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Christian Education

June has been an exciting month for Christian Education. We just ended an energetic and wonderful week of Vacation Bible School.

Twenty excited and energetic children joined us each evening for music, crafts, recreation, & Bible stories.

The theme this year was:

"Beach Party-Surfin Through the Scriptures"

We opened up each evening at the Surf's Up-Surf Shack Assembly, where the children learned a new song each day and the ***"Be-Attitude"*** of the day. We focused on:

Be Obedient, Be Kind, Be Forgiving, Be Bold, and Believe.

Throughout the evening the children broke off into groups and surfed through the different stations.

Although many of us were exhausted by the end of the week, it was all worth it! We had over 45 people in attendance for our Family Night on the last evening of Vacation Bible school. Overall it was a huge success.

Thanks again to all the volunteers who put in their time & talents to making this week possible.

Remember to keep

Surfing the Word of God.



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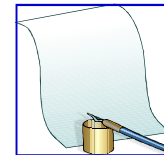
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TOUCHPOINTS

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From the Pastor's Pen

Cleaning up a few wrecked homes is tough but cleaning up thousands of damaged properties is overwhelming. Over the next weeks and months we will be asked to lend a hand in any way we can to help those whose every possession is mixed into a mud pile that must be scooped out and hauled away. Wall board will need to be torn out and floors ripped up and tossed out. Just finding a place to put all the debris is a huge problem.

Only after the cleaning can anyone hope to begin rebuilding. In the Katrina damaged areas some homes were not cleaned out for over two years!!

Would you be willing and able to take a Saturday or two out of your summer to go to destroyed areas to help folks get back on their feet? Obviously you will need to be in fairly good health to do the manual labor necessary but if you can't go yourself perhaps you would like to participate in the preparation of "Clean-Up Buckets. (See page 3).. There are things each of us can do. It is just a matter of committing your time and then signing up ahead of time so we can arrange through PDA (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance) and other agencies to appropriately place you when you arrive at the scene.

With a modest amount of planning we can maximize what we can offer as the helping hands of God. When I went on work trips to Katrina country the folk there told us again and again if it weren't for the churches that sent help they would have had no help at all. They were so appreciative of even the smallest bit of assistance. Let's not let our neighbors in the towns in either Illinois or Iowa suffer needlessly when we can help!

Please call Pastor Virginia to discuss what you can bring to ease this terrible tragedy.

Rev. Virginia Murray

Touchpoints Publication Schedule

Next Touchpoints will be mailed on Thursday, July 31. The deadline for articles to be submitted is Sun., July 27.

Church Services Schedule

(see enclosed July calendar for all events)

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

Wednesday, July 2

11:00 Mid-week Worship Service

Sunday, July 6

Parish Nurse
10:00 Worship Service

Communion

Sanctuary

Wednesday, July 9

11:00 Mid-week Worship Service

Sunday, July 13

10:00 Worship Service

Sanctuary

Wednesday, July 16

11:00 Mid-week Worship Service

Sunday, July 20

Churches United Food Pantry
Parish Nurse
10:00 Worship Service

Sanctuary

Wednesday, July 23

11:00 Mid-week Worship Service

Sunday, July 27

Recycling
10:00 Worship Service
Touchpoints articles deadline

Sanctuary

Wednesday, July 30

11:00 Mid-week Worship Service

Points of Interest

Book Club - We will meet on **Sat., July 12**, at 9:30 a.m. in the South Park Church Library. Everyone is welcome. We will read and discuss the book, *Eureka* by Jim Lehrer. Call Dorothy Meyer, 793-1323, if you have any questions.

Covenant to Care - We will meet on **Thurs., July 10, 7:00 p.m.**, at Jesse & Lee Evans' home.

Our second meeting will be on **Tues., July 22, 7:30 p.m.**, at Margaret Grossman's home. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Thompson.

V.I.P. - VIP will gather on **Tues., July 22**, at noon for our monthly potluck, fellowship and learning in the Dining Room. Our program will be "**Finding Your Own Spiritual Path**", presented by Dr. Bruce LeBlanc, of Blackhawk College. He allows us to briefly explore our current spiritual life and spiritual journey.

The host committee will be Eleanor Schenebricker and Barbara Weber. Devotions will be by Barbara Weber. LaNeva Birkel will be our MC. Please bring a dish to share, your own table service with a cup and/or a glass. Beverages are provided.

