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*Come, and let us  
go up to the  
mountain of the  
Lord ... and he  
will teach us  
of his ways,  
and we will  
walk in his paths.*

Micah 4:2

# Bridging the Gap

Jerry W. Price, Associational Missionary  
Glenda Suggs, Ministry Assistant

August 2011

## Is your Sunday School vibrant?

You can find out by attending the **Value of a Vibrant Sunday School** on Saturday, **August 6** from 8:30 A.M. until 11:45 A.M. at Highland Baptist Church, 1509 Arkansas Rd., West Monroe. All Sunday School directors, teachers and leaders are encouraged to attend. There will be classes for each age group—preschool, children, youth, adults and general officers. It's the perfect time to get ready for the new church year and the training is **FREE!!**

**Make reservations** for you and your teachers and leaders by calling Highland Baptist Church at 318.396.1271 or the Association Center at 318.537.9548.

## Church Leadership Dinner and Planning Workshop

**Tuesday, August 16**

**6:30 P.M.**

First Baptist Church  
West Monroe

All church leaders are invited  
to this **free** event!!

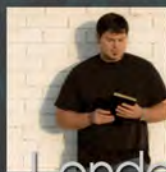
**Meal reservations needed by August 9.** Make reservations by calling 318.537.9548 or emailing office@nelba.net

**IMPACT** Aug. 28-31 First West  
6:30 p.m. \$2@thedoors  
[www.impactnela.com](http://www.impactnela.com)

featuring:



Aaron Keyes



Landon Dowden

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**The Simple Project**

**the lifebook movement**

**Ray of Hope**

Impact is a sponsored through a partnership of churches in the northeast louisiana baptist association

## Affordable Christian Education - No Kidding!!

by Anita Watson, principal

God has been at work at Northeast Baptist School since 1994 when this ministry to the community in northeast Louisiana began to offer a distinctly Baptist version of Christian education—led, supported, and administered by local Baptist churches.

NBS is thriving at its new location off I-20 in West Monroe—evidence that **God is still at work** there. As we begin year 18, we are excited to share with our supporters that God has grown and provided for so many students in our area through Northeast Baptist School.

**Tuition is very affordable with the new lowered monthly tuition rates of \$300 for all ages.** Families may register anytime for \$300. Book and class fees range from \$220 to \$370 depending on the grade of the student. As we educate, we continue to teach our priorities of discipleship, integrity, and leadership.

NBS continues to produce TOPS approved, college bound graduates. There are a myriad of opportunities for students to compete academically and athletically. The extra-curricular activities complete the education experience. Besides the excellent academics, there are also musical opportunities in choir, band, and productions. Students in all grades (except preschool) get to compete in co-ed soccer and cheerleading. For grades 5 – 12 there are team competitions for basketball, football, and girls basketball. NBS is a member of the Louisiana Christian School Athletic League.

We continue to ask for your prayers and financial support as we seek to offer to our community an excellent Christian education through this ministry.

**“The greatest gift we can give our children is the gift of teachers, both at home and at school, who teach from a biblical worldview.”**

*Glenn Schultz*



## Congratulations on your August anniversary!

- ✦ Valerie Barley, graphic artist ~ 1 year ~ North Monroe, Monroe
- ✦ Barry Blanton, associate pastor/minister of discipleship and children's minister ~ 9 years ~ Cedar Crest, West Monroe
- ✦ Dorothy Britton, secretary ~ 4 years ~ Jerusalem, Calhoun
- ✦ Kenneth Clark, minister to children ~ 6 years ~ North Monroe, Monroe
- ✦ Robbie Freeman, music minister ~ 8 years ~ Lakeshore, Monroe
- ✦ Toby Frost, executive pastor ~ 4 years ~ First, West Monroe
- ✦ Dennis Hensley, Jr., pastor ~ 4 years ~ Ouachita, West Monroe
- ✦ Linda Hill, secretary ~ 2 years ~ Mt. Vernon, West Monroe
- ✦ Mickey Hudnall, pastor ~ 4 years ~ Clark Springs, Eros
- ✦ Parker Lee, children's ministry associate ~ 2 years ~ North Monroe, Monroe
- ✦ Gil Martin, counseling and pastoral care pastor ~ 12 years ~ First, West Monroe
- ✦ Waylon McCormick, music minister ~ 14 years ~ Ouachita, West Monroe
- ✦ Wesley Pittman, pastor ~ 10 years ~ Trinity, West Monroe
- ✦ Charlotte Rogers, secretary ~ 10 years ~ Ridge Avenue, West Monroe
- ✦ Karen Sammons, co-director ~ 9 years ~ Ray of Hope Ministries, Monroe/West Monroe
- ✦ Jeff Smart, pastor ~ 3 years ~ First, Swartz
- ✦ Ron Thomas, education minister ~ 5 years ~ First, Swartz
- ✦ Gary Traylor, pastor ~ 8 years ~ New Hope, Jones
- ✦ Chris Trombatore, student minister ~ 1 year ~ Mt. Vernon, West Monroe

To have your ministry anniversary included, please contact the Association Center at 318.537.9548 or email [office@nelba.net](mailto:office@nelba.net).

## Remember what's happening on July 30!

- **Disaster Relief Shower/Laundry Unit Training—** 8:00 A.M. at the Association Center. Cost: \$20 per person. Call 318.537.9548 to make your reservation.
- **Legacy 5 in concert—** 6:00 P.M. at Cedar Crest Baptist Church. For tickets call the church at 318.396.4953. Tickets are \$15 (artist circle) and \$10 (general admission).



## Senior Adult Fall Progressive Revival

**September 19, 20 and 21**

**10:00 A.M.**

**Leaders:**

**Wayne Dubose and Todd Dubose**

**Locations are being finalized. Save these dates and plan now to attend!!**

### Attention Northeast Clerks/Secretaries

Annual Church Profiles (ACP) will be mailed to the churches beginning Aug. 1. **To have the report mailed to the person who prepares it, please call the office at 537.9548.** Morehouse Association ACPs will be distributed in a like manner.

**Reports need to be returned or completed online by Tuesday, September 13. Thanks!**

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**RETREAT**  
AND  
**IMPACT**  
**MISSIONS**  
CONFERENCE

August 26 – 27

Camp Harris  
Minden

No cost!

Speakers include Steve McCord, Terry Sharp, Phil Nelson, and Alan Duncan. Paula Hemphill will lead the wives session entitled, *Kingdom Women*.

The conference begins with a banquet on Friday, August 26 and concludes at 2 P.M. on Saturday. Registration deadline is **August 22**. For more information or to make reservations contact Sherri Allbritton at 800.622.6549 ext. 244 or email her at [sherri.allbritton@lbc.org](mailto:sherri.allbritton@lbc.org). A schedule and registration forms are also available at the Association Center.

## Baptist Collegiate Ministry at ULM ... Todd Strain, director

On your calendar, January 1 is marked as the beginning of a new year. However, in the world of campus ministry and the ULM BCM, August 20 marks a new year. On that date, wide-eyed incoming freshmen will gather at the BCM for Freshman Fiesta. Formerly known as Survival, Freshmen Fiesta will provide an opportunity for ULM freshmen to get to know the BCM as well as meet other freshmen. It is always one of our most energetic events and we look forward to it every year! Please be in prayer for Freshmen Fiesta and if your church would like to support the Fiesta, please contact me. We would welcome your support!



On the same note, the fall semester begins on August 22 and so begins all of our weekly programming such as 12:01 Lunch, Haven worship, Freshmen Family Groups, etc. Please pray for us that God will use the BCM to reach young men and women for Christ.

As of August 1, the BCM will have a new Associate Director. Jenny Street, after 4 years of faithful service to the BCM, left this summer to move to South Carolina as her husband is attending graduate school there. Angie Shepherd will take her place and arrives with a wealth of collegiate ministry experience. I know you will enjoy getting to know her and working with her.

Once again, thank you for your partnership with the BCM in reaching ULM for Jesus. We could not do it without you.

## R. David Terry Offering for 2011

**\$20,255.12** (as of July 19, 2011)

Gifts currently being received for the R. David Terry Offering are being applied to the principal on the loan for our new facility.

*Thank you for giving!*

## Kingdom Connections



**Bonita, Bonita**—Welcome to Newton Smith, pastor!

**Clark Springs, Eros**—Welcome to Drew Coker, music minister!

**Parkview, Monroe**—Welcome to Alan Miller, interim pastor!

**Bethel, West Monroe**—Welcome to Jim Arrant, transitional pastor!

**McClendon, West Monroe**—Welcome to John Yeats, transitional pastor!

**New Chapel Hill, West Monroe**—Welcome to Bobby John Panni, minister to students!

**Cedar Crest, West Monroe**—Welcome to Jarrett Fix, youth associate!

**Mt. Vernon, West Monroe**—Everyone is invited to a concert by Angelina McKeithen on Sunday, July 31 at 7:00 P.M. A love offering will be taken.

**New Light, Monroe**—Homecoming is July 31 beginning at 10 A.M. Guests are Eleventh Hour and Rev. Joey Young. A covered dish lunch follows the morning service.

**Tillou, Bastrop**—A benefit Auction Bazaar/Hamburger Supper (\$5 per plate) is planned for Sat., August 6 at 6 P.M. The proceeds go toward medical expenses for Gayle and Sue Riles. To make auction donations contact Al or Diane Rea at 318.355.4658 or 318.282.8294. Everyone is invited!

**Jerusalem, Calhoun**—Homecoming is August 21 at 11:00 A.M. with guest Tremont Allen, pastor of New Walls of Jerusalem Baptist Church, Dallas, TX. Revival services are set for August 22 – 24 at 7:00 P.M. with Pastor Allen leading. Everyone is invited!

**First, Calhoun**—Correct times for Sunday morning worship services are 8:12 A.M. and 10:25 A.M. Sunday School is between the worship services at 9:20 A.M.

**Grace, Bastrop**—Chris Wright is no longer serving as pastor.

**First, Calhoun**—Housekeeper/Maintenance person needed. 32 hours per week. Requires lifting up to 50 lbs. To apply or obtain a job description contact the church at 2981 Hwy 80 West, Calhoun. For more information call 318.644.5101.

## Positions Available ...

**Pastor**—*Northeast*: Bethel, Jerusalem, McClendon, Parkview

*Morehouse*: Antioch, Cherry Ridge, Collinston, Grace, Horseshoe, Oak Hill, Oak Ridge, Riverside, White Avenue

**Music**—*Northeast*: Bayou Oaks, Cedar Crest, Emmanuel, First Monroe, First Sterlington, Lighthouse, Loch Arbor, Victory

*Morehouse*: Antioch, Cherry Ridge, Faith, White Avenue

**Youth**—*Northeast*: Agape Bible, Bethel, Lighthouse

*Morehouse*: Cherry Ridge, Faith

**Pianist**—*Northeast*: Emmanuel, New Hope

*Morehouse*: Antioch

**Financial Secretary**—*Northeast*: McClendon

**Available ...** Pews and a pulpit—for information call College Place Baptist Church at 318.343.3180.



# Events to remember ...

## Morehouse Association

August 2011

- 4 Executive Board, 7:00 P.M., Oak Hill, Bastrop
- 6 Sunday School Training, Highland, West Monroe, 8:30 – 11:45 A.M.
- 11 Administrative Team meeting, 10:00 A.M., Association Center, Monroe
- 11 Pastor/Staff Fellowship, 7:00 P.M., Association Center
- 16 Church Leadership Dinner and Planning Workshop, 6:30 P.M., First, West Monroe
- 28-31 Youth IMPACT—Details on front of newsletter!

September 2011

- 11-18 Week of Prayer for State Missions and Georgia Barnette Offering
- 28 See You at the Pole (area schools)
- 29 Prayer Walk, 7:00 P.M., Bethel, Bastrop

## Northeast Association

August 2011

- 6 Sunday School Training, Highland, West Monroe, 8:30 A.M. – 11:45 A.M.
- 11 Administrative Team meeting, 10:00 A.M., Association Center, Monroe
- 11 Retired Ministers and Wives Fellowship, 11:15 A.M., Bayou Bistro, West Monroe
- 15 Pastor/Staff Fellowship, 11:30 A.M., First, Calhoun
- 16 Church Leadership Dinner and Planning Workshop, 6:30 P.M., First, West Monroe. **Note: Event now on Tuesday!**
- 18 Finance Committee meeting, 9:00 A.M., Association Center, Monroe to work on 2012 Proposed Budget.
- 28-31 Youth IMPACT. Details on front of newsletter!

September 2011

- 8 Retired Ministers and Wives Fellowship, 11:15 A.M., Bayou Bistro, West Monroe
- 11-18 Week of Prayer for State Missions and Georgia Barnette Offering
- 15 Finance Committee meeting, 2:00 P.M., Association Center, Monroe
- 19 Executive Board meeting, 10:30 A.M., Lakeshore, Monroe
- 19 Pastor/Staff Fellowship, 11:30 A.M., Lakeshore, Monroe
- 19-21 Sr. Adult Fall Progressive Revival, 10:00 A.M.
- 28 See You at the Pole (area schools)

## Louisiana Baptist Convention

August 2011

- 13 WMU Church Leader Training, Trinity Heights, Shreveport
- 14 Student Evangelism Day

September 2011

- 4 Single Adult Day
- 11-17 Church Music Emphasis/ Worship Music Week
- 11-18 Week of Prayer for State Missions and Georgia Barnette Offering

For details or to verify status of LBC events, call 1.800.622.6549 or log on to [www.lbc.org](http://www.lbc.org).



This is our Disaster Relief Laundry Unit

Details inside!

- Bivocational Retreat and Impact Missions Conference on August 26 and 27

- **Tell your church family about these events ...**
- Disaster Relief Shower/Laundry Unit Training on July 30
- August 1 is the deadline to bring school supplies for Ray of Hope
- Value of a Vibrant Sunday School training on August 6
- Church Leadership Dinner and Planning Workshop on August 16
- Youth IMPACT on August 28 – 31

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September 2011

Connecting people to Christ...  
Equipping them for Life!

# Bethel News

## Go Camping (or Hiking) Sept. 8th-10th

- Dillon's Beach (Lawson's Landing)
- Camp all weekend OR come for the day on Saturday
- Sept. 8th-10th (Thursday—Saturday)
- Tent camping \$26 / night; RV camping \$31 / night
- Day use \$8 per car
- Free, scrumptious breakfast Saturday at 9am
- Sign up at the Kiosk or RSVP to Don Roberts (539-5945 / 494-0059) by Sunday, Sept. 4th

### Now what?

Sign up TODAY to go camping (or hiking)!



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## From Pat

### FIVE YEAR VISION UPDATE:

**Pastor of Family Ministries:** Vision goal 3: Children's and Youth ministries—Expanded. Thanks to our Elders, our beloved Bethel members, and God's direction, we have our Pastor of Family Ministries search team: Rich Thomas, Stu Paterson, Rich Larsen, Pastor Pat, Jim and Barbara Humpheys, Craig Van Zandt, and Abby Damron. Please continue to pray daily for God's clear leading throughout this process as we seek to hire equipping staff to help grow our children's ministry and establish a vibrant youth ministry.

**Nursery Remodel:** Vision goal 3: Children's and Youth ministries—Expanded, and Vision goal 7: Ministries addressing community and church needs—Broadened. In reaching these goals, we are utilizing our strategies: "Renovate facilities to meet future growth needs," and "Expand nursery and classroom space as needed." As we plan for future growth, and continue to connect with young families, we are expanding our current nursery to accommodate anticipated needs. Don Roberts and his team are laying out plans to expand our current nursery. Renovation is scheduled to begin in November with hopes of completion by Christmas.

**All-Church Potlucks:** Special thanks to Rich Larsen for helping organize and coordinate this very successful ministry. We also appreciate our Café staff for their help, those who took on the responsibility to provide main courses, and



a special "thank you" to all who brought side dishes and desserts! I trust these potlucks helped us all connect with each other, as well as with many of our guests. Well done everyone!

**Connecting with our guests:** Every Sunday, without fail, we have several guests checking "us" out. One article I read identified four reasons why people start attending church: 1. Divorce, 2. Depression, 3. Disease (recently diagnosed with an illness), or 4. Death (a loved one had died). As you come to Bethel each week, be mindful of those with written name tags. Go out of your way to greet them. Resist hanging out and sitting *only* with those you know. God will use you in mighty ways, by simply being others-oriented!

**Blessings from our Building and Grounds team:** Thank you Don Roberts (and your team of 15 people) for continuing to do a great job with our buildings and grounds. The storage house was in desperate need of a new roof, *(continued on page 2)*

## Citizen Alert!

Governor Brown just signed into law SB 48 which will use all social science curriculum, including history books and other instructional materials, to teach children as young as five not only to accept but also to endorse transgenderism, bisexuality, and homosexuality. SB 48 has been misrepresented to the public and passed as a bill aimed to end bullying. But whatever the stated goal, the actual provisions of the bill say nothing about bullying. Instead, they regulate the content of classroom instruction. SB 48 requires all public schools (including charter schools) to include positive discussions of the sexual orientations of transgender, bisexual, and gay Americans in all social science courses.

SB 48 will take effect January 2012 unless its implementation is stopped. Once we collect the necessary amount of petition signatures, implementation of SB 48 will be halted until the people vote on the measure. We need as many registered voters as possible to sign the petition (I certainly hope everyone is registered to vote!) You can go to [www.StopSB48.com](http://www.StopSB48.com) or talk to Rich Larsen about it.

by Rich Larsen

### Now what?

Get educated about SB 48!

## 252 Basics starts Sept. 4th

I'm super-excited to announce that Children's Ministries is taking it to the next level in Children's Church this month! We're going to blow your kids away with 252 Basics, a Bible-focused curriculum that utilizes images, music, drama, and activities to deliver the life-changing message of Jesus Christ.

Each week, children will receive God Time, a personal devotion card that reinforces the biblical principles taught on Sunday.

Each week, parents will receive Parent Cue, a card that explains what we learned in Children's Church, and gives parents ideas on how to create God-focused conversations.

Two Fifty-Two Basics is based on Luke 2:52, "And Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and men."

Three principles guide 252 Basics:

- I need to make the wise choice.
- I can trust God no matter what.
- I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

252 Basics uses the Orange Strategy, which combines the light of the church (yellow) and the love of the family (red) to fuel faith in the next generation. You can learn more at [whatisorange.org](http://whatisorange.org), or [252basics.tv](http://252basics.tv).

Please pray for all the Children's Ministry volunteers as we begin this new year!

by Abby Damron, Director of Children's Ministries

### Now what?

Bring your K-6th grade kids to 252 Basics!

## Wake Up Call Simulcast—Sept 11th

In the last few weeks, the U.S. stock markets have tanked. Americans have lost more than \$2.3 trillion in personal wealth. Our economy has nearly stalled. Some 14 million American are out of work. We may be facing a double-dip recession. Our debt is exploding. And Washington is nearly paralyzed with partisan gridlock, even as Iran is building nuclear weapons, Syria and Libya are slaughtering thousands, Egypt has imploded, and Israel is increasingly threatened. To put it simply: Storm clouds are gathering. The winds are picking up. The tectonic plates beneath us are shifting. America is being shaken. Israel and the Middle East are being shaken. The Church is being shaken. Why? Where are we headed? What is God doing? And what is He asking followers of Jesus Christ to do?



Find out at "A Wake-Up Call for God's People," a simulcast with Anne Graham Lotz and Joel Rosenberg, hosted by Bethel on Sunday, Sept. 11th at 6-8:30pm in the Ministry Center. This event is free, but please register online at [bethelsantarosa.com](http://bethelsantarosa.com).

For more information go to [annegraham-lotz.com](http://annegraham-lotz.com) or [joelrosenberg.com](http://joelrosenberg.com).

### Now what?

Register online for the 9/11 Simulcast!

## From Pat (continued from page 1)

and the new sidewalk in our children's playground is a much-needed improvement. We thank God for you (and all those who helped), and appreciate the thousands of dollars you saved us with your connections and construction experience. Great job!

by Pastor Pat Gordon

### Now what?

Pray for the Search Team!

## "Communication in Marriage" Seminar—Oct. 7th & 8th

Bethel hosts a "Communication in Marriage" Seminar led by Dr. Jim Cecy of JARON Ministries ([jaron.org](http://jaron.org)) on Friday night and Saturday, Oct. 7th & 8th. This seminar takes a biblical and practical look at effective interaction in Christian marriage. Each session is 45-60 minutes. Activities will be given as a part of each session to promote better understanding and communication.



### FRIDAY SESSIONS:

- He Said, She Said (An Introduction to the Challenges of Human Communication)
- Talk the Talk 1 (A Recipe for Godly Speech, Part 1)

### SATURDAY SESSIONS:

- Talk the Talk 2 (A Recipe for Godly Speech, Part 2)
- Can You Hear Me Now? (Guidelines for Becoming a Better Listener)
- To Your Corners! 1 (Principles for Resolving

Conflict in Communication, Part 1)

- To Your Corners! 2 (Principles for Resolving Conflict in Communication, Part 2)

**Who:** Anyone who is married, has been married, or would like to be married in the future

**What:** "Communication in Marriage" Seminar with Dr. Jim Cecy

**Where:** Bethel Church, 1577 Guerneville Road, Santa Rosa

**When:** Oct. 7th & 8th (Friday 7-9pm & Saturday 8:30am-3:30pm)

**Why:** Every marriage can use a tune-up

**Cost:** Materials and lunch \$22.50 per person (pay at the door)

**Register:** Online at [bethelsantarosa.com](http://bethelsantarosa.com) by Friday, Sept. 30th

**Questions:** Contact Abby Damron in the Church Office at [adamron@bethelsantarosa.com](mailto:adamron@bethelsantarosa.com) / 528-6321

### Now what?

Register online for the "Communication in Marriage" Seminar Oct. 7th & 8th!

## Worship: Not Just Music...

As Christians we are called by God to live lives of worship. We live our lives like this by giving praise and glory to God in everything we do. Worship is so much more than just our time together on Sunday mornings singing praises to God, though that is a part of it. Because of that, and in light of Bethel's Vision 2016 to broaden and expand the Music & Worship ministry, we are always looking for new people with the gifts and the desire to serve and become a part of this ministry. Does this mean only the musically gifted people? No! We have a lot of different areas in which to serve. Yes, we have our worship team made up of vocalists and instrumentalists, but there's more. We also have our tech team, made up of our sound board operators and those that run the computer. With our Vision 2016 we are continuing to seek the Lord as far as what areas of arts we will use in worship here at Bethel. If you are interested in drama, dance, art, etc.,



we would love to hear from you as well.

If you are at all interested in becoming a part of the Music & Worship ministry here at Bethel, pray and ask the Lord where He might have you serve, then contact Director of Worship Ministries Ryan Rotman with any questions you might have or to indicate your desire to be involved ([ryanrotman@bethelsantarosa.com](mailto:ryanrotman@bethelsantarosa.com) / 528-6321).

*by Ryan Rotman, Director of Worship Ministries*

### Now what?

Pray and talk to Ryan about joining the Music & Worship ministry!

## Communion at Home

If you or someone you know is a shut-in, or can't make it to church for reasons beyond your control, the Elders will come out to your home and share communion with you. Contact Larry Alford at [ldralford@sbc-global.net](mailto:ldralford@sbc-global.net) / 527-9568.

*by Rich Larsen*

### Now what?

Tell a shut-in you know the good news!

## Financial Report: July

General Fund Tithes
\$30,481.93
Use Fee
\$3,510.00
Total Income
\$33,991.93
Expenses
\$34,613.35
Net
\$—621.42
Benevolent Offering
\$469.00





## What's Converge?

Bethel is part of Converge PacWest, the Northwest District of Converge Worldwide (formerly known as the Baptist General Conference). Find out more about Converge at [convergepacwest.com](http://convergepacwest.com) or at [convergeworldwide.org](http://convergeworldwide.org). Converge's focus is to **Connect**, **Ignite**, and **Transform**: *Connecting* God's people around God's purposes, that He might *ignite* movements of reproduction for the purpose of *transforming* lives and communities with Christ's love and truth.

## Upcoming Events

- Labor Day—Sept. 5th
- All-Church Camping Trip—Sept. 8th-10th
- "Wake-Up Call" Simulcast—Sept. 11th
- Dinner for 8—Sept. 30th & Oct. 1st
- "Communication in Marriage" Seminar—Oct. 7th & 8th
- Couples' Retreat—Oct. 13th-15th

Bethel News September 2011

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## Home Groups Signups Begin this Month!

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We will move from two options to (Lord willing) four, and from nine Home Groups to double that...from 95 people in home groups to 200! Signups will begin this month. See below for a list and explanation of each study.

*r12: Relationship within community*

*Love and Respect: Relationship with your spouse*

*Growing Kids God's Way: Relationship with your children*

*God: As He Longs for You to See Him: Relationship with God*

**r12 True Spirituality** ([r12online.livingontheedge.org](http://r12online.livingontheedge.org)) Being a genuine disciple of Christ flows out of a relationship with Him. It's about experiencing God's grace, not earning His love through performance. A real relationship with Jesus Christ will produce a follower whose life looks progressively more like His life. Romans 12 provides a relational profile of an authentic

disciple: someone who is surrendered to God, separate from the world's values, sober in self-assessment, serving in love and supernaturally responds to evil with good. Christians who live out this kind of lifestyle are what we call r12 Christians. God is willing to go deeper and grow you into a real disciple... are you ready?

**Love and Respect** ([loveandrespect.com](http://loveandrespect.com)) Love best motivates a woman and respect most powerfully motivates a man. Research reveals that during marital conflict a husband most often reacts when feeling disrespected and a wife reacts when feeling unloved. Learn: Why We Negatively React to Each Other (The Crazy Cycle), How a Husband Best Motivates His Wife (The Energizing Cycle Part I), How a Wife Best Motivates Her Husband (The Energizing Cycle Part II), Practical Application (Sarah Eggerichs), and The Ingredient That Motivates Us Beyond Our Marriage (The

Rewarded Cycle).

**Growing Kids God's Way** ([gfi.org](http://gfi.org)) Growing Kids God's Way is a comprehensive values-based parenting curriculum. It seeks to help any parent reach the heart of children with virtues and values that flow from the character of God and do it without stressing the child or the parents. Topics include: How to help children internalize virtues and values (and how to help them practically live out the character of God in their life), what parents do to foster insecure children (and how they can fix the problems that might now exist), how to train right behavior into children (so you will not have to spend unnecessary time correcting wrong behavior), how to successfully handle sibling conflict, temper tantrums, and the three sister sins: lying, cheating and stealing, and much more.

**God: As He Longs for You to See Him** ([livingontheedge.org](http://livingontheedge.org)) How would (continued on page 3)

### This Month:

- Jan. 1—New Year's Day
- Jan. 9—"Spiritual Gifts" Revive series begins
- Jan. 17—MLK Day
- Jan. 21-23—Women's Conference
- Jan. 30—Financial Peace Preview Class

## Potluck + Pictures—Jan. 2nd

After church on Sunday, Jan. 2nd we are having an All-Church Prayer time and Potluck in the Ministry Center,

during which Pastor Pat & Michelle will show us their pictures of Israel! Last name A-M bring a main dish; last

name N-Z bring a side or dessert. See you there!



*Spiritual Gifts*

## “Spiritual Gifts” Revive Series—Jan. 9th

On Sunday, Jan. 9th we will begin our next Revive series. Kirt Kisling is teaching on “Understanding Spiritual

Gifts: got ‘em, know ‘em, use ‘em.” Come to the Ministry Center starting Jan. 9th at 11:15am–12:15pm. Ages

Junior High through Senior Adults welcome. Childcare provided for kids 0-12 years old.

## Financial Peace Preview Class—Jan. 30th

**“In just 12 weeks, our last Financial Peace University class had 30 attendees and reduced their debt by \$130,000!”**

**Financial Peace University:** Our last class at Bethel had 30 attendees (a mixture of 17 couples and singles) and started with \$360,000 in non-mortgage debt (credit cards, student loans, car loans, etc.). In just 12 weeks that class reduced their debt to \$230,000! None of those attendees would have believed that was even possible when they began the class. But they did it! And you can

learn how too at our next Financial Peace University (FPU) class. FPU is a 13-week, DVD-based small group study that teaches you how to: beat debt and build wealth, make a budget that you will understand and use, communicate with your spouse about finances, invest with confidence, and change your financial future. The preview class is Sunday, January 30th at 12:30-1:00pm

in Ministry Center room 2. Class starts February 10th and will meet on Thursdays at 7-9pm in Ministry Center room 2. Sign up Sundays at the Welcome Kiosk or anytime online at [www.bethel-santarosa.com](http://www.bethel-santarosa.com). Kits are \$92 per family. Questions? Contact Kirt or Brenda Kisling (573-3711).

*by Kirt & Brenda Kisling*



*Women's Conference*

## WomenSchool of Ministry Leadership

Our Conference, Converge PacWest, is sponsoring a *WomenSchool of Ministry Leadership* open to women of all denominations. It consists of six Saturday seminars over the next two years. Golden

Hills in Brentwood and Bethel Church will take turns hosting the School. The first seminar is at Bethel on Feb. 12th. Grab a brochure at Kiosk, and sign up if you're interested. Questions? Con-

tact Karen Larsen (528-6321 / [klarsen@bethelsantarosa.com](mailto:klarsen@bethelsantarosa.com)). Get more information at [convergepacwest.com](http://convergepacwest.com) (click on “WomenSchool of Ministry Leadership Information”).



## Missions: The Blessing of a Warm Home

One of our missionaries, Bill Walsh who was originally saved at Bethel, recently sent us a letter entitled, "The Blessing of a Warm Home." This is such an opportunity for service that I just had to pass it along. Please pray about your part in this. Bill writes:

"When I was a young boy I was told that I should be good so that Santa would put candy and toys in my stocking instead of coal. As far as I knew coal was an ugly black rock that was useless to me.

"In the villages where Bill works, many of the believers are very poor. As winter encroaches, week after week the prayer requests are to find the money to buy coal to make it through the winter. Last winter many of them suffered in cold houses. We would like to provide some of the believers and not-yet-believers with short-

term, interest free loans so that many of them can heat their houses this year. And for the very poor and unemployed we would like to give them coal as a gift. We are looking to raise about \$3000 for this purpose. The temperatures in our area fall to -7 F at night in December, January and February.

"We are confronted with many needs regularly—it goes with living in a developing country and serving among the poor. We have had the joy of helping out many people this year, but there are more needs than we are able to meet. Would you please give a one-time gift enabling us to not just share the "Good News" but also to BE good news by helping people out in their time of need?

"To help out simply send a check to the following address made payable to New

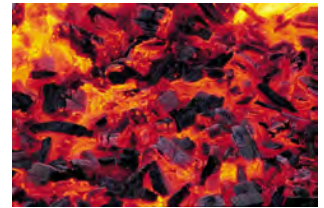
Horizons and on the memo line write "Project #NH 01162." Send to **New Horizons, 4570 Hilton Pkwy Ste 203, Colorado Springs, CO 80907.**"

(New Horizons is the 501c3 U.S.-based non-profit organization that manages our Kyrgyzstan-based NGO's financial gift processing. Your gift is tax-deductible).

Bill writes also that their own finances have a positive balance and he is thankful for each one who has supported them. God has brought much fruit through them so we can rejoice together in His goodness and mercy, looking forward to His reward for our faithfulness.

Happy New Year!

by Irene Barton, Missions MTL



coal

**"Would you give a one-time gift enabling us to not just share the Good News but also to BE good news?"**

## Home Groups *(continued from page 1)*

you describe God? Awesome? All Powerful? Creator? While we cannot know Him exhaustively, we can know Him truly. And God longs for you to see Him as He truly is. This fascinating series studies seven attributes

of God. As you begin to see God for who He really is and what His true desires for your life are, it will change the way you pray, the way you live, and the way you think about the world around you. Topics include:

Is Your God Too Small?, The Goodness of God, The Sovereignty of God, The Holiness of God, The Wisdom of God, The Justice of God, The Faithfulness of God, and The Love of God.



Home Groups

## Library News



Library

For many of you who are not aware, we have a Church Library with many old and new books filled with exciting adventures, stories of brave missionaries, encouraging help for those in need, and much more. You will recognize many well-known authors.

The procedure for checking out books is not difficult. We do ask that books be returned within three weeks so that others may enjoy the books, too.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, January 16, to visit the library. We will be present before the service and be-

tween the service and revive to "show you around." The Library is also available during the week Tuesday through Friday, 9am-4pm (when the Church office is open). Hope to see you soon!

by Charlotte Woodworth & Dee Roberts

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# Bethel Messenger

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## Becoming a Re-energized Vital Congregation

At the Bishop's District Retreat in March, Bishop Tom Bickerton challenged pastors and congregations to examine their current structure and ministry to identify areas of strength and weakness and to create new opportunities to better relate to one another.

*"We are all in this together because Christ has called us to be together,"* said Bishop Bickerton. He was referring to our life together as connected communities of faith within The United Methodist Church to bear witness to our core Christian belief. That core belief is loving God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and demonstrating our love for God *"by loving others, all others."*

His comments were set in the context of The United Methodist Church's **"Call to Action."** It challenges the church and local congregations to consider ways to revitalize ministry within the congregation and the world that is transformational.

The Call to Action identifies 16 ministries (grouped into four areas) that are signs of vital congregations, large and small:

1. Engagement of disciples in small groups and the number and kinds of children and youth ministries
2. The effectiveness of Lay Leadership who demonstrate a vital personal faith, as well as calling, equipping, using, and supporting more lay leaders
3. Pastors who are committed to developing, coaching, and mentoring lay leadership; using their influence to increase participation in the life and ministry of the congregation to accomplish changes; inspiring preaching that freshly re-languages Scripture in the context of today's challenges; and casting a vision of significant goals
4. Worship that offers a mix of contemporary and traditional worship experiences and more "topical" sermon series, and uses multi-media in worship

How can we reach these goals? What makes us a vital, transforming congregation, committed to shaping and living the message of Jesus Christ in the world? How do we make disciples for the transformation of the world?

As Bishop Bickerton stated, the stark reality is that if local congregations (and The United Methodist Church) do not take a long, hard, and committed look at ways to become more vital, they will be a dead congregation in 10 years!

This requires us to look at the building blocks of a vital congregation, identifying our context for ministry, and developing SMART actions, activities and strategies. SMART is an acronym for **setting** vital church goals, developing specific, **measurable, attainable, relevant, and time** bounds.

Bethel actually has a jump on this process, having already engaged in *Holy Conversations* about building Bethel's future today. That visioning effort had mixed results. We have implemented some ministries, engaged in new mission activities, and revised our vision/ mission statement. We are engaging one another, our community, and our world in some marvelous and wonderful ways.

Some of us are frustrated that some other things have not occurred. We must now re-commit ourselves to this task if we are to remain vital and grow in vitality. That means we each must be committed and willing to allow the creative, leading, and guiding Spirit

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### ***Building for the future*** (continued)

of Pentecost to take the life and ministry of Bethel to a new and higher level of vitality.

It begins with asking ourselves some questions like these (and again these will sound familiar to some of you):

- Why does our church exist?
- Do we really want to grow beyond where we are?
- What does Christ call each of us and our congregation to do in our community?
- What are the dreams and values that guide us?
- Who are the people our church is passionate about?
- What are the current needs in our community?
- What changes are occurring within our congregation and wider community that may impact our future ministry?
- What are our strengths, challenges, and threats (such as loss of key givers, lack of space, squeezed finances)?
- What are our opportunities for ministry to children, youth, young adults and families, our aging population?
- What ministries and missions do we value most?
- What will we do to develop lay leadership?
- Will we be engaged in justice and poverty ministries?

The Bishop has instructed pastors and congregations in Western PA to be purposeful and deliberate about developing a congregational plan for energized vitality. The possibilities are endless, and we hope you will share your dreams and visions for the future of Bethel church!

## **Vacation Bible School takes kids back to Bible times!**

Hometown Nazareth: Where Jesus Was a Kid is the theme of Vacation Bible School, June 20-24 from 9:30 – noon. All kids from ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome. Invite your neighbors, friends and relatives! A registration form is included in this newsletter and can be reproduced for multiple children. Extras are also available on the hallway tables as well as by calling the office.

Youth and adult volunteers are needed to make Nazareth come to life. Rebecca Schall will portray Jesus' mother Mary, and Molly Greiner will have lots of fun as the Nosy Neighbor. John Parsons will be the dreaded tax collector and Erin Pattison is looking forward to leading the music in the sanctuary! Shop keepers, townspeople, artisans (craft leaders), and others are still needed! We need 4 team leaders and assistants to head up each "tribe" of kids, as well. It is the hustle and bustle of Nazareth that will make VBS come to life.

Children will be immersed in the life of Jesus as a boy. In Nazareth they will visit the toy shop, make sand art, dig for beads, and have

their picture taken in Biblical costumes. On the playground they will play games that Jesus may have played, and they may even have a chore or two to perform!

In the midst of all this fun, kids will learn Biblical stories and truths from Mary's call to be the mother of Jesus, Jesus' family's escape to Egypt and how Jesus served others throughout his ministry.

Already there are fourteen children signed up. Pre-registration is important so that we can have adequate craft and educational materials available for each student. Don't delay!

## **Pizza Hut Night is June 22**

Join us at Pizza Hut on Leechburg Road on Wednesday, June 22 for Pizza Hut Night! Order off the menu or enjoy the buffet surrounded by Bethel friends. When you use a coupon (available at the church or passed out at the restaurant the night of the event), the Women's Retreat will earn 20% of your total bill.

It's a great excuse to eat out! Hope to see you there! The coupons are also good on takeout orders.

## **Imagine No Malaria Update**

Goal through 2013	\$12,500.00
Received to date:	7,180.00
Balance:	5,320.00

Number of families making a pledge: **7**



# Bethel's Blessings

- ♥ Erin Tansimore, Kelsey Chabal and Todd Tansimore for their confident and competent leadership for Children's Sunday. You really handled yourselves (and the service) like pros!
- ♥ The marriage of Lauren DeBolt and Nathan Daily on May 14. We wish you many years of happiness.
- ♥ The birth of Allison Josephine Shevlin on Saturday ,April 23 to Melissa and Dave Shevlin. She was 8lb 8oz and 21 in long at birth. Allison is also welcomed by brothers, David and Dominic, and grandparents, Chuck and Josie Meredith.
- ♥ All the children (and boy, there were lots of them!) and adult leaders who presented a meaningful Children's Sunday. It was a quality worship

experience led by the youngest members of our congregation. Special thanks to Karen Hill for her vision and for believing that children could inspire us to a deeper understanding of our own faith.

- ♥ The thirty women who attended the annual women's retreat. Every decade from the twenties to thirties was represented. There were 2 pregnant women, and five first-timers. It was a holy time away from the pressures and responsibilities of everyday life filled with laughter, tears (toilet paper, anyone?), sharing, caring and growth.
- ♥ Our two active seniors that were honored by the youth group and *Let It Shine* Blacklight Puppetry. The groups recognized Rebecca Schall and Miranda Alcorn for

their contributions and commitment. God's blessings to both of you as you graduate and move on with your lives!

- ♥ The ten people who came out for the Trustees Work Day on May 7. The group was small, but they got lots accomplished, including removing stones from the grass and other outdoor chores as well as a major overhaul of the storage room and a general cleaning of the kitchen. Thanks to everyone who helped!
- ♥ The Sunday School children and the junior choir for their visit to Belair Nursing Home. Sharing love and making people happy is what our faith is all about. These kids were a joy as they sang and interacted with the residents.
- ♥ Erin Jedlowski for sharing the experiences of her Jamaican Mission Trip.

## Invest in the Spiritual Growth of our Youth through Spiritual Stock

The youth will continue to offer Spiritual Stock through July 10. This is a great way to invest in the faith development of our youth as they head to Youth 2011 at Purdue University this July. In addition to the nightly worship gatherings, Christian bands and exhibits, the youth will have the opportunity to register for a variety of classes and workshops with topics important to today's youth.

Upon the group's return, all stockholders will be invited to attend a meeting in Friendship Hall where the youth will share their experiences at Youth 2011. A variety of desserts will be offered during the meeting!

If you wish to make an investment in Spiritual Stock, please go to the table set up in the side hall after worship.

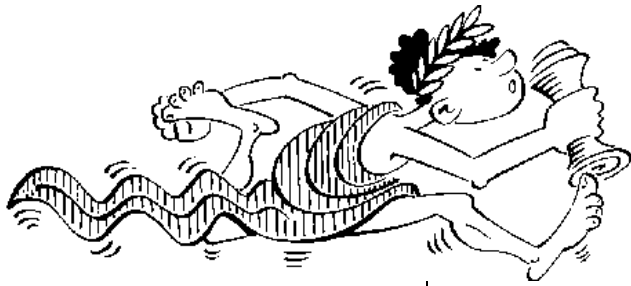
A smiling youth group member will be glad to issue you a certificate! Any amount is accepted and checks can be made payable to "Bethel UMYF." In addition to the certificate, you will receive a prayer magnet with the names of all the Youth 2011 attendees as a reminder to pray for the group.



Funds raised during the Pumpkin Patch are being used to help pay for the Youth 2011 trip, which costs the group \$375/person plus travel expenses. Each youth has contributed \$200 toward their registration fee as well. The youth group account needs to cover the additional expense for the 14 attendees

## Invest in Our Youth!

as well as all travel expenses.



## On the Run (Tidbits and Reminders)

- The May newsletter was mailed on Tuesday, May 2 and didn't arrive in most homes until Wednesday, May 18. That's over 2 weeks in the post office! The office was as frustrated as you were.
- VBS Director Diane Moran is a very busy lady. She doesn't have time to make personal phone calls to get you to volunteer. Please call (724.335.9957) or email ([moran@verizon.net](mailto:moran@verizon.net)) today to let her know how you can help! If you can't come everyday, let Diane know and she will work around your schedule.

- Pastor Paul and Nancy Jones will be representing Bethel at Annual Conference in Grove City June 9-12. Katy Wrona will attend as a Lay Equalization Delegate. All three will have voice and vote in the business of the Conference.
- Bethel and First UMC of New Kensington will have a pulpit exchange on June 26. Rev. Bramwell Kjellgren will preach at our 9:55 a.m. service. We hope you will support this cooperative effort.
- Confirmation Sunday is June 5. We will welcome Kelsey Chabal, Todd Nemet and Erin Tansimore as full members of our congregation. They have been attending classes since

- the beginning of the year, and this unique and enthusiastic group of teens is excited to share their faith and commitment with you.
- Our high school graduates will be honored at a breakfast immediately following worship on June 12. If you haven't RSVP'd, please let the office know if you plan to be there.
  - The 2011 graduating class of Burrell High School and the Lower Burrell Ministerium invite the public to the third annual baccalaureate service on Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Grace Community Presbyterian Church, 2751 Grant Street, Lower Burrell.

## Congratulations, Graduates!

Christopher Schall is graduating as Salutatorian of his high school class in Massachusetts. He'll be going to the Honors College of Northeastern University in Boston to study Chemical Engineering.

Miranda Alcorn is among the Burrell High School Grads of 2011. She plans to attend WCCC / UPMC for nursing.

Rebecca Schall is also graduating from Burrell High School. She is planning to work for a year then attend WCCC for Web Design.

AJ McKruit graduates from Deer Lakes High School. He will attend Penn State in the fall.



Nicholas Speedy graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Pittsburgh with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing

degree. He plans to work for 1-2 years and then go to graduate school to become a Nurse Anesthetist.

Erin Marie Jedlowski graduated from the University of

Pittsburgh with a degree in English Writing. She has accepted a job with the First United Methodist Church in Waynsburg, PA. She will be their Youth Director and Mission Coordinator.

William R. Grubb graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a BS in Biology and Economics and a minor in Chemistry, Magna Cum Laude. He will be attending the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine for a dual degree program in Medicine and Public Health Administration.

If your graduate's information is missing, please submit it to the office for inclusion in the July newsletter.





Easter has come and gone. God has completed the divine plan of salvation that existed all along in the death and resurrection of Jesus, as revealed in Scripture. “It is finished,” Jesus said from the cross. Right?

Not so fast. God never intended for Easter to be finished. Rather, God’s desire is for Easter’s gifts of love and forgiveness, healing and hope, presence and power, to grow in us every day of our life as we see and respond in faith to the risen Christ. This is what the disciples and small band of followers discovered.

Huddled in a room with fear and uncertainty hanging like a low, dark cloud over them, they pondered the changes they faced in their lives. Jesus, their teacher, friend, companion, and Savior, had left them to return to the Father. What did their futures hold? They could only imagine what the winds of change would bring to their lives.

But as they sat there amid the winds of change, another mysterious wind began to blow. Could it be the wind of power Jesus had promised them before leaving them? It was.

Pentecost had arrived. The wind of the promised Holy Spirit, another

companion, counselor, and enabler, came upon them. And the disciples were pushed out of the room and scattered into the streets to preach the message of the risen Christ.

June signals the coming of summer and a time for moving on when strong winds of change blow. Students start to scatter—some to summer jobs while waiting to enter college. Others move on to take their place in the careers for which they have trained, prepared, and paid a lot of money.

The ordinary routines, patterns, and rhythms of our life are blown away and scattered, too. We make plans to visit our favorite vacation spots, to spend more time with family and friends, and to create space for relaxing and quiet moments.

Even still, change means making adjustments, meeting new challenges, and facing the unknown. The winds of change push us into new, uncharted futures and sometimes disrupt our lives.

With God’s conferral of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the disciples experienced the power of Pentecost. So do we. Why? So that we can linger and live in God’s story of faithfulness that flows from Easter’s miracle of new life and into our lives every day.

The power was not given to the disciples alone on Pentecost, but in unity with all who would believe in the resurrection’s new life, new

opportunities, and new possibilities and receive the power to live the resurrection story. We, in unity with each other, have the power of the Holy Spirit to live the Easter story every day.

The Holy Spirit brought strength, empowerment, and guidance to the disciples and early followers of the risen Christ. It will do the same for us, for in the wind of the Holy Spirit, the risen Christ comes to us again and again.

So as we scatter and move on to enjoy summer’s long, warm days, face new adventures, opportunities, and even challenges, let us remember to choose to live in and allow the power of the Holy Spirit to guide our attitudes, words, and actions.

Along the way, let us scatter some peace of mind, heart, and soul. Let us be faithful, kind, patient, forgiving, and loving in our relationships. Do not forget to take some time for family, for friends, for strangers, and for Bethel. Let us continue to meet one another regularly in worship to “spur one another to love and good deeds” and find power and courage to meet life’s winds of change.

Why? Because the adventure of the journey we are on together does not end just because

we scatter during the summer. We continue to move on with God through the power of the Holy Spirit. Have a great summer!

Grace, Peace and Blessings,  
Pastor Paul  
*On the Journey with You*





The youth group finished up another year of ministry together on May 22! The youth group and *Let It Shine* Blacklight Ministry gathered at Villa Blanca in Lower Burrell to share a meal and to honor seniors Miranda Alcorn and Rebecca Schall. The two groups also reflected on the year past.

They also thanked the adult volunteers, Christi Alcorn, Jason Moran, Marlin and Nancy Preus, Perry and Lynda Davis, Carol Crowe-Hines and John Merrick III for their dedication and commitment to the groups.

The youth are looking forward to attending Youth 2011 at Purdue University, July 13-17. This is a one-time event for each youth group member and has become a much-anticipated part of the Bethel youth group experience! We ask for your prayers as we prepare to experience all that Youth 2011 has to offer.

## Memorial/ Honor Gifts received

The Esther Circle in memory of Peg McIntyre.

## From the Mail

Dear Bethel Family:

Thank you for all of your kind words, cards, and prayers during this difficult time. It was very

comforting to see so many friendly faces. Your friendship and support continues to be a blessing to us all.

Sincerely,  
The family of Emma R. Sargent  
(Dale, Carol, Bev, et al)

## Save three lives and get free Ice Cream!

Bruster's Ice Cream will be sponsoring their 5<sup>th</sup> annual Pint-for-a-Pint blood drive. This year, the first of two drives will be held on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, from noon until 5:00 pm. Over the years, members from Bethel United Methodist have given tremendous support to these blood drive efforts, and your continued support is requested once again.



Anyone interested in donating blood is encouraged to register in advance to reduce the chances of an unnecessary wait. You can register online at [centralbloodbank.org](http://centralbloodbank.org), or you can call the shop at 724.339.8590. The Bruster's staff will need your name and phone number, and the approximate time you would like for your appointment. Barb or Joe Schmidt will call you back to confirm your time. Don't forget to take home your free pint of ice cream after you donate!

The supply of blood is always in short supply, and many advances have been made that greatly increase its life saving capabilities. Today, waste of any kind has all but been eliminated, and computerized inventory management has created a highly efficient blood supply network. Moreover, technological advances now

make it possible to manufacture three separate life-saving blood products from a single donated unit!

When you donate, Central Blood Bank can manufacture a unit of platelets, a unit of plasma, and a unit of whole blood. You actually help save three different lives, and with Bruster's as a sponsor, you get to enjoy free homemade ice cream as well. Your continued support in this effort is greatly appreciated.

A second drive is scheduled for Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who signs up to donate at the June drive will be eligible to donate again in August. And yes, you will receive another pint of ice cream, too!

## Church Picnic is August 27

Please save the date!! We have reserved Pavilion #8 at Northmoreland Park for August 27<sup>th</sup>. We are trying a different venue to see if we can get more participation.

Look for more details as we get closer, but please put this on your calendar and plan to attend!



"May I have a word with you about the new summer choir outfits?"

## Serving this month

### Liturgists

June 5 & 12 Erin Tansimore  
June 22 & 29 Cindy Lambing

### Nursery Workers

June 5 Pia & George  
Trew  
June 12 Lauren DeBolt  
Ashley Smith  
June 19 Mary Ann Balmer  
Janet Greiner  
June 26 Lisa Bracken  
Sheila Brunner

### Offering Counters

June 5 Nancy Preus  
Joe McCallion  
June 12 & 19 Kathy Schall  
Joe McCallion  
June 26 Kathy Schall  
Gary Alcorn, Sr.

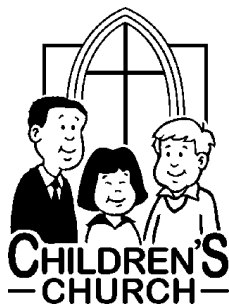
## Junior church ministers to elementary children

Junior church has finished up the year for now but will resume in the fall. Karen Hill will continue to teach the 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grade children.

However, we are in need of some additional help!

If you are willing to help out, please see Debbie

Tansimore. If we can get three more helpers, each person will only be required to lead one class every other month since junior church meets twice a month. If you feel God nudging you toward children's ministry, this is a great way to develop your skills with very little time involved!



## A hint of Pentecost

Rev. Stephanie Bekhor of Arizona tells about family gatherings in her grandparents' home. Her paternal grandmother had Iranian roots and spoke Farsi, Arabic, French and English. Her grandfather knew Hebrew, read from the Hebrew Old Testament and then led prayers in that language. Her Uncle Ed spoke Arabic and Farsi interchangeably. His wife spoke English but could grasp the essence of what others were communicating. Her Aunt Louise told jokes in French. Few of them understood French, but everyone laughed at the punch lines. Her demeanor gave them away. Only Stephanie understood Spanish, but when she offered a toast in Spanish, everyone understood her joy and good wishes. The family smiled and clinked their glasses together.

Despite the various languages being spoken, the family members basically understood one another. Why? Because of their love, intimacy and connectedness with one another.

In a Pentecost sermon, Rev. Bekhor recalled those joyous family gatherings. She concluded that when her family gathered in the presence of God, there was some similarity to what happened on the day of Pentecost. Those ancient believers also, "began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability" (Acts 2:4 NRSV). And even visiting foreigners understood the essence of what was said.

The foreigners listened when Peter told the story of Christ. They were so moved by the truth of his witness, plus the infectious enthusiasm they were seeing among the gathered believers, that many joined the Christian movement immediately. Some

3,000 people became Christians on that marvelous occasion. It was the birth day of the Church.

Pastor Stephanie's family gathered together, speaking various languages, yet they communicated the reality of God's love. It's no wonder she felt that she had experienced a hint of what Pentecost was like long ago.

## Outreach event at NK Community Days

The Bethel United Methodist Men are participating in New Kensington Community Days again this year with their traditional pizza booth, June 24-26 at Memorial Park.

Community Days gives the church both an outreach opportunity to get the Bethel name out to the public and a chance for the men to raise some funds so they can share them with others when a need arises.

There is a schedule signup sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway along with last year's signup sheet to remind everybody what times they worked. Please sign up quickly so you can get your favorite day and time!

It would be great to see some new names and faces on the sheet so you can experience the joy of helping others in the church and the community.

