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United Fall Fest

FIREWORKS DISPLAY!

The United Fall Fest committee has some big news regarding this year's Festival – which is only 2 weeks away, Saturday, Sept 12th 3pm to 10pm – this year's festival is going to end with a **BANG!** We are excited to announce that we will have a Full-Blown (no pun intended) **FIREWORKS DISPLAY** to end the evening. Plan on coming early to enjoy all the great events and the fellowship, and plan on staying late to see a spectacular sky show.

For those who have already signed up to work a 2-hr shift – Thank you. For those who haven't yet, please consider doing so. Signing up to help earns you a free 2015 United Fall Fest T-shirt, always the best in fashion.

And hopefully, you should have recently received a publicity email. Please help us get the word out by forwarding to your local family and neighbors. This is by-far our best method of advertising, and it's easy to do.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Become Part of Our Church Family

New Members Received
September 13, 2015

An orientation evening will be held on
Tuesday, September 8 at 7:30pm.
Contact the church office for more information or to be added to the attendee list.

Pray for each other so that you may be healed....
James 5:16 (NIV)

Please Pray for

Marla Hecht

Barney Lykins

Ralph Minard

Wilson Mohr passed away August 21st

Penny Porter

Doyle Olson

Kathleen Speck's mother Bev Collins passed away on August 20th

Barb Wiebmer

Dee Zimmerman

Habitat for Humanity® of Northern Fox Valley

Pottawatomie Partnership

Volunteers are needed each Saturday at 8:30am.
#13, 1620 S. 13th Ave, St. Charles.

Highlight Newsletter Copy Deadline
Monday, Sept. 14th BEFORE NOON

To Fellow Church Members:

Thanks so much for your cards, words of sympathy and notes on the passing of my Mother, Carol Klopmeyer. We are so thankful for the loving support from our church family in this time of sorrow. That is what a church 'family' is all about.

With Warm Regards,
Mike and Susan Klopmeyer

Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House

Keep on saving the pop tabs!

Thanks so much for saving pop tabs for the St. Charles Golden K Kiwanis Club's project. The pop tabs are taken to Delnor Hospital. They, in turn, give them to Ronald McDonald House Charities. The Ronald McDonald House provides a home for families of seriously ill children who receive treatment at nearby hospitals. There are several in the Chicago area but the one most recently completed is in Winfield, near Central DuPage Hospital. Amazing how all those little pop tabs together can raise enough cash to help build and maintain needed housing. You can bring pop tabs to the church at anytime – if you have just a few, put them in the little green bag in the hutch outside the office. Or if you have a bunch, put them in my mailbox in the office. They are always welcome, and this is a never-ending project, reaching to infinity and beyond...thank you!

-Pat Kitner

2015 Altar Flower Donations

Altar Flowers

There are still many Sundays available for altar flower donations in 2015 and the 2016 sign up is now available. Get your special Sunday while the date is still available! Sign up on the Worship Bulletin Board next to the elevator. You will be contacted to make arrangements for your flower donation and what you would like printed in the bulletin. And after church you get to take them home!

Counter Volunteer Needed in 2016

Are you looking for an opportunity to volunteer within our church? Could you donate 30-60 minutes every 4 weeks after the 9:30 church service to count and deposit the offering? We are in need of one more counter beginning January 1, 2016. Please consider becoming a Counter Team member. If interested, contact Rosemary Kagel at (630) 584-0929x312 or financial@cuccstc.org.

Congregational Life is looking for volunteers to help serve coffee fellowship. There are step -by-step directions available by the sign-up sheet on the Congregational Life bulletin board. Volunteer today - it's fun and easy!

Men's Fellowship Walking Group
3rd Saturday of each month, 8am
Contact George Mohn for information and location. 847-488-9179 sangeomohn@att.net

The 8:30 am Sunday service will resume on September 13th.

Save the Date!

As you know, John Rodgers will be retiring later in the year. Please mark these two upcoming dates on your calendar for our congregation to honor John:

Sunday, October 11, will be John Rodgers' Sunday with an all-church brunch following the service.

Sunday, November 8, there will be an evening dinner and celebration of his career at EagleBrook Country Club.

More details on both events will be made available in the coming months.

