per week. (Does not include Obligated Funds, which are outside the Plan.)

May 31-Total weeks to date: 22 x \$2,403.85/week = **\$52,884.70** needed to Date. Received: **\$53,169.73**

	Congregational Giving Record				Additional Income				Expenses	Obligated
	Cur. Exp. Giving 2008	Curr. Exp. Giving Goa 2009	Cur.Exp. Giving 2009	From Synod	Mortgage Principal Overpay.	Obligated Funds	Rental, Interest, Recycle, etc.	Total Income for Month	Current Expenses	Funds, Mort. OverPay
Jan.	\$9,676.52	\$9,615.38	\$14,187.62	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$2,464.00	\$1,658.37	\$19,559.95	\$23,181.17	\$1,343.48
Feb.	\$9,676.00	\$9,615.38	\$8,510.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$298.39	\$837.96	\$9,646.60	\$8,331.79	\$427.40
Mar.	\$12,095.65	\$12,019.23	\$9,393.27	\$833.30	\$150.00	\$1,067.00	\$836.15	\$12,279.72	\$9,664.22	\$0.00
Apr.	\$9,676.52	\$9,615.38	\$9,998.03	\$416.67	\$0.00	\$528.00	\$507.32	\$11,450.02	\$16,712.01	\$735.32
May	\$9,676.52	\$12,019.23	\$11,080.56	\$416.67	\$0.00	\$290.00	\$0.00	\$11,787.23	\$10,691.96	\$445.08
June	\$12,095.65	\$9,615.38						\$0.00		
July	\$9,676.52	\$9,615.38						\$0.00		
Aug.	\$12,095.65	\$12,019.23						\$0.00		
Sept.	\$9,676.52	\$9,615.38						\$0.00		
Oct.	\$9,676.52	\$9,615.38						\$0.00		
Nov.	\$12,095.65	\$12,019.23						\$0.00		
Dec.	\$9,676.52	\$9,615.38						\$0.00		
YTD	\$125,794.24	\$124,999.96	\$53,169.73	\$2,916.64	\$150.00	\$4,647.39	\$3,839.80	\$64,723.56	\$68,581.15	\$2,951.28

Mortgage Principal amounts shown are in excess of our budgeted monthly payments. May expenses were 86% of budget.

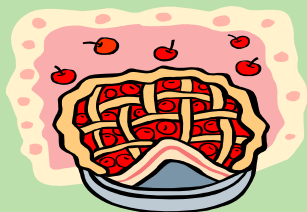
The Family News

Week of May 10, 2009

Chicken Pot Pie Luncheon & Pie Auction

Sunday, May 17

12:00 Noon



Adults \$5
Children \$3

Please contribute a
pie or dessert to be
auctioned off.

*Sign-up Sheets in
Classrooms.*

**All proceeds
will go to
Laurel Youth
Fellowship for
their trip to
Honduras.**

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Happy Mother's Day!

The Laurel LYF Group invites you to a

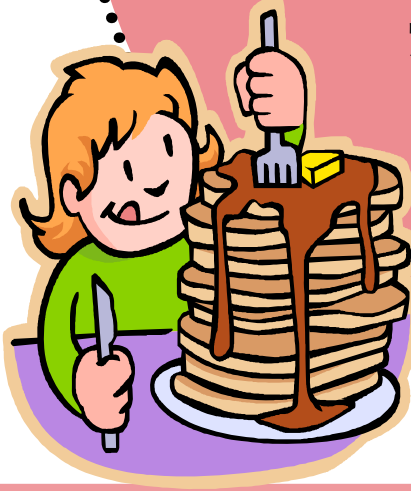
Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast

MAY 10

In Honor Of All Laurel Mothers

7:45 - 9:15 a.m.

*Everyone
Invited!*



New Adult Bible Class by Mark Smith

"Who We Are and Where We're Headed"

Begins Sunday, May 10

Friendship Hall - 9:30 a.m.

Ministry Reports

Co-ed Softball at the KCS Field

Mike Buckley

The Laurel congregation has once again been invited to play in the Churches of Christ co-ed softball league. These games will begin on Monday, June 1, and will be played at the Knoxville Christian School field. The KCS field is located on Snyder Road which is off Campbell Station Road (just north of I-40 west).

We expect to play weekly during June and July. The cost to play is \$25 per person and a Laurel softball t-shirt can be purchased for \$10. Players should be at least 17 years old, and both men and women are invited to play.

This is a great way for new people at Laurel to make good friends, and it also helps Laurel members to get to know members of other congregations. If you are interested in playing, please contact me at me at 524-1122 or mikebuckley@laurelcc.org. We expect to begin practicing soon.



Jim Dee has organized a **Civil War Living History** program on Saturday, May 9 at Hardin Valley Academy. This program is designed for Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts,

giving them the opportunity to work on badges in addition to learning about the Civil War, *but the public is invited, too*. As part of the program, the scouts are given the opportunity to talk to veterans. **If you are a war veteran or know a war veteran who can attend this event**, please call **Jim Dee** at 567-6409 or e-mail him at jdenviron@hotmail.com.

CONTRIBUTION REPORT

May 3, 2009

\$21,613.85

YTD

\$296,883.51

WEEKLY BUDGET

\$16,742.00

Family News

Congratulations...

Susie Clark, daughter of Ron & Missy Clark and granddaughter of Charlotte Simpson, was baptized by her father on Sunday, May 3. Susie's address is: 10627 Forest Crest Road, Knoxville, 37922.

New Members...

Amy Carter, 2029 Franklin Lane, Knoxville, 37920, phone: 579-9089. James & Amy have two children, Ava & Dylan.

Baby Shower...

Emily McCreary-May 17-Laurel Room-4:30 pm. Emily is registered at Babies R Us and Target.

Remember in Prayer...

Norris & Salli Cline left for Shanghai, China on Tuesday, May 5, to work with the Let's Start Talking Ministry. New temporary e-mail address for Norris and Salli are as follows: NorrisCline@gmail.com and SalibethCline@gmail.com.

Also Remember in Prayer...

Bobby Fitsanko-Ron Clark's friend, Hannah Roberson-Ray Shirley's great granddaughter, Harold Speer, Donna Kelley-Dewayne Kelley's mother, Brady Wilson, Loann Cook-friend of Kevin & Kim Ross, Jordan Cardwell, Leander Moore, Mary Howard-friend of Ed & Wendy Smith, Luther Barbra-Tracy Shelley's father, Brandon Messing-Tyler Clark's friend, Linda Gayle Turner-Audrey White's sister, Nova Adams, Jenny Kelley and our shut-ins.

*We need just **ONE MORE PERSON**
to fully staff our Summer Session
Elementary classes
May 24 -August 9.*

*We need someone to be a
TEACHER HELPER in the
4th and 5th grade class.*

*Call Kelly Pryor at 207-4292 if you are
willing to help out this summer.*

Events and Reminders

LYF Calendar

May 17
LYF Fundraiser Lunch
& Pie Auction
(Sign-up sheets are in
class rooms)

May 31
Summer Kickoff



June 7
Work Camp

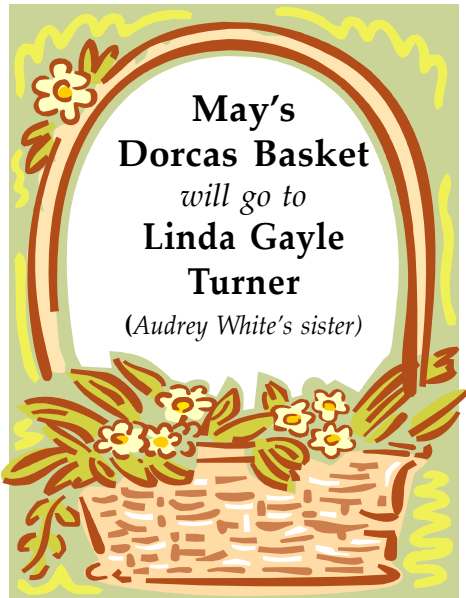
June 28
Honduras Mission Trip

Tuesday Morning Ladies' Class

Will not meet until
September.

May's
Dorcas Basket
will go to
Linda Gayle
Turner

(Audrey White's sister)



WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

will be discontinued
from May 13
until September.



*is for Everyone!
Sailing this summer
on Six Sunday Nights:*

*Sail with Paul on the
S.S.S. Laurel for our
Sunday Summer
"Sail-a-bration"*

*June 14, 21, & 28
featuring an opening night
Cookout 6/14*

*July 12, 19, & 26,
featuring a closing night
Kid Concert 7/26*

6 - 7:30 p.m.

Don't miss the boat!

SSS Needs:

- fishing nets (large ones, not the kind with handles)
- silk tropical plants and trees
- a pavilion/sun shelter

*If you have things we can use, contact **Kelly Pryor** or **Toria Boyd**.*

NOTE: We plan to keep these decorations up all summer long, so only lend us things you can do without from May - July!

Turning Scripture Into Prayer:
a special feature by the
Women's Prayer Ministry



And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you will obey the Lord your God.. -Deut. 28:2

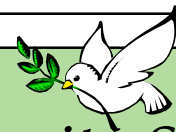


Please make a commitment to pray daily for our nation and military. Pray with heart, purpose and passion.

Pray for God to give our military courage including these men with Laurel connections: **Ben Belitz, Jeremy Brown, Nathan Fuller, Matthew Isbell, Joe Roth, Ferrell Clifton, Michael Roberts, Rick Lynch, Matt Roberts.**

"I can do everything through Him who gives me strength."

-Phil. 4:13



Serenity Shelter

NEEDS FOR MAY

Towels, Hand Towels, Wash
Cloths (new or gently used)
Bus Tickets

Farmers' Market

Every Tuesday & Friday
from 3-6 pm in our parking lot!



Return Service Requested



Worship Assignments for Sunday, May 10, 2009

GREETERS

9:10-9:40

John & Billie Tumblin
Phil & Nancy Coleman

10:10-10:40

Randy & Kathy Case
Ann Gupton
Betty Greer
Steve & Susie Lowry
6:20-6:40
John & Addelee Brown

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Infant Room:

Frances Frazor
Becca Payton

Toddler Room:

Susan Houchin
Samantha Houchin

2's Nursery:

Rebecca Woodall
Heaven Woodall

10:30 SERVICE

Lead Singing: Mike Taylor
Lesson: Mark Smith
Opening Prayer: Dan Doyle
Closing Prayer: Norm Harrell
Lord's Supper
Preside: Robert Wright
Serve: Rick Farr, Mike Jenkins, Michael Vaughn, Jay Norris, Joel McCreary, Larry Ray, Foster Slack, Michael Toon

Ushers:

George Prosser
Curtis Melton
Max Dawson

In Charge: Scott Smith

8:15 SERVICE

In Charge: Oliver Chavannes

Laurel Calendar

May 9	Young at Heart Outing
May 10	Mother's Day Breakfast
May 13	Last Wed. Night Dinner
May 17	LYF Fundraiser Lunch & Pie Auction
May 17	Baby Shower for Emily McCreary
May 31	LYF Summer Kickoff
June 7	Baby Shower for Stephanie Pigg
June 14	Wedding Shower for Ann Watts & Wilson Davis
June 14	"Summer Sunday Sail-a-bration" Kickoff

Services each Sunday at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m.

Bible Classes at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Night Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Night Bible Classes at 7 p.m.

A staffed nursery, cry room and nursing room are available during our worship services.



The Home Page

Helpful tips & faith development ideas for parents of teenagers

INSIDE



Being Fishers



Junior High Adjusting



Holiday Activities



Family Stuff

Dear Parents,

Well, we are well into Fall and the holidays will be here before you know it. As you read this newsletter I am on vacation in Missouri visiting Misty's father. But I am eagerly looking forward to getting back and jumping back into the groove.

We have had some exciting changes this fall, Aaron Jones began an outreach service just for junior highers on Wednesday nights, we now have a **worship service specially geared for junior highers and high schoolers**, and one Wednesday in September we had 90 students in attendance in our Refuge combined service. God is doing some incredible things at First Assembly, and this is only the beginning.

I wanted to take a moment to introduce you to a new discipleship program for your students. The program is open to both junior and senior high school students. Our

new program consists of 5, three hour classes intended to teach your students why they believe what they believe. The first class is called **Fresh Start** and is a class for new believers and a refresher for mature Christians. Each class will run one Saturday a month beginning on Saturday, November 17 from 9 a.m. – noon and a free lunch will be served. Every student is encouraged to participate. The program is set up so that if your student misses a class one Saturday they can just pick it up the next month. No need to change your family plans to make it to one of our classes. You will be hearing more about this program in the months to come. We believe it will really help your students become grounded in their faith.

Again I want to say what an honor and privilege it is to work with your students. They are incredible.



Luv Ya,
Pastor Kevin

Just for Fun...



"Twelve years of public education have prepared me well for a career in backpacking."

Talk Topics

Teenage Research Unlimited surveyed teenagers and asked them what they talked about most with their friends. Here are their five talk topics.

1. Boyfriend/girlfriend
2. Other friends
3. Life in general
4. Someone you want to go out with
5. Music

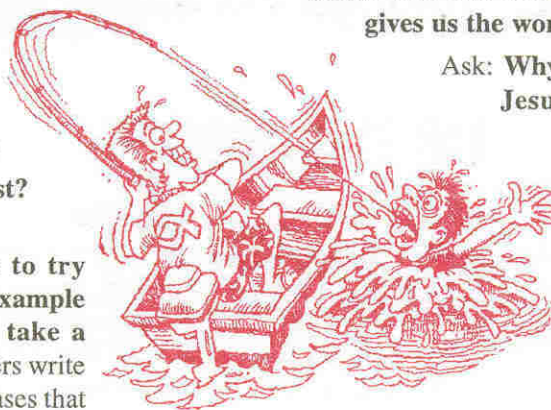
Fishing for Men

Help family members see how they're influenced and how they can influence others with this devotion adapted from Mike Gillespie's book *You Want Us To Do What?* (Concordia Publishing House)

Pass around a fishing pole with an artificial worm attached to the end of the line. (Be creative if you don't have a real fishing pole.) Ask family members to talk about the best ways to catch fish.

Ask: **How does a fish know the difference between live bait and a lure? Which kind do you think works best? Why?**

Say: **We're often persuaded in life to try something new or follow someone's example or cause. Let's be human fish and take a closer look at that.** Have family members write on a large piece of paper persuasive phrases that



a friend might use to get them to do something. Then ask: **What most influences you to follow someone or something? What's your thought process before you decide to do something, either right or wrong? What persuasive techniques do you like to use on others?**

Have a family member read aloud Mark 1:16-18. Ask: **Why do you think Simon and Andrew followed Jesus? Say: Jesus calls us, through our baptism and God's Word, to follow him and to tell others about him. His Holy Spirit gives us the words that we need to share God's love.**

Ask: **Why is it important to tell others about Jesus Christ? What are some natural ways to share your faith with your friends? What's difficult or easy about telling others about Jesus?**

Close by reading 1 Corinthians 2:1-5. Pray that the Holy Spirit would help each family member share the good news with others.

Adjusting to Junior High

The transition from elementary school to junior high or middle school involves many adjustments for young teenagers. Not the least of which is dealing with increased and varied schoolwork, homework, and grades for multiple classes. What makes the adjustment especially difficult for some kids?

Yvonne Fournier, author of a syndicated education and parenting column, says it has to do with what's expected of kids in junior high. They're now being asked to gather and synthesize information, to process it and make the knowledge their own.

