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STOCK UP FOR GOOD SAMARITAN INN

Our NEXT Sunday to prepare and serve the meal at Good Samaritan Inn is SUNDAY, June 26. Treats for 300 will be needed for that meal. We welcome donations of pre-wrapped treats such as Little Debbie Nutty Bars, Oatmeal Pies, Rice Krispie Treats, etc. Please put any donations in the kitchen by **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, JUNE 24**. Your help is always appreciated. Thanks! *New Song mission group and Deacons*

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The Sanctuary Choir will host a concert and luncheon after the 10:30 a.m. service Sunday, June 5, in the dining room. A box lunch (croissant with ham and turkey on cheese, potato salad, chips and cookies, including drink) will be \$5.00. You may pay at the luncheon, but we need your reservations by Wednesday, June 1, by contacting the church office at fpdec@comcast.net or 429-4195. Guests are most welcome.



BUDGET POSSE ROUNDUP

Earlier this month, members of the Budget Posse met with 12 different committees to begin discussions for the 2017 operating budget. Each committee has been asked to plan for 2017 activities and develop a corresponding budget. Preliminary budget information from each committee is requested by June 15th. The Finance Committee, in turn, intends to utilize this information in order to provide a proposed 2017 Operating Budget to Session by August 31st. The committees' time and effort required for this new budget process to help implement the church's mission is greatly appreciated. Please contact any member of the Budget Posse with comments or questions: Carolyn Allin, Nancy Force, Norm Jensen, Judy Kuypers, Trish Spinner, or George Wells.

CAMP CAREW camps begin June 27

Register for summer camps for children kindergarten through 12th grade. Family camp is September 23-25. Contact Kathy Beube at 620-7563.

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| OUR SERVICES | 8:00 a.m. | Worship Service – Chapel |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Christian Education Hour – Everyday Issues Class |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Teen Church School – Lower level |
| | 9:15 a.m. | NewSong Worship Service – Chapel |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Worship Service – Sanctuary |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Children's Church School – Lower level |

Deadline for the next issue is **Monday, June 13 at noon.**

Coming Events . . .

Wednesday, May 25



Prayer Shawl Group

10:00 a.m.

Meet in the adult classroom to knit and converse.



Caregivers Support Group

2:30 p.m.

You are not alone. There is support for caregivers. Discuss issues and take home tips. Meet in the chapel (Last meeting until fall).

Pathfinders, 4:00 p.m.

We will leave the First Pres. parking lot with no pets this day; come one, come all, weather permitting.

Thursday, May 26



Men's Bible Study, 7:00 a.m.

We are using a study guide, "The Present Word," and applying it to our modern lives. We will meet from 7 to 8 each Thursday morning at the home of Paul Rosenberger. Come share the Bible.

First Friends, 10:30 a.m., FUM

First Friends will meet on Thursday at First United Methodist Church. Speakers will be Pastors Kent and Kathy King-Nobles.

Pastors Kent and Kathy have been at First United Methodist Church for nine years, and as of July 1st this year, they will be co-pastors at First United Methodist Church in Normal, on the campus of Illinois State Normal University. Learn about their past, present, and future reflections.



Women's Night Out, 5:30 p.m.

We are going to Anna Thai Cuisine. Please call in your reservation so there is enough seating for everyone-429-4195.

Saturday, May 28



Jubilee Farms, 10:00-2:30 p.m.

Alpaca Fun Family Outing -- First Pres Families with children, newborn to 18 years old, plan to visit and picnic at Jubilee Farm in Clinton with Cyndy Ash. **RSVP** to

Kathy Beube, **620-7563**. To learn more, go to www.jubileefarms.com Clinton, IL. We may want to car pool. Will be rescheduled if the weather is bad.

Dinner Downtown, FUM, 11:30-1:00

Bring pies (no cream, please), cakes or cookies from 9:30-11:30 to 201 W. North St. or help serve if you are free from 11:30 to 1:00.

Looking Forward . . .

Sunday, May 29

Fourth Gospel, 9:00 a.m.

Tom Griffith will finish his class on *the 4th Gospel* by John Shelby Spong. Handouts will be available.

Teen Church School, 9:00 a.m., LL

Teens meet to set the agenda and select the topics. All teens from 7th through 12th grade are invited. Contact Mac Moore at 855-3259, or moore.mw@gmail.com (Final class for this school year.)

Children's Church School, 10:30 a.m., LL

Wednesday, June 1

- Parish Visitors, 9:30 a.m., Gathering room

Thursday, June 2

- **Men's Bible Study**, 7:00 a.m., at the home of Paul Rosenberger

- **Good Samaritan Inn**, 9:00-1:00 p.m.