Steel Beam Theatre Group

For those of you who wish to join the Church Steel Beam Theatre group, here are the dates we are suggesting for the 2015-2016 play season:

Good People - Sept 11

Forever Plaid - Nov 20

Yankee Tavern - Jan 29

The Clean House - Mar 11

Spelling Bee - Apr 22

When Not That Good Will Do - June 3

You may choose to buy season tickets or for individual plays. If you wish more information about the plays and how to order, go to steelbeamtheatre.com.

If you do buy tickets, be sure to let me know that you will be going so that I can add you to our email list and invite you to join our potlucks or dinners out before each play.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Jeanne Humke - humkegrp@aol.com
630-584-7108 (home) 630-229-3494 (cell)

Food on the 4th

SEPTEMBER 26

The theme is lunch. On **SEPTEMBER 26** please bring peanut butter, jelly, canned tuna, mayo, mustard, ketchup, sandwich bags, or cookies for the St. Charles Salvation Army Food Pantry and the Elburn Food Pantry.

Circle of Friends

Wednesday, September 16th
10:30 am

Circle of Friends will meet on Wednesday, September 16 at 10:30 am. We have been invited to Marilyn and Dave Schave's home where Marilyn will share her experiences of volunteering at the Iditarod with lunch served after the presentation. Thank you, in advance, Marilyn for your generosity and hospitality!

The Schave's address is:

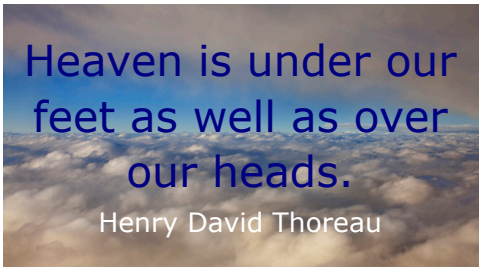
3N430 Campton Woods Dr., Elburn, IL

To RSVP or any questions call or email
Mary Anne Rebernak 630 377 9336
mrebernak@yahoo.com

All are welcome.

Please pray for them on their birthdays.

Scott Behrendt	1	Sam Scorby	16
James Reed	1	Hilda Gloege	17
Emma Sidor	1	Kegan Haeseli	17
Alycia O'Connor	2	Mickey Lee	17
Eric Pfotenhauer	2	Richard Romke	17
Chris Polloway	2	Debra Voirol	17
Erika Boltz	3	Rob Ritchie	18
Charles Caldwell	3	Rich Vernon	18
Bob Graham	3	Tim O'Brien	19
Ken Graham	3	Bruce Morton	20
William Russell	3	Meredith Reber	20
Mallory Speck	3	Ann Stewart	20
Joyce Rhodes	4	Beau Blakeley	21
Ryan Cameron	5	Bridget Flesher	21
Jackie Koulback	5	Doug Gagne	21
Rachel Neville	5	Elizabeth Melton	21
Mark Stoner	5	Allainna Siwy	21
Cara Cameron	6	Alex VenHorst	21
Alex Eichler	6	Rich Borst	22
Chloe Weidl	6	Mike Harland	22
Brian Caprini	7	Laurie Heise	22
Dalton Geni	7	Connor Tidler	22
Kristina Laurie	7	Molly Livermore	23
Abigail Oeltgen	7	Ralph Minard	24
Edward Kurtz III	8	Bryan Holing	25
Ava Lilke	8	Denice Koulback	25
Rachel Mastalski	8	Pam McInnis	25
Bev Piper	8	Kelly Vernon	25
Jon Cain	9	George Churchill	26
Stephen Cain	9	Calder Gagne	26
Bailey Cross	9	Eric Saxton	26
Teresa Melton	9	Ashley Swanson	26
Amy Munz	10	Julie Butikofer	27
Carin Smith	10	Jacob Carlson	27
Kristina Juszczyk	11	Caden Colomb	27
Russ Lorenz	11	Wayne DeMaar	27
Libby Reyes	11	Cassidy Lancor	27
Jake Schultz	11	Denise Pollack	27
Kathy Westman	11	Andrew Stewart	27
Lexi Leifel	12	Gale Mack	28
Nick Campana	13	Spencer Mohr	28
Steve Koulback	13	Wayne Roland	28
Drew Occhipinti	13	Michelle Santucci	28
Steve Grimes	14	Owen Behrendt	29
Sabrina Keck	14	Collin Boltz	29
Matt O'Brien	14	Bob Brautigam	29
Nicholas Warner	14	Debi Greaux	29
Mia Bradley	15	Jack Ridgway	29
Tom Burke	15	Darren Tidler	29
Bennett Gust	15	Alison Wessel	29
Daniel Mateja	15	Emily Branca	30
Mike Schif	15	Amanda Nagy	30
Joe Giamberdino	16		



Reflections

For all 19 years of my life, I have lived in the same house right in the middle of St. Charles. While I am truly blessed to have grown up in this situation with all of the luxuries and opportunities that it provides, it truly doesn't give me a great perspective of the world as a whole. However, 4 years of GF and attending 3 work tours has vastly helped broaden that fairly narrow perspective. One of my most memorable experiences was from our Work Tour to Washington D.C. There, we worked with a very large homeless community and truly got a better idea of how homelessness can occur and the many struggles that come alongside of it. Night Ministry was a great opportunity for me to put a lot of those lessons into action as well as continue to grow my understanding of homelessness. Our trip was to the Lakeview neighborhood in the city, which is known for its very diverse population. And it certainly did not fail to live up to that expectation. There were children ranging from the ages of 4 or 5 to adults that were in their 50's and 60's. In addition to the large age range, there was a large mix of gender identifications as well as sexual orientations. Being able to serve people of all identities, ages, and genders was a truly unique experience. But even beyond serving, getting to make a human connection with people vastly different than myself was what made the experience great. Night Ministry is without question something that I would love to participate in again and is also an experience that I feel everyone should have and would truly get a lot out of.

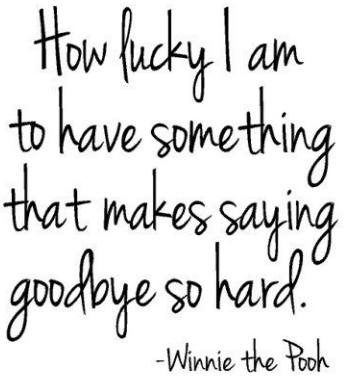
- Danny Beckman

A couple of weeks ago I participated in Night Ministry and served food in the down town area. It was a very wonderful experience. I had packed food with my grandparents before, but I had never been with the Night Ministry group to serve food. Serving the food and seeing how grateful and thankful the people were, and seeing homeless teenagers gathering and being a community for each other was just amazing. I met the most interesting man, a Jewish Rabbi named Minakhm. I asked him about the organization and he told me we give these people dignity, and I saw that happen and it was astonishing.

- Camryn Harvey

As part of the Summer Experience in Ministry, I had the opportunity to go on a Night Ministry trip. Our group went to Lakeview, an area in Chicago, that typically draws a younger crowd. On the way there I was getting anxious to serve – hearing all of the stories from people who have gone previously made me very excited to gain an experience of my own. My junior year in high school I went on a Work Tour trip to Washington D.C., in which we focused on homelessness. I was grateful for the knowledge I had learned during that trip and anxious to be able to put it to use during this trip. We served and were able to talk briefly with people as they came through the line. It was so interesting seeing the different kinds of people coming through the line, but it's important to remember that we still all have one thing in common – we are all just people. We were able to talk with the site leader and something he said really stuck with me. The goal of Night Ministry is not only to feed and give to people in need, but also give them dignity. They need to feel accepted for who they are, just as we all need. This experience was definitely a highlight of my SEM experience, and I hope that I am able to come back to go again!

- Megan Murtaugh



BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study Begins Tuesday, September 15th.

On Tuesday, September 15 at 1:00pm the Bible Study group will meet in the Parlor. If you have never been a part of this group now is the time to join. If you have been coming for many years - welcome back.

This fall there will be two sessions. The first will be for six weeks focused on the book "God is Closer Than You Think" by John Ortberg. Many have read this short book and we will be using a study guide and video presentation for this study.

The second session, beginning November 3rd, will be focused on Marcus Borg's book "Convictions, How I Learned What Matters Most." Professor Borg died last year and this is his last book. It is excellent and it will be a very meaningful exploration of our core beliefs. This class will run through the end of January.

Sign up is on the Christian Education bulletin board. Cost is $20 for both sessions which covers participants guide and video but you will need to provide you own Borg and Ortberg books.