There are many different jobs needed at the booth. We have pizza makers and pizza bakers, ticket takers, ticket counters and general runners to get supplies for the pizza makers.

All workers that sign up get a free pass to the park, and we usually get a few parking passes for those who want to park close to our tent.

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## Sunday School and kids are important at Bethel

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me for to such belongs the Kingdom of God." We believe that children are important. Sunday School and special programs aimed at kids express our commitment to them.

On September 4<sup>th</sup>, we will have the annual Blessing of Backpacks during our 9:55 worship service. Children, youth and college students are encouraged to bring their backpack to church for a special prayer, and Pastor Paul will distribute a back-to-school gift to all participants.

All 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join Karen Hill and Kim Vivirito for Junior Church beginning September 11, immediately following the children's chat. This is an opportunity for children to learn about our United Methodist worship traditions. Participation in this program will lead into preparation for our Children's Worship Service planned for May.

Our fall schedule resumes on September 11, and Sunday School is kicking off with a pancake breakfast for all! Bring your entire family between 9:30 and 10:00 to enjoy delicious pancakes, sausage, fruit and beverage. Following the breakfast, children will report to their classroom to meet and greet their teacher and do a craft.

Each month there will be a special activity for Sunday School children ranging from parties to mission projects to fun and crazy opportunities.

Green Hands is the September activity. On the 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, the children will trace their hands on green paper and they will be displayed throughout the church. Parishioners will be invited to take a hand home and to pray for that child for one year. The hand can be taped to your refrigerator, bathroom mirror, used as a bookmark in your Bible or placed somewhere else throughout your house where it will serve as a reminder. "I still have mine from last year," says Karen Hill, "and I continue to include that child in my prayers."

Looking outside of their own needs and wants, the children will be encouraged to save change during September to benefit Nothing But Nets. On September 25, everyone who wears a crazy hat will get a piece of candy!

In October we'll giggle at ourselves on Crazy Hair Day on the 16<sup>th</sup> and decorate pumpkins at a Harvest Party on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Live B.I.G. (Believe in God) is the curriculum for the year. Lessons start with a video and focus on interactive learning. Live B.I.G. helps children see, hear and live their Belief In God. Short video segments bring faith-filled, high-energy excitement to your children with characters who model B.I.G. behavior, travel segments featuring B.I.G. ministries by everyday B.I.G. people and cool music for your kids ears.

It's not your grandmother's Sunday School anymore! Times have changed, and so have we. Be sure to involve your children and grandchildren in Christian Education activities. They're going to learn about our faith story while having lots of fun!



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



## Community 9/11 Service to be held at Bethel

The Lower Burrell Ministerium is planning a Community 9/11 Memorial Service on the tenth anniversary of that fateful day.

Planned participants include the Memories Choir, the Alle-Kiski Barbershop Chorus, and a combined church choir. Messages from local clergy will be interspersed with the music. The service begins at 7:00 p.m.

Following the service, refreshments will be served in Friendship Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite an un-churched friend to worship!

## Ruth Circle makes fall plans

**September 14:** Regular meeting at 7:00 PM, discuss how visitation went, follow-ups with shut-ins, plans for Rummage Sale. November Soup sale planning. At 7:30 PM *Bad Girls of the Bible* study: Delilah. All women welcome whether or not you are a member of the Circle.

**October 5:** Rummage Sale Set up meeting - come to work at 6, brief meeting at 7:00, no Study meeting.

**November 9:** Regular meeting at 7:00 PM. *Bad Girls of The Bible*: Sapphira at 7:30 PM.

**November 12:** TENTATIVE Soup Sale date

**December 3:** Saturday AM brunch at Jean Nader's

All women of the church are always invited to Ruth Circle! We laugh, cry, pray, plan to raise money and then spend it. If you

want to join us for brunch, we need to know for a reservation (cost about \$23). For more information contact Trish Grubb ([jprwg@comcast.net](mailto:jprwg@comcast.net) or 724.335.9893) or any member of the Ruth Circle.

## September 18 is big day at Bethel

Please join us on Sunday, September 18 as our District Superintendent, Rev. William Meekins preaches at our 11:00 service.

Immediately following the service, the annual Church Conference will commence in the sanctuary with Rev. Meekins presiding.

The annual business of the church will be conducted including approval of the pastor's salary package and a plan for ministry for the next five years.

All Bethel members have voice and vote, others have voice. Everyone is encouraged to stay and participate. Every effort will be made to get you home for the 1:00 Steeler game!

## Two Bible Studies begin this fall

Have you ever wondered what Moses thought about his life? He was trained to be an administrator in the royal palace and assistant to the king, maybe even become a king one day. Yet, he found himself in a mid-life crisis between age 40 and 80—looking after sheep. But that all changed when he was led one day to a burning bush. It changed his mid-life ordinary crisis into a magnificent later-life crisis.

Moses is just one of the characters that you will have an opportunity to discuss in a Bible study entitled *Behind the Pages: Old Testament Stories from the Backside*. Loretta Taylor will be the discussion leader and the sessions will meet on Thursday afternoons from 2:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. beginning September 22.

This 8-week study features a short 10-minute video each week during which J. Ellsworth Kalas, author of the study, shares his thoughts and provides questions to inspire discussion about life, who we are, and where we are. The cost of the student book is \$10, if we order more than 10 otherwise the cost is \$14.95.

Pastor Paul is discussion leader for the second 8-week Bible study on Thursday evenings from 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., starting September 22. It will tie in with a fall sermon series "Being Alive in Christ." The Bible tells us to have faith. We believe that, but we still have questions.

Through a Bible study entitled *Faith is the Answer, But What are the Questions?* written by James W. Moore, we will explore some questions. How does our Christian faith help us when we have problems or strengthen us when suffering, tragedy, or heartache slams into our lives?

Who can we trust when so many things compete for our attention, allegiance, and support? How does the Holy Spirit help us? How do we respond to these questions honestly and creatively, and in ways that give meaning to our faith and help us live in Christ? The cost of the book is \$12.00. Please sign up in advance on the Friendship Pad on Sunday morning or by notifying the office at [betheloffice@verizon.net](mailto:betheloffice@verizon.net) or 724.339.2420.

# Bethel's Blessings

- ♥ Marlin Preus for all the evenings he spent at the church over the summer working on leaking plumbing and anything else he found that needed attention.
- ♥ Don Negley for changing out the flood lights in the peak of the sanctuary that illuminate our stained glass window at night. Once again we'll be a beautiful presence in the neighborhood.
- ♥ The impromptu stove-cleaning party that consisted of Gary and Sharlene Alcorn, Trish Grubb, Pastor Paul, and Penny Dombroski. Thank you all!
- ♥ Our celebration for members 80 years and older and those who have been members of Bethel for 50 or nearly 50 years. Thanks to Barbara Saylor for planting the seed of an idea and to Diane Moran for making it come to life. She got the ball rolling with the Worship Committee, came up with the idea for the booklets highlighting each honoree, and put the books together. Penny Dombroski headed up the Covered Dish Dinner. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make this occasion special.
- ♥ Karen King for taking the lead on the Habitat for Humanity dinner. With food donations and helpers from the congregation, they fed 15 hungry teens and their chaperones.
- ♥ The \$395.38 that we sent off to Dan and Lynette's Wimberley UMC for uniforms for Haitian school children. After hearing Dan's experiences in Haiti, our VBS children and our congregation opened their

wallets and their hearts to bring hope and pride back to these children who are the future of their country.

- ♥ Gary Moran and Ed King for trimming up the hedges in front of the church. They look terrific!
- ♥ Erin Pattison for creating a new flip chart for Bible School songs. The old one was more than ten years old and falling apart. We're ready to go again for the next ten years or until we get some better technology to project the words!
- ♥ Trish Grubb for volunteering to staff the office when Joan needed to take emergency leave and Paula (and Paul) were on vacation.
- ♥ The Ruth Circle for their meaningful outreach ministry visiting members in personal care and nursing homes. Not only do the seniors enjoy the visits, but also the Circle members who participate have had some lovely experiences as well. Thank you all for putting your faith into action!
- ♥ Christi Alcorn and John Merrick III for their enthusiasm and dedication to the youth group.
- ♥ The Youth 2011 participants for sharing their experience at the stockholder's meeting.
- ♥ Rick Grubb, Ed King and the Trustees for all the hard work on the youth room. The end is in sight! It is looking terrific and the youth can't wait to start using it.
- ♥ Reverends Fred Spencer, Bill Buffton and String for filling the pulpit while Pastor Paul was serving as a chaplain and on vacation. We are blessed to

have retired clergy in our congregation.

- ♥ Nancy Jones, Jason Moran, Nancy Preus, Diane Moran, Kim Vivirito, Tillie Paredes, Rebecca Schall, Linda Hess, the Praise Band and the VBS kids for their special music this summer.

## It was a lovely party!

Thanks to Drew Homko, Sharlene Alcorn, and a whole lot of helpers, the Retirement Celebration for Loretta Taylor was a delicious success. Chef Drew assigned French Culinary Terms to his staff.

### Culinary Team

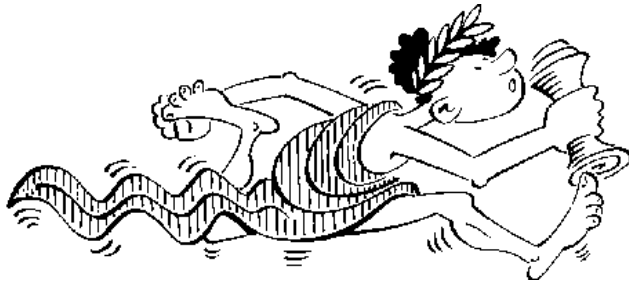
Sharlene Alcorn – Project Manager et Matre Di  
Drew Homko – Chef de Cuisine  
Loretta Long – Sous Chef et Fleuriste  
Penny Dombroski – Chef de Partie et Tournant  
Jamie Gay & Joan Negley – Tournant et Garde Manger  
Rick Grub – Expediter  
Gary Alcorn – Escuelerie  
Jim & Kelly Gay - Commis et Entremetier

### Front-of-the-House

Nancy Jones - Server  
Mary Ann Balmer - Server  
Karen Hill - Server  
Julie McGinnis – Server

### Escuelerie (clean-up crew)

Gary Alcorn  
Rick Grubb  
John Grubb  
Jacque Curll  
Ed & Karen King  
Our apologies to anyone who was missed by name. Your help was appreciated!



## On the Run (Tidbits and Reminders)

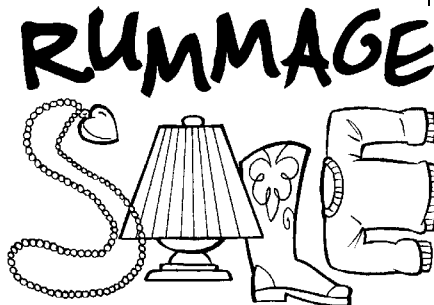
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ We've lost track of Eugene Calhoun over the years. If anyone knows of his whereabouts, please contact the office.</li> <li>➤ Please mark your calendar for our Annual PARC Christmas Party for mentally challenged adults on Thursday December 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 p.m.</li> <li>➤ We got a new shipment of Sunflower brand dishcloths in the office. These extra large, absorbent cloths are loved by many. They sell for \$1.50 each, and proceeds benefit <i>Let It Shine</i> Blacklight ministries. Stop in just to check them out. We literally have people from out of state who make a special stop here to buy these dishcloths!</li> <li>➤ The Bethel Book Club kicks off a new year on Monday,</li> </ul> | <p>September 26 at 7:00 p.m. in Friendship Hall. They will discuss <i>Cutting for Stone</i> by Abraham Verghese. For information about the new program at People's Library to provide us with copies of the book, talk to Mary Ann Balmer or stop in the office. New members are always welcome!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Fall schedule resumes on September 11 with worship at 11:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages kicks off with a special pancake breakfast between 9:30 and 10:00. On September 18 we're back to Sunday School beginning at 9:45.</li> <li>➤ Central Blood Bank is bringing their Donor Coach to Bethel on Wednesday, September 14 for a special opportunity to donate blood</li> </ul> | <p>for Amanda Mailki. Amanda, a member of our congregation, is facing major abdominal surgery and the removal of her stomach because of a tumor. Schedule online at <a href="http://www.centralbloodbank.org">www.centralbloodbank.org</a> under "Amanda Mailki." If you cannot attend on this date you can donate at any drive or donation center using Amanda's name or Patient code: ZRTN0846.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Please use the microphone when making announcements or sharing joys and concerns in worship. While you may think that you talk loud enough, we have a number of folks with diminished hearing who just can't hear without the amplification of the sound system.</li> </ul> |
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## Plan ahead for Fall Rummage Sale

This year the Bethel Rummage sale will be October 7- 8. We plan to set up from October 3 - 6.

Your good, clean, saleable rummage can be dropped off at Friendship Hall from Sunday evening through Thursday.

PLEASE remember that summer clothes will not sell in the Fall! Also we cannot take baby car seats, cribs, or other items that may have had safety recalls. We also cannot accept bowling balls, dirty shoes, heavy furniture, broken electronics or items that require a fee to be recycled. Please remember that we do not have a truck to haul things away!



The rummage sale proceeds are returned to the church in the purchase of many items that cannot be covered by direct donations, such as tables, kitchen and office items and furniture, as well as the new heating system.

We will also sell homemade goodies at the popular BAKE SALE table. Donations for the bake sale can be dropped off Thursday evening thru Saturday morning.

Please set some time aside to help set up early in the week and clean up on Saturday after the sale is finished. Your donation of time means more than you know!

The Rummage Sale will run the second weekend of the Pumpkin Patch so we hope for more customers for both than if just one event was available. But, of course, that means we need more volunteers, as well! It's a time of fellowship and getting to know each other better as we all work together for a common cause.



Ahhh . . . summer memories. The unusually hot and humid summer didn't stop most of us from taking advantage to connect with family, friends, nature, and even ourselves. Whatever you did over the summer, I hope that you had a good summer.

Now that summer is winding down, it's time to re-connect to the ordinary and routine patterns and rhythms of our life. Ready or not, it's time to fall back into balancing the demands of work; after-school soccer, band, and football; parenthood; and other responsibilities. Our kids are back in school and facing the daily grind of homework, pop quizzes, tests, and after-school activities.

It's also time for re-connecting in deeper, more meaningful ways as a community of faith and a church family. Sometimes we can lose touch during the summer.

What does it mean to be connected? Silly question? Maybe. Sure we are connected to a world-wide community, even if it is loose and fragmented, by Internet. We stay connected through email, instant messaging, and cell phones. Blogs, twitter, on-line chats, Facebook, and Skype connect us socially. Recent financial events in our country and elsewhere remind

us of our global economic connection.

But are we connected, really connected? What creates deeper, more meaningful connections and builds closer ties to one another? What turns a diverse group of people into community? How do we define connection and community?

There is no one-size, fit all answer. Connection and community are personal and thus subjective. You may tie them to family, home, and friends; other places of friendship, trust, comfort, emotional and physical dependence and security; or shared experiences, aspirations, commitment, and goals.

Dig below your answers. You are likely to discover that a basic human need to feel you belong is at the heart of connection and community. This sense of belonging drives us to join all kinds of groups.

It is especially intense for people who feel alone and disconnected. Maybe this is what troubles us most when we are unable to build relationships and when they grow dim or come apart.

Where do you belong? We need to belong. Is there a place we can belong? We may belong to all sorts of groups. Ultimately, we all belong to God. We are all connected to one another and to God through Christ.

As members of God's community and family, the Bible teaches that we will be isolated from and in tension with much of the world's ways, systems, and structures. When those times come, and they do, let us not lose sight that our community of faith is

a place where we can all belong and feel connected.

Yes, we are from as many diverse backgrounds as we can imagine. Yes, our Bethel family is ever-changing, ever-expanding. But we are woven into an intricate web of people—family, friends, neighbors, and strangers—linked by shared beliefs, common experiences, and hope.

Here, our Christ-centered identity as a people of God is shaped in worship, at the communion table, and through service. Here, we are built into a stronger community where we share our lives, support one another, and commit and devote ourselves to shared vision and dreams. Here, we draw strength in celebration, in fellowship, in joy, in sorrow, in disappointment, and in hope from one another. Here, we find courage to become who God means for us to be.

Are you feeling out of touch? Are you wondering where you belong? Does anyone care that your summer was good or trying? Come, reconnect with your Bethel family. It is a welcoming, comfortable, caring, fun, and inspiring place to be, to belong, to get involved!

In time, God will build us into a bigger, bolder, and brighter community and use us to transform our wider society into a beloved community and another place of belonging.

Who knows what can happen then?

Grace, Peace, and Blessings,  
Pastor Paul  
*On the Journey with You*







School is in session and the pumpkins are coming; that means it's time for Bethel's youth to begin another year of ministry! Youth 2011 in July ignited a spark in the hearts of those who attended so there are new ideas and projects in the works. How can we BE the hands and feet of Christ in our community and in our church? It's time to put our faith into action!

A new school year means a new space. Have you seen the beautiful youth room? Many thanks to Rick Grubb, Ed King and the Trustees for their hard work on the room; the youth can't wait to begin settling into the space and making it their own. We appreciate the patience and effort by so many to make this space more useable. We can only hope the blue walls have a calming effect on all who enter the space ☺. Stop by and see it!

The Amazing Race kicks off the year as we welcome our 7<sup>th</sup> graders into the fold. Teams will face many challenges on their way to the winner's circle! All 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to be part of the Race, Sunday, September 11, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Chabal home, 134 Dewey Drive. Information was included in the youth newsletter, which was mailed and e-mailed to all youth families. Please be sure to bring your completed Safety Contract to the September 11 event.

Regular youth meetings will take place every Sunday, 6:30 – 8 p.m. in the new youth room.

## Graduates

Congratulations to Hayley Mahan for graduating from Sanford Brown with a Dental Assistant Certificate. She's going to continue her education this fall in the dental hygiene program.

## Serving this month

### Liturgists

Sept. 4	Jason Moran
Sept. 11 & 18	John George
Sept. 25	Nancy Jones

### Offering Counters

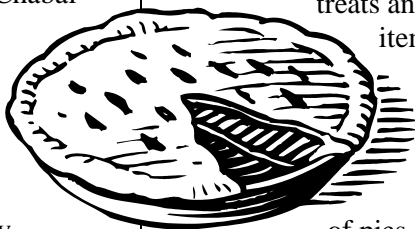
Sept. 4 & 11	Todd Tansimore Alan Critchlow
Sept. 18 & 25	Diane Moran Alan Critchlow

### Nursery Workers

Sept. 4	Lauren DeBolt Ashley Smith
Sept. 11	Lisa Bracken Sheila Brunner
Sept. 18	Carol C. Hines
Sept. 25	Ed & Karen King

## Get yummy treats from the Pie Shoppe

Our Fall fundraiser will benefit the Spring Women's Retreat in 2012!! Please consider buying some tasty treats and specialty



items to freeze for Thanksgiving or enjoy at delivery.

A wide variety of pies are offered as well as their famous pumpkin roll and iced cinnamon buns for the season. Order forms and additional information will follow. We have a tentative date of October 10 to turn in orders, and Saturday October 22

for delivery to the church! Any questions please contact Jamie Gay 724.337.0906. An order form will be included in next month's newsletter. Meanwhile, see the flyer on the bulletin board.



## The Pumpkins are coming!

This year's Pumpkin Patch will come alive at 8:00 a.m., Saturday, October 1. The unloading party begins at 7:45 a.m. with a light breakfast served for all helpers. Please come out and share in this Bethel tradition. Plenty of work for all ages!

The Patch will be open October 1 – 31. More information on how you can help with this year's Patch will be coming in future church bulletins.

## Memorial/ Honor Gifts received

### In honor of Loretta Taylor's Retirement

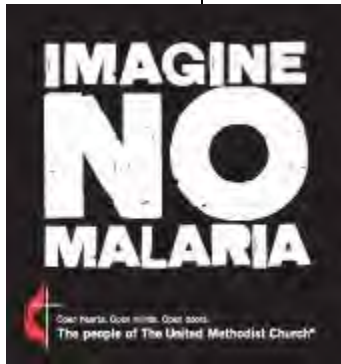
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Trish and John Grubb  
Joan and Don Negley  
Crystal Hulton  
Alan and Pauline Critchlow  
Don and Mary Jane Kauffman  
Lillian Parrotta  
Gene and Garnet Howard  
Kaye Crownover  
Nancy Jones  
Pat Reimer  
John and Carol Parsons  
Mike and Penny Dombroski  
Jacque and Donna Curll

# Imagine No Malaria Update

Goal through 2013     \$12,500.00  
 Received to date:     8,504.00  
 Balance:                 3,996.00

Number of families making a  
 pledge: **7**

It was just one year ago that we were in the final stages of planning our Nothing But Nets Festival in the back parking lot. Who could have imagined that in just this time Bethel would have saved the lives of 850 children? Actually, the number of lives saved is much higher. More than one child, and often times entire families sleep under the net.



In conjunction with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Foundations and many others, the United Methodist Church plans to eradicate malaria from the African continent.

Impossible you say! Totally impractical! Well, here's the plan. This comprehensive approach is divided into four main parts:

**Prevention:** It's about improving the ways people fight the disease locally. Using bed nets. Access to diagnostic tests and **medicine**.

Draining standing water.

Improving sanitation. Every person can take steps to prevent malaria deaths, from protective measures to taking swift action when malaria symptoms begin.

**Treatment:** Improving **infrastructure**. There are literally hundreds of churches, schools, hospitals and clinics operated by The United Methodist Church in

Africa, but what good are they if medicines to treat malaria aren't available? We'll make sure these facilities have the diagnostic tests and treatment needed to save lives.

**Education:** It's about **outreach** to those who need it most. Last year alone, we trained thousands of local people in African communities to teach their communities about avoiding malaria. In Sierra Leone, these workers went door-to-door to deliver bed nets, install them in homes and teach folks how to properly use and care for the nets.

**Communications:** And finally, your support helps upgrade **communications networks** throughout the continent. Building new radio stations and providing hand-crank and solar-powered radios will ensure we are reaching great numbers of people with life-saving information about malaria.

What makes us so sure? We are putting in place a system of accountability. By establishing health boards in Africa, these groups will be held responsible for stewardship of your donation and results, putting funds to work with a plan that creates malaria programs that truly serve the needs of their local communities. Once established and trained, these boards will be eligible to receive a lot more funding from our partners, like The Global Fund, to Fight Malaria.

Soon there will be another way to support Imagine No Malaria by recycling your good, used shoes. Rerun Shoes is a company that refurbishes shoes and distributes them throughout Africa. For every 100 pounds of shoes shipped to them through the United Methodist Church, they will donate one bed net.

Watch and listen next month for more information about this program and how you can participate. Meanwhile, start eyeballing up all those extra shoes in your closet!

## From the Mail

Dear Bethel Family:

Thank you for all of your kind words, cards, and prayers during this difficult time. It was very comforting to see so many friendly faces. Your friendship and support continues to be a blessing to us all.

Sincerely,  
 The family of Emma R. Sargent  
 (DALE, CAROL, BEV, ET AL)

**SEPTEMBER**



## BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Elaine Johns  
Matthew Pitsch
- 2 Dylan Slahtovsky
- 3 Rich Whitlinger
- 4 Bryon Crawford
- 5 Natalie Schall
- 7 Pauline Critchlow
- 8 Walter Freehling  
Elizabeth Gimbel  
Linda Johnson  
Matthew Pokusa
- 9 Bern Haley  
Pia Trew
- 10 Dan Moran
- 11 Daniel Alcorn
- 12 Siena Crawford  
Seth Johnson  
Jena Mailki
- 13 Roger Milliron, Sr.
- 15 Bob Schall  
Todd Tansimore
- 17 Lynne Paredes
- 18 Adrienne Bracken
- 19 Avyn Bartrug  
Dave Sarniak
- 20 Landon Black  
Larry Croissant
- 22 Julie Drennan
- 24 Sean Burkett  
Kali Hiles Fazzoni
- 28 Joshua Halkias  
Bryan Jaskiewicz  
Bill Jendrey
- 29 Tyler Merrick
- 30 Barry Berringer  
Norma Golembiesky  
Karen Hecker  
Brenda Reifschneider  
Riley Sterlitz



If your name does not appear, or if the listed information is incorrect, please contact the church office so that the records can be updated.

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Gene & Garnet Howard (67)
- 12 Walt & Valjean Freehling
- 15 Bill & Mary Jendrey (38)
- 18 Fred & Tiffany Simmons (11)  
String & June Stringfellow
- 22 Irvin & Jean Hecker (49)
- 24 Robby & Kylee Black (6)
- 26 Todd & Debbie Tansimore (19)

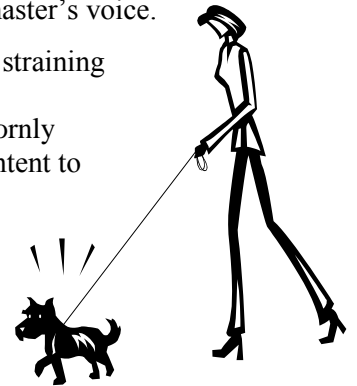
## FOLLOW GOD'S LEAD

Have you ever watched a well-trained dog walk with its master? On or off a leash, the dog will slow or quicken its pace, turn left or right, or immediately stop at the soft command of his master's voice.

Such isn't the case with my pooch. Either he's straining ahead or lagging behind, darting after a bird or stubbornly lingering over an interesting scent. He isn't content to follow my lead.

Sometimes that latter scene resembles my own walk with God. At times, I rush ahead or lag behind, veer to the right or stumble to the left, oblivious of my Master's pace and direction. How much better to walk closely with God and let him lead!

"O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart" (1 Kings 8:23, NRSV).



## IN A NUTSHELL

A Sunday school teacher gave her second-graders a month to memorize Psalm 23. One little boy was excited about the task but just couldn't remember the whole chapter.

When the day came for the children to recite Psalm 23 before the congregation, the nervous boy stepped up to the microphone and said, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know!"

## SEEK TO PLEASE

Shift your prayer life from "Please, God" to "Please God." Take the comma out of those two words when you pray, and transition your praying from asking God for things to asking God for the pleasure of God's pleasure.

—Homiletics

Events to remember and add to your calendar ...

Morehouse Association

- July 2011
- 19-26 Associational Mission Trip to Maine and Canada. For more information, contact Jim Ingram at 318.281.6885.
- 22-23 Bass Tournament—Fish Fry is Friday at 6:15 P.M. at Cheniere, West Monroe. Clay Dyer, guest speaker. Tournament is Saturday on Lake D'Arbonne. Entry fee is \$50 per boat.
- 28 Morehouse Association Prayer Walk, 7:00 P.M., Greenacres
- 30 Disaster Relief Training—Shower/Laundry Units, 8:00 A.M., Association Center, Monroe

- August 2011
- 4 Executive Board, 7:00 P.M., Oak Hill, Bastrop
- 6 Sunday School Training, Highland, West Monroe, 8:30 – 11:45 A.M.
- 11 Pastor/Staff Fellowship, 7:00 P.M., Association Center
- 16 Church Leadership Dinner and Planning Workshop, 6:30 P.M., First, West Monroe
- 28-31 Youth MPACT—Watch for details!



The ribbon is cut at the Open House! Pictured are Don Bryan, Building Committee Chairman; Suzanne Price, Jerry Price, associational missionary; Perry Hancock, executive director of the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home; Glenda Suggs, administrative assistant; and Jonathan Tucker, project manager from Ragan Builders.

**R. David Terry Offering for 2011**

**\$17,618.46** (as of June 21)

*Thank you for giving!*

Northeast Association

- July 2011
- 14 Retired Ministers and Wives Fellowship, 11:15 A.M., Bayou Bistro, West Monroe
- 14 Finance Committee meeting, 2:00 P.M., Association Center, Monroe
- 18 Executive Board, 10:30 A.M., Association Center
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Louisiana Baptist Convention

- July 2011
- 4-8 Clear Youth Camp Week 1, Tall Timbers
- 11-15 Clear Youth Camp Week 2, Tall Timbers
- 18-21 GA Camp, Tall Timbers
- 22-23 Childhood Education Workshop, First, Bossier
- 25-26 GA Camp, Tall Timbers
- 26 State WMU Council Meeting, Tall Timbers

- August 2011
- 13 WMU Church Leader Training, Trinity Heights, Shreveport
- 14 Student Evangelism Day

For details or to verify status of LBC events, call 1.800.622.6549 or log on to [www.lbc.org](http://www.lbc.org).

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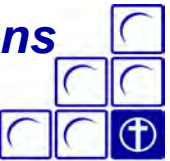
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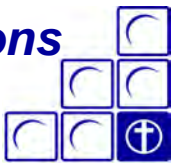
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August 26 – 27

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Speakers include Steve McCord, Terry Sharp, Phil Nelson, and Alan Duncan. Paula Hemphill will lead the wives session entitled, *Kingdom Women*.

The conference begins with a banquet on Friday, August 26 and concludes at 2 P.M. on Saturday. Registration deadline is **August 22**. For more information or to make reservations contact Sherri Allbritton at 800.622.6549 ext. 244 or email her at [sherri.allbritton@lbc.org](mailto:sherri.allbritton@lbc.org). A schedule and registration forms are also available at the Association Center.

## Baptist Collegiate Ministry at ULM ... Todd Strain, director

On your calendar, January 1 is marked as the beginning of a new year. However, in the world of campus ministry and the ULM BCM, August 20 marks a new year. On that date, wide-eyed incoming freshmen will gather at the BCM for Freshman Fiesta. Formerly known as Survival, Freshmen Fiesta will provide an opportunity for ULM freshmen to get to know the BCM as well as meet other freshmen. It is always one of our most energetic events and we look forward to it every year! Please be in prayer for Freshmen Fiesta and if your church would like to support the Fiesta, please contact me. We would welcome your support!



On the same note, the fall semester begins on August 22 and so begins all of our weekly programming such as 12:01 Lunch, Haven worship, Freshmen Family Groups, etc. Please pray for us that God will use the BCM to reach young men and women for Christ.

As of August 1, the BCM will have a new Associate Director. Jenny Street, after 4 years of faithful service to the BCM, left this summer to move to South Carolina as her husband is attending graduate school there. Angie Shepherd will take her place and arrives with a wealth of collegiate ministry experience. I know you will enjoy getting to know her and working with her.

Once again, thank you for your partnership with the BCM in reaching ULM for Jesus. We could not do it without you.

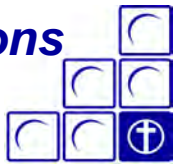
### R. David Terry Offering for 2011

**\$20,255.12** (as of July 19, 2011)

Gifts currently being received for the R. David Terry Offering are being applied to the principal on the loan for our new facility.

*Thank you for giving!*

## Kingdom Connections



**Bonita, Bonita**—Welcome to Newton Smith, pastor!

**Clark Springs, Eros**—Welcome to Drew Coker, music minister!

**Parkview, Monroe**—Welcome to Alan Miller, interim pastor!

**Bethel, West Monroe**—Welcome to Jim Arrant, transitional pastor!

**McClendon, West Monroe**—Welcome to John Yeats, transitional pastor!

**New Chapel Hill, West Monroe**—Welcome to Bobby John Panni, minister to students!

**Cedar Crest, West Monroe**—Welcome to Jarrett Fix, youth associate!

**Mt. Vernon, West Monroe**—Everyone is invited to a concert by Angelina McKeithen on Sunday, July 31 at 7:00 P.M. A love offering will be taken.

**New Light, Monroe**—Homecoming is July 31 beginning at 10 A.M. Guests are Eleventh Hour and Rev. Joey Young. A covered dish lunch follows the morning service.

**Tillou, Bastrop**—A benefit Auction Bazaar/Hamburger Supper (\$5 per plate) is planned for Sat., August 6 at 6 P.M. The proceeds go toward medical expenses for Gayle and Sue Riles. To make auction donations contact Al or Diane Rea at 318.355.4658 or 318.282.8294. Everyone is invited!

**Jerusalem, Calhoun**—Homecoming is August 21 at 11:00 A.M. with guest Tremont Allen, pastor of New Walls of Jerusalem Baptist Church, Dallas, TX. Revival services are set for August 22 – 24 at 7:00 P.M. with Pastor Allen leading. Everyone is invited!

**First, Calhoun**—Correct times for Sunday morning worship services are 8:12 A.M. and 10:25 A.M. Sunday School is between the worship services at 9:20 A.M.

**Grace, Bastrop**—Chris Wright is no longer serving as pastor.

**First, Calhoun**—Housekeeper/Maintenance person needed. 32 hours per week. Requires lifting up to 50 lbs. To apply or obtain a job description contact the church at 2981 Hwy 80 West, Calhoun. For more information call 318.644.5101.

## Positions Available ...

**Pastor**—*Northeast*: Bethel, Jerusalem, McClendon, Parkview

*Morehouse*: Antioch, Cherry Ridge, Collinston, Grace, Horseshoe, Oak Hill, Oak Ridge, Riverside, White Avenue

**Music**—*Northeast*: Bayou Oaks, Cedar Crest, Emmanuel, First Monroe, First Sterlington, Lighthouse, Loch Arbor, Victory

*Morehouse*: Antioch, Cherry Ridge, Faith, White Avenue

**Youth**—*Northeast*: Agape Bible, Bethel, Lighthouse

*Morehouse*: Cherry Ridge, Faith

**Pianist**—*Northeast*: Emmanuel, New Hope

*Morehouse*: Antioch

**Financial Secretary**—*Northeast*: McClendon

**Available ...** Pews and a pulpit—for information call College Place Baptist Church at 318.343.3180.

# Events to remember ...

## Morehouse Association

August 2011

- 4 Executive Board, 7:00 P.M., Oak Hill, Bastrop
- 6 Sunday School Training, Highland, West Monroe, 8:30 – 11:45 A.M.
- 11 Administrative Team meeting, 10:00 A.M., Association Center, Monroe
- 11 Pastor/Staff Fellowship, 7:00 P.M., Association Center
- 16 Church Leadership Dinner and Planning Workshop, 6:30 P.M., First, West Monroe
- 28-31 Youth IMPACT—Details on front of newsletter!

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- 11-18 Week of Prayer for State Missions and Georgia Barnette Offering
- 28 See You at the Pole (area schools)
- 29 Prayer Walk, 7:00 P.M., Bethel, Bastrop

## Northeast Association

August 2011

- 6 Sunday School Training, Highland, West Monroe, 8:30 A.M. – 11:45 A.M.
- 11 Administrative Team meeting, 10:00 A.M., Association Center, Monroe
- 11 Retired Ministers and Wives Fellowship, 11:15 A.M., Bayou Bistro, West Monroe
- 15 Pastor/Staff Fellowship, 11:30 A.M., First, Calhoun
- 16 Church Leadership Dinner and Planning Workshop, 6:30 P.M., First, West Monroe. **Note: Event now on Tuesday!**
- 18 Finance Committee meeting, 9:00 A.M., Association Center, Monroe to work on 2012 Proposed Budget.
- 28-31 Youth IMPACT. Details on front of newsletter!

September 2011

- 8 Retired Ministers and Wives Fellowship, 11:15 A.M., Bayou Bistro, West Monroe
- 11-18 Week of Prayer for State Missions and Georgia Barnette Offering
- 15 Finance Committee meeting, 2:00 P.M., Association Center, Monroe
- 19 Executive Board meeting, 10:30 A.M., Lakeshore, Monroe
- 19 Pastor/Staff Fellowship, 11:30 A.M., Lakeshore, Monroe
- 19-21 Sr. Adult Fall Progressive Revival, 10:00 A.M.
- 28 See You at the Pole (area schools)

## Louisiana Baptist Convention

August 2011

- 13 WMU Church Leader Training, Trinity Heights, Shreveport
- 14 Student Evangelism Day

September 2011

- 4 Single Adult Day
- 11-17 Church Music Emphasis/ Worship Music Week
- 11-18 Week of Prayer for State Missions and Georgia Barnette Offering

For details or to verify status of LBC events, call 1.800.622.6549 or log on to [www.lbc.org](http://www.lbc.org).



This is our Disaster Relief Laundry Unit

Details inside!

- Bivocational Retreat and Impact Missions Conference on August 26 and 27

- **Tell your church family about these events ...**
- Disaster Relief Shower/Laundry Unit Training on July 30
- August 1 is the deadline to bring school supplies for Ray of Hope
- Value of a Vibrant Sunday School training on August 6
- Church Leadership Dinner and Planning Workshop on August 16
- Youth IMPACT on August 28 – 31

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## **E-pistle, #180**

September 10, 2011

Dear Folks ~

1. I hope you all had a good, safe, relaxing Labor Day weekend!

Tomorrow, September 11th, we will welcome Bishop Jacobus for his annual Visitation. He will preach and preside at both Sunday Eucharists, and he will “Receive” Terry Becker as an Episcopalian at the 10:00 Eucharist. The Bishop will also be with us for both Sunday coffee hours – he looks forward to visiting with you!

Tomorrow, we have also invited the Fond du Lac and North Fond du Lac police and fire and the county sheriff departments to join us for recognition, blessing, and to be our honored guests at the coffee hour and light lunch following the 10:00am Eucharist. We only have a vague idea how many may be joining us, so I am especially counting on each of you to be flexible and to extend the hospitality St. Paul’s is known for.

2. Thanks in advance to all who will be our representatives at Fondue Fest on Main Street today, those who offer Cathedral Tours at 11am and 1pm, as well as those working the Brat Fry at the PDQ in North Fond du Lac. These are opportunities to reach out and make St. Paul’s known to the wider community!

3. The following is an *e*-note from John Penkoske:

Hi, Father ~

It would be nice if we could include some or all of this information in this weekend’s *E*-pistle.

- Monday evening, September 12, will be the first rehearsal (at I-T) of the combined Cathedral and Immanuel-Trinity Hand Bell Choir and Vocal Choirs. At 6:00pm there will be an Introduction to Hand Bells for all who need a refresher or have not played before. Vocal choir will rehearse at 7:15pm. All are welcome to join one or both groups.

- Our Combined Choirs will sing next Sunday, September 18 at the 10:00 Eucharist at the Cathedral. They will sing “The Lord is My Shepherd” by Howard Goodall. This setting is used as the theme music for the British comedy show “The Vicar of Dibley.”

~ Thanks, John

4. The following came as an announcement from the Bishop’s Office this week:

“The Rev. Karl Schaffenburg has accepted the call to serve as the next Rector of Grace, Sheboygan. He

will begin duties the 1st Sunday of Advent.”

Many of you know Karl; some don't. Karl and his wife, Elizabeth, were members at the Cathedral during his years of study for the priesthood at Nashota House. Since ordination in 2006, he has been Rector of The Church of the Incarnation in West Point, MS. Congratulations, Karl and Elizabeth!

5. In last weekend's Gospel (Matthew 18:15-17), Jesus taught us what I call "*The Rule of Gospel Conduct*." Referring to the inevitability of conflict in our church life, Jesus teaches:

- Step One is to go to the person: "Go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone."
- Step Two is to seek out a truly impartial mediator: "If you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you."
- Step Three is to reflect the issue against our Christian values and traditions for insight: "If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church;"
- Step Four is to give the person a "time out" to cool down and reflect: "And if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector."

Among my observations in my Sermon:

- It sometimes seems as though we tend to ignore Steps One and Two – don't go to the person, and don't involve a mediator – but we tell others instead, make the issue public, and feed a lot of gossip. Quite honestly, I have so much confidence in Step One that I truly think most conflicts could be addressed and resolved were we all to simply take the Step One first.
- With respect to Step Four, while we as a congregation would never cast anyone aside, folks these days sometimes cast the congregation aside without ever attempting to resolve their issues by taking Steps One, Two, and Three.

Jesus is our Master Teacher. "*The Rule of Gospel Conduct*" works, and our bonds of affection and God's grace are deep and powerful! When we try Jesus' ways, miracles seem to happen!

6. And someone shared an article titled: "*Controversy with Compassion: A Guide to Church Conflict*" by Charles Dickson. I quote:

There's a story about a farmer who offered to sell a million frogs to the owner of a local restaurant. Since frog legs were part of the menu, the owner placed an initial order for 100 frogs.

The farmer and owner agreed on a price and the farmer proceeded to the pond near his home, where it seemed a million frogs croaked each night, disturbing his sleep. Now was the opportunity to get rid of an aggravation and make some money in the process!

A week later, the farmer returned to the restaurant with a sheepish grin on his face and two scrawny frogs in his hand. "I was wrong," the farmer confessed. "These two little guys were making all that noise! I never realized two little frogs could sound like a million.

Sometimes conflicts in congregations take on the appearance of a pond of croaking frogs. The number of

those causing the conflict can be vastly overestimated, and we can lose perspective on the real intensity of the disturbance.

Still, we want our churches to be centered on the gospel of Christ and to be safe places to discuss issues. But too many congregations haven't learned ways in which this can be achieved. Handled in a compassionate and caring manner, controversy need not be a divisive factor in our congregations.

### *Guidelines for Constructive Conflict*

Some issues certainly are worth arguing about, and we can learn to do so in the spirit of being sisters and brothers in Christ. The following are some guidelines for having constructive conversations about controversial issues:

Recognize the complexity of the issue – charitably. Episcopalian typically consider three sources of authority when making decisions affecting their church or personal lives: Scripture, Tradition, and Reason. Each of these helps, but imperfectly:

- Scripture is often employed on both sides of a debate, and must be approached in a charitable manner.
- Tradition is diverse, and examples can be cited for many sides of an issue, depending on what saints, historical figures, or eras we wish to employ to buttress our opinions.
- We Reason differently as well, and our reasoning is often dependent upon our value systems and biases.

Respect those who differ with you. Denying the sincerity of those with opposite opinions does irreparable damage to individuals and their relationships. Faithful Christians can and do disagree about what it means to be followers of Christ.

Value other people's opinions. While one person's viewpoint on a topic is valuable and ought to be heard, no one's ideas are absolute. The only absolute is God. Until we arrive at God's perfect understanding, we depend on our contrasting viewpoints to correct and enhance one another.

Present viewpoints with love. The truth as each person sees it can be spoken with humility and without "putting another person down." Beginning with the words "I think" leaves room for others to express their opinions. St. Paul reminds us that it is more important to be loving than it is to be right!

Represent conflicting viewpoints fairly. While stereotyping opponents and exaggerating their positions may be successful strategies in partisan politics, they should not be part of communication among those in the community of faith.

It's okay to disagree. Threatening to leave the congregation or church body is the most disruptive of all tactics. The body of Christ is called to live together in harmony, even when there are tensions around divisive issues. There is real value in taking time to listen to others and to honor their viewpoints. All parties in an honest conversation learn by examining one another's beliefs.

Strive to be loyal dissenters. When members of a congregation or church body move in a direction that



some members find objectionable, employ the art of loyal dissent. We don't win every argument. People learn this from every social group of which they are part. An individual's particular viewpoint isn't necessarily the one that will be accepted by the group. So a loyal dissenter does not pull out of the congregation or leave the church, but remains committed to its overall mission while maintaining her or his personal opposition to certain issues. And this can be done with a spirit of integrity, as well as respect for the majority's decision.

The witness of Christ's church is needed to help heal the gaping wounds that afflict our society. But our witness is contradicted when our conversations with one another exude hatred rather than compassion. One of the most important lessons the church might teach the world is how to continue to live and love together during times of disagreement. We will always have controversy. The question is – will we engage it with compassion?

7. And someone shared the following from a newsletter article. This too touches on the inevitability of conflict and importance of checking our biases:

A young couple moves into a new neighborhood.

The next morning while they are eating breakfast,  
the young woman sees her neighbor hanging the wash outside. "That laundry is not very clean," she said.  
"She doesn't know how to wash correctly.  
Perhaps she needs some better laundry soap."  
Her husband looked on, but remained silent.

Every time her neighbor would hang her wash to dry,  
the young woman would make the same comments.

A month later,  
the woman was surprised to see a nice clean wash on the line! She said to her husband:

"Look, she learned how to wash correctly!  
I wonder who taught her this?"  
Her husband said,  
"I got up early this morning and cleaned our windows."

And so it is with life.  
What we see when watching others  
depends on the purity of the window through which we look.

8. If you are a "team player" and have the best interest of the Cathedral at heart: We need you to consider membership on the Cathedral Chapter – our leadership team. Every year, right after Labor Day, we put nomination forms on the table in the back of the Cathedral. They will be there until just before Thanksgiving. There is an *Orientation Meeting* for all the *nominees* during December. At that meeting, nominees *discern* whether they feel *called* to Chapter membership, at which time they become *candidates*. The congregation then *elects* its representatives from among the candidates at the *Annual Meeting* on the last Sunday of January. Terms are for three years. Please consider. Is the Lord calling you? (Those who have served in past years: Is the Lord calling you . . . again?)

May all who died on 9-11 rest in God's peace!

~ Fr. Brian

## *September Serving Schedule*

	Chalice	Lector	Prayers	Ushers	Greeters
09/04 8:00 AM	Heeren	Sill, L	Clark	LeQuesne	
09/04 10:00 AM	Holt Bates	Bates R	Glowac	Butlers	Walker/Stolen
09/11 10:00 AM	Weirschem Brant	Glowac	Holt	Degners	Matz
09/18 10:00 AM	Kane Nilsson	Jacobson, B	Nilsson	Glowac	Butler
09/25 10:00 AM	Ames Knobel	Jacobson M	Randolph	Kanes	Clark

## *September Anniversaries*

### **Birthdays**

1 Gail Hoard  
 3 Nancy Hackworthy  
 5 Steve Holt  
 7 Margaret MacLeod Brahm  
 8 Robin Coleman  
 9 Marilyn Walker  
 10 Kathy Tomko  
 12 Beth Tomes  
 13 Jackie Cody  
     Bennet Schillinger  
 16 Jean Hester  
 21 Judy Ozinga

### **Departed**

3 LaVergne Joern  
 9 William Ross  
 10 John Wiechmann  
 13 Dorothy Jossart  
     Daniel Jossart  
 16 Donald W. Drogue  
 22 Frances Edgecombe  
 24 Tinsley Seaton  
 26 Martha Partridge  
     Ted Hopkins  
 27 Mona D. LeQuesne  
 29 Robert W. Spargur  
 30 A. D. (Pete) Peterson

### **Weddings**

1 Joe Schena and Stefani Holt  
 5 Robert and Diane Diederich  
 6 Roger and June Ward  
 9 Fr. Joe and Sue Minnis  
 12 Jack and Margaret MacLeod Brahm  
 17 Richard and Paula Arnold  
 26 Adam and Kiersten Ward Brown  
     Bill Henderson and Janon Furlong

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				David Pendleton Oakerhater <i>1</i>	The Martyrs of New Guinea <i>2</i> 10:30 AM Yoga PM NA (OC) 7:00	Prudence Crandall <i>3</i> 5:00 PM Holy Eucharist Manitowish Waters
<b>12th Sunday after Pentecost</b> <i>4</i> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 9:00 AM St. Andrew's (OC) 9:25 AM Choir Rehearsal 1 0:00 AM Holy Eucharist and Nursery 7:00 PM NA (Parish Hall)	<b>LABOR DAY</b> <i>5</i> CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 PM NA (OC)	<i>6</i> Fr. Wallace on holiday Sept. 4 thru Sept 9 7:00 PM NA (OC)	Ellie Naud <i>7</i> 12:00 PM NA (OC) 7:00 PM NA (OC)	Soren Kierkegaard <i>8</i> 8:00 AM MOM's Men of Matthias' 8:30 AM WOM Women of Matthias 5:00 PM Book Club 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	Constance and her Companions <i>9</i> 10:30 AM Yoga PM NA (OC) 7:00	Alexander Crummell <i>10</i>
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<b>140th Sunday after Pentecost</b> <i>18</i> 9:00 AM St. Andrew's (OC) 9:25 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist and Nursery 11:00 AM Finance Comm 7:00 PM NA (Parish Hall)	Theodor of Tarsus <i>19</i> 1:30 PM AAUW Book Club 4:00 PM Yoga 7:00 PM NA (OC)	John C Patteson and his Companions <i>20</i> 5:00 PM Community Table 6:00 PM Vestry 7:00 PM NA (OC)	<b>St. Matthew</b> <i>21</i> 12:00 PM NA (OC) 7:00 PM NA (OC)	Philander Chase <i>22</i> 8:00 AM MOM's Men of Matthias' 6:30 PM. Choir Rehearsal	Ember Friday <i>23</i> 10:30 AM Yoga 7:00 PM NA (OC)	Ember Sstursday <i>24</i>
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# The Ambassador

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**September 2011**

## **From the Rector**

August 21 was a two cake Sunday at St. Matthias. Not one, but two brightly decorated sheets adored the coffee hour table. One for Theo and one for Betty.

At the Eucharist we had just baptized three month old Theodore Matias Herriot. His parents Claire and Brian brought him all the way from Bay Area of California, to be baptized in the church where his mother was baptized and in which his parents were married ten years ago. Several rows of the Coleman family (a founding St. Matthias' family) filled the right side of the nave to welcome and see their newest member initiated into Christ's Church.

We were also celebrating the 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday of Betty McCleary a long time parish member, who drives each week from Rhinelander, frequently serves as a lector, and is still more vivacious than most of us who are many years her junior.

The church was full, more so than usual even for a summer Sunday. It was filled with year round regulars-- some who have been coming to St. Matthias for many years and others who have only recently started attending. It was filled with summer residents who are here for the season, and other vacationers who come once or a few times a year. There were some also who had never been here before. There were many children, most of them here to spend time with grandparents. And people were here from all manner of places: A family from Abu Dhabi, another family from Luxembourg, a nine week old girl from the state of Washington with her parents, grandparents and great grandmother, others from California, Florida, Massachusetts, Virginia, Missouri, Texas, Illinois, Iowa. (I'm sure I missed some.)

At the coffee hour, people seemed hesitant to leave. Conversation and laughter filled the room. Smiles, hugs, eager handshakes were exchanged and repeated again and again. Someone remarked it seemed like a big family reunion.

This past Sunday was somewhat unusual, but not really. There is always to celebrate at St. Matthias', and we are one big family.

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We are all from different places, geographically and spiritually. And all of us find ourselves at different points on our journey, both of life and faith. We may be here in the northwoods because it's home, or a summer cottage, or a vacation spot, or our grandparents' place. We may be in church for many different reasons too. We may be long time members or newcomers, we may be very active or not sure we want to get too involved. Perhaps we are knowledgeable and confident in our faith, or we may be seekers with more questions than answers. Maybe we come for the music, or for the community. Maybe we come just to say our own prayers and go home quietly. Maybe we come to learn, or to serve. Maybe we come for comfort, or for inspiration, or to have our batteries recharged for the week ahead. It's all O.K.

Whoever we are, wherever we've come from, whatever our age, however we happen to be here, and no matter how long we been coming or how frequently we get here, we are welcome in this place. As we share the bread and cup, as we join our voices together in prayers and songs, we are indeed one family and God is in our midst.

The coffee hour was finally beginning to wind down, when one of the visiting grandchildren pulled the fire alarm, sending the remaining folks out the door and the Warden, Treasurer, and Verger scrambling in various directions to turn it off. That too was a good reminder that as the Church we are not just meant to be hanging around the building enjoying our own fellowship. We are sent on our way to meet all those beyond the doors, and let them know, in whatever way we can, that whoever and wherever they are, they are part of our family too and God is with us all.

God bless you all,  
Fr. Edgar Wallace

## **Women of Mathias' (WOM)**

Women of Matthias will have their first meeting Thursday September 9 at 8:30 a.m. in the library. The discussion this year will be based on the Beatitudes with Le Ganschow leading the first discussion. We begin with coffee at 8:15 and start our meeting at 8:30. Our closing prayer begins about 9:45. After the meeting, there is a 2 or 3 mile walk on the Bearskin Trail for the hardy folks. Do come to join us.

## **Adult Forum**

The Adult Forum will begin Oct. 2 at 8:15 Sunday morning. Fr. Ed and Barbara Hook are the opening presenters on the subject of immigration. We meet each Sunday until Mother's Day, excluding all Holidays. The subjects include issues of the day, church history, morals and ethics, music, physical well being, art, financial planning, service, missions, and other timely topics. Each Sunday provides excellent information presented by members of St. Matthias. Join in on this exceptional program.

Marcia Wisner-Holt  
wisnerm3@frontier.net

## Website Update

Check out our web site! We have been working on getting information, news, and events on the web site more current. We are also in the process of creating a new website -- more info to come! Be sure to check the Home Page News and the Calendar for timely information on all the events at St. Matthias. (If you have any changes to the calendar or any updates for the web site, please contact Beth Jacobson at [bjgraphic@frontier.com](mailto:bjgraphic@frontier.com) or Bob Holt at [robertholt3700@gmail.com](mailto:robertholt3700@gmail.com))

## From your Ambassador Newsletter Editor....

If you would like something included in an upcoming newsletter, please submit it by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to your listing to: Randy Bates at [hodagharley@gmail.com](mailto:hodagharley@gmail.com).

