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### Christian Education

Sunday School for children has resumed. The starting time is 9:00 a.m. each Sunday with Director of Music, Kenn Logan, beginning the hour with 15 minutes of music. Following the music time, the children attend class in their respective age group as follows:

Kindergarten - 2nd grade

3rd and 4th grade

5th and 6th grade



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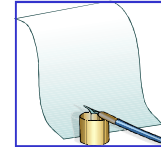
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SOUTH PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# TOUCHPOINTS

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### From the Pastor's Pen

### Sad Day!

Last Friday afternoon we received a letter from the Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church expressing their desire to withdraw from the Merger talks. Although the talks have proceeded for almost two years Good Shepherd does not desire to complete the process. We are deeply saddened by their decision but we wish them well in the future.

The Elders will be responding to Good Shepherd after the September regular Session meeting. We will also be scheduling one or more question and answer meetings for the congregation. Much of the material in the letter is more meaningful once you have an understanding of the context.

Yesterday (September 23) we distributed a small packet of information to each person who was present at worship. The packet includes a cover letter, and a copy of the letter from Good Shepherd announcing their decision. It also includes a copy of a letter that is referenced in Good Shepherd's letter. That letter was sent to Good Shepherd by the South Park Session on September 13 with recommendations on the merger process.

You may obtain a copy of the packet ( if you were not here Sunday) either by stopping in at the office, by picking one up in the narthex next Sunday after worship or we can mail you one. It is important for everyone to read and think and pray about these documents.

Session wants you to be fully informed about all aspects of this matter. Please call, email us, or send us a letter with your questions and concerns. We will answer all to the best of our ability. Right now the rumor mill is running full tilt. Let us not feast on rumor when genuine facts are available for many of your questions.

*Rev. Virginia Murray*

*After worship this Sunday morning, September 30, we will have a gathering in the Dining Room for those wishing to discuss our church's future without the merger.*

## Touchpoints Publication Schedule

Next Touchpoints will be mailed on Thursday, October 25. The deadline for articles to be submitted is Sunday, October 21.

### Church Services Schedule

(see enclosed October calendar for all events)

Church Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8:00-4:30

#### Sunday, October 7

World Communion  
Peacemaking Offering

Parish Nurse  
9:00 Church School  
10:00 Worship Service Sanctuary

#### Sunday, October 14

9:00 Church School Sanctuary  
10:00 Worship Service  
Choir Field Trip (open to everyone) - Breakfast/Brunch at church after worship service followed by trip to see play at Green Room Theatre in Rock Island.

#### Sunday, October 21

Churches United Food Pantry  
Parish Nurse  
9:00 Church School  
10:00 Worship Service Sanctuary  
Touchpoints articles due

#### Sunday, October 28

Recycling  
9:00 Church School  
10:00 Worship Service Sanctuary

## Points of Interest

### Stewardship

Last Sunday we had a delightful worship experience as we celebrated the renewal of our commitment to the work of God.

Our newly formed children's choir sang a jazzy version of an old favorite, "This Little Light of Mine". We welcomed five new members. Their names and addresses are listed on pg. 7 in this issue. And we turned in our pledge cards for 2008.

If you have not had a chance to send in your card please do so at your convenience. If you do not have a card one will be mailed to you in the next week or so. We are looking forward to a great year in 2008!!

### Peacemaking Offering

The Peacemaking offering is one of the four special offerings sponsored each year by the PC(USA). Last year more than 2.2 million was received through this effort. The Offering supports a variety of peacemaking efforts: 25 percent is retained by congregations, 25 percent is used by synods and presbyteries and 50 percent is allocated to General Assembly ministries.

In our church we use the congregational 25 percent for the Drop In Center which provides supportive activities each day after school for junior high school children from Washington Jr. High. This is a much needed and highly successful program for our community.

## Church Events Calendar

### October 1 - October 6

**Mon., Oct. 1**  
1:00 Circle of Faith  
3:15 Tutoring (and every Monday)  
7:00 C.E.

**Tues., Oct. 2**  
9:30 Circle of Virtue  
6:30 Personnel  
6:30 Fellowship  
6:30 Handbells (and every Tuesday)  
7:00 Outreach

**Wed., Oct. 3**  
7:00 Choir Rehearsal (and every Wednesday)

**Thurs., Oct. 4**  
12:30 PW Gathering

### October 7 - October 13

**Mon., Oct. 8**  
4:00 WEM  
7:00 Worship and Music

**Tues., Oct. 9**  
9:30 Presbytery at Broadway  
3:30 Stewardship  
7:00 Circle of Love

**Wed., Oct. 10**  
6:30 Church in Society

**Thurs., Oct. 11**  
10:00 PPE  
6:00 Men's Brotherhood

**Sat., Oct. 13**  
9:30 Book Club  
1:00 Over 80 Birthday Party

### October 14 - October 20

**Mon., Oct. 15**  
1:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Tues., Oct. 16**  
1:30 Finance  
7:30 Covenant to Care