Novel Approaches 2015-2016

At the May gathering of Novel Approaches the group chose the books for 2015 and 2016. Titles, Dates and Locations are listed below. Please sign up on the Congregational Life bulletin board. Hope you will join us!

September 18 – "All the Light We Cannot See" Anthony Doerr

From the highly acclaimed, multiple award-winning Anthony Doerr, the beautiful, stunningly ambitious instant New York Times bestseller about a blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II.

Doerr's "stunning sense of physical detail and gorgeous metaphors" are dazzling. Deftly interweaving the lives of Marie-Laure and Werner, he illuminates the ways, against all odds, people try to be good to one another. Ten years in the writing, a National Book Award finalist, All the Light We Cannot See is a magnificent, deeply moving novel from a writer "whose sentences never fail to thrill" (Los Angeles Times).

We are invited to Denise Djoka's home at 41W845 Bowgren Drive, Elburn.

November 13 – "All Our Names" Dinaw Mengestu

A sweeping, continent-spanning story about the love between men and women, between friends, and between citizens and their countries, All Our Names is a transfixing exploration of the relationships that define us. Fleeing war-torn Uganda for the American Midwest, Isaac begins a passionate affair with the social worker assigned to him. But the couple's bond is inescapably darkened by the secrets of Isaac's past: the country and the conflict he left behind and the beloved friend who changed the course of his life—and sacrificed everything to ensure his freedom. From acclaimed author Dinaw Mengestu, here is a love story for our time.

You are invited to Susan & John Rodgers' home at 2018 Bridle Court, St. Charles.

January 22 – "Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit" Jeanette Winterson

Winner of the Whitbread Prize for best first fiction, Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit is a coming-out novel from Winterson, the acclaimed author of The Passion and Sexing the Cherry. The narrator, Jeanette, cuts her teeth on the knowledge that she is one of God's elect, but as this budding evangelical comes of age, and comes to terms with her preference for her own sex, the peculiar balance of her God-fearing household crumbles.

Our discussion will be held at the home of Rich & Nancy Doerr. They live at 4206 Prestwick Court, St. Charles.

March 18 – "How Green Was My Valley" Richard Llewellyn

Winner of the National Book Award in 1940 and the basis for the Academy Award Best Picture film of the same name, How Green Was My Valley is full of memorable characters, richly crafted language, and surprising humor.

Huw Morgan remembers the days when his home valley was prosperous, verdant, and beautiful—before the mines came to town. The youngest son of a respectable mining family in South Wales, he is now the only one left in the valley, and his reminiscences tell the story of a family and a town both defined and ruined by the mines.

Huw's story is both joyful and heartrending—a portrait of a place and a people existing now only in memory.

The Ball's have invited us to their home this evening, 43W213 Whirlaway Court, Elburn.

May 13 or 20 – "The Blind Assassin" Margaret Atwood

The Blind Assassin opens with these simple, resonant words: "Ten days after the war ended, my sister Laura drove a car off a bridge." They are spoken by Iris, whose terse account of her sister's death in 1945 is followed by an inquest report proclaiming the death accidental. But just as the reader expects to settle into Laura's story, Atwood introduces a novel-within-a-novel. Entitled The Blind Assassin, it is a science fiction story told by two unnamed lovers who meet in dingy backstreet rooms. When we return to Iris, it is through a 1947 newspaper article announcing the discovery of a sailboat carrying the dead body of her husband, a distinguished industrialist. Brilliantly weaving together such seemingly disparate elements, Atwood creates a world of astonishing vision and unforgettable impact.

Our last gathering for the year will be at Ken & Debby Graham's home, 509 15th Court, St. Charles.

To All Women of the Church, Happy summer! Hope you are enjoying our beautiful, warm weather. On Wednesday, September 2, Women's Fellowship will be having our first meeting of the new year. We will gather in the Parlor around 9:00 to meet friends, old and new, and enjoy some coffee and refreshments. Our meeting will begin at 9:30. We will have many things to discuss, mainly our annual Rummage Sale, which will be held October 12 thru 17.

Please plan to come to the meeting with lots of ideas for the coming year. If you have never been to one of our meetings, do come and see what we are all about!!