Volunteers are free to come to 920 N. Union Street to help prepare and serve at Good Sam.

Sunday, June 5, Communion

- **First Sunday** – Please bring food donations to all services for Northeast Community Fund, or on Monday morning.

- **Peacemaking coffee and olive oil sales** Support Equal Exchange with your purchases.

- **NO EDUCATION CLASSES, but..**

Children and youth, STOP BY the gathering room on Sunday, June 5th at 10:15 for a group picture and view the exhibit highlighting our last few months together.



- **Pops Concert**, Noon, dining room

Make your reservations for a box lunch and drink for \$5.00 by Wednesday, June 1.

- **Bells in Motion concert** at 4:00 p.m., Central Christian Church, William and Monroe.

Thursday, June 9 & 16

- **Men's Bible Study**, 7:00 a.m., at the home of Paul Rosenberger

Sunday, June 12

- **Everyday Issues**, 9:00 a.m. We'll learn all about Dove and their mission through their new director, Christine Gregory. Meet and greet her if you haven't already.

- **Teen and Children's Church Schools** will resume in September.

- **Deacons**, 11:45 a.m., dining room

Sunday, June 19

- **Everyday Issues**, 9:00 a.m., dining room Norm Jensen will report on climate change.

PRAYER CONCERNS

- **Pierce Bruckner**
- **Susan Hayes** is home from the hospital.
- **Jack Brown** had a stent procedure on May 24.
- **James Nevitt** is home from Heartland.
- **Pat Nevitt** may have more surgery.
- **Sandy Peterson** is home from the hospital.

NEW ADDRESS

Chung Ha Kim and her family have moved to 115 Cobb Ave. in Decatur, 62522.

Dale Jones has moved to 2652 S. Pine Meadow Ct., Decatur, 62521. His new phone number is 454-8658.

Phil Smith's new email address is psmith4334@gmail.com

Marguerite Curtis moved downstairs to a handicapped apartment. Her new address is 1225 Orchard St., Apt. 104, Ferndale, MI 48220.

CONGRATULATIONS

Rev. Dr. Miley Palmer recently received the Joe Slaw Civil Rights Award during the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Freedom Fund Banquet and Awards Ceremony at the Decatur Civic Center. It was their 76th annual banquet ceremony.

Tamika Hatchett, our church nursery caregiver, graduated from Millikin University on May 22!

Olivia Bachtold and Kathryn Franklin will graduate from high school this month and will be recognized in an upcoming worship service. **If any other person has graduated from any school during this year, please call** the church office with your information, 429-4195.

Brett Eisenhauer is on the Spring 2016 Community Leadership and Human Services Dean's List at Murray State.

Congratulations to all on their achievements.

Alex Voerman and Emily Carol Bemis, daughter of Betty Warfield Bemis and granddaughter of Ruth Warfield, were married in Indianapolis, IN on May 14, 2016. They will reside in a small town outside of Indianapolis.

SUNDAY CLASSES conclude in May



The youth and children's classes will end May 29 and resume September 4. Enjoy your summer, and remember God's House is open year-round.

We have enjoyed sharing this year with our church friends and look forward to seeing you in the pews on Sundays, at VBS in July, and during church family outings.

Please update your phone numbers, emails, and addresses by emailing Kathy Beube at april558@comcast.net or call the church office at 429-4195.

Thank you.
Brenda, Mac, Judy and Kathy

COMMUNITY PRAYER NEWS

There will be a community prayer breakfast on Wednesday, June 1, at the Decatur Conference Center from 7:00-8:30 a.m. sponsored by the Greater Decatur Chamber of Commerce, St. Mary's and Investment Planners. Tickets are \$15 or \$150/table of 10 before May 25; and \$20 or \$200/table of 10 after May 25. Call 422-2200. Ticket deadline is May 26. Keynote speaker is basketball coach John Groce from the University of Illinois.



