

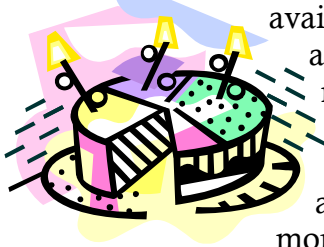
# The Visitor

# CHURCH OF PEACE

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Happy Birthday to You, and You, and You!

It is everyone's birthday on August 7 right after worship for the Birthday Lunch. There will be 12 tables, one for each month. Hungry Hobo sandwiches and chips will be served with a birthday cake at every table also. (There will be an angel food cake available to those who prefer that.) You are asked to set at the table of your birthday month.



If you have not signed up and you would like to attend, just call Ed Johnson at 786-8090 and leave your name and birth month for everyone who is attending. Please

do this by Friday, August 5. These reservations will assist us in determining how much food to order. Door prizes will be given away too! A free will offering will be accepted. Invite a friend also. This party is sponsored by the Education Committee.

## Tour Yesterday: Church and Neighborhood

This tour is composed of four Rock Island churches: Church of Peace, Broadway Presbyterian, Sacred Heart Roman Catholic, and St. John's Lutheran. The tour will be held Saturday, August 20th from 1-4:30 p.m. Tour-goers may start at any church and will be greeted by parishioners who will tell the history of their church along with some architectural history. In addition, the R.I. Preservation Society is tying the churches to the neighborhoods with members of the Longview, Broadway, Greenbush, and Keystone neighborhood associations telling about their efforts as well. Two mini-buses will be available to transport tour-goers between the different churches. Admission is a \$2 donation for adults; under 12 years free.



Wayne Miller, Lyn Paris, Mark Burton, Jason Schaad

The Circuit Riders are performing at our church again on Sunday, Aug. 21st. They have been performing for almost seven years and sing a wide variety of music, with an emphasis on Southern gospel and songs by the Gaithers. Their name is based on the itinerant preachers who, in the early days of the United States, traveled from town to town on horseback. They rode the "circuit" tirelessly, and thus were instrumental in spreading the "Good News" throughout the new frontier.

## Worship in August



August 7—Sermon: "Walk on Water" Scripture: I Kings 19:9-18; Psalm 85; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33  
Reader: Emily Young  
Soloist: Nancy Olson  
Communion and Food Pantry  
All-church Birthday Party

August 14—Sermon: "All Nations" Scripture: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Psalm 67; Matthew 15:21-28  
Reader: Julie Young  
Soloist: Heidi Pederson

August 21—Sermon: "Keys to the Kingdom" Scripture: Exodus 6: 2-8; Psalm 138; Matthew 16: 13-20  
Reader: Rhys Fullerlove  
Soloist: Circuit Riders

August 28—Sermon: "Created for Community" Scripture: Jeremiah 15:15-21; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:21-26  
Reader: Jimmy Sederquist  
Soloists: Katie Casey



## Memo From Michael

Thanks to a lot of work from Rhys Fullerlove and good cooperation from our partners at Community Caring Conference we are becoming more sophisticated with computer networking. We have higher speed internet and the office computer has been upgraded to write as well as read CDs and DVDs. We are working toward a wireless network! We pray that this will make us more efficient.

We had two work camps at once this week! And they did a lot of work. Part of this was clearing the house of a community member who accumulates incredible amounts of stuff, to the degree that the city inspector said he could not live there unless it was cleaned out. And some of the work campers cleaned the house. It took several days. Another group built a room for the Hope House while yet another group assisted Project Now by painting an apartment. The campers also assisted Youthbuild. Good work from Nan Wischnack.

We had over seventy people eat lunch at our meal site on Thursday!

One of the more discreet programs at the church is assisting young people who need to do community service because of some misdeed they have committed. Earlier this summer we helped one young person complete the required hours. She was also a great help. Another person began today. Pray with me that this person will complete the required hour. The biggest challenge is for the young person to find the time and have the organization and maturity to see the significance of the program and following through to put in the required hours. It is a privilege to assist our neighbors in this way.

I am delighted that Ed Johnson will help us coordinate participation the Labor Day parade. This is a good way to strut our stuff in the community.