**Wed., Oct. 17**  
5:00 Meal Site

### October 21 - October 27

**Mon. Oct. 22**  
1:30 PW Coordinating Team  
6:30 Session

**Tues., Oct. 23**  
9-11 Flu Clinic (flu shots only)  
12:00 VIP

**Thurs., Oct. 25**  
7:00 Deacons

### October 28 - November 3

**Mon., Oct. 29**  
9:00 Foot Clinic

**Thurs., Nov. 1**  
9:30 PW Mission

September Data

#### Sunday Attendance:

	Sep 2	Sep 9	Sep 16	Sep 23
10:00 Service	130	156	125	122

#### Income:

Sep 2	\$	7,578.75
Sep 9	\$	7,440.04
Sep 16	\$	6,330.00
Sep 23	\$	2,453.05
Sep Food Pantry	\$	158.50



#### New Members:

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Rock Island, IL 61201  
788-2537

Kathy McQuady  
1620 18th Ave. #25  
Rock Island, IL 61201  
781-1832

Evelyn Wilson  
1337 21st Ave.  
Rock Island, IL 61201  
786-0122

#### Address Change:

Bob Brown  
2136 31st Ave.  
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788-4069

**Deaths:** Eleanore Petersen, Van Hong, Ruth Beck (Byron Beck's mother)

**Meal Site** - Thank you to those who provided food and helped serve at the Meal Site on Wed., Sep 19. There will be a sign up sheet in the Parlor in October if you would like to help provide food for the October 17 Meal Site.

## Stress Fractures

Stress fractures aren't the same as fractures that occur due to acute trauma - such as a blow to the bone or a fall in which the bone breaks - but they are still fractures. Stress

by Joanne Stice

fractures are tiny cracks in the bone typically caused by repetitive force on the bone. They most often occur in weight-bearing bones of the lower leg and foot, but can occur in any bone that undergoes repetitive stress.

The two types of stress fractures are fatigue fractures and insufficiency fractures:

**Fatigue fractures** occur in normal bone that has been overused or repetitively stressed beyond its ability to repair itself. High-impact or prolonged activities, such as running or jumping, typically precede a fatigue fracture.

**Insufficiency fractures** involve weakened bones, such as a bone affected by osteoporosis that cracks under the stress of routine activities.

Stress fractures may barely be noticeable at first. You may experience gradual pain that gets worse with activity and diminishes with rest. Over time the pain may increase and even persist with rest. Swelling and warmth may occur in the area of the cracked bone. It may also feel tender or even painful to touch.

If you suspect you may have a stress fracture, see your doctor. Early diagnosis and treatment of a stress fracture can prevent further injury. Treatment depends on the location of the fracture. It can be simply reducing activity for a period of time, wearing a cast or boot, or maybe surgery to secure the bone while it heals.

Joanne Stice, Parish Nurse

**Flu Clinic:** Flu shots (no pneumonia shots) will be given at the Flu Clinic scheduled for **Tues., Oct. 23, from 9-11 a.m., at South Park Presbyterian Church.**

**Foot Clinic:** Scheduled for **Mon., Oct. 29, at 9:00 a.m.**

## International Breads and Soups Buffet

at

Gloria Dei Presbyterian Church

12th St., Rock Island

Sunday, October 7

11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

(Cost by donation)

Gloria Dei continues its tradition of celebrating World Communion Sunday with a sharing of breads and soups from around the world. In addition to enjoying the meal, we invite you to examine the display of books and items from around the world that help us connect with the world wide church.

**We invite you to join us after worship in your congregation or with us.**

**Has Included:** West African Peanut Butter/Chicken Soup; Chinese Won Ton Soup; Native American Posole; Cuban Ham & Bean Soup; Midwestern Vegetable Beef Soup; and about 14 varieties of raised and flat breads from around the world. The soups and breads may vary from year to year but try to represent a variety from around the world.

**Emergency Assistance Program** - Bring your monetary donation for the Church of Peace Emergency Assistance Program this Sunday, Sep. 30. The money will be used to buy feminine hygiene products.

Church in Society

**Circle of Virtue** - Our next meeting will be on Tues., Oct. 2, at 9:30 a.m., in the church Fellowship Hall. Maxine Patterson

**Covenant to Care** - We won't be meeting on Thurs., Oct. 4.

We will meet on **Tues., Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m.**, at Margaret Grossman's home. Please read the Introduction and Chapter 1 of Small is Still Beautiful by Joseph Pearce. If any questions, contact Brenda Thompson, 788-7769.



