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TOUCHPOINTS



Education Opportunities Sundays at 9:00

There will be no Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. for children during July and August.

Kerygma - Library (Carol Hough)

Searchers - Fellowship Hall



HIGHLIGHTS

of the June 26 Session Meeting

- ◆ CE reported a joyful VBS with Broadway and Good Shepherd churches. Our children will sing their songs in worship July 9.
- ◆ Session voted to discontinue Sunday School for children at 9 am during July and August.
- ◆ Outreach committee is inviting members to order T-shirts with the PCUSA and SPPC logo, and is updating the name tag board.
- ◆ Personnel presented a job description for a part time CE coordinator, as well as updating the job descriptions for the music staff and interim pastor.
- ◆ Groups holding evening meetings are reminded to take the portable doorbell to their meetings to enable late-comers to be admitted at the 2nd door from the parking lot.
- ◆ Approved the request to transfer Chalmer Wendling's membership to 1st Presbyterian, Rushville. Current active membership: 391.

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Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00-3:30 p.m.

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“Summer time, an’ the livin’ is easy....” So goes the song. I trust that you are finding time for some easy livin’ this summer. However, I am keenly aware that many of you have been very busy this last month, fulfilling various ministries here at South Park Church in the name of Jesus Christ. Your work shows your commitment to making this a vital and energetic church. I applaud your efforts.

Perhaps the most notable effort to make us known in the neighborhood was the Flea Market. Even with the rain date, it was well attended and netted over \$1,000 for the budget. The vendors already want to sign up for next year, while our many workers are just catching their breath and not quite ready to think that far ahead. Hats off to all who made it possible.

All who attended worship on June 18 seemed to enjoy singing all the hymns – everything from the prayer of confession through the benediction. Isn’t it wonderful to join a full congregation in joyous praise to our God! Your Worship and Music committee has plans for a variety of musical experiences throughout the summer. A highlight will be the “second annual” jazz worship service at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 16. I hope you’ll invite your friends and neighbors to this and other Sunday services.

June 19-23 meant Vacation Bible School in the evenings, shared with Good Shepherd and Broadway churches. Not only were our children happily involved, but many adults joined in to teach and help in many ways, bringing many good summer memories for all. The children plan to sing their VBS songs in worship on Sunday, July 9.

Many other folks have been busy behind the scenes, painting the parking lot stripes, checking air conditioning and heating, renewing personnel contracts, managing finances, and planning for our fall programming. Our sextons, Kathy and David, continue to clean neglected areas of our building, making them shine.

Hats off to all of you who continue to make this church a warm and welcoming breathing space in the midst of the rush of life. As we continue to share in ministry, we continue to grow stronger and more faithful to our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Pastor Casey

Join us for worship on Sunday, July 16, 10 a.m., with the “Bill Kramer Memorial Jazz Band”.

Touchpoints Publication Schedule

Next Touchpoints will be mailed on Thursday, July 27. The deadline for articles to be submitted is Sunday, July 16.

Church Services Schedule (see enclosed July calendar for all events)

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

<u>Sunday, July 2</u>	<u>Communion</u>
Parish Nurse	
9:00 Church School for Adults	Ed. Center
10:00 One Worship Service	Sanctuary
Music: Patriotic Selections	
If possible, wear red, white or blue.	
<u>Sunday, July 9</u>	<u>Communion</u>
Parish Nurse	
9:00 Church School for Adults	Ed. Center
10:00 Worship Service	Sanctuary
Music: Bible School Chorus	
<u>Sunday, July 16</u>	<u>Communion</u>
<u>Churches United Food Pantry</u>	
Parish Nurse	
9:00 Church School for Adults	Sanctuary
10:00 Worship	
Music: Bill Kramer Memorial Jazz Band	
Touchpoints articles due	
<u>Sunday, July 23</u>	<u>Communion</u>
<u>Recycling</u>	
9:00 Church School for Adults	Ed. Center
10:00 One Worship Service	Sanctuary
Music: Chamber Ensemble	
<u>Sunday, July 30</u>	<u>Communion</u>
9:00 Church School for Adults	Ed. Center
10:00 One Worship Service	Sanctuary

Points of Interest

Covenant to Care - We continue our study of N. T. Wright's book, The Last Word. We will meet on:
Thurs., Jul. 6, 7 p.m. at Margaret Grossman's. Please read pp. 82-94 of Chapter 6.
Tues., Jul. 18, 7 p.m. at Margaret Grossman's. Please read pp. 94-105 of Chapter 6. Please bring your Bible each time.

Book Club - We will meet on Sat., July 8, at 9:30 a.m., in the South Park Church Library. We will read and discuss At First Sight, by Nicholas Sparks. Call Dorothy Meyer, 793-1323, if you have any questions.

