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20th Annual Steeple Chase Bike Tour



The 20th Annual Steeple Chase Bike Tour Raise over \$65,000 For WAIM and Perception Programs

Thanks to good weather and enthusiastic support of the riders and the churches (rest stops) we were able to raise a lot of money for our local mission effort.

All rides started and stopped at Eastern Connecticut State University sports complex in Mansfield. A new venue for us and by all accounts well received by the riders and those working at the site. Hundreds of volunteers are needed to pull off an event like this and the First Baptist Church of Mansfield proved a lot of that effort.

Before the event in August much planning was needed — It started with Sandy Zerio (now Sandy Stevens) getting permission from the 11 towns we ride through and pulling the state permit required to ride on state highways.

Lee Salina worked with 10 area churches coordinating the rest stops to be sure they were open on time

and knew when to close. Lee also set up the sign in station and followed up to make sure all riders got safely back.

The painting of 5 different routes had to be done the week before thanks to Prescott Spencer, Warren Austin and Morgan Baker.

Thanks to the church for the use of the church kitchen the day before the event and thanks to Ginny Shepardson for heading up that effort on behalf of our church.

The day of the ride our church helped support the rest stop on Bassetts Bridge road (the Holy Cow Home and Shelter) run by David and Sandy Stevens. Many of our church members helped with that — Faith Austin, Ellie Trainer, Nora Stevens, Ginny Shepardson, Lena Barry, Joshua, the Stygar family and Laura Austin. I'm sure that I missed a few.

Thanks to Lisa Reas for heading up the SAG Wagon crew again this year it was a busy day for here from 7AM til after 6PM.

Thanks to Prescott Spencer for spending the whole day driving his SAG Wagon route from Saint



and Perception Programs



Steeple Chase Cont'd



Margret's in Scotland to the South Woodstock Baptist Church. Driving back and forth making sure everyone was okay. Gail Esty also drove a number of SAG wagon routes helping out the whole day.

Thanks to Phil and Lena Barry for supporting the tour again this year by providing a prize and supporting Kerry Landeck who was the top fundraiser in her biking club.

There are man of you in the church family supporting the Steeple Chase in many ways. Thank you for your help and prayers.

Ed Austin



WAIM TAG SALE

Once again, we had a very successful Tag Sale to benefit WAIM. The Tag Sale, (held annually on the Saturday of Labor Day Weekend) began at 6:30 a.m. when tables were set up around our parking lot and lawn. (Thanks Ed Austin, for bringing your trailer to help distribute tables.) By 8 a.m., 13 different family units were set up and ready for the crowd. All morning we enjoyed the beautiful late summer weather and the excitement of "the hunt" as bargains were found all around. Probably the best part is the camaraderie (affectionate socializing) of the day. We are fun people! Everyone made a donation from their profits to WAIM and we were able to send over \$700 to help meet needs in our community!! Thanks to all who participated – both in the selling AND the shopping!! See you next September!!!

First Baptist Church of Mansfield

- *- Established 1809 -*
- *A Word from the Pastor*

It was such a good point when it came up in Sunday School, (or as I like to think of it, "Sunday morning small group") that I want to share it again here. Super Heroes are individuals who have extraordinary power that is manifest in some way. Superman has great strength and can fly. Mr. Incredible has the strength but can't fly. Wonder Woman can block bullets with those bands on her wrists, and she flies using an invisible jet. Spiderman can swoop around tall buildings using his amazing web. These are some of the super heroes from when I was a kid. I'll bet there are some new ones today. The kind of super heroes we could really use now are "Balance the National Budget Woman", or "International Debt Solution Man", or "Environmental Protection Person". I guess they would not make a very good comic book or movie.

Anyway. . . . wouldn't it be great if we had a super power of some kind that we could use to save the world? Well, we do. We have powers that are greater than any comic book hero anyone could dream up. There is power that is greater than the powers of Superman, Wonder Woman and Spiderman combined, and it truly is available to us.

The powers of God's love, forgiveness, hope, grace, and mercy are far greater than any physical power we could ever dream up. Here is how God tells us about this power.

