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SERVING THIS WEEK OF March 23

Worship Leader: Tim Adams
Elders: Janet Shank (bread); Jack McKinnon (cup)
Diaconate: Josh Butcher, Elise Cangro, Roselyn Chown,
Ron Vaughn, Jonelle Schauble, Sue Cangro
Balcony: Collin Reed, Shannon Reed, Rich Cangro
Preparatory: Monill McClure, Barbara Markley, Cindy Moon
Greeters: **Front** LouAnn Herriman
Central East Karen Chatterton
Balcony South Jeanna Montgomery
Elevator Les Herriman
Sanctuary Superintendent(s): Gail & Joyce Randall
Children's Moment: Shannon Reed
Children's Church: Chris Dace
Soundboard Tech: Eric Reed
Coffee Fellowship Time: Joyce Randall
Hospital Caller(s): Patti Jones
Financial Escort: Karen Chatterton
Sunday Morning Office Staff: Dorothy Loop

Kelly Ingersoll,
Minister

Bill Froom,
Chancel Choir Director

Carol Harmon,
Organist

Annetta Holt,
Administrative Assistant

Paul Huff,
Custodian

Mariah Chapdelaine,
Youth/Children's Choir Director

Brandi Collins,
Nursery Supervisor

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Lent 2014

Lenten Sermons and Scriptures:

March 23	<i>Quenched Thirst, Perfect Vision</i>	John 4:5-15
March 30	Youth Sunday <i>Not Seen - Felt</i>	
April 6	<i>Wash and See</i>	John 9:1-12
April 13	<i>Blinded by Hope</i>	Matt 21:1-11
April 20	<i>Eyes Beyond the Cross</i>	John 20:1-18

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Kelly's Korner

Rumor has it that Fred Phelps is dying. Do you know this name? He is known as a hate-monger. He tagged the phrase *God Hates Fags!* and put them on signs for protests—protests which saw little children holding these signs and signs that were much worse. Fred Phelps is the founder of Westboro Baptist Church located in Kansas. The church is known for picketing events like funerals of soldiers claiming that because the United States has altered its moral compass, God chooses for these soldiers to die.

My first encounter with this group came at one of our denomination's General Assembly in Kansas City. I was a youth minister in Kentucky. Our church decided to take youth to the assembly. We arrived, checked in at our hotel, ate dinner and headed to worship. We encountered the signs, the people, the hate. They were upset with one of the resolutions we would be considering as a denomination so they protested. It was shocking.

My Facebook has exploded with lots of ideas on how to handle the death of Fred Phelps. The first thing I read asked the question, "Will we picket the funeral of Fred Phelps?" There was an essay that said we should picket his funeral—with love. The article basically said no matter what he may have done in his life, Phelps is still a child of God. We cannot cheer the death of any child of God.

George Takei has become a Facebook icon. You may remember him from Star Trek. Recently he has said—*I take no solace or joy in this man's passing. We will not dance upon his grave, nor stand vigil at his funeral holding "God hates Freds" signs, tempting as it may be. He was a tormented soul, who tormented so many. Hate never wins out in the end. It instead goes always to its lonely, dusty end.*

Another recent quote on Facebook states—If your religion doesn't lead you to love more, you need a new religion. This may be paraphrased a bit. But you get the idea. With cross eyed faith, may we know that God's love always wins out in the end.

Peace,



Sunday, March 23

Bill Butcher opens/closes church

Mike Drake drives the van

8:30 AM Prayer Group

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship

10:30 AM Worship

5:00 PM Youth Group

Monday, March 24

5:30 PM Evangelism Comm

6:00 PM Property Comm

6:00 PM Worship Comm

7:00 PM Elders

Tuesday, March 25

1:30 PM Martha Shemwell

6:00 PM Itoko Maeda @ Asian Buffet

7:00 PM Bertha Gilchrist

Wednesday, March 26

5:30 PM Lenten Study

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 30

Rod Burg opens/closes church

Bob/Karen Chatterton drive(s) the van

Youth Sunday

8:30 AM Prayer Group

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship

10:30 AM Worship

Birthdays and Anniversaries

25 Dean Hansen

Sunday, March 23

**Sermon: Quenched Thirst,
Perfect Vision**

Scripture: John 4:5-15

Lectionary Readings:

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 95

Romans 5:1-11

Sunday, March 30

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Youth Sunday

**Sermon: Not Seen - Felt
Speaker: Hanna Runner**

Lectionary Readings:

I Samuel 16:1-13

Psalm 23

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

Mother-Daughter-Son Banquet



**Tuesday, April 8
6:00 P.M.**

The Disciples Women will host their annual Mother-Daughter-Son Banquet on Tuesday, April 8, 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All women are invited! Tickets will be available for purchase in the Parlor on March 23, 30 and April 6. The tickets will be \$6/adult, \$4/children, ages 10-14; children, ages 10 and younger may attend for free!

