



# Highlight

*Increasing Our Love  
for God & Neighbor*

*The Congregational United Church of Christ*

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## **Mardi Gras Pancake Breakfast GF Youth Group Fundraiser February 10, 9-11:30am Fellowship Hall**



New Members will be received on Sunday, April 14 at the 9:30am worship service. A New Member Orientation evening will be held Monday, April 8, 7:30pm. If you are interested in joining or if you would just like to attend to find out more about our church, make sure the office has your name, address, phone number and E-mail to send you information about the meeting. If you have questions, please contact the church office or pastors.



## **February 13 6:30-7:30pm**

This will be a time of introspection and quiet, culminating in a chance to come forward for personal communion wherein you can experience God's love and forgiveness. Throughout the service there will be soft music played on the harp. Although the sanctuary will be open from 6:30-7:30pm, you may come and leave as you wish. This is an opportunity for 2nd graders to take communion with their families after finishing their communion lessons in Sunday School.



Love is patient, love is kind.  
It is not jealous, is not pompous,  
it is not inflated, it is not rude,  
it does not seek its own interests,  
it is not quick-tempered,  
it does not brood over injury,  
it does not rejoice over wrongdoing  
but rejoices with the truth.  
It bears all things, believes all things,  
hopes all things, endures all things.

(1 Corinthians 13:4-8)





## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**The Banwart Family**

**Janet Bell**

**Maurice French**

**David Hinderliter**

**(Barb Fairbairn's son)**

**Frank Lagowski**

**Cynthia Lilke**

**Sue Palansky**

**Corrin Stines**

**Fred Varguson**

**Cynthia Withey**

**Congratulations to Mark & Heather Ludemann on the birth of their daughter, Eloise Elizabeth on January 29. And congratulations to grandparents Bill & Carol Ludemann**

**Our sympathy to Dawn Turner and Family. Dawn's sister Denise passed away on January 29.**

**Our sympathy to Barb Brennan and Family. Barb's mother Annette Holmes passed away on February 4th.**

The flowers on January 20 were given by Robert and Teresa Melton in honor their son, Tristan's, 7th birthday on January 22.



## Back Bay Mission Shrimp Boil

**February 9, 2013, 6 pm, Fellowship Hall**

**Benefit Dinner for Back Bay Mission  
The Rev. Shari Prestemon Executive Director of  
Back Bay Mission will be our guest.**

**If you would like to attend and have not signed up please call the church office.**

## Adult Work Camp

**This year our Adult Work Camp to Back Bay Mission will be November 3 - 9, 2013. The sign up, limited to 20, begins in February. If you have never joined this marvelous week of significant work and fellowship, consider adding your name. For those who really plan ahead, the 2014 dates are Nov. 9 - 15.**



## Food on the 4<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 24

Please bring non-perishable food for the St. Charles Salvation Army & Elburn Food Pantries on February 24. Bring mixes (cake mixes, baking mixes, muffin mixes, Jello, pudding mixes).

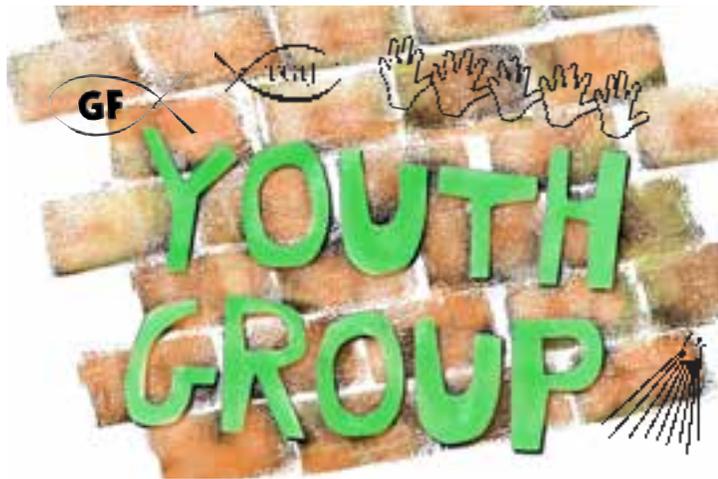
## Lazarus House

February 20, 6:45pm

You're invited to prepare and deliver a portion of the meal we provide. Signup is on the Mission board. Questions? Contact Brian & Rebecca Reber at 847-717-5439 or [tigowner@comcast.net](mailto:tigowner@comcast.net)

*Rett and I are so fortunate to be a part of such a supportive church family. When Rett's mother died before Christmas, we received so many verbal, e-mailed, and written words of love and sympathy. Even at 100, it is still hard to lose your mom. We appreciated your thoughtfulness. Then, when I had knee replacement surgery the beginning of January, again we were supported by your love, prayers, encouragement, cards, visits, offer of equipment, meals, and other goodies. You all mean so much to us. Thank-you! God bless you all!*

*Jeanne and Rett Humke*



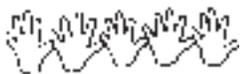
 **Galilee of Friends  
for High School Youth**

GF Wednesday Youth Group meetings for 9th-12th graders.  
Meeting in the youth room 119 (6:30-7 gathering time, 7-8  
program time, 8-8:15 closing circle)

**Mardi Gras  
Pancake Breakfast  
GF Youth Group Fundraiser  
February 10, 9-11:30am  
Fellowship Hall**

 **Thank God it's Jesus  
for Middle School Youth**

Movies, Feb 10, 1pm at Church

 **Helping Hands**

Helping Hands is for 4th and 5th graders. We meet  
monthly from 5-6pm in Fellowship Hall on the 3rd  
Wednesday of the month to make a difference in the com-  
munities in which we live, worship and play. We have fun  
while doing a project.