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you, and over all these virtues put on love which binds them all together in perfect unity." Colossians 3 : 12 – 14

"And now these three remain, faith, hope and

love, and the greatest of these is love." I Corinthians 13:13

" . . . because we know that suffering produces perseverance, and perseverance character, and character hope, and hope does not disappoint." Romans 5 : 4 -5

When God sent Jesus to save the world, he did not equip Jesus with super hero type of power, although he did have power over sickness, death, and forces of nature, as even the wind and the waves obeyed him. The greatest powers with which Jesus came equipped were love, grace, and forgiveness. These are the powers that changed the world then. These are the powers that can save the world today.

We are called to love our neighbor as ourselves - Matthew 19: 19. We are called to forgive not only 7 times as Peter suggests, but 77 times, or in other words more than perfectly - Matthew 18: 22. It is God's power of love, forgiveness, mercy and grace **through us** that will change our world today.

Now, don't worry about changing into any super hero suit. Just go and live out the love and forgiveness God has given to you, by loving and forgiving others.

Paster Ken

TRIAD Yellow Dot

Church Women United

TRIAD Yellow Dot sign up on September 25th from 12-1PM



What is the Yellow Dot Program? The Yellow Dot program in Mansfield is a joint effort of the Town of Mansfield (Fire and Police), Private Business (People's Bank) and Community organizations like the Senior Center. A Yellow Dot sticker is affixed to the inside rear window of your vehicle alerting first responders to look in the glove box for emergency information about the driver and significant other passengers during an emergency. There is a yellow card to fill out that provides information about the occupant's medications, allergies, doctor, hospital

preference, and relative contact information. The completed card is placed in a manila envelope and remains in the glove box. During medical emergencies, car collisions, or times when an occupant may be incapacitated or unconscious, first responders are trained so the Yellow Dot alerts them to look in the glove box for pertinent medical information. In an emergency seconds can count. On September 25th after the Church service you can sign up for this free program in the conference room. If you or any of your regular passengers takes any prescription drugs regularly, or has a medical condition such as diabetes or high blood pressure, plan to sign up for the program.

If you drive and have parents who drive, set an example by signing up yourself and have them sign up also.

Greater Willimantic Unit of Church Women United

Prayer Breakfast and Annual Meeting

Saturday, October 1st

Storrs Friends Meeting
57 Hunting Lodge Road, Storrs

9:00 a.m. Breakfast (Free Will Offering)

10:00 Program

11:00 a.m. Annual Meeting



We welcome the Reverend Laurel Scott from North United Methodist Church in Manchester as guest speaker for the program.

Reservations are not necessary, but appreciated. Please contact Karen Burnham by email at burnham@charter.net or telephone 860-455-0647 by September 26th.

A Mission Letter: Anatomy of Faith

Flower Committee

There isn't much change here in Mbingo, Cameroon from my experience a year ago. It is good to see old friends who are permanent missionaries here and to meet new ones who were not here last August. Otherwise, it is the same 40 to 80 patients per day seen in the clinic and the same surgical schedule packed with cases but limited by the same African inefficiencies. Generally, the week is somewhat of a whirlwind but then it comes to a screeching stop on the weekend for rest. Except for this weekend. This Saturday morning they allowed me to do an elective surgery that was not able to make it before the 3pm deadline on Friday.

This was a case of bladder cancer. It was a large tumor that was just manageable enough to be resected endoscopically (the other alternative approach being open surgery which has its own risks, such as tumor cells getting outside the bladder). There are probably at least a dozen problems that I can list in doing this type of surgery here, none of which alone is too serious. But all together, they add up to greater risk than I am entirely comfortable with. For reasons such as this, I never forget my prayers.

The procedure is inevitably bloody and visualization is not optimal until the last bit of tumor is resected and the last bleeder cauterized. This day I am amazed to see it all look so good. There are none of the usual defects that I would notice with my work related to technical and human limitations even in optimal operating conditions at home—none of which are generally of any significance clinically but are still like a signature. The surgical surface is perfectly smooth and of the perfect depth of surgery, something that is on the order of being virtually impossible in this setting. I don't even consider taking credit but ra-

ther promptly say a silent prayer of thanks.

With one small miracle, the Lord has both reassured me of His presence and reminded me, as I recall how well all the surgery has been going this month, that He has been with me all along. By faith, I watch for Him, albeit imperfectly, and He shows me what I am able to see in faith. Moreover, I trust Him to bless this work—if I did not, I would never have the courage to put myself in these conditions repeatedly. But when it all comes together like this, there is nothing better in life—not when He blesses the results of your efforts, but when His presence is made known, or as one author put it, “the perfume of His passing by”, whether in triumph or in suffering. The remaining days here will be more of a struggle with pitfalls of defeat, but this moment will bear me up. “I will never leave you,” He says.

“May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.” (Galatians 6:14) With this, I step up to my patient and let him know that everything went well. I tell him, “Praise our Lord Jesus, for today He has blessed you and today He has blessed me.”

Doug Whittemore

Flower Committee

As a reminder, the flower sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway of the church beyond the conference room.

There are many open spaces available for the remainder of 2011.

Thank you to all who have donated flowers this past year.

Thank you for your support,

Your flower Committee Alice Spencer, Lena Barry and Faith Austin.



Vacation Bible School



VBS – “Shake It Up!”

We surely “shook things up” at VBS this summer! What a great time we had! 22 kids, 10 adults and 9 youth workers filled the church with laughing, singing and chef hats! Joy Erickson was a fantastic director and really got the most out of a very fun curriculum based on a cooking theme called “Shake It Up!” A puppet named Scraps added excitement to our opening and closing sessions each day. (Thanks Bob Erickson!) EXCELLENT music led by Alyssa Dubicki got everyone swaying, jumping and shouting (oh yes, and singing too!) The lessons, snacks, crafts and games were joined by Kitchen Science during which we made butter, exploded bottles of soda, and “played” with liquid nitrogen (Thanks Joy!) Our mission project was to collect supplies needed by tornado victims in Munson, Mass. We were silly and serious, crazy and kind, and God’s loving presence was felt by all. Thank you to all the people who volunteered (including several youth) making this a VBS to remember!

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation...
2 Corinthians 5:17a



Youth Mission Trip

Youth Mission trip 2011

After church on Sunday July 3rd Ethan, Jonas, Morgan, Sierra, Laura and Pastor Ron packed up the rental van and headed to our youth mission experience in York, Pennsylvania on trip. It was a great which we made new fun, and even got some went with a different tion this year and so ferent in a lot of never been to York be- in a Christian school there, sleeping on There were maybe 25 of it was a lesson in get- others.



van and headed to our youth mission experience in friends, had some work done too. We mission organiza- the trip was dif- ways. We have fore and we stayed while we were classroom floors. us in each room so ting along with

Another difference was our group was split up when we were assigned work sites. Ethan and I were at the same sight. We worked around the outside of a woman's home for the whole week. We were kept busy with different projects every day. Morgan and Laura were assigned to different places, but mostly spent time at the soup kitchen. Sierra was put in a group that went to a Nursing home. And Jonas worked at a Christian day camp for kids doing various things. We all came away with stories to tell, and new friends.

We could not have done this trip without the support of our church family. Thank you so very much.

We have scheduled a meeting on Sunday September 25 to start planning for our next summer's trip. We will be offering fall work days like we did last spring. There will be a sign up sheet in church soon.



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IDEAS AND INSIGHTS FOR ACTIVE CONGREGATIONS

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Why Do People Connect with Christ and a Congregation?

Question: While acknowledging that each individual's journey is unique, is there a most prevalent way that the unchurched begin their search for the faith missing in their lives? Attend a worship service? Sign up for an educational class? Attend a special presentation?

Answer: Several studies agree that approximately 75 percent of unchurched adults "begin their search" when someone invites them to a worship service. And about 15 percent begin their search by attending worship in a church they selected from the Yellow Pages. And 10 percent begin their search by worshipping at a church building they had noticed while driving past on a weekday.

