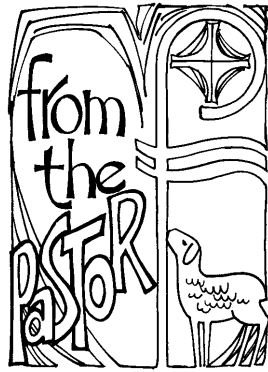


Dear Partner in Ministry,

In some ways I don't believe that the Bible has an answer for every question, and in some ways, I do. I don't believe the Bible is always factual, but I do believe it is true. I am convinced that through study and prayer, the words of faith given to us by men and women of faith can reveal God's word to us. I believe it is not just individual study and prayer that makes the word of God take shape, but corporate and community study and prayer.



One of the ways we wrestle with scripture is in the sermon time. And so, for the four weeks in October, we will be looking at the book of Job. This Old Testament saga deals with the questions of that day and this day. Why do good people suffer? How do we handle loss, our own loss and the losses of others? Who or what is God and what does God have to do with it? While much of the Old Testament deals with the ups and downs of the nation of Israel, this book deals with the life of one man. It is poetry, it is drama, it is prose. It speaks to us in ancient and modern words. Let's see what we can hear Job teach us about a life of faith.

If you want to read in advance, here are the texts, or read the entire book.

- October 4 – Chapters 1 and 2
- October 11 – Job 23: 1-17
- October 18 – Job 38: 1-41
- October 25 – Job 42: 1-17

May God bless our reading and hearing of God's holy word.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Sue



Dear St. Philip's UCC,

I want to thank you on behalf of my board for the Appraisal Tea which raised over \$1000.00 for Joint Neighborhood Ministry. Sandy Stevenson and the group of friends she gathered from St. Philip's need to be recognized and thanked for their hard work and dedication.

Those that attended are still talking about the lovely afternoon. The food was so good and the decorations were perfect for the event.

Thank you, St. Philip's! Joint Neighborhood Ministry continues to do the work that Jesus called us to do with your help. Thank you and God Bless.

(signed) Joan Hensley

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The Kammerers would like to thank all of our church friends for supporting us in our Alzheimer's Walk. We walked September 12th with thousands of other people and our family team. Team Miles raised \$1,955.00 to aid in Alzheimer's research. A big thank you to everyone who supported us with donations and with good wishes.

Bob and Linda Kammerer

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Delba Engelhardt, Walt Miller, Jack Jackman (Sharon's husband) who continues with his chemo therapy, Paul ShROUT who had knee surgery and was able to come home Monday, and Russ Hickman who spent several days at Barnes Hospital.

KICK-OFF

Thanks again to everyone who helped and participated in our kick-off! It was a fun time!

Sunday School is off to a good beginning!! Let's continue!!!

Mark your calendar:

1. October 4th – making sandwiches for Joint Neighborhood Ministries
2. During the month of October we plan to set up a "Memory Work" schedule for the boys and girls. Each grade level will have a specific Bible verse/s to learn. More details will follow.

Learning Ministry

MUSIC NOTES

Chancel Choir needs men to sing bass and tenor. Ken would like to have more men to stand up with him. It is a real commitment to join choir but we could surely use more voices.



For Children's Choir

We will be starting children's choir after church for 15 minutes. We will start the 1st Sunday in October, October 4th, 2009. We need children who love to sing. I will try very hard to keep it to 15 minutes after church. I would ask Beth Hickman, Russ Hickman, and Dawn Schillinger to gather the children into the sanctuary immediately after worship.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The annual congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, October 11th after worship. This will be an important meeting as we will discuss the budget for the coming year. The proposed budget will be available to you on Sunday, October 4th so you can read it and study it before the meeting on the 11th. Please

mark your calendar for the 11th – we will hold the meeting in the MPR room with coffee and donuts available.

HELP WANTED !



The Building/Grounds Ministry is planning a work day on Saturday, October 17th from 8 am until noon. The work will include window washing, small painting jobs, light yard work, kitchen clean up. There will be sign-up sheets on the bulletin board for volunteer workers that can help for a few hours. Thank you in advance for your help.

Building and Grounds Ministry

50+ GROUP OCTOBER OUTING

The 50+ Group will meet at church at 11 am on Saturday, October 24th to have lunch at the Brass Lantern in Columbia, Illinois at 11:30 a.m. After lunch they will visit the Schorr Lake Winery in Waterloo, Illinois. Sign up sheet will be posted. Please note the date has been changed – it was originally scheduled for the 17th.

Hostesses – Alice Hillyard and Ruth Ann Nuelle

VENDOR NIGHT/SPAGHETTI DINNER

Friday, November 13, 2009

Vendors – 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Dinner – 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.



If you know of someone interested in being a vendor, please have them contact Carole Armistead. We will need help with set up/clean up, serving, working in the dining room and kitchen, silent auction/raffles and distributing fliers. Interested in volunteering in any way? Let Virginia or Sandy know. More details later.

