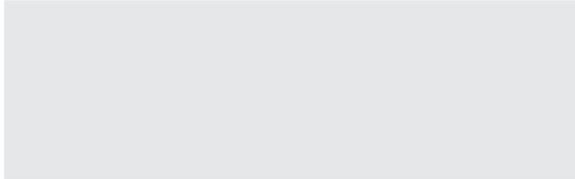




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SERVING THIS WEEK OF August 10

- Worship Leader:** Bill Butcher
Elders: Jack McKinnon (bread), Jean Johnson-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** Dave & Norma Kentner
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: Peggy West
Soundboard Tech: Chris Dace
Coffee Fellowship Time: Heather Craig-Bailey
Hospital Caller: Mary Stipanowich
Financial Escort: Barbara Houck
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,
Nursery Assistant

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Back To School



Christian Education is planning a "Back to School" program on August 17.

Children will be promoted to new Sunday School classes and Sunday School teachers will be honored on that day.

Please plan to attend the gathering in Fellowship Hall at 9:40 a.m. and make a note to thank our teachers for their dedication each Sunday morning to Christian education.

Kelly's Korner

Have you peeked into the sanctuary? Since last Saturday the pews, carpet, and choir loft have all been removed. The organ and piano have been moved. All the chancel furniture has found a new home in the basement—which you already knew if you were able to attend worship last weekend. It has been a whirlwind of activity. I do believe we heard about a whirlwind of activity during VBS as we studied the scripture of Pentecost. We are prayerful that the spirit's work is leading us during our renovations.

There are a variety of ways to follow the progress of the renovation. If you are on Facebook, become a fan of our page. We will also update the website periodically with new pictures. These are definitely exciting times of transition.

Not all transition is exciting. It can often be scary or nerve-racking. Much anxiety can come from transition. Young British actor Daniel Radcliffe says, *I suppose whenever you go through periods of transition, or in a way, it's a very definite closing of a certain chapter of your life - I suppose those times are always going to be both very upsetting and also very exciting by the very nature because things are changing and you don't know what's going to happen.*

On Sunday, we left the Jacob story as he was running for his life. Esau declared that he would kill his brother for stealing his blessing. We will pick up the story this week as Jacob is on the road, half-way to his uncle's home. He will have a vision about a ladder. He will see this as a sign from God and mark the place as holy.

Wouldn't it be nice to have such a visit from God during our personal transitions? What confidence and peace would be gained from a nice dream that assured us that God is with us. In our transitions, there is too much going on—too many details that we have to take care of—to recognize the small ways God is caring for us, partnering with us, walking beside us and sometimes in front of us. In the stress of transition, sometimes we just need to rest and breathe and recognize God's presence. Or, as Jacob did, try to get a good night's rest.

See you Sunday!

Peace,



Sunday, August 10

Dave Kentner 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

Monday, August 11

5:30 PM Christian Action &
Outreach

6:00 PM Stephen Ministers

6:00 PM Christian Education

6:30 PM Membership

Tuesday, August 12

5:30 PM Pastoral Support Group

Sunday, August 17

Eric Reed opens/closes church

Eric Reed drive(s) van

8:00 AM Prayer Group

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship

10:30 AM Worship

2:00 PM Grand Prairie

Elders: Jack McKinnon

Deacons: Linda & Maddie Dace

4:00 PM Everly House

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Deacons: Linda & Maddie Dace

Birthdays and Anniversaries

11 Jan Rockwell

15 Nancy Reed

Sunday, August 10 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: Come Again In Peace

Scripture: Genesis 28:10-22

Lectionary Readings:

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Psalms 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

Romans 10:5-15

Matthew 14:22-33

Sunday, August 17 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

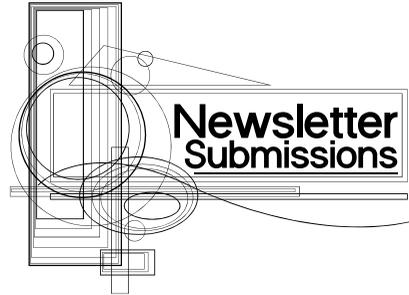
Lectionary Readings:

Genesis 5:1-15

Psalms 133

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28



Mark your calendar for August 24 .

This day has been designated as Homecoming Sunday and there are special plans being made. During Worship, *Relative Harmony*, will lead music. Please invite friends and family to join us. We hope to fill every chair in the basement for worship.