As parents, you can help your kids with the transition by laying ground rules such as looking at homework lists each day. Also, Fournier suggests asking questions that allow your son or

daughter to explain what they're learning in their own words. For example, when you ask your son "what are you reading in English class" don't settle for answers such as "some book." Instead, prompt him to tell you what he's learning or what he finds interesting or uninteresting about the topic.



Family Friendly Websites



www.sdfa.org

If you haven't stopped by, check us out!

www.bigidea.com

"If you like to talk to tomatoes..." this site is for you! Check out the very kid-friendly VeggieTales site with updates on new videos (including 3-2-1 Penguins & Larry Boy), **great games** for the kids & anything you ever wanted to know about your favorite talking veggies.








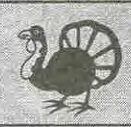





www.itickets.com

Find a concert or event for your family by city, state, artist or venue. Includes links to band/artist websites.

www.theooze.com

A digital community or resources, articles and great links to churches & Christian sites all over the world. Also has daily devotional and readings.

October November December

	[fusion] 1 HS Small Groups 6:30pm - 8 @ Pastor Kevin's	2	 3 Refuge 7pm-8:30 @ YC & FC	4	5	Pastor Corring & Rogers's Wedding 6
Breakfast 7 Club 9am @ Youth Ctr.	8	9	 10 Refuge 7pm-8:30 @ YC & FC	11	12	13
Breakfast 14 Club 9am @ Youth Ctr.	[fusion] 15 HS Small Groups 6:30pm - 8 @ Pastor Kevin's	16	 17 Refuge 7pm-8:30 @ YC & FC	18	19	20
Breakfast 21 Club 9am @ Youth Ctr.	22	23	 24 Refuge 7pm-8:30 @ YC & FC	25	26	27
Breakfast 28 Club 9am @ Youth Ctr.	[fusion] 29 HS Small Groups 6:30pm - 8 @ Pastor Kevin's	30	Fall Fiesta 31 8:30pm - 10 featuring Master's	1	Junior High Game Night 7-9pm @ Youth Ctr.	2
Breakfast 4 Club 9am @ Youth Ctr.	Parent Dinner 5 6:30pm @ Fellowship Ctr. FREE - please come!	6	 7 Refuge 7pm-8:30 @ YC & FC	8	9	10 Junior High Girls Lock-In 8pm - 8am @ Youth Ctr.
Breakfast 11 Club 9am @ Youth Ctr.	[fusion] 12 HS Small Groups 6:30pm - 8 @ Pastor Kevin's	13	 14 Refuge 7pm-8:30 @ YC & FC	15	16	Refuge 17 Fresh Start 9am-noon @ YC
Breakfast 18 Club 9am @ Youth Ctr.	[fusion] 19 Jr Hi Small Groups 6:30pm - 8 @ Pastor Kevin's	20	 21 Refuge 7pm-8:30 @ YC & FC	 22	23 Youth Convention Convention Ctr. / Embassy Suites featuring Reggie Dabbs, Mike Devito, Audio Adrenaline, PAX 217, & Salvador	24
After 25 Convention Service 6pm @ Sanctuary with Reggie Dabbs	[fusion] 26 HS Small Groups 6:30pm - 8 @ Pastor Kevin's	27	 28 Refuge 7pm-8:30 @ YC & FC	29	30	1
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Breakfast 16 Club 9am @ Youth Ctr.	[fusion] 17 Jr Hi Small Groups 6:30pm - 8 @ Pastor Kevin's	18	2nd Annual 19 Refuge Christmas Party 7pm @ Youth Ctr.	20	21	22
Breakfast 23 Club 9am @ Youth Ctr.	All-church Christmas Eve Service 24 (No Fusion)	 25	 26 Refuge 7pm-8:30 @ YC & FC	27	28	29
Breakfast 30 Club 9am @ Youth Ctr.	Knott's New Years Praise 31 (No Fusion)					

Fulfilling Family Obligations

As kids get older, their desire to hang out with the "fam" dwindles, while their desire to be with friends increases. This is part of normal adolescent development. That said, how do you convey to your teenagers that family obligations need to be met at times? Try this outline from Dr. Paul Coleman's book *How to Say It to Your Kids* (Prentice Hall Press).

Be clear about expectations. Let kids know ahead of time what's coming up and what you expect them to participate in – no surprises.

Be reasonable. Give kids a chance to opt out of events occasionally.

Empathize. Acknowledge that attending their cousin's wedding might not be their favorite way to spend a Saturday afternoon, but stress that it's important to Aunt Lydia that they do.

Encourage. Recognize kids' cooperative behavior.



Congratulations!

Pastor Corrina & Roger Castillo

Married October 6, 2001

Candlelight & Carols

Sing traditional Christmas music accompanied by choir & full orchestra.

Friday, December 14 - 7pm

Saturday, December 15 - 7pm

Sunday, December 16 - 6pm

Free of Charge!



A Christmas Carol

by Charles Dickens

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A quarterly newsletter for families of WVC for elementary age children

Weekend programs

Kidz World: 1-3 grades are located in the Worship Center, lower level.

KIDZONE: 4th and 5th grades are located in the Stone Chapel, lower level.

When: Every weekend we offer identical programs at 6 p.m. on Saturdays, and 8:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Sundays. Please help your child build consistent friendships with peers and small group leaders by choosing the same hour each week.

Parents

We are excited about the curriculum we are using that will take your child through the Bible in three years. Our theme in KIDZ ministry is: *"The Ultimate Adventure With Jesus...Psalm 139...Open your Heart to Him."* All of us want to see your child develop a relationship with Jesus, and grow in their walk with Him. Thank-you for allowing us the privilege of working with your child.

Check out our webpage at www.wvchapel.org If you have any questions or concerns, please take a moment to phone or e-mail us today.

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Fun 4 Adults

Last summer, our weekend programs were a HUGE success thanks to each of you who stepped up to the plate and got involved each weekend. We are grateful for the gifts and talents of Woodmen people, and are excited to see Jesus' love demonstrated through you to Kidz.

This summer we are hoping you will once again **take the challenge of signing up for one weekend to serve** as a family, a small group, or just you. If everyone takes **one weekend**, either in the Nursery, preschool, or elementary, our 1100 children each weekend will be well cared for. We want to continue through the summer in being intentional about reaching and teaching the children God has entrusted to us. We will have a special summer format with games, crafts and large group teaching time. Please fill out the enclosed postcard and return it to the office, or drop it off at the "Slide into Summer" sign-up table in the Welcome Center.

In addition to our weekend programs, we have several **special summer events**. These events are being planned for the purpose of reaching kids in our neighborhood who do not yet know Jesus. Talk with your children about bringing their friends to these summer events. The enclosed registration form gives you information on each event, as well as an opportunity to sign up to help with one or more of these events. Teens and adults, we would love you to "Slide into Summer" and be part of the fun!

Woodmen Valley Chapel exists to "impact the Pikes Peak region and beyond by transforming people (especially Kidz) into fully devoted followers of Christ". Please check your calendars now and prayerfully consider how YOU can be involved in this important mission.

SLIDE INTO SUMMER

Fun 4 Kids



GRAND SLAM CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL

Sunday, May 6, 3-6 p.m.

MISSION POSSIBLE A 5 DAY ESCAPE

Mon-Fri, June 18-22, 9-11:30 a.m.

SUMMER FUNNER CREATIVE ARTS CAMP



Mon-Fri, July 16-20

SPORTS CAMP

Mon-Fri, July 30-Aug 5

Soccer Clinic 
9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Basketball Clinic 
5 p.m.-8 p.m.

Partnering with Parents

Here at Woodmen Valley Chapel we want to come alongside you as you lay the spiritual foundation for your child. We do not want to rob you of the joy of being involved and impacting their lives for eternity.

Here are some ways:

- ★ Memory Work: Learn each week's Bible verse with your child.
- ★ Experience Kidz World and KIDZONE. Come and see life through their eyes.
- ★ Use "Driving Home the Point" during a meal time with your family.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Christianity 101 6:30 - 8:00 pm
(Kidz World)

Tuesday, February 27

Tuesday, March 6

Tuesday, March 13

Tuesday, March 20

Saturday April 7 Celebrating Changes

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM in Kidz Place. (A one day seminar for 5th and 6th graders and their parents to open lines of communication concerning all the changes in their bodies and attitudes as they become teenagers.

April 21/22 Registration for Summer Programs begins (Sign-up Table in the Welcome Center).

Saturday, May 12 Third Grade graduation (Graduating to 4th Grade) go to Laser Tag, 8:45-11am.

May 26/27 Store for all Elementary Children to "spend" their Pointz.

June 2/3 Promotion Weekend

June 21 - Parents Night for VBS
6:30-7:30 pm

What is Promotion Weekend?



June 2/3 is the weekend when all children move up to their next grade level or age group. Kindergarten children will move to Kidz World, 3rd grade children will move to KIDZONE (located downstairs in the Stone Chapel,) and 5th grade children will move to the Student Center for the 8:45 a.m. Middle School program in the Windchime Center.

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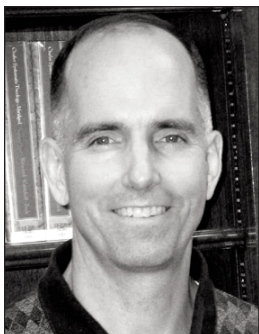
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Creative Outreach

by Bryan Hult

"Doesn't God want our lives to be His reflection to the world, so they see what heaven is like and therefore want what we have?"

There's no question that life seems to be moving at a faster rate. I realize the seconds tick past at the same speed they always have, but the information assault is greater every year. Thankfully for most people, summer is often the time when they take a vacation to visit relatives or go to some of the great sites in America. There are many reasons why we might take a vacation, but primarily it's to enjoy a little respite or "heaven" on earth. Imagine if you could take people to see what heaven **really** looks like! How many people would be compelled to do anything it takes to get the ticket to go there? That is the thought behind our value *Creative Outreach*!

We've been looking at the pillar values of Grace. We've looked at *Meaningful Worship* and how "We value prayerful and expressive worship that glorifies God." The second pillar value is *Creative Outreach*, "We value passionate sharing of Jesus Christ with others." Now, in our politically correct world, sharing Jesus Christ with others is not a popular thing to do!

People don't seem to have a problem with us talking about God. Most religions reference "God" or even "Spirit," but when you mention the name "Jesus," you've crossed the politically correct line. After all, who gives you the right to talk about Jesus Christ, when other people believe in "God" in a different way that doesn't include Jesus? Let's go back to John's gospel and get the picture.

Peter and Andrew were disciples of Jesus from Bethsaida. Bethsaida was a fishing village on the north coast of the Sea of Galilee. A third disciple, Philip, also from Bethsaida, completed his research on Jesus and said to Nathanael, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote – Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."¹ This was very politically

incorrect. How could someone say this is the One of whom Moses wrote in the law² and also the prophets? How could Philip be so sure? "Ha!" the world would say.

This wasn't just Philip's opinion or wishful thinking. The word "found" means that he had done his research. It's the same word used in Matthew 2 when Herod said to the wise men, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also."³ Because the wise men did their homework, they didn't report back to Herod! It was obvious to Philip he had found the Messiah!

Let me ask you who attend Grace Evangelical Church – have you found the Messiah? Do you know Him? Is He a part of your life? I know the answer. Most of you would say, "Yes, I have found the Messiah – it is Jesus of Nazareth!"

Notice how Philip responded when Nathanael said, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."⁴ Notice he didn't argue with Nathanael. He didn't get into an intellectual diatribe. He just said, "Come and see."

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ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, GO! Abigail Masquelier, Anna Sudler and Fred Sudler are ready for the potato race held at the church picnic. See page 2 for more.

Check out our website at www.indygrace.org

your corner ... *Serving in the Military*

Here are testimonies from two patriots about what serving in the military means to them ...

FROM JON LAWLIS:



I chose to serve my country in the military because it was something I had always considered to be an important patriotic duty, and it was an excellent way to channel the drive and energy of youth. Additionally, I had always noticed there was something different about people who had served in the military. Men such as this had forged this country into being and seen it through many dark days. This was something in which I wanted to take part.

My thought when I enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve in November of 1998 was that I would continue working and going to school, but if something came up I wanted to be trained and prepared to serve during a time of war. After the events of September 11, 2001, my battalion was activated for a deployment to Iraq from January through October of 2004.

Enlisting in the military was one of the best decisions I have ever made. It opened many doors in life and took me out of my comfort zone in a way that few Americans of my generation have experienced. Most importantly, I had the opportunity to greatly strengthen my relationship with

This is a place to submit poetry/prose that is meaningful to you, or short testimonies about how the Lord is working in your life! For consideration, please email them to newsletter@indygrace.org.

Christ as I witnessed His continuing faithfulness to me during the many stressful situations that I encountered during my enlistment.

FROM JIM BROWN:

WHY I APPRECIATE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Since I was a small boy, watching the Army and Marine units on parade as they returned from the Korean War, I realized I wished to become a soldier. Most of the fathers living in our neighborhood where I grew up had served in WW II.

Later, my grandfather took me along to visit a WW II veteran's hospital called Sawtelle. I saw firsthand the terrible and lasting wounds that the soldiers had received from that war. I learned that defending our freedom can come at a high price.

Today, as in the past, men and women in all branches of the services continue to defend our country and Christian nations. I appreciate the service of all Americans past and present. It is an honor to be a part of the Armed Forces, as they continue to defend our nation today.

May God Bless America!

OUR CHURCH PICNIC!

The Grace Evangelical Church Picnic was held Sunday, June 14th. The pitch-in was held indoors and afterward the dessert contest winners were announced. Betty Christopher won "Best Presentation" for her Berry Trifle. Dana McKee won "Best Tasting" for her Strawberry Roll Cake, and Carol Stephens won "Best Overall" for her Orange Italian Cream Cake.

Later everyone gathered on the lawn for games and fun with the bounce house and slip 'n slide.



Fellowship Group Spotlight

REFUGE:

In the Refuge, Tim Chastain is teaching through Paul's Letter to the Romans. This is a verse by verse study with emphasis on an exegesis that leads to application which leads to strength in living the adventure of serving Christ. The Refuge also offers two weekly small groups and monthly open houses. ***The Refuge Group meets in room 109/110 at 9 a.m.***

LEGACY:

The Legacy Fellowship Group will be looking at several different "world views" this summer and comparing them with Orthodox Christianity. If you'd like to learn more about any or all of these world views, please come and join us. If you'd like more information about the Legacy Fellowship Group, please contact Pastor Gary at 859-8008 or Larry Dickey at 787-3704. Here's the list and the dates these world views will be taught:

- Judaism - June 7 and 14
- Islam - June 21 and 28
- Jehovah's Witnesses - July 5 and 12
- Mormonism - July 19 and 26
- Catholicism - August 2 and 9
- Post-Modernism - August 16 and 23
- Wrap-Up - August 30

The Legacy Group meets in room 112/113 at 9 a.m.

OWLS:

Norman Moore is teaching in Nehemiah and everyone is enjoying the lessons that the Lord has for each one of us. We invite all Older Wiser Loving Saints to join us on Sunday mornings in room 111 at 9 o'clock as we travel through Nehemiah. What a great example of a true servant of the Lord setting an example of what trusting the Lord is all about! The Lord never promised trusting Him would be easy but He did promise that He would be with us on our journey with Him. *"I will never leave you or forsake you."* Hebrew 3:5-6. Dick and Pat Witmer thank everyone for their prayers on their behalf. By the end of this week Pastor Dick will have completed his treatments.

