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Christian Education

Genesis Sunday

September 7

Church School classes begin

9:00 a.m.

Following the morning worship service there will be a lunch and Ice Cream Social in the Dining Room.



“All Aboard” at South Park Church for a Journey in Faith, Hope, Joy, Peace and Love

Come join us at the
Rock Island Labor Day Parade
Monday, September 1, 9:00 a.m.

Creating a Bully Free Quad Cities

presented by the Quad City Collaborative to Support a Bully Free Community

September 8

Davenport North High School Auditorium
626 W. 53rd St., Davenport

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.,
lecture and panel 7-8:30 p.m.

Keynote Speaker:
Dr. Warren Blumenfeld

The Quad City Collaborative for a Bully Free Community is a broad based community group committed to increasing public awareness on bullying, what it is, its effects and how it can be stopped.

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SOUTH PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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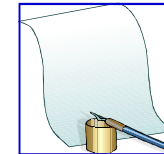
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Dear Friends,

What a joy it is to join your ministry here at South Park Presbyterian Church! After several weeks of talking with your Personnel Committee and Session, I am delighted to be here! On your behalf, they have extended a most warm welcome and for that, I thank you.



From the Pastor's Pen

I look forward to getting to know you and hearing about your lives and faith journeys. I already know that you are admirably active in mission and outreach. You have a beautiful facility and a talented and helpful staff. It is clear that many of you have poured your heart and soul into making South Park Presbyterian Church a place where you may both worship the Lord in beauty and holiness and spread the gospel into the community and the world. May God bless our ministry together!

I come to you as a Temporary Supply Pastor, which means that I will work with you in maintaining and growing the church's ministry as you continue to prepare for the future. You have more than adequately completed the tasks of interim ministry and you are ready to move forward. Your Pastor Nominating Committee continues its work. Although I have a background in interim ministry, I have also worked as a temporary supply pastor over a period of several years, so I know the ropes. I expect great things to come from our mutual work!

Please stop by and say hello in these next days and weeks. I'll be in the office by 9:00 a.m. (here's my first secret let out of the bag: I'm not a morning person). Tentatively, I plan to be in the office in the mornings and for meetings and out in the afternoons visiting. Let me know if you'd like me to stop by your house! Call me anytime: 563.370.4778 or email at church maryp@spchurchqc.org or personal email marynpugh@msn.com.

See you in church! Faithfully yours,

Mary N. Pugh
Pastor, Temporary Supply

P.S. Several people have asked what I prefer to be called. "Hey you," will work, but I prefer "Mary."

Touchpoints Publication Schedule

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

Church Services Schedule

(see enclosed September calendar for all events)

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

Wednesday, September 3

11:00 Mid-week Worship Service

Sunday, September 7

Genesis Sunday
Communion
Parish Nurse
9:00 Church School
10:00 Worship Service Sanctuary
with lunch and Ice Cream Social following

Tuesday, September 9

10:00 Worship at Friendship Manor

Wednesday, September 10

11:00 Mid-week Worship Service

Sunday, September 14

9:00 Church School
10:00 Worship Service Sanctuary
3:00 Grand Piano Dedication Concert with guest pianist Joshua Russell - reception following in Dining Room

Wednesday, September 17

11:00 Mid-week Worship Service

Sunday, September 21

Stewardship Sunday
Churches United Food Pantry
Parish Nurse
9:00 Church School
10:00 Worship Service Sanctuary
1:45 Carpool from church parking lot to Play-crafters
Touchpoints deadline

Wednesday, September 24

11:00 Mid-week Worship Service

Sunday, September 28

Recycling
9:00 Church School
10:00 Worship Service Sanctuary
2:00 Trip to Niabi Zoo



Grand Piano Dedication

Sunday, September 14

3:00 p.m.

South Park Presbyterian Church

(Reception to follow in the Church Dining Room)

Guest Pianist - Joshua Russell

Biography: Joshua has performed as a pianist, organist, and conductor throughout the United States, Europe, and Haiti and recently performed a recital for the Haitian Ambassador to the United States in Washington, D.C.

In the summer of 2001, he traveled to Port-au-Prince, Haiti, where he conducted the *Petits Chanteurs* Haitian boys choir and served on the piano faculty for the *École Sainte Trinite* Summer Music Camp for Haitian youth. He performed lecture-recitals of Haitian piano music in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania and at Illinois State University for "Super Regional" conferences of the College Music Society and is scheduled to perform the same program at the 2008 National Conference of the College Music Society.