The menu this year will be Dan Reed's famous meatballs, cheesy potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, rolls and a variety of desserts. Hot dogs will be available for children who don't care for meatballs.

Pat Hobbs will be our guest presenter. She will be presenting a talk/demonstration on quilts. Pat is a creative and talented artist. If you have a favorite quilt, please bring it to display for the evening. Write a note telling who owns it, who made it and why it is special to you. We will type it for you and place it next to your quilt. Bring your quilt and info on April 6.

We would appreciate borrowing a wooden quilt rack if you have one. Invite a friend or family member who loves quilts.

The nursery will be staffed.



INTERGENERATIONAL MISSION TRIP REPORT MARCH 2014

Words can't describe the shock we felt viewing the ravished areas of Washington. The contrasts of normal to totally ripped away were memories that will stay in our hearts. Though some homes are being repaired, there has been little restoration done yet in most of the tornado wrecked areas due to the winter weather.

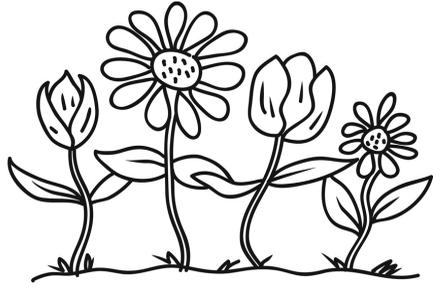
Area churches and agencies have kicked into high gear since the November F-4 disaster meeting basic survival needs. Bethany Christian Fellowship of Washington has stepped up to form a highly organized response headquarters to efficiently utilize volunteer helpers. Through them we were given job assignments, tools, and supplies. At orientation, we were the smallest group among spring break college students from Iowa, Indiana, & Illinois. We were both the youngest and oldest of the volunteers.

Our tasks the first two days included scraping and hauling debris out of yards in the unshielded, windy March weather. Because of the damp soil, the task was made difficult prying out of mud various items: fragments of glass, lumber, fine china, plastics, appliances; items that make up one's home. We served 5 households be-

fore the snow descended. In the process, we met, through their possessions, faceless adults & children, some from those houses, others from possibly miles away. The ripped open houses turned private lives into public exposure and left us wondering where the bedrooms or living rooms, or entire top floors might have been.

March turned back into January, switching to flocked snow, power loss, and slushy road conditions. We took a much needed rest and were directed to a distribution center which provided basic toiletries, food, & clothing to those the tornado harmed. We were assigned to the clothing building with a college group, to the sheer delight of an overwhelmed worker. Boxes of donated clothing nearly filled the bare, unheated strip mall warehouse. We helped sort and box items by size and gender, making a dent that brought order and hope to at least one volunteer.

Though our trip was focused on helping, we found fun in our tasks, preparing our meals and competing at games. We worked amazingly well together and supported one another. (article continued on pg 5)



You will be able to purchase a spring garden plant(e.g., tulips, hyacinths, jonquils or daffodils in mixed colors) depending on availability to decorate our sanctuary for Easter. The price will be the same as last year: \$12.50.

If you would like to purchase one in memory or honor of someone, please note that with your check.

You may include the cost of the flowers with your regular offering between now and April 13.

We are in the process of regulating the heat on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary.

Those who are scheduled to open and close the building have specific instructions for the thermostat.

We ask others not to adjust it from those settings.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Dave Kentner
Property Chair



We will continue accepting contributions for Blankets which are distributed to those displaced by disaster and to those who are homeless or economically disadvantaged.

A \$5.00 donation will fund the cost of one blanket. Please consider "helping" by making a donation this week. Note on your giving envelope or check memo line the amount designated for Blankets.

Mission Report cont'd....

ported each other whatever we were doing. Our fun night out was just as good; bowling at the Bass Pro Shop in E. Peoria and dining at Gracie's in Washington, a sports bar & grill that hosts weekly "God discussions". Our evening worships brought all we'd seen and done into a spiritual perspective and cleansing debriefing.

Back in Macomb, all the houses had roofs; debris didn't litter yards or fields; no church's steeple lay next to its ravished sanctuary. All just as Washington, Illinois had been seconds before the tornado hit. Yet we could have just as easily been in the tornado's path. If it happened to us, would we be the one to step up and offer our church for volunteers to freely use as Eureka Christian did? Would our community provide dorm rooms as Eureka College, or homes for volunteers? Would we organize triage spaces or survival packs for those hurting and in need? Would we be the hands of Christ we saw in Washington? Let's pray we would. Special thanks for prayers and support of the team members: Kelly, Rod, Elise, Jan, Ellen, Ted, and Natalie!



Eyes Upon the Cross

Eyes Upon the Cross will be the recurring theme of our Lenten Studies.

We will continue our study on Wednesdays during Lent - March 26, April 2, and 9. These studies will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a snack supper. There will be a study offered for all ages.

The study will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will conclude at 6:45 p.m.

Please reserve a place each week by placing a number beside your name in the Friendship Register. A donation basket will be available to help pay for the cost of the meal each week.