The O.W.L.S. meet in room 111 at 9 a.m.

YOUNG ADULT/YOUNG MARRIED (10:31):

The "10:31" class will be continuing our study through the book of Genesis. For the next several weeks we will be concentrating our focus on Jacob and his twelve sons. Currently, the 10:31 class is focusing on a verse by verse exposition of the book of Genesis. The class is both teaching and interaction with each other about the text we are studying. We attempt to consistently make application of what we are studying to practical daily living experiences. Our class is composed of primarily young married couples and singles (post high school). Please join us if you think you might be interested in Genesis and class interaction! ***The 10:31 Group meets in room 112/113 at 10:30 a.m.***

Fellowship Group Testimonial

FROM THE LEGACY GROUP

Fellowship means being a part of a group – a body of people. Fellowship means sharing common beliefs, feelings, and activities. Fellowship means working together and caring for one another like members of a family.

The Legacy Fellowship Group fits these definitions to a tee. It is a perfect size group of people that gets together during first service to learn more about the Word of God and to learn about each other. Our group laughs, cries, and prays together. It is a comfortable place to speak from the heart and hear others do the same. It's a blessing to be a member of a group that can be so open and at ease with one another.

I grew up as an only child with a very small extended family. Being a part of the "Legacy" gives me the chance to enjoy the warmth and caring you find being a part of a large family. It is comforting to know that there are people – *"your"* people ready to lend a hand and come alongside when you need them. If you are not a member of a fellowship group, I highly recommend that you join one. In my humble opinion you can never have too many friends and family members to share your time on this earth with."

– Lynn Dickey

WORD PROCESSORS:

Led by our teachers Rick Storm and Larry Cooney, the Word Processors class digs deep in the Word each week, usually during a study of a particular book of the Bible or special topic. Our current study is a parallel of the Gospels. All are welcome to attend! The Word Processors particularly have a heart for *Servant's Heart*, a south side food pantry which is led by Bill and Paula Boone who attend our class. We receive weekly updates of prayer requests and start the class in prayer before beginning our study. We enjoy birthday recognitions monthly (second Sunday) and have a home group to study Ephesians monthly (first Sunday evening at 6 p.m. during the summer months). We also enjoy occasional fellowship outings such as community group sings, bowling and, of course, a Christmas outing each year! Come join in the fun! ***The Word Processors meet in room 111 at 10:30 a.m.***

GENERATION NEXT:

Generation Next meets in room 117 at 10:30 a.m.



Come and support our men's softball team on Monday nights at Northeast Park in Greenwood.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, 2009



by Lynn Dickey

Join us for a romp through the swamp!!

Summer is upon us and that means the prospect of another exciting VBS. Our theme this year is Crocodile Dock. The week of July 20-24 our church will have the look of a Cajun bayou and will be filled with groups of happy kids as they travel from station to station. Kids ages three years through fifth grade will experience thrilling Bible stories, make cool crafts, play fun games, and participate in outreach and mission projects.

Thanks to the continuing support of Grace's missions ministry, we are taking part in Operation Kid-2-Kid for the third year in a row. This year the kids will be making comfort critters which will be given to victims of natural disasters here in the states. First responders to hurricanes, floods and tornados will give children who have been affected a soft fleece turtle along with a Bible booklet that explains how they are not alone – that God is always with them. Our children will also keep one of these turtles to remind them to pray for the victims.

Our Christian service projects include a canned food drive to benefit Servant's Heart food pantry. Look for "Fat Albert" in the lobby. He is a gator with a huge tummy to

fill with cans to help feed those in need in our community. If you would like to help fill his belly please feel free to bring in cans and help the kids help others. We will also have "Christmas in July", which involves encouraging the kids to donate items to fill boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Another event planned puts the girls against the boys in a spare change challenge to benefit the India Gospel League. It looks like an action-packed week of kids helping kids!

Below is a list of ways you can serve during this important event.

- Staff is still needed for the week of VBS.
- Donate original brand Oreo cookies for snack time (see inserts or bulletin board).
- Take invitations for VBS and give them to friends, coworkers, and neighbors.
- Pray for the children attending and staff of VBS.
- Join us for Tuesday workdays, decorating/set-up days and teardown.

There are inserts in the bulletin and on the bulletin board with dates and times for all VBS activities. If you have any questions about how you can help make this the best Vacation Bible School ever please call me, Lynn Dickey, 787-3704 (home), 727-4180 (cell), or send an email to mygarden24@comcast.net.

Kids' Worship Challenge

The six children pictured (*below right*) were challenged in Kids' Worship last quarter to memorize more Bible verses than Jay Stigdon. If the kids won, Jay promised to shave his head. With that kind of motivation, of course they rose to the challenge! Each child memorized more than 30 verses each, which was more than Jay. He kept his promise by letting his wife Terry shave his head in class on May 31st. The children laughed and cheered "Shave it off!"

The challenge next quarter is that Brice Clesi, Brock Johnson and Max Corsaro will have to have their heads shaved if they memorize fewer verses than Pat Hillebrand.

All the children who memorize the 13 verses for the quarter from the verse booklet will be invited to a cook-out at Pat Hillebrand's on August 30th.

Photos by Pat Hillebrand.



Grace and Laura Funderberger, Kristina Smith, newly shaved Jay Stigdon, Max, Madison and Mason Corsaro

Wheeler Mission Provides a Variety of Services

by Dick Davis

Founded in 1893 in downtown Indianapolis, Wheeler Mission has been providing food, shelter, clothing, rehabilitation services and spiritual direction to the homeless and less fortunate in central Indiana for more than 115 years.

There are currently six different areas of focus at Wheeler under two main programs: Men's Services, and Women and Children's Services. Men's Services (for which the mission was originally founded) includes short-term shelter, the Lighthouse Center and Hebron Center at Camp Hunt. Under Women's Services are the Center for Women and Children, and Higher Ground. Annabel's Thrift Shop is also a ministry of Wheeler and is separate from the Women and Children's Services.

Short-term shelter services to homeless men, working poor, and men with physical and mental challenges will provide more than 270,000 meals and 96,000 nights of lodging annually. Medical, dental and optical clinics are also a part of these services. Case management, winter overflow shelter for Indianapolis, and assistance with job and housing procurement round out the short-term services offered.

The Hebron Center at Camp Hunt lies on 285 acres near Bloomington and handles long-term addiction recovery for men and their families plus personal and marital counseling. Hebron Industries is located there and has a woodwork and pallet shop.

The Lighthouse Center focuses on long-term recovery which includes pre-entry and re-entry for men going to and coming from Hebron Center at Camp Hunt. Servant Leadership Training is offered and is a one year program which can lead to state certification as a drug and alcohol addictions counselor.

Women's and Children's Services includes an emergency shelter for homeless women and children where more than 38,000 meals and 25,000 nights of lodging are provided annually. Case management, family and child development services, winter overflow shelter, and life

skills training are also offered.

Higher Ground is a 12 bed facility on the Indianapolis south side that provides long-term substance addiction recovery for women.

Located at 2730 South Madison Avenue, Annabel's Thrift Shop sells good new and used clothing and household items. Profits help to fund Wheeler as it provides training opportunities for program participants. Those wanting to contribute items will find a convenient donation drop off.

The Grace connection with Wheeler has been long and deep. Several members of Grace have or are working here, and the late Bruce Craig was a long-time member of the board of directors. Many have volunteered in a wide variety of ways, as there are numerous volunteer opportunities available. Last year volunteers provided nearly 65,000 hours of service to Wheeler. To learn how you can help, please contact Pam Eversole at (317) 686-6239 or pameversole@wmm.org.

Current needs for the ministry are disposable razors, deodorant, lotion, socks, and underwear for the Men's Mission.

The missions supported by Grace Evangelical Church are funded solely through gifts marked for MISSIONS. No general funds are used to support these missions. So please participate in supporting missions by designating a portion of your giving to MISSIONS.



Cheryl McCabe, Pat Witmer, Carolyn Raber, and Nita Butler are members of the Ladies Prayer group which meets on Thursday mornings at 11 o'clock. We invite all ladies to come and pray with us whenever they have the time. It's great to have other ladies to pray with and see how the Lord answers our prayers!

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JUST FOR KIDS

*"Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore;
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"*

This poem is written on a tablet in the base of the Statue of Liberty. The Statue of Liberty was a gift from France to America and given as an act of friendship.

It took hundreds of workers 9 years to build. It was built in France and sent in 350 pieces (packed in 214 crates) from France to New York in 1884.

It stands on Liberty Island in New York Harbor because this was where everyone would get their first view of America when they sailed into New York.

The statue is a symbol of freedom that welcomes everyone to America.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

IN JULY

07/01 Katy Hazard
07/01 Collin Day
07/02 Rachel Cole
07/02 Sydney Biggerstaff
07/03 Anna Sudler
07/03 Abigail Masquelier
07/03 Laura Fundenberger
07/04 Tami Blank
07/04 Daniel Stone
07/04 Connie Moxley
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07/16 Jubilee Georgen
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07/19 Alex Sirilla
07/19 Malachi Wohlhieter
07/20 Bob Stalcup
07/22 Eric Randall
07/22 Jessica Spence
07/22 Madeline Gast
07/23 Ella Cape
07/24 Cindy Kramer
07/26 Madison Sorley
07/26 A. J. Hillebrand
07/27 Donald Hovenstine
07/27 Donna Bowden
07/28 Jim Hillebrand
07/28 Hillary Merfeld
07/29 Judy McKnight
07/30 Gabriel Moreno

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07/02/88 Steve & Jennifer Alexander
07/02/88 Chris & Sarah Schubert
07/03/03 John & Carol Whiteman
07/10/53 Dick & Pat Witmer
07/12/75 Rick & Cindy Kramer
07/17/ Donnie & Billie Pierce
07/19/ Jason & Amanda Beasley
07/19/97 Michael & Candy Morefield
07/19/80 Douglas & Ruth Decker
07/20/02 Jeff & Patricia Merfeld
07/20/67 Norm & Nan Ward
07/30/83 Pat & Linda Buis
07/31/71 Jerry & Donna Bowden

Creative Outreach (Continued from page 1)

Philip had found the One sent from heaven – the Anointed One; the One who knew all things. He invited Nathanael to get a glimpse of the One whom heaven sent and in so doing to see not only what *came* from heaven but get a glimpse of *heaven itself!* Come and see what one is like who experiences heaven. Come and see a glimpse of it!

Isn't that all God wants from us? Doesn't God want us to let His life so control ours that we can invite people in for a glimpse of one⁵ sent from heaven? Doesn't God want our lives to be His reflection to the world, so they see what heaven is like and therefore want what we have?

Isn't that really the whole concept of "heaven on earth" – when Jesus rules in our lives? It's not really a comfortable life, plush surroundings, or abundance of things that reveal heaven. It's God's life lived through us, with us, and in us that He designs so we can tell the world, "Come and see – see what heaven is like!" Because each of us is so unique, we can be very creative in our outreach. While we are all different, we share one thing: the same Holy Spirit and the same Lord, Who will manifest God's presence and heaven in a way that will cause "many" to want their own ticket. Then you'll be able to share the grace gift of God through faith in Jesus Christ! Happy sharing!

¹John 1:45; ²Deuteronomy 18:18-19; ³Matthew 2:8; ⁴John 1:46, also note John 1:51 as Jesus' own reference to getting a glimpse of heaven; ⁵We must be "born from above" John 3:5. Our citizenship is in heaven Philippians 3:20. We are seated in Christ in heaven Colossians 3:1, and we are ambassadors to earth from heaven; II Corinthians 5:18-20, So that you can have a peace that surpasses all comprehension Philippians 4:7!



Westview News

Westview Baptist Church

Summer 2009

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Worship Time is 10 a.m. during the summer and will change to 11 a.m. on September 13.



Info to be included in the September newsletter should be sent to the Church Office by Sunday, August 23.

Welcome Paulo, our new Director of Worship & Outreach

June marked the beginning of an exciting new chapter in the life of Westview. A week after celebrating the church's 28th anniversary, the congregation was blessed by the arrival of Paulo Andrade, our new Director of Worship and Outreach.

During the weekend of May 22-24, we had a chance to meet with Paulo and his family, first during a Friday evening worship service and then on Sunday during the regular service. It was an incredibly busy weekend for Paulo, his wife Kathy, and their three children, Alexis, 6, Gillian, 5, and baby Christian.



Paulo & Kathy Andrade with (left-right) Gillian, Christian, Alexis

Following the service Sunday, the congregation voted overwhelmingly to invite Paulo to join our staff and begin work as soon as possible. Clayton Root and his Human Resources and Property Management committee worked very hard to pave the way for Paulo to begin work a mere three weeks after the congregational vote. Doug Lynds and his Finance committee also played a large role during those three weeks, helping ensure the church followed procedures and filed the right papers with the right people.

As a result of their hard work and Paulo's flexibility in transitioning from his former job, he was able to start work on June 15.

We welcome Paulo, Kathy and their children to the Westview family. We look forward eagerly to see how God will use his talents in the coming months and how we can support his ministry as this new chapter in the life of the church unfolds.

Summer Prayer



Westview at Prayer 2nd Saturday of each month at 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Summer prayer dates are July 11 and August 8. We hope to see you there!

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From the Pastor's Desk

What Baptists Believe (part 2 of 3) by Rev. Harold Trinier - from *The Canadian Baptist*

3. The Freedom of the Individual

Baptists believe that "where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty" and this liberty, sometimes called "soul liberty," extends to each individual child of God. Salvation is for "everyone that believeth" and salvation is an individual experience and an individual's personal responsibility.

Each person is a free moral agent, made in the divine image, and so is morally responsible to God. Each individual must be free to believe or not to believe in God, to obey or to disobey Him, to worship or not to worship Him, according to the dictates of his own conscience.

While insisting on the right to worship God according to the dictates of their conscience, Baptists have also insisted on this right for others -- even those who may hold very different beliefs and follow different practices.

4. A Regenerate Church Membership

For Baptists the Church of Jesus Christ is made up of only those who personally and individually confess Jesus Christ to be Lord and Master of their lives and have, by their own faith, been born into the family of God and the fellowship of other believers on Jesus Christ.

Baptists maintain that prerequisite to church membership is a personal experience in the life of the individual of the Holy Spirit's regenerative work brought about by the faith and obedience of the individual. On this fundamental principle rests the Baptist conception of the "gathered" church.

5. The Baptism of Believers Only

Baptists believe that the two ordinances of the Christian Church are the baptism by immersion in water of believers only and the partaking of the Lord's Supper.

Baptism by immersion in water of the believer in Jesus Christ is a solemn and initiatory act of obedience symbolizing in the experience of the believer the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ and his own putting off of the old nature's, his death to self and past sins and rising in newness of life to live and serve Jesus Christ.

Baptism is a confession of faith and an act of obedience on the part of the individual believer. It is an act which no one can contract for another. Like regeneration it has to do with the individual and his own faith and commitment.

For this reason Baptists oppose, as having no Scriptural warrant, the baptism of infants and children incapable of personal belief and commitment. Instead they frequently hold services for the dedication of parents and children to the end and with the prayerful hope that Christ may be so honoured in the home and His teachings so faithfully set forth that when the children come to the age of discretion they may voluntarily and of their own free choice make their own personal commitment of themselves to Christ and confess Him in believer's baptism.