As assistant conductor of the Bradley University Chorale, he performed in the Chicago Cultural Center and conducted the ensemble during its concert tour of Ireland and Wales. He is currently the principal pianist for the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra.

In addition to performing, Joshua maintains an active teaching schedule as a member of the faculty at Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, Iowa and Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois.

Church Events Calendar

Week of August 31 - September 6

Mon., September 1

Labor Day - Office Closed

Tues., September 2

9:00 T.O.P.S. (every Tues.)

9:30 Circle of Virtue

1:00 Vision Council

6:30 Fellowship

6:30 Handbells (every Tues.)

7:00 Membership Development

7:00 C.E.

Wed., September 3

7:00 Choir Rehearsal (every Wed.)

Thurs., September 4

9:30 PW Mission

7:00 Covenant to Care

Week of September 7 - September 13

Mon., September 8

1:00 Circle of Faith

4:00 WEM

7:00 Worship/Music

Tues., September 9

9:00 Personnel

10:00 Worship at Friendship Manor

3:00 Tutoring (Starts today and is every Tues.)

3:30 Stewardship

7:00 Circle of Love

Wed., September 10

6:30 Church in Society

Thurs., September 11

10:00 PPE

Sat., September 13

9:30 Book Club

Week of September 14 - September 20

Mon., September 15

1:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tues., September 16

12:00 V.I.P.

1:00 Finance

7:30 Covenant to Care

Wed., September 17

5:00 Meal Site

Sat., September 20

9:00 a.m. PW Presbytery Mtg at South Park Church

Week of September 21 - September 30

Mon., September 22

1:30 PW Coordinating Team

6:30 Session

Thurs., September 25

7:00 Deacons

Tues., September 30

11:00 PW Salad Luncheon

August Data

Sunday Attendance:

	Aug 3	Aug 10	Aug 17	Aug 24
10:00 Service	117	117	115	150

Income:

Aug 3	\$6,548.04
Aug 10	\$28,941.18
Aug 17	\$2,493.00
Rummage Sale	\$2,353.05
Aug 24	\$6,989.98
August Food Pantry	\$71.00



New Members:

Arlin & Nyla Neumann
2342 31st St A
Moline, IL 61265
309-797-1455

Address Change:

Bob & Grace Coatney
Friendship Manor C313
1209 21st Ave.
Rock Island, IL 61201

Meal Site - Thank you to those who provided food and helped serve at the Meal Site on Wednesday, August 20. There will be a sign up sheet in the Parlor in September if you would like to help provide food for the September 17 Meal Site.

Stewardship Sunday September 21

Prayerfully consider the gifts God has given you as you prepare to return to God through your support of this church.

PARISH NURSE CORNER



Athlete's Foot

Athlete's foot is a common, contagious fungus infection of the skin of the feet. The parts of the feet that most usually are affected are the soles and skin between the toes. Both sexes and all

ages are affected, but it is most common in adolescents and adults.

Signs and Symptoms:

- Moist, soft gray-white or red scales on feet, especially between the toes.
- Dead skin between the toes.
- Itching in the inflamed areas.
- Damp, musty foot odor.
- Small blisters on the feet.

Risks Increase With:

- Infrequent washing of the feet.
- Infrequent changes of shoes or socks.
- Use of locker rooms and public showers.
- Hot humid weather.

Prevention:

- Bathe feet daily. Dry feet thoroughly and dust them with talc powder.
- Go barefoot when possible unless medical conditions don't recommend it.
- Change shoes and socks daily.
- Wear socks made of cotton, wool or other natural, absorbent fibers. Avoid synthetics.

Treatments:

- Remove scales and material between toes daily.
- Keep affected areas cool and dry. Go barefoot or wear sandals during treatment.
- Use non-prescription antifungal powders, creams or ointments after each bath. For severe cases, your doctor may prescribe oral or more potent topical antifungal medications.
- Antibiotics may be ordered if a secondary bacterial infection develops in the infected area.