Feb. 20, March 20, April 17, May 15.

**Confirmation 2013**

February 24, 11-1pm



## Israel/Palestine and Jordan Adult Education

Plan to join us for two weeks to hear  
about the trip several of us took to  
Israel/Palestine and Jordan. Come  
downstairs after church from 10:45  
to noon. On Feb 17, you will hear  
about the footsteps of Jesus. You will  
see pictures of the places matching  
scripture of Jesus life. Then on Feb  
24, join us to hear about the current  
issues. Child care will be provided.



Women's Fellowship  
will meet in the parlor,  
March 6 at 9am for social  
time, then the meeting  
begins at 9:30. All  
women of the church are  
members and are invited  
to attend. Please come  
and learn what projects  
we do and how you can  
become a part of them.



### ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

**PUT ON YOUR GREEN, FIND YOUR  
MARCHING SHOES  
JOIN CHURCH FRIENDS AND THE  
PUPPETS FOR THE ST. CHARLES  
ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE  
MARCH 16, 2PM**

**SIGN UP ON THE CONGREGATIONAL  
LIFE BOARD  
More information will follow**



Patti Molloy, RN Parish Nurse  
nurse@uccstc.org

## Love Your Heart

On Monday morning, January 28, I received a text message from my good friend and next door neighbor, Tom Palansky. It read: "Prayer chain request. Susie had a mild heart attack early Sunday morning." It went on to tell me she was doing well and would be coming home from the hospital the following day. I was stunned. Susie? No wonder she didn't respond to my text Sunday evening to see if I could borrow an egg! I think at the exact moment I sent the text, she was having a stent placed in her 100% occluded Circumflex artery. As I visited her in the hospital (and took her a lovely prayer shawl, thanks to the prayer shawl ladies!) we were discussing what had happened. Tom said, "There's your next Highlight article!" Yes, Tom, you were right. Here it is.

Did you know that heart disease kills more men and women than ALL CANCERS COMBINED and it is the NUMBER ONE KILLER OF WOMEN? For that reason, knowing the symptoms of heart disease is so important for men AND women.

When someone has a heart attack on television or in the movies, typically he feels sudden pain, clutches his chest and succumbs. The key word in that sentence is "he." In reality, a heart attack victim could easily be a woman, and the scene may not be that dramatic. For Susie, she had gone out to dinner Saturday night so when she woke at 2:30 am with what she called "chest tightness" she immediately thought it was indigestion. I'd like to tell you that she woke Tom right away and they called 9-1-1, but that's not what happened. She quietly got out of bed so she didn't wake her husband and went downstairs. This is not uncommon, especially in women. Our natural instinct is to take care of our family and also to deny that anything serious could be happening. Tom said he could have woken up for church Sunday morning having lost her. I think he would rather have been woken at 2:30am!

When I asked her what was going through her mind she said she did not have "the elephant on her chest" that is so often talked about. She also had RIGHT arm pain and thought that if it were an actual heart attack the pain would be in her LEFT arm. The reality is, especially in women, arm, shoulder and back pain are common symptoms which can and often do occur on the right or possibly both sides. Other common symptoms that occur more often in women include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea, shortness of breath, dizziness, or fainting. As with men, women's most common heart attack symptom is chest pain, discomfort or tightness that either does not go away or goes away but returns.

As it turns out, somewhere deep down, Susie "knew" what was going on as when she got up she took an aspirin. She said she knew it couldn't hurt and maybe it would help her arm and shoulder pain. (Denial is a funny thing). But,

that was smart! If you or someone you are with suspects they may be having a heart attack, chewing and swallowing a 325mg aspirin (not enteric coated) is medically proven to increase the survival rate and decrease damage done to the heart. Yes, I said CHEWING! The clot dissolving medicine gets in to the blood stream much quicker if the aspirin is chewed. For this reason, I keep 4 baby aspirin with me at all times. A baby aspirin is 81mg so four of them would give 324mg and is much more palatable than regular aspirin. I strongly recommend you have some form of aspirin with you at all times. Even if you are on aspirin therapy, if you think you may be having a heart attack, you need the additional dosage.