But why do individuals begin their search at that particular time? Most such individuals begin their search because they feel an inner need. This is usually during a period when their life is more stressful than usual, often during times of negative life change and sometimes during times of positive life change. But a few individuals report that "it was just time to find a church."

Two factors strongly influence whether adults begin moving toward church involvement:

- Religious beliefs formed in pre-College years—85 percent of people who become a Christian in their entire lifetime had a church experience prior to the age of eighteen. (This makes every congregation's ministry with children and youth among its most important endeavors.)
- Adult decisions based on current needs and social relationships.

What needs do churches meet for adults? Research indicates that four needs are especially important.¹

- *Religious education for children:* this includes moral and character education alongside learning about the Bible and church teachings (what Sunday school and youth programs offer cannot be purchased elsewhere, except in weekday, church-sponsored schools).
- *Personal support and reassurance:* especially in settings where adults can speak openly and honestly without fear of rejection (small groups of various kinds can provide this).
- *Social contacts and a sense of community:* this need is strongest in urban settings where family and friendship ties are weak,

especially for newcomers.

- *Inspiration and spiritual guidance:* this means that adults want worship to be uplifting, empowering, and encouraging, especially the music, which sets the emotional tone for all the other elements.

Beneath that research data lurks two larger questions for congregations: Since inviting is the most important reason why unchurched adults visit a church's worship service the first time, (a) what causes a church's people to do a high volume of inviting and (b) what causes a church's first-time worship visitors to return a second time, a third time, and eventually make a spiritual connection with Christ and that congregation?

A magnetic menu increases receptivity. Far fewer adults join a church because of its denominational affiliation these days. In most churches, fewer than 50 percent of new attendees grew up in that denomination.

The majority of today's adults who respond to invitations base their decision to attend worship the first time and subsequent times on whether the church exhibits seven magnetic

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1. The style and tempo of the worship hymns fit newcomers’ ages and preferences. Whether the congregation offers blended worship that contains more than one type of hymn in every service—or offers multiple worship services that feature a different style of hymns and praise songs at different times—the positive, uplifting atmosphere created by “my kind of music” helps people connect with Christ and this congregation.

In other words, whatever worship style the congregation offers, churches with a magnetic menu provide hymn-singing characterized by (a) a non-funeral tempo, (b) familiar and/or easy-to-sing hymns, and (c) hymn types that spiritually nurture worshippers born during all four of these eras: pre-1946, 1946-1964, 1965-1990, and 1991-present. Otherwise, the congregation is antimagnetic for many adult visitors, dampening their receptivity.²

2. The sermons inspire newcomer-adults with biblical insights about how to live a meaningful life. Pastors in magnetic churches are enthusiastic about the messages they deliver. They communicate equally well with people whose birth dates fall after 1975 and the 15 percent of Americans with birth dates before 1946.

Three words seem important in the overall preaching and teaching milieu of churches of every denomination, size, and theological persuasion that attract large numbers of adults from every age group: Christ—high Christology; Bible—high emphasis on biblical authority; and Love—high emphasis on compassion and caring.

3. The pastors and staff exhibit strong spiritual traits and possess personalities to which prospective adult attendees can relate. The following three

traits are especially important.

Spiritual enthusiasm: Effective pastors give you the impression that they want to lead you, not just someplace, but to a closer relationship with God. Also, their internal drives come from the fact that their own lives have been transformed and currently are in process of change. Therefore, they have something to share.

Joyful attitude: Oswald Chambers wrote, “Joy is the nature of God in my blood.” People are not attracted to a religious institution whose spiritual leader needs a transfusion.

Spiritual vision for this congregation: Effective pastors are not held prisoner by the perspective and traditions of their congregations. They are sensitive to where people are but not content to leave them there.

In summery, effective pastors balance what social scientists have called “Structure Behavior” (organizational leadership skills) and “Consideration Behavior” (personal-relationship skills).