Pictures are always welcome and appreciated. Any ideas or feedback on the newsletter are always welcome. Starting with the October issue, subtle changes to the format will be made to make the Ambassador easier to read and download from the Internet.



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### All are welcome

All are welcome at St. Matthias' Episcopal Church. Services are Sundays at 10:00 a.m. An additional service is at 8:00 a.m. (from June through August). Evensong services are third Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. and are followed by a potluck supper. Contact the church at 715-356-6758, send an e-mail to church@stmatthiasminocqua.org or visit our website at stmatthiasminocqua.org.

### From the editor

Many shoppers don't realize the number of hours Thrift Shop coordinator Jan Degner and Furniture Annex coordinator Gene Degner donate to keep our shops well-stocked and efficiently organized. Recently they told stories at a church discussion forum. Below are a few of their stories. Our readers may be surprised at the things that go on at the two shops.

There's something magic about this place! (Jan Degner, Thrift Shop)

- As one of our volunteers set about preparing for the May wedding display in the entrance to the shop, she discovered that there were not enough wedding items for the display. Suddenly, within moments, an enormous bag of wedding clothes and items appeared at the drop-off in back of the shop. In Jan's words: "We turn around and there it is!"
- We recently spent a sunny weekend afternoon looking for pussy willows, found lots of them, tied them in bunches, and sold them at the shop for \$4.00 a bunch.
- A group of high school boys came in one day during lunch and asked for cowboy boots. These boys now talk about the shop as "their store" and are regular shoppers. Their initiation to the thrift shop started with their discovery of tuxedos, all of which they

purchased at the shop.

- The word about bargains has spread through the Lakeland high school population. For example, the high school hockey team arrived one day and bought sport coats. Size wasn't an issue; they just wanted them "big!" Also, a group of high school students who took responsibility for producing, directing, staffing, and publicizing a play at the Campanile purchased their outfits at the thrift shop. We now put aside specially-marked boxes for theater "productions."
- A while back we were invited to the old Catholic Church to select what we wanted from items the church left behind after its move from temporary quarters to their new facility. We got an incredible number of drink glasses, two elaborate seven foot candelabras, and a kneeler and three wrought iron chairs that have been refurbished for use in our church.
- The Saturday before our seasonal turnover of merchandise (occurs in the fall and spring of the year), everything left in the shop after a week of sales is free. This spring Boxes of Love took almost everything, and the shop was practically free of merchandise by closing time.
- Every week we haul an average of 140 bins of clothing and shoes to the Senior Center, where they are sorted for GoodWill. Seniors at the Center raise over \$10,000 yearly for their Center through this recycling initiative.

### *Volunteer Appreciation Dinner*

"Hats Off to our Volunteers"  
(wear the hat of your choice)

When: Monday, Sept. 12,  
5:00 Cocktails; 6:00 Dinner

Where: Reuland's Conference Center

### *We Support Local Charities*

St. Matthias' Episcopal Church donates proceeds from the Thrift Shop to area charities quarterly. The Thrift Shop governing committee recommends charities based on proposals submitted by the volunteers. 2nd Quarter donations for 2011:

*\$1,500 Donation:*

*Lakeland Food Pantry*

*\$1,000 Donations:*

*MTH Foundation, Mary Mile*

*Big Brothers Big Sisters*

*Hospice (in memory of Volunteer*

*LaVergne Joern)*

*Camp Jorn*

*Alzheimers Association*

*\$500 Donations:*

*Campanile Conservatory*

*Compassionate Friends*

*Relay for Life*

The Thrift Shop also makes donations of household goods, books, furniture, and clothing to needy families/nonprofits. This past year an estimated \$1,130 worth of merchandise was donated to individuals and nonprofit organizations.

10% of the net income of the Thrift Shop supports a variety of community outreach activities of St. Matthias' Episcopal Church; the remaining dollars are used for upkeep, renovations, and community outreach.

Proposals for 3rd Quarter donations due Sept. 1, 2011.

calendar of events 

Visit our church website to find out the latest information about our thrift shop and furniture annex: stmatthiasminocqua.org

winter hours 11 - 3 Tuesday – Saturday

summer hours before Labor Day, 10 - 3

evening hours: 5 - 8 Wednesdays

FURNITURE ANNEX

located on Milwaukee St.

across from Fire Station

Saturdays 11 - 3 winter, 10 - 3 summer

Our Furniture Annex is a “work in progress!” (Gene Degner, Furniture Annex)

- (a typical week in Gene’s life at the Furniture Annex) Several of us pick up furniture on Tuesday and make price estimates. On Wednesday I repair donated furniture. We arrange the store on Thursday, and on Friday we mark the items and do a final walk-through.

- Several months ago when the Campanile sold all its pews in order to purchase cushioned seats, I purchased four pews for \$50 apiece. First I made shelves for the craft area of the Thrift Shop and then constructed benches out of the leftover pieces and sold them at the Furniture Annex for a nice profit.

- A man told his wife he was tired of hauling around a love seat in his car so he gave it to the Furniture Annex.

- Virtually all of the furniture stores in town provide a trade-in option where customers can bring in their good used furniture; the store then donates this furniture to our Furniture Annex.

- We are often called upon to clean out entire cottages and to pick up furniture items. Last fall we averaged one to two

### volunteer opportunities

Interested in volunteering at the Thrift Shop? Contact Jan Degner at 356-3447 or [jdegner42@charter.net](mailto:jdegner42@charter.net) or ask at the front desk

### we accept items in good condition

Please do not give us anything you would not give to a friend. We may refuse items that are not saleable. Call 358-2182 for questions.

### mark your calendar

Aug 30, 31	Half-Price Sale
Sept 1, 2	Dollar-a-Bag Sale
Sept 3	Free Day open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Sept 4-19	Closed for cleaning & restocking
Sept 12	Fall Appreciation Dinner at Reuland’s Conference Center
Sept 20	Reopening with fall & winter merchandise
Sept 24	Beef-a-Rama

pick-ups a week. If the owner says, “Take all or nothing,” we say, “Nothing.” Most people want to donate, so they ask us to come out anyway. We sometimes charge a small fee for long-distance pick-ups.

### Introducing Volunteer Bev Coller

*Unless Bev Coller is cashiering as a substitute for our regular cashiers, on Tuesdays and some Fridays and Saturdays she is in the back sorting and pricing voluminous boxes of incoming books, tapes, CDs, and records. Bev said she used to shop at the old shop, and when the new shop opened, she decided it would be a “fun place to work....And it is!” To keep herself busy, she also shelves books at the public library and occasionally serves as a Docent at the museum in Minocqua. Bev’s hobbies (when she isn’t volunteering) include knitting, crocheting, aerobic swimming, and walking her grandkids’ dog.*

### customer tales

*A woman came into the shop with her three daughters carrying a bunch of flowers and presented them to Coordinator Jan Degner. The girls all donned skirts and accessories sewed together with ties (even a tie waistband) their mother had purchased at the thrift store. Talk about the latest in fashions!*

*A local man caught sight of a pretty white dress in our workroom and asked if he could look at it. A volunteer showed it to him and he told me he wanted to get it for his longtime girlfriend. He said she had indicated she would marry him, if only she had the right dress. He didn’t purchase it just then, but came back the next week and asked for the dress again. A volunteer located it and this time he made up his mind to “put her on the spot” and see if she would come through on his “proposal” dress.*

### emergency situations

Our merchandise is free to those in need, whether from fire losses or other disasters. If you are in the shop, let our cashier know and we’ll do our best to accommodate your needs. You can also call Jan Degner at 356-3447.

#### Governing Committee:

Coordinator: Jan Degner

Treasurer: Karin Randolph

Betsy Butler Rita Green

Susie Mueller Ruth Wagner

Barb Kwiatkowski

*Daily floor managers are encouraged to attend the meetings. All Thrift Shop business must be approved by the governing committee.*

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**Fri, Sep 16, 2011 at 9:08 AM**

To: [yvon@effectivechurchcom.com](mailto:yvon@effectivechurchcom.com)

Here's another that is strictly an electronic newsletter sent out weekly - every Thursday night by our one and only male office manager in the diocese.

Enjoy!

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**Subject:** Fw: St. Mark's Update



This Sunday we pause to  
remember!

## St. Mark's Update Friday, September 9, 2011

**News From the Pews:** Tom Kiravakis celebrated his birthday yesterday (Thursday). Nell Buchman, Ralph Beckman, and Arden Kuehmsted are celebrating birthdays this week. Joe and Althea Kortenhoff are heading back to St. Louis tomorrow (Saturday). May God go with you! We hope you found some refreshment at the lake these past weeks. Five members are attending Cursillo -- Wayne and Sandy Sparks, Joyce Woldt, Mary Ann Baitinger, and Don Bangert. five of the 17 are from St. Marks. Rodo Wilke is a Freshman at UW-Parkside in Kenosha. Mother Deb's wedding is set for January 7, at St. Mark's. The Audiologist was at St. Mark's on Tuesday to measure and test. We have a quote on the cost of installing the hearing loop. Work will begin shortly. **Glenda Rhodes is speaking at the public library at 12 Noon on Tuesday, September 13 "We Should Have Asked Aunt Grace."** A complimentary lunch is served. Call the library to RSVP. Judy Bertling is recuperating after knee surgery. Josh and Bridget Morgan are leaving this week end for their belated honeymoon to Ireland. Finance Committee meets at 10AM on Tuesday, September 13. Glenda Rhodes was re-elected to the Board of Directors of the Waupaca Historical Society -continuing on the Board is Joyce Woldt and yours truly.

St. Mark's is taking its turn serving at Bread Basket this Tuesday, September 13. We need volunteers to cook, serve, and clean up. We also need 24 dozen cup cakes. Sign up sheets are in the parish hall. If you have never served -- give it a try. Beth Bray is our Bread Basket coordinator. The meal is served at the Methodist Church across from the hospital.

Mark's Women will meet at 6PM (after Bread Basket) on Tuesday, August 13 at Chain O' Lakes Bar and Grill in King. The newly formed Ladies Luncheon Group will meet the next day, Wednesday, September 14, at 12 Noon also at the Chain O' Lakes Bar and Grill. Sign up sheets are in the parish hall. (Husbands are gathering at Weasels at the same time on Tuesday evening.)

**The Wednesday evening adult education series begins on Wednesday, September 14. Mass 6PM. Salad/Soup Supper 6:30PM. Program 7PM. This Wednesday the program is on the history of the King James Bible. 2011 is the 400th anniversary of the KJB. A fascinating video will be shown.**

**The Thursday morning series begins on September 15 following the 10AM Healing Mass. Fr. Nigel will lead the first session on the make up of the canon of Holy Scripture. Then for the next 2 weeks we will discuss the New York Times Bestseller, Christ the Lord - Out of Egypt. A limited number of copies of the book are on reserve at the public library on the St. Mark's Book Club shelf. Ask a librarian for assistance. After 2 weeks with that book we will settle into a New Testament Bible Study until Advent...beginning with the Epistle of James.**

The **Fall Rummage Sale** will be held on Thursday and Friday, September 22 and 23. Something new! The sale will be held in the Parfreyville Town Hall just off Hwy K along the Crystal River -- just down the road from the Methodist Church. We will be accepting most everything for the sale -- adult clothing on hangers, children's clothing, house wares, holiday items, furniture, books, etc. Please, no electronics (computers, TV's etc.) Sign up sheets are in the parish hall. We will be sorting and pricing on Monday - Wednesday. Alley Karavakis is our event chair.

The **Alzheimer Walk** will step off at 9AM on Saturday, September 24 starting at Bethany Home. We have a team of walkers from St. Mark's. Care to join them? ALSO we are looking for sponsors for our walkers -- A basket will be in the parish hall or make a check to St. Mark's with Alzheimer on the memo line. Walking so far are Kathy Bidwell, Pat Hollenbeck and Don Bangert. It is a 3 mile walk. St. Mark's is the half way point. We need a volunteer or two to sit at the "water table". Take a memory walk for a good cause!

**NEWS FROM NASHOTAH -- A week ago classes were just beginning, now I'm looking at hundreds of pages to read and my first paper due in a week. Yikes! I think my favorite classes are going to be Ethics and Parish Ministry. Ethics is going to be interesting because we will discuss sensitive topics of sexuality, environmental and medical ethics. All of which come up in the real world and will require us to look at both sides. Fortunately the class is small, seven of us and five have been together since day one of our first year. That means we know each other and our views fairly well. Hopefully we will be able to discuss thoroughly without being offended when opposing views are expressed. I've been extremely busy getting ready for the seminarian leadership conference to be hosted by Nashotah next week. I attended last year at Sewanee, so this year am co-chairperson with another student. We expect students from 11 seminaries. We've got a full schedule of days planned. Faithfully, *Meredyth***

Our September **Mission of the Month** supports our "Seminarian Fund". Now that we have 2 seminarians -- here is how it will work. Any undesignated gifts to the seminarian fund will be divided equally between Meredyth and Ryan. If you want your offering directed, then please put the name of the seminarian on the memo line of your check. We are doubly blessed to have two seminarians studying for Holy Orders.



**We have had a Packer Party** in past years. Anyone want to host a pot luck Packer Party?

Judy Bertling is our Sunday School Coordinator pro-tem. Sunday School begins this Sunday, September 11. On that day (9/11) we will also be dedicating a new American Flag donated by Jim Johnson in memory of his grandfather and father. The flag will be a companion to the Episcopal Flag that was donated a few years ago by Tony & Arden Kuehmsted in memory of their son Bill.

A new ministry opportunity for St. Mark's. **Project Backpack** is gearing up for another year. Children in Waupaca who are eligible are invited to receive a back pack of food each Friday. They return the empty back pack on Monday. St. Mark's will provide a team of 8 people who will do the packing. We will serve only about 6 times during the school year. So far we have 4 people -- Pat, Nell, Dick and Kathy. We need 4 more. Let me or Nell Buchman know. This ministry began at Shepherd of the Lakes and has become ecumenical in our community.

Last chance for Cell Phones for Soldiers. Bring your old unwanted cell phones to church on Sunday. They will be recycled. A not for profit agency then uses the money to provide pre-paid calling cards to our soldiers deployed around the world. A box is on the table in the parish hall -- next to the Piggly Wiggly receipt cookie jar -- next to the Lions Club used eye glasses and hearing aid container. So many ways to help! We will also be setting up an aluminum can recycling center -- proceeds will help support the Riverview Park downtown Waupaca.

**Serving at Worship**: Chalice Bearers, Deacon Bruce McCallum; Lectors, Barb Conradt and Kathy Bidwell; Usher, Dave Hathaway; Coffee Hour, The Vestry; Offering Counters, Doug Wilke and Darlene Roubal; Organist, Deb Anderson; Altar Guild, the Jacqueline and Don Bangert. Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of Mildred Pinkerton's 102nd birthday by her children and family. The flowers at the base of the Altar are given by Bethany Home also in honor of Mildred's birthday.

**See you in Church**: Choir Practice 8:30AM. Eucharist 9:30AM. Come early before we run out of bulletins. Seminarian Meredyth Albright preaching. Commissioning of our two seminarians and Godspeed and farewell to the Delaney family. Blessing of a new American Flag. DQ ice cream cakes and other goodies at social hour.

***Dick Bidwell, Parish Administrator***

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to

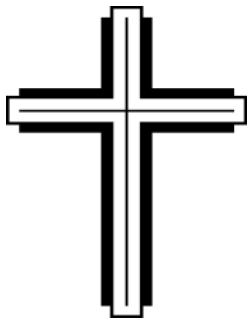
have the two as close together as possible.

- *George Burns*

(Submitted by Deacon Bruce)

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## St. Peter's

# KEYS

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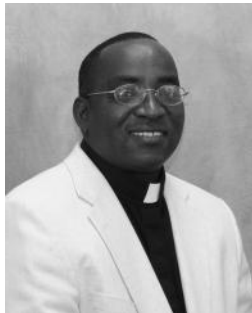
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### OUR VISION

*To be a vibrant,  
Christ-centered  
community,  
actively reaching  
out to help and  
to bring others to  
Christ.*

### OUR MISSION

*To provide  
opportunities for  
all people to grow  
in Faith, Hope,  
and Love.*



As the summer season ends and the Fall season begins, everyone is aware that it is time to get back to the normal routine. Indeed, as I write this, teachers and students are already back to school. For

many churches, it also means going back to regular programming and activity. For us at St. Peter's, our plan is to not only go back to regular programming and activity, but to church as it should be. Our hope is that we will recommit ourselves to the ordinary things such as worship and fellowship, as well as seriously consider such things as Christian Education that are very crucial to our Christian faith but have had little opportunity to engage in before.

### What Kind of Church?

As I think about the "Back to Church" idea, I am reminded that church means different things to different people. For some, Church is the old building with beautiful windows where people go to fulfill their Christian duty when nothing else is going on in their lives. For others, church is the place where we are supposed to go if we need something from God or the people who claim to represent him. If we don't need anything, or are not sure if we could indeed get what we want, then there is no reason to go. For others still, church is the place where those who have it together go to show off their good clothes or good cars and brag about how good

God has been to them. For others, church is the place where all the hypocrites go. For others, who I wish were more than they really are, church is more than a place, more than an institution, but a calling, an invitation to love and be loved. You probably know many other ways people perceive church and the basis on which they determine their level of participation or lack of.

### Church as a Community of Love

My personal perception of church is what I refer to as a community of love. It is a gathering, a coming together of individuals and families who feel, in one way or the other, a calling to follow Jesus and have decided to come and find out what that calling is all about. Once gathered, these people somehow discover that church is all about the God who loves us and has commanded us to love one another just as he has loved us (John 13:34). As they love each other, they begin to realize that God calls them to extend that love to their neighbors (Romans 13:9); and even their enemies (Matthew 5:44). Church as I understand it is a group of people who know they are loved by God and are committed to loving God and all that he has made. Whatever they do together or separately is centered around that core belief. Their worship, their fellowship, their education/discipleship, their service, their outreach and whatever else they do are ways of expressing the love of God among them.

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Such is the kind of church I pray we will experience and invite others to come to at St. Peter's.

It is important to remember that church as a community of love is not necessarily a perfect community because it is made of imperfect people. That's why Jesus advised his disciples on what to do if a member of the community hurt another member (Matthew 18:15-17). St. Paul in his letter to the Colossians urged them to bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances they may have against one another. He commanded them to forgive as the Lord has forgiven them (Colossians 3:13-14). The church as a community of love is a place where people are aware of their own not just others' shortcomings; and are intentionally and prayerfully practicing the golden rule (Matthew 7:12).

May this Fall season be for us a time to come back to church as it should be; a community grateful for God's love, and committed to continued learning and practicing their love for God and his creation.



### ***Birthdays***

September 1 — Jane Lynch  
September 13 — Richard Bennin  
September 18 — Dona Heinig

September 19 — Gertrude Garczynski  
September 22 — Erica Heinig  
September 23 — Peter Dobrznizki  
September 24 — Char Stevens  
September 30 — Jeanette Weisse

### ***Anniversaries***

September 14 — Mike & Laurel Cizauskas  
September 16 — Pierre & Eline Muhire  
September 18 — Ted & Lisa Milne  
September 20 — Robert & Amanda Zimmerman  
September 21 — Joe III & Pat Richardson  
September 30 — Arnold & Sauda Hakizimana



## **Fun in the Sun Day!**

The weather was perfect as seven young members of St. Peter's participated in the Fun in the Sun event at the Cromwell home on August 25th. They started with lunch, then had an opportunity to swim, to kayak and to ride in a paddleboat. After all the time in the water, they took a break for dessert: brownie sundaes with fudge sauce and sprinkles. Some of them also explored the woods on the Cromwell property, and Sarah Cromwell and Lily Schneider waded in the Mullet River. It was a relaxing and enjoyable afternoon for everyone!



Everyone gathers under a tree for some shade (and a photo opp) after a lot of Fun in the Sun.



Starry-eyed Greg and Heather Schneider serve as lifeguards for the event



Katie and Noah Bartlett go for a ride together

<u>Date</u>	<u>Greeter/Usher</u>	<u>Reader/Prayers</u>	<u>Chalice</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
9/4	Judy Goes & Helen Seubert	Roger Dulmes	George & Linda Palmer	Ethan Cizauskas
9/11	Char Stevens & Louise Robson	Nancy Simenz	Barb Schultz & Lynn Brownrigg	Charlie Malingowski
9/18	Gordie Pribek & Joanne Strassburger	George Palmer	Helen Seubert & Joan Bruggink	Lindy Malingowski
9/25	Heather & Tom Schneider	Ann Weeden	Brock Brownrigg & George Palmer	Isaac Cizauskas
10/2	Judy Goes & Helen Seubert	Louise Robson	Randy LeMahieu & Barb Schultz	Charlie Malingowski
10/9	Children	Children	George Palmer & Helen Seubert	Ethan Cizauskas
10/16	Mike & Laurel Cizauskas	Nancy Simenz	Joan Bruggink & Barb Schultz	Lindy Malingowski
10/23	Marie Rose	George Palmer	Lynn & Brock Brownrigg	Isaac Cizauskas
10/30	George & Linda Palmer	Lynn Brownrigg	Terri & Randy LeMahieu	Ethan Cizauskas
11/6	Roger & Sharon Dulmes	Beth Bartelt	Helen Seubert & Barb Schultz	Charlie Malingowski
11/13	Randy & Terri LeMahieu	Gordie Pribek	George & Linda Palmer	Lindy Malingowski
11/20	Paul & Beth Bartelt	Nancy Simenz	Joan Bruggink & Helen Seubert	Isaac Cizauskas
11/27	Judy Goes & Helen Seubert	Louise Robson	Lynn & Brock Brownrigg	Ethan Cizauskas

If you are interested in serving on or being removed from the liturgical schedule, please see our Senior Warden, Linda Palmer. If you are ever unable to serve in your scheduled position on a given date, please switch with someone else on the schedule. Thank you!



The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Coats for Kids Campaign is accepting donations of clean coats (all sizes, for all ages) in good repair now through October 14<sup>th</sup> at Novak-Ramm-Ziegler Funeral Home in Sheboygan. To make it easier for you to donate, you can bring your coat donations to church and Dona Heinig will be transporting them. Thank you.

	<b>July</b>		<b>Year-To-Date</b>		
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income					
Contributions	\$8,402.00	\$12,794.00	\$69,912.51	\$89,558.00	-\$19,645.49
Other Income	\$62.00	\$884.00	\$4,445.67	\$6,988.00	-\$2,542.33
Total Income	\$8,464.00	\$13,678.00	\$74,358.18	\$96,546.00	-\$22,187.82
Expenses	\$12,757.97	\$14,738.09	\$87,530.15	\$101,178.23	\$13,648.08
Difference	-\$4,293.97		-\$13,171.97		

Contributions for the month of July were 66% of budget, resulting in YTD receipts at 78% of budget. Our total income YTD is 10% below 2010 at this time.

Income \$74,358.18 received YTD in 2011 vs. \$82,864.38 in 2010 YTD, down \$8,506.20; 10%

Expenses remain well under budget and total expenditures YTD are less than last years by about \$13,000. Overall, expenses are running at about \$13,000 greater than income. If you are behind on your contributions and are able to catch up at this point please do so. Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated.

Expense \$87,530.15 spent YTD in 2011 vs. \$100,715.44 in 2010 YTD, down \$13,185.29; -13%

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## CHURCH SERVICES

### Sunday

Holy Eucharist  
8AM and 9:30AM  
(Child care available during  
the 9:30 service)

### Wednesday

Holy Eucharist  
9AM

## New Sunday Schedule Begins September 11

**8:00 - Worship** (*no music*), **9:00 -10:00am - Christian Education for All Ages.** **10:15: Family Worship** (*Blended Music, Audio Visual Technology, Child Care*). **Adult Education will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Children's Sunday School will be in the Meeting Room (at the church) and the Activity Center (at the Church House).** It is our hope that this will allow those of you who are interested in Christian Education but have had difficulties with week night schedules to take advantage of the many courses we will be offering. We look forward to a successful and life giving Sunday morning experience at St. Peter's. Please plan to join us as we explore Christian perspectives on all kinds of issues. Lindy Malingowski, Nancy Simenz, Judy Goes, and Louise Bennin will facilitate the Adult classes.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION...

**Great Marriages is offering a free program called "How to Avoid Marrying a Jerk(ette)".** It will be held on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am-4:00 pm. This program is for adults who want to make smart choices in dating including: individuals who have experienced a divorce and are dating again; never married singles, and anyone who wants to know how to find a mate who is compatible for a healthy relationship. To register, call Great Marriages for Sheboygan County at 920-783-3660.

**New Website:** Our new and improved website is currently online. Please note that it is still under construction. We are still working on some features. Visit it and give us some feedback on what you like so far and what needs to be improved. [www.stpetersfalls.org](http://www.stpetersfalls.org)

**The next book club selection is The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins.** Everyone is welcome to join the group for the discussion at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20 at the Church House. Please bring a dish to pass. We hope to see you there!





Yvon Prehn &lt;yvoneffect@gmail.com&gt;

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**Vicky Stauber-Pufall** <vstauber-pufall@diofdl.org>

Fri, Sep 16, 2011 at 9:03 AM

Reply-To: vstauber-pufall@diofdl.org

To: yvon@effectivechurchcom.com

Hi, Yvon -

Here's another example of a strictly electronic newsletter that is issued weekly by Jane (she is an 80+something!). Enjoy!

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Vicky Stauber-Pufall, Diocesan Office Secretary

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## Eucharist Schedule

10 a.m. Sundays

8 and 10 a.m. July and August

12:15 p.m. Wednesdays (**during Lent**)

## Weekly Meetings

Lectionary Study

Wednesdays 2-4 p.m.

September through May

Bible Study

Thursdays 10 a.m. - Noon

September through May

## Monthly Meetings

Vestry

Third Thursdays 3:30 p.m.

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## September 8, 2011

### Readings for Sunday, September 11

[Exodus 14: 19-31](#)

[Psalm 114](#) or [Exodus 15: 1b-11, 20-21](#)

or

[Genesis 50: 15-21](#)

[Psalm 103: \(1-7\), 8-13](#)

[Romans 14: 1-12](#)

[Matthew 18: 21-35](#)

Click on the links above to access readings.

September Northern Light Newsletter is now on line. Click on "St. Luke's Newsletter" left hand column below to access.

## A Quote From Sunday's Sermon...

"Jesus says that when two or three are gathered together, he is in our midst. How would our dinner table or parking lot conversations change if Jesus was visibly present" In some Jewish traditions, there's an empty chair at the Seder meal for Elijah. Maybe we should leave an empty chair to remind us that Jesus is indeed right there with us."

## Fall Gourmet Dinner

### Caribbean Carnival

Sign-up Sheet and Menu will be posted September 4-18.

Dinners are targeted for late September through early November. We hope all of our "snowbirds" can participate before heading south.



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## Vestry

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 Judy Bush, Junior Warden  
 Martin Ford (2013)  
 Karen Schwartz (2013)  
 Peter Thelen (2013)  
 Kathy Blankenburg (2012)  
 Carol Ann Osinski (2012)  
 Jean Barrett (2012)

## September Birthdays

Corky Hellyer 7  
 Anne Wyman 15  
 Roberta Thelen 23  
 Diana Wallace 28

## September Anniversaries

Karen & Doug Schwartz 6  
 Susan & Joe Mazza 7  
 Corky & Jay Hellyer 8



*To view The "Northern Light" newsletter, click on image above. It*

Another delightful dinner for good food, fun, and fellowship. As always, newcomers are welcomed. Any questions? Contact Jean Barrett.

## Building Update



Installation of insulation in Canterbury Room.



Old beams going out.



New beam going in.

*will take you to St. Luke's Episcopal Church website. Then click on "Newsletter".*

## To Learn More

If you would like to learn more about St. Luke's community:

[St. Luke's Newsletter](#)

[Diocese of Fond du Lac](#)



New beam in place.

*(Photos and updates compliments of Lenny Zakrzewski)*

Ray and Ralph will be happy to give guided tours on Sundays after the service when appropriate.

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## ***Book Club News***

Our next book is "The Bone House" by Brian Freeman and will be hosted by Sherry Wolf on **September 12 at 7 p.m.**

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## ***Reminders***



### ***Vestry Meeting...***

Next vestry meeting is Thursday, October 27.



***Mark your calendars....***

Group meditation continues each Thursday at 4:30 except the Thursdays that the vestry meets.

Blessing of the animals, Sunday, October 2 at 1 p.m.,  
St. Luke's parking lot.

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## ***Lay Ministry Schedule***

**September 11**

*Music - Ray*

*Readers - Margaret & Diana*

*Prayers - Steve*

*Chalice - Jean & Steve*

*Hosts - Carol Ann & Ray*

*Ushers - Susan & Eileen*

*LEV - Judy*

*Flowers - Jeffery & Susan*

*Cleaning - TBD*

*Altar Guild - Norma*

**September 18**

*Music - Marty*

*Readers - George & TBD*

*Prayers - Kathy*

*Chalice - George & Susan*

*Hosts - Julie*

*Ushers - Anne & Kathy*

*LEV - Kathy*

*Flowers - Sally Burr*

*Cleaning - TBD*

*Altar Guild - Eileen*

**September 25**

*Music - Ralph*

*Readers - Judy & Margaret*

*Prayers - Steve*

*Chalice - Jean & TBD*

*Hosts - Sherry*

*Ushers - Rand & Sherry*

*LEV - Doug*

*Flowers - Diana*

*Cleaning - Joan*

*Altar Guild - Jane*

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## **A message from Fr. McQueen, Priest-in-charge: TRANSITION**

September is always a month of transition in the life of Grace Church, but this will be especially true in 2011. As always, we will be welcoming back those who have been worshipping at All Saints' Chapel, where the season concludes Labor Day weekend. Also, after a summer blessed with Sunday morning formation provided by Mr. Charleston Wilson, we will begin our regularly-scheduled Christian formation and education the following week, with students meeting Sunday School teachers downstairs and an introduction to fall programming happening upstairs in St Nicholas Hall. Yes, these are the usual things, nothing new here.

However, there are also several important changes in the life of the parish. The first is that we will begin preparation for our second Annual Meeting of 2011. You'll recall that at our first such gathering in January, the decision was made to move the date of our Annual Meeting to the fall, an idea that had been floating around for quite some time. There are several reasons that this makes more sense for Grace Church. One is that the life of the parish much more closely resembles the school year rather than the calendar year. This change allows us to use the summer, when things are slower, to do most of the planning and preparation for the church year, rather than the Advent/Christmas season. Another reason is that it allows us the opportunity to proactively lay out possible goals and strategies and how they need to be supported before the Fall Stewardship Campaign, rather than to reactively present a deficit budget after the fact. Spiritually we all have a responsibility to give as much as we're able, but from a practical standpoint, it's my hope that seeing the picture beforehand will help the Stewardship Campaign begin with some momentum.

Another reason, which is related to the last, is that it will allow us to continue to have a meeting in January that will focus entirely on the Grace Church financial picture. At Annual Meetings past, the agenda has been too large to be able to go into as much detail about the budget as it deserves. Many have expressed interest in learning more and it is the hope of the Vestry and Finance Committee that by devoting an entire parish meeting to the task, we'll be able to raise the level of understanding and awareness regarding this vital part of parish life.

From a practical standpoint, moving the Annual Meeting to the fall allows for better attendance. There are several parishioners who head south in the winter or are still traveling at the tail end of the holiday season. While that does represent a small percentage of the congregation, with the vast majority of the parish remaining here, those that remain are faced with a much more unpredictable forecast in January than in September or October. Weather conditions have been a concern every year that I've been here and that is now mostly removed, hopefully allowing for 100% parish attendance at one of the most important gatherings in the life of the parish.

The second change this September comes as a direct result of the moving of the Annual Meeting. New Vestry members will be elected at the meeting October 2, rather than in January. While they won't actually rotate on until January, we're excited to be able to bring new members on earlier so that when their terms actually begin, they can hit the ground

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## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**Please join us**

**Sunday, September 4th**

**9:00am**

**Last Sunday at  
All Saint's Chapel  
Elkhart Lake**



**Sunday the 11th**

**9:00am**

**Rally Day  
First day of  
Christian Formation**

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running. Please consider whether you may be called to serve on the Vestry and, if so, please call the church office or email Fr. McQueen. It is an excellent opportunity to invest in the parish in a particular way and to grow in your own spirituality through your service.

The final big change is, of course, the calling of the new rector. As you may know already, Fr. Karl Schaffenburg will be leaving his current post at Church of the Incarnation in West Point, Mississippi to lead Grace Church into a new beginning. While he will not be with us immediately, as he still has an obligation to pastor his current parish and prepare them for their transition, he will be joining us for the Walsingham Pilgrimage as our preacher for the feast. The Vestry will be in continuing communication with Fr. Schaffenburg in preparation for his arrival and are ecstatic to welcome him here.

The Nashotah House bookstore used to offer a book entitled, Sacred Cows Make the Best Burgers. While I don't think the changes happening this fall are quite on that scale, it does

make an interesting point: there is a tremendous amount of potential positive energy in change. True, it can be unsettling and uncertain, but it also happens to be a hallmark of Christian discipleship. We are called to continual conversion and renewal and a big part of that must be willing to modify the areas of our life that are not propelling us heavenward. We all have areas of our life where, if we would just allow the Holy Spirit in, we would be able to blossom and bear fruit in places we didn't even know we had buds.

In the interest of bearing that kind of fruit, Grace Church has embraced a tiny bit of change. Where in your life are the buds waiting to explode? In your relationships at work or at home? In your personal finances or your goals and ambitions? In the month of September, commit yourself in your prayer and in your worship to seeking out the changes in your life that need to happen and allow the Holy Spirit to follow through on them.

-JDM+

## **SUNDAY MORNING ADULT FORMATION**

Sunday morning Christian education will resume on Rally Day, which will be September 11th. In the Adult Formation will class we will begin a series of Bible studies focusing on the Psalms, which began in August in the Thursday morning Bible Study. There are several reasons for this choice. The first is that there has long been a desire expressed by members of the community to have a weekly Bible study offered at a time outside normal working hours so that it might be more accessible. The second is that by doing a series of Bible studies we'll have the flexibility to pick up something new once the new rector arrives and has had a chance to plan the curriculum. Finally, the discussions that we've had on Thursday mornings regarding this particular series have been excellent and those attending have commented on how helpful they've been and so I would like to make that available to everyone.

The focus of the Bible has been using the Psalter as a guide for praying through our emotions. Please come and join us as we talk about why this is the most helpful (and the healthiest!) way of approaching and sorting through our emotions.

## **Thursday Morning Bible Study**

In the month of July we concluded our study of the Revelation to John, an exciting and challenging look at God's mercy and justice in restoring Creation. In the month of August we will be studying the place of emotion in our prayer in the Book of Psalms. The psalms are some of the most emotionally honest passages of scripture that we have and for them already to have been put into the form of prayer is of tremendous benefit to us. Please join us this month as we look at doubt, guilt, fear and other emotions through the eyes of the psalmists, in hopes that we might be able to view those feelings with new eyes ourselves.

Bible Study follows the 8:45 Morning Prayer and Mass. All are welcome!



# SCIO NEWS

**Bridgeway and Beyond is in desperate need of the following items:**

- **Dryer Sheets**
- **Zip Lock bags - all sizes**
- **Batteries - AA, C, D, and AAA sizes**
- **Light bulbs - 60 and 75 watt**
- **School supplies**

**If you wish to donate, items can be brought to Bridgeway (1251 Geele Ave, Sheboygan)**

**Building Bridges Child Care collects the following items:**

- **McDonald's receipts from Sheboygan, Ozaukee, Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha, Walworth, Waukesha, Dodge & Jefferson counties**
- **Labels for Education from:**
- **Campbell's Soup**
- **Pepperidge Farm products**
- **Spaghettios**
- **V8 juice caps**
- **BIC office products**
- **Post cereals**
- **Pop Secret products**
- **Milk Moola caps and strips from Quik Trip**

**Labels for Education is also selling cookbooks and awarding schools with 125 points for each cookbook sold. They're priced from \$7-\$20 and can be ordered online at <http://lfecookbooks.com>.**

**When you order, choose SCIO Building Bridges as the account for the points.**

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

**The Transportation Program has filled 92 requests the first 7 months of the year. Drivers are still needed.**

## DAILY CONNECTION Distracted

I had the pleasure recently of watching my four-year-old grandson, Charlie, enjoy his first solo ride on a mini-go kart. All he had to do was push one pedal to go, another to stop, and steer clear of the walls. Easier said than done. He was constantly distracted: one moment deciding to rub his sandal on the front tire and crashing head-on into the wall; another watching one side of the wall only to crash into a parked go kart right in front of him. And each time he got stuck, he would look over to his Father to help him get his kart back on track.

Somehow, this got me thinking about our God-quest journey. All we have to do is pay attention to God's word, behave ourselves and ... well, that's pretty much it. But I, for one, get distracted by all the shiny baubles and supposed troubles I encounter each day. And, of course, I end up crashing into one thing or another and then looking around for God to straighten out my day and get me back on track. He does.

My point: The God Rules (oh, and how some folks chafe at that onerous word: "rules"! ) are pretty simple. If we follow them and trust in God, it's all pretty clear and simple ... no, not always easy, but certainly clear and simple. And when we get distracted, all we have to do is look around for God (He's there) and ask Him to get us moving in the right direction again. - jri

**[www.dailyconnections.net](http://www.dailyconnections.net)**

**"In my desperation I prayed, and the Lord listened; he saved me from all my troubles."**

**- King David (Psalm 34:6)**

## From the Junior Warden

I am hoping that we are getting to the end of those projects that have been on our wish list for some time. Here are several vestry approved projects:

1. We've had an ongoing (for years) WATER PROBLEM in the basement by the Seventh Street entrance when it rains heavily. Bill, our sexton, has done some things to try fixing the problem but now we have to go further, trying things that cost money. The gutters seem to not be catching heavy runoff from the roof, thus water stays close to the building and possibly ends up in the basement. The gutters may have been pushed under the roof by ladders when roof repairs were made. We will repair those gutters as well as another gutter that rusted through some time ago near the original SW entrance. We also have to re-pitch gutters on the rectory which has allowed water to spill over in the wrong places. Cost: \$500.

2. Tuckpointing. The water running over the gutters has infiltrated mortar on the way down the walls and caused deterioration of the mortar. Water may be getting through that area into the basement too. Other areas needing tuckpointing are on the north wall in the alley- bricks are loosening up above the basement windows, etc. Cost: \$1,725.

3. Aluminum windows: Three basement windows on the NW side of the building have been without storm windows. Not good for keeping cold out of the basement! They need to be installed. Also needed is a window in the rector's office that is falling into ruin and can't open, and repair to a window near the alley door. Cost: \$325

4. Painting: Soffits on the west side of church, rails on the steps leading into church, three sets of double doors, a downspout and window. Just by looking at these you can tell this project is overdue. Cost: \$1,750.

These costs are in our budget's contingency fund but won't leave a lot available for the rest of the year.

Longer range: The bell tower baffles continue to deteriorate and can be either stained or covered with metal. Staining could cost \$500 plus rental of a lift for maybe \$1,000 depending on the length of time it is needed. Covering with metal is more expensive but also a permanent fix. A bid was done on this several years ago but intended funds went elsewhere. If work was needed several years ago it shouldn't baffle us to realize fixing is needed soon.

To be thinking about: The roof! No use getting a bid yet but shingles blew off four different times during the last year! The "new roof" is already over 15 years old. The garage will need reroofing too; it is over 30 years old! If anybody wants to consider a donation towards keeping the rain off our head, please think about it and let us know your good intentions. Hopefully these will be the last big projects needed in the next few years.

**VOLUNTARY FIX UP PROJECTS:** In June we had a dozen volunteers wash windows, paint and clean up things on our campus. We didn't finish everything. We are still looking to get a few more things finished before our new rector arrives. Please let me know that you want to help!

On another note, the vestry voted unanimously to ban concealed carry weapons on our church property.

Thanks,  
Ed Clabots



## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT AUGUST 2011

The finance committee has created a one-page financial statement available for all parishioners. You can find a copy in the Narthex or in the Church Office. Year-to-date through July we are \$22,345 over our "giving" budget and \$12,172 under our expense budget leaving us \$34,517 ahead in total. Year to date July we have spent \$215,600 and have received in gifts and pledges \$266,581. We don't expect to have this type of surplus as we complete August as we have some unbudgeted expenses related to the Rector search effort. If you have questions, comments, or would like to give a designated gift please contact any Finance Committee or Vestry member.

# SEPTEMBER 2011

## Ministry Schedule

### 8:00 am Mass

	Server	Lector	Usher	Greeter
9/4	J. Davis	J. Davis	L&C Schneider	J. Gardner
9/11	B. Wood	B. Wood	J. Gardner & W. Sather	D&M Evans
9/18	B. Imig	B. Imig	W&P Sather	J. Gardner
9/25	B. Wood	B. Wood	L&C Schneider	D&M Evans

### 10:15 am Mass

	Lector	Usher	Greeter
9/4	B. Kraft	E. Clabots & B. Kraft	J. Stagner
9/11	B. MacEwen	J. Stagner & E. Clabots	C. Smith
9/18	K. Ambelang	S&M Gallimore	P&P Beebe
9/25	B. Markevitch	J. Whitford & B. Evans	J. Stagner

### 8:00 am Coffee Hour

9/4	Ann Lubbers
9/11	John & Louise Davis
9/18	Scott & Jean Mullen
9/25	Jim Gardner

### 10:15 am Coffee Hour

9/4	Jay & Katy Maki
9/11	Rally Day
9/18	Steve & Mary Gallimore
9/25	Dan & Linda Griswold

## CALENDAR ITEMS FOR September 2011

9/1	9:30am	Bible Study
9/4	9:00am	Last Sunday at All Saint's Chapel, Elkhart Lake
9/5	<b>Office Closed –Labor Day</b>	
9/8	9:30am	Bible Study
9/10	10:00am	Tentative Requiem Mass for Ruth Kaems
9/11	9:00am	Rally Day –First day of Christian Formation
9/14	6:00pm	Mass –Holy Cross Day
9/15	9:30am	Bible Study
9/18	11:45am	Vestry Meeting
9/21	6:00pm	Mass –St. Matthew
9/22	9:30am	Bible Study
9/29	8:45am	Morning Prayer –No Mass at 9:00
9/29	<b>No Mass at 9:00</b>	
9/29	9:30am	Bible Study
9/29	6:00pm	Mass –St. Michael and All Angels
10/2	<b>No 8:00 am Mass</b>	
10/2	9:00am	Mass with Hymns
10/2	10:15am	Annual Meeting
10/2	11:45am	Brunch

**NOTE: Wednesdays are Fr. McQueen's day off**

### Birthdays

9/1	Linda Griswold	9/19	Dominic Schmitz
9/2	Karen Munns	9/24	Scott Fabiano
9/8	John Keller	9/24	Pat Sather
9/9	Steven Fischer	9/25	Sarah Bondy
9/10	Annette Fabiano	9/28	Eli Klinzing
9/13	Payton Markevitch	9/29	Louise Davis
9/13	Elizabeth Shad	9/29	Bill Gaglin
9/14	Juergen Pietzner		
9/15	Thomas Gerleman		
9/15	Adam Harden		
9/15	Bernie Markevitch		
9/15	Gene Wilhelm		

## Weekly Service Schedule

Grace Church is open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for prayer and meditation.

### Sunday

8:00 a.m. Low Mass  
10:15 a.m. Solemn Mass

**Monday** 8:45 a.m. Morning Prayer

12:10 p.m. Mass

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer & Shrine Prayers with Rosary. Intercessions, healing prayer, and sprinkling of Holy Water are offered after the Shrine prayers

### Tuesday

8:45 a.m. Morning Prayer

12:10 p.m. Mass

5:00 a.m. Evening Prayer & Shrine Prayers

### Wednesday

8:45 a.m. Morning Prayer

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer & Shrine Prayers

5:30 p.m. Mass

### Thursday

8:45 a.m. Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m. Mass

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer & Shrine Prayers

### Friday

7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

7:15 a.m. Mass

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer & Shrine Prayers

### Saturday

8:45 a.m. Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m. Mass

9:30 a.m. Confessions in Reconciliation Room

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer & Shrine Prayers

## September Anniversaries

9/4	Steve & Katy Larson
9/11	John & Karen Ambelang
9/12	Steve & Polly Schmeiser
9/18	Bill & Paula Roenitz
9/18	Tom Wright & Mary Snyder
9/19	Fong & Cha Yang Vue
9/21	Bill & Karen Munns
9/22	David & Audrey Koch





# SUMMER FARMERS MARKET

**Sheboygan Location - Fountain Park**  
Wednesdays & Saturdays  
Hours 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Plymouth Location - Plymouth City Park**  
Thursday Afternoon  
Hours 12:30- 5:30 p.m.

back to school

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# Flock Talk



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The hero is commonly the simplest  
and obscurest of men.

— Henry David Thoreau

For more pictures and information on the  
rebuilding at Ground Zero, [click here](#).

## ***The Ripka family needs your help***

*Adam needs transportation to oxygen treatments in North Reading MA. The commitment is about 8 hours including 4 hours (total) of driving time. There is a sign-up sheet on the back board with more information. Please help if you can. You can contact the Ripkas at 413-884-1075 with questions or to volunteer.*

**This Sunday Chris Ames will be continuing our series in the Book of James. Join us at 8:30 or 11 am.**

There will be a business meeting on September 18<sup>th</sup> following the 11 am service in the sanctuary to vote on adding two members to the Pulpit Committee — Lois Darcy and Doug McVeigh. The fellowship for the Housdens will take place in the gym after the meeting.

***First Central needs your prayers especially right now.***

**Pray for**

- our deacons
- our search committee
- our church Family
- God's wisdom and guidance.
- God's man for First Central in His perfect timing.

**Never stop praying.**

— I Thessalonians 5:17

## **Back-to-School Trivia Answers**

What inspired the invention of the glue stick?	c) lipstick
How much money did the first box of Crayola brand crayons cost?	a) five cents
About how many words can the average number 2 pencil write?	c) 45,000
A pencil can write in outer space, upside down, and underwater.	True.

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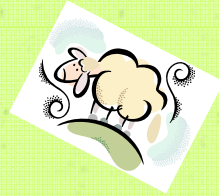
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First Central Baptist Church

# Flock Talk



This Sunday we welcome Pastor Tim back to our pulpit. He and Chris Ames will be sharing a series in the Book of James throughout September. Join us at 8:30 or 11 am.

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**REMINDER!** The farewell fellowship for the Housdens planned for last Sunday evening has been re-scheduled to Sunday, September 18 at 12:30 pm. If you haven't done so yet, please sign up to let us know you're coming.

**You can help the Ripka family.**  
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**SEPTEMBER 7, 2011**  
MUSIC/FOOD-5:30 ANIMALS-6:30-8

**2011 AWANA SEASON!**  
JOIN US AS WE KICK OFF THE NEW SEASON

FOOD  
LIVE MUSIC  
— LIVE ANIMALS —

**FCBC Parking Lot beginning at 5:30 pm**

Ladies, please join us on Tuesday, September 20 at 6 pm for a light dinner and a talk from Renata Bowers, author of Frieda B. Herself. Soup, salad, dessert and beverages are provided. All you need to bring is yourself, and maybe a friend! Sign up on the women's bulletin board.



## Back-to-School Trivia (answers in next week's Flock Talk)

What inspired the invention of the glue stick?

- a) ice pops                      b) corn dogs                      c) lipstick

How much money did the first box of Crayola brand crayons cost?

- a) five cents                      b) twenty-five cents                      c) one dollar

About how many words can the average number 2 pencil write?

- a) 1000                      b) 10,550                      c) 45,000

True or false? A pencil can write in outer space, upside down, and underwater.

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# TRUMPET

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## A FEW WORDS FROM PAUL

I imagine that by the time you are reading these words, it will be very close to the Labour Day Weekend. The last long weekend of the summer, Labour Day marks the end of the traditional time for holidays in this country. It also marks, for many people, the return to work whether that work be in business, industry or school. For churches everywhere, including ours, the Labour Day weekend marks the beginning of a new church year and the resumption of church activities that were suspended for the summer break. Over the past ten weeks, most of us have had a good rest from our church responsibilities but now, it is time to get

back to work.

During the month of August, I preached a series of short reflections based upon Jan Linn's book entitled *What Ministers Wish Church Members Knew*. In the chapter entitled *Healthy Churches Make Things Happen*, Linn writes,

*I believe that there are too many churches sitting on their hands. That is, there are too many churches that have hardly come close to realizing the great potential they have for ministry in today's world. I think we have a failure of nerve in the church. It takes the form of playing it safe, of never risking anything for the sake of the ministry.* - p. 93

As we begin this new church year, how will we respond to it? Will we take the safe route and simply repeat what we did last year? Will we avoid wrestling with impor-

tant questions such as, "What more can we do?" and "What can we do differently and do better?" Will we play it safe and avoid taking a risk of any kind? This is certainly an option for us but it is not an option that encourages life, boosts energy or creates excitement. It is an option that generates boredom and lethargy.

As we begin this new church year, will we, to use an image from the King James Bible, "gird up our loins" to stride boldly and confidently into this new church year? Will we, in faith, take on new challenges and engage in new initiatives and try doing some traditional activities a different way? Friends, this is the option that generates life and vitality in the church.

Which option will we choose? Time will tell. Peace be with you, Paul

**Presbytery dues are \$32.70 for each member of the Church. This is paid out each year for you from the general fund. The assessment for our total membership this year is \$19,162.20**

### MISSION & SERVICE FUND

**2011 Goal**

**\$44,500**

**To date**

**\$22,624**

**Please Give Generously**

The next date for  
**Sacrament of Baptism**  
**September 11.**

If you are interested in baptism or in becoming a member of

Exeter United Church please call the church  
519-235-0860



**DID YOU KNOW THAT IN ...**

- 1862 the first version of our church home was built by the Bible Christians who were a branch of the Methodist Church.
- c. 1884 the outside staircase facing James Street was enclosed. The addition included a tall conical shaped steeple.
  - c. 1890 the east wall of the sanctuary was removed to enable the construction of a large addition to the sanctuary.
  - c. 1942 the chancel (front) of the sanctuary was altered to accommodate a new organ and other improvements to our worship space. At this time, the communion rail was removed from the front of the church to give easier access to the communion table. Traditionally, communion rails served as a barrier to keep all but the minister and the Clerk of Session from getting close to the table.
  - c. 1952 the Parlour, Kitchen and Primary Room were added to the original church building. A small outdoor courtyard



separated the Primary Room from the rest of the church building. This explains windows on the upper south side of the Primary Room that once let in fresh air.

- c. 1960 the courtyard was closed in to create space for the new church office.
- c. 1985 the downstairs Sunday School rooms were renovated to create Marshall Hall.

Over the span of 150 years, this congregation has altered its church building to address the ever changing requirements of the congregation's mission and ministry. In June of this year, the Church Board, citing the same reasons for previous renovations, gave its conditional approval to proposed changes to the sanctuary chancel (pulpit and choir loft)

You will find information about this proposed renovation elsewhere in this newsletter. You will also find opportunities for you to express your views and suggestions concerning this renovation.

For further information contact Tom Prout or any member of the Renovations Team: Tom Prout, Kim Pinder, Maria Hamather, Lois Godbolt, Joanne Bowen, Don McCaffrey, Paul Ross 235- 0860.

[revpaulross@quadro.net](mailto:revpaulross@quadro.net)



## Fair Trade Coffee and Products can be bought from the church office:

Organic Decaf	\$11.00/340 g.
Breaking the Silence Dark roast	\$10.00/340 g.
Mexican Morning Medium roast	\$10.00/340 g.
Green Tea	\$ 3.25 pkg.
Rooibos Tea	\$ 4.00 pkg.
Hot Chocolate Mix	\$ 7.00
Chocolate Bars	\$ 3.50

Whole Coffee Beans can be ordered. Call the office. 519-235-0860





## WORSHIP AND MUSIC TEAM

SUBMITTED BY BARB DOWN, CHAIR

The Worship and Music Committee is seeking a creative slogan that captures the spirit of our 150<sup>th</sup> celebration. We currently have four slogans to choose from and thank our members who have submitted:

Living the Legacy  
Proud of the Past,  
Confident of the Future  
Remember, Reunite,  
Reaffirm  
Proud of the Past,  
Building for the Future  
We will gladly accept



your ideas until September 30. Put on your thinking caps and get creative!