Mary Oelschlaeger tells me that over 18 persons came to give blood last week and that the blood bank is ready to schedule the next time already. Thanks to Virginia Milligan for coordinating the calling.

The Outreach Committee is planning to do the Book Nook at the Primary Academy (formerly known as Hawthorne Irving School.) Mrs. McCorkle is ready to welcome us back.

I am grateful to be part of a church more at risk of burnout than rust-out.

See you in church.

- Michael

## Council Briefs

Ed Johnson brought in a Neighborhood Partners mailing in which we are listed as one of the churches on a tour Saturday, August 20th. Members will be present to explain the history and architecture of the church. This commitment brought up a discussion of planning activities in general, and how so many activities have been handled by the same group of people. In order to try to spread things out and coordinate our activities better, it was decided to reinstate the cabinet meetings. The first one will be held in late September. We will try to have a representative from every committee, circle, or organization present so a yearly calendar can be outlined.

Also, with the heavy-duty workload which has occurred these past few months, the council suggested that we have one social event celebrating the church's 110th anniversary this year, and that this event be informal. An Oktoberfest was mentioned as a possibility. It was duly noted by a "colorful" council member that since the women of the church had been largely serving these recent gatherings, it would be nice if the men would be in charge of the anniversary celebration event. WELL?????!!!!!!

Judy Patsch, Secretary

### Borders Discount Benefits Churches United

Churches United has teamed up with Borders in Davenport, for a fundraising event that will benefit Churches United and those individuals that shop on August 5, 6, or 7 at Borders. Individuals will receive a 10% discount on all purchases made on these dates when they present a coupon (available thru Nora) at the time of purchase. What a great opportunity to save some cash, and put some cash into the pockets of Churches United for the many ministries they support!



### Rally Day is September 11

Please mark your calendars now to attend this kick-off of the Sunday school year. Our theme this year is safety and it is jointly sponsored by the Health and Wellness and Education committees. Our tentative plans include having demonstration stations on, but not limited to, the following: hand washing demos, fire dept. demo, kitchen safety, CCC fingerprinting of children, info from the Red Cross, bicycle safety and other ideas also. Please plan on attending.



## Jr./Sr. High School Teacher Needed!


The Education Committee is searching for someone to teach this class on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. No experience is needed! We have a great and faithful core of students who are looking for a leader. If this is a way you may see to serve your Church, please contact Ed Johnson. If you are only interested in teaching through the end of December, that would be good too. That would buy us some more time to search for someone for the second half of the year. Please think and pray on this and please consider helping us out.

### Labor Day Parade

The Church is currently contacting other UCC churches in the QC's to see if they are interested in joining us to walk in the Rock Island parade. It is suggested that each church carry their own God is Still Speaking banner if they have one and that we all wear red t-shirts with the logo on it. Stay tuned for more info on this.

### August Work Camps

Aug 1—Trinity UCC, Marengo  
Aug 7—Community Christian, North Canton, OH  
Aug 14—1st Cong. UCC, Springfield, IL

 Chancel Choir practice begins on Wednesday, August 31st at 7:00 p.m. in the Music Room. Anybody interested in being in choir is welcome to attend.

Jessica Waytenick

## Summer Lunch Program Update:

The Summer Feeding Program is winding down its last week. Everyone involved can pat themselves on the back and say it was operated successfully. Participation started slowly, but this week has seen the program end on a high note of approximately 60 participants per day! We are happy to have helped the number of people that we have! This program was a huge project, and could not have been accomplished without everyone's help.

THANK YOU to the following:

