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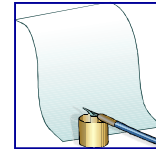
TOUCHPOINTS

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Opportunities for Giving



From the Pastor's Pen

In the past couple of weeks we have had opportunities for giving to the Food Pantry, the Church of Peace collection of hygiene products for the needy and the annual One Great Hour of Sharing offering. This is in addition to numerous other possibilities, both in our church and through the community, for reaching out to lend a helping hand.

I want to make just a few comments on this matter. First of all you are a very generous congregation. You freely give to the special offerings plus you lend space in the church building to numerous groups who are attempting to make our community a better place to live. On top of that many of you are active volunteers giving your time to worthy causes. This is all very commendable!! You are quick to share the blessings that God has given you.

Secondly, I want to emphasize that we promote many opportunities for giving so that you can choose those which touch your heart. You are not expected to give to everything. Please pick and choose what is right for you. I suspect that sometimes the number of requests can seem a bit overwhelming even to the most generous heart. We offer an array so that you will have alternatives. Please feel free to exercise those options.

Lastly if you feel you need more information about any of the giving opportunities as they arise please feel free to call me. I can usually provide you with helpful details. If I don't have what you need I will find it for you. We want to be informed givers.

It is a joy to support projects and programs that will make a positive difference in the lives of others. We are indeed God's hands when it comes to sharing. You have been, are and will continue to be an important part of our community as you give back a portion of what God has entrusted to you. Keep up the good work!!

Touchpoints Publication Schedule

Next Touchpoints will be mailed on Thursday, May 24. The deadline for articles to be submitted is Sun., May 20.

Church Services Schedule

(see enclosed May calendar for all events)

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

Sunday, April 29

9:00 Church School
10:00 Worship Service Sanctuary

Sunday, May 6

Communion
Parish Nurse
9:00 Church School
10:00 Worship Sanctuary
with Congregational meeting to elect Deacons after service

Sunday, May 13

Mother's Day

9:00 Church School
10:00 Worship Service Sanctuary

Sunday, May 20

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

Sunday, May 27

Pentecost Sunday

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

Points of Interest

Circle of Virtue - will be meeting on Tues., May 1, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Book Club - We will meet on Sat., May 12, at 9:30 a.m., in the church Library. The book for the month is Lucia, Lucia by Adriana Trigiani. Call Dorothy Meyer, 793-1323, if you have any questions.

Covenant to Care - The scheduled meetings for May are:

Thurs., May 3, 7:00 p.m. at Deryl & Betty Miller's home. Please bring your Bibles - we will be doing a 4-part series from Sojourner's on "Nonviolence".
Tues., May 15, 7:30 p.m. at Margaret Grossman's home - please bring your Bibles.

If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Thompson, 788-7769.

Church Women United - May Friendship Day "Friends Under God's Wing" will be at South Park Presbyterian Church, on Fri., May 4, with registration beginning at 9:00 a.m. Opening Bible Study will be at 9:30, followed by the Worship Service. This celebration will also include bringing the pennies collected for the "Fellowship of the Least Coin" and the honoring of Young Church Women with the recognition of a Valiant Woman. Lunch will be served by the ladies of South Park at a cost of \$5. Reservations to be made by Mon., Apr. 30, by calling Shirley Suarez, 794-1053, or South Park Church, 786-6466.

Church Events Calendar



April 29 - May 5
Mon., Apr. 30
9-12 Foot Clinic
6:30 JCVC at Good Shepherd
Tues., May 1
9:30 Circle of Virtue
6:30 Fellowship
6:30 Personnel
7:00 Handbells (May 1 & 8 at 7:00 and 6:30 on May 15, 22, 29)
7:00 Outreach
Wed., May 2
7:30 Choir Rehearsal (every Wed.)
Thurs., May 3
12:30 PW Gathering at location to be announced
7:00 Covenant to Care
Fri., May 4
9:00 Church Women United at South Park Church
May 6 - May 12
Mon., May 7
1:00 Circle of Faith
7:00 C.E.
Tues., May 8
3:30 Stewardship
7:00 Circle of Love
Wed., May 9
6:30 Church in Society
Thurs., May 10
10:00 PP&E
Sat., May 12
9:30 Book Club in church Library
May 13 - May 19
Mon., May 14
4:00 WEM
7:00 Worship/Music
Tues., May 15
1:30 Finance
7:30 Covenant to Care
Wed., May 16
12:00 King's Daughters in Dining Rm
5:00 Meal Site
Thur., May 17
6:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry in Library
Sat., May 19
1:00 Ladies Afternoon Out
May 20 - May 26
Mon., May 21
1:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry in Library
6:30 Session
Tues., May 22
12:00 VIP
Thurs., May 24
7:00 Deacons
Touchpoints mailed
May 27 - June 2
Mon., May 28 - Memorial Day
Office will be closed