Joanne Stice, Parish Nurse

Presbyterian Women

Mission Workdays 9:30 a.m. on Thurs.
Sep. 4, Oct. 2 and Nov. 6

Salad Luncheon
Tues., Sep. 30, Tickets-\$6.00

Presbytery of Great Rivers Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering at South Park Church
Sat., Sep. 20, 2008

Registration 9:00 a.m. Gathering 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

"You Give Your Mission Dollars, Where Do They Go?" We will be hearing about Presbytery Mission projects as well as the Birthday and Thank Offering projects! Come and learn. The afternoon communion service will be led by Rev. Becky Sherwood from East Moline 1st Church. **Luncheon reservations by Sep. 15** to Mary Jo Wagner, 788-3377, \$7.00

Church Women United Fall Fellowship
Fri., Sep. 19 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Moline.

Registration 9:30, Brunch 10:00, \$6.00, Reservations to Harriet Plutz, 794-9545, by Sep. 14. Speaker is Chris Fouser, volunteer for Wheels for the World about prisoners refurbishing wheelchairs and walkers for the disabled.

Fall Forum
Fri., Oct. 3 at St. James Lutheran (Further details later.)

Acolytes - The Acolyte program is a meaningful way to be part of the Sunday Worship Service. Training will begin this fall. Anyone in the 4th grade or above that is interested in being a part of this program, please contact the church office, 786-6466, or Betty Miller, 786-5335.

Points of Interest

Circle of Virtue - will meet on Tues., Sep. 2, at 9:30, at the church. Study books will be available for \$6.60. (It would be most helpful if you could pay for the book with exact change. Thank you.)

Covenant to Care - We will meet on **Thurs., Sep. 4, 7:00 p.m., at Jesse & Lee Evans' home.**

Our second meeting will be on **Tues., Sep. 16, 7:30 p.m., at Margaret Grossman's home.**

We continue reading Philip Yancey's book, "Prayer---Does It Make a Difference?" If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Thompson.

V.I.P. - VIP will gather on **Tues., Sep. 16 (please note change in date)**, at noon for our monthly potluck in the Dining Room. Everyone is invited to gather for good fellowship and learning. Our program is entitled, "**How to Talk to a Cop**", presented by Richard Fiems, who is a professor and chief of public safety at Black Hawk College. If you ever wonder what you should say to the officer who pulls you over, he will give us some helpful tips. This will be especially interesting for those of us who have that 'heavy foot'.

The host committee will be Eleanor Schenebricker and Barbara Weber. Don Berg will give devotions and LaNeva Birkel will be our MC. Please bring a dish to share and your own table service along with a cup and/or 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, share a laugh or two and take home some much needed information. For more details call 787-3830.

VIP/D. & B. Berg

Book Club - We will meet on **Sat., Sep. 13**, at 9:30 a.m. in the South Park Church Library. Everyone is welcome. We will read and discuss the book, **Jail** by Janus Patterson. Call Dorothy Meyer, 793-1323, if you have any questions.

Genesis Sunday with Ice Cream Social - **Genesis Sunday** is on Sep. 7 with Sunday School beginning at 9:00 a.m. Following the morning worship service the C.E. Committee will be serving lunch and the Fellowship Committee will sponsor the Ice Cream Social. Suggested donation of \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children ages 12 and under. Join us for this great time of food and fellowship.

Playcrafters - The Vision Council is again sponsoring a trip to Playcrafters. The date is Sun., Sep. 21. The play is "Promises, Promises" and the cost is \$10 per person. We must have your payment by Wed., Sep. 17 to secure tickets. We will meet in the church parking lot at 1:45 p.m. to carpool for the 3:00 p.m. performance. See Kenn Logan or Annette Iglehart for reservations or questions. Plan to join us.

Men's Breakfast - Men of South Park Church, you are invited for breakfast at Rock Island HyVee Sat., Sep. 27 at 8:30 a.m.. The cost is \$5 plus the cost of your drink. We had a great turn out for the last breakfast we had, so we thought we would have another one. Let Gary Hendren know if you are coming so he can reserve a place for you, 788-9442. Bring a friend.

Ladies, Music and Chocolate - All ladies are invited to an afternoon of Music and Chocolate on Sat., Oct. 18, at 1:00 p.m. We will gather in the Sanctuary for a musical program with Kenn Logan at our new Kawai RX6 piano and Jerry Schroeder on guitar and vocal, followed by fellowship in our Dining Room.

Admission: Any treat containing chocolate plus a \$2 donation.

If any questions, call LaNeva Birkel, 786-7406.

Fellowship Committee



♪ As the Birds Sing ♪

The frivolous little song, "Let's All Sing as the Birdies Sing" is better advice than at first meets the ear or the sober judgment. Why not sing as the birds sing!