Anyone that is unable to attend the potluck is welcome to come for the program at 12:45/1:00. Come, bring a friend and have fun and take home some great information. For more details call 787-3830.

VIP/D. & B. Berg

Church Events Calendar



Week of June 29 - July 5

Tues., July 1
9:00 T.O.P.S. (every Tues.)
7:00 Membership Development

Week of July 6 - July 12

Mon., July 7
7:00 C.E.
Tues., July 8
10:00 Vision Council
1:00 Finance
3:30 Stewardship
Wed., July 9
6:30 Church in Society
Thurs., July 10
10:00 PPE
7:00 Covenant to Care
Sat., July 12
9:30 Book Club

Week of July 13 - July 19

Mon., July 14
4:00 WEM
7:00 Worship/Music
Wed., July 16
5:00 Meal Site

Week of July 20 - July 26

Mon., July 21
1:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry
Tues., July 22
12:00 VIP
7:30 Covenant to Care
Thurs., July 24
7:00 Deacons
Sat., July 26
12:30 Ladies Afternoon Out

Week of July 27 - August 2

Tues., July 28
6:30 Session
Thurs., July 31
Touchpoints mailed

*Coming in August:
South Park Church
Rummage Sale
August 15 and 16*

Sunday Attendance:

	June 1	June 8	June 15	June 22
10:00 Service	130	88	117	93

Income:

June 1	\$7,305.55
June 8	\$3,174.00
June 15	\$4,115.39
June 22	\$2,784.37
June Food Pantry	\$171.00



Address Changes:

Shirley Fenton
The Fountains Senior Living Community
Room 120
3752 Thunder Ridge Rd
Bettendorf, IA 52722

Ben Krueger
1316 38th St.
Rock Island, IL 61201

Meal Site - Thank you to those who provided food and helped serve at the Meal Site on Wednesday, June 18. There will be a sign up sheet in the Parlor in July if you would like to help provide food for the July 16 Meal Site.

P NURSE C A R I S H R O N I N F E R I O R

West Nile Virus

West Nile Virus Infection is a disease that is carried by mosquitoes and is caused by the West Nile Virus (WNV). This virus mainly affects birds but can also infect people.

by Joanne Stice

The virus usually will not make you sick. Most people

who have WNV infection never know they have it because they have no symptoms. The few people who get symptoms of WNV infection may have a mild illness called WN fever. A more serious form of WNV may cause inflammation of the brain and its coverings.

Causes:

Mosquitoes usually get WNV after blood from infected birds. The virus spreads to humans when they are bitten by infected mosquitoes. The virus can spread from person to person through blood transfusions or organ transplants. An infected mother may pass the virus to her unborn child or may also transmit to her baby through breast feeding.

Risks increase with:

People that travel to places where WNV is common or to those working or spending a lot of time outdoors.

Factors that can increase the severity of the infection are:

- Advanced age - 70 years or older.
- Having a long-term disease - cancer or diabetes.
- A weak immune system - such as organ transplant or AIDS.

Using steroids, chemotherapy, or medicines taken after an organ transplant.

Signs and symptoms:

Most people who get WNV infection do not develop symptoms.

Mild symptoms may feel like they have the flu-fever, headache, eye pain, muscle pain, tiredness, runny nose, cough, and sore throat. They may have loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and red rash.

Severe Symptoms:

- Fever.
- Bad headache, stiff neck, or neck pain.
- Confusion and behavioral changes - acting differently.
- Seizures or movement problems - uncontrolled shaking, jerking, stiffness or slow movement.
- Severe weakness.
- Sleepiness.

Diagnosis:

- Blood tests.
- Cat Scan.
- EEG (electroencephalogram) to trace brain waves to see how the brain is working.
- Lumbar Puncture (spinal tap) to check the fluid for infection or bleeding around the brain or spinal cord.
- MRI

Treatment:

There is no medicine to treat WNV. WN fever goes away on its own. If severe symptoms develop, you may need to be in the hospital. The treatment would then be to relieve the symptoms.

Medications:

To relieve pain, headaches, fever and to control seizures if needed. Antibiotics may be given if a bacterial infection is present.

Rehabilitation:

If needed could include physical and occupational therapy and speech.