Sternwheelers - Do you have a case of the summer doldrums? Our annual picnic will be hosted by Murray and Cheryl, poolside, at Steepmeadow, 1337 21st Ave., Rock Island, on Jul. 15 beginning at 5:30. (Party Room, 2nd floor in case of rain.) Brats and chicken breasts will be available for a nominal fee. Drinks and table service will be provided. **You** bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share. Please make reservations by Jul. 10 to Murray or Cheryl at 786-2643.

Free Swing Baseball Game - Country-wide Home Loans and the Quad Cities Homebuilders Association invites you, your friends and your family to a **free** night of baseball! Please join us to celebrate the kick off of this year's QCHBA membership drive sponsored by Countrywide Home Loans. The date is Thurs., Jul. 13, 7:00 p.m. The game is the Swing vs. Beloit Snappers at the John O'Donnell Stadium. Free tickets are available by contacting Laura at 355-3130.

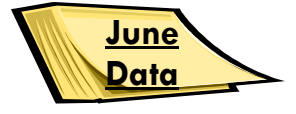
Church Events Calendar

Week of July 2 - July 8
Tues., July 4
 Office Closed 
Wed., July 5
 6:30 Church in Society
Thurs., July 6
 7:00 Covenant to Care at Margaret Grossman's
Sat., July 8
 9:30 Book Club in Library

Week of July 9 - July 15
Mon., July 10
 4:00 WEM
 6:30 MEC in Fellowship Hall
 7:00 Worship/Music
Tues., July 11
 7:30 Finance
Thurs., July 13
 7:00 PP&E
Sat., July 15
 5:30 Sternwheelers at Pople's

Week of July 16 - July 22
Tues., July 18
 7:00 Covenant to Care at Margaret Grossman's
Wed., July 19
 5:00 Meal Site

Week of July 23 - July 31
Mon., July 24
 7:00 MEC at Broadway
Tues., July 25
 12:00 V.I.P.
Thurs., July 27
 7:00 Deacons
Mon., July 31
 7:00 MEC in Dining Room



Sunday Attendance:

	May 28	Jun 4	Jun 11	Jun 18	Jun 25
10:00 Service	104	130	124	120	119

Income:

May 28	\$ 3,560.12
Jun 4	\$ 7,435.28
Jun 11	\$ 3,937.00
Jun 18	\$ 7,948.20
Jun 25	\$ 3,444.00
June Food Pantry	\$ 159.00



Address Change:
 Robert & Joyce Cross 2135 15th St. Rock Island, IL 61201
 Robert - (309)721-5861
 Joyce - (309) 269-5551
 John & Carmen Farwell 12425 Eva Dr. Presque Isle, WI 54557

Marion Sullivan-Larson
 Friendship Manor
 1209 21st Ave., A206
 Rock Island, IL 61201

Deaths: Arlys Ellingsworth, Bonnie Borden, David Montgomery (father of Mark Montgomery).

Meal Site - Thank you to all who provided food and helped serve at the Meal Site on Wed., June 21. The Deacons will be providing the food for the July 19 Meal Site.

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Swimmer's Ear

Swimmer's ear is an infection of the ear canal and outer ear. It typically occurs when water becomes trapped in the canal, washing away the protective coating of earwax and leading to the growth of bacteria

or fungi. The infection got its name because it commonly occurs after swimming, but swimmer's ear can develop any time water accumulates in the ear, such as after showering.

To prevent this type of infection:

Dry the ears thoroughly with a soft towel or cloth when they get wet. Or use a blow-dryer on it's lowest setting and hold it several inches from the ear.

Avoid swimming in polluted water.

Use ear plugs designed to keep water out of the ears.

Avoid excessive wax buildup in the ears, which makes it easier for water to become trapped in the ear.

Don't scratch or clean the inside of the ear with the fingernail or an object such as paper clip, bobby pin or cotton swab. A cut may lead to an infection.

Another way to help prevent an infection is to make an ear drop solution to use before and after swimming. Mix 1 part white vinegar with 1 part rubbing alcohol. Pour 1 teaspoon of the solution into each ear and let it drain back out. Eardrop preparations designed to help prevent swimmer's ear can also be found in most drug-stores. These include Auro-Dri and Swim-Ear.

See the doctor if you develop pain, discomfort, itching, or swelling inside an ear or in the outer portion of an ear. Antibiotic eardrops and pain relievers are often prescribed to treat swimmer's ear. Keep the ears dry until the infection is gone.

Joanne Stice, Parish Nurse

P.S. I am in the office Monday and Tuesday and Friday mornings. I do leave to do hospital, home and nursing home visits. If you want or need to reach me, you can call the office or my

home, 359-5864, and I will return your call if I am not in when you call. I will be on vacation from July 16-31. I am going to visit my daughter and her family in California.