Church Ministry Committee Update

To enhance the safety of everyone participating in events at Westview Baptist Church a process is in place to screen volunteers. The Church Ministry Committee is responsible for ensuring that everyone volunteering within the church has gone through the appropriate volunteer screening. We appreciate the time many of you have already put into completing a volunteer application and police check. The Church Ministry Committee continues to work on calling references for volunteers.

If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity within Westview please ask Tina Rae for a volunteer application and police check. Please submit your volunteer application ASAP to allow time to process it before programs resume in the fall. If you have any questions, please speak to one of the members of the Church Ministry Committee.

—Ruth Aitchison (Chair), Sue Boddaert, David Dozois, Tina Rae

Christian Education News

I Corinthians 10:31 (NIV)

"So whatever you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."



Vacation Bible School!

We had volunteer training on Wednesday, June 24, but will have an additional, and shorter training session on Sunday, August 2 just after the 10 a.m. Service to give last minute updates and to set up for the week. We are looking forward to an exciting week.

Application forms for VBS are available at the Crocodile Dock display or you can register online using our church link at www.westviewbaptist.ca or going directly to

<http://www.groupvbs.com/webtoybox/myvbs/westviewvbs>.

Keep your eyes open for these items! Can you find any of these items to loan or donate to us?

- ⇒ Bayou or **swamp items** like a small old boat, fishnets, fishing gear, fake fish, lights in the shape of lanterns or bugs, an electric campfire (1).
- ⇒ Other items we need include a pillowcase, aluminum foil, brown paper grocery bags, tarps (2), package of black garbage bags (2), lanterns, bed sheets (2 twin size), backpacks (2), an inflatable water tube, electric leaf blower, large carpet roll tubes, large clear round juice containers, a red umbrella.
- ⇒ And for our crafts we need **several water bottles, 2 L pop bottles**, and bird seed. *Please contact Tina in advance if you have any of the larger items listed to make sure that we have storage room available.*
- ⇒ **Snack Sign Up:** Bring a snack. The list is now posted outside the CE Office.

Youth Update

Summer is here and as I look back over the past ten months, God has been so good to the youth groups at Westview. Last month we got together with our friends from Village Green and Byron Community churches. We had a good turnout to mini-golf and we have been involved in many community service projects. Our Sunday School class had the honour to lead the church in a Communion Service and we are preparing for all the changes to come.

As a reminder, beginning in the fall the Jr. High gang will grow into a Grade 6-8 group with Geoff Rae and Patti O'Hara leading. Martha Reis and Wole Adegboye will continue to be Sr. High leaders. The Grade 6 group can still be part of Pioneer Clubs on Wednesday nights and on Sunday mornings they will now have a separate class

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Billy Graham KidzFest

Carnival at 4 p.m. and Concert at 6 p.m. with GodRocks

For: kids ages 3-12 **Cost:** Free

Friday, August 21 in Stratford (Rotary Complex)

Saturday, August 22 in Owen Sound (OSCVI Auditorium)

Also in Simcoe, Grimsby, Kawartha Lakes, Pembroke, Brockville and Trenton between August 14-24

Check www.kidzfest.ca for further details.



Children's Church

Are you interested in volunteering with children? We are looking for people to look after our little ones in the Nursery, Toddler Room and to teach up to Grade 6 in the fall. If you like to teach or assist we would love to share your talents with the children at Westview. Please speak with Tina Rae about your interest by phoning the church at (519) 681-9844 or through e-mail tina@westviewbaptist.ca.



Are your fingers on God's Pulse?

Children's Church Schedule

If you are unable to serve on the week you are scheduled, please switch with another volunteer and let your Coordinator know what change has been arranged.



Nursery Coordinator: Beth Park	
July 5	Beverley Barrett, Mary Fink
July 12	Angeles Carrasco, Evelyn Crawford
July 19	Tina Thiessen, Melanie Thiessen
July 26	Don Barrett, Eleanor Philips
Aug 2	Lois Garrett, Kathy Moniz
Aug 9	Beverley Barrett, Mary Fink
Aug 16	Evelyn Crawford, Beth Park
Aug 23	Angeles Carrasco, Melanie Thiessen
Aug 30	Don Barrett, Eleanor Philips

Toddlers: Coordinator Needed	
July 5	Liz Pellmann Webb, Drew Petteplace
July 12	Rob Petteplace, Sara Peters
July 19	James Norton, Darlene Crowe
July 26	Jim Fink, Julie Waines
Aug 2	Jennifer Habermehl, Emily Clark
Aug 9	Liz Webb, Drew Petteplace
Aug 16	Rob Petteplace, Sara Peters
Aug 23	James Norton, Sara Van Roestel
Aug 30	Jim Fink, Julie Waines

Super Summer Sunday School (10:30-11:15)	
July 5	Charlene Root
July 12	
July 19	Margaret Habermehl, Marjorie Ho
July 26	Margaret Habermehl, Marjorie Ho
Aug 2	Charlene Root
Aug 9	Michelle and David Dozois
Aug 16	
Aug 23	
Aug 30	

Summer Sunday School

Volunteers Needed for JK-Gr 3

Please sign up in the narthex and give our regular volunteers a well-deserved break.



(Youth Update, continued)

with Chris Allan and Lois Garrett teaching them. Scott Hadskis and I will continue teaching the Sr. High group and Patti O'Hara has agreed to help out when needed. I am so amazed at the servant hearts our leaders have and the love they have for our youth. All of your prayers are being felt and a special thanks to all our prayer warriors.

College and Careers will continue to meet at our house in the fall and the whole youth ministry's theme will focus on "Experiencing God."

The summer schedule of events is out and the July event to Wild Water Kingdom will include everyone. (We had to cancel this event in June because of the poor weather forecast.) There will be a sign up sheet at the back of the church for this event and an August trip to a Blue Jays' game.

This year I wanted to recognize the students who are graduating from their schools just so you can keep them in mind as they make the transitions that can be challenging:

Emily Clark, Ethan Sallows, Matthew Stratton, Heather Woo — graduating from Grade 8

Nathan Herbert — Grade 12 (Heritage College)

Laolu Adurogbangba — Grade 12 (UWO)

Katie Cleland — Teacher's College

Jonathan Wyant — Fanshawe College

Brian Stead — Niagara College (July)

May God bless you and have a safe summer.

—Jon



From the Library Bookshelf

Our library has grown in both quantity of materials and number of patrons over the past year or so. I am happy to welcome the assistance of Linda Thompson in this ministry!

Take a few moments this week to browse in our library for some excellent reading material to help you relax and recharge this summer.

— Debbie DeActis

NEW in our Library:

DVD's:

Ken Davis Live: Super Sheep

Gaither Vocal Band: Give It Away

BOOKS:

A Proper Pursuit (Austin)

Wildflowers (Gunn)

The Novelist (Hunt)

Riven (Jenkins)

Sunset (Kingsbury)

The Secret (Lewis)

Quaker Summer (Samson)

By Reason of Insanity (Singer)

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Focus on Worship & Outreach

As I sit down to write this note I reflect on the first week at the office. Even though I am not all finished organizing the desk, the files, the music, the lists, etc., I've already had opportunities to minister in the areas of worship and outreach.



I had a chance to take part in a chapel service at Riverside Retirement Home with Pastor David. It is great to be able to reach out and support the seniors who need fellowship and worship. I plan to continue this important ministry with the leading of Pastor David. I also have the opportunity to help the Westview Food Cupboard during the summer months. This is another worthwhile ministry which reaches out to the physical and spiritual needs of the less fortunate.

In the areas of worship, I was able to attend the planning meetings of the upcoming services and activities. It is great to see so many people with talents and gifts putting them into practice.

Speaking of talents, our church has been blessed with great musical talent. It is amazing how many people play different instruments and styles of music. I had a chance to practice with a group of men and was impressed with how quickly they mastered the music and harmonized so well.

As I settle in this new position and think of worship and outreach, I have a hard time thinking of two better focuses in ministry. In this issue of the *Westview News*, I want to reflect on true worship.

We use the word "worship" so many times, but what is worship? What is its function? What is our part in it? Have you ever asked yourself these questions?

A quick Bible study reveals that Biblical worship includes various types of music from singing (Psalm 66:4) to various instruments (Psalm 150:3-5), but worship is not just about music. It is useless to worship if we do not direct it or focus it on God. After all, worship connects our spirit with His spirit. Worship encompasses spiritual prayer and spiritual singing with understanding (I Corinthians 14:15).

Worship starts with God's revelation, pointing to and celebrating Christ, and continues with our response of reverence, joy and boldness. When this happens our whole person is involved—our mind, heart, emotions—our whole physical and spiritual being.

Worship is not only about our person, it involves two kinds of relationships—vertical with the Divine and horizontal with fellow humans. Therefore, we must be active in the act of worship, not passive. After all, true worshippers are participators, not spectators.

Finally, worship affects all areas of our life—worship is a lifestyle. We should live our lives as an act of worship. Regardless of our professions, duties, hobbies, etc., we have opportunities to worship. At the same time, worship is also a very special time, in which we set time apart to meet with our God, hear His revelation and respond accordingly to Him.

—Paulo Andrade, Director of Worship & Outreach

Anniversary Sunday, June 7



We had a great 28th Anniversary at Westview! Hal Brooks challenged us to be a Berean Athlete – to do as the Bereans did and carefully look into God's word and compare it to the teachings we are hearing in this world. The choir sang a glorious song under Deb Tackabury's guidance. We then enjoyed a piece of cake and fellowship together. The picture is of the cutting of the cake by Jim McGee (Moderator) and Jim Fink (outgoing Chair of the Executive Board).

Camp Hermosa



The **Camp Hermosa Bowl-a-thon** on June 14 raised \$5,500. Thank you to everyone who supported this event. Sunday, April 25 has already been set for next year's event.

Supplies needed for Camp

Hermosa: Flower pots (10 - 12 inches in diameter) are needed for a craft at camp (July 12 - 18). The pots will be decorated and given to camp neighbours. A few wood burning kits are needed (to borrow) to make some "Welcome" signs. If you have any of these items or any questions, please contact Debbie Tackabury before July 5.

Announcements

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family and friends of **Verna Sutherland**, who passed away on June 13 in Strathroy.

Celebrations

Congratulations to **John & Marjorie Quinney** and **Richard & Gloria Lambert** who celebrated their 60th Wedding anniversaries on June 25.

Wow!! **Gladys & David Ogilvie's** first great-grandchild was born on May 15 to **Kristy & Craig Taylor** in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Gladys & David celebrated their 55th Wedding anniversary on June 19 in Vancouver at the high school graduation of their granddaughter, **Laura Ogilvie**.

Thank You

From Donna Alexander — I would like to thank my Church Family for the kind words, (appreciated but unnecessary) gifts, cards and over-all best wishes on my recent retirement. I also want to express my sincere love and thanks to my daughter, Carrie, for planning and carrying out a very big surprise party for me. I truly do treasure all of my friends and family-like relationships at Westview Baptist Church. Thanks from the bottom of my heart.

From the Andrade Family — We would like to say thank you to Pastor David and the Westview family for the amazing welcome that we were shown during the Worship & Welcome weekend. We truly felt blessed with your love, care and support. It has certainly been a great affirmation to our ministry.

We would also like to express our sincerest gratitude for your visits, beautiful flower arrangement, card and for all the prayers and well wishes during Kathy's illness. We were overwhelmed with the display of care and support.

We are looking forward to serving with you in His mission.

From Harriett Austin—Thank you for your concern and prayers during the time I underwent tests at U.H. I was much

surprised and greatly cheered by the beautiful "Westview Hug" brought to my home by Rita and Pat at a time when we were struggling with some serious illnesses in our families. God is so good!

From Celia Johnston — Thank you so much for your beautiful cards, flowers and calls. They mean so much! Gar will be at the half-way point in his chemo treatments Thursday, June 25. He will have his last big treatment (five hours), then start his radiation right after. Please keep praying. Love you all!

From Pat Kowalchuk — Many thanks for all your wonderful and caring prayers and cards during my stay in hospital. Prayers are such a blessing when you are not feeling well. Thank you to Rita and Pat for delivering my beautiful Westview Hug bouquet and a special thank you to Pastor David for his visits and wonderful prayers.

From Jim & Marg McGee — A big thank you to all who contributed to the "Relay for Life" that we participated in on Friday evening, June 19 in Chatham. It was very much appreciated.

From David & Linda Stead — Thank you to the great congregation of Westview for a wonderful "Jack and Jill" party for Linda and Pastor David Stead's son and future daughter-in-law! Tim and Katie were overwhelmed by the wonderful gifts, and the two (rather large) gift certificates given to go and purchase some necessities.

It was the idea and the hard work of Kim



Petteplace and Andrea Hadskis who made the day happen. Many others were pressed into action to make the day so very special, and this was very appreciated. Tim and Katie were married in Owen Sound on Sunday, June 21st, 2009 at 4 p.m. They are set to live in Toronto for the next three years while Katie takes the Occupational Therapy Program. Tim, meanwhile, will work on his music career. His band, The Ocean Buried, can be viewed at www.theoceanburied.com and is all over www.youtube.com and can be searched at google.com.

Thank you, finally, for your prayers for Tim and Katie as they start their married life.

A Christian postgraduate university student who is quiet and studious is looking for accommodation to rent Monday - Friday during the upcoming school year. For more details, please contact Gredel Redekop.

(From the Library Bookshelf, continued)

RECOMMENDED READING ...

Temple at the Center of Time by David Flynn (296 pages - Prophecy)

What do 360°, pi (π), the dimensions of the earth, architectural measurements, nautical miles, circles and arcs have to do with the Bible? Did you know that God, not man, invented the "language" of mathematics and its laws and incorporated math into His plan?

It is little known that Isaac Newton spent as much or even more time and effort pursuing the secrets of Bible chronology and prophecy as he did on his scientific discoveries.

"For the first time in history, in Temple at the Center of Time, David Flynn uncovers what Newton was looking for and, in so doing, proves that pivotal events in history are unquestionably connected in time and space to the Temple of Jerusalem — the very centre of the universe!" (quoted from the back cover)

Prepare to be amazed!!!

Experiencing God Update

You are invited to a Strawberry Social on Sunday, June 28 following the Sunday Service. Come and have a “Berry Good Time” while you learn more about *Experiencing God* small groups and meet the small group facilitators.

As you have been hearing over the last few weeks, the Spiritual Life and Fellowship Committee is undertaking a church wide program to foster the spiritual growth of the church.

Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God is based on material developed by Henry Blackaby, Claude King and Richard Blackaby and will be presented as a 13-week program commencing September 2009. Learning more about experiencing God’s will in our lives personally and as a church is an exciting opportunity to look at ways we can listen to God and know His will.

A simple format will be used where we can learn by hearing Pastor David’s message from the pulpit as well as participating in small groups. This fits hand in hand with the Spiritual Life and Fellowship Committee goal to encourage small groups at Westview. Congregants and guests will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of small groups including current groups, formation of new groups and Sunday school classes. The small groups will have the opportunity to read the book *Experiencing God*, view DVD messages, and participate in group discussions.

The program will be commencing in September so the Strawberry Social is a perfect time to learn more about small groups. A copy of the fall schedule follows.

You can also visit the information table or contact any of the members of the Spiritual Life and Fellowship Committee or the Experiencing God Subcommittee. The members of the Subcommittee include: Elsie Mae Clements, Sue Boddaert, Tina Rae, Jon DeActis, Karen Grigg, Jim and Marg McGee, Ruthe Murphy, Neville

Henry, Brian Fast, Gerry Brock, Pastor David Stead, and Wendy Toth.

Please pray daily for this study:

- * For Pastor David as he prepares his messages.
- * For small group leaders.
- * For God to prepare us to hear and apply these truths as we grow in experiencing Him.

- * For small groups to connect well.
- * Knowing that Satan is in opposition to people growing in experiencing God, pray that his tactics will be defeated.
- * For God to move in our congregation as we do this study together.

Blessings to you all.

—Wendy Toth

Experiencing God Fall Schedule	
Date	Focus
September 6	Experiencing God Introduction
September 13	“A New Experience” Experiencing God Kickoff with Sunday School
September 20	Reality 1: God Is at Work around You (<i>Chapter 6</i>)
September 27	Reality 2: God Pursues a Love Relationship with You (<i>Chapter 7</i>)
October 4	Reality 3: God Takes the Initiative (<i>Chapter 8</i>)
October 11	Reality 4: God Speaks by the Holy Spirit through the Bible, prayer, circumstances, and the church to reveal Himself, His purposes, and His ways (<i>Chapter 9-15</i>)
October 18	Reality 4: God Speaks, Part 2
October 25	Reality 5: God’s Invitation Leads to a Crisis of Belief (<i>Chapter 16</i>)
November 1	Reality 6: Joining God Requires Major Adjustments (<i>Chapter 17</i>)
November 8	Reality 7: Joining God Requires Obedience (<i>Chapter 18</i>)
November 15	God Accomplishes His Work (<i>Chapter 19</i>)
November 22	Experiencing God Testimonies
November 29	Advent I
TBD	Celebration—Christmas Dinner

THE CIRCUIT RIDER



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ~ HONDO, TEXAS

THE PASTOR'S PEN



As we head into summer, many of you might be traveling the highways. Off to weddings, graduations, taking kids off to college or camp, vacations even to beach or campground in exotic locations from Cancun to Concan. As you, it is traditional for pastors to remind you to that the church still has bills during the summer for things like salaries, air conditioning, bible school, etc. so please remember to mail in your pledge even if you can't come to church. It is also traditional to remind you to not neglect your spiritual life during the summer and to offer advice like "The Bible is a good summer book to read at the beach, campground, etc."; "don't forget there are Methodist churches in most places you travel that you can attend if you're there on a Sunday"; or "please come to church when you're in town and bring your family if they're visiting – they can leave after church to go home."

You've probably heard such advice before or read such columns so take note of the above and let me make the point in a different way by sharing the following list called God's Word Found on Road Signs. The person who e-mailed this list to me said these are from actual signs found across this country. Some may make you laugh, some may make you think, all I hope will remind you that wherever the road takes you this summer, even if it's just running around Hondo, pay attention to God's word as a guide and direction for your travels and life and don't forget your vocation as Christians to make God present in any and every place. Ok, here's "God's Word Found on Road Signs". Enjoy them and your travels.

Don't make me come down there.

You want a sign? Here it is!

Keep using my name in vain I'll make rush hour longer.

Big bang theory? You've got to be kidding.

My way or the highway to hell.

Loved the wedding. Invite me to the marriage.

I don't care who started it. If you don't start to behave, I'll finish it.

Have you read my # 1 best seller? There will be a test.

What part of "Thou Shall Not" didn't you understand?

That "love thy neighbor" thing, I meant it.

Let's meet at my house Sunday before the game.

We need to talk.

Will the road you are on get you to my place?

C'mon over and bring the kids.

Do you have any idea where you are going?

You think it's hot here?

Need directions?

Follow me.

I love you and you and you and...

Tell the kids I love them.

Have a great summer.

Pastor Andy

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OUR MISSION

The First United Methodist Church of Hondo is called and committed to spread the "Good News" of Jesus Christ in God's Country. Our vision is to seek out and invite those in need; strengthen and encourage the faith of believers; and build strong Christian leadership. The church provides a nurturing worship and educational environment by offering dedicated ministers, teachers, and a strong scriptural message. We look for opportunities of involvement for all ages in order to enhance the spiritual growth of those we touch.

CHURCH NEWS

SEVEN BABY STEPS TO FINANCIAL PEACE**

by Tricia Boll, Dave Ramsey Counselor

- Step 1 \$1,000 in Starter Emergency Fund
- Step 2 Pay off all debt using the 'Debt Snowball, (except the house)
- Step 3 Finish Full Emergency Fund (3-6 months living expenses)
- Step 4 Invest 15% of household income into Roth IRAs and pre-tax retirements savings
- Step 5 College Funding
- Step 6 Pay off the House!
- Step 7 Build Wealth & Give (Mutual Funds/Real Estate, etc.)

**Dave Ramsey's "Financial Peace University" is a life-changing 13-week Christian DVD series that teaches you how to make the right decisions with your money. "Financial Peace University" will begin in the fall. If you have questions, call Tricia Boll at 363-3174 or email at padbad452@msn.com.

FINANCIAL CONCERNS?

Empower yourself to make sound financial choices by using the Dave Ramsey money management tools available through consulting with Tricia Boll. Free Consultations available now with our certified Dave Ramsey Financial Counselor, Tricia Boll.

UMW SALAD LUNCHEON

All the women of the church are invited to attend the UMW Salad Luncheon on June 2nd at 12:00 in the Fellowship Hall. We would especially like to invite the working women who are unable to attend our regular meetings. Please bring a salad to share and join in the fun.

KITCHEN NOTES

Ministry leaders, please remove any items that belong to your committee that are stored in the kitchen cabinets or the refrigerator (or label the items in the refrigerator). Our kitchen coordinators will be reorganizing the kitchen in June and need to know what belongs to each committee. Thanks.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Plans for VBS are underway! Our VBS will be July 13-17 in the afternoons from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Please contact Carrie Self, 363-6138 or Kristi Frosch, 426-9388 for more information or to volunteer to help.



A FATHER'S INFLUENCE

Studies show that if the mother of a family attends worship, there's a 16 percent chance that the rest of the family will also attend. Yet when a father attends worship, there's a 93 percent chance that other family members will be present, too. Just think, Dad, of the clout you have. Hope to see you in church this weekend!

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Alexa Boll, Janell Cottle, Patton Gilliam, Everett Hackebell, Travis Hay, Ben Ivey, Taylor Knox, Megan Laughinghouse, Jessica Littlefield, Alli Matthews, Kaela Morlandt, Cara Patterson, Alex Real, Curtis Stoner, Jimmy Thacker, and Morgan Thibeault.

Please remember to let the church office know your address at school.

CARD-AGAIN

Our Card-Again Crafters meet every Wednesday at 1:00 pm to recycle old greeting cards. The new cards are on sale in the Fellowship Hall for \$0.50 each. The money can be placed in the can next to the card rack.

Our talented crafters are making old cards into a new **CARD-AGAIN!**

CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Christian Men's Group has decided to try something new for the summer. In June, July, and August they will meet on the fourth Sunday of the month. They will prepare food for everyone to enjoy during the fellowship time between the services.

Then all men are invited to join them for a Men's Bible Study during the Sunday School hour (9:45 am) in the Upper Room classroom, the first classroom on the right at the top of the stairs. For more information call Joe Kailipaka at 741-8170

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Southwest Texas Annual Conference will be held June 3-6 in Corpus Christi. Members attending are Pastor Andy, Martha & James McTaggart and Brenda Vavricek.

PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS AND SERVICE

PRAYER CONCERNS



Lucille Selle
Ethel Martin
Carol Schmidt
Lynn Gillespie
Jim Hayes
Gabriel Bruce
Helen Clay
John Gooding
Robert Ward
Larry Grell
Derek Coyle
Carolyn Baker
Sharen Lewis
Jim Brazel
Rodger Welch
Russell Ware
Jennifer Tabb
Jewel Palmer
Cory Hicks
Kim Dennison
Becky Fletcher
Rita Buckley
JoAnn Lawrence
Mitch Bales
Max Simmons
Clay Billings
Grace James

Chase Keeter
Nathan Timmons
Arden Cantwell
Maureen Oliphant
Melanie Holcomb
Sheri Wheiles

IN SYMPATHY :

to Duane Strother and
family on the death of
Kathlyn Strother,
and to James & Janice
Highsmith on the
death of Evelyn
Highsmith.

OUR TROOPS:

Erik Arias
John Bryant
William Bryant
Michael Donnelly
Richard Fohn
Robert Herrera
Todd Hewitt
Adam Hoyt
Michael Lyons
Ben McLemore
Chris Meyers
Dave Nutt
Chris Paxton
Robbie Penn
Kevin Rothe
John Sanchez
Christopher Savage
Jason Sewell
Brad Willman

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Elva Krenmueller

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KATHLYN STROTHER

By: Jimmy & Inell Rogers
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Colleen Moss
Community National Bank
Gary & Lynette Smith
Zella Mae Mumme
Bill & Imogene Meyers
Tony & Esther Johnson
Roy Modgling
Shirley Strother Letot & Family
Brenda Vavricek
John & Mogie Boon
Buddy & Bonnie Groff
Bob & Renie Schulte
Mrs. Lola P. Johnson
Darlene Nagle
Ron Leslie Schroeder
ESI/Becky Veal, HR Director
Auldine McAnelly

HAROLD STIEGLER

By: Brenda Vavricek
John & Mogie Boon
Bob & Renie Schulte
Sam & Beverly Bybee
James & Ellen Tonne

EVELYN HIGHSMITH

By: Greg & Cora Rothe
Patrick & Lynda Clarke

RESPONSIBILITIES

Collection counters: Vicki
Wharton, Cindy Taylor &
Charles Thacker

Lock up: Cindy Taylor & Charles
Thacker

June 7

PowerPoint - Dee Willman

Liturgist - Steve Hackebeil

Acolytes- Sean Horton & Amanda
Horton

Flowers - Richard & Patricia
McGuire

June 14

PowerPoint - Stephanie
Laughinghouse

Liturgist - Flo Cottle

Acolytes- Sean Horton & Amanda
Horton

Flowers - OPEN

June 21

PowerPoint- T.J. Willman

Liturgist - J.D. Schmidt

Acolytes- Carson Petty & Harper
Petty

Flowers - In memory of Milton
Vavricek, Sr.

June 28

PowerPoint - Theresa Littlefield

Liturgist - Nola Hanson

Acolytes- Carson Petty & Harper
Petty

Flowers - OPEN

IN OUR MAILBOX



Lovely Ladies of FUMC,

All that helped in any way for the Women In Touch Luncheon. THANK YOU!! We couldn't do this without your help. Cook Angels, decorators, servers, cleanup crew, table leaders - Bless You! Mark your calendars for our next luncheon, "Flip Flop Fun" on June 16.

In Christian Love & Service,
Linda Harrison & Michele Thacker

Thanks to all for a wonderful picnic!

We had a wonderful church picnic thanks to so much support from our committee members and members of our congregation!!! We want to thank each and every one of you! We thought this task would be overwhelming (John Frey and Adolph probably still believe it was) but with everyone pitching in to help, it went wonderfully!!!

Our Family Ministries committee is awesome! Thanks to every member for being there so early, working in advance, attending planning meetings and smiling through it all!

Additionally, we sincerely appreciate the help of the volunteers who just showed up to help on the big day! Our delivery angels, Marcy Rothe and Ken Hanson, we can always count on you to deliver meals and make the day of those members who are homebound! And of course, a special thanks to Andy who is always so supportive of our endeavors!

In His service, with your support!
Jackie & Ella

Dear FUMC Brothers & Sisters,

I can't tell you enough how amazing God is! He is truly working miracles in mine and my husband's lives.

We currently are the youth directors at Ewa Beach Methodist Church and are the VBS coordinators as well. Our theme this year is "Camp E.D.G.E." Besides working with the youth, we serve on several committees and are leaders in the church.

Amongst all of this, God has blessed us with a beautiful baby girl. He has truly blessed our lives and has made our dreams come true.

I wanted to take this time to "thank you" for giving me such a strong foundation with God, and for the continued support as I serve our country in the Navy.

Many blessings and much love,

Melisa Ann (Muennink) Joyner

Melisa is the granddaughter of Carolyn E. Muennink. Following is a birth announcement and picture of her new daughter.



Michael & Melisa Joyner would like to introduce their daughter,

RUBY MARIE JOYNER.

She was born March 28, 2009 at 2:59 am. She weighed 7 pounds 8.4 ounces and measured 19 inches long. Mr. & Mrs. Joyner would like to personally thank everyone for their many gifts, and most importantly for the love and support that everyone has shown.

To our supportive congregation,

As a mother and a youth leader, I want to sincerely thank this church and its members for all of your love and support shown to our youth! With such a large group of seniors, we knew it would be difficult to award them each with a scholarship, even though they were all so deserving! But once again, (I'm not surprised) this church stepped up to show their love and support by donating extra to the cause so all well deserving youth who applied could receive! I am so proud to be a member of this church and I know our youth will look back with such fond memories of their church family!

With love and thankfulness,
Jackie Stoner

Dear Friends:

Thank you very much for all of your prayers, concerns, food, and get well cards received during Kathlyn's long illness. Special thanks to the many ladies who prepared and served the meal following the memorial service.

And of course, a real special thanks to Pastor Andy who was like "a rock" to the whole family all during and after Kathlyn's hospital, re-hab, and hospice care. It is a real blessing to know, feel, and receive such strong support.

God bless you!
Duane Strother & Family

To the Picnic Committee

You and your helpers did a wonderful job with the Church Picnic. Thanks to each one of you: the Bar-B-Qers, cooks, workers and especially the delivery committee. What a treat to have such a good lunch.

You are appreciated.
Love Mary Jane Marrs

Dear FUMC Members,

Thank you so much for the scholarship. It will help a lot when it comes time to pay for tuition. I have truly loved going to this church my whole life. Thank you so much.

Sincerely,
Curtis Stoner

CHURCH PICNIC

The Church Picnic was attended by about 163. There were nine (9) scholarships awarded to Hondo Seniors- Morgan Thibeault, Patton Gilliam, Jessica Littlefield, Curtis Stoner and Megan Laughinghouse; D'Hanis Senior- Alex Real; Devine Senior- Cara Patterson; and College Students - Rachel Frey, and Trisha Willman. Brent Frosch son of Kevin & Kristi Frosch was baptized with his sisters and brother looking on. Music was provided for our worship service by the Rogers Family. It was a beautiful, busy day!

Dear Scholarship Committee,

Thank you for awarding me such a generous scholarship! The support of my church family means so much to me. I will work hard at Angelo State University to make you proud.

Love,
Morgan Thibeault

Thank you so much for choosing me as one of the recipients for the scholarships. It will help me further my education and I plan on majoring in neo-natal nursing so that I can help others. As I go through college I know that I can look to God for guidance.

Thank you so much!
Cara Patterson



The family of Harold Stiegler wishes to express our sincere thanks to his Church family and friends for being so kind and thoughtful in so many ways.

Special thanks to Pastor Andy for his many visits and prayers. Also to the Church members who brought communion, prayed with him and took the time to stay and visit a while, which he really enjoyed.

May God Bless All of You!
Julia Stiegler

FALL FESTIVAL PLANNING

Just a heads-up to everyone - it is time to start planning for the Fall Festival to be held in October. Last year we scaled it down to just the BBQ meal, the Cake Walk, and the Plant Booth. Anyone that is interested in helping with the planning, please come to the meeting on Thursday, June 11 at 6:00 pm or call Pastor Andy at 426 -2073. Thank you.

