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CHURCH OF PEACE

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Newsletter

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Worship in July



July 2nd: Sermon: "Elegy Over Saul"
 Scripture: II Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130; II Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:24b—34
 Reader: Ruby Jecks
 Soloist: Laurie Skjerseth
 Communion and Food Pantry

July 9th: Guest Speaker—Rev. Jane Courtwright; Sermon: "Enough Is Enough Already!"
 Scripture: II Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48; II Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13
 Soloist: Steven Tallitsch
 Reader: Judy Hansen

July 16th: Sermon: "Consolidation of Power";
 Scripture: II Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29
 Reader: Jessica Waytenick
 Soloist: The Country Christians

July 23rd: Sermon: "A House or a Home?"; Scripture: II Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34
 Reader: Deb Holmes
 Soloist: Giles Weigandt

JAZZ IT UP!!!

The music from Bix Beiderbecke Jazz Festival is moving across the river to our church on SUNDAY, JULY 30th for the seventh annual Dixie-land Sunday! Invite your friends and family to come to this great service of music by our talented church musicians. Bring your friends! You don't want to miss it!

Chip in for the Church and Win!

It's time to make your guess for Birdies for Charity. Enclosed is a form for you to fill out. Turn it in by July 9th in the box in the back of the church. 100 of your tax-deductible donation will return to the church after the tournament. Last year we raised over \$1,400!



With your guess, you are eligible to win a free ticket to the Classic, a John Deere riding mower, airline tickets, prizes, or a 2006 Buick Lacrosse! Pledge today and everyone wins! If you have any questions, please ask Jessica Way-

Join the Lunch Bunch

The Summer Lunch Program for neighborhood children continues through July 21st. There is no serving on July 3rd and July 4th. Serving is from 12 noon through 1 pm. This year has been successful so far with 90—100+ children being served each day. With a different menu every day, the neighborhood kids enjoy eating at the Church of Peace! We also offer them the Tuesday/Thursday Club, and movies on Fridays. Volunteers are needed for the month of July; so if you would like to help,





*Memo
From
Michael*



Since last month, I have attended two church-wide conferences. The first was our Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ meeting at Elmhurst College. Ed Johnson accompanied me to this conference, and one of the highlights was music by Bryan Sirchio. We will use some of this music this fall in our Stewardship emphasis.

Next I attended my California Nevada Annual Conference meeting in Sacramento. A key celebration there was the 50th anniversary of full clergy rights for women. There was a worship service one afternoon with over 150 clergywomen processing in robes and stoles as part of the celebration. And most of them were women I knew and had worked with as colleagues!

Lots going on here at Church of Peace as well. We are averaging almost 100 meals daily in the Summer Lunch Program. School busses arrive from both the Primary and the Intermediate Academies along with walk-ins from the neighborhood. We have added some enrichment activities: there is a Tuesday-Thursday Club that features field trips. The first week was Whitewater Junction. Last week was Bettendorf Family Museum. Each involved about 50 youngsters. On Fridays there is a DVD movie. Last Friday, 32 people watched Madagascar in the Fellowship Hall. The image was projected on the wall, about 8 x 5 feet! The sound, thanks to George Oelschlaeger, was run through the PA system. Pretty professional! Step-by-step the program is building.

We have received two work camps so far. Our main partner is Project NOW. The work camps were welcomed into a nice, clean parish house.

The June Congregational Meeting was last Sunday after worship. 45 members attended and we attended to our business. A highlight was a power-point presentation about the church-wide survey presented by Rhys Fullerlove. Our main areas of focus are 1) membership, 2) attendance, 3) outreach program, and 4) additional revenue sources for the church. Seems pretty reasonable to me.

This Sunday our Intergenerational Sunday School resumes at 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall.

Next week our family is gone for a vacation to Mexico. It will be wonderful to travel together as a family of four.

Whatever happened to the summer slump? Seems like summer is busier than any other time of year.

See you in church.

- Michael

Council Briefs

The Council this week heard great reports from the Summer Feeding Program. Nora reported that the program has been averaging 90—100 children a day. It was proposed, however, to change the lunch time from 11:30—1:00 to 12:00—1:00. Many children are in summer school and do not arrive at the church until 12:30. Changing the time cuts down on the time for volunteers. The Council approved the time change.

Rhys Fullerlove shared that the secretary's new computer has been installed. The new computer is 1/3 the size of a normal computer. He also reported that the wireless internet is working again. Any church member can use the wireless connection. There is a password on the network so any member wishing to use it needs to contact me.

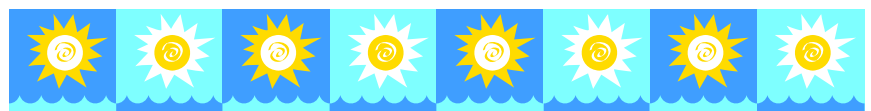
The Building & Grounds Committee has an issue with the refrigerators in the parsonage. Aaron Waytenick stated that both refrigerators are getting old and having a hard time holding their temps. With work camps coming in, having a working refrigerator is necessary. If any member has a refrigerator they would like to donate, please contact Aaron.

**YOU ARE CORDIALLY
INVITED . . .**

to a reception in honor of Joe Schorpp's belated 90th birthday on Saturday, August 12th from 1—4 pm in Fellowship Hall at Church of Peace. This reception is hosted by his children, Ron and Kathy and their families. Mark your calendars!

Sunday School Resumes in July

Join us in July and August for Intergenerational Sunday School class at 9:00 am. Meet in Fellowship Hall, and different church members will lead the classes!





Around the Circles



*Stacey Colclasure
and
Adam Readout*

*will be married
Saturday, July 22nd
at 3 pm
in
Church of Peace.*

**PLEASE JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE!
EVERYONE IS INVITED!**

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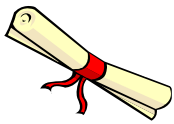
Ten members attended the June 5th potluck picnic at Fyre Lake covered bridge. Georgette Fullerlove and Roma Nesseler were hostesses. Marie Timmer had devotions on "Hello, Good Buddy!" The circle will provide altar flowers in honor of all flowers on June 18th, and will host the annual meeting lunch on June 25th. Election of officers was held with the following re-elected: Deb Holmes as president, LouDella Bernauer as vice-president, Vieno Martensen as secretary, and Tyyne Thompson as treasurer. Corinne Paaske will be the September 11th hostess.

- Vieno Martensen

Tri Mu Circle

Ten members of Tri Mu Circle met at the home of Donna Boyle for their birthday celebration picnic. Betty Nesseler led devotions of Friendship Psalms. Election of officers was held for the 2006—2008 term. New officers are Nancy Olson as president, Carla McGreevey as vice-president, Emilie Braughton as secretary, and Betty Nesseler as treasurer. Tri Mu will serve as the hostess for the September Women's Guild meeting. Hostesses for the meetings during the coming year were arranged.

- Emilie Braughton
Secretary



UPDATE ON GRADUATES!

Let's congratulate our members who have graduated from high school or college this year:

- ★ Carly Colgan—Knox College with a biology degree
- ★ Mitch Elliott—Bradley University with an elementary education degree
- ★ Mariah Johnson—Western IL University with a business administration degree
- ★ Molly McGreevey—Augustana College with an elementary education degree
- ★ Taylor Swartz—University of Minnesota with sociology and English degrees
- ★ Andy Colgan—Rock Island High School. Will attend the University of IL.
- ★ Megan Elliott—Rockridge High School. Will attend Elmhurst College.
- ★ Becca Swartz—Pleasant Valley High School. Will attend Cornell College.



UPCOMING WORK CAMPS:

- July 5—St. Luke Methodist Church from Newton, IA; bringing 28 in their group!
- July 23—St. John UCC from Granite City, IL; bringing 8 in their group.
- July 30—West Liberty, IA Youth Group; bringing 12 in their group.
- August 6—First Presbyterian Church from Kirksville, MO; bringing 8 in their group

If you see the campers around the church, please welcome them! Thanks to the ladies of the church who have donated treats, or have signed up to donate, for the work camps!

CONGRATS . . . to Mary Oelschlaeger and her Walkers for their participation in winning the Walk to the Moon contest! We are proud of you all!



NEW ADDRESS!

Taylor Swartz
400 Penn Ave No.
Minneapolis, MN
55405



July Greeters

02 Everett & Shirley Franks
09 Diane & Darlene McCarthy
16 Louise Stice
23 Ruby Jecks
30 Myrna Adams

JULY FLOWERS

July 2—In honor of America's birthday and in memory of Mabel Martensen from the Martensen Family

No flowers scheduled for the rest of the month. Call Nora at 788-6357 if you would like to contribute.

Altar Guild Schedule

July

02 Bea Anderson
09 Vieno Martensen
16 Tyyne Thompson
23 Linda Schmitt

Church Staff Members

Michael SwartzPastor
Rachel Bationo..... Outreach Director
Nora Steele.....Secretary
Brian Wischnak.....Sexton
Mary Oelschlaeger Parish Nurse
Nan Wischnak..... Work Camp Director
Mary Kae Waytenick ... Music Director
Jessica Waytenick Choir Director
Curtis Oelschlaeger Bell Choir Director

JULY BIRTH-DAYS

3. Robert Nesseler
Jesse Snyder
4. Ruth Anderson
Nancy Snyder
5. John Love
7. Judy Bote
8. Marjorie Murphy
Brian Johnson
Julie Young
9. Corinne Paaske
10. Bessie Schweiss
12. Kylie Wymer
Shirley Stigers
13. Robt. Schroeder
14. Tyyne Thompson
Andrew Gray
17. Curtis Oelschlaeger
Justin Frank
20. Kathy Manthey
Amber Clark
21. Cynthia Cullen
22. John Hansen
23. Stephanie Geiger
24. Sue Spurgetis
25. Darlene McCarthy
Diane McCarthy
27. Ruby Armstrong
28. Ken Kuenning
29. Harold Habertur



If you have something for the bulletin or the Visitor, e-mail us!

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Well, I no longer have a gall bladder, but I know what I do have—a kind and caring church family! Thanks for making me feel better with prayers, cards, flowers, food, phone calls, and chocolate malts! You are loved and appreciated!



- Carla McGreevey

THANK YOU . . .

to our church family for your expressions of sympathy on the death of our sister, Aune Crapnell.

- Vieno Martensen

Don't forget your offertory envelopes can be mailed in to the church, even if you're out of town on vacation.



Jesus wore sandals after Labor Day.

So wear what you want.

It's time for religion with relevance. The United Church of Christ. We're about justice, understanding and exploration. Not dogma and rules. So no matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here. God is still speaking.

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