### REMINDER

Church services will return to a 10:30am start on September 11. Our guest speaker for Anniversary Sunday will be Rev. Bob McMullin who guided us in 2001-2002. We look forward to celebrating our anniversary and worshipping once again with Bob.



## ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY

OCTOBER 30  
10:30 a.m.

**WANTED:** One or two persons who like to spend time on the phone calling for the weekly readers and greeters for Sunday services. Support will be provided through the Worship and Music committee. No meetings to attend, just the gift of reaching out to our church members. Call Barb 235-1900 if you need more information and are interested.

## PHOTO OP

The Worship and Music Committee has been taking photos of different events over the past year which we hope to include in the photo directory. If you have photos that you would like included in the directory or wish to take a current seasonal picture of the church please submit them by Oct. 1, 2011 to the Worship and Music mailbox. Due to size limitations all submissions may not be included but we thank you for participating and sharing your gifts.

## PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE

This past May over 100 Exeter United Church family photos were taken and we are hoping to add to our directory with our October shoot preceding Thanksgiving. One free 8x10 photo and directory will be given to each family participating. We are hoping for delivery of

the directory early in the new year to kick off our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

Photo directory pictures will be taken from Wed., October 5 to Sat., October 8. Photo taking and selection of your pictures will take place at the same appoint-

ment time at the church. This may take up to an hour of your time but only requires one visit. Appointments may be booked online starting in September, in person after church services September 11, 18, 25 or by calling Barb at 519-235-1900. Visit the church website [www.exeterunitedchurch.ca](http://www.exeterunitedchurch.ca) and click on the link. Anyone unable to

make these dates and would like to be included in the directory are asked to call Barb to submit a photo or to arrange a sitting at another church if possible. Please remember there is no obligation to purchase and by participating you receive a directory and photo. Remember to bring your best smiles.



## TEA TIME

On the last Thursday afternoon of every month, Paul and Ruth invite seniors in our congregation to join them in the parlour for tea and butter tarts. There is no agenda, no programme, no minutes taken, no work required of our guests. We simply get together to talk, to share stories and enjoy one and other's company. Tea is served at 1:30 p.m and we are usually done by 3:00 p.m. You do not have to tell us that you are coming. We simply encourage you to show up.





We hope everyone had a fun filled summer and are eager to get back to Sunday School. Our first Sunday back is Sept. 11th and we look forward to seeing all the children again. Please mark on your calendars that our annual Morrison Dam walk is the last Sunday in Sept. (Sept. 25th). Please drop off & pick up your children at Morrison Dam. Our Soup & Sandwich luncheons

**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
10:30 A.M.  
SEPTEMBER 11**

will be the first Sunday in November and the first Sunday in March. We hope everyone will join us after Church.

We would like to Thank all the returning teachers and if

anyone would like to be a Sunday School teacher

we encourage you to call Becky Mercer at 519-235-4844. Thank-you to Ann Johns for staying with the Sunday School as our Superintendent. We appreciate all the work that Ann does for the Sunday School.

A reminder to all of our teachers - our next meeting is Wed. Sept. 7th.

**BE THE NEXT IRON CHEF**

Over night Youth Retreat @ North Street United Church, Goderich. Fri. Sept. 16 (7pm)- Sat. 17 (2pm) for

**Grades 5-8**

with High School leadership.

*Understand where your food comes from, what is healthy, what tastes good, AND how to cook it. We will be*

*taking a trip to the Goderich Farmers Market and Cooking our own lunch.*

**NURSERY CARE**

Supervision for children under 3 by Darlene Lightfoot is supplied each and every Sunday in the nursery during Worship.



**CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT TEAM  
SUBMITTED BY LOIS GODBOLT, CHAIR**

Our committee has had a busy June and July helping to plan for Vacation Bible School. We were pleased that 47 children participated the week of July 18 to 22 in "Hometown Nazareth". Such activities as drama, music, games, science, crafts, snacks and worship revolved around the daily life of Jesus growing up in a small town.

Every day children voluntarily brought non-perishable food items and on the final day, Dianne Sorensen from the Exeter Food Bank

came to pick up the many donations and thank the children for their service to the community.

Many volunteers were needed, both adult and teenage to make this as successful as it was.

A big thank-you goes to June Hawtin and all her enthusiastic volunteers for making the week so worthwhile and fun – packed.

Members: Joanne Bowen, Dianne Shapton, Nancy Jane Finch, Heather Alcock, Joan Stuart (Board Liaison)

**† IN GOD'S HOUSE †**

We remember the following members of our church who have died since our last publication:

Doug Wedlake      Gwen Taylor-Craig  
Marion Skinner      Marlene Haryett  
Norma Parsons

Love is your journey and Love is your final rest.



## MEMBERSHIP & VISITATION TEAM

SUBMITTED BY LINDA RUSSELL, CO-CHAIR

**Name Tags** – Remember to wear your name tags again during church services with the start of the fall schedule. If you need one, they will be provided by ordering through the church office.

**Baptism** – Sacrament of Baptism will be held on September 11<sup>th</sup> and November 13<sup>th</sup>. Contact the church office at 519-235-0860 for an information pamphlet & to register.



**Transfers** – On October 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will receive new members.

**Weddings** – Recently married: Greg Roy (son of Steve & Deb) and Kim

Evans on July 23<sup>rd</sup>; Emily Wurm & David Moore on August 13<sup>th</sup> at Exeter Golf Course with Rev. Ross officiating; Stacey Pfaff (daughter of Greg & Cathy Pfaff) and Heath Palen on August 27<sup>th</sup> at EUC with Rev. Ross officiating. Congratulations to all the newlyweds!

### After Church Summer

**Socials** – A BIG thank you to the volunteers who graciously answered the call to provide refreshments after church in July and August.

Dorothy Taylor  
Marion Kerslake  
Bible Study Group  
Mary Baechler  
Carl & Jean Mills



Ruth Insley  
Larry & Sandra Idle  
Bob & Eleanor Clark  
Joyce Morgan  
Rev. Paul & Ruth  
Laverne Hamilton &  
Dorothy Elliot  
David Fox & Deb  
Denomme

**Teleministry Team** – Our fall fellowship time will be in October after Thanksgiving. 4 vacancies need to be filled to ensure all households in the congregation receive their friendly 'how are you doing?' phone call around Thanksgiving. Call coordinator Phyllis Case (519-235-0197) if you can dedicate some time to this important ministry.

**Visitation Team** – On June 16<sup>th</sup>, 10 team members joined our

spring social time with Rev. Ross. Our fall social time for team members will be held after Thanksgiving. Our male shut-ins and nursing home residents would appreciate male volunteers (or husband/wife team). Call coordinator Helen Coates 519-235-2787 if you have time to sit down for a chat.

**Trumpet Newsletter** – Join the 214 households who receive our paperless version by e-mail. To receive yours, just e-mail [ucex-eter@quadro.net](mailto:ucex-eter@quadro.net) with 'Trumpet newsletter' in the subject line for this environmentally service.

For further information on any of the above, please call Linda Russell 519-237-3445 or the church office 519-235-0860.



## UNITED CHURCH WOMEN Upcoming Events:

Huron-Perth Executive Meeting, Monday, September 12, 2011 at North Street United Church in Goderich at 9:00 a.m. and at Thamesview, Fullarton at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, November 14, 2011. U.C.W.

Villa Tea is Monday, September 19 at 2:30 at the Villa.

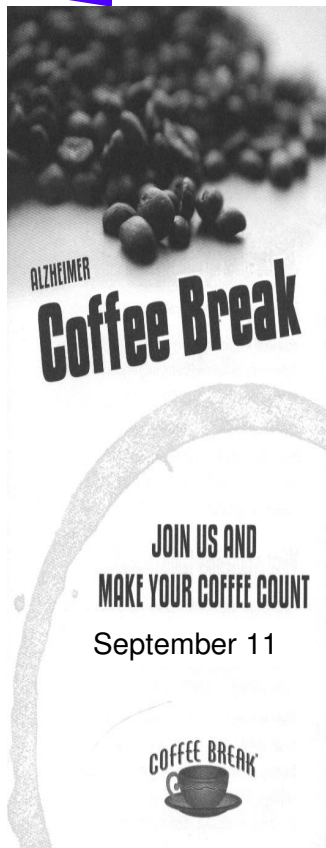
Huron-Perth Rally is Monday, October 17 at Exeter United Church at 7:00 p.m.

Exeter U.C.W. Executive will meet Tuesday, November 1 at 1:30 p.m. in the Parlour.

U.C.W. Bazaar is Saturday, November 12 at 11:00 a.m. All women of the church are

invited to attend the monthly meetings of the U.C.W. The regular monthly meetings for this fall are: Monday September 12 at 6:00 p.m. This will be a pot luck meal, Monday, October 3 at 8:00 p.m., Monday, November 7 at 8:00 p.m., Monday, December 5 at 8:00 p.m.

U.C.W. collect used reading glasses,  used stamps and Hansen's grocery tapes.



Alzheimer Society of Huron County is preparing their 14th annual Coffee Break fundraising campaign. Last year we were successful in raising more than our goal. With your help I am sure we can make this year's fundraiser a reality. Come and join us after worship service September 11 for **Coffee Break**. The idea is to have fun while supporting a great cause. Please donate. Sponsored by the Adult Bible Study.

## 150 CELEBRATION PROJECT

### Memories

Time it was, and  
what a time it was,  
it was

A time of innocence,  
a time of confidences  
Long ago, it must be,  
I have a photograph  
Preserve your mem-  
ories, they're all  
that's left you.

(Paul Simon – Book-  
ends – 1968)

This year has seen the beginnings of organizing the celebration of 150 years of service for Exeter United Church and its' predecessors in this community. A number of initiatives will take place and it is hoped that most of the congregation will find themselves taking part in many of these events.

One such initiative will be **The Great Memories Project**. A team of volunteers has been organized to go out and interview members of the congregation who have been part of the church's growth and activities for many

years. These interviews will take place during the autumn and they will be compiled into a booklet that will be a memento of the sesquicentennial celebration.

The process will find each of the members of the Memories Project Committee contacting individuals to arrange for a convenient time when they can get together and discuss memories of the United Church through the years. The people conducting the interviews will have a variety of "sparks" to kindle memories and help bring back events from the deep recesses of people's memories. Once the interview is complete, the committee member will write up the experi-

ence in a form suitable for publication. The team member will then take it back to the person who was interviewed so he or she will have an opportunity to "proofread" and make additions, deletions and/or changes so they are comfort-

able with what will go into the Great Memories Project. The only changes that will be made after an individual has approved the interview will be for formatting.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to compile a casual history of anecdotal stories about the church. These stories can give a human face to the history of faith and service to the church and the town.

If you joined the church many years ago, you may be called upon to participate in this project. It matters not whether you have been really active all your life or perhaps only for a few years here and there. Your memories, long or short, sketchy or detailed, personal or general, are all important in putting together the "big picture". We hope that everyone called upon will be willing to participate.

**James R. Brisbin –  
Memories Project**

**You may  
be asked  
for an  
interview**





## COMING SOON TO EXETER UNITED CHURCH

### WHAT IS THE V.I.P. FUNDRAISING PROGRAM?

The V.I.P. (Voucher Incentive Program) is an innovative fundraiser that harnesses the buying power of an organization's supporters to raise funds effortlessly. Major retailers have agreed to provide a discount based on volume purchases of gift certificates made by an organization.

Supporters can purchase these gift certificates at **face value** through Exeter United Church and use them for their everyday household purchases instead of cash.

Groceries, gas, entertainment, gifts and clothing can all be purchased with gift certificates! Gift certificates or gift cards come in different denominations for your convenience. **For every dollar you spend, a portion will be designated to Exeter United Church**

### EXAMPLE OF HOW YOUR PURCHASES CAN EARN REVENUE FOR THE CHURCH.

If one family spends approximately \$150.00 per week on groceries, gas, clothing, dining and entertainment, this translates into an average yearly expenditure of \$7,800.00 or approximately **\$ 350.00** in revenue per family. (based on average rebates).

**BANK BALANCE TO DATE FOR 2011 IS A DEFICIT OF \$(-16,337.84)**

### WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATING IN V.I.P.?

- V.I.P. is **effortless fundraising** through everyday purchases.
- **Anyone can participate:** families, singles, seniors, friends and relatives.
- **No minimum orders.** Only order the gift certificates that you need.
- **There is absolutely no cost to you.** You purchase the store gift certificates from the Church at **face value** and tender this at the participating retailers at **face value**.

#### The V.I.P. Program requires:

- **No Volunteer Time**
- **No Selling of Merchandise**
- **No Purchasing of Products that you do not require**

The **only commitment** is to use gift certificates at the participating retailers instead of cash or debit for your household purchases.

**Most important of all...without spending an additional penny, you have just become an important part of raising funds for the Church!**

### HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE?

**STEP 1** Fill out the Order Form for the gift certificates that you require and hand in to **Deb Roy or Carol Brisbin**.

**STEP 2** Your filled order will be ready for pick up within a week.

**STEP 3** Use the gift certificates instead of cash for your household purchases. Place your next order! For further information, contact **Carol Brisbin** at 519-297-2011

### WHO ARE THE RETAIL PARTNERS IN V.I.P. ?

#### Grocery Stores:

I.G.A./ Sobey's / Price Chopper / M & M Meat Shops / Foodland /Fortino's / Loblaws / NoFrills / Valu-Mart / Zehrs / Real Canadian SuperStore / Independent / The Real Canadian WholeSale / Provigo / Maxi / Maxi-Co / Longo's / A & P / Metro / Food Basics / Dominion

#### Restaurants:

The Keg / Kelsey's / Montana's Cookhouse / Swiss Chalet / Milestone's/ East Side Mario's / Casey's Bar & Grill / Pat & Mario's / RD's BBQ and Blues / Applebee's / Jack Astor's / Alice Fazooli's / Red Lobster /Canyon Creek/ Loose Moose/ Harvey's / Wendy's Restaurants / Moxie's / Subway / PizzaPizza / Starbucks / Boston Pizza / Tim Horton's

#### Clothing and Personal Care:

Winners / The Bay / Zellers / Mark's Work Wearhouse / Old Navy / American Eagle Outfitters / Sears Canada / La Senza / La Senza Girl / Shoppers Drug Mart / Pharmaprix / The Gap/ Banana Republic

#### Other Retailers:

Chapters / Indigo / Coles / Canadian Tire / Home Hardware / Home Sense / Home Furniture / Staples Business Depot / The Shoe Company / Home Outfitters / The Bay / Zellers / SportChek / Coast Mountain Sports / The Source / The Running Room / The Shopping Channel / Pier One Imports / HMV / Town Shoes / Rona / Sally Beauty / WaySpa / Home Depot / Giant Tiger / West 49 / Billabong

#### Gas Stations:

Canadian Tire Gas / Petro-Canada / Esso / Ultramar / Pioneer Petroleums

#### Entertainment:

Blockbuster Video / Rogers Video / Galaxy Cinemas.

**Watch the Bulletins for more information. We hope to be up and running by mid-September. Up-to-date order forms will be available at that time.**





## Food Drive

### FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Please bring food or money donations to church  
**OCTOBER 5, 2008**  
so those less fortunate may have a happier Thanksgiving.

#### Other Helpful Items:

Baking supplies (flour, sugar), condiments (mustard, ketchup), jam, coffee/tea, salad dressings, cooking oils, infant formula, margarine, seasoning mixes (taco, chili), shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, soap/dish soap/laundry detergent, toilet paper, diapers.

**DO NOT** donate food items that are out of date or home canned foods.



## Make Your Donations Count!

### Ideas for donating to local food banks

Having a hard time deciding what foods you should donate to your local food bank? Here are some guidelines that may help you out.

- Donate foods that your family likes. Chances are other families like those foods too.
- Include healthier choices that are lower in fat, salt or that are higher in fibre.
- For children, donate non-perishable snack and lunch foods that are easy and safe to transport to school (fruit cups, juice boxes, granola bars, milk pudding cups, cracker and cheese snacks).
- Donate foods that contribute to healthy eating: grain products, vegetables and fruits, milk products, meats and meat alternatives such as peanut butter, baked beans or other legumes.

### Food to Donate

- All non-perishable food items such as: commercially canned foods, dry goods (pasta, rice, crackers, cereals, etc).
- Fresh vegetables, fruit and meat **ONLY** if your food bank accepts these foods. Always check with your local food bank before donating perishable foods.

### Good Choices

#### Grain Products

Include whole grain items in your donation! Dry pasta (including macaroni and cheese mixes); crackers (Triscuits, whole wheat, rice and soda crackers); hot and cold cereals; instant soup mixes/cups; pancake mix

#### Vegetables and Fruit

Canned vegetables; canned fruit or fruit cocktail; canned juice and juice boxes; tomato/pasta sauce; raisins or other dried fruit; extra fruits and vegetables from your garden if accepted

#### Milk Products

Dry milk powder; milk pudding cups/mixes; hot chocolate mix; cheese spreads (ie. Cheeze Whiz)

#### Meat and Alternatives

Canned fish (salmon, tuna); canned meat (ham, chicken, stews); dried or canned beans, peas and lentils; peanut butter

## WHO DOES WHAT in EXETER UNITED CHURCH?

### The Church Board

The Church Board is comprised of twelve members of the church elected at the annual meeting of the congregation.



Board members serve a three year term and are eligible for a second three year term after which they are required to retire from the board. According to our congregation's constitution, the board has only three functions which are:

1. to determine a vision for the

congregation and carry out that vision.

2. to receive reports from the various church committees.
3. to deal with matters that exceed the responsibilities of the committees.

The Church Board meets on the fourth

Wednesday of every month from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. **Meetings**

**are always open to the congregation.**

Minutes are posted on the church website while hard

copies are available at the three entrances to the sanctuary.

**BOARD MINUTES AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE**



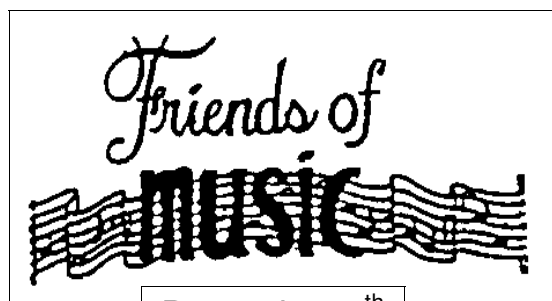
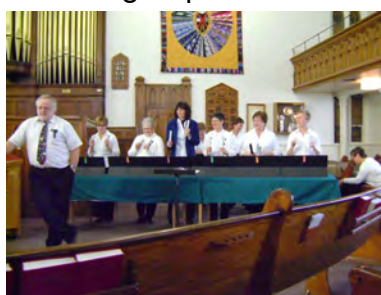
## MUSIC AT EXETER UNITED



Sanctuary Singers  
Choir practices will  
resume on Sunday  
September 11 at  
9:00 a.m. in the  
parlour.

Hand chimes will

start again the  
following week,  
September 18, in the  
parlour, immediately  
following the church  
service. New mem-  
bers of all ages are  
always welcome to join  
either group.



December 4<sup>th</sup>  
7:30 p.m.

I want to be a

# Mystery Mate



Who is a  
Mystery Mate?



A Mystery Mate is:

- Someone you write letters to and who writes letters back (or draws pictures or sends cards).
- Someone who uses an Alias when they write to you.
- Someone who gives you clues so you can guess their identity.
- Someone who will become your friend.

To become a Mystery Mate, fill out the reverse side of this card, drop it off at the Church and June will match you up with your "Mate". Then, for the next couple months, you and your "Mate" will exchange letters and you will try to guess who your mate is by the clues he or she gives you. In turn, they will try to guess who you are by the clues you give them.

On the Sunday closest to Valentine's Day, we will have a "Great Reveal" and you will meet your Mystery Mate. After that, you can still write letters and exchange cards, but you will be able to use your real name.

Letters and cards can be put in the gold mail box across from the coat rack. Remember to check it for mail each week! And remember to write often - people are looking forward to hearing from you!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

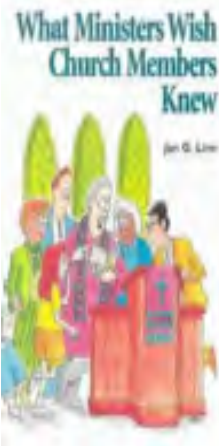
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Alias: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



### More Things You Should Know (about the church)

Throughout the month of August, Paul presented a series of reflections based on Jan Linn's book *What Ministers Wish Church Members Knew*. The series was entitled Eight Things You Should Know (about the church). On Wednesday evenings this fall, Paul is offering an opportunity to chat with him and others about additional topics inspired by Linn's book as noted on page 1.



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHATS 7:30 - 9:00 PM IN THE PARLOUR

September 14 <sup>th</sup>	The Church Wants More Than Your Money The Church Wants Your Money Too.
September 21 <sup>st</sup>	Most Ministers Have a Lot to Teach Most Congregations Have a Lot to Unlearn
September 28 <sup>th</sup>	No Discussion Group
October 5 <sup>th</sup>	Church Grapevines Usually Bear Bad Fruit Churches Sometimes Shoot the Wounded
October 12 <sup>th</sup>	Change Is Not a Four-letter Word Ministers Can't Fix Churches
October 19 <sup>th</sup>	There Is No "They" in the Church Being in the Church Should Make Us Feel Uncomfortable

### FALL WORSHIP SERVICES

September 4	10:00 a.m - in the sanctuary
September 11	Worship services revert to 10:30 a.m. Sunday School resumes/Baptism
September 18	14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost
September 25	15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost Sunday School meets at the Morrison Dam
October 2	World Wide Communion/Food Drive
October 9	Thanksgiving Sunday
October 16	18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost
October 23	19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost
October 30	149 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service - Rev. Bob McMullen
November 6	Remembrance Day Service with Legion and Trivitt Anglican Church participating.

October  
Courtesy Car  
Ken Agnew  
519-235-1358

September Courtesy Car  
Bob Coates  
519-235-2787

MINISTER REV. PAUL ROSS - 235-0342  
DESIGNATED LAY MINISTER - JUNE HAWTIN  
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[www.exeterunitedchurch.ca](http://www.exeterunitedchurch.ca)  
Bob Robilliard, Choir Director Anne Spivey, Accompanist  
Treasurer: Lynn Alderdice, 263-2615  
Custodians Harold & Phyllis Parsons, 235-2224  
Larry Hamilton - 235-0318  
Joyce Morgan, Secretary- 263-2544  
Elevator accessible, Hearing assistance available

## BEEF BBQ DINNER

**OCTOBER 30**

Please note change of date

at the  
**REC CENTER**

Tickets will be  
available in  
September





## FROM JUNE'S DESK

There are a great many books on the market which are written to help churches grow their Sunday Schools and Youth programs. Some of them have superb ideas and some of them do not. Some of them suggest things we are already doing at Exeter United Church and some have suggestions which are simply not feasible.

Over the summer, I have been reading a great many of this type of book. I have concluded that, while we can be very proud of what we are already doing in terms of involving all age groups at our church, there is a great deal more we can do. In today's society success is measured in terms of numbers, be they the dollars in a bank account or the number of cars in the

drive-way. While this method of gauging success may work in the secular world, it does not in God's world.

"God's Dream" is one of the books I read during the Children's Time this summer. Actually, Abraham Wine-Spivey read the book out loud and did an excellent job! Thank you, Abraham! The book, written by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Douglas Carlton Abrams and beautifully illustrated by LeUyen Pham, poses the question, "What do you dream about in your loveliest of dreams?" and then goes on to ponder the question, "What does God dream about?" Quoting from the dust cover, "the answer to this question is as sim-



ple as holding hands yet as vast as a prayer." It is as easy as sharing, loving, caring, holding, playing and laughing. It is as simple as knowing we are family because we are all God's children.

When God dreams, does God dream in terms of numbers? Or does God dream, does God smile when one child, one of the "least of these", comes to know that he or she is a part of God's family?

With the help of dedicated volunteers who devote so much time and energy, with the warmth and acceptance of each member of the congregation, we are helping God's dream come true – one child, one

youth, one individual at a time. Through activities like Sunday School, Mystery Mates (sign-up sheet available in this newsletter), Vacation Bible School, Birthday Cards and Christmas Room, just to name a few, children come to feel at home in this place.

"God's Dream" ends with this, "Will you help God's dream come true? Let me tell you a secret – God smiles like a rainbow when you do."

With warm smiles and friendly greetings, children come to know they are a cherished part of God's family – and God smiles like a rainbow!

I hope you keep your eyes open for opportunities to make God smile like a rainbow – I know I will!



## MORE CHURCH SIGNS







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**“IT’S TIME”**  
**“IT’S TIME FOR CHANGE”**  
**“IT’S TIME FOR MORE ACCESSIBILITY AND OPPORTUNITIES”**

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Over the years your church has seen a lot of changes - changes that were a result of someone's idea/vision/need. Some examples are: doubling the size of the sanctuary in approximately 1895 to permit more people to share in Sunday service; removal of the communion rail in c. 1945 at the time when the chancel was changed to accommodate the new organ; purchase of the grand piano in 1998 to provide additional musical enjoyment; installation of the elevator in 1989 to make the sanctuary more accessible. These are just a few of the many changes that have occurred because someone had an idea/vision/need, and it meant replacing what was there with something different, functional and modern.

The Church Board and the Chancel Renovations Committee have an idea/vision of changing the Chancel in a way that would make it more accessible and useable by individuals, the congregation and community groups. We can do a better job of sharing our sanctuary by making a change to the Chancel.

One recent example of a community group that would have used the chancel had it been more accessible and useable is the Bach Musical Festival. These musicians would have appreciated and enjoyed a more accessible functional playing platform.

The Church Board has given its support to making this change and has asked the Chancel Renovations Committee to hold meetings with the congregation. These meetings will provide you with an opportunity to see and hear how the Chancel could be changed. These meetings will also provide you with an opportunity to give your ideas/vision to the design details of the changes.

To accommodate your busy schedule three different days and times have been arranged. You are welcome to attend all three or select the one that fits your schedule.  
Saturday, October 1, 2011 @ 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary  
Tuesday, October 4, 2011 @ 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
Wednesday, October 5, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Come and share your ideas and vision for a more accessible and useable Chancel.

For further information contact Bill Brock at 235-0323 or Tom Prout at 235-0389.

The Church Board and the Chancel Renovations Committee look forward to hearing about your ideas and visions.

**Again please pick a date to come:**

**Saturday, October 1, 2011 @ 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary**

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## A FEW WORDS FROM PAUL

When I was a student in theological college, a required course focused on the art of public speaking. The professor who taught this course offered us this bit of sagely advice: "Whenever you are invited to attend a function of any kind, always go prepared with a few words to say in case you are unexpectedly asked to 'say a few words.'" At the time, I questioned the value of his advice but a few years later, I recognized its validity. Periodically, I attended a certain UCW unit associated with one of my previous congregations. Inevitably, during the course of the proceedings, one of the ladies would lean in my direction and say, "You'll have a few words to say,

won't you?" I've never been known to say just a few words but I'll do my best to write a few words for this column.

After a long and sometimes difficult winter, most of us are ready for Spring. Even now, we are eagerly anticipating the arrival of the Tundra Swans. The farmers among us, done with their winter crops, are readying their machinery for Spring planting and another season of hopefully good weather, high yields and favourable prices. Hockey equipment and curling brooms will soon give way to baseball gloves and soccer shoes. Those with green thumbs are eager to launch into another season of gardening. In our home, Spring will give us the opportunity to finish our renovation project while proceeding with our landscaping plans. Spring also brings

with that season of the church year that is commonly called Lent. It begins with Ash Wednesday which falls this year on March 9<sup>th</sup>. During this season, our worship services focus on Jesus' journey to the Cross and what this means for us today. The season ends with the Good Friday story and the ensuing silence of the following Saturday. On Sunday of that same weekend, the silence is broken by shouts of Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, He is risen and the stirring music of brass quintets and choirs proclaiming the Good News of Easter Day. Thus begins the season of Easter - a season that is resplendent with images of renewed hopes and promises of new life. With the arrival of Spring, we rejoice when we see our first robin, when the crocuses burst forth from the still cold ground,

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when the trees begin to bud and when children are once again seen playing with skipping ropes and riding bicycles. In Spring, our hearts once again leap with joy as we proclaim the glorious message of Easter that Christ the Lord has risen today! Hallelujah!

Grace and Peace  
Paul

The next date for  
**Sacrament of Baptism**  
**May 8, 2011.** If you are  
interested in baptism or  
in becoming a member  
of Exeter United  
Church please call the  
church office  
519-235-0860



## FROM JUNE'S DESK

By the time you read this, another Annual Meeting will have been held, Baden-Powell/Thinking Day Sunday will be over, the Mystery Mates will have been revealed and the Sunday School Soup and Sandwich fundraiser will have been served. Each of these events signals one step closer to spring, to the return of sunny days, warm breezes and bright flowers.

We all know that spring is not here. Winter has not yet quite lost its grip and we steel ourselves for the possibility of one more winter storm, but the promise of spring is in the air. The sun feels warmer, occasionally the thermometer reaches above zero and the gargantuan mountains of snow are slowly melting. Gardeners are pouring over seed catalogues and farmers are gearing up to getting on the land.

And in the Sunday School, we too are gearing up for spring and summer. With the Easter Egg Hunt

on April 24<sup>th</sup>, Camping Sunday on May 1<sup>st</sup>, Awards Sunday on June 5<sup>th</sup>, Confirmation Sunday on June 12<sup>th</sup> and Vacation Bible School from July 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>, there is lots to look forward to and to get excited about.

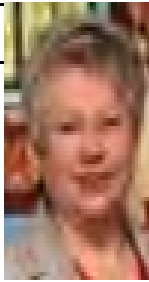
So be sure to be in attendance on:

~April 24<sup>th</sup>. Attend the sunrise Service, come to the church for breakfast and enjoy a second cup of coffee as the children enjoy an Easter Egg hunt downstairs!

~May 1<sup>st</sup>. Come dressed in casual, camping clothes and be prepared to have a camping experience at Exeter United Church!

~June 5<sup>th</sup>. Come and rejoice with our Sunday School as we recognize the attendance and growth of our youth and the dedication of our teachers!

~June 12<sup>th</sup>. Celebrate with our Confirmation Class as they take on the privilege and responsibility of church membership.



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~July 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>. Register your children, grandchildren, friends and neighbours in our Vacation Bible School, 'Hometown Nazareth, Where Jesus was a Kid'. From July 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>, the church will be transformed into the Galilean village of Nazareth and young people attending Vacation Bible School will make cool crafts, laugh as they play Bible-time games, visit with Jesus' mom, Mary and eat foods like the ones Jesus ate. If your child/ren enjoy singing catchy songs, playing team-building games, digging into snacks and having lots of fun, then this is the place for them! **Pre-registration is vital** to ensure a place for you child. Registration and Medical forms are included with this newsletter,

are available on the Youth and Young Families Bulletin Board or talk with myself or the Christian Development Committee.

Come, share in the excitement and join in the fun! June

P.S. If you are interested in a wider church experience for your child, check on the Youth and Young Families Bulletin Board for information and registration forms for Youth Forum (April 14 - 17, 2011) and YATS & Children at Conference (May 26-29, 2011). It is a terrific opportunity for young people to observe and be involved in the governance/activity of the wider church as well as an opportunity to connect with youth from around London Conference.



## UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

SUBMITTED BY ELEANOR CLARK, PRESIDENT

### COLLECTING

There is a box for **milk bags** on the shelf above the coat rack in the Andrew St. entrance. These bags are crocheted into sleeping mats for third world children.

**Grocery tapes** are cashed in for money at Hansen's. Money is used for our church. Put receipts in the box on the library shelf in the church parlour.

**Used eyeglasses** are donated to eye doctors for use in third world countries.

**STAMPS** are also collected by the U.C.W.

### LIBRARY

All members and adherents of the church are invited to check out the books in the library. You are welcome to check them out by signing the book in the library area.



World Day of Prayer, Friday, March 4, 2011 at the Pentecostal Tabernacle.

Huron-Perth Executive Meeting, Monday, March 21, 2011 at Parkview, Stratford.

April Event, Monday, March 21, 2011 at Parkview, Stratford.

Annual Gathering, Sunday and Monday, April 10 and 11 at Siloam, London.

Spring Executive Meeting, Tuesday, April 26 at 1:30 p.m.

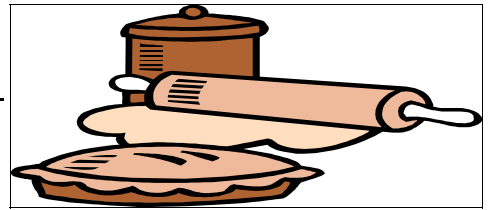
Spring General Meeting, Monday, May 2 at 8:00 p.m.

Westminster Weekend, April 29, 30 and May 1, 2011.

UCW Anniversary, Sunday, May 15, 2011 with Bruce Whitmore as the speaker.

Friendship Tea, Thursday, June 2, 2011.

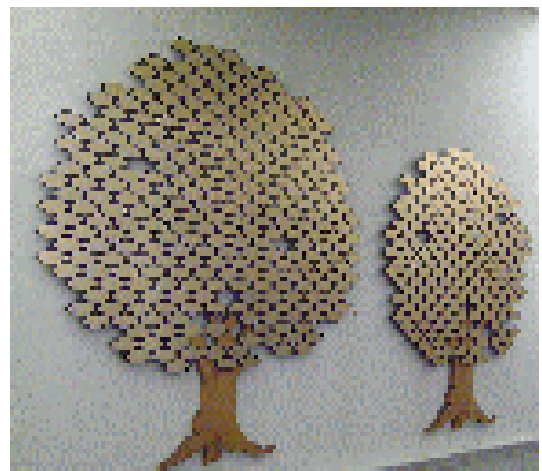
Campsite Experience at Camp Menesetung, Monday, June 6, 2011.



### MEATPIE LADIES

Meatpies will be made April 6, 8:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to come and help. Anyone interested in volunteering to help roll, cook, package, etc. please come. Call Bev Campbell 235-1697 for orders. Orders now taken for February pickups. 5" pies/ \$2.50 each.

### OUR MEMORIAL TREES



On the west wall of our sanctuary, two memorial trees have been planted. The leaves of the tree are intended to commemorate the names of church members and adherents who have died since 1969. If you would like to have the name of a loved one or friend added to our trees, please contact Joyce in the church office. The cost is \$15 for engraving.

### Fair Trade Coffee and Products can be bought from the church office

Organic Decaf \$11.00/340 g.

Breaking the Silence

Dark roast \$10.00/340 g.

Mexican Morning \$10.00/340 g.

Green Tea \$3.25 pkg.

Rooibos Tea \$4.00 pkg.

Hot Chocolate Mix \$7.00

Chocolate Bars \$3.50

Whole Coffee Beans can be ordered. Call the office.





**BOOK REVIEW**SUBMITTED BY  
VANESSA FINCH**The Gingerbread Boy**  
by Paul Galdone.

This book is about a Gingerbread Boy cookie. He runs away and meets a lot of people and animals that want to eat him. I liked this book when the Gingerbread boy went out the kitchen door after the lady opened the oven door. I also liked the end of the book when the fox ate the Gingerbread Boy all up!

*You can pick up this book in the Youth Lending Library in the Marshall Hall of Exeter United Church.*

**Nursery Care:**

Supervision for children under 3

by Darlene Lightfoot is supplied each and every Sunday in the nursery during Worship.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**July 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011

Exeter United Church

9:30am to 12:00 noon

(Friday to 1:00pm to accommodate a picnic lunch)

**Registration Form**

Registration \$12.00 per child Registration Deadline: Monday, July 11, 2011

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Child \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for the child named above to participate in the events offered as a part of the Exeter United Church Vacation Bible School Program. I understand the church will do its best to follow the policies and procedures of the Duty of Care Program which is intended for the health, safety and protection of children, youth, elderly and the volunteers.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand and give permission for photos to be taken and used for display purposes (excluding internet).

Signature of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail registration to: "Hometown Nazareth" VBS

Attn: June Hawtin

Exeter United Church

42 James St. P.O. Box 561

Exeter, Ontario NOM 1S6

Cheques made payable to: Exeter United Church

Please find medical form for VBS at  
[www.exeterunitedchurch.ca](http://www.exeterunitedchurch.ca) or ask at the church office.



## MEMBERSHIP & VISITATION TEAM

SUBMITTED BY LINDA RUSSELL, CO-CHAIR

**Baptism** – On January 9<sup>th</sup>, Katie RoseMary & Morgan Erica, twin daughters of Marianne Eagleson & Jason VanderWeide were welcomed into our church family of God through the Sacrament of Baptism. Next date for baptism is Mother's Day, May 8<sup>th</sup>.



followed by receiving their Bibles at a Covenanting service. A Presbytery youth weekend confirmation retreat is March 4 & 5, hosted at our church.

**Weddings** – Marriage preparation workshop with Rev. Paul Ross and June Hawtin will be held on April 2<sup>nd</sup> for couples with upcoming nuptials.



**Transfers** – On January 9<sup>th</sup>, we welcomed into our faith community through transfer of membership: Theresa Knarr from Thedford-Sylvan United; Gerald & Pat Kading from Grand Bend United; Marianne Eagleson from Pelham Community United; Jane Newman, Grace Merner and Norma Brown all from Dashwood United. New members will be received again on Mother's Day, May 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Confirmation** – 11 youth have begun their journey with June Hawtin in classes Thursdays after school and ending with the confirmation celebration on Pentecost Sunday, June 12. On Sunday January 16, a planning gathering for confirmands, their mentors and parents was held

**Name tags** – Please remember to wear your name tag during church services and "never leave home without it" by using the wooden holders provided at all 3 sanctuary entrances. If you still need one, they will be provided by ordering through the church office.

**Memorial Fund** – As a living legacy, our team decided to purchase 5 tree seedlings from the Ausable-Bayfield Conservation Authority that will be planted somewhere in the watershed in the memory of a deceased congregation member.

In the past, \$10 was donated from our budget to the memorial fund as a remembrance.

### **Trumpet Delivery Team**

– Join the 204 households who receive our paperless newsletter by e-mail. E-mail ucex-eter@quadro.net with *Trumpet* newsletter in the subject line for this environmentally friendly service. Thank you to Eleanor Armstrong who has resigned after 5 years of delivery service.

### **Teleministry Team**

– Around Easter our congregation will be receiving their friendly 'Hello' phone call from one of our 17 special volunteers to remind them of upcoming events and give personal attention to any needs, concerns and compliments. Our spring social time for team members will be held after Easter. If you haven't been receiving any bi-annual calls you're probably on our 3 lists needing volunteers. Call coordinator Phyllis Case 519-235-0197 if you can dedicate some time to this important ministry.

**Visitation Team** – Our male nursing home residents and shut-ins would appreciate male volunteers (or husband/wife team). The spring social time for our 17 compassionate volunteers will be held after Easter. Call coordinator Helen Coates 519-235-2787 if you enjoy sitting down for a chat. For further information on any of the above, please call Linda Russell 519-237-3445 or the church office 519-235-0860. A **BIG** thank you to all who are or have been involved in our teams in 2010. A full list of our M & V volunteers is in our Annual Report.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Our congregation has a special group of people known as the Visitation Team. On a regular basis, the 17 members of this team visit an average of 35 members of our church family who are shut-in, hospitalized or living in long term care facilities. This is one way in which we reach out to members of our church family who cannot regularly attend our worship services.



**WORSHIP AND MUSIC TEAM****SUBMITTED BY BARB DOWN, CHAIR**

Winter is still here but it is not too early to dream of spring and Easter. Our choir will be performing five anthems to celebrate this holy day accompanied by Anne and the brass group that has performed on past occasions. Thanks to those who have financially supported the brass group through their donations in the past. We welcome any donations again this year. Remember to mark Sunday April 24th on your

calendar as it promises to be an inspiring Easter service.

**2012 PHOTO DIRECTORY COMING**

We are pleased to announce the second photo directory for Exeter United Church. It will soon be 10 years since the first directory was published. Photo taking dates this year are May 10 - 14 and October 4 - 8 with time slots from 2:30 pm to 8:30 pm on weekdays and 9:30am to

3:00pm on Saturdays. One free directory and one free picture will be given to each family participating. There is no obligation to purchase any pictures. We

are doing the directory as the first step in celebrating 150 years of worship in our church building. We will be marking this milestone in 2012 with special events throughout that year, but the photo directory is the first step of our celebration and we would like every member to participate. For those without computer access, we will book appointment times after church March 20, 27 and April 3, 10, 17 and 24.

For those able to book online the website is [www.exeterunitedchurch.ca](http://www.exeterunitedchurch.ca) and follow the link to IPC Photography. We would ask that afternoon appointments be booked by members who have a more flexible schedule, keeping evening and Saturday appointments for those families that work during the week. Thank you for participating and starting the celebration for 2012. If you have any questions please feel free to call Barb Down 235-1900 or email [bdown@cabletv.on.ca](mailto:bdown@cabletv.on.ca) at

**† IN GOD'S HOUSE †**

We remember the following members of our church who have died since our last publication:

Ron Broderick Ray Perkins Gord Smith  
Betty Coates Ilene Rollings Elda Easton  
Marie Huxtable John Taylor Belva Fuss  
Bob Gilmore Hazel Miller Mildred Jones  
Love is your journey and Love is  
your final rest.

**Afternoon Tea** Seniors who enjoy a good cup of tea and delightful conversation are invited to attend. There is no programme. There is no agenda. There is no taking of minutes or reading of correspondence. There is no business. We simply get together to drink tea, nibble on mini-tarts and talk about whatever comes to mind. Tea is served in the Parlour from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. on the last Thursday of every month.

**FIVE REASONS TO SIGN UP FOR PAR (PRE-AUTHORIZED REMITTANCE)**

1. It's easy to do. (Talk to Joyce in the Church office - 235-0860)
2. No need to remember your envelope as you leave for church.
3. The church receives your gift even if you are not in church.
4. You determine the amount of your monthly gift to God.
5. You can change the amount of your gift at any time.

**MISSION & SERVICE FUND**

2011 Goal \$44,500

Please Give Generously



The Sunday School had an eventful fall with the Morrison Dam walk, another successful Soup & Sandwich lunch, the November 21st worship service led by the Sunday School, and our "Mystery Mate" program. Again we will be hosting a Soup & Sandwich lunch on Sunday, March 6th and we hope everyone will join us after Church. The proceeds from our Soup & Sandwich lunch will go to support our foster child.

The Sunday School has continued the

sponsorship of our World Vision foster child, Yahouza Balla. The sponsorship of Yahouza is a Sunday School Mission project and the money we raise to support Yahouza goes directly to World Vision. The Sunday School children continue to take turns writing their letters to Yahouza each month.



Kids 4 Kids - On Sunday, Oct. 17th this mission project was kicked off. This mission project is to raise money to provide goats to families who are returning to war ravaged homes in Southern Sudan.



## Kids 4 Kids Mission Outreach Project

Joanne Bowen/Dianne Shapton

In southern Sudan the fighting is fierce, Families are broken and have been running for years

They return to homes that are ravaged and burned,  
They have nothing to live on, nowhere to turn.

The children in our church want to help out, Kids for kids is what its about.

Anna the goat came to church one Sunday To tell us that Abuk's Herd is the way.

Goats are the answer to these families' prayers They give them a future and show someone cares.

Because goats provide families with food, money, and pride

And 2 goats become 4, as they quickly multiply.

We have a donation can that we have been filling And now we hope some of you might be willing To reach in your pockets and find some loose change.

A new beginning for families is what we will arrange.

So many of you generously answered the call We can purchase some goats....20 in all The Sunday School kids would like to spread the word...

And say "because of you- we have bought us a herd" !!!!

Sadly, we cannot stop the wars in Sudan But through Kids 4 Kids we do what we can To offer some hope and a chance for new life To that part of the world that has known only strife!!!

So the Sunday School says "thanks" to you all We kid you not ..... we had a ball.

So 'tis but one final thought in these poetic notes Your generous gifts "really got our goats"!

## Friends of music

Friends of Music is a community based program with a primary purpose to support the performing arts in the surrounding community. Musicians of all ages and performing levels are encouraged to participate. Everyone Welcome. Free will offering.

April 10<sup>th</sup>: 7:00 p.m.

**APRIL 10, 2011**  
**5:30 p.m. HAM DINNER**  
**FOR 100 PEOPLE \$10**  
**ADVANCE TICKETS only**  
**AVAILABLE AT OFFICE**



**Volunteers are asked to call**  
**Janice/Bill Brock 519-235-0323**





## WHO DOES WHAT IN EXETER UNITED CHURCH?

### THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

#### Who are they and what do they do?

Every congregation of the United Church of Canada is required to have a Board of Trustees. Numbering no fewer than 3 and no more than 15, the Trustees are the guardians of the church's property.

According to the terms of the church union of 1925, all property legally belongs to the United Church of Canada. Trustees hold church property deeds on behalf of the United Church of Canada. The Trustees are responsible for putting adequate insurance in place, managing the congregation's investments and ensuring

that the congregation's physical property is well maintained. Trustees meet a minimum of four times a year. Current Trustees for our congregation are: Tom Prout (chairperson), Peter Tgahrt (Secretary), Norm Whiting (Treasurer), Bob Down, Jerry MacLean, Eleanor Clark, Helen Coates, Janice Brock, Bob Poo-ley, Susan MacGregor.



### THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Rev. Paul Ross sits on the Board of Trustees but is not a voting member of the board. James Brisbin is the Church Board's representative to the Trustees.



### WHAT'S ON-LINE?

**2013 Worship Bulletin Covers submit your photographs beginning April 1, 2011**  
To obtain an entry form and technical details go to:

[www.united-church.ca/sales/publications/bulletins](http://www.united-church.ca/sales/publications/bulletins)

**There is a particular need for Christmas and Easter photos. The deadline for submissions is June 2, 2011**

**Check out the United Church social sites at:**

**Facebook.com/UnitedChurchCda**

**Twitter.com/United ChurchCda**

**YouTube.com/UnitedChurchofCanada**

### ASH WEDNESDAY

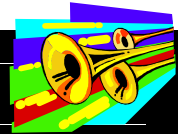
The day before Ash Wednesday is commonly called Pancake Day because it is a common practice to serve pancakes on that day. Its proper name is Shrove Tuesday. The word "shrove" is the past tense of the verb "shrive" which means to seek forgiveness for one's sin by performing an act of penance. In parts of the United States, Shrove Tuesday is known as either Mardi Gras or Fat Tuesday.



Courtesy Car Drivers are needed. Please volunteer 519-235-0860 to drive for Sunday Morning Wheelchair accessible Van 519-235-0208

Also: check out our website at [www.exeterunitedchurch.on.ca](http://www.exeterunitedchurch.on.ca)

Copies of the Sunday sermon are emailed on Monday to those who request it. If you would like to add your name to the mailing list contact Joyce in the church office.



# LOOK

at all the programs and activities at  
Exeter United Church

UCW      VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL      TELEMINISTRY      CONCERTS  
FRIENDS OF MUSIC      MEAT PIE LADIES      CONFIRMATION CLASSES  
CHRISTMAS BUREAU      EXETER FOOD BANK DRIVES      BAPTISM  
SUNDAY SCHOOL      BENEVOLENT OUTREACH      FOOD GRAINS  
WORSHIP SERVICES      BIBLE STUDY      SPIRITUAL COUNSELLING  
MEETING SPACE FOR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS      VISITATION  
MISSION AND SERVICE      MUSIC ENLIGHTENMENT      CHOIR  
FUN AND FELLOWSHIP      NURSERY      HAND CHIME ENSEMBLE

*We invite you to take a look at the programs/services offered at **Exeter United Church**. Many volunteers dedicate countless hours to each of these areas at **YOUR** church. A few of the programs are able to generate funds but most rely on 'member' generosity. If you are interested in more information on any of these programs or in joining/volunteering in an area of interest or expertise just call the church office (519-235-0860).*

WHERE ARE WE GOING  
as a faith community?



Kennon Callahan is a church consultant whose work has greatly inspired the Church Board over the past two years. Callahan encourages congregations to develop key objectives that will point them in the direction they want to go. At the Annual Meeting for 2010, two key objectives for 2011 were identified.

They are:      1. Reach Out to Non-attending Church Members  
                    2. Balance the Budget

In response to these identified key objectives, the Church Board will continue to build on the good work that is already being done to address these concerns. Pray for our congregational leaders knowing that there are no "instant solutions" to these concerns.

## IT'S TIME ...TO RENOVATE

Over the past several months, a small group of interested individuals have, with the support of the Church Board, re-visited the proposed renovations to the chancel (choir loft and pulpit area) of our sanctuary. Once this initial stage of their work is completed, the Reno Group will request that the Church Board set up a series of consultations with the congregation. The purpose of the consultation will be to receive your input concerning this proposal.





## CALENDAR OF EVENTS...

Office Hours 9:00am -12:00, 1:00-3:00pm

Check Website for updates of events [www.exeterunitedchurch.ca](http://www.exeterunitedchurch.ca)

Every Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. Weight Watchers

Every Thursday, 12:30pm A.A. and Sunday 8:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous and ALNON

Every Friday 8:00pm Narcotic Anonymous (NA)

Every Sunday morning 9:00am Sanctuary Singers practice/Adult Bible Study

March 14 - March 18 - March Break

March 16 10:00am Probus Club - Primary Room

March 25,26 Heritage Quilt Exhibit - Trivitt Anglican Church

March 31 1:30pm Afternoon Tea - Parlour

April 4 8:00pm United Church Women - Parlour

April 6 8:30am Meatpies being made and packaged

April 10 5:30pm Ham Dinner

7:00pm Friends of Music. Free will offering.

April 16 9:00am H-P Ministry and Personnel Workshop - Parlour

4:00pm Hodder/Brunelle Wedding

7:00pm Christian Bible Concert - Free will offering

April 20 10:00am Probus Club - Primary room

April 29, 30 U.C.W. Westminster Weekend

April 30 9:30am-11:30am Accessibility Committee Workshop - Parlour

May 5 11:30am - 1:30pm SMORGASBORD Advance tickets only. Take out available.

May 10 - May 14 Sittings for the Family Photos for the 2011 Photo Directory 9:00am - 9:00pm

May 11 8:30am Meatpies (Beef) being made. All help is appreciated.

May 26,27, 28,29 London Conference - Sault Ste. Marie

June 1 8:30am Meatpies (Turkey) being made.

June 2 2:00pm U.C.W. Friendship Tea - Primary room

June 5 2:00pm 50's and 60's Concert with **the SATINIQUES**

March Courtesy Car

Frank Boyle

Call Cheryl 519-235-0599



April 10: 7:00 p.m.

Courtesy Car drivers needed for April, May and June.

OCTOBER 23, 2011: BBQ BEEF DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY

## UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES in EXETER UNITED CHURCH

March 6 Transfiguration Sunday, Sunday School Soup/Sandwich Lunch

March 13 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

March 20 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

March 27 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

April 3 Canadian Food Grains Bank Service Chili Lunch

April 10 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

April 17 Palm / Passion Sunday - The Sacrament of Holy Communion

April 22 Good Friday Service - 10:00 a.m.

April 24 Easter Sunrise Service - 7:00 a.m. Morrison Dam

Breakfast at the Church - 8:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt - 10:00 a.m.

Easter Service with Brass Quintet - 10:30 a.m.

May 1 Camping Sunday

May 8 Family Sunday - Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism

May 15 UCW Anniversary Sunday with Bruce Whitmore

June 5 Sunday School Awards Presentation and BBQ

June 12 Confirmation/Communion Worship



**Deadline - June 3, 2011 - Bulletin Photos for 2013:** Each year, the church issues a call for "excellent quality photos or digital images" to be used as cover pictures for church bulletin covers. If you have a budding photographer in your family, have a look at the pamphlet posted on the Youth Bulletin Board. Could be an interesting opportunity. Also posted on the bulletin board is a pamphlet calling for photos, slides or digital images for the 2013 Canadian Church Calendar.

# THE FIRST EDITION SEPTEMBER 2011

First English Lutheran Church ☐ 511 W. Belle St. ☐ Cannon Falls, MN 55009  
Phillip R. Ruud, Senior Pastor

## This is the Day...

During the third week of August I was fishing where my Dad grew up, 60 miles NW of Duluth. The temperature was in the low 50's the last morning I was out on the lake, and the wind had the hint that summer is on its way out and fall is coming.

And here we are in September. The Scripture tells,

***"For everything there is a season and time for every matter under heaven."***

(Ecclesiastes 3:1)

Now it is time for children to go back to school, and for chores around the house to be done before winter.

Soon it will be time for farmers to *"pluck up what is planted."*

It is time to remember the Sabbath Day and gather for worship. On **Sunday, September 11th** we will go back to having **worship at 8 and 10:30 a.m.**

On the **first and third Sundays of each month** we take time to celebrate **Holy Communion**. The meal is shared for us who are hungry to be reassured of God's presence, God's forgiveness, and God's grace.

