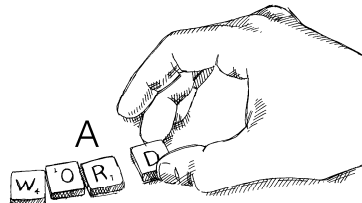


When we reach adulthood there are many things for which any one of us could say, "I never took the time to learn. I never learned to read, play the piano, swim or balance a check book." We are embarrassed to admit our lack of skill in these areas. On that same list, how many might say, "I never learned to read the Bible." The reasons are many. "It's hard to understand." True, some parts are more difficult than others but there are more passages that you will feel were written especially for you. "The language is so formal." Some of the older translations were written for the people of the day and we no longer speak that way. Recent translations, such as the New Revised Standard Version or Today's English Version are well done and easier to read.



from the
Pastor

The best way to learn reading the Bible is to start reading it. If you want to know more about the life of Jesus, read one of the Gospels. (Mark is the shortest.) If you want to know how the Christian Church began, read the book of Acts. (The early Church was not a perfect church.) For short and wise thoughts to ponder, page through the book of Proverbs. (Many of them are meant to be quite humorous.) For powerful verses upon which to meditate, read in the book of Psalms. (You will return to these again and again.)

If you come across a passage you don't understand or that confuses you, ask your pastor. That's one of the reasons why we are here. We might even share our own confusion. Getting started is half the battle but take the plunge. I think you will discover that the water is fine.

Pastor Brandon

THANK YOU

April 2011

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your generous donation of \$100.00 to help Feed My People. The mission of Feed My People is to show God's love and compassion to all of His people, particularly His people in need. As you know, Feed My People is the largest food pantry in the area. We continue to see more clients coming to us for food and other needs.

We are seeing fewer donations these days because of the economy and in need of increased financial support. Many of the adults we serve are single working parents. Many clients have lost jobs or had their hours cut. Many work full time at jobs that pay less than the living wage. Choices must be made between paying rent, buying food or other necessities.

Our motto is "Hand in Hand – The Dream Continues." That is all of us, reaching out and helping others to the dream that is our Father's dream for all of His children. We are very thankful for your support. It is because of people like you that we have been able to continue to provide much needed food and other services for our clients at this challenging time.

God's blessing to you,
(signed) Carol and John DeGuire
Executive Co-Directors

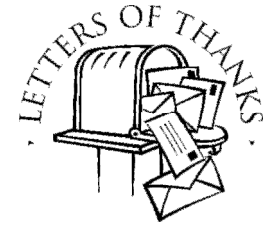
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May 12, 2011

Dear Sunday School:

Thank you for underwriting the cost of James' allowance with your recent gift of \$25.00. Your gift and encouragement is a great support for James in his efforts to overcome his troubles.

Like all of the children in our residential program, James' responsibilities each day include the completion of several chores. Your allowance is only one of the benefits for completion of these chores. Other benefits include, instilling self-confidence and strong work ethics in each one of the children we serve. It is also a way for



the children to contribute to their living unit, and be a part of our family.

We certainly could not do it without support from friends like you! We truly appreciate your spirit of giving to those in need. Thank you again for your continued support.

Sincerely,
(signed) Michael P. Brennan
Executive Director
Evangelical Children's Home (ECH)

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May 20, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the entire staff and Board of Directors at Joint Neighborhood Ministry, I would like to say 'thank you' for your generous in-kind donation of clothing and household items during the month of April, 2011. It was very thoughtful of you to remember JNM. We greatly appreciate your kindness and support. Through your donations, our programs are able to continue assisting families in the community with much needed food, clothing, utility assistance, medical support, and numerous other services. Your donation makes a difference!

Thank you again for your generosity, and we look forward to your continued support! If you would like to learn about volunteer opportunities, obtain information on our programs or schedule a visit, please feel free to contact us at 314-771-3987.

Sincerely,
(signed) Cindy Kohlman
Family Advocate
Joint Neighborhood Ministry

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Dear Rev. Brandon and St. Philip's Family:

Just want to say a big "thank you" for Pastor Brandon for having the anointing service the Sunday before my surgery. It was so touching and brought me through surgery. Also for Pastor Brandon for giving me and Art communion day before surgery and for all the visits while I was in the hospital. For all of St. Philip's family for all your cards, calls, visits, and for dinner you brought to us. It is good to be home

and will soon graduate from my walker to cane. I did have some bacterial infection but am on antibiotics for it. Luckily not staph. Hope to get back to church soon. Thanks for all your prayers. This is #4 and know it will work. May God bless and keep you all in his care.