Women in Touch

June 16,
12:00 pm






**ALL women
of the Hondo area -
Let W.I.T. feed your
body, spirit, mind
and heart once a
month.**

Our June luncheon is "Flip Flop Fun" and everyone is asked to be a 'Cook Angel. Please bring a salad or a dessert to share. Please call the church office to RSVP, 426 -2073 and let Shannon know if you are bringing a dessert or a salad. For childcare please call by June 9.

There will not be a luncheon in July or August.

JUNE, 2009



SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
	1 "If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion." Tenzin Gyatso, the 14th Dalai Lama	2 9:00 am Walk Aerobics Class 10:00 am Sit & Stretch Class 12:00 am UMW Salad Luncheon 6:00 pm Trustees Meeting	3 9:00 am Yoga Class 1:00 pm Card-Again Crafters 7:00 pm Choir	4 9:00 am Walk Aerobics Class 10:00 am Sit & Stretch Class	5	6 
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21 Father's Day 8:30 am SoulWay 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sun. School 10:45 am Traditional Svc. 	22 Newsletter Deadline	23 9:00 am Walk Aerobics Class 10:00 am Sit & Stretch Class	24 9:00 am Yoga Class 1:00 pm Card-Again Crafters 7:00 pm Choir	25 9:00 am Walk Aerobics Class 10:00 am Sit & Stretch Class	26 	27
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28 8:30 am SoulWay 9:30 am Fellowship by the Christian Men's Fellowship Group 9:45 am Sun. School 10:45 am Traditional Svc.	29 "A bad habit never disappears miraculously; it's an undo-it-yourself project." Abigail Van Buren	30 8:30 am Newsletter Assembly 9:00 am Walk Aerobics Class 10:00 am Sit & Stretch Class	Holocaust survivor and Jewish author Elie Wiesel made a statement we all should remember when it comes to our judgment: The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference. The opposite of art is not ugliness, it's indifference. The opposite of faith is not heresy, it's indifference. And the opposite of life is not death, it's indifference.			



Wesley Nurse News...

Wesley Nurse Health Ministries... "Serving Humanity to Honor God"

Billie Bell RN, Wesley Nurse

Choose to Move for Heart Health

Chances are, you already know that physical activity is good for you. But you may not realize just how important regular physical activity is to your health. According to the U.S. Surgeon General's Report on Physical Activity and Health, inactive people are nearly twice as likely to develop heart disease as those who are more active. This is true even if you have no other conditions or habits that increase your risk for heart disease. Lack of physical activity also leads to more visits to the doctor, more hospitalizations, and more use of medicines for a variety of illnesses. The good news is that physical activity can protect your heart in a number of important ways. Moreover, to get benefits, you don't have to run a marathon. Regular activity, something as simple as a brisk, 30-minute walk each day, can help you to reduce your risk of heart disease.



The Benefits Keep Coming... It is hard to imagine a single practice with more health benefits than regular physical activity. In addition to protecting your heart in numerous ways, staying active:

- * May help to prevent cancers of the breast, uterus, and colon
- * Strengthens your lungs and helps them to work more efficiently
- * Tones and strengthens your muscles
- * Keeps your joints in good condition
- * Builds stamina
- * Improves balances
- * May slow bone loss

Regular physical activity can also boost the way you feel. It may:

- * Provide an enjoyable way to share time with friends or family
- * Help you to relax and cope better with stress
- * Allow you to fall asleep more quickly and sleep more soundly
- * Build confidence
- * Help you to beat the blues
- * Give you more energy

Moving Toward Health

Becoming physically active may start as a reminder note on your calendar and then become, when you least expect it, a habit and a pleasure. The fact is, getting regular physical activity is one of the single best choices you can make for yourself and your health. So make the choice today and get moving!



Wesley Nurse Programs June 2009

Billie Bell RN



WALK AEROBICS held every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 9:00-9:30 in the Hondo First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Join the fun!



SIT AND STRETCH CLASS held every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 10:00-10:30 in the Hondo First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. This low impact, easy to follow workout will provide great exercise from a chair.



SUMMER YOGA SERIES...Looking for a relaxing way to kick off your summer? Join us for free yoga classes every Wednesday at 9:00 beginning June 3 in the Hondo First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Classes will utilize various DVDs from renowned yoga instructors and last 25-30 minutes. Be sure and bring a floor mat. Extra mats are available for use if you don't have one. Each class will also focus on an aspect of stress management. Come experience the benefits of yoga.



COMMUNITY BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING, Wednesday June 24 from 11:30-12:30 at the Medina County Nutrition Center, 808 Harper.



WHAT ABOUT ME? CARING FOR THE CAREGIVER...If you are a caregiver and would like to learn ways to prevent caregiver burnout and manage your stress, please make an appointment with the Wesley Nurse for a wonderful one-on-one program to help you care for someone you love.



SUMMER YOUTH OUTREACH...Every Monday, 10:30 at Tuscan Court Townhomes. Children will learn about various health and safety topics including water and sun safety, animal safety, poison control, the environment, healthy food choices, the importance of physical activity, germs and hand washing, and treating others with kindness. If you are interested in volunteering for this rewarding outreach, please contact the Wesley Nurse.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1. Almighty God , we pray for the spiritual, emotional & physical well-being of our Pastor	2. May our families declare You Lord as their refuge; protect their time together.	3. God , create pure hearts in our Pastors & renew steadfast spirits within them.	4. Lord , keep our Pastors/Staff faithful in every way, especially when tired & hard-pressed. We pray for their rest & renewal.	5. Jesus , may our Pastors/Staff lead our church to seek first Your Kingdom & Your righteousness .	6. We ask You, Holy Spirit , to equip our Pastors/Staff with all the resources required to fulfill the plans You have for them.
	1Samuel 25:6	Psalms 9:1,2	Psalms 51:10	Isaiah 40:31	Matthew 6:33	Jeremiah 29:11
7. Jesus , enable Your servants to speak Your Word with great boldness today as we worship You in Spirit & Truth.	8. Forgive us Lord when we try to serve two masters—God & wealth. Our desire is love & devotion for You only.	9. Holy Spirit , demonstrate Your power in the messages of Pastor Andy so that our faith rests in God's power.	10. God , Your Word tells us that the earth & all that is in it belongs to You .	11. Lord , may we joyfully give our time, talent, prayers and financial resources in response to Your goodness.	12. Enable us Lord to use the gifts we have received to serve others , faithfully administering Your grace.	13. Jehovah Jireh , You have enriched us in every way so we may be generous in supporting the growth of Your Kingdom on earth.
Acts 4:29,30	Matthew 6:24	1 Corinth. 2:4,5	Psalms 24:1,2	Psalms 31:19	1 Peter 4:10	2 Corinthians 9:11
14. God , we give You thanks & praise for every good & perfect gift comes from You.	15. Lord , lead us to godliness, contentment & the knowledge that the love of money is the root of evil.	16. Thank you for church leaders who acknowledge God's greatness & goodness through prayer, fellowship, study & worship.	17. Holy Spirit , empower us to be generous, giving whatever is needed, whenever it is needed.	18. Lord , we ask You to encourage the joy of generous giving in congregations & individuals.	19. Thank You Lord for my God-given gifts & talents. May I recognize & generously use them for Your Kingdom purpose .	20. Father , shift our focus away from consumerism toward a lifestyle of sound Christian stewardship .
James 1:17	1 Timothy 6:6-10	Acts 2:42-47	Proverbs 11:24-29	Luke 3:11	Romans 12:6-8	1 Timothy 6:18,19
21. God , we profess to love You with all our heart, soul, mind & strength, & our neighbors as ourselves.	22. Forgive us Jesus when we fail to follow Your example, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”	23. God , we are thankful for Pastors who answer Your call to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ.	24. Lord , remind us to show love, honor & encouragement to Pastor Andy.	25. Lord , inspire my family to honor You by offering You the first part of our income.	26. Jesus , instill a servant's heart in our children & youth following in Your footsteps as they use their gifts & talents.	27. O God, our Provider , we pray for all in need of employment
Mark 12:30,31	Acts 20:35	Ephesians 3:8	1 Timothy 5:17	Proverbs 3:9,10	John 12:26	Meet their needs each day.
28. To the only God our Savior be Glory, Power Majesty, and Authority , through Jesus Christ our Lord.	29. Forgive us Lord , when we ignore the needs of others even though You have given us so much.	30. We as members of One Body, rooted & established in love, pray for our Pastors/Staff to be filled with the fullness of God .				
Jude 25	1 John 3:17	Ephesians 3:17-19				

Church, let us honor our Pastors/Staff this month, who work so hard for us and who have been given the responsibility of urging and guiding us along in the obedience of the Lord.
1 Thessalonians 5:12



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Father's Day June 21

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THE SOUL LOVER

Prolific hymn writer Charles Wesley wrote the moving song "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" in 1739. According to one story, Wesley penned the lyrics after surviving a raging storm at sea. A frightened bird apparently flew into Wesley's window during the uproar, seeking safety in the folds of Wesley's coat. The first stanza is as follows:

*Jesus, lover of my soul,
let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll,
while the tempest still is high,*

*Hide me, O my Savior,
hide, till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide;
O receive my soul at last.*

This brings to mind the frightened disciples in Matthew 8:23-27. Pummeled with wind and waves, they feared drowning and called to Jesus to save them. We, too, can take refuge in our Savior during life's storms, knowing we have a safe haven and a sure destination.

SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

8:30 am SoulWay Service-
Contemporary
9:30 am Fellowship Time
9:45 am Sunday School for all ages
10:45 am Traditional Service

Communion ~ Monthly the 1st Sunday

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Morning Circle~9:30 am~1st Wednesday

EMMAUS/KAİROS MINISTRY

Koinonia~ 7:30 pm~2nd Friday

CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Breakfast Meeting and Bible Study

9:30 am~4th Sunday

XTRA YEARS OF ZEST

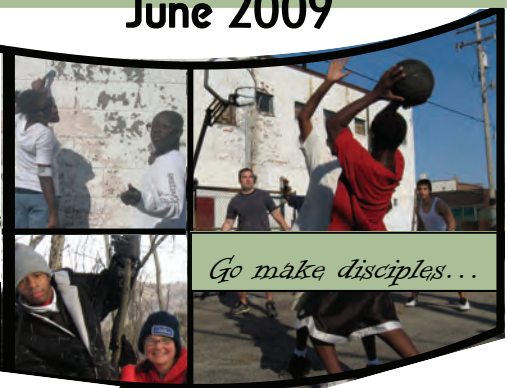
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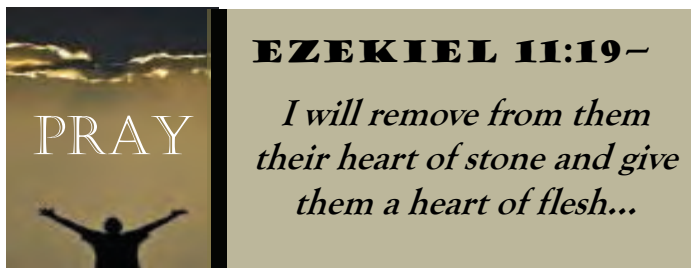
Our youth serving their community...

Have you ever seen a community come alive? If you live in a Northern state, you know what I mean. People have been hiding in their houses for the past seven months waiting to welcome the fresh breezes and warm summer rays that invite them outside again. When this happens, the streets in our town buzz with energy and are filled with young people who are on the move, "talkin' smack", and generally are up to no good. When I see these young people wandering aimlessly with no purpose or fighting on street corners, I am reminded of Christ's words from Matthew 9:36, "When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." At the same time, I see potential as God opens avenues for Basic Truths 4 Life (Acts 29's Middle School/High

School ministry) to move forward in Christ's name this summer. Will you pray for our youth ministry as we pursue the following this summer?

- International Bible Quizzing: pray for two of our Acts 29 youth, Kiki Ali and Bean Ali, two of only five from our entire district who qualified to compete at Internationals this summer
- Camp Szmuldooh: pray for campers for their salvation and spiritual growth

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EZEKIEL 11:19~

I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh...

- Pray that God would remove the hearts of stone in our city and replace them with hearts of flesh— hearts who will hear the Word of God, accept it, and produce a crop—thirty, sixty or even a hundred times what was sown.
- Pray for disciples— those whose hearts hunger for more of God, to know Him and make Him known
- Pray for unity and Calvary love among believers— in our church and among the churches here in our city so God may be glorified
- For God's financial provision— our truck, trailer and riding lawn mower were all stolen last week...

IN THE SPOTLIGHT...



City Clean Sweep

On May 16, 134 people gathered at Acts 29 to join Hamtramck in its annual effort to clean Hamtramck's streets and alleys. The majority of hands to help came from churches throughout our district in the Christian & Missionary Alliance. The day was spent tackling our quarter of the city by removing trash from streets and alleys, mowing lawns, pulling overgrown weeds, washing graffiti from business buildings, and assisting a neighbor in garage demolition. It is only because of the body of Christ working together that we covered the entire 3C7 neighborhood. City residents and workers were amazed at the outside help that our neighborhood received and we praise God for the opportunity to testify to what it means to be part of the body of Christ and to joyfully serve the Lord together.

— Abby Layer

FRESH ENCOUNTER

BREATHING FRESH AIR INTO YOUR PRAYER LIFE



Lectio Divina (Latin for “Sacred Word”) is a way to meditate on Scripture by listening and then responding—breathing in God's Word and breathing out a prayer. Traditionally, this practice includes four parts: reading, meditation, prayer, and contemplation. Deep listening to Scripture requires a focus on God's words rather than ours. In Lectio Divina, you listen to what God wants to say just to *you* through the text. You're open to listening not just to general truth that's applicable to everyone, but for specific truth that applies to your unique circumstances.

Try it. Read a short passage of Scripture slowly, noticing which word seems to jump off the page. Spend a few moments in silence. Do this several times, looking for God's invitation or encouragement in

the word he seems to be highlighting. Reflect on the word or phrase—listen for God's invitation. Be quiet—let that word draw you into prayer, into wordless companionship with God. At Acts 29's Fresh Encounter on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8 a.m., we are practicing Lectio Divina by praying through 1st, 2nd and 3rd John. After we listen to God on our own, we share what God showed us through corporate prayer. This fellowship with God and His family on His terms often opens the day with a sweet aroma. My prayer is that you, too, can experience this fellowship with God through this simple, timeless spiritual discipline. — Pastor John



It Takes a Village...

It has often been said, “It takes a village to raise a child.” After the last few months at Acts 29, I have seen a slight variation of this phrase: “It takes a village to mourn a loss.” Over the past few months, people within the body of Acts 29 have had to grieve the loss of three loved ones. Two of those deaths were violent and senseless and the other was due to a destructive and



Tanya and Rose

mourn.” I have witnessed the love of Christ being poured out and holding up those who are grieving. This love is seen by a simple phone call, a hug of encouragement, and a visit with a listening ear and open heart. Our people are taking up their responsibility and surrounding these loved ones, and in the process, the walls of hostility and brokenness are coming down.

A few days after a woman's son was brutally killed, she came to church. She told me that she wanted to be around her brothers and sisters in the Lord. Tears came down my face as I saw this dear woman standing in the back of our

sanctuary praising the Lord, and my heart rejoiced that *she was not standing alone*. Another woman was standing and holding her up in support and escorting her right into the throne room of grace. My heart rejoices as I see our adults rallying in this time of need, but my heart also hurts knowing that there are still so many people in our city who have to mourn alone. My prayer for our adults and for you is that we continue to look for those in our community, whether we know them or not, and surround them with the love of Christ. That's a village I want to live in, because Christ lives in a village like that.