On **September 11th** it is also time to begin **Sunday School and Adult Forum** at the hour of **9:15—10:15 a.m.**

**Confirmation classes** begin on **Wednesday, September 14th** at **6:30 p.m.**

The **church garage sale** is **Friday & Saturday September 23 & 24**. Donations and volunteers are needed to work. Half of the proceeds will go to our church and half to the ELCA Disaster Relief: Minot, ND

**Sunday, September 25th** is **Confirmation** for our **10th graders** at **10:30 a.m. worship**

The repeated message of the Scriptures is that every day is a day the Lord has made. Seize every day, rejoice in it, be glad in it, and use it as an opportunity to express God's love in Word and deed.

**TODAY** is mine,

It is unique.

Nobody in the world has one

Exactly like it. It holds the

Sum of all my past experiences

And all of my future POTENTIAL.

I can fill it with joyous memories

Or ruin it with fruitless worry.

If painful recollections of the

Past come into my mind, or

Frightening thoughts of the future,

I can put them away. They cannot

Spoil me for today.

It is mine

**YESTERDAY** is gone,

**TOMORROW** is not here,

**START TODAY.**

Yours in Christ,  
Phil Ruud, Pastor



# FIRST THINGS FIRST

STEWARDSHIP 2011

## WELL DONE GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANTS!

We set a goal of providing 100 mosquito nets and all together you gave 1,415 dollars. I am confident that God will bless your gifts and use them to literally save the lives of many people.

Half of the proceeds from the garage sale here on September 23 & 24 will be directed to ELCA Disaster Relief in Minot, North Dakota and the other half will be directed to our church's needs. Donations of good sale items and also volunteers are needed. You may sign up on the gray bulletin board in the narthex.

During the summer months the church has had to draw down from the reserve funds to meet expenses. As we come to Rally Day on September 11, let us also rally in our giving to carry out the mission of Letting God's Grace Shine

Thank you for all your giving. It makes a difference!

## MEMORIAL & GIFT OPPORTUNITIES

### Needs

- Gift toward the *principle* of the building loan.
- Wall Welcome Banner
- Two occasional chairs & table for informal setting in narthex.
- Cameras (\$6,000 est.)
- Three Screens

The Memorials/Furnishings Committee was established to coordinate good stewardship and the designation of gifts and memorials to First English, as well as, placement and use of such gifts. Remember, these gifts are in addition to your pledge to building fund **LET GOD'S GRACE SHINE**. If you are planning to give a gift or memorial, please contact the church office.

*Thank you -*

*Dar Qualle, Kathy Swanson, Betty Nelson, Jeri Noble, Jackie Van Guilder*

\*THE COMMITTEE HAS ATTEMPTED TO PRIORITIZE ITEMS MORE URGENTLY NEEDED. WE ARE WORKING ON ESTABLISHING AN ESTIMATED DOLLAR AMOUNT.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN CONTRIBUTING TOWARD THESE ITEMS OR OTHERS, PLEASE CONTACT A COMMITTEE MEMBER OR PASTOR PHIL.

## MEMORIALS & GIFTS

### AUGUST 2011

**In Memory of Fritz Kautz** from Grayden & Loraine Moorhouse, Betty Nelson, Merlyn Johnson, Doris Landon, Virgil & Dar Qualle, LaVonne Iverson

**In Memory of Alden Josephson** from Betty Nelson, Jim & Babe Nelson, Gary & Pat Anderson

**In Memory of Fred Miller** from Betty Nelson, Dick & Jeanette Sutherland, Arlene Floan, Lyle & Phyllis Wilson, Grayden & Loraine Moorhouse, Doug & Lynn Larson, Bev Stedman, Louise Robinson, Doris Landon, Gary & Pat Anderson, Merle & Joanne Johnson, Corrine Lange, Steve & Sue Josephson, Bill & Elvena Schmugge, Jeri & Lyle Noble, Luther Quale, Dallas & Jan Larson, Lowell & Sharon Anderson, Roger & Judy Quam, Nancy Sebo, Virgil & Dar Qualle, Kerry & Helen Kreisler, Richard & Donna Miller, Gary & Kitty Robinson, Jean Barsness

**In Memory of Phil Schramske** from Julie Benrud Luhman, Evelyn Benrud

**In Memory of Russell Erickson** from Lyle & Suzanne Ness, Betty Nelson, Evelyn Benrus, White Rock Bank staff

**In Memory of Vern Scott** for Donna Kimmes, Jim & Arletta Soule, Lyle & Jeri Noble, Jim Magnuson, Betty Nelson

**In Memory of Melvin Wallkite** (Marlene Ulrich's Brother) from Betty Nelson

## *Upcoming October Events*

Youth **Paintball Event** tentatively for **Sunday, October 16**

**Harvest Dinner** following 10:30 a.m. Worship on **Sunday, October 30**

**UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES** .... *just thinking about this ought to cool you off in the August heat...*

# SNOW LOTTERY

Are you a gambler? Do you have winter time talents? Or just want to try your luck? Pick a Sunday....any Sunday. Sign up now for the First English Snow Lottery in the Narthex. See how lucky you are. The prize is NOT shoveling the sidewalk if it doesn't snow on your Sunday...

Dear 1st English Lutheran Church,

The Nelson-Scofield VFW Post 4452 Auxiliary would like to THANK YOU for your assistance with our Red Cross Blood Drive on Aug. 10th at First English. A special thanks goes out to First English for the use of their facility!

Because you volunteered, you helped our donors to "GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE!" We collected 86 units!

Extra special thanks to Phyllis Wilson, Lynette Pagel & those who took down the tables and chairs! May God bless you all.

Karen Lindberg, Blood Drive Chairman

**Please call Prayer Chain Coordinators: Marcine Lundell, Marlys Weber or the church office to place your prayer request or if you'd like to be a prayer petitioner on the Prayer Chain.**

**Church Office: 507-263-3042 or e-mail: [felccf@frontiernet.net](mailto:felccf@frontiernet.net)**

**Marlys Weber: 507-263-2737**

**Marcine Lundell: 507-263-9146**

Dear Friends of Goodhue County Habitat for Humanity:

Progress is being made on the 2011 house at 1020 Bush Street in Red Wing. In the past, volunteer crews were wrangled into place by Don Nord of Goodhue. But this year, he is recovering from a bad fall. It was brought to my attention that we still need many work crews to help in completion of the 2011 project. It has worked best in the past to simply assign the remaining dates to our partner congregations. If for some reason you cannot put a crew together on your date, please contact Parker Quammen at [651-388-9360](tel:651-388-9360) x32.

**Work Crew:** consists of 4-8 people with a basic level of carpentry skill. Bring a few personal tools: hammer, nail pouch, tape measure, utility knife, etc. Most other tools will be provided by construction supervisor.

**Food Crew:** On your assigned day, plan for a group from your church to provide the noon Saturday meal; evening meal on Wednesdays. Can provide morning coffee break.

**Work Schedule:** Saturdays 8am to late afternoon; Wednesdays typically 4-8pm unless otherwise contacted.

This message includes all the emails I have for individuals or churches. I am counting on church office staff to please pass this message on to the person/group in your congregation who works with Habitat's mission so they are aware of their work dates. Again, thank you for your commitment to support Habitat's mission of affordable housing in Goodhue County. I would also encourage your congregation's Thrivent members to participate in volunteer crews. Thank you for your time!

In Christ,

Pastor Nick Fisher-Broin

Spring Garden Lutheran Church

Cannon Falls, MN

**Goodhue County Habitat for Humanity      1020 Bush Street Project – Construction Schedule**  
**Construction Manager: Duane Lund – 651-380-6833, 651-388-2589    GCHF: 651-388-9360 x32**

**10/12/11                      Wed. (sign-up in the narthex)**

**First English Lutheran Cannon Falls**

**Congregational Leader Contact Information**



# First English Lutheran Church



Welcomes all Sunday School  
age children along with their  
families & friends to our...

## Sunday School Sunday School Carnival



See  
you  
in  
Sunday  
School!  
in

See  
you  
in

Sunday  
School!

We invite you to join in the fun and  
gather to launch the 2011-2012  
Sunday School year!

Date: Sunday, September 11, 2011

Time: 11:30—1:30 (After 2nd Service)

Place: Church Parking Lot

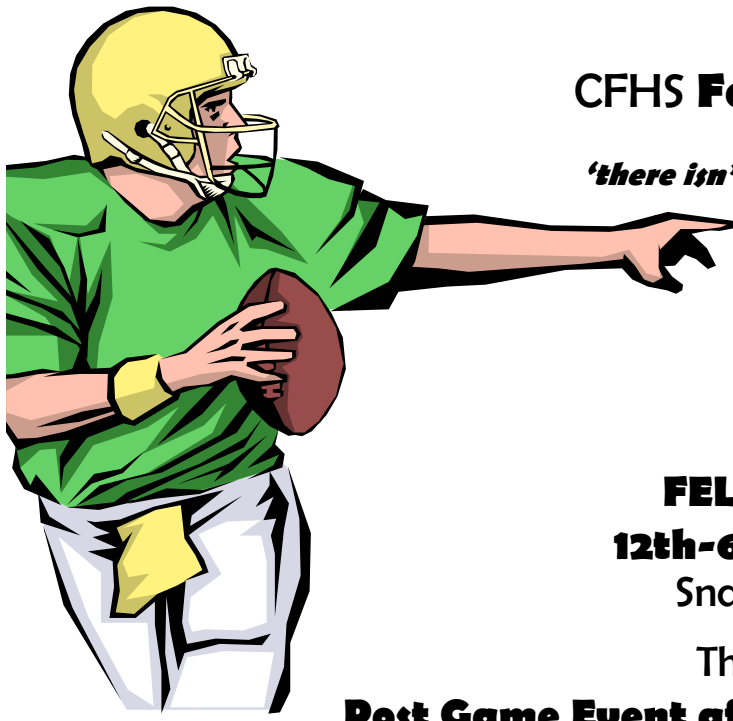
*We hope to see you there!*

**We welcome your help!** If you are interested in helping with Sunday School and/or the carnival, please contact one of the  
Sunday School Superintendents:

Mandi Hofstedt Phone: 507.263.3611 Email: [Mandihofstedt@earthlink.net](mailto:Mandihofstedt@earthlink.net)

Stacy Larson Phone: 507.263.3705 Email: [Stacy\\_chadlarson@hotmail.com](mailto:Stacy_chadlarson@hotmail.com)

Lynn Larson Phone: 507.263.3611 Email: [Lynn\\_douglarson@hotmail.com](mailto:Lynn_douglarson@hotmail.com)



**CFHS Football Season** Post Game Event  
*We've heard your complaints that  
'there isn't anything to do after the home games' so ...*

## **Football Friday's**

**9/9; 9/16; 9/30; 10/14**

**9-11 p.m.**

**FELC is hosting a POST GAME EVENT for  
12th-6th grade youth and their friends.**

Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

The Youth Committee plans on having a  
**Post Game Event after every home game this season.**

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## **ADULT FORUMS**

Sundays 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the Conference Room Adjacent to the Sanctuary & Narthex

**September 11—October 2**

*A PROSTITUTE, TWO PROPHETS, AND POOR 'OL JOB*

Explore scenes from the lives of Gomer, Isaiah, Jeremiah and Job in this People of Faith Bible study. These scenes are in chronological order to give participants a sense of each person's story from beginning to end. Each session opens with a gathering prayer and focus activity. From there, participants open Scripture and explore scenes from the lives of these four people of faith. Using the text, participants then join the conversation in which they read, do activities, and chat about that person's story. Suggested activities are hands-on, including creative writing, role-playing, discussion and drawing.

Each session ends with prayer and opportunities for extending the conversation, which include optional "homework" assignments and enrichment activities that allow participants to continue their study and conversation between sessions.

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**Newsletter Deadline for the **October** issue of the newsletter **Friday, September 23****

**Deadline for changes to the Sunday bulletin **10 a.m. Thursday morning.****

**Call church office 507.263.3042.**





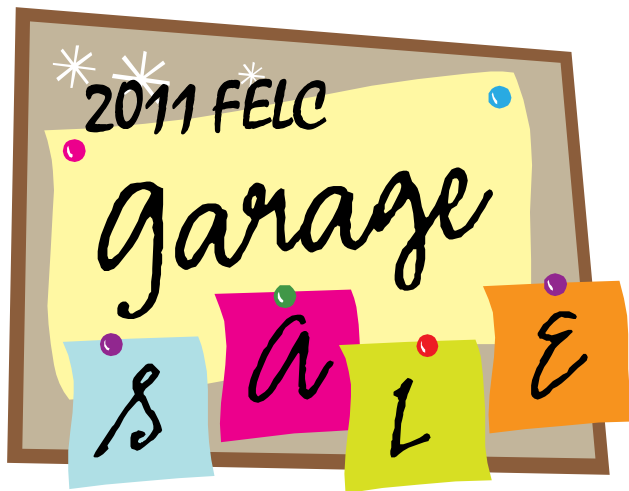
**First English Lutheran Church**  
511 W. Belle St., Cannon Falls, MN  
**Cost: No Charge**  
*Pre-registration is requested.*

**Please call 507-263-3042  
for questions or to register.**  
**Rides are available**

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**Health Advisory Board**  
of First English Lutheran Church

**Lundberg Funeral Home**  
5839 Highway 19 Blvd.  
Cannon Falls, MN 55009  
507-263-4246

Ongoing *Grief Support sessions* are on the *second Tuesday of each month*  
at **7 p.m.** in the conference room at **First English Lutheran Church**



**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>**

**10 A.M.-6 P.M.**

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 24<sup>TH</sup>**

**8 A.M.—3 P.M.**

*Some bags, boxes, and hangers may be needed.*

*If you have any racks for hanging items, that would also be helpful.*

Questions? Please call Melissa Hansen at 263-0188.

***NOW HADN'T YOU BETTER GET BUSY GOING THROUGH YOUR STASH OF HIDDEN TREASURES FOR DONATIONS?  
THANK YOU!!***

Items for the church garage sale can begin to be dropped off Sunday 9/18 during church services and no later than Wednesday 9/21. Please drop off earlier in the week to allow for adequate time in preparing for the sale. Place items in the back of the fellowship hall.

**ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:**

**Computers –printers – monitors – encyclopedias - word processors – VCRs - large appliances  
- window/doors – sinks – tires - bed pillows – mattresses - curtain rods - window blinds  
- skis, ski boots, ski poles - air conditioners - water heaters - swing sets - hazardous chemicals**

Some larger or more unique items may require approval- if you are unsure please check with Melissa. Please donate items that you yourself would feel comfortable giving to a friend. It costs us time and money to dispose of non working or broken items.



# Parish Nurse

# September 2011

Dear Family of First English,

"Be still and know that I am God." For many of our church family the past months have been a time of heartache with the loss of loved ones and for others there was much joy. I pray that both instances, the above verse came to mind as you reflected on what was going on in your life. God is there and our faith can be strengthened in the difficult times as well as the happy times. For me, I was able to experience the awesome beauty of God's creation in the Canadian Rockies. I could label the days crossing the prairies as "Amber waves of grain" from the song America the Beautiful and then the mountains, glaciers, rivers as "My God How Great Thou Art". My soul was renewed as I viewed each scene more beautiful than the next. I thought of Psalm 8:3-4: "When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which you have set in place, what is man that you care for him?" Yes, we do see God in nature and then we see him in the faces of those around us. I pray that we can be enabled to help one another in the many ways that Pastor Phil said in his sermon on August 21.

Our bus stopped in Minot, ND and Nancy and I got a tour of the devastation from the floods by Pastor Kari Williamson. There is so much help needed yet to get homes ready for sanitizing before they can be rebuilt. Those people need to know that we care for them and we can do that with our contributions to Lutheran Disaster Response and by physically going there and working. Winter is coming and most of the homes on the tour won't be ready for habitation. Can you imagine the overwhelming dread that you would have looking at you home dirty with muck, mold, and dirt up to the top of the door frames? Then, think of your church in the same situation. My heart ached when I saw all of this and I thought, "What can I do? What can we do?" As you can imagine, depression is very much present and emotional/spiritual care is needed as well as physical labor. Pastor Kari told me that if we got a group out there, she would help find us housing—and that is no small feat! Talk to me if you are interested in more details.

Please note that the Grief Support Group will be having another series beginning in October. It can be meaningful for all of us.

## Upcoming Events:

**Sunday, September 4** Blood Pressure screening following 9 a.m. worship. I am available if you need further checking.

Betty Nelson, Parish Nurse  
263-2115—Home      263-3042—Church

Save your **Betty Crocker Box Tops for Education, Kemp's GIVE 'EM 5 cents, Nature's Kwik Trip Milk MOOLAH...** and from the Cannon Falls Econo Food Store—**Our Family bar codes, soup labels, and Campbell's Soup Labels for education.** Please place them in the marked box in the church office.

## Thank you!

We continue to collect Cannon Falls Econo Foods grocery receipts and give the proceeds to the CCIC Good Samaritan Fund. When we save \$150,000 in receipts, we will receive \$1,000. The collection box is in the church office.

**Total receipts received: \$84,474.29 Only \$65,525.71 to go!**      **Round #8 Thank you!**  
Guidelines for the CCIC Good Sam Fund can be found on our website at [www.firstenglishchurch.com](http://www.firstenglishchurch.com)

## Baptisms

Jonathan Karl Tate

Sunday, August 21, 2011

Reed Connor Holz

Sunday, August 28, 2011

## Funerals

Fred Miller

Monday, August 1, 2011

Vernon Scott

Tuesday, August 9, 2011

# Confirmation

for 10th grade Youth

**Sun., Sept. 25**

**10:30 a.m. Worship**

*Photos & Rehearsal  
Fun Day*

*Wed., Sept. 21  
Sat., Sept. 24*

*7:30 p.m.  
Noon*

## MUSIC MINISTRY

## SEPTEMBER 2011

### REFLECTIONS ON A MUSICIAN'S FUNERAL...

Some of you may remember being at Fred Miller's funeral this summer. It was quite an event, and Fred, characteristically, got the last word with a recording. He even replaced the live band that showed up to do his music! I was also involved in the hymns and played along on "This Land is Your Land" at the end of the service. Craig Ellingboe, a former pastor, reminded us of four things that Fred taught Craig (and all of us):

- 1.) Music is important - it is a gift from God (shades of Martin Luther)
- 2.) Laughter is important - laugh every day!
- 3.) Check the power supply - plug in your appliance if it doesn't work. But plug yourself into a spiritual power supply called God so you reconnect to the ultimate source of all that is. Don't wander about wondering why you don't work if you are not reconnected!
- 4.) Be surrounded by love of family and friends. They are a great source of the power supply we all need.

And Pastor Phil reminded us in his sermon "Singing the Blues" that when it's **hard** to sing is exactly when, I must add, that we **must** sing! When it's hard to sing because of tears, it is important to nevertheless try to sing because of the wonderful support it provides through words, melody, and others singing too. Blues are both sad and joyful, and so is country western. Frankly, all music embodies both!

The only music we should have done at the end of the service was the gospel song "I'll Fly Away". An opportunity missed.

Fred would have liked that. But then he wouldn't have gotten the last word!

### ONE DEFINITION OF MUSIC TO CONSIDER...

Dr. Don Saliers, now retired professor of practical theology (liturgy and music) at Candler School of Theology in Atlanta, GA, quotes a famous definition of music. "**Music is the language of the soul made audible.**" If there were previous times when new sounds deepened our sense of God in prayer, praise, grieving, ecstasy, and other ways, we simply are part of a long continuum. What is the language of your soul made audible? And how will we best hear it? We strive, in all our musical groups at First English, to help the language of your soul be audible in praise to God. Let us know if there are other ways we could help this happen. Thanks.

### MUSICAL HELP NEEDED!

The Praise and Worship team needs: a conga player, several guitar players, more singers. Please speak to Richard Collman, call him at 507-645-1357 or email at rkcollman@msn.com if you can assist. One rehearsal a month for an hour (a lot of fun!) and two services on one Sunday each month.

The Choir always needs more singers. Speak to director Mary Jill Duncan.

The Brass group welcome more players also. Speak to Richard Collman.



# MUSIC SCHEDULE 2011-2012

## 2011-12 CHOIR REHEARSAL & SINGING SCHEDULE

**Sun., Sept. 11**

*Rehearsal 9:15 a.m.*

Sing at 10:30 a.m.

**Sun., Sept. 11**

*Rehearsal 9:15 a.m.*

**Sun., Sept. 18**

*Rehearsal 9:15 a.m.*

Sing at 8 a.m. Worship

**Sun., Oct. 2**

*Rehearsal 9:15 a.m.*

Sing at 10:30 a.m.

**Sun., Oct. 9**

*Rehearsal 9:15 a.m.*

Sing at 8 a.m. Worship

**Sun., Oct. 23**

*Rehearsal 9:15 a.m.*

Sing at 10:30 a.m.

**Sun., Oct. 30**

**(Reformation)**

*Rehearsal 9:15 a.m.*

Sing at 8 a.m.

**Sun., Nov. 6 (All Saints)**

*Rehearsal 9:15 a.m.*

Sing at both 8 & 10:30

**Sun., Nov. 13**

*Rehearsal 9:15 a.m.*

Sing at 10:30 a.m.

Worship

**Sun., Nov. 20**

*Rehearsal 9:15 a.m.*

Sing at 8 a.m. Worship

**Sun., Dec. 4**

*Rehearsal 9:15 a.m.*

Sing at 10:30 a.m.

**Sun., Dec. 11**

*Rehearsal 9:15 a.m.*

Sing at 8 a.m. Worship

**Christmas Eve, Sat.,**

**Dec. 24**

Sing at 3 p.m.

## 2011-12 PRAISE TEAM REHEARSAL & SINGING SCHEDULE

**Wed., Sept. 21**

*Rehearsal 7 p.m.*

**Sun., Sept. 25**

**(Confirmation)**

Sing at both Worship  
services

**Wed., Oct. 18**

*Rehearsal 7 p.m.*

**Sun., Oct. 16**

Sing at both Worship  
services

**Thurs., Nov. 17**

*Rehearsal 7 p.m.*

**Sun., Nov. 27**

**(1st Sun. Advent)**

Sing at both Worship  
services

**Wed., Dec. 14**

*Rehearsal 7 p.m.*

**Sun., Dec. 18**

**(Advent Service)**

Sing at 4 p.m. service

**Sun., Dec. 25**

**(Christmas Day)**

**Service of Lessons &  
Carols**

Sing at 9 a.m. Worship  
service

**Wed., Jan. 11**

*Rehearsal 7 p.m.*

**Sun., Jan. 15**

Sing at both Worship  
services

**Wed., Feb. 22**

*Rehearsal 8 p.m.*

**Sun., Feb. 26**

Sing at both Worship  
services

**Wed., March 14**

*Rehearsal 7 p.m.*

**Sun., March 18**

Sing at both Worship  
services

**Wed., April 11**

*Rehearsal 7 p.m.*

**Sun., April 15**

Sing at both Worship  
services

**Wed., May 16**

*Rehearsal 7 p.m.*

**Sun., May 20**

Sing at both Worship  
services

## 2011-12 BRASS GROUP REHEARSAL & SINGING SCHEDULE

**Wed., Oct. 26**

*Rehearsal 7 p.m.*

**Sun., Oct. 30**

**Reformation**

Play at both Worship  
services

**Wed., Nov. 16**

*Rehearsal 7 p.m.*

**Sun., Nov. 20**

Play at both Worship  
services

**Wed., Dec. 7**

*Rehearsal 7 p.m.*

**Sun., Dec. 11**

Play at both Worship  
services

**Wed., Feb. 15**

*Rehearsal 7 p.m.*

**Sun., Feb. 19**

Play at both Worship  
services

**Wed., March 28**

*Rehearsal 7 p.m.*

**Sun., April 1**

**Palm Sunday**

Play at both Worship  
services

**Maundy Thurs., April 5**

*Rehearsal 8 p.m.*

**Easter Sun., April 8**

Play at both Worship  
services

# CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

**Thursday, August 11, 2011**

## Committee Reports:

### Property – report by Royce Anderson

Seal-coating is planned for Monday and Tuesday, August 15 and 16. Painting is planned in the near future. Jim Soule will head up the work group. Water billing update—the City of Cannon Falls has agreed to give the church a credit of \$700 on our water bill. This as a result of our water softener mishap in May and June. The gears went out on the lawnmower, and repairs would have been more expensive than buying a new one, so a new lawnmower was purchased.

### Evangelism – report by Melissa Thomas

The Committee hosted a booth at the First Thursday event in downtown Cannon Falls on August 4th. They gave out frozen treats and handed out information about Sunday School and Confirmation. The Committee will host a booth at the September First Thursday. The main push at this one will be the Sunday School and confirmation programs as well as the garage sale and worship service times. The Committee is signed up with Welcome Services. The church brochure is being distributed in their welcome packet. The committee will decide how best to follow up with the listing of new community members each month to introduce them to FELC.

### Christian Education – report by Pastor Dan

Mandi Hofstedt and Pastor Dan met. There is still a need for a few teachers. The new Confirmation curriculum will require additional teachers; a request will be made at the August 24<sup>th</sup> Orientation Session.

### Youth and Family – reported by Tom Shorter

On September 2<sup>nd</sup>, the first Football game will be held. Not sure if it's a home game, if so, they might consider holding an event following the game. It's a little hard to promote due to timing and no school in session. A city-wide youth group has begun in Cannon Falls. Pastor Dan will work with the leaders to see if any of the activities line up with our youth activities and needs.

### The Treasurer's report was approved. MSP

The refinance of the mortgage went through without any problems. It was moved to print the financial status of the general fund (as prepared by the treasurer) in the first weekly bulletin each month. MSP

Old Business: The final interest rate on the mortgage was 5.25%; the best possible option as discussed. A total of \$1,415 was raised for the malaria net campaign. That is 141 and ½ nets.

New Business: A motion was made to designate the Garage Sale income as follows: Split ½ to Lutheran Disaster Relief in Minot, North Dakota and ½ to the Church General Fund. MSP A motion was made to pay for the new Confirmation curriculum at a cost of \$320 from monies taken in from Confirmation registration. MSP A space request was brought to our attention from the Food Shelf. The proposal was not brought to the Council at this meeting; so it will be tabled until September.

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE 2011-2012

### THEME: TO FOLLOW AND SERVE: THE GOSPEL OF MARK

#### September Session1: **Jesus of Nazareth**

*"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the good news."* Mark 1:15

#### October Session 2: **Mothers and Brothers**

*"Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."* Mark 3:35

#### November Session 3: **Power and Authority**

*"He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?'"* Mark 4:40

#### December Session 4: **Beyond Boundaries**

*"How many loaves have you? Go and see."* Mark 6:38

#### January Session 5: **Confessing Christ**

*"I believe; help my unbelief!"* Mark 9:24

#### February Session 6: **Tough Questions**

*"Take heart; get up, he is calling you."* Mark 10:49

#### March Session 7: **Rising Expectations**

*"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."* Mark 13:31

April

Session 8: **A Wholly Different Week**

*"But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee."* Mark 14:28

May

Session 9: **Go and Tell**

*"Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here."* Mark 16:6

### CIRCLES MEET MONTHLY SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY

RACHEL CIRCLE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH 9:30 A.M. AT CHURCH

MIRIAM CIRCLE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH 10 A.M. AT PARK STREET COMMUNITY ROOM

RUTH CIRCLE FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH 7 P.M. AT PARK STREET COMMUNITY ROOM

CIRCLES ALSO HOST AN ADVENT PARTY FOR WOMEN ON THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

## WORLD HUNGER UPDATE

### WATER FACTS

- More than 1 billion people worldwide lack access to safe drinking water and sanitation services
- If present withdrawal and consumption rates for water continue, two of every three people on Earth will live in water-stressed conditions by 2025.
- Someone dies of a water-related illness every 14 seconds
- In the United States, 40 percent of our rivers and lakes are too polluted to be safe for fishing and swimming

According to the Lutheran World Federation, though the world's population has doubled since 1950, water consumption has increased by six times.

The United Nations recommends a daily allowance of at least 13.2 gallons (50 liters) of water each day per person for drinking, washing, cooking, and sanitation. Yet over 1 billion people—one-sixth of the world's population—do not have access to this minimum requirement.

### WATER SAVING TIPS

- Turn off faucet when brushing teeth
- When showering, turn off the water while applying soap and shampoo
- Wash your car with a bucket of water instead of a hose or automated car wash
- When replacing your dishwasher or washing machine, make sure they are energy efficient (look for the Energy Star rating)
- Only use dishwashers or washing machines when full
- Take 5-minute showers (10 gallons) instead of baths (40 gallons)

## CYBER SALT

### HOW TO PLANT YOUR GARDEN OF DAILY LIFE

First, you come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses.

Then...

#### PLANT THREE ROWS OF

##### PEAS:

1. Peace of mind
2. Peace of heart
3. Peace of soul

#### PLANT FOUR ROWS OF

##### SQUASH:

1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference

3. Squash grumbling

4. Squash selfishness

#### PLANT FOUR ROWS OF

##### LETTUCE:

1. Lettuce be faithful
2. Lettuce be kind
3. Lettuce be patient
4. Lettuce really love one another

#### NO GARDEN IS WITHOUT TURNIPS:

1. Turnip for church meetings
2. Turnip for service
3. Turnip to help one another

#### TO CONCLUDE OUR

**GARDEN WE MUST HAVE  
THYME:**

1. Thyme for each other
2. Thyme for family

3. Thyme for friends

**Water freely with patience and cultivate with love.** There is much fruit in you garden because you reap what

YOU SOW SUBMITTED BY KAREN COAKLEY

<b>September 2011 Worship Participants</b>									
Date	Acolyte	Lay Reader	Ushers	Greeters	Date	Acolyte	Lay Reader	Ushers	Greeters
Sun., Sept. 4 9 a.m.	Brook Peters Back-up: Katie Noble	Caitlyn Strack	Glen Pofahl Lyle Noble	People of First English	One Service at 9 a.m. Labor Day Weekend	None Needed	None Needed	None Needed	None Needed
Sun. Sept. 11 8 a.m.	Carter Reber Back-up: Ryan Sabin	Mark Grosland	Darcy & Rollin Reber	People of First English	Sun. Sept. 11 10:30 a.m.	Ryan Sabin Back-up: Carter Reber	Vicki Pepera	Mark & Cheryl Sabin	People of First English
Sun. Sept. 18 8 a.m.			Ron Clow Betty Nelson	Richard & Kathy Shorter	Sun. Sept. 18 10:30 a.m.	Hunter Walker Back-up: Taylor Simons	Vicki Pepera	Lisa & Jason Lundell	People of First English
Sun. Sept. 25 8 a.m.	Tommy Miller Back-up: Tristan Mills	Lynn Larson	Bev Stedman	People of First English	Sun. Sept. 25 10:30 a.m. <i>Confirmation</i>	Tristan Mills Back-up: Tommy Miller	Megan Bauer	Marcine Lundell	People of First English

Communion Duties Set-up & Clean-up for Sunday, September 4 —9 a.m. Worship:

Sunday, September 18—8:00 a.m. Worship Set-up:

10:30 a.m. Worship Clean-up:

Altar Guild: Ida Schabert, Cheryl Sabin

Coffee Fellowship	Sun. 9/4	Sun. 9/11	Sun. 9/18	Sun. 9/25
	Joni Peine	Terry Ruud	Hommedahl's	R & L Hughes

**Communion Helpers**

Sunday, September 4 9 a.m. - Ron Clow, Mark Grosland, Tom Shorter

Sunday, September 18 8 a.m. - Steve Gesme, Tom Shorter 10:30 a.m.- Jeff Tipton (via e-mail), Joni Peine

**Please have all information into the church office by the 20th of the month before to be included in Newsletter.**

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[pruud@frontiernet.net](mailto:pruud@frontiernet.net)

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**Prayer Chain Coordinators:**

Marcine Lundell 263-9146

Marlys Weber 263-2737

Anne Harty - Food Shelf Coordinator

**Financial Sec.:** Lynette Pagel

**Data Entry Spec.:** Kay Ellingson

**Office Vol.:** Thelma Peterson

**Counters:** Kathy Niebeling, Chris Pofahl,  
Cindy Husaby, & Jeanette Sutherland

Committee assignments for the Council  
are as follows:

**Property:** Royce Anderson and Ron Clow

**Evangelism:** Melissa Thomas and Jeff  
Tipton

**Stewardship:** Jeff Hommedahl

**Social Ministry:** Karen Coakley

**Worship and Music:** Joni Peine

**Christian Education:** Mark Grosland

**Memorials & Furnishings:**

Mike Dalton & Steve Gesme

**Youth & Family:** Mark Sabin and Tom  
Shorter

**Foundation:** Tom Shorter and Karen  
Anderson

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10:45 a.m. Communion at Angels Care Center 6:30 p.m. Exec. Council 7:15 p.m. Foundation Board	2	3 10 a.m.— Noon Food Shelf
4 9 a.m. Holy Communion Blood Pressure Checks & Coffee Fellowship	5 Labor Day Office Closed	6 7 p.m. Ruth Circle at Park Street	7 9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle at Church 10 a.m. Miriam Circle at Park Street 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Guide Meeting	8 8:30 a.m.—Noon WIC Clinic 10 a.m.—Noon Food Shelf 10 a.m. Worship at Twin Rivers 7 p.m. Church Council	9 9-11 p.m. Post Game Event For Youth 6th-12th grade	10 2 p.m. Beebe- Yozamp Wedding



<b>11 RALLY SUNDAY</b> 8 & 10:30 a.m. Worship Coffee Fellowship 9:15 a.m. CROSS, Adult Forum, Choir Rehearsal 11:30 a.m. Worship & Music <b>11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m. Rally Sunday Carnival-Church Parking Lot</b>	12 7 p.m. Chemical Health Initiative	13 10:30 a.m. Bible Study at Park Street 7 p.m. Grief Support Group	14 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Classes & 6th grade Wed. School	15 9-11 a.m. Sewing at Church 4:30-6:30 p.m. Food Shelf	16 9-11 p.m. Post Game Event For Youth 6th-12th grade	17 4 p.m. Moen-Pickerign Wedding
18 8 & 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship 9:15 a.m. CROSS, Adult Forum, Choir rehearsal <b>11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m. Garage Sale Item Drop Off</b>	19	20 10:30 a.m. Bible Study at Park Street <b>8 a.m.-3 p.m. Garage Sale Item Drop Off</b>	21 <b>8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Garage Sale Item Drop Off</b> 6:30 p.m. Confirmation & 6th gr. Wed. School 7 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Confirmation Rehearsal & Photos	22 10 a.m.—Noon Food Shelf	23 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Garage Sale Newsletter Deadline	24 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Garage Sale <b>Noon Confirmation Fun Day</b>
25 8 & 10:30 a.m. Worship Coffee Fellowship 9:15 a.m. CROSS & Adult Forum 1:30 p.m. Worship at Angels Care Center	26	27 10:30 a.m. Bible Study at Park Street 4 p.m. Women's Circle Leaders	28 6:30 p.m. Confirmation & 6th gr. Wed. School	29	30 9-11 p.m. Post Game Event For Youth 6th-12th grade 	

## September Events

# Worship Schedule

Labor Day Weekend - One Service at 9 a.m.

All other Sundays—8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.



Rally Sunday Carnival - Sunday, September 11



Church worship services are shown on local cable channel 12 on Tuesday's at 11:00 a.m. and

Saturday's at 4:30 p.m.

# THE FIRST EDITION SEPTEMBER 2011

First English Lutheran Church ☐ 511 W. Belle St. ☐ Cannon Falls, MN 55009  
Phillip R. Ruud, Senior Pastor

## This is the Day...

During the third week of August I was fishing where my Dad grew up, 60 miles NW of Duluth. The temperature was in the low 50's the last morning I was out on the lake, and the wind had the hint that summer is on its way out and fall is coming.

And here we are in September. The Scripture tells,

***"For everything there is a season and time for every matter under heaven."***

(Ecclesiastes 3:1)

Now it is time for children to go back to school, and for chores around the house to be done before winter.

Soon it will be time for farmers to *"pluck up what is planted."*

It is time to remember the Sabbath Day and gather for worship. On **Sunday, September 11th** we will go back to having **worship at 8 and 10:30 a.m.**

On the **first and third Sundays of each month** we take time to celebrate **Holy Communion**. The meal is shared for us who are hungry to be reassured of God's presence, God's forgiveness, and God's grace.

On **September 11th** it is also time to begin **Sunday School and Adult Forum** at the hour of **9:15—10:15 a.m.**

**Confirmation classes** begin on **Wednesday, September 14th** at **6:30 p.m.**

The **church garage sale** is **Friday & Saturday September 23 & 24**. Donations and volunteers are needed to work. Half of the proceeds will go to our church and half to the ELCA Disaster Relief: Minot, ND

**Sunday, September 25th** is **Confirmation** for our **10th graders** at **10:30 a.m. worship**

The repeated message of the Scriptures is that every day is a day the Lord has made. Seize every day, rejoice in it, be glad in it, and use it as an opportunity to express God's love in Word and deed.

**TODAY** is mine,

It is unique.

Nobody in the world has one

Exactly like it. It holds the

Sum of all my past experiences

And all of my future POTENTIAL.

I can fill it with joyous memories

Or ruin it with fruitless worry.

If painful recollections of the

Past come into my mind, or

Frightening thoughts of the future,

I can put them away. They cannot

Spoil me for today.

It is mine

**YESTERDAY** is gone,

**TOMORROW** is not here,

**START TODAY.**

Yours in Christ,  
Phil Ruud, Pastor



# FIRST THINGS FIRST

STEWARDSHIP 2011

## WELL DONE GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANTS!

We set a goal of providing 100 mosquito nets and all together you gave 1,415 dollars. I am confident that God will bless your gifts and use them to literally save the lives of many people.

Half of the proceeds from the garage sale here on September 23 & 24 will be directed to ELCA Disaster Relief in Minot, North Dakota and the other half will be directed to our church's needs. Donations of good sale items and also volunteers are needed. You may sign up on the gray bulletin board in the narthex.

During the summer months the church has had to draw down from the reserve funds to meet expenses. As we come to Rally Day on September 11, let us also rally in our giving to carry out the mission of Letting God's Grace Shine

Thank you for all your giving. It makes a difference!

## MEMORIAL & GIFT OPPORTUNITIES

### Needs

- Gift toward the *principle* of the building loan.
- Wall Welcome Banner
- Two occasional chairs & table for informal setting in narthex.
- Cameras (\$6,000 est.)
- Three Screens

The Memorials/Furnishings Committee was established to coordinate good stewardship and the designation of gifts and memorials to First English, as well as, placement and use of such gifts. Remember, these gifts are in addition to your pledge to building fund **LET GOD'S GRACE SHINE**. If you are planning to give a gift or memorial, please contact the church office.

*Thank you -*

*Dar Qualle, Kathy Swanson, Betty Nelson, Jeri Noble, Jackie Van Guilder*

\*THE COMMITTEE HAS ATTEMPTED TO PRIORITIZE ITEMS MORE URGENTLY NEEDED. WE ARE WORKING ON ESTABLISHING AN ESTIMATED DOLLAR AMOUNT.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN CONTRIBUTING TOWARD THESE ITEMS OR OTHERS, PLEASE CONTACT A COMMITTEE MEMBER OR PASTOR PHIL.

## MEMORIALS & GIFTS

### AUGUST 2011

**In Memory of Fritz Kautz** from Grayden & Loraine Moorhouse, Betty Nelson, Merlyn Johnson, Doris Landon, Virgil & Dar Qualle, LaVonne Iverson

**In Memory of Alden Josephson** from Betty Nelson, Jim & Babe Nelson, Gary & Pat Anderson

**In Memory of Fred Miller** from Betty Nelson, Dick & Jeanette Sutherland, Arlene Floan, Lyle & Phyllis Wilson, Grayden & Loraine Moorhouse, Doug & Lynn Larson, Bev Stedman, Louise Robinson, Doris Landon, Gary & Pat Anderson, Merle & Joanne Johnson, Corrine Lange, Steve & Sue Josephson, Bill & Elvena Schmugge, Jeri & Lyle Noble, Luther Quale, Dallas & Jan Larson, Lowell & Sharon Anderson, Roger & Judy Quam, Nancy Sebo, Virgil & Dar Qualle, Kerry & Helen Kreisler, Richard & Donna Miller, Gary & Kitty Robinson, Jean Barsness

**In Memory of Phil Schramske** from Julie Benrud Luhman, Evelyn Benrud

**In Memory of Russell Erickson** from Lyle & Suzanne Ness, Betty Nelson, Evelyn Benrus, White Rock Bank staff

**In Memory of Vern Scott** for Donna Kimmes, Jim & Arletta Soule, Lyle & Jeri Noble, Jim Magnuson, Betty Nelson

**In Memory of Melvin Wallkite** (Marlene Ulrich's Brother) from Betty Nelson

## *Upcoming October Events*

Youth **Paintball Event** tentatively for **Sunday, October 16**

**Harvest Dinner** following 10:30 a.m. Worship on **Sunday, October 30**

**UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES .... just thinking about this ought to cool you off in the August heat...**

# SNOW LOTTERY

Are you a gambler? Do you have winter time talents? Or just want to try your luck? Pick a Sunday....any Sunday. Sign up now for the First English Snow Lottery in the Narthex. See how lucky you are. The prize is NOT shoveling the sidewalk if it doesn't snow on your Sunday...

Dear 1st English Lutheran Church,

The Nelson-Scofield VFW Post 4452 Auxiliary would like to THANK YOU for your assistance with our Red Cross Blood Drive on Aug. 10th at First English. A special thanks goes out to First English for the use of their facility!

Because you volunteered, you helped our donors to "GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE!" We collected 86 units!

Extra special thanks to Phyllis Wilson, Lynette Pagel & those who took down the tables and chairs! May God bless you all.

Karen Lindberg, Blood Drive Chairman

**Please call Prayer Chain Coordinators: Marcine Lundell, Marlys Weber or the church office to place your prayer request or if you'd like to be a prayer petitioner on the Prayer Chain.**

**Church Office: 507-263-3042 or e-mail: felccf@frontiernet.net**

**Marlys Weber: 507-263-2737**

**Marcine Lundell: 507-263-9146**

Dear Friends of Goodhue County Habitat for Humanity:

Progress is being made on the 2011 house at 1020 Bush Street in Red Wing. In the past, volunteer crews were wrangled into place by Don Nord of Goodhue. But this year, he is recovering from a bad fall. It was brought to my attention that we still need many work crews to help in completion of the 2011 project. It has worked best in the past to simply assign the remaining dates to our partner congregations. If for some reason you cannot put a crew together on your date, please contact Parker Quammen at [651-388-9360](tel:651-388-9360) x32.

**Work Crew:** consists of 4-8 people with a basic level of carpentry skill. Bring a few personal tools: hammer, nail pouch, tape measure, utility knife, etc. Most other tools will be provided by construction supervisor.

**Food Crew:** On your assigned day, plan for a group from your church to provide the noon Saturday meal; evening meal on Wednesdays. Can provide morning coffee break.

**Work Schedule:** Saturdays 8am to late afternoon; Wednesdays typically 4-8pm unless otherwise contacted.

This message includes all the emails I have for individuals or churches. I am counting on church office staff to please pass this message on to the person/group in your congregation who works with Habitat's mission so they are aware of their work dates. Again, thank you for your commitment to support Habitat's mission of affordable housing in Goodhue County. I would also encourage your congregation's Thrivent members to participate in volunteer crews. Thank you for your time!

In Christ,

Pastor Nick Fisher-Broin

Spring Garden Lutheran Church

Cannon Falls, MN

**Goodhue County Habitat for Humanity      1020 Bush Street Project – Construction Schedule**  
**Construction Manager: Duane Lund – 651-380-6833, 651-388-2589    GCHF: 651-388-9360 x32**

**10/12/11              Wed. (sign-up in the narthex)**

**First English Lutheran Cannon Falls**

**Congregational Leader Contact Information**



# First English Lutheran Church



Welcomes all Sunday School  
age children along with their  
families & friends to our...

## Sunday School Sunday School Carnival



See  
you  
in  
Sunday  
School!  
See  
you  
in  
Sunday  
School!

We invite you to join in the fun and  
gather to launch the 2011-2012  
Sunday School year!

**Date:** Sunday, September 11, 2011

**Time:** 11:30—1:30 (After 2nd Service)

**Place:** Church Parking Lot

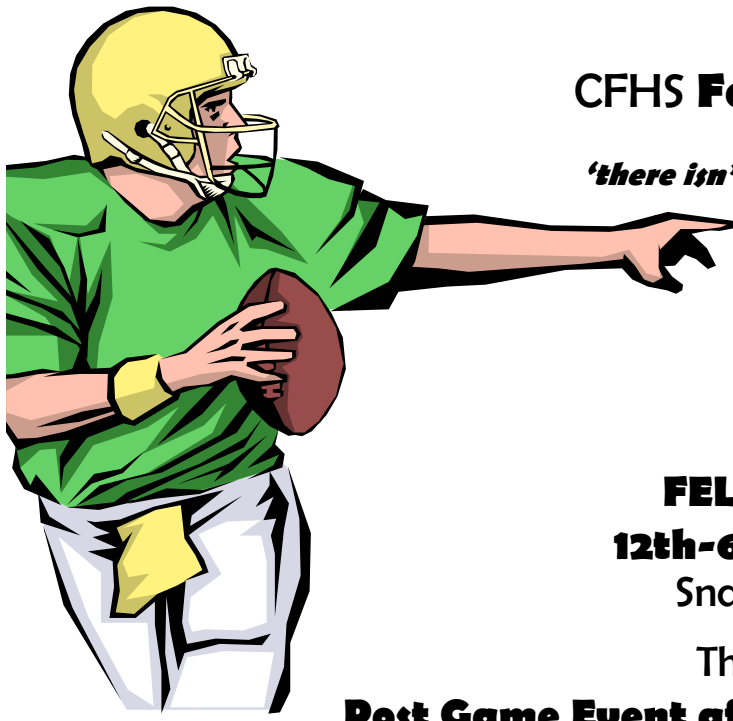
*We hope to see you there!*

**We welcome your help!** If you are interested in helping with Sunday School and/or the carnival, please contact one of the  
Sunday School Superintendents:

Mandi Hofstedt Phone: 507.263.3611 Email: [Mandihofstedt@earthlink.net](mailto:Mandihofstedt@earthlink.net)

Stacy Larson Phone: 507.263.3705 Email: [Stacy\\_chadlarson@hotmail.com](mailto:Stacy_chadlarson@hotmail.com)

Lynn Larson Phone: 507.263.3611 Email: [Lynn\\_douglarson@hotmail.com](mailto:Lynn_douglarson@hotmail.com)



**CFHS Football Season** Post Game Event  
*We've heard your complaints that  
'there isn't anything to do after the home games' so ...*

## **Football Friday's**

**9/9; 9/16; 9/30; 10/14**

**9-11 p.m.**

**FELC is hosting a POST GAME EVENT for  
12th-6th grade youth and their friends.**

Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

The Youth Committee plans on having a  
**Post Game Event after every home game this season.**

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## **ADULT FORUMS**

Sundays 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the Conference Room Adjacent to the Sanctuary & Narthex

**September 11—October 2**

*A PROSTITUTE, TWO PROPHETS, AND POOR 'OL JOB*

Explore scenes from the lives of Gomer, Isaiah, Jeremiah and Job in this People of Faith Bible study. These scenes are in chronological order to give participants a sense of each person's story from beginning to end. Each session opens with a gathering prayer and focus activity. From there, participants open Scripture and explore scenes from the lives of these four people of faith. Using the text, participants then join the conversation in which they read, do activities, and chat about that person's story. Suggested activities are hands-on, including creative writing, role-playing, discussion and drawing.

Each session ends with prayer and opportunities for extending the conversation, which include optional "homework" assignments and enrichment activities that allow participants to continue their study and conversation between sessions.

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**Newsletter Deadline for the **October** issue of the newsletter **Friday, September 23****

**Deadline for changes to the Sunday bulletin **10 a.m. Thursday morning.****

**Call church office 507.263.3042.**





**First English Lutheran Church**

511 W. Belle St., Cannon Falls, MN

**Cost: No Charge**

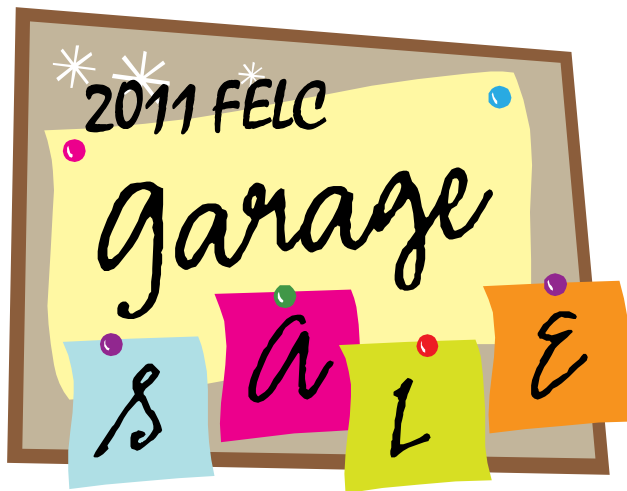
*Pre-registration is requested.*

**Please call 507-263-3042  
for questions or to register.  
Rides are available**

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**Lundberg Funeral Home**  
5839 Highway 19 Blvd.  
Cannon Falls, MN 55009  
507-263-4246

Ongoing *Grief Support sessions* are on the *second Tuesday of each month*  
at **7 p.m.** in the conference room at **First English Lutheran Church**



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>

10 A.M.-6 P.M.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 24<sup>TH</sup>

8 A.M.—3 P.M.

*Some bags, boxes, and hangers may be needed.*

*If you have any racks for hanging items, that would also be helpful.*

Questions? Please call Melissa Hansen at 263-0188.

*NOW HADN'T YOU BETTER GET BUSY GOING THROUGH YOUR STASH OF HIDDEN TREASURES FOR DONATIONS?  
THANK YOU!!*

Items for the church garage sale can begin to be dropped off Sunday 9/18 during church services and no later than Wednesday 9/21. Please drop off earlier in the week to allow for adequate time in preparing for the sale. Place items in the back of the fellowship hall.

**ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:**

**Computers – printers – monitors – encyclopedias - word processors – VCRs - large appliances  
- window/doors – sinks – tires - bed pillows – mattresses - curtain rods - window blinds  
- skis, ski boots, ski poles - air conditioners - water heaters - swing sets - hazardous chemicals**

Some larger or more unique items may require approval- if you are unsure please check with Melissa. Please donate items that you yourself would feel comfortable giving to a friend. It costs us time and money to dispose of non working or broken items.



# Parish Nurse

# September 2011

Dear Family of First English,

"Be still and know that I am God." For many of our church family the past months have been a time of heartache with the loss of loved ones and for others there was much joy. I pray that both instances, the above verse came to mind as you reflected on what was going on in your life. God is there and our faith can be strengthened in the difficult times as well as the happy times. For me, I was able to experience the awesome beauty of God's creation in the Canadian Rockies. I could label the days crossing the prairies as "Amber waves of grain" from the song America the Beautiful and then the mountains, glaciers, rivers as "My God How Great Thou Art". My soul was renewed as I viewed each scene more beautiful than the next. I thought of Psalm 8:3-4: "When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which you have set in place, what is man that you care for him?" Yes, we do see God in nature and then we see him in the faces of those around us. I pray that we can be enabled to help one another in the many ways that Pastor Phil said in his sermon on August 21.

Our bus stopped in Minot, ND and Nancy and I got a tour of the devastation from the floods by Pastor Kari Williamson. There is so much help needed yet to get homes ready for sanitizing before they can be rebuilt. Those people need to know that we care for them and we can do that with our contributions to Lutheran Disaster Response and by physically going there and working. Winter is coming and most of the homes on the tour won't be ready for habitation. Can you imagine the overwhelming dread that you would have looking at you home dirty with muck, mold, and dirt up to the top of the door frames? Then, think of your church in the same situation. My heart ached when I saw all of this and I thought, "What can I do? What can we do?" As you can imagine, depression is very much present and emotional/spiritual care is needed as well as physical labor. Pastor Kari told me that if we got a group out there, she would help find us housing—and that is no small feat! Talk to me if you are interested in more details.

Please note that the Grief Support Group will be having another series beginning in October. It can be meaningful for all of us.

## Upcoming Events:

**Sunday, September 4** Blood Pressure screening following 9 a.m. worship. I am available if you need further checking.

Betty Nelson, Parish Nurse  
263-2115—Home      263-3042—Church

Save your **Betty Crocker Box Tops for Education, Kemp's GIVE 'EM 5 cents, Nature's Kwik Trip Milk MOOLAH...** and from the Cannon Falls Econo Food Store—**Our Family bar codes, soup labels, and Campbell's Soup Labels for education.** Please place them in the marked box in the church office.

