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The Christian Education programs are on summer break, but will resume in September.



And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. Philippians 1:9-11

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Personal Communication: JCVC has requested that we publish these thoughts from Karen Beshears, a member of Good Shepherd Church.

How Can I Become New?

by Karen Beshears

for the Joint Church Vision Community

Exodus 3:14: Moses asks for God's name: "I AM; that is who I am. (Or I will be what I will be.)"

Romans 12:3: "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God."

Exodus tells us God is always changing or becoming something new ... as the verb "will be" implies ... and so are we. This morning when I encountered a conversation, a prayer, a newscast, or a new idea, I changed. Therefore I, and you, are always becoming something new.

Yet we often fear change. Will we let fear stop us from creating a new church that will ensure a Presbyterian presence in Rock Island into the 22nd Century? Do we fret over who will be the pastor or where we will worship? If we believe that we are in God's church and that we can be transformed Christians together, perhaps the pastors and the building (which I assure you **WILL** be included in the Plan for Union that you will vote on) don't really matter.

Church leaders use the word transformation when talking about change, which brings us to the Romans passage. Transformation is about being open to the new life that God intends for you. It is about the willingness to trust God as you change by the power of God's creative spirit. This means different things to different people. One JCVC member says, "I see a transformed church as one that is Christ-centered rather than budget-centered. What we lack in treasure would be made up by the time and

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Touchpoints Publication Schedule

Next Touchpoints will be mailed on Thursday, August 30. The deadline for articles to be submitted is Sunday, August 26.

Church Services Schedule

(see enclosed August calendar for all events)

Church Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8:00-3:30

Sunday, August 5

Communion

Parish Nurse
10:00 Worship Service Sanctuary

Sunday, August 12

Blanket Sunday

10:00 Joint Worship at South Park Church

Sunday, August 19

Churches United Food Pantry

Parish Nurse
10:00 Worship Service Sanctuary

Sunday, August 26

Recycling

10:30 Joint Worship Service at Good Shepherd
Touchpoints articles due Sanctuary

Sunday, September 2

Communion

10:00 Worship Service Sanctuary

Points of Interest

Book Club - We will meet on Sat., Aug. 11, at 9:30 a.m., in the church Library. The book for the month is Chloe by Lyn Cote. Call Dorothy Meyer, 793-1323, if you have any questions.

Covenant to Care - We will meet on the following dates:

Thurs., Aug. 2, 7:00 p.m., at Margaret Grossman's home. We will view Part 3 of Walking the Bible, entitled, "Toward the Promised Land: Forty Years in the Desert". Please bring your Bibles with you.

Fri., Aug. 24, at Deryl & Betty Miller's - the end of summer picnic. Please gather at 6:00 p.m. with a dish to pass. We will begin eating around 6:30. All former Covenant to Care members are invited to join us, just RSVP the Millers if you would like to come.

Flea Market Summary - Thanks to everyone who supported the Flea Market on June 30.

Vendors income	\$800.00
Bake Sale and Lunch	\$330.60
Total	\$1130.60
Expense (Argus ad, and food items.)	- 140.20
Net	\$ 990.40

In Appreciation,
Bus, Annette, Duane, Jack & Jan

Church Events Calendar

August 1 - August 4

Wed., Aug. 1
7:00 Evening Service
Thurs., Aug. 2
7:00 Covenant to Care

August 5 - August 11

Mon., Aug. 6
6:30 JCVC at South Park Church
7:00 C.E.
Tues., Aug. 7
1:00 Personnel
6:30 Fellowship
7:00 Outreach
Wed., Aug. 8
6:30 Church in Society
7:00 Evening Service at South Park
Thurs., Aug. 9
10:00 PPE
Fri., Aug. 10
5:00 Wedding Rehearsal
Sat., Aug. 11
9:30 Book Club
4:30 Vance/Castro Wedding

August 12 - August 18

Mon., Aug. 13
7:00 Worship/Music
Tues., Aug. 14
12-7 Unpack/Sort for Rummage Sale
3:30 Stewardship
Wed., Aug. 15
8:30-3:00 Unpack/Sort
5:00 Meal Site
7:00 Evening Service
Thurs., Aug. 16
8:30-3:00 Unpack/Sort
Fri., Aug. 17
8:30-6:00 Rummage Sale
Sat., July 21
8:30-12:00 Rummage Sale

August 19 - August 25

Mon. Aug. 20
1:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry
6:30 JCVC
Tues., Aug. 21
1:30 Finance

(cont.) August 19 - August 25

Thurs., Aug. 23
7:00 Deacons
Fri., Aug. 24
6:00 Covenant to Care Picnic at Deryl & Betty Miller's

August 26 - September 1

Mon., Aug. 27
1:30 PW Coordinating Team
6:30 Session
Tues., Aug. 28
10:15 a.m. VIP meets at church parking lot to carpool to Channel Cat Water Taxi