4. The excellent children and youth ministries meet an important need felt by young-adult parents. The nursery in magnetic churches is equipped for young parents (recognizing that parents select the church that their infant attends). Magnetic churches have an extroverted Sunday school that goes beyond providing good content for the children of present attendees; these churches actively encourage other children to attend. Magnetic churches frequently list activities for children and youth in worship

bulletins.

5. A wide variety of programs make newcomers feel “there is something here for every member of the family.” Examples: Magnetic churches often have youth and children’s choirs. Large magnetic congregations may have brass ensembles, orchestras, and other musical groups. Midsize and large magnetic congregations have several strong adult Sunday school classes and adult groups. Most magnetic churches of every size have a strong “young-adult fellowship nucleus” comprised of people twenty-five to forty-four years of age.

6. The congregation is friendly and newcomers feel welcomed and wanted. Two out of three people feel somewhat anxious when entering an unfamiliar church building. A well-trained greeter team is the first step in addressing this first-impression opportunity.

7. The church is a reasonable driving-distance from most of the newcomers’ residences. Approximately 85 percent of American worshippers attend a congregation whose drive-time is fifteen minutes from their home, with a handful of people driving twenty minutes, thirty minutes, or even more. Magnetic congregations attract people from a much larger geographic radius than they did a few decades ago.

What if some of these seven factors are missing? In that case, numerous worship invitations and gracious efforts to encourage visitors to return get sparse results.

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Church Family News

The Bottom Line: When served this seven-dish magnetic menu, more church members enthusiastically invite people to visit worship—which increases the number of first-time worship visitors.

And far larger numbers of those invitees return a second time, and eventually become regular attendees—completing that crucial first step as “they search for the faith missing in their lives.”

¹Reported by Hoge, Johnson, and Luidens in *Vanishing Boundaries* [Louisville: Westminster/John Knox]

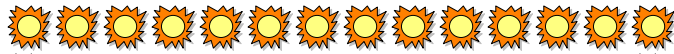
²See information in *Church Effectiveness Nuggets: Volume 32, Are We Singing the Right Hymns?* Download free of

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Carol, Henry and Emily Bigl and John and Grace Riesen enjoyed going to Family Camp at Camp Wightman this summer. A fun time was had by all!



Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for sending me to camp this year! I had such a great time swimming and singing around the campfire. I'm sure that the other kids who got sent to camp Wightman did too.

The theme of camp this year was "Live the Story". The lessons that were taught at Chapel each morning all had a special meaning to me, and helped me make my relationship with God even stronger than before.

I had such a good time at camp, that I didn't want to leave when the week was over!

I met lots of new friends and learned lots of new songs this year at camp and I can't wait until next year!

Thank you so much for sending me and all the other kids to camp Wightman!

Olivia Baker



Church Family News

Notice to all boards and committees:

Please submit your 2012 budget requests to John Riesen or place them in the Trustee's mailbox by Sunday 10/9/2011.

Thank you.

Ryan and Bradley Barry were glad to be able to attend one night of Vacation Bible School this summer. The are from San Francisco and were visiting their grandparents Lena and Phil Barry. As they were traveling in the car back to Grandma's house afterwards they could be heard saying "that was a lot of fun!"



Recent Weddings

Congratulations go out to David Stevens and Sandy Zerio who were married on August 20th.

Also it was an exciting family time for Betty Geissler! She visited Maine over the long week-end of September 10th to attend the wedding of her grandson Michael Ostrander. The weather was beautiful and the wedding was a happy occasion for the bride and groom, Tiffany and Michael. Betty traveled with daughter, Jean and her husband Dick. They enjoyed a wonderful family time together with several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Congratulations to the happy couple!

Grace and John Riesen enjoyed traveling with the Greater Middletown Chorale on the Chorale's concert tour to Italy with concerts in Rome, Florence and Venice. Former Adult Choir director Joe D'Eugenio is Director of the Chorale

Ladies Aid Society

Ladies Aid Society

The Ladies Aid continued to work toward its goals this summer. Have you noticed the new look in the Narthex? New carpeting was installed in the entry way to the sanctuary in August. It matches the colors in the sanctuary and looks very nice. Thank you to Lee and Martha for researching the project and presenting a good carpet choice. Thank you to Nancy for overseeing the project. And a BIG, BIG thank you to Nils and Prescott for removing the old carpeting and putting the finishing touches on the project. It looks very nice and will be a warm welcome to those who enter through our doors.