At 6:30am, a full four hours later, when her symptoms were not subsiding, Sue finally woke Tom. Always the banker and concerned about the cost, she had him take her to the Urgent Care associated with her doctor's office. She knew that office was in her network. I asked Tom why he agreed to this instead of going to the nearest Emergency Room. He said, "At 6:30 in the morning when you are woken up by your wife and told that she has tightness in your chest and needs you to take her to urgent care, you warm up the car and do what you're told!" Susie and I strongly recommend, if you have any questions at all about insurance coverage in case of an emergency, check with your insurance company NOW. Eliminate this possible concern and stressor.

Finally, please know your "numbers". Do you have high cholesterol or high blood pressure? If so, and you have been prescribed medication for them...TAKE IT... religiously! Right, Susie? That's all I'll say about that.

I think my dogs will be happy about this recent health scare in our neighborhood "family." Susie vows to start a walking program and is looking for some company. My dogs and I will be happy to oblige!

In case you are wondering, Susie is all too happy to be the subject of this article and the "poster child" for women's heart health. She feels that if this information helps just one person, her experience will be worth it. Thanks, Susie. I love you and I Love Your Heart!

## Spiritual Spa

Join us on Saturday, February 9, 2013 from 8am-12pm for a morning of relaxation, pampering, education, and more. There is no charge and a continental breakfast will be served. We will have massage therapists, yoga classes, nutrition counseling, a chiropractor, and much more. This is not an event for women only. Men are invited and encouraged to attend! Please sign up on the Parish Nurse bulletin board across from the office. Questions can be directed to Patti Molloy in the church office or via email at nurse@uccstc.org.

*Automated External Defibrillator* is located just outside the office door. Look for the overhead AED sign. The phone is on the adjacent wall. To call for help, press an outside line and dial 911.





Illinois Conference  
United Church of Christ

# OUTDOOR MINISTRIES

**Sponsored Events**  
**Pilgrim Park**  
**Camp & Conference Center**  
26449 1340 N Avenue  
Princeton, IL 61356-8790

**Tower Hill**  
**Camp & Retreat Center**  
12173 Tower Hill Road  
Sawyer, MI 49125-9122

Contact: (815) 447-2390 or  
visit [www.il-odm.org](http://www.il-odm.org)  
for online registration



## Camps at a Glance ADULTS AND YOUTH

PILGRIM PARK CAMPS	DATE	COST
Confirmation Weekend	March 1-3	\$130.00
Sports Camp	June 16-22	\$371.00
Camp LEAD	June 23-29	\$356.00
Grandparents and Me	June 20-22 or July 25-27	
First Adult		\$166.00
Each Additional Adult		\$113.00
First Child		\$97.00
Second Child		\$81.00
Each Additional Child		\$73.00
Worship & Wonder	July 7-12	\$320.00
Tenderfoot Camp	July 10-12	\$161.00
Spirit Camp	July 15-20	\$320.00
Tenderfoot Camp	July 18-20	\$161.00
Family Camp	August 31-September 2	
First Adult		\$166.00
Each Additional Adult		\$92.00
Each Child		\$75.00
Illinois Conference Women's Retreat	October 4-5	\$103.00
TOWER HILL CAMPS	DATE	COST
Prime Time Camp	March 2-3 or April 6-7	
First Adult		\$128.00
Each Additional Adult		\$75.00
First Child		\$66.00
Second Child		\$58.00
Each Additional Child		\$54.00
Leadership Camp	June 16-21	\$286.00
Family of God Camp	June 23-29	\$361.00
HUG Camp	July 7-13	\$359.00
Godstock	July 14-20	\$356.00
Grandparents and Me	July 22-24 or July 25-27	
First Adult		\$166.00
Each Additional Adult		\$113.00
First Child		\$97.00
Second Child		\$81.00
Each Additional Child		\$73.00
Tenderfoot Camp	July 18-20	\$161.00
Leadership Camp	July 21-26	\$286.00
Camp Stewardship	July 28 August 3	\$316.00
Autumn Adult Retreat	October 4-6	\$171.00

**\$10.00 DISCOUNT PER CAMPER** – To receive the discount, mailed registrations must be postmarked or online registrations must be submitted no later than 30 days prior to the event.

## Camp Scholarships

Anyone who plans to attend one of our church camps this summer at Tower Hill or Pilgrim Park can have a scholarship given by the Linder/Colson Camp scholarship fund and sponsored by the Christian Education Committee. The camp details and registration forms are on the CE bulletin board. Please bring in your registration form to have it signed and amount written in by Suzy Daly or Sue Peterson.



Over the past seven years, I have watched my two children and their fellow GFers give up their spring breaks to go spend the week doing mission work on behalf of others they didn't even know in Washington, DC – West Virginia – Glendale, FL – St. Johns Island, SC. It's always a great parenting moment to tell others about how cool your kids, are doing this mission work, and it's even neater hearing their life-changing stories of the week when they return home.

Then two years ago my husband joined the Back Bay Mission Adult Work Crew; and now his annual vacation time includes one week dedicated to doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with other church members as they re-side homes, re-build window screens, re-roof a home, work on building homes for Veterans, and paint, paint, paint in Biloxi, Mississippi.