Our Annual Homemade Ice Cream Social will take place that afternoon at 4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

If you would like to make a freezer of ice cream, please inform Karen Chatterton, Judy Graves or Joyce Randall.

We will be calling people asking for desserts. If you are not called, come and enjoy the evening and we will call you another time to furnish dessert.

Music will be provided by *Relative Harmony* that afternoon also.

Please invite your family and friends to come and enjoy the ice cream with you!

To be sure your newsletter article makes the next issue of *Chalice Tidings*, please submit it to the office by **NOON on Tuesday**.

Because of the many variables surrounding the set-up, copying and folding of the newsletters, it is important that this deadline be met.

Thank you all for submitting your articles and being cognizant of the Tuesday noon deadline.

Summer is continuing! And the yard still needs mowing!

We have no one signed up to mow the church yard during the months of August and September.

Would you be willing to help in this area? The church has a mower to use - all we need is a little manpower.

The sign-up sheet will be on the counter in the back of the Fellowship Hall next week. Please sign up for a week or two.

We would like the mowing to be done Thursday or Friday so the yard will look good on Sunday but if you need to mow earlier in the week so be it.

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

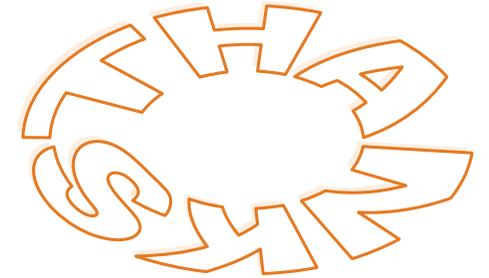


VBS Scavenger Hunt 2014 in cooperation with the First Presbyterian Church is now history, but let us reflect on its success for just a moment. We started the week off with 16 students in attendance Monday evening. Tuesday saw an increase to 24 students, Wednesday increased again to 26 students, Thursday we declined to 24 students and , Friday was our lowest night with 15 students. Our numbers may have been less than hoped for, but we presented a quality VBS for those in attendance. God's power was truly with us, because every roadblock that presented itself was quickly resolved, and people stepped up when needed. We are humbled by the awesome cooperation between individuals from both churches who made this event so enjoyable for everyone. The staff working the main centers and all of the volunteers from kitchen staff, shepherds, bus driver, and cookie bakers gave it their all and then some. Did you feel the power of our prayer warriors? A huge thanks to those who kept VBS in their prayers. We are reluctant to thank everyone by name, because we would invariably forget someone. VBS is truly an all church event with everyone supporting us in some way. VBS Scavenger Hunt 2014 was an awesome success not because of us, but because of those dedicated individuals who gave of their time, shared their talents and energy, brought their dedication and determination to share God's love with all ages in our community. If that wasn't enough, we had many people donate money to the cause. The support from our churches was so amazing that we can't put into words our true feelings of gratitude, so we will just humbly say thank you. We serve an awesome God! We may or may not see the fruits of our labor, but believe me, we planted the seeds, and in God's time, they will grow with our continued tending. Our job is not over. It is just beginning.

VBS REPORT (cont'd).....

We collected enough supplies to send a very respectable number of shoeboxes to "Operation Christmas Child." These gifts of love will delight the hearts of children all over the world this coming Christmas season. Wow, it is a great blessing to know that we are a part of this. Many of you donated supplies and toys to this cause, and gave money to ship the boxes. Wow! we just can't stop saying wow! Our church families are the greatest! Let us continue to serve God together in the future. From the bottom of our hearts one more time...Wow!

Traci Dewitt, Robin Bauerly,
Peggy West, and Jack McKinnon



Thanks to all who labored in the kitchen during Vacation Bible School. In addition, thanks to all who brought vegetables and cookies; even though we cannot name everyone, they were most genuinely appreciated.

Those who worked in the kitchen were: Mike & Bev Drake, Judy Graves, Pat Ward, Dorothy Loop, Rod & Nita Burg, Shannon & Grant Reed, Linda Ward, Joanna Anderson, Pauline Dunn and Myrna Osborn.

Because of the wonderful spirit of camaraderie, we were able to feed everyone - with some fun time in the activity.

I am quite sure that the food for the physical bodies of our participants was as much appreciated as the food for their spiritual bodies.

God bless you all for the dedication and work you provided on behalf of our church and community.

Patti Jones



THANK YOUs and REPORT