— Mike Gmetro

DIVIN' IN TO SUMMER ADULT MINISTRY

- **Adult weekly Bible study continues**
- **Grief counseling class begins**
- **Three women's day-camps in July intend to begin new relationships**
- **Home visits continue**

PRAY FOR GROWTH and SALVATIONS!

painful disease. Our body has had the privilege to learn what it means to live out the verse found in Romans 12:15, “Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who

ACTS 29 STAFF

Rev. John and Janell Meyers

Rev. Mike and Liza Gmetro

Sharon Buttry, L.M.S.W.

Brad and Stacey Setser

Rev. Pete and Brenda Hoffman

SCHOOL...

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- Three outreach-driven day camps in July: pottery camp, sports camp and derby car building/racing camp: pray for youth to attend and relationships to be built
- Basketball league for boys in the Housing Commission
- Youth Leadership Development team – a collaborative effort with other youth workers around the city
- BT4L, our Wednesday night ministry: ask God to develop youth with a passion for Him and for their lost peers
- BT4L “S” Week – a monthly service day where our youth service the two streets adjacent to our building: pray for opportunities to share Christ with our neighbors
- Pray for continued open doors with the Hamtramck High School principal as we hope to open a woodshop in his school next fall
- Pray for continued relationships with the Hamtramck Housing Commission director as he seeks out Acts 29 to influence his young men this summer

— Liza
Gmetro



YOUR HANDS TO HELP US

- One of our trucks, a trailer, a riding lawnmower and tools were stolen the last week of May, making our lawn care contract difficult as we start out the season. Insurance will cover only \$4000 of the loss. Trust God with us to provide in mighty ways. “Human opposition only enhances your glory”— Psalm 76:10
- We are in need of a working color laser printer and the use of a speedboat for one day of each week from June 15-26!

SUMMER ESL:

God Provides a Bridge

Recently I was visiting the home of one of my ESL students. As this was my first visit to his house, I was



Acts 29 neighbors from

the Bengali community

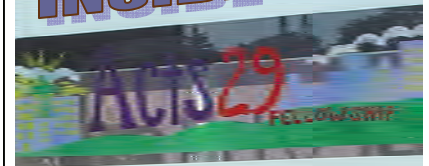
introduced to his entire family—brothers, sisters, children, cousins, and parents. As I greeted them all, I was struck by the frail condition of his father. He looked more like a skeleton than a man as he sat at the dining room table, struggling to breathe with the help of an oxygen tank. I knew that he did not know Christ and that he would soon die without Him. I also knew that the language barrier that existed

between us prevented me from sharing the message of Christ. It was a heart-breaking moment. This old man is a representation of the thousands of people who make up the international community of Hamtramck. Separated from the Christian community by culture and language, they do not have much opportunity to learn of the hope of Christ.

Yet, this summer, God has given the people of Acts 29 a bridge into the international community. The Detroit Workforce Development Department has asked us to provide English-as-a-Second-Language classes to some of their clients, bringing over 50 people from four different ethnic groups into our ministry. Not only will we have an opportunity to meet their physical need to learn English, but we will also have a platform from which to build trusting friendships that will last beyond the summer. Pray that through these friendships, God will provide opportunities to share the hope of Christ.

— Peter Hoffman

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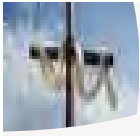


Acts 29 Core Values are:

**GO, PRAY, TEACH,
DISCIPLE, OBEY, CARE
AND SACRIFICE.**

Where and how should we “GO?” The Book of Acts in the New Testament is our model. In Acts 1:8, Jesus says, “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” For the early believers, Jerusalem was closest to home, so our Jerusalem is Hamtramck, our friends, family and near neighbors. Metro Detroit and Michigan are our Judea and Samaria. And the ends of the earth? God calls us to love and serve all people, so they will know the love of Jesus Christ and live for Him.

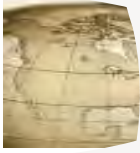
— Sharon Buttry



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Lutheran Church of the Resurrection *LAMPLIGHTER*

TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH PASSIONATE LIVING, LEARNING AND SHARING
THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST.

Dear Fellow Journey Members,

Several months of planning by more than 200 members of the congregation resulted in a successful kick-off of the **Capital Stewardship Journey for NOW**. Informational packets which included a DVD and a personal commitment guide were available the weekend of April 4th and 5th. If you were unable to be at church that weekend or forgot to pick up your packet, it was mailed out on Monday, April 6th. Hopefully, you have had the opportunity to view the DVD which explains our mission and better outlines the purpose of **NOW**.

For the next 6 weeks we are asking you to take the journey to:

**DISCOVER
DELIBERATE
DISCUSS
DEFINE
DETERMINE and then
DECIDE**

how you can impact the future of our church.

By actively following this directional map, you will determine the success of this journey and how you fit into the Lord's plan for this church. Take a few moments every day to review the directions outlined in the personal commitment guide so that we all can successfully journey together.

*Your Journey Program Leader,
Lisa R. Bean*

Board of Elders for 2009—2010

Please keep our new board of Elders in your prayers as they guide our congregation in the coming year in our spiritual growth and maturity.

Ken Daues - Chairman
Cleo Steffens - Vice-Chairman
Jeff Henning - Secretary
Eric Baan - MMLT connection
Jim Sanft - Parochial School Endorsements
Don Hargis
Ken Stuckmeyer



Building Committee

Rev. Richard La Bore

For many weeks the eight study teams and the Building Committee have been reviewing and revising the original conceptual floor plans for our renovations and the new building. Concerns have included: What will the results look like? How useable will they be? Will the space be flexible if uses change in the future? How do we control the cost? Can the spaces be used for different purposes, groups, and activities?

Architect Dan Stauder will complete the Design & Development drawings and renderings in May. Also during May several meetings will be held:

- The Building Committee will meet to review the progress of the drawings and to discuss various aspects of the financing of the expansion.
- Four informational sessions will be available for our members to see the architect's drawings and renderings, hear updates on the project, and ask questions. All sessions will be in the MPR. The entire LCR family is urged to attend one of the informational meetings so that we are fully informed and to spare the Voter's Assembly the questions which could be addressed in the information meetings.

Monday, May 11 (7:00 p.m.)—Wednesday, May 13 (7:00 p.m.)

Sunday, May 17 (12:15 p.m.)—Wednesday, May 20 (7:00 p.m.)

- The Building Committee will meet again later in the month with the architect for its last review of the plans and to prepare for the upcoming Voter's Meeting.

Monday, June 1, at 7:00 p.m., a Voter's Meeting will be held in the MPR

***Enlarge your tent,
do not hold back;
lengthen your cords,
strengthen your stakes.
Isaiah 54***

Voters will hear a presentation by the architect and the Building Committee, hear a plan for possible funding, discuss a motion submitted by the MMLT, and make a decision regarding the renovations and new building. Periodic updates will be posted on bulletin boards in the Narthex and in the weekly *Messenger* throughout May. Members of the Building Committee and staff can share some of the challenges and the progress.

Together, we're planning and working for our ministries for the next decade, 2010-2020, for NOW = the Next generation...Our community...the World...for the sake of Jesus, in His Name, and in His service!



**TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH
PASSIONATE LIVING, LEARNING
AND SHARING THE LOVE OF
JESUS CHRIST**

The Homes that Love Built—Bethlehem Lutheran Church, St. Louis



LCEF "On the Move" has regularly featured the story of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in North St. Louis and its endeavors to literally rebuild the community surrounding the church. To date, they have built 39 new houses in the neighborhood. The church has also been responsible for the rehabilitation of other homes and other developers are now following the lead of the church and have added 70 new homes to the neighborhood.

The homes built by Better Living Communities have been primarily financed by tax credits awarded by the Missouri Housing Development Commission (MHDC). All homes previously built have been rented under a lease-to-purchase arrangement and all homes are currently occupied. Because of its sterling track record, MHDC has awarded Better Living Communities sufficient tax credits to build an additional eighteen homes. All will be three-bedroom homes, designed for family living.

God continues to bless the efforts of Bethlehem Lutheran church. Resurrection and LCEF are privileged to be partnered with Bethlehem in this ambitious plan to rebuild and minister to the local community.



The Challenge to Live a Complaint-Free Life

Rev. Michael Bronner
Senior Pastor
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While attending undergraduate school, I had a professor who told us how he had been labeled by a teacher. It was on his permanent record. It read, "Clinton is a chronic spitter." How many of us remember being threatened by having something put in our permanent record? I often wondered how real the threat was. As you think about your whole life, what is it that would bother you to know was included in your permanent record?

But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:57 (NIV)

But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him. 2 Corinthians 2:14 (NIV)

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! 2 Corinthians 9:15 (NIV)

In ancient times, the ink that was used did not contain the acid that would make it permanent. The ink wasn't able to stain the paper. Peter's sermon recorded in Acts 3 describes God's ability to wipe out our sins. It's just like wiping the ink off the page, erasing them from the ol' black board, wiping them off the white board, deleting from smart board. Whichever generation you are from, the idea is that we turn from sin.

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, Acts 3:19 (NIV)

Back to Clinton . . . What came to your mind when you read that Clinton was a "chronic spitter." Clinton as a child has a severe lisp in his speech. When he spoke spittle would often spray out of his mouth. This impression is quite a bit different from a child who spits on others just to be nasty.

During Lent, I challenged the congregation to give up something. Really, the challenge is beyond Lent. It is for your daily living. Like Clinton, some people's permanent record could read,

"(insert your name) is a chronic complainer."

We all laughed at the quote, **"Complaining is likened to bad breath. We notice it when it comes out of someone else's mouth, but not when it comes from our own."**

The exercise of going 21 days without complaining allows us to focus on the life we have in Christ that celebrates the blessings of life. The world that sees Christians as chronic complainers is not to God's glory. Also, in the Church, chronic complaining tears down, it doesn't build up. As a pastor, I often have people from other churches come and complain to me about everything wrong with their church. Somewhere, somehow, the joy of their salvation--the message of Christ--is lost in their complaining.

Many of you took the challenge with great enthusiasm but became disheartened and gave up. Let me encourage you. On average it can take six months to accomplish this, maybe longer. By the way, at this point in time, I know of only one member who has accomplished 21 straight days without complaining.

We want to be a positive influence for Christ, whether at church, at home, at school, or at work. The complaint-free challenge is simply an attitude check which makes for more positive relationships and a positive witness for the atoning work of Christ who has wiped out our sins.

Peter says, "Repent!" Nobody wants to be known as "chronic spitter." No one wants to be known as a "chronic complainer." And no one wants to be around a chronic complainer. This doesn't mean we can't address what's wrong in the world. It just directs us in a positive way to move toward a solution. It's too easy to complain and do nothing. Instead, we have so much to be thankful for when we live for Him. How much is there to really complain about?

***Because of Jesus,
Pastor Mike***

Dale and Sandra Saville Agricultural Mission to Venezuela www.lcmsworldmission.org

March 14, 2009

This is Marilis Bolivar, our dedicated bookkeeper and long-time employee. Hers is a story of faith, growth, strength, and fulfillment of goals that she never dreamed was possible.

In the summer of 2001, Marilis began working at the farm as a general clean-up person. Her first job was raking leaves. She was very shy and probably uttered only three or four words. As she progressed, she started conversing more, started "rooting" plants and became responsible for the potted plants. During this time she attended the daily devotional and started taking adult confirmation classes. We should mention that she was confirmed and a member of Bethel Lutheran at Rio Chiquito, and went through a reaffirmation service at the farm.

Dale started talking to her about her faith and life. Marilis has three boys, no husband, and they all lived with her parents. Her dream was to have a house of her own, but she knew that it was impossible.

As Marilis' confidence grew, she became more animated and started to share her faith in God with others. At about this time Marilis was asked to work in the office. We had to teach her how to file. It was a slow process, but little by little she became proficient in the areas she was responsible for. Marilis has run the office finances for the past two years. She prepares monthly reports and is responsible for all cash flow at the farm.

Then the impossible happened! Marilis saved enough money to build her own house. She thanks God for giving her the opportunity to learn and to raise her standard of living. She doesn't thank the farm—it was only a vessel used by God. Now when we get discouraged, guess who bolsters us up with God's Words of promise and guidance! Her younger sister has been confirmed and is active in the church at Rio Chiquito. Her entire family is becoming involved in the Lord's work, too.

Prayers work! We heard from several of you who were praying for a spiritual leader and God blessed us with Rafael as a vicar to work with the farm area. Please keep praying that Rafael will stay strong and firm in his faith and the teaching he will be doing.

The economy is suffering and we are still having a hard time just getting wages paid. Dale's pickup was in an accident, so is unusable and the tractor broke down with no parts available.

We have been able to do more fencing on the farm and we are building a new sheep and goat barn in the last few weeks. More time is being spent in assisting Rafael with the evangelism outreach. We are looking forward to seeing many of you while on furlough this summer.

Thanks to Concordia Lutheran in North Dakota for their unselfish sharing and prayers; to Ascension in Florida for their continued caring and sharing; to St. Mark's LWML for continuing to slip us in their annual budget every year. And thanks to our own congregation, Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, for their continued concern for our people in Venezuela. Also, thanks to all the people who have contributed to sustaining the farm. A special thanks goes to World Relief and Missions of LCMS.



Missional Moment

with Pastor Chad Trunkhill

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One question that was asked when I was interviewed by the Call Committee last year was, “How do you change the DNA of a congregation to become more mission and outreach focused?” I am not sure of my answer then, but my answer now would be to “focus on the Next Generation.”

When you are teaching youth to be missional, you, in turn, will become more missional. One of the greatest ways to learn anything is to teach it to someone else. When you reach out to others to show your children, grandchildren, friends, and members of the community what it looks like to be missional, you will become more missional yourself and will instill in the youth of the Next Generation a missional heart.

So the question is, how can we equip the Next Generation to be more missional? What can we do with them now that will be the building block that they can model throughout their lives? The following list is adapted from survey data compiled by Dr. Jeff Myers, Ph.D of www.passingthebaton.org.

Look for opportunities to serve together as a family.

- The building committee or “The Plan” has many projects around the church that can be done by families . . . pick one to complete together.
- Taking Jesus to the Streets is a GREAT way to show your children to know and love other cultures. They will have a BLAST!

Serve in your own community as you prepare for missions opportunities elsewhere.

- Be genuinely interested in the people you meet—even the ones from next door!
- Make cards and send them to missionaries, Like JP and Aimee Cima or Dale and Sandy Saville.
- Make food for a food kitchen or collect food for Feed My People.
- Exercise hospitality in your home.

Give of what God has given to you.

- A mother writes, “Have kids give money to missions and let them research and decide on their own (with some guidance) where they give. We have our kids give 25% of their allowance. They have bought chickens, goats and bees for poor people. One of their dreams is to buy a water buffalo—really!” See www.mission.lcms.org or search the gift catalog under “Ways to Give” at www.worldvision.org.
- Have a missionary offering jar—put change in and periodically give the money to a mission’s cause, with the family’s input.
- Encourage your children to prayerfully give things that belong to them to those on the mission field.

Pray.

- Make a missions-focused phrase a constant part of your family prayer time.
- Encourage family members to pray that God will use them in His Kingdom.
- Pray every day for your children that God will prepare them for the future He desires and that He will use them to expand His Kingdom for His glory. Let them hear you pray it, too.