This past summer our son was one of the three college students participating in the summer experience in ministry program, and one of those experiences included the July Night Ministry trip to Humboldt Park and Pilsen. He returned home that night enthusiastic as he related the experience about working with Ted Hardison distributing t-shirts and helping to make a difference in the life of Chicago homeless; and then he said, "Mom, you need to go on one of these trips – you will love it." That comment got me thinking that maybe it was now time for me to join in my family's mission efforts and sign myself up for a Night Ministry trip to Chicago.

So, I did – and my son was right!!!! Nine of us ventured into the cold and windy weather on Thursday, January 31 – one of the coldest nights of the year thus far – to provide chili, sandwiches, fruit, chips, juices and water to the citizens of Humboldt Park and Pilsen. When you all were asked to donate sweatshirts for us to take with us – boy, did you donate sweatshirts!! We took over 180 sweatshirts with us on this trip – so many sweatshirts we held them on our laps in the van as we journeyed into the city. Dudley Pankoke even used bags of sweatshirts as his seat in the van because we were so loaded with all of your wonderful donations that he only had half a van seat to sit on!!

I wish you all could have seen the expressions on the faces of those we met when they saw we had those sweatshirts and a few hats, scarves, and socks. As Ann Richards said, we couldn't get the sweatshirts out of the bags fast enough because there was such a huge demand for them on that freezing cold night. While I wish we also had blankets and mittens for those who asked if we did, we did provide much warmth to those we met through the generous donations of this church's members who are so very, very giving every time they are asked to help. Please know while you may not have been with us on this night, you all were with us as we shared your clothing and food donations with those in need – and you all were most definitely with the nine of us as we ventured into that cold night through your never-ending works of helping our church continually work towards "Increasing our Love for God and Neighbor".

I texted my son as we headed back home that night to tell him he was right and to thank him for his prompting me to join in. His response, "Nice!!" He knows me well.

Next trip is May 21 – I have already written that day on my calendar!!! (Also July 16, mark your calendars to help.)

*Jane Murtaugh*



## LIBRARY BOOKS

*by Carol Borrelli*

### **Adult Books**

#### **Sacred Ground by Eboo Patel**

Suggested reading by Janet Bell: "It's an excellent, wise book that deserves our attention. It outlines Patel's despair at Islam phobia, especially surrounding the building of Cordoba House in New York City. Determined to confront the poison of prejudice out in the open, he began this book. He outlines religions' oppression in the United States, especially against Catholicism. He reaffirms his conviction that the best way to overcome fear of difference is through relationships. There is an excellent chapter on nurturing children's faith in a multicultural world."

#### **Of Angels, Beasts, and Plagues, the Message of Revelation for a New Millennium by Kenneth H. Maahs**

This practical resource introduces the message of The Bible book of Revelation to create a deeper understanding of this book for the modern millennium.

#### **The Day Christ Died by Jim Bishop**

"This is a book about the most dramatic day in the history of the world, the day on which Jesus of Nazareth died. It opens at 6 P.M.—the beginning of the Hebrew day—with Jesus and ten of the apostles coming through the pass between the Mount of Olives and the Mount of Offense en route to Jerusalem and the Last Supper. It closes at 4 P.M. the following afternoon, when Jesus was taken down from the cross. . . . The fundamental research was done a long time ago by four fine journalists: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. The rest has been added in bits and pieces from many men whose names span the centuries."—from the Foreword

#### **Blood Brothers by Elias Chacour with David Hazard**

It's about a Palestinian Christian who has a deep love for Jews and Palestinians alike. He addresses controversial questions as: What is the true root of conflict between Palestinians and Jews? What behind-the-scenes politics touched off the turmoil in the Middle East? What role did Britain play?

#### **World Religions The Pitkin Guide**

This work is full of marvelous facts and glorious illustrations and explains and explores the very essence of six of today's prominent religions: Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Judaism, the Muslim faith and Sikhism. Discover what happens at Passover, the meaning of the word 'Christ', why the River Ganges has a special significance for Hindus, how the sacred writings of Sikhism were inspired, which prince became a Buddha...and much more.

### **Children's Books**

#### **Poems and Prayers for Children**

This book has 300 pages of pictures, poems, and prayers to read to little ones.

#### **First Bible Words for the Life of Moses James Leininger**

A cardboard book for beginners with labeled words from the story of Moses.



# *“Come See the World With Us” Church Auction Saturday, April 13, 2013*

**Leather Coach Bag**

**Original Framed Watercolor**

**Lessons ( Spanish, Music,  
Photography)**

**Condo in Galena**



**Appetizers or Dinner  
Provided by Church Staff**

**Cubs Old Style Neon Sign**

**Local Sightseeing Flight for 2**

**Martial Arts Birthday Party**

**Handmade Quilts**

Mission Airlines has hooked some terrific cargo (Auction donations) for the upcoming “flight”, but there’s plenty of room for more. Fill out an auction donation form and help get this event ready for take-off. Still “up in the air” about what to donate? Ask our flight coordinators about the “WINE AND DINE” mystery idea or any ideas you have for donations.