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

In addition to receiving the monthly reports of the treasurer, standing committees, and program staff, at its stated meeting on May 16, 2016, Session

- celebrated with the Peacemaking Committee the success of the Joint Syrian Refugee Project and the sale for Stand Up for Grace Orphanage.
- approved dispersal of FPC Outreach funds for the remaining three quarters of 2016 as follows (continuing the allocations set for the first quarter of 2016): \$2928.50 to DOVE, Inc.; \$1405.50 to Good Samaritan Inn; \$2162.50 to MAX (Macon County Assistance Exchange); \$1297.50 to Northeast Community Fund; \$648.75 to Oasis Day Shelter; and \$865.00 to the Senior Citizen's Center (\$9307.75 per quarter).
- concurred with the Children and Youth Ministry Committee's request that the local component of the Pentecost offering be shared with Webster-Cantrell Hall.
- appointed Pat Smallwood to replace Mac Moore as the First Presbyterian Church representative to the Board of BCP Housing Corporation, beginning June 16, 2016.
- learned that in considering the establishment of a Fellowship Committee, the Administration Committee would like each committee of the church to discuss and report back to Administration Chair Mike Zia by its June 15th meeting on the following three questions:
 1. How would a Fellowship Committee change your committee's current functions or activities?
 2. How many events a year does (or would) your committee sponsor that could utilize the Fellowship Committee's help?
 3. Has your committee considered or rejected a fellowship opportunity this past year because of insufficient resources within the committee or church itself? (Please provide some level of detail.)



IN JULY








The dates are July 11-15, 2016, 9:00 to noon. Parents and members are encouraged to help our partners at First United Methodist. Call Cathy Beube at **620-7563**.

June Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Erin Roberts – 1
- Carol Dixon – 2
- Steve Campbell – 4
- Denise Porter – 4
- Verlyn Rosenberger – 5
- Claire Taylor – 5
- Nadine Wimmer – 5
- Tom Force – 6
- Carolyn Meyer – 6
- Noah Gillespie – 7
- Emily Williams – 7
- Lindsey Holler – 8
- Linda Wiesner – 10
- Tom Black – 12
- Jim Olson – 13
- Cindy Wene – 13
- Patricia Thom – 14
- Cindy Wakeland – 15
- George Batson – 19
- Sophia Guadagno – 19
- Judy Steele – 21
- Sydney Davis – 23
- Jack Locke -- 25
- Azure Nicole – 25
- Laura Allen – 26
- Kathi Bondurant – 26
- Kate Edwards – 26
- Matthew Davidson – 27
- Ron Wisher – 28
- Joan Brown – 30

**Did we forget someone?
Please let us know.**

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| <h1>June 2016</h1> | AC – Adult Classroom BR – Bell Room C – Chapel CCC – Central Christian Ch. CR – Choir Room DR – Dining Room FUM – First United Methodist | GR – Gathering Room L – Library MR – Music Room PO – Pastor’s Office S – Sanctuary TR – Toddler’s Room YA – Youth Area | (7am-AA) 1 9:30am Parish Visitors – GR 12:00pm Children’s Ministry – TR 5:00pm String Band Practice– DR 5:15pm Church St. Bells – BR 6:30pm Tenor & Bass – CR 7:00pm Choir Practice – CR | (7am-AA) 2 7:00am Men’s Bible Study 9:00am Volunteers @ Good Sam ?? Flower Girl Practice - S | (7am-AA) 3 ?? pm Edwards/Schneider Rehearsal - S | (7am-AA) 4 3:00 pm Edwards/Schneider Wedding – S |
| 5 Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper 8:00am Worship – Chapel 9:15am NewSong – Chapel 10:30am Worship—Sanctuary 12:00pm Choir Pops – DR 1:00pm Strategic Advisory - AC | (7am-AA) 6 8:30am Money Counters 12:00pm – TN Articles due!! 5:00pm Facilities Mtg. – L 6:00pm Peacemaking Mtg.-GR 6:30pm Mission Mtg. – DR 7:00pm Worship Mtg. – L | (7am-AA) 7 10:30am Staff Meeting – YA  | (7am-AA) 8 8:30am Tower Notes Folders – L 5:00pm String Band Practice– DR 5:15pm Evangelism Mtg. – GR 5:15pm Church St. Bells – BR | (7am-AA) 9 7:00am Men’s Bible Study  | (7am-AA) 10 12:00pm Reports for Session are due. | (7am-AA) 11  |
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| 26 8:00am Worship – Chapel 8:00am Zika / Mosquitos Info-GR 9:00am Serving at Good Sam 9:00am Christian Education 9:15am NewSong – Chapel 10:30am Worship—Sanctuary | (7am-AA) 27 8:30am Money Counters 1:00pm Pink Smoke – C  | (7am-AA) 28 8:30am Money Counters 10:30am Staff Meeting – YA 11:30am Worship Planning – L | (7am-AA) 29 8:30am Tower Notes Folders – L 5:00pm String Band Practice– DR | (7am-AA) 30 7:00am Men’s Bible Study | <p>And since all this loveliness cannot be Heaven, I know in my heart it is June. Abba Woolson</p> | |