(signed) Paul Shrout

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GIVING THANKS WHERE THANKS IS DUE



How many times have we thanked someone or a committee that has done some extra thing to help with the work of the church? I would be willing to say not often enough. Have any of you thanked the choir for their faithful service of singing for the church service; the bell choir for ringing monthly to God; the Sunday School teachers (especially Virginia Hladnick) for being here every Sunday to teach the children of the congregation about God and Jesus and their love for us; the Building and Grounds committee for the many unseen things that are done around church, especially Frances Kalbfleish and her work with the yard at church; the Altar Committee for getting the sanctuary ready each week for the service; Tom Nottelmann for his ushering duties where he goes above and beyond the call of duty; and of course all the committees from council who see that the work of the church is carried out? How about taking time this week to give all of them a big "THANK YOU" for all their time and effort? It's long overdue.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Our shut ins – Helen Wright, Vernon Hornung, Jacque Walker, Elvira Rebienne at The Quarters at DesPeres and Oscar Wenk at Delmar Gardens – Meramec Valley, also Ann Davis who is at Delmar Gardens South, room 325, phone # 849-6635, with a fractured pelvis.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Once again Women's Fellowship will be sponsoring a Christmas in July sale. If you happen to be cleaning or sorting through household items and you find something "Christmasy" that could be donated to this sale please put it aside and save it for the sale which



will be on Sunday, July 17th. If you don't have room to store any of these items let Lois Decker know and she will get them from you.

UCC STUDENT FELLOWSHIP IN COLUMBIA

To Pastors, Youth Leaders, and Senior High Sunday School Teachers of the Missouri Mid-South Conference

Greetings from your sisters and brothers at Columbia UCC! We are pleased to announce the establishment of the UCC Student Fellowship.

While there are many student religious organizations here in Columbia, there has not been a UCC-related campus ministry for some time. Our new UCC Student Fellowship has been meeting since February and will soon receive official recognition from the University of Missouri.

Meetings take place Tuesday evenings from 5:30-7:00 and include fellowship, brief Bible study and discussion – a free meal. The program is student-led but supported by our congregation through the generosity of the Marilyn Martin Youth Fund.

We want to invite all UCC students at Columbia colleges – new and returning – participate in the UCC Student Fellowship. This includes not only University of Missouri, but Columbia College, Stephens College, and Moberly Area Community College.

Please make this information available to your church's college students, invite them to look us up on Facebook ("UCC Student Fellowship, University of Missouri") – and if you are able, please share their names and contact information with us.

Columbia UCC began as a student-initiated ministry on the MU campus and was supported by the Evangelical & Reformed Synod before becoming a full congregation. We feel a deep connection with the academic life of Columbia and want to support UCC students attending our city's colleges.

UCC Student Fellowship programs will resume with the beginning of the fall semester, and we will contact you again in August with more details. We are also planning an alternative worship service for Saturday evenings from 5:00-6:00, to begin in mid-September.

We look forward to hearing from you, and meeting your church's college students. Please hold this ministry in your prayers, as

together we seek to support and strengthen the faith of our teens and young adults!

In hope,
(signed) Rev. Steven E. Swope

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING

On Sunday, June 12th, we will be receiving the "Strengthen the Church" special mission offering. The offering builds the UCC's future. It funds new congregations and renews existing ones. It supports programs for youth and young adults and nurtures current and future leaders and it aids the "God is Still Speaking Ministry" to spread our message of inclusivity. It helps us grow as a vibrant community showing God's love for all.

FOOD DRIVE

Be prepared for a food drive in July for Feed My People, North Grand, and Epiphany:

June 26	Canned goods
July 3	Paper goods
July 10	Personal items (toiletries)



Your participation in this project will be appreciated.
Outreach Committee

50+ GROUP



On Friday, June 17th, the 50+ Group will take their annual trip to a casino. This year it will be Harrah's. We will meet at the commuter parking lot at Reavis and 55 promptly at 8:45 a.m. so the bus from Harrah's can pick us up and take us to the casino. All are welcome to join us for this event. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

4F CLUB

The 4F Club is planning a BBQ and washers tournament – it doesn't get any more fun than that! Saturday, June 18th, 5:00 p.m. at Mike and Kathy Shelton's. Bring your own drinks and a side dish to share – meat will be provided. RSVP to Kathy Shelton at kathyshelton@swbell.net or 843-4223.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Women's Fellowship activity for June will be on Tuesday, the 21st. We will meet at church at 11 a.m. to carpool to Kimmswick to have lunch at the Dough Depot. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