## Thank you!

We continue to collect Cannon Falls Econo Foods grocery receipts and give the proceeds to the CCIC Good Samaritan Fund. When we save \$150,000 in receipts, we will receive \$1,000. The collection box is in the church office.

**Total receipts received: \$84,474.29 Only \$65,525.71 to go!**      **Round #8 Thank you!**  
Guidelines for the CCIC Good Sam Fund can be found on our website at [www.firstenglishchurch.com](http://www.firstenglishchurch.com)

## Baptisms

Jonathan Karl Tate

Sunday, August 21, 2011

Reed Connor Holz

Sunday, August 28, 2011

## Funerals

Fred Miller

Monday, August 1, 2011

Vernon Scott

Tuesday, August 9, 2011

# Confirmation

for 10th grade Youth

**Sun., Sept. 25**

**10:30 a.m. Worship**

*Photos & Rehearsal  
Fun Day*

*Wed., Sept. 21  
Sat., Sept. 24*

*7:30 p.m.  
Noon*

## MUSIC MINISTRY

## SEPTEMBER 2011

### REFLECTIONS ON A MUSICIAN'S FUNERAL...

Some of you may remember being at Fred Miller's funeral this summer. It was quite an event, and Fred, characteristically, got the last word with a recording. He even replaced the live band that showed up to do his music! I was also involved in the hymns and played along on "This Land is Your Land" at the end of the service. Craig Ellingboe, a former pastor, reminded us of four things that Fred taught Craig (and all of us):

- 1.) Music is important - it is a gift from God (shades of Martin Luther)
- 2.) Laughter is important - laugh every day!
- 3.) Check the power supply - plug in your appliance if it doesn't work. But plug yourself into a spiritual power supply called God so you reconnect to the ultimate source of all that is. Don't wander about wondering why you don't work if you are not reconnected!
- 4.) Be surrounded by love of family and friends. They are a great source of the power supply we all need.

And Pastor Phil reminded us in his sermon "Singing the Blues" that when it's **hard** to sing is exactly when, I must add, that we **must** sing! When it's hard to sing because of tears, it is important to nevertheless try to sing because of the wonderful support it provides through words, melody, and others singing too. Blues are both sad and joyful, and so is country western. Frankly, all music embodies both!

The only music we should have done at the end of the service was the gospel song "I'll Fly Away". An opportunity missed.

Fred would have liked that. But then he wouldn't have gotten the last word!

### ONE DEFINITION OF MUSIC TO CONSIDER...

Dr. Don Saliers, now retired professor of practical theology (liturgy and music) at Candler School of Theology in Atlanta, GA, quotes a famous definition of music. "**Music is the language of the soul made audible.**" If there were previous times when new sounds deepened our sense of God in prayer, praise, grieving, ecstasy, and other ways, we simply are part of a long continuum. What is the language of your soul made audible? And how will we best hear it? We strive, in all our musical groups at First English, to help the language of your soul be audible in praise to God. Let us know if there are other ways we could help this happen. Thanks.

### MUSICAL HELP NEEDED!

The Praise and Worship team needs: a conga player, several guitar players, more singers. Please speak to Richard Collman, call him at 507-645-1357 or email at rkcollman@msn.com if you can assist. One rehearsal a month for an hour (a lot of fun!) and two services on one Sunday each month.

The Choir always needs more singers. Speak to director Mary Jill Duncan.

The Brass group welcome more players also. Speak to Richard Collman.



# MUSIC SCHEDULE 2011-2012

## 2011-12 CHOIR REHEARSAL & SINGING SCHEDULE

**Sun., Sept. 11**

*Rehearsal 9:15 a.m.*

Sing at 10:30 a.m.

**Sun., Sept. 11**

*Rehearsal 9:15 a.m.*

**Sun., Sept. 18**

*Rehearsal 9:15 a.m.*

Sing at 8 a.m. Worship

**Sun., Oct. 2**

*Rehearsal 9:15 a.m.*

Sing at 10:30 a.m.

**Sun., Oct. 9**

*Rehearsal 9:15 a.m.*

Sing at 8 a.m. Worship

**Sun., Oct. 23**

*Rehearsal 9:15 a.m.*

Sing at 10:30 a.m.

**Sun., Oct. 30**

**(Reformation)**

*Rehearsal 9:15 a.m.*

Sing at 8 a.m.

**Sun., Nov. 6 (All Saints)**

*Rehearsal 9:15 a.m.*

Sing at both 8 & 10:30

**Sun., Nov. 13**

*Rehearsal 9:15 a.m.*

Sing at 10:30 a.m.

Worship

**Sun., Nov. 20**

*Rehearsal 9:15 a.m.*

Sing at 8 a.m. Worship

**Sun., Dec. 4**

*Rehearsal 9:15 a.m.*

Sing at 10:30 a.m.

**Sun., Dec. 11**

*Rehearsal 9:15 a.m.*

Sing at 8 a.m. Worship

**Christmas Eve, Sat.,**

**Dec. 24**

Sing at 3 p.m.

## 2011-12 PRAISE TEAM REHEARSAL & SINGING SCHEDULE

**Wed., Sept. 21**

*Rehearsal 7 p.m.*

**Sun., Sept. 25**

**(Confirmation)**

Sing at both Worship  
services

**Wed., Oct. 18**

*Rehearsal 7 p.m.*

**Sun., Oct. 16**

Sing at both Worship  
services

**Thurs., Nov. 17**

*Rehearsal 7 p.m.*

**Sun., Nov. 27**

**(1st Sun. Advent)**

Sing at both Worship  
services

**Wed., Dec. 14**

*Rehearsal 7 p.m.*

**Sun., Dec. 18**

**(Advent Service)**

Sing at 4 p.m. service

**Sun., Dec. 25**

**(Christmas Day)**

**Service of Lessons &  
Carols**

Sing at 9 a.m. Worship  
service

**Wed., Jan. 11**

*Rehearsal 7 p.m.*

**Sun., Jan. 15**

Sing at both Worship  
services

**Wed., Feb. 22**

*Rehearsal 8 p.m.*

**Sun., Feb. 26**

Sing at both Worship  
services

**Wed., March 14**

*Rehearsal 7 p.m.*

**Sun., March 18**

Sing at both Worship  
services

**Wed., April 11**

*Rehearsal 7 p.m.*

**Sun., April 15**

Sing at both Worship  
services

**Wed., May 16**

*Rehearsal 7 p.m.*

**Sun., May 20**

Sing at both Worship  
services

## 2011-12 BRASS GROUP REHEARSAL & SINGING SCHEDULE

**Wed., Oct. 26**

*Rehearsal 7 p.m.*

**Sun., Oct. 30**

**Reformation**

Play at both Worship  
services

**Wed., Nov. 16**

*Rehearsal 7 p.m.*

**Sun., Nov. 20**

Play at both Worship  
services

**Wed., Dec. 7**

*Rehearsal 7 p.m.*

**Sun., Dec. 11**

Play at both Worship  
services

**Wed., Feb. 15**

*Rehearsal 7 p.m.*

**Sun., Feb. 19**

Play at both Worship  
services

**Wed., March 28**

*Rehearsal 7 p.m.*

**Sun., April 1**

**Palm Sunday**

Play at both Worship  
services

**Maundy Thurs., April 5**

*Rehearsal 8 p.m.*

**Easter Sun., April 8**

Play at both Worship  
services

# CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

*Thursday, August 11, 2011*

## Committee Reports:

### Property – report by Royce Anderson

Seal-coating is planned for Monday and Tuesday, August 15 and 16. Painting is planned in the near future. Jim Soule will head up the work group. Water billing update—the City of Cannon Falls has agreed to give the church a credit of \$700 on our water bill. This as a result of our water softener mishap in May and June. The gears went out on the lawnmower, and repairs would have been more expensive than buying a new one, so a new lawnmower was purchased.

### Evangelism – report by Melissa Thomas

The Committee hosted a booth at the First Thursday event in downtown Cannon Falls on August 4th. They gave out frozen treats and handed out information about Sunday School and Confirmation. The Committee will host a booth at the September First Thursday. The main push at this one will be the Sunday School and confirmation programs as well as the garage sale and worship service times. The Committee is signed up with Welcome Services. The church brochure is being distributed in their welcome packet. The committee will decide how best to follow up with the listing of new community members each month to introduce them to FELC.

### Christian Education – report by Pastor Dan

Mandi Hofstedt and Pastor Dan met. There is still a need for a few teachers. The new Confirmation curriculum will require additional teachers; a request will be made at the August 24<sup>th</sup> Orientation Session.

### Youth and Family – reported by Tom Shorter

On September 2<sup>nd</sup>, the first Football game will be held. Not sure if it's a home game, if so, they might consider holding an event following the game. It's a little hard to promote due to timing and no school in session. A city-wide youth group has begun in Cannon Falls. Pastor Dan will work with the leaders to see if any of the activities line up with our youth activities and needs.

### The Treasurer's report was approved. MSP

The refinance of the mortgage went through without any problems. It was moved to print the financial status of the general fund (as prepared by the treasurer) in the first weekly bulletin each month. MSP

Old Business: The final interest rate on the mortgage was 5.25%; the best possible option as discussed. A total of \$1,415 was raised for the malaria net campaign. That is 141 and ½ nets.

New Business: A motion was made to designate the Garage Sale income as follows: Split ½ to Lutheran Disaster Relief in Minot, North Dakota and ½ to the Church General Fund. MSP A motion was made to pay for the new Confirmation curriculum at a cost of \$320 from monies taken in from Confirmation registration. MSP A space request was brought to our attention from the Food Shelf. The proposal was not brought to the Council at this meeting; so it will be tabled until September.

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE 2011-2012

### THEME: TO FOLLOW AND SERVE: THE GOSPEL OF MARK

#### September Session 1: **Jesus of Nazareth**

*"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the good news."* Mark 1:15

#### October Session 2: **Mothers and Brothers**

*"Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."* Mark 3:35

#### November Session 3: **Power and Authority**

*"He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?'"* Mark 4:40

#### December Session 4: **Beyond Boundaries**

*"How many loaves have you? Go and see."* Mark 6:38

#### January Session 5: **Confessing Christ**

*"I believe; help my unbelief!"* Mark 9:24

#### February Session 6: **Tough Questions**

*"Take heart; get up, he is calling you."* Mark 10:49

#### March Session 7: **Rising Expectations**

*"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."* Mark 13:31

April

Session 8: **A Wholly Different Week**

*"But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee."* Mark 14:28

May

Session 9: **Go and Tell**

*"Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here."* Mark 16:6

### CIRCLES MEET MONTHLY SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY

RACHEL CIRCLE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH 9:30 A.M. AT CHURCH

MIRIAM CIRCLE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH 10 A.M. AT PARK STREET COMMUNITY ROOM

RUTH CIRCLE FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH 7 P.M. AT PARK STREET COMMUNITY ROOM

CIRCLES ALSO HOST AN ADVENT PARTY FOR WOMEN ON THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

## WORLD HUNGER UPDATE

### WATER FACTS

- More than 1 billion people worldwide lack access to safe drinking water and sanitation services
- If present withdrawal and consumption rates for water continue, two of every three people on Earth will live in water-stressed conditions by 2025.
- Someone dies of a water-related illness every 14 seconds
- In the United States, 40 percent of our rivers and lakes are too polluted to be safe for fishing and swimming

According to the Lutheran World Federation, though the world's population has doubled since 1950, water consumption has increased by six times.

The United Nations recommends a daily allowance of at least 13.2 gallons (50 liters) of water each day per person for drinking, washing, cooking, and sanitation. Yet over 1 billion people—one-sixth of the world's population—do not have access to this minimum requirement.

### WATER SAVING TIPS

- Turn off faucet when brushing teeth
- When showering, turn off the water while applying soap and shampoo
- Wash your car with a bucket of water instead of a hose or automated car wash
- When replacing your dishwasher or washing machine, make sure they are energy efficient (look for the Energy Star rating)
- Only use dishwashers or washing machines when full
- Take 5-minute showers (10 gallons) instead of baths (40 gallons)

## CYBER SALT

### HOW TO PLANT YOUR GARDEN OF DAILY LIFE

First, you come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses.

Then...

#### PLANT THREE ROWS OF

##### PEAS:

1. Peace of mind
2. Peace of heart
3. Peace of soul

#### PLANT FOUR ROWS OF

##### SQUASH:

1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference

3. Squash grumbling

4. Squash selfishness

#### PLANT FOUR ROWS OF

##### LETTUCE:

1. Lettuce be faithful
2. Lettuce be kind
3. Lettuce be patient
4. Lettuce really love one another

#### NO GARDEN IS WITHOUT TURNIPS:

1. Turnip for church meetings
2. Turnip for service
3. Turnip to help one another

#### TO CONCLUDE OUR

**GARDEN WE MUST HAVE  
THYME:**

1. Thyme for each other  
2. Thyme for family

3. Thyme for friends

*Water freely with patience and cultivate with love.* There is much fruit in you garden because you reap what

YOU SOW SUBMITTED BY KAREN COAKLEY

<b>September 2011 Worship Participants</b>									
Date	Acolyte	Lay Reader	Ushers	Greeters	Date	Acolyte	Lay Reader	Ushers	Greeters
Sun., Sept. 4 9 a.m.	Brook Peters Back-up: Katie Noble	Caitlyn Strack	Glen Pofahl Lyle Noble	People of First English	One Service at 9 a.m. Labor Day Weekend	None Needed	None Needed	None Needed	None Needed
Sun. Sept. 11 8 a.m.	Carter Reber Back-up: Ryan Sabin	Mark Grosland	Darcy & Rollin Reber	People of First English	Sun. Sept. 11 10:30 a.m.	Ryan Sabin Back-up: Carter Reber	Vicki Pepera	Mark & Cheryl Sabin	People of First English
Sun. Sept. 18 8 a.m.			Ron Clow Betty Nelson	Richard & Kathy Shorter	Sun. Sept. 18 10:30 a.m.	Hunter Walker Back-up: Taylor Simons	Vicki Pepera	Lisa & Jason Lundell	People of First English
Sun. Sept. 25 8 a.m.	Tommy Miller Back-up: Tristan Mills	Lynn Larson	Bev Stedman	People of First English	Sun. Sept. 25 10:30 a.m. <i>Confirmation</i>	Tristan Mills Back-up: Tommy Miller	Megan Bauer	Marcine Lundell	People of First English

Communion Duties Set-up & Clean-up for Sunday, September 4 —9 a.m. Worship:

Sunday, September 18—8:00 a.m. Worship Set-up:

10:30 a.m. Worship Clean-up:

Altar Guild: Ida Schabert, Cheryl Sabin

Coffee Fellowship	Sun. 9/4	Sun. 9/11	Sun. 9/18	Sun. 9/25
	Joni Peine	Terry Ruud	Hommedahl's	R & L Hughes

**Communion Helpers**

Sunday, September 4 9 a.m. - Ron Clow, Mark Grosland, Tom Shorter

Sunday, September 18 8 a.m. - Steve Gesme, Tom Shorter 10:30 a.m.- Jeff Tipton (via e-mail), Joni Peine

**Please have all information into the church office by the 20th of the month before to be included in Newsletter.**

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**Office Vol.:** Thelma Peterson

**Counters:** Kathy Niebeling, Chris Pofahl,  
 Cindy Husaby, & Jeanette Sutherland

**Committee assignments for the Council  
 are as follows:**

**Property:** Royce Anderson and Ron Clow

**Evangelism:** Melissa Thomas and Jeff  
 Tipton

**Stewardship:** Jeff Hommedahl

**Social Ministry:** Karen Coakley

**Worship and Music:** Joni Peine

**Christian Education:** Mark Grosland

**Memorials & Furnishings:**

**Mike Dalton & Steve Gesme**

**Youth & Family:** Mark Sabin and Tom  
 Shorter

**Foundation:** Tom Shorter and Karen  
 Anderson

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10:45 a.m. Communion at Angels Care Center 6:30 p.m. Exec. Council 7:15 p.m. Foundation Board	2	3 10 a.m.— Noon Food Shelf
4 9 a.m. Holy Communion Blood Pressure Checks & Coffee Fellowship	5 Labor Day Office Closed	6 7 p.m. Ruth Circle at Park Street	7 9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle at Church 10 a.m. Miriam Circle at Park Street 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Guide Meeting	8 8:30 a.m.—Noon WIC Clinic 10 a.m.—Noon Food Shelf 10 a.m. Worship at Twin Rivers 7 p.m. Church Council	9 9-11 p.m. Post Game Event For Youth 6th-12th grade	10 2 p.m. Beebe- Yozamp Wedding



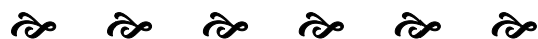
<b>11 RALLY SUNDAY</b> 8 & 10:30 a.m. Worship Coffee Fellowship 9:15 a.m. CROSS, Adult Forum, Choir Rehearsal 11:30 a.m. Worship & Music <b>11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m. Rally Sunday Carnival-Church Parking Lot</b>	12 7 p.m. Chemical Health Initiative	13 10:30 a.m. Bible Study at Park Street 7 p.m. Grief Support Group	14 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Classes & 6th grade Wed. School	15 9-11 a.m. Sewing at Church 4:30-6:30 p.m. Food Shelf	16 9-11 p.m. Post Game Event For Youth 6th-12th grade	17 4 p.m. Moen-Pickerign Wedding
18 8 & 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship 9:15 a.m. CROSS, Adult Forum, Choir rehearsal <b>11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m. Garage Sale Item Drop Off</b>	19	20 10:30 a.m. Bible Study at Park Street <b>8 a.m.-3 p.m. Garage Sale Item Drop Off</b>	21 <b>8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Garage Sale Item Drop Off</b> 6:30 p.m. Confirmation & 6th gr. Wed. School 7 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Confirmation Rehearsal & Photos	22 10 a.m.—Noon Food Shelf	23 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Garage Sale Newsletter Deadline	24 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Garage Sale <b>Noon Confirmation Fun Day</b>
25 8 & 10:30 a.m. Worship Coffee Fellowship 9:15 a.m. CROSS & Adult Forum 1:30 p.m. Worship at Angels Care Center	26	27 10:30 a.m. Bible Study at Park Street 4 p.m. Women's Circle Leaders	28 6:30 p.m. Confirmation & 6th gr. Wed. School	29	30 9-11 p.m. Post Game Event For Youth 6th-12th grade 	

## September Events

# Worship Schedule

Labor Day Weekend - One Service at 9 a.m.

All other Sundays—8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.



Rally Sunday Carnival - Sunday, September 11



Church worship services are shown on local cable channel 12 on Tuesday's at 11:00 a.m. and

Saturday's at 4:30 p.m.

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What programs and social services do my mission dollars support in our community? In the world? Does anybody from the mission field ever visit our church? Do I have to join a mission trip to get involved? For answers to these questions, join us for one or more of the activities below:



- **Saturday, Sept. 24, 6:00 pm:** The kickoff event is a presentation by Mark Wadka at Saturday night worship. He'll share his experience with the Seafarers Ministry at Port Canaveral, working with cruise ship employees from around the world. Fellowship Hall.
- **Sunday, Sept. 25, 8:15 & 10:30 am:** During the Sunday morning worship services, you'll learn more about the Community of Hope program, which provides qualified homeless families with transitional housing and help to move toward self sufficiency. Sanctuary.
- **Sunday, Sept. 25, 6:00 pm:** On Sunday evening Charlie West, formerly of EPC's staff, will speak to the youth on church planting. Youth Room, upstairs CMC building.
- **Tuesday, Sept. 27, 6:00 pm & Wednesday, Sept. 28, 9:15 am:** Shari Hoover from Pregnancy Resources will meet with the Tuesday night and Wednesday morning Women's Bible Study Groups.
- **Wednesday, Sept. 28, 12:00 noon:** Terry Morris of HIS Place will wrap up Mission Week with a presentation at Wednesday's Brown Bag Bible Bunch. Library.
- **Bonus Program:** For fun, during the **Sunday School hour on Sept. 25**, we're planning a **"Missions and Bible Jeopardy" contest**. Come join us for a fast-paced but lively quiz on Bible knowledge and a review of Missions. You may be surprised at how much you know! Fellowship Hall.

*by John Weare, Chair, Missions Ministry Team*

# The Eastminster Light

*reaching up • reaching out • reaching in*

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September 1, 2011

## Who Are My Neighbors?

*a meditation by Fr. Joseph R. Veneroso, M.M. from Maryknoll magazine*

### Who Are My Neighbors?

Not just the ones living next door, or down the block.  
Not just those from my hometown or country.  
No, my neighbors may or may not look or talk or think like me.

My neighbors may be of another faith or race or political persuasion.

My neighbors are whoever needs my help right now, whether standing beside me or half a world away.



But wait, there's more!

My neighbors do not so much need my help as I need theirs.  
Without them, I cannot fulfill the law of Christ.  
Without them, my worship rings hollow and my prayers echo in the emptiness of my heart like an abandoned cathedral, cold, dark and deserted.

But if I believe God wants me here and now to bear witness to the truth and announce God's reign and fulfill God's plan for peace and justice on this earth then, let my eyes and ears and voice and hands be opened to see and celebrate and share God's gifts, no matter how small, with whoever needs my meager offering.

Then my prayers of praise will be pure.  
And in the darkest recesses of my soul a light shall shine in my heart's sanctuary keeping vigil before Christ present within.

As we prepare for **Mission Week**, September 24 - 27, let us think about—and pray for—the mission programs and missionaries that we as a church and as individuals support with our time, talents, and treasure. Read through the pages of the newsletter and check the Mission Ministry bulletin boards for opportunities. The members of the Mission Ministry Team, and the programs they support, thank you!

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CALENDAR

WORSHIP

**Contemporary -**  
Sat., 6:00 pm  
Fellowship Hall

**Traditional -**  
Sun., 8:15 & 10:30 am  
Sanctuary

**Sunday School -**  
9:15 am (all ages)  
Various locations

Nursery provided for  
worship services &  
Sunday school

**SERMONS**  
**Radio broadcast -**  
Previous week’s  
sermon at 8:30 am  
Sun., WEJF-90.3 FM

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**BIBLE STUDY**  
**Monday Morning**  
**Bible Study - weekly,**  
10 am, Heritage room

**Disciple 2 - weekly,**  
Wed., 6:30 pm, Sept. -  
TBA

**BROWN BAG**  
**BIBLE BUNCH -**  
noon, Wed., library  
(bring lunch)

**MEN’S PROGRAMS**  
**Tuesday Men’s**  
**Breakfast - 7:00 am,**  
2nd & 4th Tuesday,  
Blueberry Muffin

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Out of the Woodwork



“Remember, wherever you are, *Christ* has put you there. There is something he wants to do through you there. Wherever you go Christ is sending you. The indwelling Christ has something he wants to *do* through you there. Believe this and rely on his power, his grace, and his love.”

This benediction first used by Richard Halverson and used by me week after week grounds me. It reminds me of God’s sovereignty. I don’t just end up someplace. God directs me. He has “put me there.” And it reminds of God’s activism. There is “something he wants *to do*” and, marvelously, it can be through me there. He is on a mission. He is redeeming broken people and will use me in this grand purpose as I make myself available to him. And it reminds me of God’s inner companionship. “The indwelling Christ” has something for me to do and I can rely on “his grace, his power, his love.”

Our September newsletter is about mission. Of course, mission is in our backyard and all the way to the ends of the earth. The preschool is one of our key missions – we serve children and their families, and seek through that service, to bring them to Jesus Christ. Read these pages to uncover some of the ways we at Eastminster are involved. Read about some of our mission projects. But as you read, remember, that you too are wanted by God in his work. You. On your block. In your office. In your family. Watch for him using you and let his life flow through you.

Co-Pastor Wood



THANK YOU, MARILYN!

The church would like to express sincere appreciation to **Marilyn Dixon** for serving in our church nursery for 12 years. She has always been very dependable, capable, and loving; the parents, children and staff will miss her. She is retiring and will now have her weekends more available for travel and other adventures!



THOUGHTS FROM ELMER:

**MISSIONS:** SHOULD BE WHAT THE CHURCH IS ALL ABOUT! Jesus described what the role (mission) of the church should be in Matt. 28:19-20 and in Acts 1:8. Both passages speak of our going out and being His witnesses. St. Francis said, “Evangelize daily, and use words as necessary”. Our lives are to be a witness to the world of God’s love and Grace!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME!** to our new Youth Director, Amanda (Nelson) McCaughin, and to Gary Durbin, who is helping us out Saturday nights by leading the music.

**CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED:** Monday, Sept. 5 in observance of Labor Day.

**PRIMER TIMERS - LUNCH OUT:** Thursday, Sept. 15, 1:00 pm; at The Shack, on US 1 in Melbourne. **GAME DAY:** Friday, Sept. 30, 12 noon, Fellowship Hall; bring your lunch. RSVP to both events by signing up in the church office. All seniors are invited.

**THANK YOUs WERE RECEIVED FROM:**

**Special Touch Ministry**, blessing and thanking the Eastminster church family for continued support to people with disabilities and their families, as well as the ‘incredible’ love offering from VBS for \$1087, to be used for scholarships allowing those with disabilities to attend a special summer get away camp.

**Marilyn Dixon**, to the ladies of the Wednesday Morning Bible Study for the lovely luncheon and monetary gift, to Pastor Wood for his words of kindness, to the staff for the beautiful flower arrangement, and to the members for allowing her to love and care for the babies and young children of the church. ‘Truly a blessing & will miss you all.’

**ALL HANDS ON DECK!** It’s time to begin preparations for the Annual Rummage Sale, to be held Saturday, Nov. 5. Come to our first planning meeting on Thursday, Sept. 1, at 10 am in the Library and let’s get started! Everyone welcome.

**DISCIPLE I** class has been postponed; watch for sign-ups in the spring.

**CHOMP-N-CHAT** is back! Bring your lunch and chat one-on-one with the pastors in the Library on Tuesday, Sept. 27, at noon.

**SHEPHERD’S CENTER** classes resume every Thurs. & Fri., Sept. 29 - No. 18, at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church and Ascension Lutheran Church. Sign-up forms are available in our church office, or call 610-3937.

**GIFTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED IN MEMORY OF:**

- **Charles (Charlie) Allsopp**, to the **Memorial Fund**, from Betty P. Brown, to the **Samaritan Fund**, from Walt & Dory Fredrickson, and to the **Memorial Garden**, from Lynne Ezelle.
- **Don Becker**, to the **Youth Fund**, from Barbara Becker.
- **Lynn Laikin**, to the **Samaritan Fund**, from Walt & Dory Fredrickson.
- **King Greenland**, to the **Samaritan Fund**, from Walt & Dory Fredrickson.



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**BEVERLY TEEMS, VPK Teacher**, is a graduate of Rollins College and has 18 years experience in Early childhood Education. She grew up in NJ and moved to FL in 1975. She and husband Larry travel as much as they can. They also love cruising, golfing and snow skiing. Their daughter, Danielle, just graduated from FL State. Bev teaches golf to children when not teaching her VPK class. She feels that Eastminster has ‘the best students and the best parents of any school’ she knows. The faculty and leadership are first class, and she says it is a pleasure to be a part of the team.

**ELENI YIAPIS, Toddler Teacher**, recently moved to the area from Englewood, FL. Prior to Eastminster, she worked at a Christian academy teaching a 2-year-old class, as well as a 4-year-old class. Eleni attended University of Central Florida with a focus on Early Childhood Education, and will soon be returning to classes. She has almost ten years experience volunteering and working with children of various ages. In her free time, Eleni enjoys cooking, going to the beach, and being around friends and family. She is excited to meet all the students and families of Eastminster, and to be working in a Christian environment.



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**Newsletter Deadline -**  
the 15th of the month,  
for the next month’s  
issue.

Please direct any  
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articles for  
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Betsy Vosburgh,  
[bvosburgh@epcfl.org](mailto:bvosburgh@epcfl.org).





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WHAT A BABOON TAUGHT ME...

A television documentary on animal life in Africa was demonstrating how the natives of Africa have learned to find water during the dry season. A native would first locate a colony of baboons. Sure that the baboons were watching, the African dug a small hole in a dirt embankment. He then placed a handful of fruit inside. Baboons, it seems, are incurably curious, so as soon as the native returned into the jungle, one baboon quickly approached the hole. Seeing the fruit inside, the baboon stuck his hand in the hole and grasped the tasty morsel. The African hunter had skillfully carved the hole just large enough to allow the animal's hand to enter but, when clasped around the fruit, the hand could not be withdrawn.

The native then returned from the concealment of the forest with a small rope in his hands. Amazingly, as the man approached, the baboon shrieked in terror, but refused to release the fruit and run for his life. I found myself moving to the edge of my chair as this drama intensified. I wanted to shout to the baboon, "Let go and run for your life!" But, alas, the native casually strolled up to the panic-stricken animal, laid the noose over the animal's neck, and pulled him away.

The animal was then tied to a tree, given salt, and held captive for a couple of days without water. As soon as it was released, the baboon made a beeline for its secret waterhole. The native simply followed the thirst-driven animal and

found the water he would never have found without the animal's unwitting assistance.

In the long run, a lifestyle of 'getting' is more costly than a life of 'giving.'

As I watched this drama unfold, I was impressed with the hunter's wisdom, humored by the comical simplicity of it, but mortified to see myself in the story. I thought, "This is not a story about a baboon and water; this is a story about me and the foolishness of my own behavior!" How often have I, as the rational and intelligent being that God made me to be, performed precisely the same behavior as the baboon? Adam and Eve lost the garden for one bite. Esau sold his birthright for one meal. Samson traded his special gift of strength for a woman.

How easily have I been overcome with the enticement of a fist full of fruit! What a price tag is attached to selfish attitudes and action. In the long run, a lifestyle of "getting" and "grabbing" is exceedingly more costly than a life of "giving." I had wanted to warn the baboon, "Let go!" and yet, how often have I, myself, failed to accept the same advice?

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Did you know...?

Here are some of the **local mission projects** Eastminster supports: CITA, Sharing Center, Daily Bread, Duval Home, Samaritan/Transient Fund, Habitat for Humanity, Project Response, Masters Workshop, Salvation Army, Protestant Campus Ministry, Pregnancy Resources, Special Touch, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Radius Camps, Love INC, WCIF Radio, The Gathering, Friends of Jesus, and WEJF.

**Internationally we support:** Brevard Indian River Project (BIRP) - missions to Mexico, Compassion International, Guatemalan missionary family, San Pablo Seminary, World vision, Global Mission Fund, Missionary seminary education, Missionaries Sarah & Amjud Muhand and George & Anne Harper, denominational benevolence fund, Eastminster Global Missions, and missionary agency support.

And this does not include **non-monetary contributions** such as backpacks for Masters Workshop, or special offerings from events such as the Spring Tea, where all funds generated go to programs helping families. Thanks be to all for your support!

CALENDAR

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MEN'S PROGRAMS

**Wed./Fri. Morning Discussion Groups** - Weekly, 6:30 am Fellowship Hall

**Saturday Men's Breakfast** - 2nd Sat., TBA

WOMEN'S PROGRAMS

**Circle 1** - 2nd Thurs., 10 am, Library, resumes 9/8

**Circle 2** - 2nd Tues., (formerly Circles 4 & 5), 1:00 pm, Library, resumes 9/13

**Ladies Tuesday Evening Bible Study** 7:00 pm, Youth room Resumes 8/16

**Ladies Wednesday Morning Bible Study** 9:00 am, Youth room, CMC building; nursery provided-church parlor

CHILDREN

**King's Kids** - Ages 2 through grade 6, Wed. 4 - 5 pm, John Knox, resumes 8/17

**Girls of Faith** - girls grades 5 & 6, Wed., 4 pm, Meeting Room, resumes 8/17

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**CALENDAR**

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**YOUTH**

**4:12** - Middle School  
Wed., 5:00 - 6:15 pm  
Youth room, CMC

**Power & Light** -

High School  
Sun., 6:00-8:00 pm,  
Youth room (dinner &  
program)

**CHOIRS**

**Chancel Choir** -  
Rehearsal -Sun. AM  
until 9/4; resume  
Thurs. 7 pm rehearsals  
on 9/8, Choir room

**Calvin Singers** -

Rehearsal - Sun.,  
7:30 am, Choir room

**HANDBELLS**

**Genesis Ringers** -  
Rehearsals-Tues.,  
9:00 am, Handbell room,  
resumes 9/6

**Alleluia Ringers** -

Rehearsals - Wed.,  
6:30pm, Handbell room  
resumes 9/7

**Celebration Ringers** -

Children grades 4 & up,  
Tues., 4 pm, Handbell  
room

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**MEET THE STAFF OF EASTMINSTER WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL!**



**ELIZABETH DESCHENES, Director**, graduated from Wheelock College in Boston, MA with a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Development, with a concentration in Early Childhood Education, Birth through Third. She has her Preschool Staff Credential with a VPK Director Endorsement. Elizabeth's efforts as Director have enabled the preschool to achieve Quality of Excellence Awards from the Early Learning Coalition and maintain a Gold Seal Certification with the APPLE Accreditation. Her family includes husband Ryan and two preschool alumni, Joseph and Nicholas.

**JACKIE HIGGINS, VPK Teacher**, earned her BA from Cal State, San Jose, with an emphasis on Kindergarten/Primary Education and a Masters of Education, Educational Administration and Supervision, from the University of North Florida. She has taught in 5 countries and 6 states. Jackie and husband John have two grown children and five grandchildren. She loves to travel and, with her husband, has visited 42 countries. Jackie has been at Eastminster since 1997 and finds it to be a very rewarding place to work.



**PAT HIGGINS, Preschool Aide**, earned a Bachelors Degree in Liberal Studies from UCF (Go Knights!). All of her family lives locally so she enjoys birthdays, special family events, holidays and "group hugs." Here at Eastminster, Pat enjoys seeing the development of the three year olds with letters, colors, and artwork; and the four year olds new independence and confidence, preparing for Kindergarten.

**JENN KELLER, VPK Teacher**, graduated from Augusta State University with a BA in Early Childhood Education, and has additional training in Highscope and Best Practices through Georgia Pre-K. She taught Pre-K in Augusta, GA for 5 years before moving to FL. Jenn has been married for 12 years and, for the past 8 years, has been a school volunteer, while raising two children, one of whom graduated from this Preschool! She is an avid photographer, soccer mom and considers it a blessing to be part of the Preschool team, a great group of Christian women who work hard to make learning fun, interactive and meaningful.



**ROBIN LEE, VPK Teacher**, began teaching 7 years ago, after earning a degree in Exceptional Student Education from Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton. She and husband Joshua love calling Indialantic home. Robin enjoys art, sewing, cooking, and spending time with her husband and golden retriever, Lily. Robin is eager to begin another year of VPK at Eastminster!

**MARY MACKIEWICZ ("MRS. MACK"), Preschool Teacher**, has been a member of the Eastminster Preschool family since 2007. She earned a BS degree in Elementary Ed in Connecticut and taught there for 10 years before becoming a full-time mom of two children. Her daughter attends USF in Tampa (Go Bulls!), and her son attends Satellite High (Go Scorps!). She enjoys reading, the theater and visiting family in Connecticut.



**RACHAEL MILLER, Toddler Teacher and Preschool Aide**, graduated from Rollins College, Winter Park, FL with a BA in Environmental Studies. She started at Eastminster Weekday as a parent volunteer and substitute teacher and is currently working toward a degree in Early Childhood Education. After liv-ing in Boston, Los Angeles and Washington D.C., Rachael, an Indialantic native, feels blessed to be home, close to family and a part of Eastminster's Weekday Preschool and Church. Her family includes husband Ryan, and son Charlie.

**JESSICA MIRTH, Preschool Teacher**, started at Eastminster in 2006 as a parent. She went on to teach in the Toddler classroom and is excited about being with the preschoolers this year. Jessica is a graduate of University of Central Florida and has her Florida Child Care Professional Credential. She loves how warm and welcoming all the families are as you walk around campus and thinks that sense of community is very important. Her favorite part of teaching is seeing the excitement and joy on the children's faces and they make new friends and master new tasks. Her family consists of husband, Kevin and their two children, Jacob (8) and Emily (5) who are both alumni of Eastminster Preschool.



**VIRGINIA MITCHELL, Preschool Teacher**, earned a degree in Early Childhood Education and taught five years at the BCC Child Development Center, three years at Eau Gallie First Baptist, and three in Eastminster's Toddler program. Virginia moved up to the three-year-olds and is enjoying teaching the older children, noting, "Their minds are so ready to learn and explore new things; I enjoy making learning a fun experience." She spent 20 years in the Air Force; overseas for 9 years with her family. She and husband Brian have three grown children, seven grandchildren, and one great grandson. Her hobbies are sewing, quilting, and traveling.

**KIMBERLY POWELL, Preschool Aide**, is a returning member of the Eastminster family: Previously, Kimberly was a three-year-old teacher, but she is returning as a Preschool Aide and Aftercare Teacher. She received her Bachelor's degree from University of Central Florida and is currently renewing her teaching certificate. Kimberly is a very loving mother of four: two girls and two boys, ages 16, 13, 4, and 9 months. She is very thrilled to be back at Eastminster Preschool!



**JENNIFER RADD, Toddler Teacher**, studied Elementary Education at Eastern Michigan University and Florida Atlantic University. She has been a teacher for 9 years, and is so excited to be back in the classroom after taking the last few years off to stay home with her youngest child. Jennifer is married to a Brevard County Firefighter, Steve, and has 3 children, sons Bailey, 14, and Logan, 5, and daughter Mackenzie, who is 10. Our Jennifer loves being a Mommy! Her favorite things to do are love on her students and go to the beach with her family. She is very excited about joining the awesome team here at Eastminster!



**LUCY RUSSO, Toddler Teacher**, Lucy attended Shepherd College and West Virginia University, receiving a certification in Culinary Arts, and working as a meeting planner in conference and catering services. Before coming to Eastminster, she worked as a preschool instructor at Chapel by the Sea and Grace Lutheran. She and husband Jeff have an "amazing" daughter and several pets. The best part of her job at Eastminster is seeing the excitement and enthusiasm of the children.



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**CALENDAR**

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**PRIME TIMERS** -

**Lunch Out** -3rd Thurs,  
1:00 pm, rsvp-sign up  
in church office.

**Game Day** - 4th Fri,  
noon, Fellowship Hall,  
bring lunch during the  
summer; rsvp-sign up  
in church office.

**PRAYER WITH A  
PASTOR** - Tues, 9:30  
am, Prayer Chapel

**INVESTMENT CLUB**

3rd Thurs., 7:00 pm,  
Heritage Room, all  
welcome

**DIVORCE**

**RECOVERY** -  
Every Tues., 7-9 pm  
CMC building

**OVEREATERS**

**ANONYMOUS** -  
Mon, 7:00 pm  
Tues, 6:30 pm  
Fri. (Men), 6:30 pm,  
Dolphin Room

**NARCOTICS**

**ANONYMOUS** -  
"Grow & Go"  
Mon & Wed, 8:00pm,  
John Knox room

**RECOVERY IN THE**

**BIG BOOK** - AA  
Tues, 7pm,  
John Knox room







# Discoveries

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## *About Discoveries.*

*The patronal figure for our Parish Family, St. Helena of Constantinople* (Latin: Flavia Iulia Helena Augusta), also known as Saint Helen, Helena Augusta or Helena of Constantinople (c. 250 – c. 330 C.E.), was the consort of Emperor Constantius Chlorus, and the mother of Emperor Constantine the Great, with whom she had a close relationship. Helena played a significant role in re-establishing Christianity in the Holy Land after a period of decline. Tradition affords her the rediscovery of several Christian sites in the Holy Land, which had been converted to pagan temples, and she had these sites rededicated to Christianity. In particular, she is renowned for discovering the site of Calvary where she claimed to find the relics of the True Cross. She was canonized as a saint in both the Orthodox and Roman Catholic Churches, and is still venerated today.

For some traditions, she is therefore the patron saint of discoverers, archeologists, and converts to the Faith.

*In our quarterly publication may you discover the life we share as the Church, the richness of our Faith, and the joys of God's Mission.*

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# So, what did you do this summer?

KRYSTA MCDANIEL, PARISH LIFE COORDINATOR

**I**t always makes us chuckle when people say, "So I guess things get pretty quiet around church during the summer, huh?"

Nothing could be farther from the truth.

Summer 2011 at St. Helena's has flown by in a swirl of activities. While during the summer, things changed in the church office, there is one thing that hasn't changed - St. Helena's is busy every day of the week during the summer, and we're not looking for that to change much once school starts.

What did St. Helena's do during summer vacation? Together as a parish family, we had a summer filled with memorable events.

We gathered at Camp Capers for our annual parish picnic for worship, baptisms in the river, delicious food, fun and a relaxing time spent with Family.

We enjoyed baseball with our wider Diocesan family at Episcopal Night at the Missions game in San Antonio.

We had the largest ever Vacation Bible School, attended by children from all over the community. Many of those children were without a church home and at VBS learned about the amazing love God has for them through fun activities.

We brought lawn chairs and sun-block and gathered on the church lawn for Berges Fest parade fun and cheered for our kids when the St. Helena's float passed by.

We gathered our fishing tackle, boats and gear and went Fishin' for Mission down in Rockport, raising \$8,000 for the Diocese World Mission fund.

We brought picnic dinners, donned 3-D glasses and sat on the church lawn for a 3-D fireworks display when the drought conditions didn't allow "real" fireworks.

We sent Youth to San Antonio for a week of outreach with underprivileged school children, and then sent them to Las Vegas to be the hands and feet of Christ.

We offered (for the second year) St. Helena's Fine Arts Academy drama camp for two weeks, ending with a tremendous performance by the children that attended.

If you were on campus during the first week of August, chances are good that you might've gotten a little pudding or mashed potatoes flung on you during Camp WACKY - a fun, messy Bible camp with the largest turn-out of campers and teen helpers ever.

Throw in "the regulars" on campus... Men's and Ladies' Bible study groups, Boy Scouts, Daughters of the King, Senior Fellowship, Circle of Care, St. Helena's Early Enrichment Preschool, Alcoholics Anonymous groups,

Special Needs fellowship, Contemporary Worship practice, (I'm probably leaving someone out!) and something was happening every day at St. Helena's.

The readers of the Boerne Star newspaper voted St. Helena's as one of the best places to worship with one of the best worship leaders in Kendall County... and that was before all this summer activity even happened. What a way to provide opportunities for our Family and the greater Boerne community to encounter God. I feel so blessed to be a part of what God is doing here.

Keep your eyes open for news about events and ministries here at St. Helena's... I will keep you updated about events and opportunities to participate with the Family of St. Helena's through e-mails, Sunday Cross-Finder newsletters, and the monthly Cross-Finder that will be back this fall with a new look and chock-full of information to keep you informed about what's going on around here.

If you see a need and would like to start a new ministry and want to visit about it, let me know. If you have changes in your current ministry or anything you'd like to share about it, contact me and I will do everything I can to help get the word out and your space reserved.

It is my hope that this summer issue of *Discoveries* helps you to discover the good things that God is doing here with and through the Family of St. Helena's... and that it will offer you an opportunity to encounter Christ in a way you wouldn't otherwise find.

Peace be with you!

*Krysta*



*P.S.- Be sure and join us at 6 pm. on Aug. 28 for Sundae Sunday when we will gather as a Family to enjoy fellowship on the lawn with delicious ice cream to keep us cool and look at ministry displays in the Parish Hall - come find a place to plug in!*



CHILDREN IN

# focus



*For I know the plans  
I have for you,  
declares the Lord,  
plans for welfare  
and not for evil,  
to give you a future  
and  
a hope.*

Jeremiah 29:11

## *I will, with God's help*

BY DAWN MCLENDON

**G**rand oak trees, a rocky limestone road, the youth of St. Helena's and their families, their mentors, and God. Those are the ingredients for a St. Helena's Youth Confirmation Retreat. A tradition founded four years ago, our Youth Confirmation retreat has grown into a major element in the journey of making a commitment to God.

Following a study of scripture, prayer, sacraments, and the people that surround them, these young Christians were given an evening of experiences to cement their learning. A new addition to the retreat this year was the family component. Families joined the kids to write family covenants and enjoy a blessed dinner together.

With God's help they have united, explored, and stood to make a personal decision to confirm the promises made on their behalf at baptism.

*Dawn McLendon is the Lay Associate for Family Ministry at St. Helena's. She can be reached at (830)249-3228 or dawn@sthelenas-boerne.org Monday through Thursday.*





# Camp WACKY

If you were on the church grounds Aug. 2-4, chances are good you needed to dodge flying mashed potatoes ... 75 WACKY campers in 3rd-6th grade and 20 teen helpers were on hand for Camp WACKY (We Are Children Knowing Yaweh).

Camp WACKY is a three-day Bible camp that includes outrageously fun (and messy) games, usually requiring a change of clothes for the campers (and Ms. Dawn!) each day.

For more information about children and youth activities at St. Helena's and how you can get involved, contact Family Minister Dawn at (830)249-3228 or dawn@sthelenas-boerne.org



## From a first-time summer camper by Lainey McDaniel

Thanks to a generous donation from a member of St. Helena's, I went to Camp Capers for the first time over the summer. Several other kids here at church were able to go because of that same person.

### **It was one of the best experiences of my life.**

Being able to worship God with friends and be away from all of the drama in the real world really helped my relationship with Him to grow.

I now understand why people sing the different parts and versions of songs in church worship. It was the hottest week with no air conditioning and being out in the sun pretty much all day, but it was amazing.

Nobody cared about appearances, only personalities.

I wish I was still there, but like they told us - if we were there all the time, it wouldn't be anything special.

**I can't wait to go to camp next year! :)**



# St. Helena's Early Enrichment Preschool

Students of St. Helena's Early Enrichment Preschool (SHEEP) regularly visit the Boerne Public Library during the school year... and were some of the first people to place books on the empty shelves at the brand-new Patrick Heath Public Library!

Beginning this fall, SHEEP meets Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.





# Camping Day

*"We had one of our best days ever! Camping Day was a hit. We played and 'slept' in tents, went on hikes and bear hunts, 'swam' in the river and crossed the river on stones, had a picnic lunch, made camp crafts, sang camp songs with a guitar and played with flashlights."*  
Tiffany Jureczki, SHEEP Director





WE ARE PEOPLE ON A

# Mission

*And what does the Lord  
require of you?*

*To act justly  
and  
to love mercy  
and  
to walk humbly  
with your God.*

Micah 6:8

## *What does the Lord require of you?*

BY BETH ADAM

What *does* the Lord require of me? Act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with Him.

I have found that very path, outlined by God, lead me to Mexico several times. The path could have lead me many other places and has, but I think simply and Mexico is so very clear in what the Lord requires of me.

Mexico mission actually has a long history with St. Helena's. In fact, it was the tales of our own **John Eddie Vogt** who brought us to our recent history of house-building in Piedras Negras, Mexico. John Eddie and his compadres from St. Helena's used to camp out in Mexico and do their mission work from a campsite back in the 50's or 60's. Can you imagine that?! Make John Eddie tell you a few stories.

Today, St. Helena's has built over 20 homes since 1999 through the mission effort known as Constructores Para Cristo (Builders for Christ). But the statistic of 20+ homes does not motivate me; it is the people who do.

Meet Angelita... —————→  
She lives on the other side of the world and yet only a 2 ½ drive south to Piedras Negras. I met her at age 3 living in a shack of tin and wooden crates. She was blessed to be only three. She made an instant connection with a crazy group of first-timers from St. Helena's, who had come to build her a new house back in 1999. Going to build a home for Angelita is the "mercy" referred to in Micah. But I believe the real work of "justice" in the Micah scripture is what we leave behind.

The missionaries to Mexico leave behind a secure place with a dry floor, and a good roof. Angelita and her family now focus less on survival and more on firm roots in a community. They experience better health, safer food preparation, and Angelita is better rested for school. That is "justice".

Angelita is now 15 years old and a beautiful young lady we see now and then on our trips back to Mexico. My prayer is that her world is a little more "just" because we were there.

A trip to Piedras Negras is planned for early this October. Call Ed Prather if you are interested or talk to the many people from St. Helena's who have "walked humbly" to Mexico.

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*Beth Adam is the Parish Manager at St. Helena's. Contact her at (830)249-3228 or [beth@sthelenas-boerne.org](mailto:beth@sthelenas-boerne.org) Monday through Thursday.*







*Church Work  
Day... many hands  
make work light and the  
church grounds  
beautiful!*



# *Influencing the future through friendships*

BY RICARDO A. ALAMILLO

The Boerne Buddies Club was first established in 2007 at Boerne High School. The co-sponsors that have the opportunity to be a part of this incredible group of students are Teresa Smith and Ricardo A. Alamillo. The Boerne Buddies club is an organization that matches LIFE Skills students with other high school students and creates one-to-one friendships between them.

The “buddies” explore new friendships and widen their social circles, as the “peer buddies” have a special friend while learning about leadership, community service and their roles as future leaders in their communities. The buddies are committed to eating lunch together, coming to our monthly Buddy luncheons, meeting each other at Buddy tailgate parties, and having social interaction on a regular basis.

Presently, we have about one hundred and fifteen active Boerne Buddies. At the monthly Buddy luncheons it is not unusual to have as many as 80-90 students and teachers attend. We believe all involved benefit as Boerne Buddies creates a culture of compassion and acceptance within our community.

Our club motto is “Influencing the Future through Friendships”. We believe these students can influence the future by experiencing the kinds of friendships they make within the Boerne Buddies.



*“Being in Boerne Buddies has been life-changing, you get to make kids smile and laugh and you end up smiling even more than them. You get to help someone by just being a friend. It's the best thing when your buddy comes up to you at lunch yelling your name across the cafeteria, waving at you and asking how your weekend was.*

*It's even better when your buddy's friends talk to you and remember your name. Being a buddy has made me realize that a simple smile can change your day from bad to good and to be thankful for the little things in life.”*

**Elizabeth Ann Alamillo -  
Boerne Buddy**

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*St. Helena's Youth that are involved in the Boerne Buddy program include Elizabeth Ann Alamillo, Luke Boston, and Sammy Baker.*



# Because we are His body

BY DAWN MCLENDON

**E**ach year, the fifth and sixth grade Sunday school class focuses on mission and outreach.

In the fall, the entire class completes an outreach project, and in the spring the children are encouraged to come up with an outreach project of their own.

This spring, the kids each developed plans to be the hands of God by giving a future to those they may never meet or to those close at hand.

Grace Meschko and Savannah Arredondo felt called to hold a small bake sale and raised over \$85 each.

Grace Meschko's portion has gone to help God's precious animals. In addition, Grace hopes to volunteer in the local animal center.

Savannah's heart is drawn to help the homeless. She will be sharing her portion with local services.

After watching all of the powerful images on the news of the tornado-ravaged Southeast, Matthew McLendon knew that he could do something. He made homemade candles and sold them to raise funds for the Red Cross. After two Sundays of selling candles, he raised \$140.

Kyle Nelson decided that his best resource would be his work ethic, so

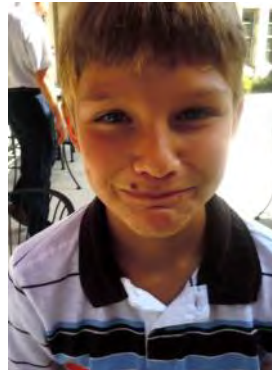
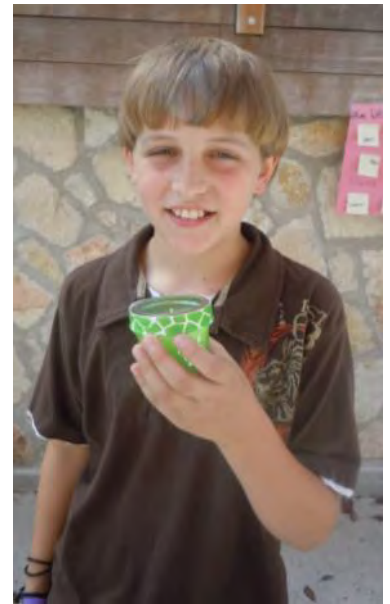
he contacted Ms. Dawn to find an elderly parishioner who needs help with yard work. He will use his muscle to share the love of Christ.

Ronnie Lindley created key chains and is looking forward to selling them to raise funds to purchase at least two mosquito nets for families in Africa through the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund.

The power of our fifth and sixth graders' focus on "Mission and Outreach" began when we listened to the song, "We Are the Body."

*But if we are the body  
Why aren't His arms reaching?  
Why aren't His hands healing?  
Why aren't His words teaching?  
And if we are the body  
Why aren't His feet going?  
Why is His love not showing  
them there is a way?*

For these kids, the lyrics became truths in action.