~Ginger Krichbaum

Patti Molloy, RN
Parish Nurse
nurse@cuccstc.org

"LOUSE-Y" LICE

Admit it...just the word "lice" makes you want to scratch your head. And if you or your child has ever had lice it makes you want to run for cover. I understand. Lice have made an appearance in my home on more than one occasion. As September is National Lice Prevention Month, I decided it was time to tackle these pests...dare I use the pun...head on!

Lice are tiny, wingless, parasitic insects that feed on human blood. We cannot get it from nor give it to our pets. They do not spread disease. Although they don't fly or hop, they are easily spread through close personal contact and by sharing belongings.

There was a misperception for many years that lice were only found on people with poor hygiene. Now it's often said that lice prefer clean hair. The reality is they don't really care. They need a hair shaft to lay eggs on and a scalp to feed from. Other than that they are not picky! A case of lice is not a cause for shame or embarrassment. But you must deal with it promptly and thoroughly.

The most common sign of lice is intense itching of the scalp caused by the reaction from the bite. Adult lice are about the size of a sesame seed. Lice eggs (called nits) can be found on the hair shaft usually close to the scalp. They can be brownish in color or white. The white ones are often mistaken for dandruff, but unlike dandruff, they cannot be easily brushed out of the hair.

If you discover one case of lice in your household, chances are others are infected as well. This is because lice spread by head-to-head contact that occurs as family members play or interact closely; from sharing pillows, blankets, stuffed toys, brushes, hair decorations, among others. You will need to contact your child's teacher and anyone else he/she has had close contact with. Lice are much easier to treat when found early.

Usually lice can be eliminated without seeing a doctor by using an over-the-counter, nonprescription shampoo that's specially formulated to kill lice. (If you are pregnant or if the affected child is under the age of 2, do not use any anti-lice shampoo until you talk to your doctor). Follow the instructions carefully. This is a looooong process that includes using a fine-toothed nit comb to physically remove nits from the hair. If you have had to do this, you will understand where the phrase "nit-picking" comes from. It's a slow, arduous process but short cuts will come back to bite you...literally! Some hair salons also offer this service.

All items in the home such as sheets, towels, and blankets should be washed in the hottest water possible. Floors, furniture, and cloth car interiors should be well vacuumed. Anything that cannot be washed, such as a stuffed toy or an oversized comforter, should be sealed tightly in a plastic bag and stored for at least 2 weeks. (To survive, the adult louse must have a blood meal every 1-2 days but experts agree it's best to isolate anything that cannot be laundered for 2 weeks). Wash all brushes, combs, and anything else used in the hair in hot, soapy water or soak in rubbing alcohol for an hour.

A quick search on the internet for natural ways to kill lice will yield many results including covering the hair in mayonnaise, baby oil, or Listerine among others. I know people who have tried all of them without success.

If these at home treatments are not effective in eliminating lice from your household, contact your doctor. You may need a stronger, prescription shampoo.

It's difficult to prevent the spread of head lice among children in child care and school settings. There's so much close contact among children and their belongings that lice can spread easily. Some over-the-counter products claim to repel lice but more research is needed. A number of small studies have shown that ingredients such as coconut, olive, rosemary and tea tree oils may work to repel lice. These products are classified as "natural" so they aren't regulated by the FDA, and their safety and effectiveness haven't been tested to FDA standards. Please understand that, although essential oils are considered "natural" they are quite strong and can be dangerous if used incorrectly. If you are considering their use, please consult an expert first.

I hope you and your family have a happy (not louse-y) school year where the only nit picking you have to do concerns homework, clothes, teachers, and friends!

Honor the tradition but expand the understanding. That's what religions must do right now if they hope to be helpful to humans in the years ahead.

Neale Donald Walsch
Tomorrow's God

MEAL MINISTRY

If you could provide an occasional meal for a church member, please contact Patti Molloy at nurse@uccstc.org or Mary Lou Bracken at marylou1206@att.net or sign up on the Parish Nurse bulletin board.

AED Automated External Defibrillator

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR
is located near office door. Look for overhead AED sign.
Phone is on the adjacent wall.
To call for help, press an outside line and dial 911.

A second AED was recently donated to the church and is located on the lower level across from the drinking fountain. It will be maintained by Swing Set Preschool.