Sunday Attendance:

	Mar 25	Apr 1	Apr 8 - Easter
10:00 Service	140	160	Sunrise Service - 20 Worship Service - 232
Apr 15	Apr 22		
117	121		

Income:

Mar 25	\$	2,675.57
Apr 1	\$	8,055.57
Apr 8	\$	15,175.22
Apr 15	\$	6,242.33
Apr 22	\$	4,476.80
Apr Food Pantry	\$	159.50



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(309) 738-6588

Wendi Terronez
(309) 236-6962

Meal Site - Thank you to those who provided food and helped serve at the Meal Site on Wed., Apr. 18. Deacons will be preparing/providing the food for the May 16 Meal Site.

Trigger Finger



by Joanne Stice

Trigger finger is a painful condition in which your finger or thumb catches in a bent position and then may straighten with a snap. If it is severe enough, your finger can become locked in a bent position. It is generally caused by swelling of the tendon within the tendon sheath. When you normally move the finger, the tendons in that finger glide smoothly within their protective sheaths. Injury or overuse may cause the tendons to become inflamed, causing them to "catch". An affected finger may seem stiff at first and may "click" when it's moved. Eventually it may start to catch or become locked as it becomes worse.

Treatment:

Early on - rest, warm water soaks, and splinting the finger.
Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs such as ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin, etc.) will help relieve inflammation and swelling in the tendon sheath.
Sometimes an injection of a steroid near or into the tendon sheath is necessary.
More severe cases might require an outpatient surgical procedure to release the tendon.

Joanne Stice, Parish Nurse

Family of Faith

Joe and Joyce Bishop had a golden year in 2006. They celebrated 50 years of marriage and 50 years of Joe's dental practice. To celebrate they took a Disney cruise with the whole family; their daughter Linda and her husband Andy, son Jim and his wife Cathy and their two daughters, Kelly and Christy. Son Jim is a dentist in practice with his father and Cathy is a periodontist. Their daughter Linda lives in upstate New York with husband Andy. She is a buyer for Taylor and Company. Her work often takes her to Asia.

It wasn't long after they were married Joe and Joyce joined South Park Church. Yes, in 2007 they will have been members of our South Park family for 50 years. Joe has been a Trustee and an Elder, and Joyce a Deacon and an Elder in service to our church.

Joyce has shared many years of working with Joe in his dental office. She is an RN having graduated from Milwaukee Columbia Hospital School of Nursing. They met while both were at the Chicago Medical Center. Neither is ready to retire quite yet. When they do they will continue to travel. Already this couple has traveled to Asia, Europe, Australia, and New Zealand. Joe and Joyce like to snow ski in Colorado and just returned from a trip to Mexico.

The Bishop's home is on two and a half acres of land in a wooded area of Rock Island. When not traveling they like to garden and enjoy planting hostas, perennials, annuals, and other shade loving plants. Joyce says the driveway is long and the gardens hilly so it's very hard work to keep everything planted and growing. Several years ago Joe and Joyce's garden was featured in the Garden Walk: it must be beautiful. This hard working couple doesn't sound like they will retire from anything soon.

Presbyterian Women: May Activities

May 3 Gathering at 12:30 p.m., (location not yet known) with dessert. The program will be the Birthday Offering dedication and a presentation of the Church of Peace Outreach program by Nora Steele.

May 4 We will be hosting May Friendship Day (see article on pg. 2).

May 16 We will be hosting King's Daughters City Union Luncheon at 12:00 p.m.

V.I.P. - We will meet on **Tues., May 22, at noon**, for the monthly potluck in the church Dining Room. Everyone is invited to enjoy fellowship, good food and a program bringing Spring into our hearts.

Marie Timmer, a retired teacher from Rock Island, will present her collection of "**Hats**". Marie will entertain men as well as women with her 10-year collection of hats. The collection contains WWI, Military, men's and women's hats of all types.

Serving as your hosts will be Mary Henry, Barb Weber, and Jack & Jan Fitzpatrick. Frances Langston will give devotions. MC is LaNeva Birkel.

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 for the program at 12:45/1:00. **Come and enjoy "Hats"!!**

VIP/Jan Fitzpatrick

Ladies Afternoon Out - Sat., May 19, we will gather at 1:00 p.m. for a fun film "Charlotte's Web" and fellowship. Please bring a plate of treats to share. Coffee and tea provided. All ladies and their guests are welcome!

Fellowship Committee - Maxine & LaNeva

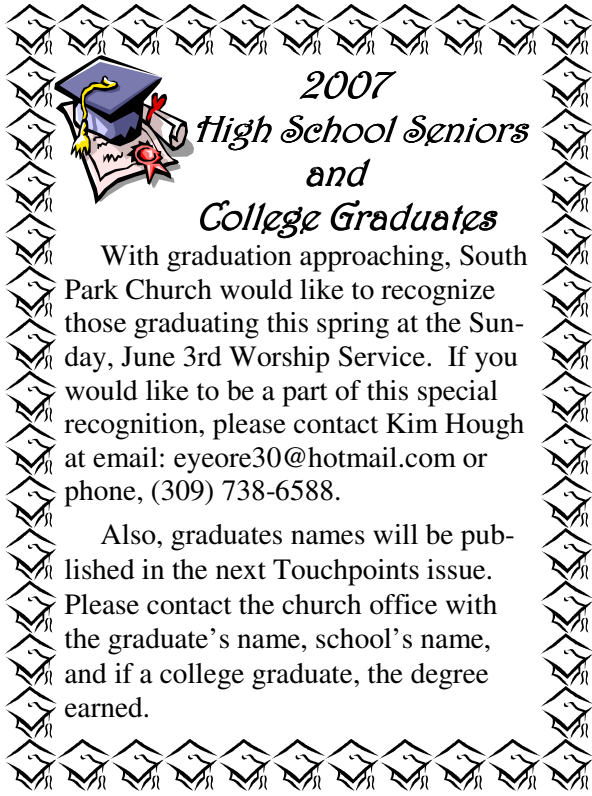


Flea Market
June 23
8 a.m.-2 p.m.
South Park Church
Parking Lot

Were you planning to have a garage sale this summer? You could rent a space at the flea market instead - \$20 for a space 18' x 18'. Spaces will be limited so reserve early. This is strictly a flea market - no rummage (*our annual rummage sale will be in August - please see "Rummage Sale" article on pg. 4*). For further information about the flea market, contact the Fitzpatricks, 794-0834; the Igleharts, 788-6200; or Duane LaMere, 794-1450. (Rain date will be on Sat., Jun. 30.)

Church Van News - South Park Church is blessed to have a van to transport our members and friends to church every Sunday for worship services. Terry Langston is the coordinator for the drivers and riders. **Call Terry Langston, (309)788-6280, for a ride to church or if you can drive the van to pick up our riders!!** Your services are appreciated.

The Fellowship Committee



2007
*High School Seniors
and
College Graduates*

With graduation approaching, South Park Church would like to recognize those graduating this spring at the Sunday, June 3rd Worship Service. If you would like to be a part of this special recognition, please contact Kim Hough at email: eyeore30@hotmail.com or phone, (309) 738-6588.

Also, graduates names will be published in the next Touchpoints issue. Please contact the church office with the graduate's name, school's name, and if a college graduate, the degree earned.

Rummage Sale Leader Needed - Please - consider the leadership for The All Church Rummage Sale!! You are needed!! There is a list of workers ready to volunteer, just waiting for someone to step up and say, **"Yes, I can do that, I will be the leader."** Contact Jan Fitzpatrick, 794-0834, for more information.