Our annual Butter Braid Sale is scheduled! Butter Braid® pastries are light and flaky, containing mouth-watering fillings like cinnamon, cream cheese and various fruit flavors. Unlike a dense bread, Butter Braid pastries are hand-braided with a sweet dough base containing over 25 layers of light, airy dough and 100% real butter. This gives the one-and-only Butter Braid pastry its unique and incredible flavor! Thaw, Rise & Bake. They are great for breakfast, dessert or any special occasion. Our sale will begin on 10-9-11, with orders needing to be placed by 10-30-11. They will be ready for pick up at the church on Saturday, 11-2-11 at 10:00 am. Please support this fundraiser if you can!

There has been interest expresses in the Ladies Aid sponsoring another RADA knife sale. Do you have

one of those amazing tomato knives yet?? Look for upcoming announcements of the sale dates.

Please join us for our next meeting at 6 pm. on Friday, September 23rd at the church. We will have a pot luck supper and discuss our fall plans.

RAISE THE ROOF CAMPAIGN

Our fundraising efforts continue and once again we are turning to the kitchen to entice people to support our **"RAISE THE ROOF"** Campaign by purchasing our own very tasty First Baptist Church of Mansfield **"Shingle Sugar Cookies"**. The Raise the Roof Committee will host a booth at Mansfield's **FESTIVAL ON THE GREEN** to be held in front of E. O. Smith High School on **Sunday, September 25th from noon to 5:00 p.m.** and we will be selling uniquely designed sugar cookies. The Festival on the Green is in its 8th year and draws over 3,000 visitors to Storrs Center to enjoy music, art, games, and various activities. Event highlights include an Art Show, food booths, and musical entertainment. Come and enjoy the fun and pick up one or two of our **"Shingle Sugar Cookies"** to enjoy.

Board of Deacons

A Fellowship Fund offering is taken each communion Sunday. It is an offering that is used to help others. The funds are often used by Pastor Ron to help out folks in need with grocery cards and/or gasoline cards.

This year we were able to assist two families who suffered devastating losses from tornadoes. We sent a check to the Angelica Guerrero Memorial Fund. On June 1, 2011, Angelica Guerrero, a co-worker of David Stevens, lost her life when a tornado touched down in Springfield, MA. Angie was not able to survive the storm but she was able to protect her daughter when their home was totally destroyed by the storm's force. Her husband and one of her two

daughters were injured in the storm but are recovering. We received a thank you note that said *"It is wonderful to know that during difficult times there are people who are so giving."*

The Fellowship Fund and Emma Gardiner Missionary Society also helped a family in our church family. Steven Ostrander (Jean's son and Betty Geissler's grandson) and his family were in their rental home in Joplin, MO when a tornado passed overhead. Thankfully Steve, his wife Shana and their three young sons survived with only a few scrapes and bruises but the home, its contents, and their vehicles were destroyed. There is a picture of their home, before and after the tornado, on the conference room bulletin board. When you see the pic-

ture you will know what a blessing it is that they are all okay!

The Ostrander family sent us a note that said *"Thank you so much for your generous donation to assist our family after the devastating losses we experienced in the Joplin tornado. Your thoughtful gift has helped us to begin to rebuild and return to normalcy, and we are incredibly grateful. Although our material losses were great, we feel unbelievably blessed to have survived and have this chance, as a family, to begin again in a new home. Thank you again for your kind generosity."*

Please know

DEACON MATCHING GAME

Do you know which deacon made each statement? Match them up, then look on the bulletin board in the hall for the answers.

"No playing music while I am riding around in the car, WEEI, Sports Talk Radio is my station of choice... where they never play a bad song."