**Flight Coordinators**

**Tassie Brautigam 630-513-1789**

**Terry Morton 630-513-5065**

**Ann Richards 630-584-1472**

**P.S. – DON’T FORGET TO INVITE FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO THE AUCTION  
– THEY FLY FREE!!!!!!**



**Novel Approaches**  
**Friday, Feb 15,**  
**7:30pm**  
**Susan & Mike Klopmeysers'**

***Heartstone by DC Brod***

Local writer DC Brod will join us on February 15 for a discussion of her book "Heartstone" and the writing process in general. Sign up to attend on the Congregational Life board.

**CUCC Mom's Group**



**2nd Monday of every month, 10:30am**

February 11—CUCC Mom's Group will be meeting the 2nd Monday of every month in room 115/117 at 10:30am. The meetings will last approximately 1 hour. Meeting topics and activities will vary. Kids are always welcome at the meetings.

**Family Camp**  
**CAPE COD 2013!**



We're excited to announce FAMILY CAMP 2013 (7/28/13 - 8/2/13) will visit Cape Cod, MA! We will be staying at the Craigville Retreat Center, located on a bluff over Nantucket Sound, with access to a private beach. Please visit our new Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/CUCCFamilyCamp> to see more. Registration forms are available on the Family Camp bulletin board and a 25% payment is due March 1st. Questions? Contact Lisa Sidor ([lsidor@msn.com](mailto:lsidor@msn.com)).

***Family Camp Testimonials***

I think family camp was fun and am looking forward to doing it again. I liked that I could eat dinner, walk to vespers, and then hang out with the other kids until we went to bed. I hope that even more people are going to be there this year. ~ Quinn Sidor

I liked that there were scheduled activities and meals, but that we could also do things on our own. I enjoyed hanging out with the other families. It was nice how everyone was brought together for a quiet time with vespers. It was also fun to visit a new state and try new things. ~ Emma Sidor

**Swing Set Preschool Registration**

Open registration for the 2013-2014 school year for the general public has begun to fill any remaining openings. Forms are available in the Swing Set Office. If you have not registered for preschool and you intend to, we strongly suggest you register before open registration begins.

Registration forms accompanied by a nonrefundable registration fee (\$75.00 for new students and \$50.00 for returning students) may be dropped off at the school or left in the church office. Any questions, please call Miss Kim at 630 443 8570.

***Group Book Discussion***

What is heaven? What is hell? How does our view of God shape these answers? Come explore these questions with me. We will meet for two sessions after church in early March to discuss the book "Love Wins" by Rob Bell. This is an easy, quick, engaging read that will hopefully spark some new thoughts in our minds as we consider these questions. The book can be found on [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) for \$10.19 or for slightly more at the Family Christian Store in Batavia Commons or in South Elgin on Randall Rd. There will be a sign up on the Christian Ed board for those interested, and exact details of what Sundays we will meet and what chapters to read will be provided in next month's *Highlight*.

Cathy Jurgens

**February Parlor Art Gallery**  
**Back Bay Mission**  
**Work Tour Photographs**  
**from Nov. 24–Dec. 1, 2012**

**COUNCIL NEWS**

During the month of February the Connections Coordinator task force will be developing a job description for the 10 hour a week position. As you are aware, Sue Peterson has announced her retirement effective in August as Director of Christian Education. If you have an interest in either position or would like more information, please contact Wyonne Hegland at [wyhegland@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wyhegland@sbcglobal.net) or leave a message in the office.

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# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



## Easter Egg Hunt

Mark your calendar for an Easter egg hunt at church on Saturday, March 16 at 10:00 for kids through 5th grade. We will begin with a fun activity in fellowship hall and then have the egg hunt.

All 4 year olds through 5th graders, plan to join us for VBS July 15-18 from 9:00-11:30am and Thursday evening from 5:00-6:30 for a family celebration. Everywhere Fun Fair where God's world comes together includes Bible stories, games, science experiments, music, crafts, snacks, mission projects and more. The registration form is below. If you have any questions, call Sue Peterson at church.

**WANTED** - 20 oz. Sports Drink bottles with wide mouth for Easter Egg Hunt, March 16. Please bring to the office by March 10th.