Tassie Brautigam
Christian Education Coordinator
christianed@cuccstc.org

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to everyone who worked with our children's programs during the summer!!!! As always your time and talent teaching, doing Moments with Children, and taking care of our classrooms while I was away is so greatly appreciated. It really does take this entire faith community.

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN: Kim Oeltgen, Rachel Innis, Amy Bishop, Scott Powell, John Speck, Danny Beckman (SEM), Megan Murtaugh (SEM), Laura Herra, Kim Wascher, and Carie Schultz.

TEACHERS: Dawn & Linsey Turner, Deb Dieckman, Susan Rodgers, Carie Schultz, Jennifer & Natalie Morgan, Bridget & Sean Cho, Lynne Hardison, Christine Beal & Madeline Heise, Mary Anne Rebernak, Wyonne Hegland, Carol Ludemann, Bridget & Brooke Flesher, Debby Graham, Mallory Speck, Carie Schultz, Tara Moffitt, Leanna DeMarre, Lisa & Emma Sidor, Amy Tidler, and Aimee Miller

UNLOCKING & LOCKING: Steve & Lisa Sidor, Carol Ludemann, Debby Graham, Cheryl Gaydos, Leanna DeMarre

FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL for everyone (ages preschool to 7th grade) will be September 13th. Our theme this year is "Passing on God's Love". To kick off the year and encourage all in our faith community to be part of our theme, during the first day of Sunday school all of our kids will be making a special project to be given to our congregation during the last hymn that Sunday. We look forward to passing it on!!

PSALM READERS: We again look forward to having as many kids from our Sunday school sign up to read a Psalm. The only requirement - being able to read. The sign ups are posted on the bulletin board in the Sunday school hallway.

ACOLYTES: These are the 2 students who light our candles on the altar each week. If your child would like to try this, but may need a little encouragement, please feel free to sign them up and walk down the aisle with them.

Looking forward to a fun filled year!!

Peaceful Heart Yoga

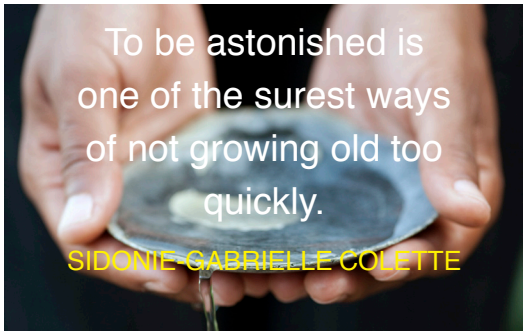
with Donna Burg

Yoga is now being held in the sanctuary Monday's 9:00-10:15am and Thursday's 2-3:15pm. All are welcome to attend 1 or both of the sessions!!! Namaste...

New session beginning on Sept. 14
12 weeks, Mondays from 9-10:15am.
Sept. 14th - Dec. 14th
No class Oct. 12th & Nov. 23rd
$120 for 12 weeks, $12 per week (drop in)
Pay at class. Sign up on Congregational Life Bulletin Board.

New class beginning on Sept. 10
14 weeks, Thursdays from 2-3:15pm.
Sept. 10th - Dec. 17th
No Class Nov. 26th
$140 for 14 weeks, $12 per week (drop in)
Pay at class. Sign up on Congregational Life Bulletin Board.

Donna Burg 630/309-0614 donnabbb@comcast.net



Choir Practice Resumes
September 3rd, 7:30pm

Join the Chancel Choir this fall as we blend our voices to sing praise to God! All are welcome! The choir will resume practice on September 3rd at 7:30pm. Contact Dennis Beiermann if you are interested in joining the choir.

Lazarus House
Wednesday, September 16, 6:30 pm
214 Walnut Street, St. Charles

We are asking for your help with meal items for the September menu. Dinner will be hot roast beef sandwiches, topped with sauteed onions and green peppers. A salad of your choice will fill out the menu. The meat has been donated by Portillo's and will be available in the freezer in the church kitchen. It is fully cooked. We just need to thaw and reheat. We also need the usual breakfast and lunch items. A sign up sheet is on the Mission Board near the Mark closet.

Questions? Grace Caldwell - H- 630 762 1347 Cell- 630 886 3482. Email - gracecaldwell@comcast.net
Diane Brown - dianegreg@sbcglobal.net.

