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SERVING THIS WEEK OF July 27

Worship Leader: Mike Drake
Elders: Janet Shank (bread), Mary Stipanowich (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: Jack McKinnon
Children's Church: Alex Adams
Soundboard Tech: Eric Reed
Coffee Fellowship Time: Jonelle Schauble
Hospital Caller: Char Carden
Financial Escort: Dean Rockwell
Sunday Morning Office Staff: Janet Shank

Kelly Ingersoll,
Minister

Bill Froom,
Chancel Choir Director

Carol Harmon,
Organist

Annetta Holt,
Administrative Assistant

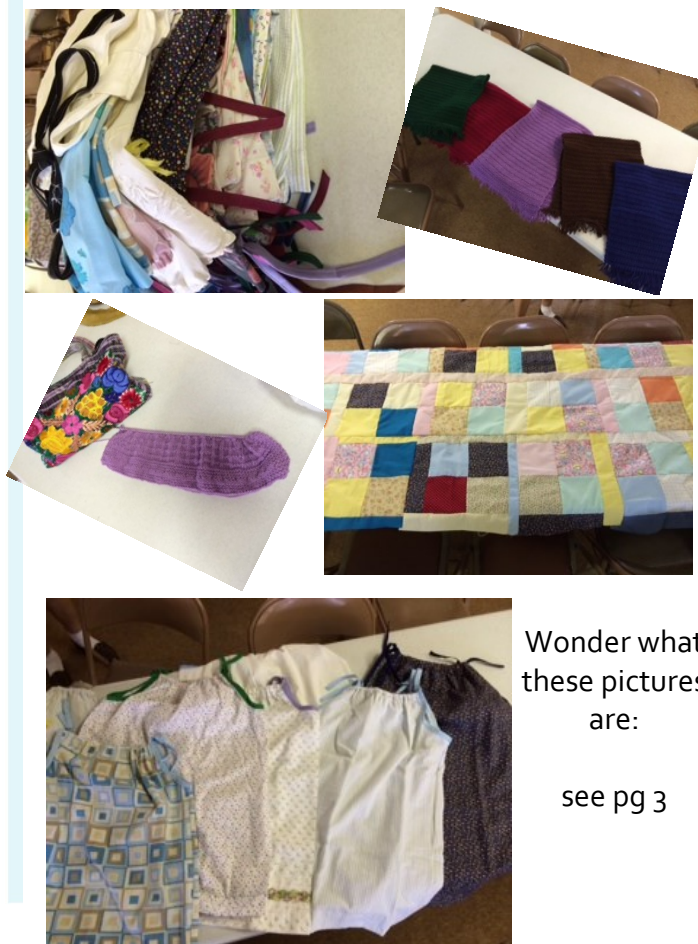
Paul Huff,
Custodian

Mariah Chapdelaine,
Youth/Children's Choir Director

Brandi Collins,
Nursery Supervisor

Sydney Speziale,
Nursery Assistant

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Wonder what these pictures are:

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Kelly's Korner

As we reach the last week of our sermon series, *Things That Make Atheists Go Hmm???*, my mind wonders to whom have the messages been intended? Have we been providing new ways of thinking so that non-believers might be able to consider the church and her work in different ways? I think the short answer is yes. Have we believers been seeking a less traditional approach to faith and scripture in hopes of regaining some vitality which has been lost in recent years? I hope so. I believe the future of the Church depends on us asking some of these questions.

The hope is for all of us, believer and non-believer alike, to enter into meaningful conversation. Conversation that is open and honest where people refuse to be condescending or get frustrated and resort to name-calling. Encountering an atheist does not provide the religionist some higher footing or superior moral conduct. On the other hand, encountering a believer does not give the non-believer the right to feel more enlightened or intelligent. The conversation should be less about who is right and more about understanding the other.

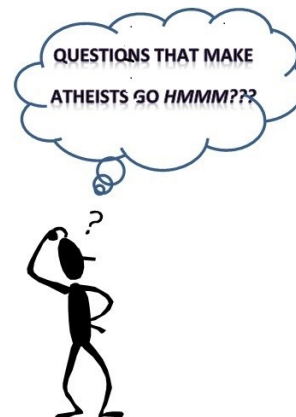
Our last week will deal with a phrase coined by my atheist friend—spiritual resume. He often wonders why Christians do good in the world. Is it to build up one's spiritual resume and insure a trip to heaven in the afterlife? I believe this misses the point of faith completely. What do you think?