COMING EVENTS

- June 1 Lydia's House meal – noon
June 5 Communion Sunday
Youth Mission Trip (June 5th through 11th)
June 8 June Lunch Bunch get together – noon
June 12 Birthday Sunday
June 14 VBS Workshop – Virginia's 6 p.m.
June 17 50+ Group – Harrah's Casino 8:45 a.m.
June 18 4F Club – BBQ/Washers Tournament – Shelton's – 5 p.m.
June 20 ECC Board meeting 7 p.m.
June 21 Women's Fellowship – 11 a.m. – Dough Depot –
Kimmswick
VBS Workshop – Virginia's 6 p.m.
June 26 Mission Trip Report Sunday
June 28 VBS Workshop – Virginia's 6 p.m.



COMMUNITY EVENTS (see bulletin board for more info)

- Wed. June 8th and Sat. June 11th – 7 a.m – 1 p.m. – Rummage Sale and Bake Sale – Our Savior Lutheran Church – 1500 San Simeon Way (Fenton)
- Sat. June 11th – St. Louis Metro Singers Concert – Lindbergh High School – 7 p.m. – tickets \$12 – see Rich or Ellen Brandon for ticket/s
- Sun. June 12th – Chicken Dinner and Bazaar – St. Thomas UCC – 11:30 am – 6 pm – 17842 Wild Horse Creek Road – Chesterfield – Adults \$10 – Children \$5

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

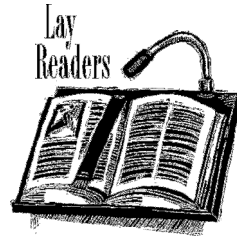
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- 2 Jim Caldwell
- 5 Brett Rohlfing
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- 6 Russ Hickman
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- 13 Kathy Shelton
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- 15 Rylee Kelly
- 16 Jean Paul Thibodeaux
Ellen Brandon
- 17 Kent Kotthoff
Shawn Williamson
- 18 Dawn Schillinger
- 19 Gene Engelhardt
- 20 Don Siewing
- 22 Ruth Ann Nuelle
Richard Brandon
- 23 Jordan Lewis
- 24 Janet Remmers
- 25 Roland Balzer
Drew Larsen
- 28 Ann Davis
- 29 Robert Leber
- 30 Benjamin Armistead



USHERS, ACOLYTES AND CHILDREN'S TIME FOR JUNE

Liturgists

June 5	Sandy Stevenson
June 12	Ellen Disseler
June 19	
June 26	Mission Trip



Welcoming Teams



June 5	Richelle Fischer, Patty Siewing, Alice Noland, Shirley Nottelmann
June 12	Carole Armistead, Joyce Thuston, Susan Cochran, Dolores Zikes
June 19	Joy Lopez, Sharon Jackman, Mary Lou Farrow, Betty Moore
June 26	Mission Trip

Children's Time

June 5	
June 12	
June 19	Rich Brandon
June 26	Mission Trip



Acolytes

ACOLYTES



June 5	Scott Karcher
June 12	Ashley Kulich
June 19	Carley Nickel
June 26	Sarah Witte

I WISH YOU ENOUGH

Thanks to Dave Schiele for this one:

Recently I overheard a father and daughter in their last moments together at the airport. They had announced the departure. Standing near the security gate, they hugged and the father said, "I love you, and I wish you enough."

The daughter replied, "Dad, our life together has been more than enough. Your love is all I ever needed. I wash you enough, too, Dad." They kissed and the daughter left.

The father walked over to the window where I was seated. Standing there I could see he wanted and needed to cry. I tried not to intrude on his privacy, but he welcomed me in by asking, "Did you ever say good-bye to someone knowing it would be forever?"

"Yes, I have," I replied. "Forgive me for asking, but why is this a forever good-bye?"

"I am old, and she lives so far away. I have challenges ahead and the reality is – the next trip back will be for my funeral," he said.

"When you were saying good-bye, I heard you say, I wish you enough. May I ask what that means?"

He began to smile. "That's a wish that has been handed down from other generations. My parents used to say it to everyone." He paused a moment and looked up as if trying to remember it in detail, and he smiled even more. "When we said, 'I wish you enough,' we were wanting the other person to have a life filled with just enough good things to sustain them."

Then turning toward me, he shared the following as if he were reciting it from memory. "I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright no matter how gray the day may appear. I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun even more. I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive and everlasting. I wish you enough pain so that even the smallest of joys in life may appear bigger. I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting. I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess. I wish you enough hellos to get you through the final good-bye"

He then began to cry and walked away.

They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them; but then an entire life to forget them. To all, I WISH YOU ENOUGH.