"I was voted "Most Athletic Student" in my high school graduating class."

"I prefer to have MY OWN bag of potato chips. "

"I go skateboarding on a regular basis."

"I don't have to live in town to be a 'Townie' – 'Townie' was my high school mascot."

"As a child, I had pet pigs named Ketchup, Mustard, and Spot."

"My partner and I have never lost a game of rTivial Pursuit."

Deacon names for matching:

Bob Erickson
Judy Conland

Terry Yanaway
Tricia Baker

Patty Geissler
Lena Barry

Jen Bradshaw

Youth Choir

Youth Group

Birthdays

—Youth Choir—

Youth Choir meets on Sunday morning at 9:00 – 9:30 AM in the music room at church. Young people in the first grade and up are welcome and encouraged to come and “make a joyful noise to the Lord”. Come learn and sing beautiful, quality music in a variety of musical styles that will be a blessing for a lifetime. Some suggestions for possible activities in the next few months include performing a musical and going Christmas caroling to shut-ins. Come join us for singing and fun on Sunday mornings at Youth Choir. I hope to see you there.

Love,
Mrs. Riesen, Youth Choir Director

Youth Group fall 2011 newsletter art

We had a youth group campout on the Friday and Saturday before Hurricane Irene hit on Sunday. We had a great time playing volleyball, flashlight tag, and “Scattergories” by the fire.

There was plenty of food thanks to several folks who generously donated food and money.

A special thanks to Pete and Jenn Bradshaw for hosting us and also providing the tents and camping equipment and Pete’s famous home cooked donuts for breakfast, and fire-side dump cake for a snack.

Youth group is continuing this fall. We meet at the church on Friday nights from 6:30 to 8:30. The age range is for students from 8th through 12th grade.


October Birthdays
Happy Birthday!



- October 2—Amanda Figueroa
- October 2—Samantha Figueroa
- October 4—Daniel Parker
- October 14—Walter Palmer, Jr.
- October 19—Mary Ann Sheehan
- October 22—Laura Austin
- October 22—Jessica Figueroa
- October 28—Charles Woody

November 2—Peg Barlow
 November 9—Ashley Hooper
 November 10—Andrew Noznick
 November 10—Kyle Whitehead
 November 11—Hazel Rubins
 November 12—Kyra Whitehead
 November 13—Clare Flynn
 November 15—Dottie Rose Gilliam
 November 15—Allyson Austin
 November 18—Prescott Spencer
 November 20—Matthew Hocking
 November 20—Sarah Hocking
 November 26—Becky Austin

November Birthdays
Happy Birthday!



Calendar of Events

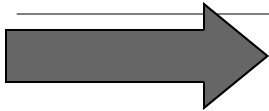
October 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6 Adult Choir 7:30 pm	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 Adult Choir 7:30 pm	14	15
16 Trustees Mtg. 12:30 pm	17	18	19	20 Adult Choir 7:30 pm	21	22 Deacons Retreat 9-12
23	24	25	26	27 Adult Choir 7:30 pm	28	29
30 Fall Business Mtg	31					

November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Adult Choir 7:30 pm	4	5
6 Daylight Savings Time	7	8	9	10 Adult Choir 7:30 pm	11	12
13 Gold Rush Sunday	14	15	16	17 Adult Choir 7:30 pm	18	19
20 Trustees Mtg. 12:30 Walk for Warmth Newsletter Deadline	21	22	23	24 Adult Choir 7:30 pm	25	26
27	28	29	30			

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Dates to Remember

- October 6,13,20,27—Adult Choir 7:30 p.m.**
- October 16—Trustees Meeting at 12:30 p.m.**
- October 22—Deacon’s Retreat 9-12**
- October 30th—Fall Business Meeting**
- November 3,10,17,24—Adult Choir 7:30 p.m.**
- November 5/6- Daylight Savings Time**
- November 13—Gold Rush Sunday**
- November 20—Trustees Meeting 12:30 p.m.**
- November 20—Walk for Warmth**
- November 20—Newsletter Deadline**



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Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.

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