- To all the church members who volunteered their time (at least five every day!) who we could not have run the program without. Your time is valuable, yet you chose to help with this project!
- To Tad Birditt, Connie Hayes, Shirley Suarez, Michelle Isaacs, and Katie Casey - even though you are not members of the church, you chose to donate your time and help a worthwhile program.
- To Kathy Manthey and Carol Longley from the East Moline and Rock Island School Districts - your guidance helped us get our feet on the ground and run the program efficiently.
- To Amy Bianco and Tandi Turner from the State of Illinois - you answered Nora's calls of help many times, and walked her through miles of internet paperwork and forms.
- To Pam Gustafson, our sanitation specialist - you answered our call for a certification specialist, and ran our program successfully. You always were cheerful and easy to work with!
- To Joann Love and Carla McGreevey - you ran the program while Nora was greeting her new grandchild. Without you this week, the program would have collapsed, especially since this was the week the state inspector decided to visit!
- To Marguerite Nelson - you became our guardian angel when you donated your freezer to the church! The city inspector had just told us to purchase a different freezer; you overheard the conversation, and answered a prayer!
- To George Oelschlaeger, Tom McGreevey, Bob Steeber, Jim Nesseler, and Michael Swartz - it took muscles to move Marguerite's freezer to the church, and you were there to provide!
- To Ed Johnson - you made unexpected trips to the church to sign forms that were needed immediately, and made sure we had what we needed to run the program.

Once again, thank you to everyone for their support and willingness to try and feed hungry children!

- Nora Steele

## New Arrivals

Kevin and Mariah Johnson are the proud parents of a second daughter, Kaylee Susan, born June 27th in Rock Island. Kaylee is welcomed at home by older sister, Ashley. Proud grandparents are Ed and Sue Johnson.

Dave and Nora Steele are proud to announce the arrival of their second grandson, Caden James Klossner, born on June 27th in Wausau, WI. Proud parents are Jake and Jenna. Jenna is Nora and Dave's daughter.



First United Methodist Church has closed their Weekend Meal Site doors until August 13th when their new program of Saturday Lunches will be started. Food is served at 12:30 pm every Saturday. Doors open at 10 am, and everyone is welcome!

Union UCC in Moline will hold a craft bazaar and bake sale on September 10th from 9 am to 3 pm. To reserve a table or outdoor space, call 797-4553 or 762-6966. Everyone is invited to attend!

August Greeters  
 07 Gloria Bamman  
 14 Louise Stice  
 21 Linda Schmitt

AUGUST Flowers

August 7—  
August 14—In memory of my father by Richard Lohrens.  
August 21—In memory of our son and brother by the William Bernauer family.  
August 28—

**Altar Guild Schedule**  
August  
 7. Ruth Anderson  
 14. Donna Allman  
 21. Karen Anderson  
 28. Grace Franck

Church Staff Members

Michael Swartz .....Pastor  
 Dave Kirk.....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

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

1. Joshua Frank
4. Gerhard Kost  
Nancy McConnell
7. Kathlyn Snyder
8. Linda Porter  
Sara Dietz  
Marissa Elliott
9. Peggy Colclasure  
Kathy Jo Price
10. Jack Miers  
Ginny Zimmerman
12. Debbie Holmes  
Kenneth Tompkins
13. Jane Roels  
Kenzie Johnson
14. Myrna Adams  
Kenzie Johnson
15. Judy Elliott  
Linda Schmitt  
Andrew Colgan  
Stacy Colclasure
16. William Dittman  
Ashley Johnson
17. Sarah Manthey
19. Candace Clark  
Steven Bartels
20. Paul Snell  
Sherree Zimmerman
22. Lloyd Nelson
23. Molly Nesseler
24. Ann Sullivan
25. Wilma Albrecht
26. Karen Leonard  
Benjamin Holmes  
Mitchell Elliott
27. Diana Feldhahn  
Cole Geiger
29. Gerald Braughton
30. Loretta Dittman  
Rebecca Swartz  
Akarea Steele
31. Richard Snyder



Thank you to all who visited me and sent cards (also birthday cards!) to me while I was staying in the health facilities. I appreciate your thoughtfulness!  
 Lillian Lerch

Thank you to all our Church of Peace family for your many prayers and kind words throughout Mom's illness and recent death. Your support is so very helpful during this difficult time. We would like to offer a special THANKS to Mary Oelschlaeger who was great in looking out after Mom's needs as well as ours through the caregivers support group. God Bless You All!  
 Love, Ed and Sue Johnson

Thank you to my church family and friends for the cards I received for my 96th birthday. They were all greatly appreciated.  
 Bessie Schweiss

I wish to "thank" all the circles for their pledge of \$25 to purchase the new Advent and Christmas Eve candles. The previous set has lasted three years thanks to the wax servers also purchased by the circles. The Altar Guild appreciates your generosity.  
 God Bless, Bea Anderson

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