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## 2013 Vacation Bible School Registration 4 years old through 5th grade

July 15-18, 9-11:30am & Thurs. Night July 18, 5-6:30pm **HELD AT ST. CHARLES UCC**

Elburn Community Congregational Church, Elburn & The Congregational United Church of Christ, St. Charles

### Everywhere Fun Fair Where God's World Comes Together

*Love the Lord your God and love your neighbor as yourself. Luke 10:27*

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First (Preferred) Male/Female

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City ZIP

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Entering \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

*Are you available to help? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Nursery available for children of volunteers-check if needed \_\_\_\_\_*

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Circle Elburn Church or St. Charles Church Member or Friend

Allergies or other conditions which may limit activity \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, contact \_\_\_\_\_

**One form per child \$15 ATTACHED \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (You can write one check for more than one child.)**

Check if you need a scholarship for registration. \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: Congregational UCC, 40W451 Fox Mill Blvd. St. Charles IL 60175. **Mark VBS on Memo Line of Check.**  
 Questions? Call Sue Peterson-St. Charles church office (630)584-0929 or Theresa Biddle, Elburn at (815) 827-3515

*(Office-Credit Account # 3112 Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check Number \_\_\_\_\_ Initial \_\_\_\_\_)*



## What's a noisy can, anyway?

Could be about anything, but in this case it's a metal can containing coins!!! All over the Illinois Conference, churches are passing around these cans, hoping they get real noisy as the contents are all going to our Outdoor Ministry to cover repairs and other things at our church camps located at Tower Hill, Sawyer MI, and Pilgrim Park, Princeton IL.

We will be passing around these cans to receive noisy donations (or silent bills/checks!) on three Sunday mornings – January 27 (collected \$277.10), February 24 and March 24. Or you can drop off your “noisy or quiet” donations at the church office anytime. If you drop off a check, simply make it payable to our church & put “Noisy Can” on the memo line.

I personally have been a member of the Pilgrim Park Century Club for about 35 years, acting as chair for about 10 years. Members of the club can be individuals or committees or boards, etc., who commit themselves to giving at least \$100 per year. These monies are used to fund items over & above what the budget will allow. (Tower Hill has a Century Club also.) (if you're interested, let me know. I'll get you signed up!) At Pilgrim, we've used funds to purchase furniture, remodel rooms & buildings, the swimming pool – you get the picture.

My interest in church camps, and Pilgrim Park in particular, goes back to when my late husband & his sister were campers there in the 1940's. Jim's mother helped out as a cook when they were at camp. In those days, no kitchen staff so everyone had to help out. Along with a grandchild or two or four, I have been a regular at “My Grandparents & Me!” camp every summer since about 1994 – sometimes as a participant, sometimes as a camp director. Both my children went to camp there every year, and my daughter, Lori, worked there one summer.

Our women's fall get-aways have been held there numerous times. In the 1970's our church would have couples retreats there one weekend every winter. I have attended or directed other retreats, too numerous to mention, over the years. The experiences I've had and the relationships formed and continued through the years are blessings beyond measure.

I encourage you to empty your pockets and coin purses, toss it all into the Noisy Cans on those three Sundays, And don't feel shy about putting some bills or a check into the bucket. Each coin or bill will be appreciated so much, and put to very good use. Thank you!!!

Pat Kitner



## Take a Book, Leave a Book

You'll find *The Little Free Library* behind the church on the sidewalk near the back east lower level entrance to the church. Our Little Free Library is for Fox Mill residents, our church family, our Swing Set family or anyone who walks by and wants a book. You can return the book you took or replace it with another.

Visit [littlefreelibrary.org](http://littlefreelibrary.org) for more information.

## WEEKLY BLAST

The church office sends out a weekly email reminder of upcoming events called a BLAST. To be included please e-mail the church.

[office@uccstc.org](mailto:office@uccstc.org)

**Blast info MUST be kept to 15 words or less per event!**

## HIGHLIGHT NEWSLETTER

To receive the church *Highlight* newsletter by e-mail please e-mail the church. During the month of February you will get a very special valentine thank you for switching to the e-mailed PDF version of the *Highlight*.

Email office @[uccstc.org](mailto:uccstc.org)

We send out 363 E-mailed *Highlight* (attached as a PDF)

You receive it the same day it's e-mailed. Beautiful color on almost every page!

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## ***Palm Sunday & Easter Decorations***

The Worship Committee is accepting donations to provide altar decorations for Palm Sunday and Easter. Your donation may be made in memory and/or in honor of a person or people special to you and your family.

Please return this form to the office with your donation by **March 17, 2013**.

Information will be printed in the bulletins on Palm Sunday, March 24 and Easter Sunday March 31. Thank you, *The Worship Committee*

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and/or In MEMORY of—name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
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## YOU ARE WELCOME

Striving to increase our love for God and neighbor, we welcome persons of every age, health condition, race, marital status, economic status, sexual orientation and religious background.

We encourage you to become an active member of our church, sharing your God-given gifts in all areas of church life: worship, education, mission & ministry.



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## SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### 8:30am Brief Worship Service (1/2 hour)

A hymn, prayers, scripture and reflections on the scripture. Communion offered the first Sunday of each month. Nursery care. No Sunday school.

### 9:30am Worship Service with Sunday School

Our “regular” worship service with Sunday school for children through 3rd grade, with nursery care. Communion offered the first Sunday of each month.



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## MISSION STATEMENT

We, as a community in Christ, shall provide and administer a continuum of opportunities for worship, education, fellowship & outreach. It is our mission to serve individual, local, national & world needs.