THINKING AHEAD – CHRISTMAS !!

I recently talked to Johnniest Henry at St. John's North Grand. The number of families served has nearly doubled in the last year. Johnniest tries to provide each family with a basic box of food for Christmas Day. The suggested items are the same each year: fruit juice, pancake mix + syrup for breakfast, canned beef stew, canned vegetables, and cake mix for dinner. A 2-3 dollar cash donation is requested for purchase of a chicken from the St. Louis Food Bank. The food items usually cost about \$25. Sometimes, a "wish list" for small (inexpensive) gifts is also included. If any individuals, families or groups are interested in putting a box together, please let me know and I will pass the information along to Johnniest. I think this is a good way to pass a little Christmas cheer in a personal way.

Barbara Barnes

DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES

Visionaries -

Non-profit organization which films documentaries for PBS (Public Broadcasting System). The state of Missouri was chosen for one of their broadcasts. They choose organizations, agencies, etc. for doing good works. Division of Social Services Department of Youth Services was chosen for the program, the state of Missouri uses for their juvenile offenders. Go to www.dss@mo.gov

Look for documentary – scroll down. The video is there = 29 minutes – no commercials. Tim Decker is Director of Youth Services in Jefferson City. This is a program he oversees for the state. Very informative and may be a surprise for some of us. Check it out.

Lois Decker

COMING EVENTS IN OCTOBER

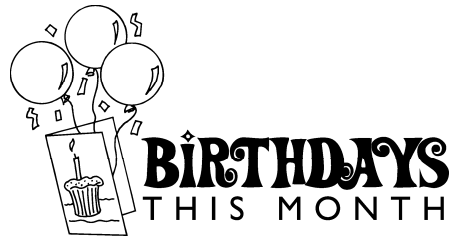
- 1 Yoga Class 6:30 pm
- 4 Communion Sunday
Sandwich making Sunday
- 5 Bible Study 9 am

- Church Council 7 pm
- 6 Bell Choir 7 pm
- 7 Choir 7 pm
Meal for Lydia's House
- 8 Yoga Class 6:30 pm
- 11 Birthday Sunday
Congregational Meeting after worship
- 12 Bible Study 9 am
- 13 Bell Choir 7 pm
- 14 Free Lunch – noon
Choir 7 pm
- 17 Work Day at Church 8 am – 12 noon
- 19 Bible Study 9 am
Crier articles due
- 20 Women's Fellowship – Pietro's
- 21 Outreach Ministry Team meeting 10 am
Choir 7 pm
- 24 50+ Group 11 am – Brass Lantern for Lunch and
then Schorr Lake Winery
- 26 Bible Study 9 am
- 27 Bell Choir 7 pm
- 28 Choir 7 pm



BIRTHDAYS FOR OCTOBER

2 Roger Decker
Raymond Zeiting
4 Hannah Kelly
6 Chuck Knoll
Joshua Hickman
9 Linda Kammerer
Richelle Fischer
12 Harry Jennings
Claire Vogt
Samuel Vogt
14 Scot Rohlfing
17 Doug Stevenson
19 Andrea Moran
Philip Shelton
20 Sharon Jackman
22 Linda Boucher
24 Connor Hickman
25 Bruce Eason
Susan Cochran
26 Jamie Kotthoff
29 Patrick Moran
Pam Kelly
Delba Engelhardt
31 Andrew Jackson



LITURGISTS, USHERS, ACOLYTES AND CHILDREN'S TIME FOR OCTOBER

Liturgists



October 4 Harry Jennings
October 11 Ellen Disseler
October 18
October 25 Bob Leber

Welcoming Teams

October 4 Al and Mary Lou Farrow and Sandy Stevenson
October 11 and 18 Bob and JoAnn Leber, Joy Lopez (10/18)
October 25 Ellen Disseler, Nancy Krenning and Bob Kammerer

Children's Time

October 4 Bob Leber
October 11
October 18
October 25



Acolytes



October 4 Sarah Witte
October 11 Haylee Thibodeaux
October 18 Alex Balzer
October 25 Rachel Fischer

HOW TO STAY SAFE IN THE WORLD TODAY

Thanks to Mary Lou Farrow for this one:

1. Avoid riding in automobiles because they are responsible for 20% of all fatal accidents.
2. Do not stay home because 17% of all accidents occur in the home.
3. Avoid walking on streets or sidewalks because 14% of all accidents occur to pedestrians.
4. Avoid traveling by air, rail, or water because 16% of all accidents involve these forms of transportation.
5. Of the remaining 33%, 32% of all deaths occur in hospitals.
So,above all else, avoid hospitals.

BUT,

You will be pleased to learn that only....001% of all deaths occur in worship services in church, and these are usually related to previous physical disorders. Therefore, logic tells us that the safest place for you to be at any given point in time is at church!

And...Bible study is safe too. The percentage of deaths during Bible study is even less.

So,
Attend church,
And read your Bible!
IT COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE !

