



The Visitor

Newsletter

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“UNDER THE BIG TOP” RALLY DAY

The Education Committee is sponsoring this circus-themed day on Sunday, Sept 10th. Breakfast will be served from 8:30—10 am, and will consist of pancakes and sausage. A free will offering will be accepted. The fun will start at 9 am, and continue during the worship time. Please plan on attending to help kick off the Sunday school year. As always, you are encouraged to bring a friend!



We Love a Parade!

Don't forget to join us for the Rock Island Labor Day Parade on Monday, Sept. 4th at 9:30 am. The theme this year is "We Are Family". The church band will be playing, but we need walkers also. Families are especially encouraged to join us. You may bring candy to hand out along the route, plus we will have flyers. Please let Ed Johnson know if you're participating so we know how many to plan for. Once again, Myrna Adams has graciously offered her yard to gather at when the parade ends so we can enjoy some snacks and drinks. If you would like to donate food, please see Ed. See you there!

Go Out to Lunch at Our Own Church

Come to the fifth annual Neighborhood Sampler for lunch, and eat at several different restaurants at once! On Sunday, September 24th from 11:30 am-2:00 pm, sample foods from different establishments around Rock Island, including Aunt

Bea's Cafe, Dragon Chef, Mama Compton's, Nancy's Pies and more! They will be offering smaller portions so you can try one of everything. Purchase some items from each place.

There will

be door prizes of gift certificates from other Rock Island restaurants. Invite your friends from all over to meet you for lunch at the Neighborhood Sampler!



Worship in September

September 3—Labor Day Weekend

Sermon: “Work to Rule”

Scripture: Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8; Psalm 15; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Reader: Ed Johnson

Communion and Food Pantry

September 11—Rally Day

Sermon: “Jesus: Speech Therapist”

Scripture: Isaiah 35:4-7a; Psalm 146; James 2:1-10,14-17; Mark 7:24-37

Reader: Karen Young

Music: Chancel Choir

September 17—Sermon:

“North Country”

Scripture: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 116:1-9; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-28

Reader: Bob Steeber

Music: Bell Choir

September 24—Sermon:

“Sneaking through Galilee”

Scripture: Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 54; James 3:13-18; Mark 9:30-37

Reader: Nancy McConnell

Music: Children's Choir



**Memo
From
Michael**



Jill Medvedow is a fairly new director of Boston's Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA). This museum has focused over the last 70 years on housing traveling exhibits, and its most recent site was an old police station.

Well, ICA is building a permanent home and building a permanent collection by buying a piece or two from those traveling exhibits. The museum has acquired 24 works by contemporary artists, all gifts from patrons. Medvedow says, "If the ICA had collected out of its exhibition history for its first 70 years, it wouldn't necessarily have the biggest collection in the world, but it would certainly have one of the most important." She goes on, "Our idea is that 100 years from now, we'll have played that role in the 21st century."

In our daily pressures to do what needs to be done right now, it is good to be reminded of the long perspective. While thinking about 100 years in the future will not relieve our daily tasks, that perspective puts our present in context. Our society thinks in very short term these days. Those of us who follow the God of the ages will do well to think about the future in a longer view.

It is interesting to be reminded of this by the director of a modern art museum!

See you in church.

- Michael

Rachel Bationo, our Outreach Director, has found a full-time job in Washington D.C. that begins immediately. She has already moved! "I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Outreach Director, and look forward to remaining in contact." We certainly wish her well in her new endeavors and move!



Council Briefs

During the first 45 minutes of the August Church Council meeting, we listened to a presentation by Steve Trello from Church Mutual, the oldest church insurance company in the U.S. During his presentation, he put forth a potential insurance policy for the church. If we take this policy, the premium would be less than half of what we are paying now. This matter will be voted on during the September Council meeting.

During the regularly scheduled portion of the meeting, the Council learned of a \$6000 gift from the estate of Lloyd Nelson, as well as a \$1000 donation to the Book Nook from the Rauch Foundation. The Council approved a proposal by the Health and Wellness Committee to reinstitute a recycling policy at the church. A church cleanup day scheduled for August 26th was postponed until September 23rd. It was also decided that a new member class will start during early September.

Jimmy Sederquist, Secretary



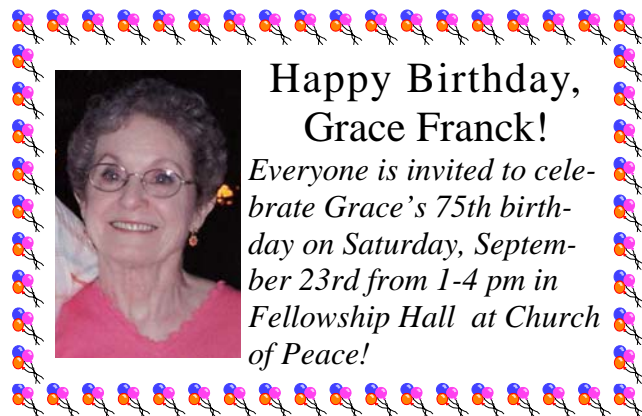
Oktoberfest

Circle Saturday, October 21st on your calendar. The Church of Peace is going to have an Oktoberfest at the Rock Island Conservation Club on Big Island. Serving will be from 5:30 to 7:30 pm with entertainment throughout the evening. Plus we'll have silent auctions and raffles. This event will be advertised to the general public also so you are encouraged to bring friends. Look for more details and ticket sales in the weekly bulletins and October Visitor. If you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to contact any church council member. Proceeds from this will go to the church's OCWM pledge for 2006.

The first meeting of the Confirmation Class will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 6th at 7:00 pm in the Lounge. The class is designed for Junior High age youth preparing for church membership. This first meeting will be a joint meeting with parents or sponsors. Pastor Swartz will teach the class.

**HELP US MAKE
BEAUTIFUL
MUSIC!**

Bell Choir practice will begin on Sunday, September 10th following Worship. We practice on Sunday after church every week except for the one week per month that we play during church. See Gurtie Oelschlaeger if you are interested.



**Happy Birthday,
Grace Franck!**

Everyone is invited to celebrate Grace's 75th birthday on Saturday, September 23rd from 1-4 pm in Fellowship Hall at Church of Peace!

Children's Sunday School

Sunday School for children will officially start on Sunday, Sept. 17th at 9 am. As a reminder, that is also the date we will start children's church again. After the children's message during worship, children will be dismissed to go to the nursery if they are in kindergarten or younger, or to Room 2 if they are in first to sixth grades. Children may also go back to their parents if they choose. If you have any questions, please see Ed Johnson.



Adult Membership Class

There will be a fall class for adults interested in Church membership or church members who would like a refresher. The class will meet at 9:00 am in Room 2 on Sunday mornings—September 17 & 24, October 1 & 8. The class sessions will focus on Baptism, Communion, Basic Beliefs of the Church, and Church History.



This year, two lucky members from our church guessed the correct number of birdies shot during the John Deere Classic. Donna Allman and Mary Kae Waytenick attended the drawing for the new car, but unfortunately didn't win. They did receive a gift certificate to the TPC at Deere Run golf course. 69 people correctly guessed 1,974 birdies. The church has been involved in the Birdies for Charity program since 1999. To date, it has helped raise over \$6,000 for the church. Several years ago, another member, Ruby Jecks, had the right number of birdies; but she didn't win the car either!!



**Adult Sunday School in
September**

9 am in the Lounge
Sept. 10 - Under the Big Top - Rally Day
Sept. 17 & 24 - Guest TBA

Family Activity Corner from Christian Education

**Ways to Show Children
You Care!**

1. Read aloud together.
 2. Giggle together.
 3. Be nice.
 4. Say yes a lot.
 5. Tell them their feelings are okay.
 6. Set boundaries that keep them safe.
 7. Be honest.
 8. Be yourself.
 9. Listen to their stories.
 10. Hug them.
- (to be continued)

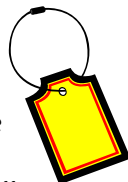
**Family Activity Ideas
for September**

1. Make kindness coupons to share with your family.
2. Practice good manners.
3. Write a family bill of rights.
4. As a family, help out a neighbor in need by raking leaves, carrying groceries, etc.
5. Organize a family touch football game.
6. As a family, set the table for dinner.



Rake Up the Bargains

The Purchased at the Parsonage Sale will be October 6-7. Please bring your items to the north stairwell so everything can be sorted and priced. Household items sell really well. Our sales have been so successful in the past because of all the great donations!



Altar Guild Schedule

September

- 3. Marie Timmer
- 10. Linda Schmitt
- 17. Ruth Anderson
- 24. Georgia Steeber

September Flowers

September 3—In loving memory of Milton from Lucille Bauck.

September 10—In honor of Sunday School children from Jessica Waytenick

September 17—

September 24—In honor of Floyd's birthday from the Elliott Family.

September Greeters

- 03 Myrna Adams
- 10 Carol Steele
- 17 Dick & Marie Timmer
- 24 Bob Motz

Church Staff Members

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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1. Ruth Hansen
6. Baylee Lerch
7. Nell Worrell
8. Sheryl Wadsworth
Carol Steele, Jameson Clark
Rachel Price, Ryan Price
9. James Sederquist
Nora Steele
10. David Struss
11. Carol Atkins
James Nesseler
Jay Avery
12. Karen McGhee
Suzanne Crawford
Wallace Nickels
Kevin Steeber
13. Gerald Waeyaert
Jason Masengarb
14. Richard Hansen
15. Adam Manthey
17. Jason Clark
Elijah Stewart
18. Gary Hammond
19. Grace Franck
Sylvia Elliott
Nancy Olson
20. Patricia Moore
David Elceser
22. Karen Young
Blake Anderson
23. Richard Timmer
Cory Bote
Molly Nesseler
24. Floyd Elliott
Luke Geiger
25. Ruth Sederquist
Clara Todd
Emily Thompson
David Kirk
26. Judy Patsch
Donna Schwartz
28. Corinne Colclasure
29. Kevin Johnson
Adam Clark



Our apologies to Lisa Stewart for missing her August 2nd birthday!

New Address

Becca Swartz, Box #894
 (make sure it isn't a PO Box)
 810 Commons Circle
 Mt. Vernon IA 52314-1000

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It is with our deepest appreciation that we say thank you for all of the acts of kindness that you have shown to the staff and students of the Primary Academy. Our students had the opportunity to start their own personal library through the Book Nook that you've provided to our students. Many of your members have given their time to volunteer in our library and classrooms and mentor our children. These are just a few of the many things that you have done for us. It is our pleasure to have you as one of our School Partners, and we look forward to many years of continued friendship with your church.

Teresa Campbell,
 R.I. Primary Academy

Thank you to Rev. Swartz and Mary Oelschlaeger for their recent visit and the food. It was very much appreciated.

Wilma Alchrecht

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