Family of Faith

Do you remember being down on your knees as a child looking for a lucky four leaf clover? **Eleanor Schenebricker** has a whole collection. She has 199 of them saved. She keeps them preserved with tape and stored in a box since her scrapbook became too worn.

These days Eleanor spends her time reading Guidepost Magazine and visiting with all the people she knows at Friendship Manor. She also enjoys seeing friends from South Park Church at the Manor. Eleanor still likes to drive and goes to Bettendorf regularly to visit her sister or get her hair done. She has another sister in Moline and they have get-togethers, too.

She joined South Park Church in 1976 when she married William Schenebricker. Eleanor became a friend of William's at work. They often talked about his two boys and his wife who was ill at the time. Later after his wife died they married and Eleanor says he was the love of her life. William died in September of 1988 just two months after Eleanor retired from Bendix Corporation in Davenport. She had worked there for 37 years. Although he had worked at Bendix, too, for his last years William worked at the Arsenal.

Eleanor's two stepsons are still close. Richard and his wife, Janice, live in Colona. Robert and his wife, Bev, live in Springfield. For her 80th birthday, June 7th, Bev took a day off work and came to spend it with Eleanor.

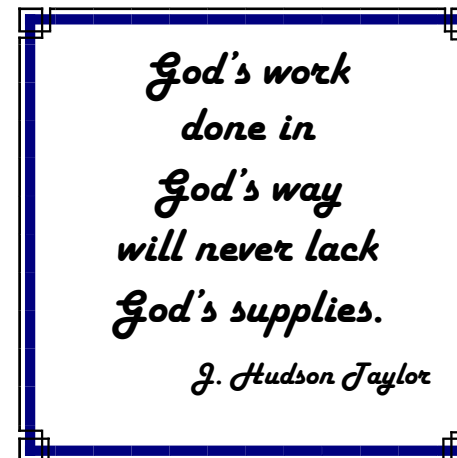
In her thirty years at South Park Eleanor has enjoyed cooking for various events, she is a member of the Circle of Faith and we all have seen her smiling face as a greeter on Sunday morning.

V.I.P. - will meet on Tuesday, at noon, July 25, for their monthly potluck in the Church Dining Room. Everyone is invited to gather for good food, fellowship and music. Our program will be "The Reinforcements", consisting of Matt Jones, Andrew Burman, Jacob Kendall, and Tyson Danner. This is a group of 4 young college students or alumni of St. Ambrose College. The quartet evolved out of a 5 member pop group. The group, in its various forms has existed for about 6 years. The current configuration has been singing together since this spring, coached by Dr. Keith Haan.

The host committee will be Del & Sallie Huntley, and Bob & Grace Coatney. Jan Fitzpatrick will share devotions. LaNeva Birkel will be our MC. Please bring a dish to share, your own table service and a friend! Beverages are provided.

Anyone that is unable to attend the potluck is welcome for the program at 12:45/1:00. Come, share a smile, and take home a song in your heart.

VIP/Jan Fitzpatrick



ALL CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE



sponsored by Session
Proceeds for
the General Budget
Fitzpatricks' & Huntleys'
(team leaders)

August 10, Thursday evening, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
(Special Showing for Members)

August 11, Friday 8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

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

Lunch Counter/Bake Sale

(will be at same times as Fri. & Sat. hours above)

How You and Your Family Can Help:

- ☺ Drop off rummage sale items starting Fri., Aug. 4
NO rummage accepted after 3 p.m. on Wed., Aug. 9
NO furniture or heavy items

Pick up service available, call:

Del & Sallie Huntley 786-1205 or
Jack & Jan Fitzpatrick 794-0834

- ☺ Sign up on sheets in the Parlor through Sun., Aug. 6:

Unpack & Sort

Tues.	Aug. 8	12-7 p.m.
Wed.	Aug. 9	8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Thur.	Aug. 10	8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Sale Days

Fri.	Aug. 11	8:30-6:00 p.m.
Sat.	Aug. 12	8:30 a.m.-12 noon

Cleanup

Sat.	Aug. 12	Noon til ???
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- ☺ Donate baked goods and/or money for lunch supplies.

If any questions, please contact Fitzpatricks or Huntleys.

All Church Rummage Sale - Mark your calendars....**August 11th and 12th**....do you have **things** that you don't know what to do with??? Collect and save them to bring to the rummage sale. Further information to follow at a later date. Questions, please call: The Team/Huntleys, 786-1205, Fitzpatrick's, 794-0834.