Prevention:

Avoid mosquito bites:

- Put screens on windows and outside doors of your house.
- Apply insect repellent containing DEET to your skin and clothes. Read the instructions and follow them.
- Do not go outside especially at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are actively feeding.

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Ladies Afternoon Out - On Saturday, July 26, at 12:30 p.m., we will gather in the Ed. Center for a film "The Ultimate Gift". All ladies and their guests are welcome. Please bring a treat to share. Coffee and tea are furnished.

Fellowship Committee
Maxine and LaNeva

Clean-up Bucket - To help assist with the flood relief, you may purchase some of the following items and bring them to the church to prepare for distribution. **If you prefer you may contribute cash or checks. We are participating in a joint project with other area churches to buy supplies in bulk so monetary contributions are certainly welcome.**

- 1 - 5 gallon bucket with resealable lid
- 5 scouring pads
- 7 sponges, assorted sizes
- 1 scrub brush
- 1 package cleaning towels (18 reusable, e.g., Easy Wipes®)
- 1 box dry laundry detergent, 50-78 oz.
- 1 liquid concentrated household cleaner (e.g., Lysol®), 12 oz.
- 1 bottle liquid disinfectant dish soap (e.g., Dawn®), 25 oz.
- 50 clothespins
- Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
- 5 dust masks
- 2 pair - latex gloves (e.g., Playtex®)
- 1 pair - work gloves
- 1 - 24-count roll heavy-duty trash bags (33-45 gallon)
- 1 - bottle insect repellent (drops or lotion, not aerosol), 6-14 oz.



CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

(sponsored by Session)



Proceeds for
the General Budget

Team Leaders:
Annette Iglehart, Betty Miller,
Judy Yates

Friday, August 15 8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Saturday, August 16 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. 7 (Special Drop-Off, Aug. 11, 5-7 p.m.) NO rummage accepted after 3 p.m. on Wed., Aug. 13 NO furniture or heavy items**
- ☺ **Sign up sheets in the Parlor through Sun., Aug. 12:**
 - Unpack & Sort**
 - Tues. Aug. 12** 12-7 p.m.
 - Wed. Aug. 13** 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
 - Thur. Aug. 14** 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
 - Sale Days**
 - Fri. Aug. 15** 8:30-6:00 p.m.
 - Sat. Aug. 16** 8:30 a.m.-12 noon
 - Cleanup**
 - Sat. Aug. 16** Noon til ???
- ☺ **Donate baked goods and/or money for lunch supplies.**

If any questions, please contact:
Annette, 788-6200; Betty 786-5335;
or Judy, 787-1422.

Our New Piano

We have greatly enjoyed hearing our new piano for the last several weeks! We have been blessed with the talent of a couple of guest pianists (plus a flutist and a trumpeter). All in all our hearts have been touched by God's Word coming to us through the gift of music.

We have one final payment to make on the piano and the dollars are in hand to do so. **We just want to thank each and every one of you who has contributed so generously to this purchase.**

We are looking forward to a Dedication Concert sometime in early September. Hopefully the date can be finalized in the next week or two so that you can get it marked on your calendars. The concert will be open to the public.

As you will recall we will be using the piano for events that will draw people to the church and give them opportunity to experience God's presence through God's music.



Staff Computer Training

On July 23 and 24 our staff will be participating in a training program for our software package, "Church Windows". A number of churches in the area are using this program now so Churches United has graciously set up workshops to enhance understanding of this software.



The church office will be open and attended for ordinary business but if you have a particular need that requires expert attention you will want to stop by before those two dates.

Black Hawk College GED Program

Black Hawk College is offering classes to prepare students to take the tests required to earn the GED high school equivalency certificate.

If you know any teens or adults who would be interested please give them a flyer with the details. The flyers are in the parlor.

Since we are once again involved in multiple offerings (Food Pantry, Meal Site, Church of Peace and Flood Relief) it seems appropriate to reprint this article.)

Opportunities for Giving

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.

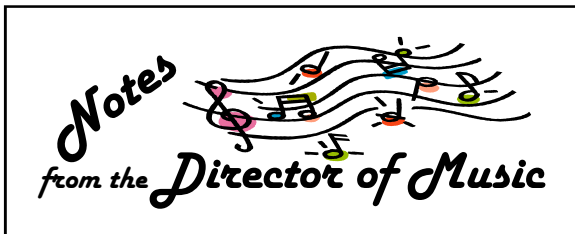
I want to make just a few comments on this matter. First of all you are a very generous congregation. You freely give to the special offerings plus you lend space in the church building to numerous groups who are attempting to make our community a better place to live. On top of that many of you are 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!!

