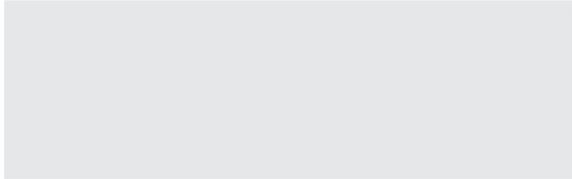




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SERVING THIS WEEK OF July 13

Worship Leader: Tim Adams
Elders: John Carden (bread), Jean Moore (cup)
Diaconate: Nita Burg, Rod Burg, Larry Ellis
 Joan Hansen, Halie Runner, Hanna Runner
Balcony: Nancy Reed, Anne Ingersoll, Jeanna Montgomery
Preparatory: Judy Graves, Holly Runner, Ellen Tingley
Greeters: **Front** Rod & Nita Burg
Central East Joan England
Balcony South Linda Dace
Elevator John Carden
Sanctuary Superintendent(s): Bob & Betty Sherwood
Children's Moment: Rev. Ingersoll
Children's Church: Jack McKinnon
Soundboard Tech: Chris Dace
Coffee Fellowship Time: Katie Dorethy
Hospital Caller: Jan Rockwell
Financial Escort: Dean Rockwell
Sunday Morning Office Staff: Jonelle Schauble

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
 Sydne Speziale,
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**Sunday, July 20,
2014
Immediately
following Worship**

By provision of our Church constitution, I am informing you of a congregational meeting immediately following worship on Sunday, July 20, 2014.

The agenda will include information and discussion of current projects that are part of our capital campaign.

It is important that you attend and familiarize yourself with this update as we finalize plans for our sanctuary renovation.

We are excited and interested to hear about what is happening!

Bob Chatterton
Board Chair

We will be known by our fruits (Matt 25:29-30)

Kelly's Korner

Why do bad things happen to good people? This is a question I have been asked in my lifetime, whether in small group conversation, as a regular church member, and definitely as a minister. Atheists have asked this question. So have believers. Maybe you have been asked this question as well. Maybe you have asked the question... of someone else...of God.

If we break the question down, really analyze it, we understand what is truly being asked. If God is all-powerful and if God is also all-loving, why is there evil in the world? Inadequate answers will run people away from the church faster than a tornado blowing through a field...than Usain Bolt running the 100 meter dash...than the blink of an eye...than anything. Somehow, believers of all religions must deal with this question.

My atheist friends always refer to these thoughts during our conversations. Strangers in restaurants and airports are not shy to ask either. Just this week in two separate conversations with people in their twenties, I have been asked about this. It's only Tuesday. People want to know.

Harold Kushner has written a book called *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*. Notice the change from why to when. Bad things will happen in life—just a matter of time. He writes, *I no longer hold God responsible for illnesses, accidents, and natural disaster, because I realize I gain little and I lose so much when I blame God for those things. I can worship a God who hates suffering but cannot eliminate it, more easily than I can worship a God who chooses to make children suffer and die, for whatever reason.*

How can he say these things? This Sunday, we'll attempt to answer this question for all of us—atheist and believer alike.

Peace,



Sunday, July 13

Bill Butcher opens/closes church

Jim Schauble drive(s) van

8:30 AM Prayer Group

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship

10:30 AM Worship

12:00 PM All-church Picnic &
Pie Auction, FH

Monday, July 14

6:00 PM Stephen Ministers

6:00 PM Christian Education

6:30 PM Membership

Tuesday, July 15

5:30 PM Pastoral Support Group

Sunday, July 20

Rod Burg opens/closes church

Rod/Nita Burg drive(s) van

8:00 AM Prayer Group

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship

10:30 AM Worship

12:00 PM Congregational Meeting

2:00 PM Grand Prairie

Elders: John Carden

Deacons: Anne Ingersoll

Josh Butcher

4:00 PM Everly House

Elders: John Carden

Deacons: Anne Ingersoll

Josh Butcher

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| 12 | Sharon Hall
Ying Yang |
| 14 | Don Hodges |
| 16 | Jeanna Montgomery |
| 18 | Justine Harp |

Sunday, July 13 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: Bad Things/Good People
Scripture: Job 1:12; Job 2:6-8

Lectionary Readings:

Genesis 25:19-34

Psalm 119:105-112

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sunday, July 20 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Lectionary Readings:

Genesis 28:10-19a

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

Romans 8:12-25

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

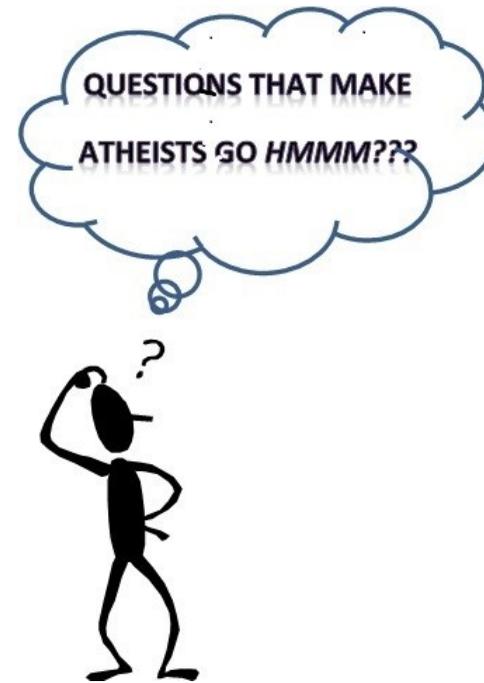
We want to update the congregation on the status of the undertaking to help a new member, detailed in an article in the May 22, 2014 *Chalice Tidings*. As you may remember, this project is being sponsored by the Church Board, the Elders, the Trustees, and the Christian Action & Outreach Committee.