Looking Ahead: Circle of Faith will meet on Mon., Sep. 10 due to holiday on Sep. 3



Sunday Attendance:

	Jul 1	Jul 8	Jul 15	Jul 22
10:00 Service	130	263	165	112
Wednesday Service		40	20	35

Income:

July 1	\$ 8,937.35
July 8	\$ 4,677.00
July 15	\$ 3,829.85
July 22	\$ 5,374.49
July Food Pantry	\$ 127.00



Address Change:

Susie Flick
129 W Forrest Hill Ave
Peoria IL 61604-1640

Deaths: Delores (Wiederkehr) Kirkwood

Meal Site - Thank you to those who provided food and helped serve at the Meal Site on Wed., July 18. There will be a sign up sheet in the Parlor in August if you would like to help provide food for the August 15 Meal Site.

**P N U R S E
A R I S H
C O R N E R**



by Joanne Stice

Getting Your Fluoride

Fluoride can make your teeth stronger and can reduce your risk of developing cavities. In fact, the preventative potential of fluoride has been one of the major advances of dentistry.

If you're at low risk of developing cavities, meaning you haven't had any cavities in the past few years and have generally good oral health, the combination of brushing with fluoride toothpaste twice daily and drinking fluoridated water should give you sufficient exposure to fluoride. If you have too much fluoride it can cause spots on the teeth (fluorosis).

If you are at higher risk - having had cavities recently, a water supply with low fluoride or a problem such as dry mouth which can lead to tooth decay, your dentist may recommend using fluoride treatments at home, or a professional application of fluoride gel two or four times a year.

Talk to your dentist about using fluoride:

Toothpaste.

Prescribed mouth rinses or gels.

Gels, foams or varnishes that are briefly applied to your teeth at the dentist's office or prescribed formulas for home use.

Fluoride tablets may be helpful for young children, but they're not of help for adults once enamel has formed.

Check with your dentist if you or your children drink a lot of bottled water to be sure you are getting enough fluoride to protect the teeth.

Reminder: Schedule regular checkups for good oral care and to prevent problems.

Joanne Stice, Parish Nurse

FAMILY OF FAITH

Ruth Bennett is one busy "retired person." She retired from John Deere after working there for 36 years. Now she works part time at the John Deere Store in downtown Moline and has for the 10 years since retirement.

Ruth and Larry were married in 1964 at the Edgington Presbyterian Church. She had grown up on a farm between Edgington and Taylor Ridge. On the day of her wedding Ruth decided she didn't want to go to her own church for worship services, (too many people would ask about her wedding she thought) so she visited South Park. Later she joined SPC and has been a member ever since.

Even though busy, Ruth has given her time to church work. She has ushered, baked bread for communion, and worked in the nursery. Several years ago she was moderator for the Deacons. Ruth finds her obligation regarding Larry's health to be occupying most of her time right now.

The Bennetts have two daughters. Mandy lives in Bettendorf. She works for John Deere and her husband is a professor at Coe College. Wendy is manager of MidWest One Bank in Davenport. She lives close to Ruth and Larry. Wendy's son, Andres, spends lots of time with Grandma and Grandpa.

When I talked with Ruth, Andres was helping with her baskets. She is an expert basket weaver, and sells them out of her home and also teaches classes in the art. When Ruth has spare time she likes to read fiction. Ruth and Larry will travel with Wendy and Andres to Disney World soon. You must agree, Ruth is one busy "retired person".

V.I.P. - will go on a "Field Trip" Tues., Aug. 28 to ride the Channel Cat Water Taxi and lunch at TGI Fridays.

10:15 a.m. Meet @ church parking lot (to car-pool.)

11:00 a.m. Board Channel Cat Water Taxi @ The Celebration Belle parking lot, River Drive, Moline - \$5 fee.

11:45 a.m. Arrive TGI Fridays for lunch.

1:45 p.m. Board Channel Cat Water Taxi returning to Celebration Belle Parking lot.

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy our beautiful Mississippi River on the Channel Cat and "no cooking" for lunch at TGI Fridays. You may car-pool from church or meet at the docking area. Questions call Jan, 794-0834 or Barb, 788-2650.

VIP/Jan Fitzpatrick

What a Response to the Peanut Butter and Bread Local Mission!

- Murray and I are overwhelmed with your generosity! I casually mentioned in last month's article the number of peanut butter and "one jar of jelly" that you donated for us to match with bread to give to our food pantry. Never in my wildest dreams did I anticipate your response. Not only did you give us 56 jars of peanut butter this month, but you also gave us 27 jars of jelly. Hallelujah. Together we are definitely making a difference in our corner of the world helping to feed the tummies of boys and girls in Rock Island during the summer months with peanut butter, bread and jelly.