The Fellowship Committee - has "Church Basement Ladies" cookbooks on sale for \$5 in the Parlor. Our cost is \$4 with \$1 going into the General Fund.

**Presbytery of Great Rivers
2007 Camping Program**

- Senior High Mission Trip**
June 16-23
 - Health and Help Bicycle Camp**
July 18-20
 - Single Day Trail Rides**
June 9, 23, July 7
 - Counselor in Training Camp**
June 11-16
 - Hancock Christian Camp**
July 15-20
 - PGR Stronghold Jr/Jr. High Camp**
June 11-16
 - East Bay First Timers Camp**
June 11-13
 - East Bay Jr/Jr. High Camp**
June 11-16
 - Adult Mission Trip**
July 29-Aug. 4
- Contact Kim Hough, (309) 738-6588, or Sam LaMere, (309) 781-3662, if interested in attending one of these camps.

Tutoring - The school year is winding down and the last session of our tutoring program was on Tues., Apr. 24. According to their teacher, the students have improved their reading skills. But we have also seen nice relationships develop between the children and their tutors. We were able to give a book to each child at Easter and again at their last session.

Our program is funded with grant money, so we have applied to Bi-State Literacy Council and will be applying for further funding from other sources.

A big thank you to our South Park family for your help and support this year!

Coordinators,
Peggy Lieblein and Patty Henneman



JCVC (Joint Church Vision Community

The first round of joint meetings - Deacons, PW and Fellowship - has now been completed and each group's results will be given to the respective Clerks of Session to be shared with their Session and representatives of the three groups from their church. Others wishing a copy of any of the reports should contact their Clerk of Session. All three churches have many of the same activities and programs; however, the same activity may not be the responsibility of the same group at each church. For instance, funeral luncheons are the responsibility of PW at Good Shepherd and Broadway and the Deacons at South Park. Sorting this out "decently and in order" and in keeping with the Book of Order will take place after all groups have met and completed their work. One of the biggest surprises was the openness and camaraderie that developed among the participants as they worked through the process and dreamed of the possibilities for a transformed Presbyterian church with a larger congregation and more resources.

The next groups to meet include Outreach, Mission, Christian Education, and Worship and Music. Each group will meet individually (by church) before coming together in a combined group. As before, we welcome and encourage anyone to attend the combined meetings and share your hopes and dreams and even your concerns about the change this transformed church could bring. Please watch your church bulletin for dates and information about this next round of joint meetings.

Thank you - Thank You - Thank You! - for your cards, prayers, transportation and gifts of food during my recent illness.
God Bless, Vivian Feddersen

Thank You - from the Fellowship Committee to everyone who attended or supported our Easter Breakfast. We served 50 folks: Income=\$241, expenses=\$143.97, General Fund=\$97.03. All of the excess menu items were donated to the rescue Mission and our neighborhood Firefighters across the street. I appreciate my committee and John Terry for a blessed Easter morning.
Jan Fitzpatrick

With Thanks - "Thank you to our church friends for their cards and support for our 50th Wedding Anniversary. It helped make it a joyous occasion." God Bless, Dean & Irene Robinson

Thank You - I would like to thank all of the members of South Park who made salads and desserts for the memorial luncheon for my father, James Neifing. I would also like to thank those individuals that came and served at the luncheon and helped in any way to make the service and luncheon very special for my father's friends and family. What a wonderful group of people you have at South Park that help each other through both good times and difficult times. Thank you again for your many kindnesses!
Lynn Kustes and family of James W. Neifing

James W. Neifing Memorial - Pastor Virginia and Parish Nurse, Joanne, went to see Jim in the Davenport hospital three times. The service was impressive and showed that Pastor Virginia knew him. The luncheon was superb and the workers were all friends of mine. Special thanks to Marilyn and Don Sale for volunteering. These members will always have my blessings. So many sent cards for our long friendship. I thank you and Jim's family that are so dear to me. Lynn & John, Jim & Kelley and the two little ones. I thank all of you for your support.
Bev Linn