Thank you for your continuing support of Lazarus House.

Who's in the Pews?

Ted and Lynne Hardison

By Sue Peterson

Ted Hardison was born in Columbia, Tennessee at home over a grocery store which his family owned. Lynne was born at St. Charles Hospital which was in Aurora (Yes, in Aurora, not St. Charles). She lived in the same house in Aurora until she was married. So you may be wondering how it is the two of them got together. When Ted was only a year old, his father lost the grocery store due to an employee stealing from him. His family moved from Tennessee to Florida where they started and ran a restaurant. When Ted was 11, his father died suddenly from high blood pressure and sun stroke. It was a sad and difficult time for Ted and his mother. Ted's sister was married and lived in Aurora, Illinois. So Ted's mother could go back to school, she decided to send him to live with his sister and then joined them later. Ted and his mother lived in Aurora together after that. When Ted was a senior at Aurora East high school and Lynne a sophomore, they met at a social gathering. Interestingly, their first date was to a basketball game in St. Charles at Thompson High school (which is now a Jr. High). Little did they know they would live in St. Charles years later.

After his June graduation, Ted got a job as a teller at Merchant's National Bank in Aurora. Lynne and her mom stopped in every Saturday and would see Ted quite often. It was only a matter of time until Ted and Lynne started dating again. They married in 1967 at the First Methodist Church in Aurora. They have two children. Daughter Jenni and her husband J.D. have four children – Michael (attending Montana State), Wyatt (senior at Wheaton Academy), Paige (freshman at Wheaton Academy), and Madelynn (a home schooled 5th grader). Their son Jon owns his own company in commercial real estate. A side note: As Jenni was about to be born, Ted was heard saying, I'll be there as soon as I balance my drawer. Always the committed one!!

Around 1976, while working at Merchant's Bank, Ted met some folks who were starting up a new bank in St. Charles – the Dunham Bank. Ted decided to move his family to St. Charles where he worked at the Dunham Bank for 13 years as cashier and later president through five different ownerships. After a year off around 1991, Ted went to Marengo State Bank as president. He brought in computers to the bank as they did not have them prior to his arrival. In 2001, they moved back to St. Charles but Ted remained at the Marengo bank until 2006 when he retired. He now works part time with his son Jon at the management company.

Lynne has had several other careers besides raising the children at home. She taught organ lessons when they were first married. (Dennis, take note if you need a sub!!) She was a sports writer for the Kane County Chronicle covering Geneva high school sports. When Jon was on the high school golf team, Lynne wrote the sports news for St. Charles golf. Later when she worked at the St. Charles Park District as a receptionist she wrote a column for the Chronicle called "Viking Vibes." She has also done bookkeeping for the Norris Center. Lynne worked with a friend to rehab houses in St. Charles and condos in Florida, enjoying the creativity. She was also the author of several "Who's in the Pews" articles for our church as well.

Ted and Lynne have a diverse church affiliation. Ted's parents attended Church of Christ (different than the UCC) but Ted decided he liked the Methodist Church better and attended there on his own as a boy. Lynne grew up as a Southern Baptist and had some Catholic background. They married in the First Methodist Church in Aurora and attended there. They moved to Batavia for a short time, back to Aurora, and then to St. Charles. After trying the Baker Methodist Church they decided to look around a little for other churches. Ted knew Rev Bill Nagy from Kiwanis so around 1980, they visited and joined the Congregational Church at our downtown location where Bill was currently the minister. When they moved to Marengo, they ended up at the Baptist Church and then joined our church again when they moved back to St. Charles in 2001, but this time it was in a new building with a different minister, Rev John Rodgers and an associate, Rev Suzy Daly.

Lynne has been and still is a Sunday school teacher, especially loving the preschoolers. She helps with the Manna orders. You may see her creativity on the Manna bulletin boards. She also created the beautiful displays for our 175th anniversary. You will see Lynne behind the scenes in several places. Ted has been on Trustees and moderator at the downtown church. He was a founding member of the endowment committee. At our current location he was council president, stewardship chair, and helped negotiate the refinancing of our mortgage. He has been on the mission trip to Guatemala and is currently on the committee to search for our new minister.