See you Sunday!

Peace,

Sunday's Sermon:

Spiritual Resume



Sunday, July 27

Bill Butcher opens/closes church
John Carden drive(s) van

8:30 AM Prayer Group
9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship
10:30 AM Worship

Monday, July 28

5:30 PM VBS
5:00 PM Evangelism
7:00 PM Elders

Tuesday, July 29

5:30 PM VBS

Wednesday, July 30

5:30 PM VBS

Thursday, July 31

5:30 PM VBS

Friday, August 1

5:30 PM VBS

Saturday, August 2

7:15 AM Disciple Men @ Old Dairy

Sunday, August 3

Dave Kentner opens/closes church
Dave Kentner drive(s) van

8:30 AM Prayer Group
9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship
10:30 AM Worship
1:30 PM Shut-in Communion

Elders: Jean Moore
Jan Rockwell

Deacons: Rich Cangro
Sue Cangro

Birthdays and Anniversaries

26 Betty Sherwood

28 Nancy & Jim Lane (a)

Sunday, July 27

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: Spiritual Resume

Scripture: Ephesians 2:4-9

Lectionary Readings:

Genesis 29:15-28

Psalms 105:1-11, 45b

Psalms 128

Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Sunday, August 3

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Lectionary Readings:

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalms 17:1-7, 15

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21



Membership would like to thank everyone who helped make our annual church picnic and pie auction such a huge success! We appreciate the help to set up, clean up, and the contribution of food.

We also thank our Auctioneer, Ron Runner and his helpers, Bob Chatterton and Don Hodges.

Thanks to those who baked beautiful, delicious pies and to those who bought them. Total donations received was \$2,315! We will use this money to buy new chairs for Fellowship Hall.

We will sponsor the homemade ice cream social at 4:00 p.m. on August 24, 2014. Please mark your calendars!

Membership Committee



Did you know:

- * There are 66 books in the Bible?
- * Micah and Nahum are the middle books of the Bible?
- * 3 John is the book with the fewest words?
- * Psalms has the most chapters?
- * There are 1,189 chapters in the Bible?
- * Psalm 117 is the middle chapter of the entire Bible?
- * Psalm 117 is also the shortest chapter in the Bible?
- * Psalm 119 is the longest chapter in the Bible?
- * There are 31,101 verses in the Bible?
- * Psalm 118:8 is the middle verse of the entire Bible? *It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man.*
- * John 11:35 is the shortest verse in the Bible? *Jesus wept.*
- * Esther 8:9 is the longest verse in the Bible? It has 78 words.



The sewing guild and prayer shawl ministry have been very busy the past few weeks.

The sewing guild has completed 33 pillowcase dresses for girls in Africa and has already sent five quilt tops to Hungary and has four more ready to go. The prayer shawl women have ten shawls completed and they were blessed in worship last Sunday.

All are welcome to join either of these groups!

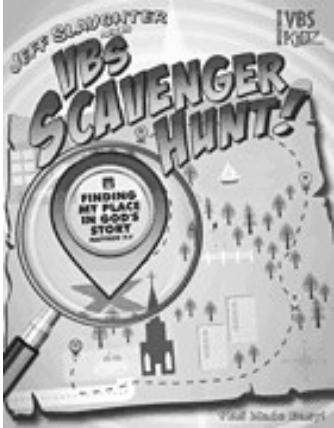


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The Trustees have announced that four choir intern scholarships, one children's choir intern scholarship, and two scholarships for church members who will be attending WIU will be available next school year, 2014-15.

The applications for these have been posted to our web page: www.fccmacomb.org



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The planning is 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 con-

tained 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 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.

Thank you for your wonderful response bringing in shoe boxes and old maps. We have all the maps and shoeboxes we need. We do need Christmas wrapping paper to wrap the boxes after they are packed. 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 through July 27th.

Jack McKinnon



The VBS kitchen staff is seeking zucchini for vegetable sticks, and other fresh vegetables that can be used in green salads to include in our daily meal plan for VBS.

If you have some that you could donate, please bring them to church on Sunday, July 27, or during the week of VBS.

We also need cookies for dessert for the 5 nights of VBS. Please bring 2-3 dozen cookies, brownies, dessert bars - whatever you can make. Please bring them to church on Sunday or Monday.

See Patti Jones with your donations.

Thanks for the support of the gardeners/bakers/cooks in the church!