Summer Church Office Hours - A reminder that the church office is open from 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Monday - Friday, through September 1. The office is closed for lunch each day - usually between the time of 12:30-1:00 (**lunch time may vary each day depending on the day's schedule, so please check with the office, 786-6466, before stopping by during the lunch break.**)

The Merger Exploration Committee (MEC)

What is the status? We have met three times since the last newsletter. The dynamics of the MEC and its discussions have changed with the addition of Broadway as a participant. We chose to spend a few meetings to bring them up to speed rather than start over completely.

At our latest meeting, we began to progress forward again as we focused on what motivations there might be for merger and on some of the major challenges if we were to recommend some form of merger. We have agreed to set a tentative goal for determining our recommendation to either pursue merger of two or three of the churches or not by July 24th and to present it to our Sessions at a joint meeting on July 31st.

You can see on the checklist, which was previously made available, that we have many difficult questions to address before making our recommendation. We encourage you to keep us in your prayers and to share your thoughts and fears with us.

Kathy Davis, Joanne Fritts, Patty Henneman, Mary Jones, Duane LaMere

Coordinator for After-School Tutoring Program - If you wish a special task and reward in your life, this mission opportunity is for you. We need a coordinator for our After-School Tutoring Program. From September to April, selected first graders come with their teacher about 3:15 on Tuesdays, and spend an hour and a half, one-on-one, with a tutor who helps them with materials that help their reading skills. We have a crew of dedicated tutors, substitutes, and van drivers.

"Pete" McCart is moving away, so we have lost our coordinator. That person arranges substitutes, if necessary; checks with the school to see if all children will be coming; sets up the room with the packets Alexa creates; and prepares and serves coffee, juice, and cookies. As well, that person makes out the purchase order for Alexa's monthly stipend. Just being among the children and witnessing their growth as readers is such a reward. You will find blessings in this time each week. Call "Pete" McCart, 794-9629, or Shirley Suarez, 794-1053, for more information. Do give this mission opportunity serious consideration! **You** are needed.

Infection Prevention

(Tips from Trinity Hospital)

Do you ever visit a friend or relative in an area hospital? If so, you can help prevent hospital acquired infections as well as protect yourself against infection.

Simply, wash your hands before and after visiting. Before the visit you are protecting the patient; after the visit you are protecting yourself. You can wash with soap and water (you've lathered long enough when you've sung Happy Birthday twice!) or you can use the waterless foam or gel located in each patient room.

For more information, call Trinity Pastoral Care, 779-2989 or Trinity's Infection Control Practitioner, 779-2954.

Thank You

Thank You - to all of the "Parking Lot Striping Angels" for flying in to give our parking lot all bright new yellow stripes. Your support is appreciated. PP&E Committee

Flea Market Thank You - On the 17th of June, SPPC parking lot had 27 vendors displaying items for sale with "happy shoppers" looking for a treasure. In the 90° temperature, smiles were all over the parking lot. The following group of workers pitched in from early morning until mid-afternoon providing tables of "bargains" and a "lunch court":

Mary Jo, Lyle, Vance, Tami, Emma, Dick, Judy, Joanne, Diane, Mindy, Kay, Mary, Kent, Leah, Wally, Jim, Betty, LaNeve, Lou, Joyce, Marilyn, and Barbara. We say **"Thanks a Million!!"** for your support and good job!!! The "Flea Market" provided approximately \$1,050 profit to the General Budget. Special thanks to Donna, Pam, David, and Kathy for their extra time and effort on this project!!

Our appreciation to everyone,
The Team/Annette, Bus, Duane, Jack & Jan



Our Sympathies and Prayers to...

...the family of Arlys Ellingsworth upon her recent death on May 23, 2006.

...Larry Borden and family upon the death of his wife, Bonnie Borden, on June 15, 2006.

...Mark Montgomery and his family upon the recent death of his father, David Montgomery, on June 16, 2006.

...the family and friends of Don Quayle upon his recent death.



The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) - has met five times, the first few were spent in research, education, preparing us to come to know God's presence in a call process that will respond to the needs and will of South Park Presbyterian members. One member, Bob Brown, has resigned from the committee and is sending his formal resignation to the Session.

The Church Information Form (CIF) completion is in the draft stage and should be finalized with the assistance and counseling of the Presbytery Committee on Ministry (COM) at our next meeting on June 29. The CIF forms provide answers to questions for prospective pastors about South Park: membership size; attendance; who are the people of SP; what talents does SP offer; our organization and committee structure. Our Session has approved PNC's operating "search" budget. All applicants must meet the minimum qualifications established. The PNC is working with the Session in setting the standards for financial compensation. We ask South Park members to be prayerful and optimistic with us in our endeavor.

Congratulations - to Joanne Stice upon the recent birth of her grandson, **William Clark Stice-Johnston**. He was 8 lbs. 6 oz. and 19 in. long. His family includes parents, Steve & Angie, and 2 brothers, Ty and Brady. They reside in California.