Humbly, Cheryl Pople

CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

(sponsored by Session)



Proceeds for the General Budget

Dick Yates, Team Leader
Jan Fitzpatrick, Helper

Friday, August 17 8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 18 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

and at the same times above
Lunch Counter/Bake Sale

How You and Your Family Can Help:

- ☺ **Drop off for Rummage Sale starts: Thurs., Aug. 9**
NO rummage accepted after 3 p.m. on Wed., Aug. 15
NO furniture or heavy items

Pick up service available, call:

Dick Yates (309) 787-1422
Jan Fitzpatrick (309) 794-0834

- ☺ **Sign up sheets in the Parlor through Sun., Aug. 12:**

Unpack & Sort

Tues. Aug. 14 12-7 p.m.
Wed. Aug. 15 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Thur. Aug. 16 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Sale Days

Fri. Aug. 17 8:30-6:00 p.m.
Sat. Aug. 18 8:30 a.m.-12 noon

Cleanup

Sat. Aug. 18 Noon til ???

- ☺ **Donate baked goods and/or money for lunch supplies.**

If any questions, please contact Dick or Jan.

talents of the entire congregation instead of the few that do everything now.” Another JCVC member says, “The church is God’s community, not ours. The church of Jesus Christ belongs to no governing body, no pastor, no committee and no right way of thinking. The church is nothing less than the redemptive body of Jesus Christ.” Yet another sees transformation as “a large base of financial resources and individuals with more opportunities to expand our programs. For example, we could have two or three services offering different worship experiences besides our traditional service. We could have expanded facilities such as a gymnasium to offer new programs particularly for our young people and for the after school program.”

I feel the Holy Spirit moving us to transform into this new church that listens to the Holy Spirit and what Jesus wants us to do. Too often we lament or long for the past instead of trying to build the future.

A symbol for transformation is the butterfly emerging from the chrysalis. When the time is right the caterpillar changes its skin and goes into a resting stage. It undergoes a remarkable transformation. If we could peer inside the pupa and observe the process we would see the caterpillar’s body completely reorganize itself into a new structure. When the time is right, the body of a butterfly emerges equipped to live a life quite different from a caterpillar. Its wings unfold, and full of grace it flies into the light. No longer bound by the limitations of its past, it is free to soar to new heights. Likewise, congregations can experience transformation. When the time is right, new forms, new energies, a new spirit can break forth.

The tradition and history of Christ’s church is about change and growth. Not change for change’s sake, but change for the purpose of the growth of Christ’s body, the church.

I challenge you to look at your heart, to pray for guidance from God, and dream about how our new church will transform you! Like God, each of us is still becoming something new. Our Creator says so! Amen.

Writer’s note: *The descriptions of transformation come from the PCUSA website, which states it more eloquently than can I. Please talk to your JCVC representatives about the Plan for Union. We want to hear from you.*

Karen Beshears, Good Shepherd

First Lutheran Church - invites you to their Ice Cream Social on Sun., Aug. 5, from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Their location is at 1600 20th St., Rock Island. Along with ice cream, they will be serving sandwiches, chips, pie and cake.

Thank You - Many thanks to all who helped me celebrate my big “90”. Your singing “happy birthday”, many cards, and your presence at my party meant so much to me. God bless each of you.

Kay Pierceson

Ronald McDonald House - Thank you for collecting 35 pounds of pull tabs to benefit the Iowa City Ronald McDonald House. Your pull-tabs help fund services provided to families staying at the Iowa City Ronald McDonald House.

The pull-tab is valuable and worthwhile to recycle separately from the can because it consists of higher density aluminum. The tabs are sent to a recycling center operating under contract negotiated by McDonald’s. The Iowa City Ronald McDonald House is paid by the recycling center according to the pounds of pull-tabs collected. We receive roughly \$0.40-0.60 per pound of pull-tabs, and each year we process about **eight tons of tabs!**

Thanks again for your support of the “House that love built”.

Ronald McDonald House
Jill Happel, Family Services Coordinator

Churches United - Thank you for your \$546.50 contribution to the Churches United Hunger Ministry which supports 26 food pantries and 3 meal sites.

Also, Churches United invites you to participate in **Borders Benefit Days on Sat., Aug. 11-Sun., Aug. 12**. Present a Benefit Days voucher (there are vouchers available on the counter in the South Park Church office) at the time of purchase at Borders, 4000 E 53rd St., Davenport and receive 10% off of your purchases (café included). 10% of the final purchase amount, excluding Gift cards, will be donated to Churches United.

Melanie Jones, Financial Manager

Thank You - Our church wants to thank you for all contributions you have given to our outreach work. The supplies you gave were overwhelming. Your help has been most appreciated!

Outreach Committee of Church of Peace

TP Tower - The TP tower is almost to the ceiling. Keep it up! The Church of Peace Assistance Program will be well supplied. This Sunday is the culmination of the drive. Thank you.

Sue Roberts, Church in Society