Communicate. Use today’s technology to stay in close touch with those around the world.

- Encourage children to e-mail missionary families (especially kids) and do projects for them here at home (making phone calls, sending letters, etc.).
- Send packages to the children especially on their birthdays.

Get to know missionaries personally.

- Make your home a place where missionaries on furlough or passing through the area can stay.
- Invite visiting missionaries to your home for a meal.
- When you invite missionaries over, ask the children to prepare a list of questions so they’ll have something to talk about.

Read biographies and watch videos about missionaries.

- Check out missionaries’ lives and what they are doing at <http://mission.lcms.org>.
- Check out videos about missions on websites such as Christian Cinema.

Go! Of all of the ideas folks wrote about, this one is clearly most important. Folks raved about the powerful benefits their families received by participating in missions trips.

- When you go on a family mission trip, encourage each child to “earn” their own way. When they earn the money needed, they develop a greater appreciation for what it means when missionaries “raise their own support” and they get more out of the actual experience.
- Start with simple trips and move toward progressively more intense experiences. Start with Taking Jesus to the Street and slowly build toward trips like Vietnam.



*All For Him,
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Monday, May 18, 2009 * 7:00 p.m.

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**2009 NATIONAL LUTHERANS FOR LIFE
CONFERENCE**

<http://www.lutheransforlife.org>

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Bobby Schindler

WHEN: July 24 & 25

WHERE: Doubletree Westport, 1973 Craigshire Rd.

PENTECOST

FIRE AND WATER EVENT

Come and celebrate the birth of the Christian Church with us on Pentecost (May 31) from 12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. We will have food, fun, "House of Bounce" activity and lots of water games to go along with the Tongues of Fire of Pentecost. The entire event is FREE and open to EVERYONE - So invite everyone you know! For more information please email familyfun@lcrstl.org.

Music Notes

Now forming, either for this summer or next fall... Would you like to learn how to play handbells? We are forming a group of people to do just that. We'll begin with easy music and we can teach you to read notes and rhythms. We'll work to find a mutually agreed schedule—daytime, evenings, Sunday a.m.?

THANKS! to all of the members of Resurrection who sang in the Festival Choir or played in the Festival Orchestra for our Good Friday and Easter services. You are a blessing in your service to the Lord! A further blessing are the 13 young people in our congregation who either sang or played for the services. Thanks to those in Sanctuary Choir who spent a good part of a Sunday afternoon in March helping with the third Lutheran Service Book recording. To sign-up or ask questions about any of the above, contact John Frank at 314-843-6633 ext 102, or e-mail at john@lcrstl.org.

Speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing and make music to the Lord. Ephesians 5:19

Scrapping Saints

LCR's small group of scrap bookers and card makers, meet in the Hospitality Room on the fourth Friday evening each month from 6-10 pm. Our Bible study/devotion is focused on timely women's topics. We invite you to join us and bring a friend. For more info call Laurie Baan 719.1798 or Jane Haas 856.2367.

"It should be the highest ambition of every American to extend his views beyond himself, and to bear in mind that his conduct will not only affect himself, his country, and his immediate posterity; but that its influence may be co-extensive with the world, and stamp political happiness or misery on ages yet unborn."

George Washington

THANK YOU

Dear Resurrection,
Thank you for supporting the Food Bank at Concordia Seminary. I was able to shop at the food bank because of your support. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.
Thanks again,
David Edge

MAY MAYHEM!

Thursday, May 28

11:00-1:00

(or until all the desserts are eaten)

**Game Tables
in the south entry**

**Salad & Sandwich Luncheon
at Noon in MPR**

Bring your cribbage boards, chess sets, backgammon, dominos, and other favorite card and board games...

**AND MOST IMPORTANTLY
YOUR FRIENDS!**

**Cost? \$5.00 for lunch
NO RESERVATIONS NECESSARY!**

**This event is sponsored by
Older Adult Ministry**

TAKING JESUS TO THE STREETS

Once again we're helping our sister congregation, Bethlehem Lutheran, with an outreach program to their neighbors in the north city. On Sunday, June 7 or Monday, June 8 from 5-8 PM we will be Taking Jesus to the Streets with music from their choir, skits, crafts, and refreshments, all on a street in their area, for about 90 minutes each night. Our job is to help the kids make simple crafts, serve refreshments, and give out gifts to take home.

So mark your calendars and sign up at the Welcome Center. We will carpool from Resurrection, leaving at 5 PM and returning around 8 PM. Please join us for one or two really neat evenings. You'll be glad you did.



NEWS FOR THE RETIRED

Remember, **ALL** information about events, activities, outside groups, and more that concern people who are retired is posted on the *News for the Retired* bulletin board by the ladies restroom.

CAREGIVING MINISTRY

We will be offering assistance to older adults in our congregation soon – simple things, like transportation to the store or doctor or church, cleaning your gutters and raking your leaves, getting you digital converter box to work right, making those simple home repairs, etc.

To do this, we need two things ...

If you are over 65 and have a need of some sort that a fellow member can meet, please let us know! Call or email Greg Rommel at 314-843-6633 x103; greg@lcrstl.org.

If you can meet a need someone has, please contact Greg Rommel as above and tell him what you are willing to do.

We will match up your needs with a caregiver as we have people available!

Chancel Circle

Chancel Circle serves the members of LCR by preparing the Lord's Table. As always, we need individuals or families to prepare the altar with communion on the first, third, and fifth Sundays of the month. Please call Norma Turner at the church office to be a part of this small group and for more information.

FEED MY PEOPLE---VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need some additional volunteers and would like to encourage you to think about volunteering if you are able to do so and/or to encourage others to volunteer. We are looking for people who are enthusiastic and who want to help others in our community. We especially need pantry people, interviewers, and a receptionist on Thursdays at our High Ridge facility where we are attempting to expand the number of days when we can provide help.

We also need cashiers in our Thrift Store on Fridays at our Lemay facility and people who can fill in occasionally throughout the building as needed. In addition we need drivers and helpers to pick up donated food for each office. People can volunteer one or more days per week. Contact Kathie Spross, Volunteer Coordinator, at 314-631-4900.

HOME SECURITY

Burglary facts: More than 6 million residential burglaries occur annually.

Nearly half are committed without force

Many burglars will spend no longer than 60 second to break into a home.

Burglaries can be prevented: When leaving your home always lock your doors and windows.

Never leave a house key available - example under a doormat etc.

Use timers, motion sensors, prune back shrubbery, and install an alarm system

On vacation stop mail and newspaper delivery

Remember if you come home and see broken glass do not enter!

Go to a neighbor, or use cell phone to call the police.

The best crime prevention ever invented....A Good Neighbor!





CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

LISA KRUEGER

LISA@LCRSTL.ORG

Early Childhood Closing Ceremony May 20, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

All are invited to join the Early Childhood Pre-school staff and families as we say goodbye to the children who are heading off to kindergarten. We will have a "Closing Ceremony" in the MPR at 10:30am followed by refreshments in the narthex. Come mingle with us and enjoy the children as they "graduate" from our program.

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM



Early Childhood wants you! We continue to take enrollments for the 2009/2010 school year. We have some openings in Parent's Day Out and Preschool but are filling up fast! Don't miss out! Drop by any time for a personal tour of our program. Now is the time to think about Fall for your child.

Summer Nursery

In the summer months (June–August) we continue to offer nursery care on Sunday mornings during the 9:30 and 11:00 worship services. We hope to give our regular workers a break as they travel on vacations, etc. We are looking for additional people to sign up for a Sunday or two through the summer. Can you help? Call extension 109 for additional details or look for the sign-up sheet posted outside Room #6 in the Education Wing.

Adult Bible Study



Sundays:

- **Isaiah** on Sundays at 9:30 AM until June 7
- **Philippians** on Sundays at 9:30 AM June 14 to August 30
- **Is America a Christian Nation?** on Sunday, July 5 at 9:30 AM
- **Revelation** with Dr. Louis Brighton on Sundays at 9:30 AM beginning September 6

During the week:

- **Revelation** on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM for the Ladies until May 27; will begin another book of scripture July 1
- **2 Corinthians** on Thursdays at 10:00 AM until May 28; will begin another book of scripture July 2
- **Knowing God** on Tuesdays at 9:30 AM for the Ladies until May 19
- **Hebrews** on Wednesdays at 3:00 PM until May 20

J-High Dances



May 8 is the final J-High dance for this school year.

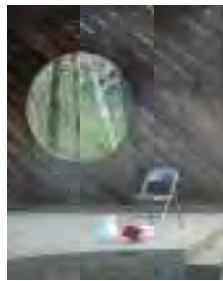
Thanks to all the parents, students and adults that volunteer even though they do not have any students in our youth ministry who continue to make the dances possible.

A huge thank you to our congregation for providing support and encouragement as we continue to touch the lives of 400 students monthly by providing a safe, Christian environment and role models to those who enter our doors for the first time.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

JUDI HILLMANN

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"Serving Others, Serving God" was the focus of our Spring 8th grade Confirmation retreat held April 25-26 at Camp Wartburg. We had (thanks be to God) beautiful weather that brought our Confirmands, led by our Senior High, adult and college counselors together for time filled with faith sharing, community building, prayer, field games, and the traditional late night "Capture the Flag". The weekend focus was that students (and adults) be inspired to serve others by taking a closer look at Jesus' example of servanthood. Our morning devo brought students together in their family groups to define the word service...service to others and service to God while asking, "As Christians, what should motivate us to serve other people, even when we think they "don't deserve it". Our afternoon session compared an "ace" in tennis, that is, a serve that hits the mark, to our goal in serving...hitting the mark and making a difference.

As Christians, we serve others as a way to serve God, not to impress others.

Our evening worship, led by Pastor Chad, was based on John 13:14, where Jesus saw the need and the opportunity to wash his disciples feet. Jesus saw more than a basin of water and a towel, he saw a chance to meet needs, to impact lives, and to teach a deep and life-changing lesson. After consecration, students and adults "served" each other communion and had the opportunity during prayer time, to have their feet washed.

Thank you especially to all of our adult, college leaders and Pastor Chad for their genuine love for our students as they shared their love of Christ throughout the weekend.



Congrats and God's richest blessings to all of our graduates from junior high, high school and college. Be blessed knowing that Jesus will walk beside you in all of your future endeavors!

SOARING SPIRIT MINISTRIES LAUNCHES "SPIRIT STAFFING" TO HELP EX-OFFENDERS FIND MEANINGFUL EMPLOYMENT

St. Louis area churches have a new resource to support their ministry to ex-offenders in their congregations.

Lutheran Foundation of St. Louis and Wheat Ridge Ministries have partnered with Soaring Spirit Ministries to establish Spirit Staffing, an employment staffing agency working specifically to help previously incarcerated individuals find meaningful employment. Spirit Staffing is teaming with the St. Louis business community to help ex-offenders receive employment counseling, valuable on-the-job training and education through temporary-to-permanent job placement.

In Missouri alone, approximately 20,000 ex-offenders are released every year, but of those who return to prison within 12 months of release, 38% are unemployed at the time of re-incarceration. Employment through Spirit Staffing will offer these individuals the opportunity to make positive life-changes that will restore their lives financially, practically, emotionally and spiritually.

Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body.
Hebrews 13:3

Founded in 1997, the mission of Soaring Spirit Ministries is "Healing broken lives through Jesus Christ," sharing Christ's unconditional love and forgiveness with men and women who have spent time in prison. Helping these men and women whose lives have been broken by crime and incarceration gain self-esteem, see their self-worth as members of society, stay free from prison and pursue a higher quality of life is the major purpose of the organization.

GATEWAY GRIZZLIES BASEBALL OUTING FOR MEN

The MEN OF LCR would like to invite all of the men at LCR to a men's night out on Saturday, June 6, for a great night of baseball by the Gateway Grizzlies. The game starts at 7:05 PM. \$15 will cover the cost of a Field Reserve Box seat and a t-shirt identifying us as men from LCR. The games are exciting, the food is good (and reasonably priced), parking is free, and the fellowship is great. We will carpool from LCR. If interested, please send a check for \$15 per person along with each person's t-shirt size made payable to Larry Buscher, 5540

For more information about Spirit Staffing, contact Soaring Spirit Ministries—P. O. Box 510681, St. Louis, MO 63151, 314.845.8695, soaringspiritmin@aol.com, or soaringspiritministries.org.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 22-26, 2009

Gear up for summer fun!

Plans are already underway for this summer's exciting VBS project in Gadget's Garage, where Jesus makes all things new! Kids 4 years old to 6th grade will witness the wonder and workmanship of Jesus. Join the fun June 22 – 26 from 9 AM to NOON. Bring kids and /or volunteer to help. Adult and teen helpers (7th grade and up) are needed in big numbers to staff this exciting week.

If you can help, call Lisa at extension 109 or email at Lisa@lcrstl.com. Teens can sign up for an area by listing their name on the sign-up sheet on the VBS board on the main narthex windows. To register your child, pick up a registration form at the welcome center or download it at lcrstl.com.



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Our approach to church communications includes more than design and communication construction how-tos, though we have lots of them. It includes foundational, biblical teaching related to communications, communication leadership, and church communication teams. We constantly remind church communicators that we have been entrusted with the words of eternal life and the eternal destinies of people depend on how well we communicate the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Though we work hard to stay current with technology (our training is web-based, we tweet, podcast, and are moderate tech junkies), we value and teach timeless communication skills and principles. The majority of our training has application in every communication channel from print to podcasts.

We believe churches of every size, from tiny house churches to mega-churches benefit from clear, effective communication and we strongly emphasize that churches be who they are in their communications to their unique congregation and to the community they are called to reach. We strongly encourage churches to study their people, set goals, evaluate response to communication projects, consistently and clearly communicate, rather than copy the latest mega-church or marketing trend.

We do not allow, encourage, link to, or promote, in any way, irreverent, profane language or snarky, cynical approaches to church communication or in the discussion of it. We serve a holy God and we seek in all we do to walk worthy and communicate a worthy message.

We strongly believe church communicators, from any size church, who use any software, with any skill level, can help and encourage each other and we have a number of ways church communicators can share and interact through our website.

Though we encourage church communicators to pour their hearts, minds and souls into the hard work of communicating the words of eternal life, we are constantly aware that our words will only accomplish eternal results because of the blessing of them, and His working through them, by our eternal God.



About Yvon Prehn

Yvon Prehn is the founder and director of the training site for church communicators, www.effectivechurchcom.com.

Yvon has worked in communication ministry for over 25 years. She was a free-lance newspaper reporter and religion writer for the *Colorado Springs SUN*. She was a top-rated, national trainer in desktop publishing for Padgett/Thompson, the nation's largest one-day seminar company when desktop publishing was first invented. She worked as a communications consultant and trainer for many of the ministries headquartered in Colorado Springs and was senior editor at both Compassion International and Young Life International. For fourteen years she traveled full-time all over North America teaching seminars on church communications.

Yvon has written for many of the major Christian magazines. Her most recent books include: *Church Bulletins, how to create and use them to touch and change lives*, *Church Connection Cards*, *The Five Steps of Effective Church Communications & Marketing*, available at www.lulu.com/yvonprehn.

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In addition to her formal experience, Yvon gets the opportunity to practice church communications in very practical ways. She is the wife of a bi-vocational pastor and does the secretarial and church communications work for her husband Paul, in addition to co-teaching in a variety of ministry settings at the church they work with in Ventura, California.