They sing with great clarity and precision; they pour their best efforts and their truest feelings into their singing; they are not self-conscious before an audience; they sing with a purpose, even though it may be just for the sheer joy of singing; they sing regularly and often. Many of these traits are worthy of consideration on the part of human singers. Most of our feathered songsters will be going south for the winter. We shall miss their spontaneous singing.

Choirs cannot warble from the tree-tops, but some of them can do a very good job of it from the choir loft. Have you thought that there might be some connection between flying and singing? Creeping things seldom sing, and when they do, certainly not beautifully. It takes a spirit that can soar toward heaven's own blue to lift itself in song. Well then, why not!

We've had a wonderful musical summer here at South Park Church. We in the worship and music departments are excited about the coming new fall and winter season of worship. The first adult choir rehearsal will start the first Wednesday of September (the 3rd) at 7:00 and the youth choir will start the following Sunday (the 7th) at 9:00 a.m. I know you have the spirit and I am convinced that you would enjoy being a part

of this worship ministry. We look forward to worshiping with you in song. Let's all sing like the birdies sing!

Music Ministries
Kenn Logan
Director of Music

Hooray for Our Tutoring Program!

Our learning workshop on the afternoon of August 19th was a great beginning to our '08-'09 tutoring year. Julie Hansen, our director/teacher from Audubon, put forth many ideas and suggestions of ways to use teaching materials. She also had prepared a teaching tips folder for each tutor.

We had fourteen attendees in addition to Julie. Happily, our tutoring team consists of South Parkers but also friends from the community. I find this greatly encouraging. We all have many possible ways we can help in this world. I am so appreciative that some have chosen our program as one of their ways to help.

And—on a final happy note, we applied for two grants—one from the Rauch Foundation, the other from the Doris & Victor Day Foundation. I have received word that we have been awarded both. As you may know, our first grade tutoring program is funded totally by donations and grants.

You are welcome to join with us. We would love to have more subs for tutors and/or van drivers. Please drop in some Tuesday afternoon between 3:15 and 4:30 and see learning and caring in action.

Patty Henneman

Rummage Sale Thank You

The successful completion of any project requires the energy and cooperation of many. The August 15 & 16th rummage sale sponsored by the Session is a perfect example of this. There are many to thank for their dedication to this project:

- ★ the strong guys who set up clothes racks, carried and set up tables, ran errands and provided much needed expertise;
- ★ the folks who donated their "treasures" for sale;
- ★ the willing workers who unpacked, folded, arranged and priced the rummage;
- ★ the "angels" who so generously provided lunch for the workers;
- ★ the office staff who assisted in so many ways;
- ★ the lunch counter workers who cooked and served food for our customers;
- ★ the wonderful cooks who donated baked goods for the bake sale and those that sold those wares;
- ★ the people who worked as cashiers and helped on the sale days; and....
- ★ our wonderful sextons who assisted with the clean up.

As an additional mission we were able to provide bedding, children and adult clothing to nursing homes and the abuse shelters and we donated books to the Rock Island library re-sale shop.

We are grateful to all who brought this sale to a wonderful conclusion with a profit of over \$2,000 to help continue the work of South Park Presbyterian Church.

Thank you!

Judy, Betty and Annette for the Session

Thank You - to my South Park family for your prayers, phone calls, beautiful cards, and kind memorials. Harriet brought me the lovely Prayer Shawl, which I use daily. Pastor Virginia was there for me in the emergency room and at Gary's graveside service at the Arsenal. I am truly blessed.
Sincerely, Marilyn Ostrom

Thank You - so much for the beautiful "Prayer Shawl" which gives me comfort and warmth and a happy feeling. I appreciate all the time this took to make.
Sincerely, Louise Schultz

Thank You - I share my thanks with the "Prayer Shawl" group for the shawl that had been given to my mom, Jeanette Edler. She passed away on July 12, 2008 and up until her passing she greatly admired the prayer shawl and used it continuously. I have passed it on to our local prayer shawl group to be used again.

Gratefully, Kathy Edler Allison

Thank You - Our warmest thanks to all the children and adults who so graciously gave peanut butter, cereal, school supplies and much other needed food to supply our pantry and help out our Rock Island neighbors in need. You always come through for us. God bless South Park Church.

In His Name,

Rock Island 2nd Baptist Church