The congregation has provided leadership in mentoring, offering assistance in job hunting (which has been successful), budgeting, furniture and essentials shopping, obtaining a place to live and other items for everyday living in Macomb. The leadership of the church is so pleased with the outpouring of grace and kindness to this new member.

We have been accepting "designated giving" to use toward helping this person establish himself in affordable housing and employment. He arrived in Macomb with nothing so all necessities of everyday living have needed to be acquired/purchased.

If you have not had a chance to donate to this project and would like to, please put your donation in the offering plate on Sunday. Please mark clearly that all or a portion of the money you are giving is to be used for "member aid" and Annetta will see that the intended purpose is honored.

Please continue to keep all these efforts and your participation with them in your prayers.



July 13—Bad Things/Good People

July 20—Whose God is Right?

July 27—Spiritual Resume

Annual Picnic



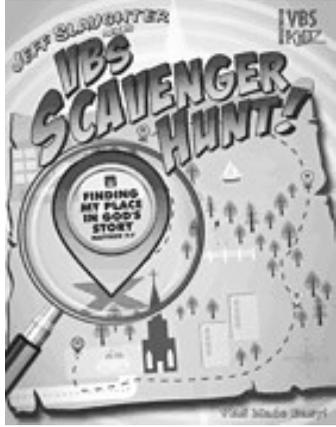
Membership will host the annual church picnic next Sunday, at 12:00 Noon with a pie auction starting about 1:00 p.m.

Membership will furnish fried chicken, baked beans, table service and drinks. Please bring a vegetable, salad, and/or dessert to share.

The picnic will be in Fellowship Hall - no bugs to fight!

Please plan to bake pies for the auction; if you cannot bake a pie, bring money to buy one (or more)!!

See you there!!!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The planning is nearly complete and it is our hope to present an exciting and meaningful VBS experience for our youth this summer. **VBS 2014 Scavenger Hunt** starts Monday July 28th and runs through Friday August 1st. We will begin each evening with a light meal starting at 5:30 p.m. and we will dismiss at 8:00 p.m. There will be a

self contained preschool/Kindergarten class, and three rotating age groups of grade 1st-2nd, 3rd-4th, and 5th-6th. The older youth will also have activities off campus led by Will Wetzel. Pastor Mark Merrill will lead an adult class after all, and the pre/K, 1st-2nd, 3rd-4th, and 5th-6th grade groups will be involved with crafts, small group Bible stories, games - including a scavenger hunt, and of course, some super music. We are asking that anyone planning to attend please complete a preregistration form. This will help to insure that we have enough materials for everyone. Adults planning to attend Pastor Mark's class should also preregister if possible. Preregistration is not required, but recommended. Van transportation and nursery care for children under 3 will be available every night of VBS. Please indicate if you will need these services on your registration form. These forms are available in the parlor. Please turn them in to the Christian Education mailbox, the church office, or give them to Peggy West, Jack McKinnon, or Jonelle Schauble.

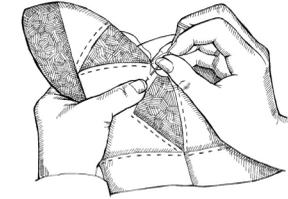
We are now seeking volunteers to be shepherds for one of the rotating groups. The shepherd's job is mainly to take children to their respective classes on time and be available to help as aides in the classrooms. There will be a sign up sheet in the parlor for anyone interested in helping as a shepherd. This is a very important position, because shepherds insure the schedule runs smoothly.

Thank you for your wonderful response bringing in shoe boxes and old maps. We have all the maps we need now, and have nearly collected enough shoe boxes. Thank you for your fantastic response.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (cont'd)....

The VBS mission focus this year is "Operation Christmas Child" which distributes shoeboxes filled with toys, school supplies and personal care essentials to needy children worldwide. VBS kids will conduct a scavenger hunt each night for items to go into their shoebox gifts. If you would like to help this mission, you can do so by donating any of the following new and unopened items for kids ages 5-9: pencils, pencil sharpeners, small notebooks/writing pads, toothbrushes, small tubes of toothpaste, small coloring or picture books, crayons (16 or 24 count), and small toys (yo-yo, toy car, slinky, jump rope, jacks, ball, small doll, etc). There will be a collection box in the parlor starting this Sunday through July 27th.

Jack McKinnon



Sewing Guide/ Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry and the Sewing Guild members will both meet on Monday, July 14.

Sewing guild members will meet at 10:00 a.m. and the Prayer Shawl members will join them at noon.

Please bring all the projects you have been working on, a sack lunch, and we'll all share what we are doing.

Hope to see you then!