## Swing Set Preschool

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 All Members—Ministers

## Please pray for them on their February birthdays.

Carrie Fulk 1	Mindy Graham 9	Callan Ridgway 12	Ken Mroz 16	Len Urban 22	Dawn Lutz 26
Liska Hackett 1	Maddilyn Illy 9	Ted Hardison 13	Jamie Utz 16	Ava Andreacchi 23	David Rohlman 26
Jim Valsa 1	Patrick Smith 9	Barbara Sargent 13	James Corcoran 17	Stephanie Brennan 23	Greg Algrim 27
Jeff Fairchild 2	Russ Whitaker III 9	Garrett Veldhuize 13	Don Hattendorf 17	Dean Hoepfner 23	Mike Breseman 27
Howard Hofmeister 2	Laura Champer 10	Rosemary Caldwell 14	Jeannette Herbord 17	Jenny Urban 23	Kelly Cain 27
Jason Lutz 2	Alec Jacquot 10	Becky Grimm 14	Jeff Miller 17	Cyndi Hahn 24	Daniel Occhipinti 27
Colin Ross 2	Nicole Klosowski 10	Dave Mack 14	Hannah Nieman 17	Jodi Melcher 24	Sue Pokorski 27
Brody Noble 3	Morgan Nothnagel 10	Brandon Moran 14	Maria Kormos 19	Brian Bendeich 25	Gabe Andreacchi 28
Terry Piper 4	Ryan Samuelson 10	Lilliana Samuelson 14	Steve Mandat 19	Bob Eichler 25	Roni Ballantyne 28
Chris Brennan 6	Bradley Shurts 11	Morgan Stewart 14	Dick Swanson 19	Janel Eichler 25	Colin Baloun 28
Adam Hemmingsen 6	Chuck Harvey 12	Joey Tsakiris 14	Linda Geni 20	Les Johnson 25	Thomas Burgholzer 28
Tim Jones 6	Carri Kruckenberg 12	Pamela Gust 15	Everett Seaman 20	Emma MacNeille 25	Skylar Nafziger 28
Fiona Miller 6	Ginny Minard 12	Kathryn Hill 15	Sophia Shilling 20	Steve Oberle 25	Mylania Santucci 28
Deb Stuber 6	Brandon Nothnagel 12	Lauren Hill 15	Katie Ballantyne 21	Chris Schneider 25	Kristina Gonzales 29
Alex Peterson 7	Brian Pemberton 12	Ryne Lorenz 15	Jane Grimaldi 21	Evan Weidl 25	
Sarah Hecht 8	Katherine Pfotenhauer 12	Katharine Grimes 16	Sue Peterson 21	Joe Bondi 26	
Kathleen Speck 8	Ryan Pfotenhauer 12	Karla Kurinsky 16	Evan O’Connor 22	Lori Fairchild 26	
Kayla Gonzales 9		Kathy McCullough 16	Tom Palansky 22	Clint Lancor 26	
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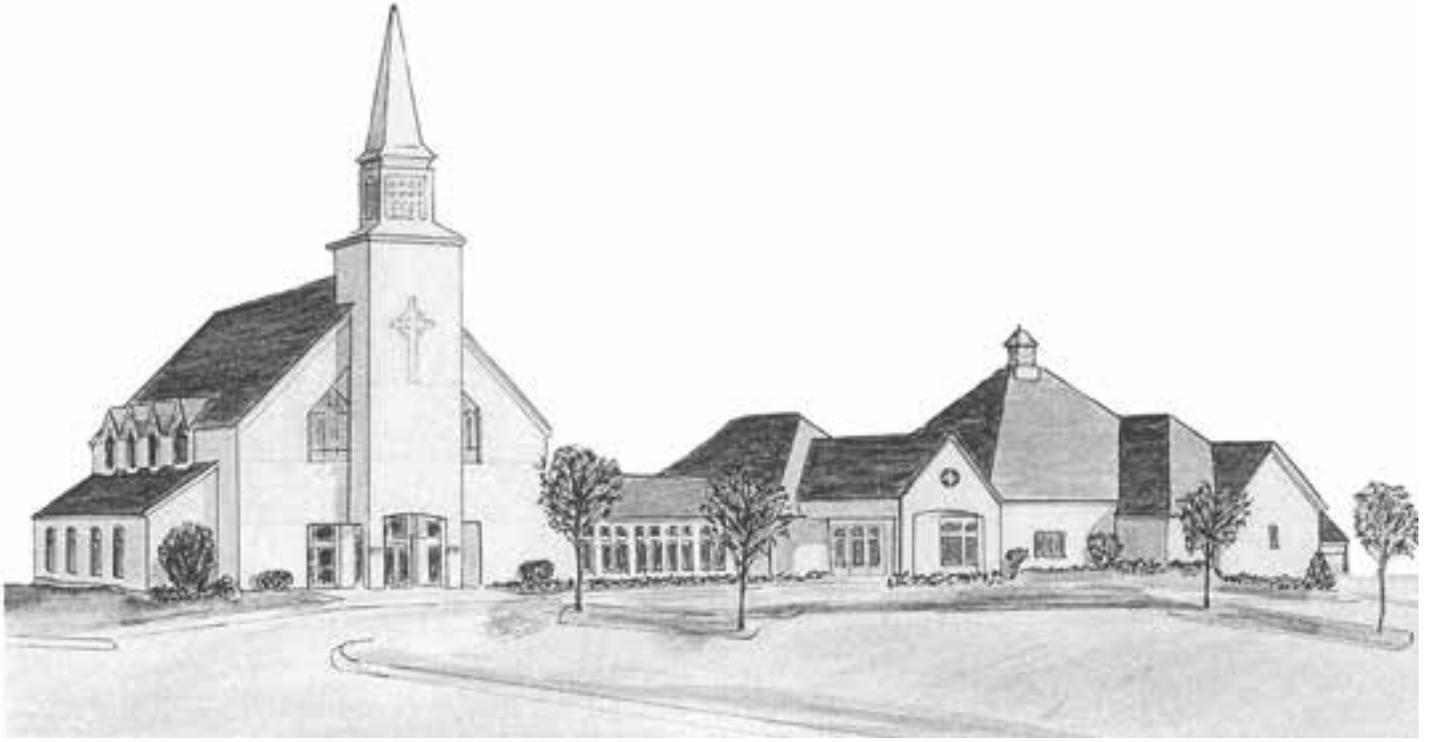
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KEY FH – Fellowship Hall P – Parlor  
 CO – Congregational Life Cm S – Sanctuary  
 C – Choir Room O – Office Conference Room  
 CE – Christian Education TF – Task Force  
 Cm – Committee GF – Youth Group  
 RE – Rehearsal Room Numbers on Lower Level



**Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday**

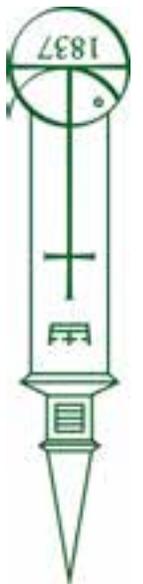
<b>FEBRUARY</b> 8:30am Worship 9:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School through 7th grade <b>9-11:30 GF Pancake Breakfast</b> 2-4:30 Nami (117) 1pm TGJ Movie <b>10</b>	9am Yoga (S) 9am Chair Task Force 10am Prayer Shawl (P) 10:30 Mom's Group (117) 5-7pm Puppets (S) <b>11</b>	1pm Bible Study (P) 6pm Nami (115/117) 7pm Teachers Mtg (P) <b>12</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday 6:30-7:30 Worship Service (S)</b> 6:30-8:15 GF 7pm Worship Cm (O) 7pm Congregational Life Cm (P) 7pm Christian Ed Cm (117) <b>13</b>	Swing Set Teachers Work Day 6pm Bells (S) 7pm FMHOA (FH) 7:30 Choir (S) <b>14</b>	Swing Set Teachers Work Day 7:30 Novel Approaches (Klopmeyers) <b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>FEBRUARY</b> 8:30am Worship 9:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School through 7th grade 10:30 Adult Ed on Israel/Palestine 2-4:30 Nami (117) <b>17</b>	<b>Presidents Day Office Closed</b> 8:30am Building Maintenance No Yoga 7pm Council (O) No Puppets <b>18</b>	7am Mens Fellowship (Arcedium) 1pm Bible Study 6pm Nami (115-117) <b>19</b>	5pm Helping Hands 6:30-8:15 GF 6:30pm Lazarus House <b>20</b>	6pm Bells (S) 7:30 Choir (S) <b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	Puppets Rehearsal <b>23</b>
<b>FEBRUARY Noisy Can Offering</b> 8:30am Worship 9:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School -7th grade 10:45 Adult Ed Israel/Palestine 11am Confirmation 2-4:30 Nami (117) <b>24</b>	9am Yoga (S) 5-7pm Puppets (FH) <b>25</b>	1pm Bible Study 6pm Nami (115-117) 7pm Joint VOCH <b>26</b>	6:30-8:15 GF <b>27</b>	6pm Bells (S) 7:30 Choir (S) <b>28</b>	<b>MARCH</b> Steel Beam <b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>MARCH COMMUNION</b> 8:30am Worship 9:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School through 5th grade Jr. Worship 10:45 Book Study (P) 11 Brunch Bunch 2-4:30 Nami (117) <b>3</b>	9am Yoga (S) 5-7pm Puppets (FH) 7pm Swing Set Dad's Night (FH) <b>4</b>	7am Mens Fellowship (Arcedium) 1pm Bible Study 6pm Nami (115/117) 6:30pm Mission Cm (O) 7pm Swing Set Dad's Night (FH) 7pm Swing Set Board (111) <b>5</b>	9am Women's Fellowship (P) 6:30-8:15 GF 7pm Swing Set Dad's Night (FH) <b>6</b>	6pm Bells (S) 7:30 Choir (S) <b>7</b>	<b>Daylight Svings Begins</b> 10:15 TGJ to Feed my Starving Children 11am Rental (S, P) <b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
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