They both enjoy reading, sports, traveling, a good mystery, going to the theater and being with friends. They are active in our church and an interesting couple to know. Thanks Ted and Lynne for giving whenever you can wherever it is needed.

Ladies Weekend at Pilgrim Park

Please mark your calendars and join us for a fun gathering for ladies of all ages on Friday through Sunday, Oct 30-Nov 1 this fall. We will gather at Pilgrim Park for a weekend of fun, games, mission projects, social time, walking the outdoor grounds and much more. The registration form is available in the office, on our website or you can follow this link: http://goo.gl/ZzkcY2 . If you have any questions, please ask any of the committee members - Norma DeMaar, Nola Boyd, Carol Ludemann, Marilyn Schave, Pat Kitner, Carleen Bart or Sue Peterson.

More details later in the fall for those who register.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Summer Sunday School through 3rd grade 9:30 AM Morton baptism (S) 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Worship (S) 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship (FH) 4:00 PM Council and Staff Picnic	**31** 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM Language Stars-Mandarin (112)	**1** Sunday School Meeting (115) 7:00 PM Mission Committee (O)	**2** 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Women's Fellowship (P) 6:30 PM GF 7:00 PM Swing Set BD Mtg (114)	**3** 6:00 PM Bellissimo Bell Choir Rehearsal (S) 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM NAMI (114) 7:30 PM Choir Practice (S)	**4** 6:00 PM Bianchi Wedding Rehearsal (S)	**5** 4:30 PM Bianchi Wedding (S,P)
6 *Communion* 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Worship (S) 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship (FH)	**7** Labor Day (OFFICE CLOSED) 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM Language Stars-Mandarin (112)	**8**	**9** 6:30 PM GF 6:30 PM Worship Committee (O) 7:00 PM Christian Education Committee (114) 7:00 PM Congregational Life Cm (P)	**10** 6:00 PM Bellissimo Bell Choir Rehearsal (S) 7:30 PM Choir Practice (S)	**11**	**12** Fall Fest (no weddings)
13 8:30 service resumes New Member Sunday (FH) 8:30 AM - 9:15 AM Happy Hearts Choir Practice (Rm. 111) 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Sunday School thru 7th grade 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Worship (S) 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship (FH)	**14** HIGHLIGHT Newsletter Deadline NOON 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM Language Stars-Mandarin (112) 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry (P)	**15** Campton Hills meeting 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Bible Study (P)	**16** 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Circle of Friends (P) 6:30 PM GF 6:45 PM Lazarus House Homeless Shelter	**17** 6:00 PM Bellissimo Bell Choir Rehearsal (S) 7:30 PM Choir Practice (S)	**18** 5:00 PM Giamberdino Wedding Rehearsal (S) 7:30 PM Novel Approaches (Denise Djoka's)	**19** 7:00 AM Men's Fellowship Walking Group 3:30 PM Giamberdino Wedding (P,S)
20 8:30 AM - 9:15 AM Happy Hearts Choir Practice (Rm. 111) 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Sunday School thru 7th grade 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Worship (S) 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship (FH)	**21** 8:30 AM Building Maintenance 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM Language Stars-Mandarin (112) 7:00 PM Church Council (P)	**22** 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Bible Study (P)	**23** 6:30 PM GF	**24** 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM Fox Valley Justice & Witness(P) 6:00 PM Bellissimo Bell Choir Rehearsal (S) 7:30 PM Choir Practice (S)	**25**	**26** 2:30 PM Hannah wedding 5:30 PM Schauderna Renewal of Vows (S)
27 Food on the 4th 8:30 AM - 9:15 AM Happy Hearts Choir Practice (Rm. 111) 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Sunday School thru 7th grade 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Worship (S) 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship (FH)	**28** 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM Language Stars-Mandarin (112)	**29** 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Bible Study (P)	**30** 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM Swing Set Book Fair (115/117) 6:30 PM GF	**1** 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM Swing Set Book Fair (115/117) 6:00 PM Bellissimo Bell Choir Rehearsal (S) 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM NAMI (114) 7:30 PM Choir Practice (S)	**2** 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM Swing Set Book Fair (115/117) 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM Swing Set Fun Fair (FH)	**3**
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No matter who you are, or where ever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

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

Sunday School for children through 3rd grade. 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 and outreach. It is our mission to serve individual, local, national and world needs.

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