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Treasures

While browsing through an antique mall recently I came across a stack of dusty old music. Never being able to resist the opportunity to glean through someone else's collection, I scanned the pile of brittle, yellowed pages until I came to a group of songs from the fifties. Several of the titles reminded me of songs I had heard growing up, so I tucked them under my arm and kept rooting.

Delighted with my find of old music treasures, I began to reminisce. It seemed so sad to see this stack of carefully selected pieces sitting amid all the unrelated pieces of discarded furniture, dented pots, and faded pictures nearby.

Nothing was known about the owner of the music. It just sat there in a basket, unloved and unwanted by anyone. I thought about the many pieces of music I had acquired through the demise of their owners. At least they had found an owner who would take care of them in their old age.

I have been a church musician for fifty-four years so you can imagine my collection. I have two hymnals from a friend whose grandfather was a circuit-riding preacher who traveled the hills of southern Indiana and told the prairie people all about the Promised Land as he went riding, singing on the way. What a wonderful piece of history. I can just imagine how treasured these little song books were, tucked away in his saddle-

bags along with all the other needs of a traveling preacher. How eager people must have been to come together and sing those songs of faith.

I pray my collection won't end up in some forlorn corner of a flea market or antique mall waiting for people to toss it around, with little regard for the love and affection it was afforded while it was in my possession.

The next time you come across a stack of aging old music, take a moment. Say a prayer of thanks for the musician who loved and collected it, and shared its beauty and joy with others. Then gather some of it up, bring it to your home to love, and cherish it as it once was.

Enjoy your summer and make it musical....

Kenn Logan

Director of Music

HELP WANTED!

Volunteers for Sunday Morning Coffee Hour

In August we have no committee assigned to serve Coffee, Juice & Cookies. If you would be willing to take one of the five Sundays in August, please see me on any Sunday in July to sign up or give me a call at 786-7406.

LaNeva Birkel, Fellowship Committee



(cont. from pg. 8 - West Nile Virus)

Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants to cover the skin.

Control mosquito breeding:

Mosquitoes lay their eggs and they mature in water. It is important not to have any standing water around.

Avoid leaving containers that can collect water in an uncovered or upright position. These containers may be wheelbarrows, drums, buckets, or cans.

Change water in animal feeders every few days.

Fill in any potholes or other areas where water is likely to get stagnant. Regularly check ponds, birdbaths and other bodies of standing water.

Drain or pump out standing water from newly made swimming pools that are not in use, rain gutters, and ditches.

Use aeration to prevent mosquito growth. Aeration constantly circulates the water, which does not allow water to become stagnant. Circulating water also prevents mosquitoes from laying their eggs and maturing.

Mosquito Bites:

Some people can have serious reactions to the bites. They can have itching, swelling, redness and can develop an infection of the skin (cellulitis). Topical medications such as calamine lotion or other anti-itch lotions can be tried. Benadryl can be taken by mouth - if these don't help see your doctor or go to a walk-in clinic or ER if you are having a breathing problem.

Joanne Stice, Parish Nurse

Thank You - The family of Ethel Whitmore wishes to thank Pastor Murray and the members of South Park for the many memorial contributions, your uplifting words of comfort and support, and those serving the luncheon. Sharing her faith with you proved "the means justified the end".
Dennis Whitmore

Food Pantry - Thank you all for the generous donations of food and personal care items to our Pantry Ministry. The last few months you have been especially giving even during these harder economic times. May God bless your faithfulness and concern for our less fortunate neighbors in need.
With gratitude, Terry Davis

Thank You - Carol Kramer, Becky and Mark Montgomery, Helen Miner and Tom Schaubroeck volunteered to work at the Church of Peace pantry shelf on Saturdays in May. Thank you. Through you we show our support and Christian love by reaching out to our community.
Church in Society

With Gratitude - We wish to express our gratitude to Circle of Virtue, Deacons and all who so thoughtfully gave a memorial in Beverly's honor.
The Richard Linn family

Summer Sunday Schedule
No Church School classes
Worship service every
Sunday at 10:00 a.m.