# Restless to help out

The Young and Restless, an adult fellowship group at St. Helena's, met for a *Cuban Night Under the Stars*.

Hosted by Carrie and Bill Allport, the group was given a presentation by Cindy Glick, a fellow-parishioner and board member for the Kendall County Women's Shelter. Cindy and her husband Michael were the co-chairs for the capital campaign for the Women's Shelter.

Y&R collected personal care items to donate to the Women's Shelter.

The Kendall County Women's Shelter is on a mission. Their mission is:

"To provide safe, emergency shelter and transitional housing in a supportive environment where female victims of domestic violence and their children can begin the healing process and receive the support services they need to rebuild their lives."

According to statistics released by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, one in every four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime. Currently the nearest women's shelters are in San Antonio, Seguin, Kerrville, Hondo or New Braunfels.

For more information about the Young and Restless fellowship group, contact [office@sthelenas-boerne.org](mailto:office@sthelenas-boerne.org).

For more information about the Kendall County Women's Shelter, visit

[www.kendallwomensshelter.com](http://www.kendallwomensshelter.com).





# *No one is too young to lend a helping hand*

The Daisy/Brownie group at St. Helena's made up of Kindergartners through second graders, met this past school year on Tuesday afternoons.

Under the fearless leadership of Skye Baldwin and Kelly Mann, the girls worked hard at the Spring Clean Up Day at the church.



*Pictured below, the girls met and received all of their badges for the year.*





# Senior High 2011 Youth Mission trip to Las Vegas

This July, 15 kids and four adults from St. Helena's drove to Las Vegas, Nevada to join youth groups from California and participate in the Group "Week of Hope" program.

The Youth and adult leaders broke off into groups with strangers and worked in various mission and outreach projects, including preparing meals, cleaning, landscaping and yard work at a Las Vegas mission rescue center, a women's shelter, at the St. Jude's adult facility, and at various homes. They participated in a day program at a boys and girls club facility, playing games and spending time with the children. They worked at a pregnancy resource center that provided baby clothes and resources for expecting mothers. They worked in nursing homes, reading books to the residents, talking and listening to them.

Having been put together as strangers, they parted as friends.

New relationships formed because of the common purpose of serving others.





# Youth Mission Team 2011:

Ella Phillip  
 Bethany MacDonald  
 Christian Baker  
 Kendel Lipe  
 Christian Lipe  
 Kade Leeder  
 Claudia Mayfield  
 EJ Harpool  
 Maryann Puia  
 Peyton Land  
 Linsey Peterson  
 Michael Mann  
 Aleiha Sawyers  
 Jack Mooney  
 Mariah Smith  
 Collin Sawyers  
 Karen Medina  
 Tommy Lipe  
 Glenn Meschko





EDUCATION AS

# Ministry

*Ever wondered what  
people mean when they  
say,  
"E-eff-emm"  
in conversation?  
Check out what Kent  
Hutton, EfM mentor,  
shares with us about the  
Education for Ministry  
Program.*



## Education for Ministry

BY KENT HUTTON

In his book *Spiritual Theology*, Diogenes Allen wrote the following, "All too often Christians are hampered and frustrated in their faith by a lack of knowledge." This statement describes the need for and benefit of Education for Ministry (EfM). All individuals are called to some ministry during their life. EfM provides an opportunity to participate in an education program that will assist in defining and carrying out this special calling. As Christians, we need the knowledge that supports our faith and prepares us to express that faith in our day-to-day activities.

How we think and act in the world is a reflection of our individual theology. This theology is based on our individual understanding of Christian Scripture, Christian Tradition and the ability to balance these with contemporary culture through Reason. In today's society, there are a growing number of conflicts that at times seem difficult to understand or resolve given our Christian background. The EfM program, builds on the three foundational concepts of the Episcopal Church; Christian Scripture, Christian Tradition, and Reason. This foundation helps develop realistic views of these conflicts.

EfM is a worldwide program developed by the School of Theology of the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. It is a distance learning theological education program that takes four years to complete. During these four years, participants study the Bible, church

history, and Christian theology, including present day theological thinking. Participants commit for only one year at a time and meet locally on a weekly basis for nine months each year.

EfM class time consists of specific lesson study on the Bible, church history and Christian theology in addition to Theological

Reflection (TR). TR focuses on learning how to tap the wisdom of our Christian background to create a genuine conversation between our day-to-day lives and our religious heritage. The parables Jesus used in his teachings draw us into the story; then, through a surprising shift, provide us a

### **EfM Program**

**Christian Education**

**Old Testament**

**New Testament**

**Church History**

**Theological Thinking**

**For Laity**

new perspective on our life. This shift in thinking affords an opportunity to gain new insights but also may expose our feelings. Like the parables, reflecting theologically makes us feel vulnerable in two ways. First, we must be willing to closely examine specific situations in our lives and, second, we must bring an understanding of our Christian faith into dialogue with our daily life. As a result, TRs re-examine specific situations and, hopefully, like the parables, help develop new insights about our reaction to the circumstances.

EfM is a program for the laity of the church and provides a foundation for bringing Christ into the world around us. This foundation produces an active, theologically articulate laity and results in comprehensive, experiential growing Christian faith.

*Look for EfM to begin at St. Helena's in the near future!*

*For more information, contact the Church Office at (830)249-3228 or [office@sthelenas-boerne.org](mailto:office@sthelenas-boerne.org)*



*Senior Fellowship gathers at 11 a.m. in the Parish Hall on the third Thursday of the month unless otherwise noted.*

**Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming Events:**

**Sept. 15** - Identity Theft presentation by Catholic Charities representative

**Oct. 20** - Flu Shots and programs

**Dec. 1** - Texas Heroes reading of Dickens, "A Christmas Carol" preceded by a Christmas Coffee.

Twenty of St. Helena's seniors listened to Kelley Gallant from the Catholic Charities organization in San Antonio, talk about the need to prepare for end-of-life issues, such as Wills, Powers of Attorney, Medical Powers, DNR's, etc., and offered free services to all over 55, in preparing these very important documents.

Fr. Bill then talked about faith, the life cycle which includes death, and our Anglican approach to this inevitable event.

The program concluded with a delicious salad lunch provided by the participants.

Many thanks to Marjorie and Velton Tidwell who helped setup and cleanup the Parish Hall.

For more information about the Senior Fellowship ministry, contact Gail Powel at (830)755-4262 or [gmp@gvvc.com](mailto:gmp@gvvc.com).

**SENIORS PLANNING FOR THE**

# *Future*



**Do you need a ride to the doctor or the grocery store, or just run errands?**

Contact Dave Powell at (830)755-4262 or [dgp@gvvc.com](mailto:dgp@gvvc.com) for more information about the services provided by the Angels for Elders Ministry at St. Helena's.



GATHERING WITH

# Family

*St. Helena's  
Parish Picnic  
brought us  
together  
for worship,  
baptisms,  
food and fun!*

**This summer,  
through the sacrament of  
Holy Baptism,  
we welcomed to  
the Family of St. Helena's:**

*Riley Neal Escamilla  
Caden Lynn McClelland  
Griffin Huckabee McClelland  
Benjamin Edward Anzak  
Elijah Daniel Anzak  
Janie Isabel Embry  
Jay Alexander Embry  
Owen Gabriel Skiba*



*Baptized in the Guadalupe River at  
Camp Capers during the Parish Picnic  
worship service were Benjamin Anzak,  
Elijah Anzak, Janie Embry, Jay Embry  
and Owen Gabriel Skiba*







# Watching the Berges Fest Parade from the best seats in town!





LOOKING BACK...  
OUR EASTER SEASON

# journey

*Seder Dinner brought us together to eat and worship*





# St. Helena's German Easter Traditions family event brought us together for family fun.





Easter Sunday brought us together to proclaim

*Alleluia, He is Risen!*





BECOMING MORE CHRIST-  
**centered**

*There are  
countless missionaries  
within the congregation  
carrying out  
God's commission  
to us,  
but in quiet,  
unassuming,  
yet powerful ways.*

## *Come Away with Me*

BY BETH ADAM

*Then, because so many  
people were coming  
and going that they did not  
even have a chance to eat,  
He said to them,  
"Come with me by  
yourselves to a  
quiet place  
and get some rest."*

Twenty-three women of St. Helena's heeded the advice of their Lord and Savior and took some time for themselves to "come away" from the busy and important work of their lives.

In doing so, they found strength in this community of St. Helena's women of various ages and background...

...Women who, individually, carry a disciple's load whether it is in the raising of small children, the passion of their volunteer ministries, or the honest hard work of their careers.

...Women who have been on many retreats and women who have never been on a retreat (Our retreat team had that mix as well).

Women from their 20's to their 70's, each with something to offer.

And that was the beauty of this retreat. We were there to offer one to another a sense of peace, companionship, forgiveness, and compassion

that women gathering together can offer. The culmination was our worship times together, watching the Holy Spirit move within and among us.

The Rev. Nancy Coon, most recently of Church of the Holy Spirit - Dripping Springs was our spiritual leader and mentor.

The other members of the retreat team were Dorla McAndrew, Amy Keith, Carole Gish, Dawn McLendon and Beth Adam.

We hope that this is the beginning of a tradition where women of St. Helena's act as a community and retreat together annually.



In doing so, we can leave this place of retreat and in turn feed five thousand (John 6:9-11).









# Creating Sabbath

BY GLENN MESCHKO

One of the themes we discussed in our youth programs is “rest.” The pace for our youth is frantic these days. Students are encouraged to be engaged, which is a good thing. It can be a bad thing when it is too much. Of course, we see the same pace in adults... balancing a work schedule, the kids’ schedule and maybe a personal schedule. Silence is at a premium, or is it? Are we that busy? Maybe we just do not understand the importance of rest and silence.

Do we make rest a priority? Do we know that we *should* rest? The Bible, of course models for us the importance of Sabbath. We are instructed to have a day of rest, it is even one of the Ten Commandments. Exodus 20:8-9 <sup>8</sup> “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. <sup>11</sup> For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

What does Sabbath look like? It *should* be a day that is observed. My challenge to students has been to find time during the day to be silent and quiet. Students struggle to find a day to dedicate to Sabbath. If we are going to accomplish things, we need to find silence in God, reflect on the day, be still, and spend time *listening* to God. Think of the amount of time we spend listening to the world around us. We need to look at Sabbath as an ornate place you can spend with the Lord. We are building a sanctuary in time.

According to Jewish tradition Sabbath has no room for anxiety, anger or sadness... but all of the room in the world for praising God. It becomes this positive and safe place we can enter into to recharge. We can look at Sabbath as a bridge to heaven. It becomes a place we want to be, a place we find God and listen for the truth He wants to speak to us so that we can hear that He loves us and has a plan for us. To hear that we *are* good enough instead of the lies we hear the world tell us - like how we are not good enough, we are too rich or too poor, we are too skinny or too fat.

Sabbath is this place we find God and the place where we learn more about Him and who we are as followers of Christ.

If we are to put Sabbath in the context of mission, we can see the importance of Sabbath. It is impossible to serve others if we are too full. Sabbath allows us to get rid of the excess and serve those around us. There are people in the world who

need to hear the Gospel in order to see the love of Christ. If we are filled up with activities and worries, we might be too distracted or stressed out to help those who are in need.

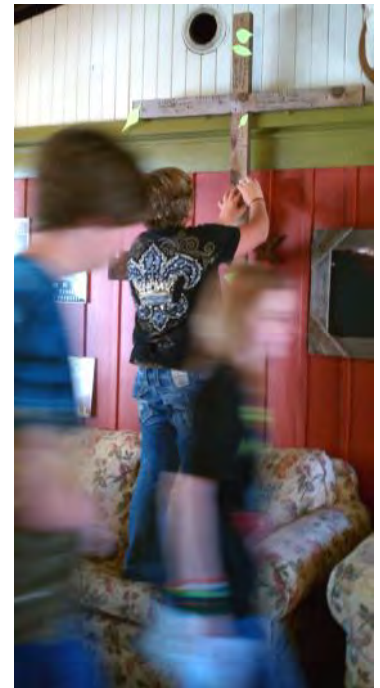
It is so important for those who are engaged in God’s mission to find time for Sabbath.

Maybe it is really hard to find an entire day to give up for Sabbath... but surely you can find a few minutes a day to spend in reflection, reading scripture, and silence.

Not only will you be filled up to serve but you will begin to see the importance of spending even more time alone with God.

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*Glenn Meschko begins serving as Youth Minister at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in San Antonio in September.*



# We all need something to lean on

BY BRYCE BODDIE

About a month ago we went to see a movie on a Friday night in San Antonio. The theater we went to was located in a strip center full of restaurants and jewelry stores. After the movie, I noticed something interesting as we were walking back to the car. One of the jewelry stores had picture painting activities for kids, wine for adults; a jewelry store trying to create community.

It really bugged me.

Is the world we live in so starved for community that jewelry stores are using it as a marketing device? My family moved to "downtown" Boerne, so we could be in community intentionally. Boy did we ever get community.

My neighbor warned me that at random times there would be something called a "Lean" that would occur in the neighborhood. When I asked what a Lean entailed, he explained that it always starts with one person leaning on a truck drinking a cold beer or iced tea, and someone walks up to share in the Lean.

That sounded so simple to me, I couldn't resist, so I asked, "when can we have one?"

My neighbor replied, "You can't plan a Lean, it just happens, and it just takes two."

What do you mean, you can't plan a lean? I always have to call all of my friends, message them on Facebook, send them an eVite. We have to make sure there are no conflicting schedules, football games, work, you know, no life going on, to get in the way of our gathering.

Two weeks later I looked outside and there were a couple of guys standing around a truck drinking beer. I really didn't pay attention to what was going on, and just went about my business.



About an hour later I heard some rowdy laughter outside, so I peeked out the window. Those three guys leanin' around the truck turned into 20 people in the front yard, grilling burgers on a grill that someone brought with them. I didn't go. I didn't know they were having a party, I wasn't invited to that.

The next morning I saw my neighbor leanin' on the truck, drinking a cup of coffee. He asked where I was last night. I explained that I was at home.

He said, "Why didn't you come to the lean?" He then explained, "I told you, a lean just happens, if we tried to plan one, it would never work."

They happen all the time, and they are not about drinking beer, or cooking food, though that can be fun, they are about living life together.

A Lean does not happen because someone wants us to buy something, or sell something. A Lean happens because we need it to. Our lives are meant to be lived in community.

Small group ministry can be considered a church marketing tool. But when you get down to it, the main reason it is so successful, is because we need community. We need something more than Sunday morning peace, and breakfast. We need to live life together.

For the past few years we have trained small group leaders, and had one or two groups meet at certain times of the year. Some groups have shared a meal together, some dessert. Some groups share book studies, some Bible studies. Some groups have been intentional about sharing life together.

This year as a church family, we are

going to be more intentional about the "Lean."

As groups form to study books, study the Bible, share in Morning Prayer together, and live life together we want to make sure that you are aware of the opportunities.

We also want to help you create those opportunities, to give you the resources and tools, to live life together. Maybe you would like to host a group, maybe you would like to lead, just not at your house, and maybe you just want to be a part of a group.

My question is how can we help you do that?

The most simple thing that can be a "small group". Every week now for almost a month this summer, people in our neighborhood, have walked down to the creek, with prayer books, iPads, and Kindle's in tow. We gather each Monday and Friday at 7 a.m. to book-end our week with Morning Prayer. It only takes 15 minutes, there is no food to prepare, no scheduling to worry about, you show up when you can.

Our biggest worry is whether or not the ducks have made one of our concrete picnic tables uninhabitable.

Our family meets with an entirely different group on Sunday evenings for Compline using the *Book of Common Prayer*. How can we help you do that?

We want to be more intentional about living life together as a parish family, not as a marketing ploy, or church growth strategy. We want to live life together as a parish family because we need community.

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# Two little words with big meaning: Thank You.

BY KRYSTA MCDANIEL

I've got to make a confession. I am terrible at writing thank-you notes.

Let me rephrase that ... I am terrible at *sending* thank-you notes. I always write a thank-you note, it just doesn't always get where it belongs.

Unfortunately, I tend to put the note in a safe place until I mail it, forget to buy stamps, and the note of gratitude ends up shuffled in a pile of stuff to go through at a later date, not in the hands of the person that took time to be thoughtful.

By the time I run across the note again, chances are that it's too late to send without embarrassment. I've gotten to where rather than re-filing the thank-you in a safe place, I just send it, no matter how late it is.

Like you, I don't expect thank-you's. I do things just because I want to brighten someone's day, not because I'm expecting recognition. That makes the thank-you even more important when I get one. I save those in another special place, where I can find them and re-read them at my leisure.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank a couple of people for things that they do that enhance life in the Church Office.

Barbara Hill has been in charge of our Office Angels Ministry for as long as I've been here and then some. Office Angels volunteer their time to come work in the Church Office and are invaluable to the

staff. Office Angels are the first smiling face that anyone that comes into the office sees... and they filter phone calls and handle other administrative tasks for the staff to be able to focus on their ministries. Barbara schedules all of the volunteers, and when someone can't make it in for their day at the front desk, Barbara either finds a replacement or works that day herself. Thank you, Barbara, for your dedication. Thank you, Office Angels, for your ministry in St. Helena's. And thank you, Jeffrey Reinhard, for taking the Office Angels Coordinator position when Barbara steps down this fall.

recycle bins and take goods to where they are recycled... her name is Stephanie Pollom. Steph was persistent and got the staff into the habit of recycling... I had no idea I generated so much waste paper. My personal recycling bin fills faster than my personal trash can at my desk.

Thank you, Stephanie, for sharing your passion for environmental stewardship and rubbing off on those of us in the office.

Have you walked through the Columbarium Memorial Prayer Garden lately? I enjoy taking a break from my desk to go take pictures of the explosive color and the serene

fountain in the prayer garden several times a week. It's not such a lovely place because of luck... Patsy and Jim Rand spend countless hours every week planting, pruning, watering and fertilizing to keep the Columbarium the little oasis that it is. Thank you, Patsy and Jim, for sharing your passion for landscape and frilly flowers with us. You make the Columbarium Memorial Prayer Garden a place that draws the community for prayer and photo opportunities.

I just found out the other day that Margaret Wilson has been filling the large pots at the base of the steps to the Historic Sanctuary with plants and flowers for the past few years... it adds such a welcoming touch to the entry. Thank you, Margaret, for the care you take to make those open doors even more welcoming.

Jill Lindley didn't even hesitate when I asked her to head up the Photo Directory picture booth. Being in charge of this ministry requires taking up half of her Sunday for two months, and she jumped in wholeheartedly. Thank you, Jill, for all that you are doing to share your gift of photography with the family of St.



Speaking of Office Angels, when Rebecca Hooks is on the schedule, the staff has no reason to leave the office. Rebecca always comes to spend her volunteer hours with us, armed with her homemade breakfast pizzas (you had them at breakfast on a Sunday in May) or some other delicious goodie. While we never expect her to bring us anything, she always does. And we so enjoy it. Thank you, Rebecca, for feeding the staff with your picnic basket of goodies and with your sweet smile and kind words.

There's a little blonde ball of energy than bounces through the office several times a week to empty our



Helena's.

Joe Tidwell has our behind-the-scenes fix-it man for quite some time. I don't know how many times I've left the office for the day, only to see Joe pull up in work clothes, ready to jump into a project that needed to be done on the grounds. Most recently, he saved our server in the office from certain death and transferred all of our data to a new computer. When I say "certain death," I mean the complete loss of all database information and accounting information except for what we were able to back up before the machine decided it didn't want us to back up information anymore.

Needless to say, Joe is our hero. Thank you, Joe, for sharing your time and talents with us. I can't even begin to express how grateful I am to have access to the data again.

Mike McClelland revealed his wood-working skills a few years ago when he made a coffee table for The R.O.C.K. classroom. Since then, Mike has refinished church doors, built reading lofts for the preschool, and created a wooden hanging system for the Boy Scouts to show their progress in the scouting program. More scouts are added regularly, so the completion of this project won't be any time soon. Mike also created wooden crosses that will be given to St. Helena's high school seniors in their Zakar boxes.

Thank you, Mike, for sharing your skills to give us tables to meet around, lofts for the children to read in, and a visual tool for the Boys to show their progress with pride and by giving our kids something to remind them of Christ's love here at St. Helena's.

Thank you to Carrie Fiedler for turning her passion for scrapbooking into a special surprise for our graduating seniors by creating impressive scrapbooks for the youth to take with them as they move onto the next journey of their lives.

And how about those palm crosses you received on Palm Sunday? They don't grow on special palm trees... we have the Altar Guild to thank for gathering together to make palm

crosses to share with the family of St. Helena's. Thank you, ladies, for all that you do to beautify the services every week.

If you are reading this, I want to thank you. There is no way that I can name everyone that helps make St. Helena's the place we love to call home... on second thought, there is. Just open your church directory and read the names listed.

**You all deserve a huge thank you!**

# THANK YOU!



*The poster-board on the left hung in the office for a month for us to enjoy.*



*Members of the Altar Guild gathered to fold crosses for Palm Sunday.*



*Mike McClelland's handiwork provided a wooden plaque system for the Boy Scouts to track their progress.*

Krysta McDaniel is the Parish Life Coordinator at St. Helena's. She can be reached at (830)249-3228 or [krysta@sthelenas-boerne.org](mailto:krysta@sthelenas-boerne.org) Monday through Friday.

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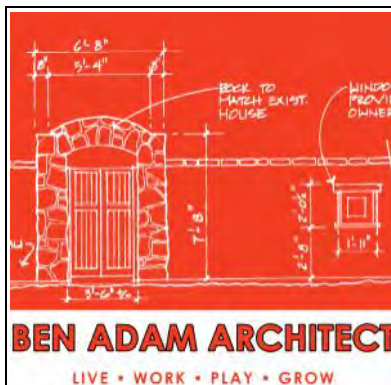
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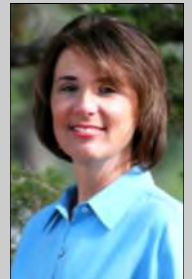


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### **August:**

- 2-4** Camp WACKY
- 3** Rite I Healing Service in the Historic Sanctuary at 10 a.m.
- 10** Rite I Healing Service in the Historic Sanctuary at 10 a.m.
- 17** Rite I Healing Service in the Historic Sanctuary at 10 a.m.
- 22** First day of school for Boerne ISD
- 23** Vestry meets at 6:30 p.m. in Rm. 1
- Rite I Healing Service in the Historic Sanctuary at 10 a.m.
- 28** **Sundae Sunday!**  
Blood Drive in Annex-E
- 29** Office Angel Volunteer training

### **September**

- 5** Labor Day - Parish Offices closed
- 7** Rite I Healing Service in the Historic Sanctuary at 10 a.m.
- 14** Rite I Healing Service in the Historic Sanctuary at 10 a.m.
- 20** Vestry meets at 6:30 p.m. in Rm. 1
- 21** Rite I Healing Service in the Historic Sanctuary at 10 a.m.
- 24** Annual Episcopal Church Women's Garage Sale at the Fairgrounds
- 25** Boy Scouts Court of Honor 5:30 p.m.
- 28** Rite I Healing Service in the Historic Sanctuary at 10 a.m.

### **October**

- 2** Blessing of the Animals 4 p.m.
- 5** Rite I Healing Service in the Historic Sanctuary at 10 a.m.
- 10** Columbus Day - Parish Offices closed
- 12** Rite I Healing Service in the Historic Sanctuary at 10 a.m.
- 18** Vestry meets at 6:30 p.m. in Rm. 1
- 19** Rite I Healing Service in the Historic Sanctuary at 10 a.m.
- 20** Senior Fellowship meets at 11 a.m.
- 26** Rite I Healing Service in the Historic Sanctuary at 10 a.m.
- 29** **Pig Roast on the church grounds!**

*Details to follow...*

**30** 5th Sunday worship service at Morningside Ministries at 2 p.m.



*The Rev. William H. Allport, II and his family invite you to come and see how God is working through the Family of St. Helena's.*

### *All are welcome.*

Sunday Worship Services:  
7:45 a.m. Contemplative Worship in Historic Sanctuary  
9 a.m. Contemporary Worship in upstairs Great Room  
10:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages  
11 a.m. - Choral Worship in Historic Sanctuary

Wednesday Healing Service with Holy Eucharist:  
10 a.m. in the Historic Sanctuary



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## ADVENT/CHRISTMAS EVENTS & SERVICES

December is upon us and with it several inspiring services and events. Please mark the following on your calendar, and invite family, friends & neighbours to come:

Nov. 27	6:30 pm	Santa Claus Parade Come, cheer and support our float!
Nov. 28	9:00am & 10:45am	ADVENT begins. Communion at both services.
Dec. 1	6:00 pm	Women's Potluck Dinner - gather in Parlour for hors d'oeuvres & fellowship.
	6:30 pm	Dinner in the Hall upstairs
	7:45 pm	Carols & Communion Service in Sanctuary.
Dec. 4	1:00 pm	BLAST Christmas Event
	-3:00 pm	
Dec. 5	9:00 am & 10:45 am	Gift Giving Sunday, both services
Dec. 5	7:00 pm	Joint Choir Candlelight Service at Wellington Square United, Caroline St, Burlington.
Dec. 12	7:00 pm	Joint Choir Candlelight Service at St James
Dec. 14	11:30 am	Seniors Luncheon in the Hall upstairs.
Dec. 19	2:30 pm	Wesley Dinner, Hamilton
Dec. 24		CHRISTMAS EVE
	5:00 pm	Young Family Service
	7:00 pm	Family Service
	11:00 pm	Communion Service
Dec. 26	10:00 am	Family Service in the Sanctuary BLAST & Breakfast Club for children 3-9 Nursery Care for infants & toddlers.
Jan. 2	9:00am 10:45am	Café Style Worship in the Hall upstairs. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary.

Our thanks to those who volunteer their time and talents to make worship at St. James a time when people can draw close to God.



**Christmas offering envelopes** are available for your gift to support the building of God's kingdom through ministry at St. James. They were mailed with a letter to each household, and are also available on the Welcome Tables at both services, or from the church office.

### Inside this issue:

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR.....

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Hi everyone,

This has been an exciting fall with many evidences of God's blessing. .

First, two new part-time staff joined us; Andre Boersma in Youth ministry in September and Vanessa Findlay in Children's ministry in October. I am thankful to each of them for responding to God's call to give leadership in these vital areas. There are an increasing number of families with children and youth moving into the Waterdown vicinity; so, the church leadership sensed it was God's timing that we place an emphasis on these two important ministries. Each of these ministry areas, however, continues to be dependent on a large volunteer base. Thanks to everyone who is presently giving time and energy. And if anyone who is not helping already feels a nudge from God to do so, please seek out Andre or Vanessa.

Second, we are experimenting with a new governance model. The new model is similar to our old one but is more streamlined and focused. We hope this new model will help us be a more effective congregation in planning, decision-making and coordinating ministry but requiring fewer volunteer hours. This 'experiment' will extend to our Annual Congregational Meeting which will be held in early February. At that time, the new model will be explained and if it seems right to do so the congregation will be asked to endorse it for a trial year. Presently, Ruth Nicholson is acting chair of the new Governance Board and I am chairing the new Coordinating Ministry Team.

Third, a focus in deepening spirituality called 'Unbinding the Gospel' has been having a positive effect on our ministry this fall. We began with a 'test' group of ten who participated in a group in May. This fall we have moved to the leadership phase where everyone in leadership has been challenged to participate. In mid-March the whole congregation will be invited to participate in a six week focus where individual reading, small group gatherings and Sunday worship will all be integrated and coordinated into what we hope will be a time of blessing for everyone. I had the privilege of leading the 'test' group and am now part of a staff group. My experience is that God has used both occasions to draw me closer to himself. I pray that will be your experience as well.

Finally, we have welcomed many new individuals and families into the St. James family this fall. I've been enriched as I have come to know some of these new folk. It's exciting to be a part of a church that is growing and constantly changing.

As we approach the coming seasons of Advent and Christmas I am reminded again that, in Jesus, God has come 'to pitch his tent among us'. With Jesus in our midst, I'm confident that there will never be a challenge too difficult and never a task too daunting that we cannot face it and overcome.

May the hope, peace, joy and love of Christmas be yours in abundance.

Your friend and pastor,



## ST. JAMES RETREAT – OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2010

Ken and Carroll Collins opened their home to us in order that we have a comfortable and inviting space to reflect on what has been successful this past year and where God is leading us to grow in 2011 at St. James. Twenty-two members participated: a mixture of both staff and volunteer leaders. Ruth Nicholson, acting governance chair led the retreat and opened with a community building experience followed by the rules for working in a cooperative group. All had tea lights and timing members kept all on track by turning on their lights as we needed to move on with the agenda. It added a fun and friendly way to keep us on track.

Rev. John opened the day in prayer and then led the session that explained our new governance model. We are working in a collaborative leadership framework. There are two parts: the Coordinating Ministry Team and a Governance Board. The CMT delivers the ministry of the church and includes both staff and team chairs. The GB part sets the direction of the church, ensuring the church is on the right road, creating a vision, creating policies and keeping true to the vision. It is a small group of about seven members.

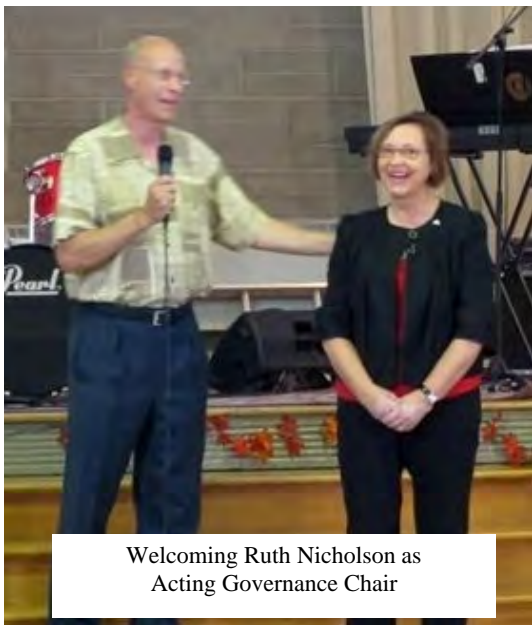
Ruth led the goal setting process by having everyone reflect on last year's successes and there were many. The next step was to divide into small groups and discern goals and some strategies for the next year. These ideas then went to the first governance meeting to be refined and simplified.

Throughout the day the theme was "lighting a spark". This concept was reflected not only in the lights, but in celebrating successes by lighting candles and by singing songs, such as "It Only Takes a Spark". Harold led all the singing with his guitar and he reflected our theme in his choice of a contemporary song also.

The retreat ended with thanks to the Collins' family for hosting our day and a final message from Ruth about having "faith like a mustard seed".

All in all it was a great start to our fall session and our movement towards developing faith through the "Unbinding the Gospel" leadership team.

Ruth Nicholson  
Acting Governance Chair





Annual Christmas Gathering  
for the  
WOMEN OF ST JAMES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2010

Gathering @ 6pm in the Parlour upstairs.

Potluck Dinner @ 6:30pm in the Hall upstairs.

Carol Sing and Communion @ 7:45pm in the Sanctuary.

*Bring a friend and join in the  
celebration of Advent.*

Please bring a salad, main course, or dessert, as well as your own cutlery and dishes (so we may cut down on the clean up at the end of the evening).

A monetary gift or personal item gift would be appreciated for Inasmuch House (a shelter for women & children in the inner city of Hamilton) and Drummond House in Flamborough. (Cheques should be made payable to St James U.C.W.)



## ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING, SUN. FEB. 6TH 2011

Activities will be provided for the children downstairs, and everyone is invited to stay for the Annual Congregation Meeting. Come and celebrate all of the good things God has done through St. James in the past year, and look forward with us to the year ahead.

Our Annual Report for 2010 will be handed out the week before the meeting at both worship services, and copies will also be available from the church office. A PDF file can also be emailed to you if desired (Note this will be a large file, as it is approx. 30 pages in length).

Time of the meeting is to be confirmed. Watch the weekly announcements or our website in January for more details.



## MEET OUR NEW STAFF

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Vanessa Findlay is the new Coordinator of Children's Ministries at St. James.

Vanessa spent her early years in St. John's, Newfoundland where she grew up being a part of the youth group and choir in the United Church. When she was 12 she moved to Burlington and attended St. Stephens United Church. In 2001 she and her husband Derek moved to Waterdown where she became a member of St. James. Both her children, Brody and Gillian were baptized at St. James.

Vanessa goes to school part time for Early Childhood Education and Derek works for a software engineering company and travels extensively. Brody is 7 and is in Grade 2 at Mary Hopkins, he enjoys going to Beavers and karate. Gillian is 4 and has just started JK at Mary Hopkins and enjoys dancing. The whole family likes to be outside and spend time at the YMCA.

If you are able to help out with any of the St. James Children's programming please contact Vanessa at [stjamesblast@hotmail.com](mailto:stjamesblast@hotmail.com)



Andre Boersma is our new Youth Leader. He is a familiar face to many at St James as he volunteered with our youth program last year, has played guitar with the 9am praise/worship team, and filled in for our former Youth Leader, Mark Eade, at one of our Family Worship Services last spring.

Andre has a passion for helping youth to come to know God and grow in their faith. He is also involved with the Church on the Rock in Hamilton.

He leads our Youth groups on Wednesday nights here at St James, and meets with our Junior & Senior youth on alternate Sunday mornings during the worship services.

If you feel drawn to helping in any way with our Youth, please contact Andre at [drandreboersma@hotmail.com](mailto:drandreboersma@hotmail.com), or through the church office.

## YOUTH MINISTRIES

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This year St James United hired a part time youth leader to meet the needs of our local youth community. Our youth programs have been busy with recently completed activities, including a sleepover night in November, and participation in the Flamborough Christmas parade by decorating a float and singing and dancing with other members of the congregation. There is currently a junior (grades 6-8) and senior youth program (grades 9-12) that is held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-9:00; there is also a Sunday junior youth program on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month during the contemporary service at 9am. There is a possibility of a confirmation class to be held in the new year (likely to start middle of March) for any senior youth that would be interested. For more information contact Andre Boersma at 289-887-0186.

# STEWARDSHIP

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*On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.*  
Matthew 2:11 (NIV)

God, who is generous and loving beyond our wildest thoughts and dreams, has given to us in such abundance. Our response can only be that of thanksgiving and continuing to give as we have received. Our individual and congregational giving continues as a joyful response to what God has done, and continues to do, through St. James in Waterdown and beyond.

In 2010, our congregation reached out to Waterdown and beyond in many ways, including:

• 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship	• 10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship
• BLAST! Kids Program	• Summer Blended Worship
• Team Haiti Mission Trip	• Junior and Senior Youth Groups

Our Finance team estimates that we will end the year with 96% of the money necessary to pay for that ministry in full. That leaves a gap of 4% -- or \$10,000 – remaining for 2010. It is important that we close that gap.

As we approach Christmas, we invite you to prayerfully consider the blessings you have received in 2010 and to respond with a special gift to St. James to help support the ministry God has entrusted to us. We'd also ask you to reflect on 2 Cor. 8:11-12 as you do so: *"Give in proportion to what you have. Whatever you give is acceptable if you give it eagerly."* A special Christmas offering envelope has been mailed to each household. Please fill it with your gift and place it in the offering plate on Sunday morning or return it to the Church office.

Our phone number is 905-690-1294 and our e-mail address is [dferns@cogeco.ca](mailto:dferns@cogeco.ca). Please feel free to call or e-mail if you have any questions.

Many blessings to you and your family this Christmas season!

Your partners in Stewardship,

Diane & Tom Ferns



## PASTORAL CARE

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### PASTORAL CARE

Thank you for coming to our Ham Dinner. We raised \$ 900 for the Access (Elevator) Fund. Another recent highlight was our Special Communion for those who find it difficult to come to Church. 18 people enjoyed singing hymns, communion and refreshments. We will be holding another one in the spring.

Apart from those special events, we continue with our usual activities which include providing hearing aids, arranging visits, telephone calls, meals and cards to those who need them. You are the eyes and ears of the congregation. If you know of anyone in need of special attention, PLEASE contact Wendy in the church office, or Rosemary Mills, 905 689 6214.

## ALPHA

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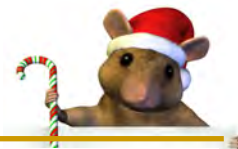
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*Refreshments to follow each presentation*



## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Our BLAST (Bible Learning And Some Things) and Breakfast Club programs are well underway and we are having so much fun in learning and growing in God's love. We have over 40 children currently attending and every week we see new friends coming to discover what all the excitement is about.....God is good! If you would like more information on these programs, or are interested in how you can help the children's ministry, please email [stjamesblast@hotmail.com](mailto:stjamesblast@hotmail.com).

BLAST (for ages 3-6) begins at 9:00am and again at 10:45am and runs for the duration of each service. Children begin worship in the Hall upstairs (9am) or the Sanctuary (10:45am) with their families, then go downstairs to their classes. The program involves a Bible story and combinations of music, crafts, games, videos and free play time. Children are to be picked up downstairs at the end of the service.

Breakfast Club (for ages 6-9) begins at 9am. Children start in the Contemporary Service, then go downstairs to make and share breakfast together. They read and discuss the lesson each week, and make some friends along the way! Children are to be picked up downstairs at the end of the service.

### KIDS CHRISTMAS FUN DAY Saturday, December 4th 1-3pm

Games, crafts, movie & snacks....and Christmas Carols.  
Please bring a new, unwrapped toy in support of Wesley Urban Ministries "No Charge Christmas Store". To register for this party, please email the names & ages of children attending to [stjamesblast@hotmail.com](mailto:stjamesblast@hotmail.com), or call the church office with this information, 905-689-6223.



## UNBINDING THE GOSPEL

By now you have probably heard people talking about our "UNBINDING THE GOSPEL" emphasis for the year 2010-2011 here at St James.

A test group of 10 people studied the book "UNBINDING THE GOSPEL" in the Spring, and this Fall another 20+ people have been doing the 8 week study in small groups. In November we held a two-day conference at St James together with the other two participating congregations: St Paul's in Milton and Carlisle United church, with our coach Nancy Wood from New Hampshire.

During Lent 2011 (March 13-April 27) as part of our "Unbinding The Heart" emphasis we hope to suspend regular "church" meetings asking the congregation to take a "Sabbath rest", making more time for God in our lives. We are asking you to participate in a six-week study called "Unbinding The Heart". You will hear more about this in the New Year. UNBINDING THE HEART is basically a six-week book study in small groups. The focus is on prayer (developing a closer relationship with God) and developing a closer relationship with one another. It is not about being pushed to pray out loud (no one will be asked to do something they are not comfortable doing.) The hope is to have a congregation wide study during Lent. The sermon themes, Sunday School, and Youth Group will all be centered on the same material. Talk to someone who has been involved in the UNBINDING small groups and ask them about "UNBINDING". You'll be glad you did.

Blessings  
Shari and Paul Fraser

# VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES

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Dear Volunteers and Friends of St. James,

Exciting things are happening in the volunteer department! More and more people are doing more and more things to make this an exciting place to be involved. Our new Photo Directory, our new group of Usher Coordinators for the traditional service, our new group of 'informally milling about' greeters, our upcoming Lenten Study planning group, are just some of many new things that are happening because of your involvement! We also appreciate our fantastic teams of new and long-time volunteers who teach BLAST/Breakfast Club, visit our shut-ins, host Ham Dinners, help out at the food bank, and the list goes on and on. **We are grateful for you!** And you are teaching us a lot. We are learning over and over again that the key to success and volunteer satisfaction lies in the ways that we are able to engage you respectfully, keeping in mind your own needs, desires, and time limitations.

## *What You are teaching Us*

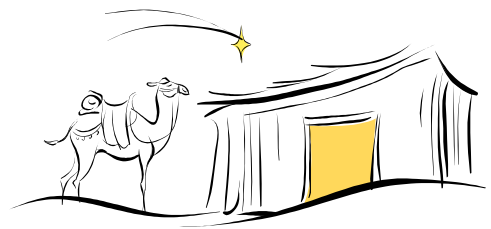
Our learning has a direct impact on how we address some of our key leadership needs. Previously, we recruited volunteers for leadership positions by nominating individuals to fill certain slots. We expected *you* to conform to how we do things, regardless of whether those ways took into account your own needs, desires, and time limitations. This model does not work very well in our society today. For this reason, your Volunteer Enablement Team is looking at a new way to engage volunteers. We want to emphasize the gifts and abilities of our volunteers and consider how we might shape the existing structure in order to highlight and support what gives you life. In other words, we want the structure to work around *you*; we do not expect you to work around the structure. *We call this new model the enabling or equipping model.*

*"So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ." (Eph 4:11-13)*

We will continue to need Board members and certain team leaders, to continue to function effectively. We recognize the conflict that this poses: some positions will continue to require elected leaders even while we talk about a new model of volunteer engagement. *Please be patient with us as we seek to work through this time of transitioning and balancing the old and the new.* The results may look chaotic and some needs may remain unmet, but to the best of our ability and for what we feel is the good of the congregation, we, the Volunteer Enablement and Nominating Teams together, intend to honour the new process. Equipping and enabling you to perform your God-given function for the building of God's kingdom is what we are ultimately about! God's richest blessings on you as you seek to discover or re-discover what He has gifted you to do.

Yours sincerely,

Craig Boogers, on behalf of the Nominating Committee  
Josephine Braun, on behalf of the Volunteer Enablement Team





## OUTREACH

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GIFT GIVING SUNDAY is December 5th. Please pick up a gift tag from the Christmas tree in the Narthex or the Hall upstairs (or see the list below) and purchase the suggested gift, then bring it unwrapped on Sunday, Dec. 5th to either the 9am or 10:45am Service (or leave at the church during the week prior). All gifts will be taken down to the Wesley No Charge Christmas Store that afternoon.

This year Wesley Centre has asked us to purchase items for Adult Women. Some suggested gifts are purse, wallet, hat/mitts/scarf, socks, coffee maker, track pants, telephone, gift card, MP3 player, corning-ware, body wash, earrings. Food items requested are canned fruit, crackers & cookies.

Last year Wesley's No Charge Christmas Store supported 4938 adults, teens and children in this program. This represents a 22.4% increase over the previous year. They anticipate a similar need this season. Please bring what you can. All gifts are welcome.

## WESLEY CENTRE CHRISTMAS DINNER, DEC. 19TH

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Each year St James makes dinner for the people using the Wesley Centre, and this year it will be on Sunday, December 19th in the afternoon. If you'd like to volunteer to help cook/serve dinner, sign-up sheets are now available. There are only 20 spots available, and each year the list fills up quickly... so sign up soon. There's also an opportunity on Saturday, December 18th to help prepare the food going down to Wesley. We need about a dozen people to help peel 100 pounds of potatoes and prepare veggies (bring your own peeler). Sign up sheets for Wesley Prep are also available now.

## FLAMBOROUGH FOOD BANK

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Please continue to bring your food donations to church. They are taken to the food bank at the beginning of every month. Thank you for your support.





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Sharing Faith***

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CO-ORDINATOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES:	Vanessa Findlay

#### **Our Mission:**

We faithfully respond to God's love by encouraging others to know Christ through worship, service, education and prayer.

#### **Our Vision:**

We respond to God's calling to be an accepting and growing Christian Community, experiencing Jesus Christ, and reaching out in His Love; impacting Waterdown and beyond.



## Fall is here and Christian Education (Sunday School) has begun!

Why do we offer Christian education? Current language for Christian education encourages congregations to engage in making meaning in every situation. Professors of religious education call this reflective process “information for transformation.” Others name it “discipleship” or “faith formation” through spiritual practices. “Lifelong learning” is another term for the dynamic ministry of passing on a living faith. The process of educating for faith is an experience rich with opportunities to be, to know, and to live. A key element in the conversation may be less attention on what education is called and more on defining what it means and how to do it well.

Definitions take shape by addressing long discussed and often unresolved ideas. Is faith caught or taught? Most educators would say yes to both. Does education happen in formal or informal settings? Yes, again: education takes place in all settings. How about the content of what we teach versus the context? Being mindful of both content and context is paramount for quality education. Does education happen intentionally, or should we focus on unintentional ways we teach and learn at church? Experts remind us to pay close attention to what people learn that we did not plan to teach. Charles Foster, in his book *Educating Congregations*, defined it this way: “The congregation is the context, and its mission—to praise God and serve neighbors—the impetus for Christian religious education.”<sup>1</sup> By this definition, all of education in “the way” is for the sake of the “transformation of the world.”

Education is not indoctrination, but teaching people how to practice what it means to be a Christian.

Usually we think of education this way: hear a story and remember the facts. Christian education today begins with someone telling a Bible story and then asking powerful questions. Can we love as Jesus loved? Does God ask me to be obedient like Abram and Sarai? Are we called to feel Christ’s sheep? If so, what does this mean for us? The model of teaching is Jesus’ model, but Jesus also taught while he healed the sick or as he moved away from the crowd to pray. We learn through his example and by our own experience.

Christian education in its best form focuses on the result. Churches help individuals know what it means to be a Christian, guide people to tell God’s story in relation to their own story, and prepare members to hear God’s call to go and serve. Congregations help learners hunger for faith-filled conversations around Scripture and lives of faithful action. Parents promising to be the child’s spiritual teacher; teachers living their passion for the Bible; pastors building up the body of Christ; congregations providing communities for people to practice and grow. Everyone wants to know what it means to educate for all of life. They are asking, “What is Christian education?”

*“Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I’ll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of age.” — Matthew 28: 19–20 The Message*

1. Charles Foster, *Educating Congregations: The Future of Christian Education* (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1994)

**Join a Sunday School Class this Sunday.  
Go to page 7 for the list of offerings at Clairmont.**

Rev. Bobby Hulme-Lippert - Associate Pastor/Head of Staff, Ext. 14 (bobby@clairmontpres.org)

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## FYI

**The Sacrament of Communion** will be celebrated **Sunday, October 2, 2011**, during the First Light and 11:00am Worship Service: Communion is served weekly at Last Call.

**Notary Public:** If you are in need of a Notary, please know that Linda Massey is available during office hours, Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. No appointment necessary. Free.

**Wanted:** Piano player each Sunday from 9:40 - 10:00am to play hymns in the Progressive Sunday School class. Please contact Ruth Kageorge at 770-908-1475.

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## Worship Services

### Sunday, September 18

- 8:30am in Milligan Hall
  - 11:00am in the sanctuary
  - 6:00pm in the sanctuary
- "The Spiritual Life"**  
1 Corinthians 12:1-11  
Rev. Bobby Hulme-Lippert



### Sunday, September 25

- 8:30am in the sanctuary
  - 11:00am in the sanctuary
  - 6:00pm in the sanctuary
- 1 Corinthians 12:12-31  
Rev. Megan Johnson



LAST CALL



**The Outreach Team** is organizing a mission trip to Tuscaloosa Alabama to assist in tornado relief for the week of **December 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>**. If interested, please contact Dave Zimmerman ([d\\_zimmerman@bellsouth.net](mailto:d_zimmerman@bellsouth.net)) or Evan Secor ([was4@cdc.gov](mailto:was4@cdc.gov)).

## Finance

The graph on the right shows monthly giving for August and Year-To-Date giving through August compared to the 2011 budget. Expenses are currently running \$24,829 under budget, and giving is \$37,025 under expectation for the year. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Harde- man at [jchardeman@bellsouth.net](mailto:jchardeman@bellsouth.net) or 404-386-6607.



## Internet @ Clairmont

### Email at Clairmont:

Over the Labor Day weekend we moved from a local server-based email system to Google Apps. This provides a dramatic improvement in our ability to collaborate with shared calendars, documents, and much easier management of email distribution groups for various segments of our members and attendees. It also will allow us to extend the life of our existing server as its workload is now a fraction of what we were demanding from it just a few weeks ago. We are still working out some kinks, but the change will not be noticeable to most everyone in the congregation. Contact Shay ([shay@clairmontpres.org](mailto:shay@clairmontpres.org)) or Becky ([becky@clairmontpres.org](mailto:becky@clairmontpres.org)) in the church office for help, should you have a challenge in emailing anyone on staff.

### Wireless access:

The church has a wireless network named "CPCPublic" with a security key "ONEINCHRIST" which you can access with any wireless device in the Education Building or Milligan Hall. The network is also accessible by residents of Azalea Village.

## Thank you

### Thank you to . . .

The Kilgores and John Knox Class for hosting dinner for our Ameri-corp volunteers in House #5.

Josh Kuipers, for setting up Tarieka Stephens' computer so that she could get on line (House #3).

The Women's Ministry Team and the Fellowship Team for sponsoring a wonderful Movie Night on the Lawn last Friday.

The YMCA and Bible Discovery classes for celebrating Senila Roberts' fifth birthday (House #6).

Martha Hunter, for helping Myrlande Laurent (House #5) pack for her move.

### Thanks from George Castleberry

You HUMBLE me, my brothers and sisters in Christ. I am so blessed to be a part of the Clairmont Family and you constantly overwhelm me with your love and support. God has truly graced me by allowing me to have you all as a part of my journey through this life. THANK YOU so much for honoring me in such a caring way with the flowers at the 11:00 worship service on September 4th.

Love and God Bless,  
George

### AL-OBAIDIS THANK CLAIRMONT

Yasir and Olfat attended the 11:00 Worship on Sunday, September 4 to thank us for providing them a home in Azalea Village this last year. Those of you who attended the service got a taste of Yasir's wonderful sense of humor as he thanked different members of the congregation by name for giving so much of our time and attention to him and his family this past year. Yasir's family moved to an apartment in Suwanee until he is able to buy a house. Yasir, meanwhile, is commuting every week to his job at Plant Vogtle, outside of Augusta, and returning every weekend to Atlanta to spend time with his wife and his two children, Rouda and Yousif. We will miss the Al-Obaidis greatly, but are happy for their successful transition to life in America.

## In Memory/Honor

### In memory of Melba Hull the following gave to the General Fund:

- Jean and Sunny Sanyal
- Mae Aycock
- Jim and Barbara Dillon
- Earl and Nancy Finley
- Joyce Touart

## In Sympathy

Our loving Christian sympathy is extended Tom McCrae and his family on the death of his brother-in-law, Steve MacDowell Saturday, August 27, 2011.

## Directed Prayer-

- Pray for all of the unemployed and underemployed people in the United States.
- Continue to pray for Clairmont's ordained ministers and church staff members.
- Pray for someone in your family or circle of friends whom you know is having a struggle in a particular area of their life.

## Be In Prayer

### CLAIRMONT MEMBERS

Nell Ball	Sara Owen
Ken Bexley	Lois Pruitt
Penny Bisbort	Judith Sale
Christina Burden	Kay Turner
Phyllis Davis	Jimmie
Mary Faulkner	Waggoner
Bill Fleming	Elizabeth Ward
Debra Love	Mike Watson
Caroline MacNeill	Doris Whitener
Betty Martin	
Zola Mae Mitchell	
Terri Mountain	

### FRIENDS & FAMILY OF MEMBERS

Glenn Andrews  
(Andrea Pepper & Jim Hardeman's friend)  
Mary Armstrong  
(Pam Scott's mother)  
Ava Boren  
(Bonnie Bilington's Grand Niece)  
Joseph Dunn  
(Becky Fleming's Nephew)  
Norma Flynn  
(Tammy McRae's mother)  
Beth Hummell  
(Former member and staff of Clairmont)  
Susan King  
(Avis King's daughter-in-law)  
Latain Lozano  
(Mary Burgin's friend)  
Steve MacDowell  
(Tom McRae's brother-in-law)  
Ken Neal  
(Julie Comer's friend)  
Sarah & Eric Polley  
(Fay Purcell's niece)  
Eric Forrest Shroyer  
(Ila Shroyer's grandson)  
Nancy Schumacher  
(Sue Oltman's sister)  
Danielle Sams  
(Jim Hardeman's daughter)  
Eunice Zoeckler & Anthony Ikaidi  
(Andrea Pepper's co-workers)

**Please pray for the people on these lists:** Many are facing, or have recently faced, health problems or other challenges. To place a name on the list, please call the church office at (404)634-3355. Names will remain on the list for six weeks unless otherwise instructed. Thank you.



Movie Night on the Azalea Village Lawn on September 9!

## Children's Ministry

**All parents of children** are cordially invited to the **Children and Family Ministry Parent Meeting on September 25** in the Parlor, after the 11:00 Worship Service. Lunch and childcare for children of all ages will be provided. (Younger children will be cared for in the nursery while older children will have movie time upstairs.)

Come and learn of the many ways (some new, some tried and true) Clairmont Presbyterian Church's Children & Family Ministry is working to shepherd children and equip parents for the spiritual nurture and development of the family. Contact Becky Scott at [becky@clairmontpres.org](mailto:becky@clairmontpres.org) or 404-634-3355, for more information or to RSVP.