**Men's Brotherhood**  
**October 11, 2007**  
**6:00 p.m.**

It's that time again. Our special guest will be **Jim Fobert**, Assistant Fire Chief of Rock Island. This will be the last Men's Brotherhood for this year. Come and enjoy a great program, delicious food and the company of your church friends, young and old. If you have any questions, call Bob Coatney, 788-2620, or Gary Hendren, 788-9442.

**Book Club** - We will meet Sat., Oct. 13, at 9:30 a.m., in the church Library. The book for the month is Leigh by Lyn Cote. Call Dorothy Meyer, 793-1323, if you have any questions.

**Tutoring Program** - Our After School Tutoring Program began on September 10th. We welcomed a wonderful group of first graders from Audubon. It is a joy to see them arrive each week and be greeted by our tutoring staff. This year our full time tutors are Carol Beane, May Carlson, Nancy Coin, Diane Each, Sallie Huntley, Kathy McQuady, Nancy Soseman and Bernice Swisher. Our team of van drivers, an essential part of the program, is Jan Fitzpatrick, Kent Jones, Duane LaMere and Don Samuelson. Julie Hansen, a teacher on the Audubon staff and our director, is initiating some new ideas. You are always welcome to visit. Patty Henneman

**V.I.P.** - We will meet on **Tues., Oct. 23, at noon**, for the monthly potluck in the church Dining Room. **Everyone is welcome!**

The program will be a "Musical Program" done by Del Huntley and Jesse Andereck.

Serving as your hosts will be Barbara Weber, Elnora Benson and Nancy Soseman. LaNeva Birkel will be MC, with Betty Kramer sharing devotions.

**Call a friend or neighbor and offer them a ride.** Please bring your own table service, and a dish to share. Beverages will be furnished. Anyone that is unable to attend the potluck is welcome to attend the program at 12:45/1:00.

VIP/Jan Fitzpatrick

**Wanted** - V.I.P. is searching for a Coordinator starting January 2008. As of December 2007 I will not be leading V.I.P. The rewards are priceless!!

Jan Fitzpatrick

## Choir Field Trip

Everyone (choir members and non choir members) are invited to our Field Trip on Sun., Oct. 14.

The event begins with Breakfast/Brunch at the church after the worship service.

Following the brunch we will go to the Green Room Theatre in Rock Island to see a play with lunch served at the theatre (rides will be provided to the theatre).

You can participate in one or both of the activities. The costs are as follows:

- \$5 Breakfast/Brunch
- \$20 Theatre Ticket/Lunch

Please sign up on the sheet provided in the church Parlor.

God Bless, **Kenn Logan**

## Children's Choir

Our children's choir is off to a great start under the direction of Kenn Logan, our music director.

The children meet with Kenn each Sunday morning before Sunday School for rehearsal. They are learning some new music styles appropriate to their age. They are also learning to play some rhythm instruments

As they progress we will be including them in other parts of the worship service as well as the "Children's Time".

This is a great step forward as we work together to enhance our children's worship experience.

## Bell Choir

We are still looking for a few more bell players. Our Bell director, Carol Bentsen, is an excellent teacher and can get you up and running with just a few lessons.

If you can already read music that will give you a head start. But you can actually play the bells without that particular skill. Come to rehearsal and Carol will show you how.

Many of you have mentioned how much you enjoy hearing the bells. You will enjoy it even more when you are playing!!



South Park and Good Shepherd say **thanks a million to everyone** who helped make the Joint Ice Cream Social and Lunch on Sep. 9 a huge success.

\$490.90 receipts  
-35.91 ice cream  
\$454.99 donated to Churches  
United Food Pantry

The Rescue Mission send their **thanks** as they enjoyed 5 pies, 2 cakes and 2 pails of ice cream for their Sunday evening meal.

*Christian Education and Fellowship Committees*

**Thinking of You** - While I have contact with a few members - my nightly prayers include the pastor and members. I may be gone, but I have not forgotten.

His blessings to all,  
*Jean E. Quayle*




**Thank You** - I want to thank the Deacons, Joanne Stice and friends for their visits and cards while I was in the hospital. Also, thank you for the prayer shawl - it has provided much comfort during my recovery.

*Dorothy Hall*

**A Message from the Hong Family** - It is with sincere gratitude and appreciation for the many expressions of sympathy and prayers of support that we would like to say thank you to our church family who have helped us through our loss. We are especially grateful to Pastor Murray and all those who participated in the beautiful funeral service. The service honored the memory of Van and acknowledged the many facets of his long rich full life with us. We will all miss him greatly, but are comforted that his peaceful passing was to life eternal with the Father.

*Olive and Family*



**Our Deepest Sympathies to...**

...the family of **Eleanore Petersen** upon her recent death.

...the Hong family and friends upon the recent death of **Van Hong**.

...the Beck family upon the death of **Byron's mother, Ruth Beck**,