## Women

**The Presbyterian Women's Gathering** collected approximately \$150.00 worth of toys



for Clairmont's nursery along with \$221.00 in cash and checks for toys. **WE GET RESULTS!!!** A special thanks to all! From the table decorations to our special speaker, all 80+ ladies had a delightful evening.



**The Tuesday Morning Bible Study** meets the Second and Third Tuesday of each month from 10:00 am to 11:00 am in the Parlor. For those interested, we will meet from 9:30 to 10:00 to read through St. Augustine's *Confessions* together prior to our study of Corinthians at 10:00 am.

**Mom's Group** - meets each Friday at 10:00am. Contact Rev. Megan at [megan@clairmontpres.org](mailto:megan@clairmontpres.org).



**Prayer Shawl knitters/crocheters** meet in the Bride's room each Monday morning at 10:00. If you can come or would like more information, please call Jane Jaros at (404)636-2169. There is something for ALL levels of expertise!

**SMALL GROUP** - Please come join us on Thursday nights from 7-8:30pm in Rm. Ed. 101 for this great study, starting with the book of Daniel. Think of it as a best seller book club! We are a non-denominational bible study for teen girls and women of all ages - no church attendance or Bible experience required. Get ready to make new friends, and find out that God wants you to live your life with confidence! For more information contact Renee Sabol (404)754-4610 or [reneesabol@comcast.net](mailto:reneesabol@comcast.net) or go to [www.communitybiblestudy.org](http://www.communitybiblestudy.org).

## Youth Ministry



Contact Nate Perry at [nate@clairmontpres.org](mailto:nate@clairmontpres.org) for details.

**You Tube** [youtube.com/CYMCPC](http://youtube.com/CYMCPC)

OUR YOUTH PROGRAMS HAVE OFFICIALLY BEGUN!!

**Small Groups:** We currently have SIX youth small groups that are meeting both on campus and around the Decatur area. Our trained leaders are helping youth set the trajectory of their lives. Each group maintains three essential elements: prayer, accountability, and fellowship. If you know of someone between the ages of 11 and 18 who might have a desire to participate in such a fun-loving, meaningful experience please contact Nate Perry or Cate Semler to get them plugged in.

**Sunday School:** Currently we are offering two Sunday school classes. For the **High School Youth** we are going through a study, "Reimagining Evangelism." To get a glimpse into this study please view a three-minute video clip on our website ([www.clairmontpres.org/page/youth](http://www.clairmontpres.org/page/youth)). For the **Middle School Youth** we are going through a study, "Choose." In this study our younger kids are studying Old Testament stories of choices made, consequences of faith choices, and reactions; then applying these faith (or lack of faith) stories to their own lives.

**Confirmation Sunday School:** This class will kick off in January with a weekend retreat in the mountains of North Georgia followed by weekly meetings for the remainder of the semester. During the Sunday school hour we will explore topics such as worship, prayer, mission, their personal faith story, and Presbyterian polity. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders will have a chance to become full members of CPC at the end of the class which concludes on Youth Sunday.

**YOUTH GROUP: WoW** (high school) is continuing a new format adopted last year. Each month the group participates in a unique style youth group. One gathering is dedicated to doing a mission project, one gathering is an outreach activity for their friends to join, one gathering is a dynamic worship experience, and the fourth (and sometimes fifth) Sunday gathering is a "regular WoW" full with games and a devotion. See our calendar on the website to keep up with where we are and when.

**TGIF** (middle school) continues to meet on Friday nights from 6:30 to 8:30pm and is full of very high energy games and a devotion. Currently the young ones are doing a series "Fresh" in which they are looking at what it looks like to be a new creation in Christ.



**Braves Game:** Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. All youth and families will meet in the church parking lot at noon to travel downtown for a 1:30 game against the Mets. Why do we do fun (**outreach**) activities? A. We like each other B. To create safe environments in which community kids feel safe and can meet our trained leaders and other youth in our community/congregation.

We, our here to catch youth, grow in our relationships,  
offer worship, study the Word, and serve in ministry.  
**The C.R.O.S.S is why we exist.**

## Young Adults

**Blessing of the Animals** - Bring your pet to Last Call worship on Sunday, September 25! Worship will take place in the Azalea Village Lawn. Music, a message, and a blessing for both you and your pet will be given as we recognize God's love and concern for all of creation. Please bring your own chairs and blankets for the service.

**Small Groups** - Small groups are a way of gathering in intentional community with others for fellowship, discussion, and prayer. Groups meet on weekday mornings and evenings throughout Decatur. Indicate your interest on the communication card.

**Want the most up-to-date information on YA Ministries?** Go ahead and "like" Last Call on Facebook and you'll see the updates come across your feed regularly. You can also check out the Young Adult section at [clairmontpres.org](http://clairmontpres.org) as well as the "Events" section of [lastcallcpc.org](http://lastcallcpc.org).

**Basketball:** Pick-up basketball games happen every Wednesday from 3:30-5:30pm in the Family Life Center (across the parking lot from the sanctuary). *Join in!*

**Atlanta Habitat for Humanity** has launched it's inaugural faith-based home building effort exclusively for young adults in their 20's and 30's. This home building opportunity serves as an outlet for young adults in the faith community to put their faith into action, to network, and to have fun! Following the dedication (final build day), young adult volunteers will join together at a local restaurant to meet volunteers from partnering congregations and to continue conversations from the day.

The build dates are Saturdays:  
September 17th      September 24th  
October 1st - Dedication Ceremony

Each build day is 8am - 4 p.m.

If the congregation or small group is interested, please contact; Andrew Johnson - [andrew.johnson@atlantahabitat.org](mailto:andrew.johnson@atlantahabitat.org)

## Outreach

**The Azalea Village Ministry Team** meets the second Tuesday of each month, in the Parlor, at 6:30 p.m. Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 11. Anyone who is interested in the activities of the ministry is welcome to join us.

**Azalea Village DONATED FURNITURE** - Please call the church office at (404)634-3355 if you have furniture you would like donated to Azalea Village.

**AVM Donations** - Please remember Azalea Village Family Fund when making donations in honor/memory of your loved ones. These donations help make it possible for the Village children to go to our preschool program at Clairmont. We use these funds as needs arise in the ministry to our families in the Village.

**Contact George Miranda at [gmiranda1@comcast.net](mailto:gmiranda1@comcast.net) or (404) 325-2724 with inquiries about Azalea Village.**

### WELCOME TO AZALEA VILLAGE:

World Relief brought us Marzieh and Maryam, two young Iranian women who converted to Christianity and were jailed for it. They are living in House #1 (1975 Azalea Circle). RRISA introduced us to Megan, Erin and Hannah, three young American women who have volunteered a year of their lives to work in RRISA's refugee ministry through the federal government's AmeriCorp program. Erin is from Minnesota, Megan is from Michigan and Hannah is from North Carolina. They are living in House #5 (2052 Clairmont Rd.). *Please show these young women Clairmont's Christian hospitality and love.*

### GOODBYES AND HELLOS:

We said goodbye to Yasir and Olfat, and their two children Rouda and Yousif, on Saturday, August 27, and helped them move out of the Village and into their new apartment in Suwanee. While we are happy for their successful transition to life in America, we will miss them!

Thanks to David Zimmerman and Pam Scott for helping Yasir find his job; the Discipleship Class for showing them hospitality; the ESL class for helping Olfat with her English; the CPC preschool and Family Life Center for providing a nurturing environment for the children; and Margaret Watkins and her crew, who helped them move.

We also bid goodbye to Myrlande and Marvens, victims of the Haiti earthquake, who were guests in our Village while they received medical attention for their injuries. Thanks to the John Knox Class for sponsoring the Laurents and to the ESL class for helping Myrlande with her English.

## Our Missionaries

From Samantha and Andrew Hudson  
Saludos a todos y todas! Greetings to all!

We bring Greetings from Ecuador! We have arrived in Quito and are starting to get settled. We were picked up from the airport by a taxi driver holding a Semisud (the name of the seminary) sign, and since then, we have been taken care of by so many of the Semisud family: breakfast with the Lynch family, a missionary family from Alabama, then dinner one evening with the Alvarez family (the president of the seminary who invited us to Ecuador in the first place), and even lunch with Teresa Susong, the founder of FACES ministry for child laborers. We have been welcomed again and again, for which we are so thankful.

**See complete letter and pictures on the Outreach Bulletin board.**

## Last Call



**Last Call: the perfect way to begin your week!** We know that come Monday morning, your week will likely be filled with expected and unexpected stress. It is our hope that through the contemplative nature of the Last Call service, you will discover a peaceful space for the Holy Spirit to fill you, renew you, and prepare you to step faithfully into the week — regardless of what lies ahead.

**ALL are welcome!** Come once to visit, come regularly if you can, or simply come whenever you miss Sunday morning worship.

Most of the folks who attend are in their 20's and 30's, but we continue to find that folks of all ages appreciate and attend the service. In fact, having multiple generations present for the service only serves to enhance the worship.

As the Apostle Paul offers, "There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28). It is not too much of a stretch to say that in Christ, there is also neither young adult nor old adult - all are one in Him!

-The Worship Team

## The Clairmont Session

**Session Meetings** will be held on the fourth Sunday of each month (unless otherwise stated due to a holiday or other conflicts). All Elders, professional staff, and program staff are required to attend Session meetings. **ALL** members of Clairmont Presbyterian Church are welcome to attend a meeting as an observer. *September meeting will be held THIS Sunday, 6 September 18 at 12:00 noon.*



**September 21**  
Tom Brooks  
Summer Sullivan

**September 22**  
Kira Lawson

**September 23**  
Martha North  
Andrea Pepper  
Christina Mimms  
Susannah Holmes

**September 24**  
Mike Strain  
David Tansill  
Alex Melvin  
Aly Melvin

**September 25**  
Carl Cerine  
Shirley Langtim  
Alice Scott  
Doug McNabb

**September 26**  
Tony Yantch  
Evan Secor  
Paul Kenney  
Charles Ellett

**September 27**  
Mildred Guy  
Mickealla Konde

**September 29**  
George Castleberry  
Jim Hankins  
Alice Tansil

**September 30**  
Charles Lee  
Charlie Patterson  
Emily Durant

**October 1**  
John Ellett  
Brad Powers  
Charlotte Sale

**October 2**  
Ray Davis  
Jim Secor

**October 3**  
Carol Mitchell  
Brian Sundstrom  
Alan Bexley  
Lauren Bexley  
Jonathan Whittington  
Carson Crochet

*If your name has been omitted from the birthday list  
please contact the church office at (404)634-3355.*

## Church Attendance

(Totals include 8:30 & 11am, and 6pm  
visitors and members)

	This year	Last year
09/04/11	299	289
09/11/11	323	338

## Career Networking

### Career Networking at Clairmont

You are welcome to attend a Job Networking meeting held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month in the Education Building, Room 102 from 7:00pm - 8:30pm. It's very informal. If you are interested or would like more information, please email Bruce Tolbert at [tolbert\\_b@bellsouth.net](mailto:tolbert_b@bellsouth.net).

# Adult Sunday School —

## **Bible Discovery**

Milligan Hall - 213

A medium size intergenerational discussion class taught by Cec Murphy.  
Contact: c.murphey@comcast.net

**Fall Lessons:** Gospel of Luke, Chapters 1-9.

## **Discipleship**

Milligan Hall - 204

An intergenerational discussion class.

Contact: Bob Siegmann (404)633-0159 [sieg@bellsouth.net](mailto:sieg@bellsouth.net)

**September:** Bruce Tolbert will teach on *Spiritual Depression: Its Causes and Cures* by D. Martin Lloyd-Jones.

**October:** Bonnie Tolbert will teach on *Conversation with God* by Lloyd John Ogilvie.

**November:** Ginny Secor will teach on lessons from Joshua.

**December:** Study Guide from NavPress (Navigators) titled *Your Money and Your Life* by Sue Kline. Discussion will be led by Bob and Carol Siegmann.

## **John Knox**

Education Bldg. - 102

A larger class (30-40 people) that features knowledgeable speakers teaching a variety of subjects throughout the year. The teaching style is lecture with discussion.

Contacts: Norman Jaros [jnnj52@bellsouth.net](mailto:jnnj52@bellsouth.net)

Barbara Dillon [barbdillon@comcast.net](mailto:barbdillon@comcast.net)

**Fall Lessons:** To be announced.

## **Open Door**

Education Bldg. - 203

A small (12 people) and welcoming group. Our children are college age or older. We have both lecture and discussion lesson formats. We are not bashful in our discussions. We are very supportive of each other.

Contact: Sandy Luster (770)414-1449, [w\\_luster@yahoo.com](mailto:w_luster@yahoo.com)

**September 18:** Bob Holmes - topic TBD

**September 25:** Nancy Cullison - topic TBD

**October:** Rev Bobby Hulme-Lippert In-depth discussion of summer series topic "What is Church?"

**November:** Frank Arnold - Variety of Topics

**December:** Jack Spangler - Biblical Financial Concepts

## **Participants**

Education Bldg. - 202

A small intergenerational lecture and discussion class that strives to make the scriptures meaningful in the context of today's world.

Contact: George Hood @ 770-939-1870

**Fall Lessons:** The Present Word study quarterly.

## **Progressives**

Education Bldg. - 101

A medium size close-knit lecture class.

Contact: Fred Horne @ 404-636-1378.

**Fall lessons:** NIV Bible Student quarterly.

## **Seekers**

Milligan Hall - 208

A medium sized lecture and discussion class.

Contact: Amy Lockwood [tmlckwd@gmail.com](mailto:tmlckwd@gmail.com)

**Fall Lessons:** The Present Word study quarterly.

## **YMCA**

Milligan Hall - 206

Begins in October with Josh Kuipers teaching on the overview of the Old Testament.

No classes in September.

# The Presbytery —

Public Policy Advocacy Partnership of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta invites you to a

**Public Policy Advocacy Resource Fair**  
**Saturday, October 29, 2011 • 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**Decatur Presbyterian Church,**  
**205 Sycamore Street, Decatur, GA**

There will be three workshops to outline and discuss issues coming up in the 2012 Georgia Assembly.  
Issues Affecting Women and Children  
Issues Affecting Low Income Persons  
Issues Affecting the Environment

Presenters from

Interfaith Children's Movement; Voices for Georgia's Children; Atlanta Community Food Bank; GreenLaw; Georgia Water Coalition; Georgia Capitol Solutions (healthcare, insurance)  
Georgia Budget and Policy Institute

No fee to register, but there will be a \$10 charge for lunch

To register or for more information, contact Karen Turney, [kt2654@gmail.com](mailto:kt2654@gmail.com)

Peacemaking Partnership of the Presbytery

**"Making Dreams Come True":**

**Pursuing Peace in South Sudan**

Special Guest Rev. Peter Tibi, Executive Director of RECONCILE, South Sudan

**Wednesday, October 5th, 7:00 - 9 pm**

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change and the Presbyterian

Peacemaking Partnership of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta will present an evening devoted to the pursuit of a just peace in South Sudan. This event will feature: An opening reception with a special musical performance, Presentation by Rev. Peter Tibi of South Sudan. Panel discussion w/community leaders followed by audience Q&A

The Presbytery of Greater Atlanta includes more than 100 congregations and over 45,000 members spanning 20 counties including rural, urban, and suburban areas of Georgia. The Peacemaking Partnership of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta believes "peace is the intended order of the world with life abundant for all God's children. Peacemaking is the calling of the Christian church." Peacemaking: The Believers' Calling (1980) The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

For more information please contact Kevin Moran, [moran.kevinmoran.kevin@gmail.com](mailto:moran.kevinmoran.kevin@gmail.com).

# A Need —

Blankets, socks, and water are needed for Teresa's Ministry. Please bring items, especially blankets to the kitchen in Milligan Hall. Thank you for all donations.





## Atlanta Concert Ringers in Concert

Sunday, September 25, 2011 • 3:00pm in the Sanctuary

The Atlanta Concert Ringers is a musical organization dedicated to the art of English handbell ringing and high-quality performances. They present their special music at weddings, concert series, community festivals, corporate events, and workshops throughout the Southeast. Two of Clairmont's musicians are active members of this fascinating and accomplished group. This concert will be for the whole family! It will be shorter, and will include lots of fun and entertainment suitable for everyone! Admission is free. Donations will be accepted at the door. Bring the whole family!

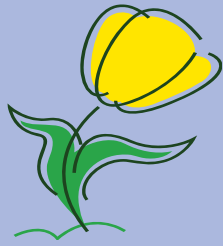
ALL WELCOME!



CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

September 18, 2011

Please join us for worship each Sunday at 8:30am, 11:00am and 6:00pm



Winter/Spring 2011

# Family Newsletter

King Road MB Church Children's Ministries

## Mark Your Calendars

### March 6 - Faith at Home session

- "Family Service" for grades 2 & 3 with their parents in the gym at 9:30.

### April 1 - Schooling Options Family Night

- See right for details.

### April 6 - Girls 4 God at Tabor Home @ 6:00 pm.

### May 22 - No Sunday School, Children's Church, or Supervised Nursery (Long Weekend)

### June 5 - Faith at Home session

- "My Bible" for grade 5 with their parents in the gym at 9:30.

Parents or volunteers are invited to submit articles, insights, suggestions, etc to Janet Janz for the quarterly family newsletters.

## Family Night: "Schooling Options"

Friday, April 1, 6:30- 8:00 p.m.

King Road MB Church



*How do you evaluate which method of education is best for your child?  
What are the options? What pitfalls do you watch for?*

Parents, grandparents, and interested persons are invited to a fun and informative evening about the options of educating children. We will hear from parents who have chosen public school, private school and homeschooling. There will be a panel discussion and time to ask questions. This evening is intended to be informative and encouraging.

Supervision will be available for the children - under 3 in the nursery and ages 4-11 in the gym.

## Devotional Library

Stop by the **Children's Ministry office** (basement) to see if there are any devotional books you would like to use with your children or teens. There is no return date on them. You can simply bring them back after a year or whenever you are finished with them.

If you have used children/family devotion books that you are finished with, please consider donating them to this library. See Janet Janz for more details.

## Curriculum Review

I would invite any parents who have comments about the Sunday School materials we use to email or speak to Janet Janz. Are the take home papers helpful? We are currently evaluating our curriculum and need feedback. Do you see growth in knowledge and character in your child that could be in a small way due to what they are being taught in church?

Please feel free to share comments, concerns and stories.

Isaiah 40:11: "He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young." God's tender heart toward the vulnerable is shown in this verse. We also have a promise that God will guide us as parents.

## Volunteer Appreciation

We have many wonderful volunteers in our children's ministry. Please consider showing your appreciation to them. Maybe even help your children to make thank you/encouragement cards to give to their Sunday School teachers, children's church teachers, club leaders, or nursery workers.



## Say Cheese!

The Sunday School Committee has decided that showing pictures on Mother's Day and Father's Day would be a good yearly tradition. Photos make us feel closer as a church family. Separate photos of fathers and mothers doing things with their children are needed. Please note this is for parents and children of all ages. Please plan your photo shoots soon and submit as soon as you can. Watch for deadlines in the bulletin. Email to [janetjanz@kingroad.ca](mailto:janetjanz@kingroad.ca).

## Turn on the Tap

Sunday School Offerings in April, May and June will be designated toward Samaritan's Purse "Turn on the Tap" program. The need for safe water in Liberia and other places in the developing world remains urgent. Just \$100 can equip a easy to maintain filter that will help improve the health of an entire family.



dreamstime.com

## Easter is coming....

So much emphasis in our homes is placed on Christmas and advent. But what about Easter? The events of Easter are the basis for our faith. Here are a few ideas to help you focus on the importance of the death and resurrection of our Lord.

- How about having daily devotions between Palm Sunday and Easter based on the Christ's last week on earth. **Preschoolers** will be given a story book on Palm Sunday that can be used for this purpose.
- Grades 1-5 will be given "Easter Jelly beans" on Palm Sunday. Use them to discuss the plan of salvation
- Resurrection eggs
- Resurrection cookies- recipe found on following website:[http:// blessingsforlife.com/recipes/holidays/ resurrectionstorycookies.htm](http://blessingsforlife.com/recipes/holidays/resurrectionstorycookies.htm)

Malachi 4:5&6: *"He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their father."* This passage is talking about 'the preparer' for the Lord's coming turning the parents' hearts toward their children and vice versa. Here scripture teaches that a right relationship with our children is preparation for Christ's coming - even preparation for His coming and filling our lives on a daily basis. Is this a call to turn away from our selfishness and turning toward those who are dependent on us? In our church life, is there a special tenderness evident for our children?

VBS coming August 7 - 11, 2011! Stay tuned for details.





# Cross Beams

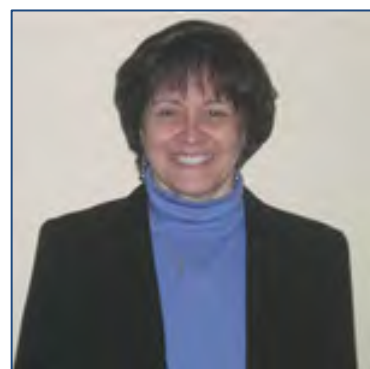
News from Cedarville U.M. Church

*"Changing Lives with Jesus"*

October, 2011

## **FOLLOWING GOD'S CALL**

In our ongoing journey together into the fall season, plan to join us on October 2 for the final message from our "A Fresh Start" series, *Each Day a New Beginning: Learning How to Begin Again*. October 2 is World Communion Sunday and as we partake of the elements, we remember that God offers us a new beginning with each new day. We are also reminded that we are part of a larger, world-wide body of Christ. And, as the body of Christ, we commit ourselves to following God's call on our lives, as individuals and as a congregation.



Following God's call involves giving of ourselves - our time, our talent, our treasure – to the work of God's kingdom; to sharing the Good News of God's gracious love for us, and for the world, poured out in Jesus the Christ. In the giving of our time, talent and treasure, we seek to "Change Lives with Jesus." To that end, I encourage you to prayerfully discern how you are being called by God to use your time, talent and treasure for building up the kingdom of God in the coming year, and then, to make a commitment to that call of God on your life.

In worship on September 25, everyone received a 'giving guide' card from our "We Believe" stewardship materials. This card can assist you in seeing your current giving level and shows what it would look like as you consider increasing your giving by increments of 1%, 2%, etc. On the back of the card, Forward Step and Step of Faith giving suggestions were offered.

As you enter worship on October 2, you will receive an envelope that includes information about the many ministries supported by your giving, the opportunities for electronic giving, the giving guide card, and a pledge card. Again, I call each of us into a time of prayerful discernment about what God is calling each of us to do in 2012. Preparing and giving the pledge card is my commitment to God and to the church; I plan to make that commitment by turning in my pledge card during worship on Commitment Sunday, October 9.



## Pastor Sherry's Message – Following God's Call-- Continued

I also ask you to prayerfully discern how you might offer your time in 2012 - perhaps in continuing in a ministry for which you have great vision and passion, perhaps to a new ministry to which God is guiding you, perhaps to a ministry that nurtures the body of Christ here at Cedarville, perhaps to a ministry that touches lives in our community and world.

Finally, I ask you to consider joining a small group for six weeks this fall, during our Spiritual Growth Emphasis, *40 Days of Community*. It is in gathering with a small group of other Christians who seek to follow Jesus and love God with heart, soul, mind and strength that we grow in knowledge and in our faith walk. We grow to a new depth of relationship, and living, as we share the journey with sisters and brothers on the path.

Plan to be a part of our for the *40 Days of Community* sermon series beginning Sunday, October 23 as we look at the ways in which we are "Better Together."

*Pastor Sherry*



Use this prayer guide to help focus your prayers during the week preceding the start of the *40 Days of Community Campaign*.

*"Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."*

Acts 2:46-47 (NIV)

### Day 1 (Sunday, October 16, 2011)

#### God, I pray ...

- that during our *40 Days of Community* we will keep our eyes on you and what only you can do. We know that without your power, we will labor in vain.
- that we will dedicate ourselves to prayer in order to get ourselves spiritually ready for what You want to do.

Encourage us to saturate these important 40 days in prayer and to become excited about the difference prayer can make.

### Day 2 (Monday, October 17, 2011)

#### God, I pray ...

- for our Pastor as she leads us. I ask you to fill her with Your Spirit, wisdom, and strength. I also pray for Your protection upon her and her family.
- for our 40 Days in Community Team to experience Your grace and favor as they provide direction for this community emphasis in our church. I pray that they will complete their work for your glory, honoring you in all they say and do.

### DAY 3 (Tuesday, October 18, 2011)

#### God, I pray ...

- that everyone in our congregation will join a *40 Days of Community* small group, and that they will experience deeper relationships and changed lives. That the leaders of those groups will be equipped for this vital ministry.
- that each person in our church family will read *What on Earth Are We Here For?* daily for 40 days and memorize a Bible verse each week.
- for the seven Sunday services and the impact they will have on your people. And, for the strength and joy of all those who will serve during the services for seven weeks.

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## 7 Day Prayer Guide – Continued

**Day 4 (Wednesday, October 19, 2011)**

**God, I pray ...**

- that we will hunger for spiritual transformation in our families, small groups, and church, as well as for lasting kingdom fruit in our community.
- that all participants will help those in our church who have specific needs (a visit, meal, ride, babysitting, prayer, helping hand around the house, encouragement, etc.) I pray that I, personally, will be more aware of people's needs and more available to help them.

**Day 5 (Thursday, October 20, 2011)**

**God, I pray ...**

- for our spiritual growth, that you will deepen our faith and use us to encourage others in their faith walk.
- that you will motivate us to act on what we learn during these 40 days in regard to participating in a missions project. May we reach out to our community and beyond with purposeful acts of kindness done in your name.

**Day 6 (Friday, October 21, 2011)**

**God, I pray ...**

- that you will use this prayerful time to help our church reach out to our community more effectively with the Good News, so that many people will commit their lives to your Son, Jesus Christ.
- that our Small Groups, especially mine, will join powerfully together to do a local outreach project.

**Day 7 (Saturday, October 22, 2011)**

**God, I pray ...**

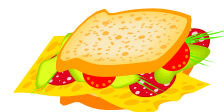
- that every person in our church will live in heartfelt community with other church members and neighbors. That we will cultivate a deeper spirit of harmony, love, respect, and appreciation for each other.
- for our Celebration Sunday, that it will be a memorable celebration of all that you have accomplished in us and through us during the *40 Days of Community* emphasis.

***"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!"***

**Eph. 3:20-21 (NIV)**



**Jazz Celebration  
Worship Service  
Sunday, October 23,  
7:00 p.m.  
Join Us for this  
Excellent Service of  
Jazz Music!!**



**Lunch and  
Conversation with the  
Pastor  
Sunday, October 23,  
2011, from 12:15 a.m.–  
3:00 p.m.**

If you are interested in finding out more about Cedarville UMC and what it means to unite with this body of believers, Pastor Sherry invites you to join her on Sunday, October 23, for lunch and an afternoon of sharing, along with a time for your questions. We will gather immediately following the late worship service and close our time together no later than 3:00 p.m. Please contact Susan in the church office at 610-326-4173 or [susan@cedarvilleumc.org](mailto:susan@cedarvilleumc.org) by Wednesday, October 19, so that we can plan for lunch and materials for the session.





## Fellowship Opportunities - October



### Cedarville Nights Returns on October 5

Everyone is invited to join us for at 5:45 for a delicious dinner prepared by our wonderful Cedarville Night cooks and helpers! Suggested donation for the meal is \$5.00/adults, \$3.00/children 11 years old and under, with a family cap of \$18.00

#### Menus for October:

**Oct. 5** – Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Salad, Rolls, Brownies and Cookies

**Oct. 12** – Pancakes, Hashbrown Casserole, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Juice, Bagles and Cream Cheese, Fruit Salad

**Oct. 19** – Ham, Macaroni and Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Salad and Cake

**Oct. 26** – Hot Turkey Sandwich, Peas and Onions, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Salad and Assorted Pies



## Cedarville Seniors

Thanks to all 36 who weathered the ugly weather last month to join us at Yoder's Restaurant to kick-start our new season.

The Cedarville Seniors would like to extend the hand of friendship and fellowship to any and all who wish to join our group for a fun year.

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 13, 2011 at noon in the FLC. Brown bag a lunch and your beverage and dessert will be provided.

We will be entertained by Karl Hauseman, pianist, vocalist and recording artist who has performed at Disney World, Hershey Park and Showboat in Atlantic City.

#### Upcoming Event:

December 1, 2011 – The Shenkel Lunch Bunch has a bus trip to Sight and Sound to see "The Miracle of Christmas" and dinner at Shady Maple Smorgasbord. They are in need of more people to fill their bus and have invited Cedarville to join them. If interested, see the brochure in the church narthex and in the FLC or contact Nancy Airey at 610-323-4796.



**Men's Fellowship  
Monday, October 10,  
2011**

**Family Life Center**

**Speaker: Frank  
Cebular**

**Topic: "Peco"**

**Dinner: Warren Mauger  
and Helpers**

**All Men Invited – See  
you there!**



### "Mousetails"

*Romans 6:23...the gift of  
God is eternal life in Christ  
Jesus our Lord.*

I suppose it was inevitable—we recently got notified of a "proposed rate change". One of the utilities is requesting a rate increase. You just can't rely on prices staying the same. They keep going up. That makes it all the more amazing that the price of salvation is the same as it was over 2000 years ago! Accept Christ as Savior, and it's done. The cost is locked in forever!

© Pam Frame 2010 from the book Mousetails



## Blessing of the Animals

On Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 p.m., Pam Frame will lead our annual Blessing of the Animals. All animals are welcome, but, for safety's sake all pets are asked to bring their owners on leashes. We'll meet at the pavilion, have a brief (20 minute) service followed by individual blessing of each animal present. Anyone wishing for intercessory prayer for animals not present is invited to contact Pam prior to the service, or to mention your request before the service starts. For further information, please contact Pam at [pam@cedarvilleumc.org](mailto:pam@cedarvilleumc.org), or 610-404-1379. Hope to see you there!



## Mission & Outreach

### Pottstown Cluster

For the month of October the Pottstown Cluster needs personal hygiene wipes, toothbrush/toothpaste, soap, deodorants, comb, shampoo/cream rinse, paper towels and toilet paper. Please keep those less fortunate in mind when you are shopping.

## In Ian's Boots

On Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Mission and Outreach Commission will again collect gently used shoes, winter boots, and soccer cleats for "In Ian's Boots" in the bin in Fellowship Hall. The committee wants to thank Chip Harpold for volunteering to deliver the gently used items to "In Ian's Boots, Inc."

[www.iniansboots.com](http://www.iniansboots.com)

## School Uniform Project

We had a wonderful response to our school uniform project this year. Thanks to all who purchased a uniform or donated money for the purchase of one. Thanks also to the Women's Fellowship who paid for the few uniforms we needed to buy after the deadline. We were able to supply the Cluster with 80 new school uniforms for needy children in the Pottstown School District. I had the privilege of seeing some of those happy faces of children with clean, crisp clothing on the first day of school. We can all be sure we've made a difference in someone's life.

Sue Paravis

## Flooding Disaster in the Northeast

If you would like to offer assistance to help those affected in the flooded areas, please go to the following link: <http://www.rethinkchurch.org/article/weekend-help-flood-recovery?fbu=1184247293>. Also, if you, your family, or friends are locally a victim of

flooding, this link will give important information about how to clean up – see the training videos on the link: hazard protection, structure/utilities, cleaning steps, washing/sanitizing, drying structure and preparing for winter (PDF).

## Praise and Appreciation For Support of Cedarville's Adult Mission Trip

**Proverbs 19:17 - Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.**

A special note of thanks to The Membership Enrichment Committee and all the folks that made The Honey Festival possible. Thank you for your time and energy put into this effort and we are very appreciative to the Committee for donating the proceeds from The Honey Festival towards the Adult Mission Trip. Thank you for your spirit of giving!

A very special thank you, as well, to those ladies of Cedarville's Sewing Group who lovingly crafted and donated handmade items that were for sale at The Honey Festival. Praise God for your gifts and willingness to support us through your talents!

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In addition to the support of The Membership Enrichment  
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## Appreciation for Support of Cedarville's Adult Mission Team – Continued

Committee, we are pleased to announce that we have also received a very generous donation from The Men's Fellowship Group, for which we are extremely grateful!

**The Adult Mission Trip Fund  
Raising Team thanks you for  
your continued support!**

### Fall's Fund Raising Forecast For CUMC's Adult Mission Trip

- ✚ The countdown is on to purchase a **25% Off Shopping Pass for Boscov's** Passes valid 10/4/11 \*\*Tickets \$5.00\*\* - 100% of proceeds kept by CUMC!
- ✚ **Wawa Hoagie Coupons** are here \*\*Get yours for \$4.00\*\*
- ✚ **Greeting Cards** will be available shortly!
- ✚ Watch for the kick off of our **Christmas Wreath Fund Raiser**. Information will be released shortly for your Christmas planning.
- ✚ Prayers of support for our Mission Trip Team Members

**--The Adult Mission Trip Fund  
Raising Team ( Elaine  
Armstrong, Audrey Buell,**

**Jackie Campbell, Patti  
McClimon, Joanne Means,  
Esther Sallitt, Sharon Yates  
and Susan Smith)**

## Compassion International

The following was received from Compassion concerning Cedarville's sponsored child, José Carlos:

Grace and peace Cedarville UMC,  
Hello! My name is Angela, I'm the director of the project where your sponsored son, José Carlos, is assisted with much affection. Continue praying for your sponsored son, so he'll grow up with wisdom in the presence of the Lord serving him with much happiness and love, because without love it is impossible to please God. All Fridays we do a service in our church for the children of the project where they learn to sing and pray and to learn how much God loves us and has supported us through wonderful people like you. José Carlos says bye with a tight hug and affection.



## Finance/ Stewardship

The theme for our 2012 Stewardship Campaign is "I BELIEVE"!

Here at Cedarville UMC:  
"WE BELIEVE"....  
Stewardship is everything you do after you say "YES" to Jesus. **Stewardship** is a

lifestyle choice that recognizes that everything is a gift from God. Through ministries of Worship, music, education, community outreach and service, we are working to fulfill our Christian charge.

**"WE BELIEVE"....**

**GOD is the true owner of all that we have in life.** A Christian steward contributes his or her time, talents, prayers and financial resources with a willing and joyful spirit. Being a generous giver is a spiritual response to God's goodness.

**"WE BELIEVE"...**

That you Believe, we as Cedarville UMC wants to and can do **MORE** in service to our Lord. Please prayerfully consider your stewardship commitment as you fill out your 2012 Faith Card. Whatever the Lord leads you to do is the right thing to do. "WE BELIEVE"!

## Grocery and Restaurant Cards

Don't forget that we have gift cards available after each service for Grocery Stores and Restaurants with proceeds going to help with church funds. An expanded list of gift cards will be available soon for your holiday shopping! Christmas is around the corner.

**October Supply of the  
Month: Toilet Paper**  
(Place in bins at the back of Fellowship Hall)





## Holiday Craft Show and Bazaar News (Bazaar Date is Saturday, November 5, 2011—Mark your calendars!)

### Apple Dumplings:

Can't believe it? Has it been a year? Yes, it has and we are getting things in order to make apple dumplings. Flour and shortening are on hand already. Apples have been ordered. Order sheets will be in the lobbies of the Sanctuary and Family Life Center.

The pie dough will be made on Friday, October 28, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. Prior to that date it will be necessary for anything stored in the refrigerator in Fellowship Hall to be removed as the space will be needed to store the dough for the 700 dumplings to be made.

The dumplings will be made on Thursday, Nov. 3 and Friday, Nov. 4, 2011 with a 9:00 a.m. start time. Help is needed and appreciated for washing, paring and coring 700 apples. As soon as apples are ready, we will begin making dumplings. We will need dough rollers, persons to add apples, brown sugar, butter and cinnamon. After all

ingredients are added, we need persons to fold crust over the apple.

We need syrup makers and oven tenders. After baking and cooling, we will need baggers and order packers.

We will be making low sugar dumplings again this year on a pre-order basis only.

Mark your calendar now for Friday, October 28 and November 3 and 4 for making apple dumplings. Don't wait to be asked to help – just volunteer and show up!

When placing orders, remember they freeze well and taste great when warmed to eat on a cold winter night.



### Attic Treasures:

Fall Cleaning - It is time to clean out your attic, basement and garage. The annual bazaar will be Saturday, November 5. We need your castaways for the Attic Treasures. You can begin placing your items in Room 102 on October 2. We cannot accept televisions, air conditioners, computers, and dehumidifiers because if we do not sell them it is costly to

dispose of these items. We also cannot accept cribs and car seats because laws concerning the resale. Also, we are not accepting clothing.

If you have any questions, please call Karen Baum, 610-323-5352.

### Listing of Items Being Collected at Cedarville

**Redner's Tapes** – for the American Cancer Society  
**Cancelled Stamps** – sent to tubfrim, an organization owned by the Norwegian Health Association – the stamps help handicapped children and youth in Norway.

**Used Toner Cartridges** – Provides free office supplies from Staples for the church  
**Campbell's Labels** – for Red Bird Mission

**Food Items** – for the Pottstown Cluster Pantry

**Supply of the Month** – helps with Cedarville's expenses

**Soda Tabs** – for Ronald McDonald House



### Cross Beams

If you would like your **Cross Beams** delivered via email to your inbox, please let Susan know...610-326-4173 or [susan@cedarvilleumc.org](mailto:susan@cedarvilleumc.org)



## Children & Youth

### CedarKidz

The month of October will find Cedarkidz finishing up "Jesus and the Children", which we have been focusing on during September. Through different stories and activities, the children have learned they play an important role in our community of faith and are valued greatly by God. In the middle of the month, we will be following Pastor Sherry's sermon series, **Better Together: 40 Days of Community**, with a specialized curriculum.

There are many opportunities to share your special talents with our children in the Cedarkidz program. We always welcome new ideas or volunteers to lend a hand. Please be in prayer for our team of teachers and shepherds as we continue to journey along to enrich our children in the word and ways of God.

Cedarkidz is designed for children 4 years old through 6th grade. Our church nursery has child care available for children 3 years and under. Parents can pick their children up from Cedarkidz at 10:45 in Room 105.

### Youth News

There will be a Youth Meeting on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the Bazaar. Bring Christmas wrapping paper! Meet in the Youth Room.



### Cedarville Nursery School

Just as quickly as we started, we are already beginning a new month. October already, really?

The children are settling in quickly to the routine of our school days. The three-year-olds have lots to learn about the happenings of everyday here at school. Where do I hang my backpack? Do I play now? Wash my hands before snack? The Pre-K classes are diving right in starting to learn their letters and numbers. The children make every day count to the fullest. The days are filled with activities such as, painting, block building, dressing up, reading, and making new friends.

As October approaches we look towards activities that include fall, fire prevention, and Halloween. We hope to travel on our first field trips this month, weather permitting of course, for a fall hayride and hopefully the fire station. Maybe if we are lucky, the rain will stop for a while so we can enjoy the beautiful weather and play on the playground. One can hope!

Our classroom is constantly filled with the sound of laughing and playing children. They are enjoying their days here, just as

we enjoy having them here. Happy fall!



## Trustees

### All-Church Work Day

On October 29<sup>th</sup> from 8am until noon there is a need for volunteers to rake some leaves and do some general clean-up in anticipation of our annual Bazaar the following weekend. We'd like to look our best for all those who pass through hunting for crafts, attic treasures and baked goods. Volunteer help from the church community is what enables Cedarville to "get the job done"----and this work day will include barbeque lunch at noon, furnished by Warren Mauger and kitchen crew (YUM!)

There isn't even one square yard of mulch to spread this time around, and a big THANK YOU goes out to the volunteers who have participated in "Adopt-a Plot" flower bed maintenance over the past months, which will make weeding only a minor task on the to-do list for this work day. But there are still plenty of general sorting and cleaning jobs to be had, as well as raking. Working a couple of hours on a Saturday morning really makes a big difference in the appearance of our campus. Please lend a hand.

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## Trustees - All Church Work Day – Continued

As follow up to our unlocked door problems, we have received no recent calls from police. Trustees (and especially a well-rested Will Knox) would like to thank everyone for being vigilant about making sure doors are locked and closed upon leaving the church in the evening. It's good to **not** receive the midnight emergency call! But all kinds of emergencies may arise at any time of day....and who gets those (infrequent) calls? Will does. What if Will isn't home? Yes, there is an emergency help call list, but it has only two other names on it, and maybe it should have more. Is there a reader(s) who would step forward to be added to this call list? Not looking for Mr. Fixit, but a person who can handle small crises like leaks, computer crashes, and plumbing issues and finding a way to put temporary band aid on the problem. Think of it as being AVAILABLE as the back-up for the back-up to the back-up. It would be great if we had a little more depth to the list. Volunteers should call Will Knox (who else?)

Hope to see a large crew on Work Day----without the usual stoop labor jobs to strain our backs, this officially qualifies as FUN volunteer service.

**Free Sofa in Classroom Hallway – available to anyone who is interested.**



## Ministry Enrichment Team



## Schuylkill River Festival

Once again Cedarville UMC is planning a day of fun and outreach at the Schuylkill River Festival in Pottstown. This community event is scheduled for Saturday, October 8, 2011 at Montgomery County Community College at River Front Park. It runs from 11:00-4:00, rain or shine. Cedarville UMC hosts a table where youngsters of all ages have an opportunity to purchase and decorate medium size field pumpkins. Children seem to just love the activity, so we have quite a few who have returned from past years. We offer a variety of foam stickers and Sharpies for decorating the pumpkins.

You can help in two ways: please consider volunteering for an hour or two in order to

promote our activities and to help adults and children decorate their pumpkins; also, consider donating foam stickers and/or Sharpies for folks to use that day.

Please e-mail Tammy Bowman with your volunteer hours at [tbowman@dejazzd.com](mailto:tbowman@dejazzd.com)



### Coffee Fellowship:

Do you like coffee on Sunday Mornings? We currently have openings for coffee makers!

We only ask one Sunday a month and it takes a little over an hour of your time. You just come about 45 minutes early for the Service and stay to clean up. Easy, since you are going to be here anyway!

Contact Debra Kabrich  
[kabrichfam@comcast.net](mailto:kabrichfam@comcast.net).

### Cedarville Nights:

Help wanted for Cedarville Nights!!! You can help every week or just once a month. We can use you however much you are available! Wednesday mornings we prepare for the dinner from 8:00 a.m. until approximately 11:00 a.m. We complete prep from 4:30 to 5:45, serve from 5:45 to 6:45, and clean up begins at 6:00 to approximately 8:00 p.m. If any of those times work for you, or combination of times, or even part of a time, we can use you!

Contact Debra Kabrich  
[kabrichfam@comcast.net](mailto:kabrichfam@comcast.net) 610-718-0543





# Thanks

To All Cedarville Ladies in the Sewing Group:

Thank you, Karen Baum for coming to visit with me. That was so nice and appreciated.

The throw is beautiful. I use it often. Thanks to all the ladies who put their time and love into making it.

God Bless you all.

Lula Whitlatch

Dear Friends,

I want to thank you for your generous contribution to the Blankets+ Program – especially appreciated in this challenging economy.

Thanks to caring donors like you, Church World Service can provide food, water and other necessities to families displaced by natural disasters, as we are doing in Pakistan now. And with your help, we can also assist impoverished communities as they work to improve their farming techniques, develop reliable water sources and build a more sustainable future.

In a world wounded in so many ways, I remain hopeful

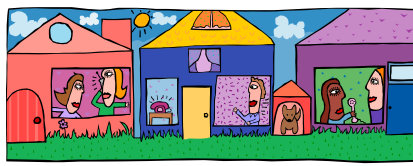
because of the creative resilient women, men and children we assist around the world, and because of caring people like you, who empower us to act on your behalf. May God bless you for your compassionate support.

Yours in service,

Rem. John

McCullough

Church World Service



## Community News

### Norristown Community House:

Some items are needed for the Norristown Community House and the Ministry of the Bowersox Family: cots/sleeping mats for visiting groups, twin mattress and box spring (in very good condition), twin bed, loft/bunk beds, random kitchen chairs, narrow bedroom dresser, small desk, desk chairs, dryer, patio/lawn furniture, tiki torches, outdoor trash cans, sharp knives, dinner plates, cereal/soup bowls, cups/glasses, and bathroom hand towels. Please contact Peter Bowersox at [peterbowersox@gmail.com](mailto:peterbowersox@gmail.com) or call him at 610-277-0496 if you have any of these items to donate.

**St. James Lutheran,  
Pottstown, PA  
Reaching Out  
Concert Series  
October 9 – 3:00 p.m.  
Global Hymn Sing –  
hymns from around  
the world**

## God's "Phone" Number

Hello God, I called tonight  
To talk a little while  
I need a friend who'll listen  
To my anxiety and trial.

You see, I can't quite make it  
through a day just on my own...

I need your love to guide me,

So I'll never feel alone.

I want to ask you please to keep,  
my family safe and sound.

Come and fill their lives with  
confidence for whatever fate  
they're bound.

Give me faith, dear God, to face  
each hour throughout the day,  
and not to worry over things  
I can't change in any way.

I thank you God, for being home  
and listening to my call,  
for giving me such good advice

When I stumble and fall.. !!!!!!!

Your number, God, is the only  
one that answers every time.  
I never get a busy signal,  
never had to pay a dime.

So thank you, God, for listening  
To my troubles and my sorrow.  
Good night, God, I love You, too,  
And I'll call again tomorrow!  
P.S. Please bless all my friends and  
family too.



## October Worship Helpers

### October Worship Leaders

#### 8:00 Traditional Worship

2 – Larry Frame  
9 – Jean Arbogast  
16 – Larry Fame  
23 – Jerry Poole  
30 – Pam Frame

#### 11:00 Traditional Worship

2 – Karen Baum  
9 – Gene Hohl  
16 – Elaine Lambert  
23 – Vicki Miller  
30 – Conrad Heimbach

### October Flowers

2 – Dean & Barbara Boyer  
9 – Helen Fitzsimmons  
Peggy & Justin Haines  
16 – Esther Oakes  
23 – Deb Kauffman  
30 – Betty Brehm



## October Ushers

### 8:00 Traditional

Glenn & Gale Nester

### 9:30 Contemporary TBA

### 11:00 Traditional

2 – Mary Viera, Patti McClimon, Frank Cebular & Gordy Lantz  
9 – Tom Lambert, Jill & Steve Detweiler, & Gordy Lantz  
16 – Rob Mutschler, Sue & Gene Ambruch & Gordy Lantz  
23 – Rob Mutschler, Jill & Steve Detweiler & Gordy Lantz  
30 – Mary Viera, Frank Cebular, Rob Mutschler & Gordy Lantz



**Worship Schedule:**  
8:00 & 11:00 Traditional Worship  
9:30 Contemporary Worship  
**Educational Opportunities:**  
9:45 Cedarville Kidz  
9:30 Into the Bible – Adult Class

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Arbogast & Betsy Bartman

**How To Become A Christian:**

**Understand the bad news**

- You are a sinner  
*For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23*
- The penalty for sin is death  
*For the wages of sin is death Romans 6:23*

**Believe the good news**

- Jesus Christ died for you  
*But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8*
- You can be saved by faith in the resurrected Jesus Christ.  
*For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God. Ephesians 2:8*

**How To Join  
Calvary Baptist Church**

We are glad you are here today! If you're interested in becoming a member of Calvary Baptist, here is some information to help you with your decision. At the close of each service we offer an "invitation" for you to come forward and join. There are four ways to become a part of the fellowship here at Calvary:

1. By making a Profession of Faith in Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and Lord, with a willingness to follow Him in believer's baptism.
2. By presenting yourself as a candidate for baptism (you are already a Christian, but have not been baptized by immersion).
3. By transferring your membership from another Baptist church.
4. By personal statement that you are a Christian and have been baptized by immersion.



*Memorial  
Flowers*

Flowers have been placed on the table in the foyer in memory of Juanita Marie Herring, mother of Rhonda Tietz. Juanita passed away June 19. Funeral services were held in Crockett on June 25 and a memorial service for local family and friends was held yesterday at Calvary. The Calvary family extends its sympathies to Rhonda and her family.



I want to thank my Calvary family for all of your prayers, visits, calls and the beautiful flowers. Most of all, thank you for your love.

Marjorie Bruner

Report For The Week of July 3, 2011	
Sunday School	72
Morning Worship Service	135
Evening Worship Service	Church picnic
Tithes & Offering	
General Fund	\$6333.94

**Women's Ministry News**

**Christmas in July?**

Yes, we do mean July! The next Ladies Fellowship will be a brunch on July 23 at the home of Nancy Vallee from 10 AM to Noon.



We will have a Christmas Ornament Swap. (you do not have to participate in this part of the fellowship).

Bring your ornament wrapped (please limit the cost to \$10 or less).

The menu is posted on the bulletin board. Please let us know what you can bring.

We are looking forward to another great time of fellowship and getting better acquainted with each other.

All Calvary women, college age and above are invited.



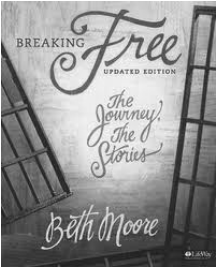
We have several in our church family with physical needs. Please lift them up.

Steven Patterson  
Imogene Montgomery  
Robert Hobson  
LaVerle Weatherly  
Phronsie Johns  
Evelyn Meeks  
**Nursing Home:**  
George Dylla  
Juanita Dickey  
Ray Litton

**Beth Moore Bible Study  
is coming to Calvary**

We will begin the Beth Moore Bible Study "Breaking Free" on Tuesday, August 2. It will last 11 weeks. This is an interactive study which includes personal, daily assignments as well as a video presentation each week.

If you would like to attend, please sign up on the bulletin board. A workbook will have to be purchased (\$7).



Carla Foote will lead this study. She attended this "wonderful" study last year and found that it dealt with many issues that women struggle with and how we can Break Free of strongholds and mindsets that we deal with daily.



**Jason Hurley Murray**  
**Paul Rowe**  
**Abraham Ortega**  
**Julius Ortega**  
**Jordan Dobbs**  
**Matthew Baker**  
**Scott Sloan**  
**James Ray Moses**  
**Crystal Moses**  
**Rodney Boerm**  
**Forrest Howard Mudge**  
**Robert McDonald**  
**Donnie Ray Petrash**

**Do you have someone in the military?  
Let the Church Office know.**

**Lunch at Salt Grass tomorrow**



See you tomorrow for games & fellowship at 9:30 and out to lunch about 11:30.

- Our 50+ group
- July 25 snack & game day
  - August 1 lunch day (**this is a date change**)
  - August 22 snack & game day
  - September 12 Galveston tour of carved trees (county bus) and lunch in Galveston
  - September 26 snack & game day
- If you are 50 or older, you are an XYZER! Join us!  
**Check back here to see if we have to make any changes!**



**Noah got help getting  
on the Slip n Slide  
While Brennan figured out it took a  
big running start to get on it**



**Junior Campers**

July 11-15  
Leaving tomorrow morning  
For Southland Camp  
Be here at 8 AM

Pray for our campers  
and sponsors.

Aaron Tietz  
Jordan Burk  
Antonio Perez  
Cristian Perez  
Vincent Perez  
Abigail Hale  
Alyssa Solis  
Suzanne McBride  
Sandra McBride  
Rachel Alvarado

Jason Millican  
Sam Ford  
Rosa Hale  
Anna Hale

Prayer Envelopes  
are available by the  
offering plates





### Opportunities For The Week

#### Sunday, July 10, 2011

Sunday School	9:30 AM
Morning Worship Service	10:45 AM
With Bro. Jene Conwell	
Evening Worship Service	6:00 PM
With Bro. Jene Conwell	
Regular Business Meeting	at end of service

#### Monday, July 11, 2011

Junior Campers meet for camp	8:00 AM
XYZers meet for games and fellowship	9:30 AM
Leave for lunch (car pool) at 11:30 AM	

#### Wednesday, July 13, 2011

Youth Bible Study	6:00 –8:00 PM
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#### Friday, July 15, 2011

Junior Campers	return about 3:00 PM
Parents will be called when they are about an hour away	

July 10, 2011

Welcome, family of God! We rejoice that God gives us one another as sisters and brothers in faith.

Welcome  
to  
Calvary

#### We Care

The people of Calvary want to pray for you. If you have a prayer need, fill out one of the prayer request slips located at the rear of the sanctuary by the offering receptacles. Place the request in the offering plate or hand to an usher.

So that the atmosphere of worship is not disturbed, please turn off all cell phones and pagers when entering the sanctuary.

Nursery Available (infants—4 yrs)  
Ask an usher for assistance

