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MAY 2010 NEWSLETTER



FROM THE PASTOR

What an exciting Spring we've had. Easter by far was our crowning glory as we welcomed twelve new members into our family – and what a terrific Easter congregation. Attendance was 96 with 15 of our regulars not in attendance – WOW! The secret? People were INVITED.

Holy Humor Sunday followed with our joining in the joy and laughter that Christians have shared for centuries. Through both of these services we put forth for other to see that serving the Lord and being in church truly is a joyful and relevant part of our lives. And, others will never know this unless we share our joy with them and even ask them to partake with us and join in the fun.

As I'm on vacation writing this, I ran across an article that reinforces what I am saying. Here are a few excerpts from Psychologist, Daniel Gilberts' article. "When we are connected well to others, that's when we feel the most happy."

He continues: "Churchgoers are happier than non-churchgoers, but not necessarily for the religion part. It's the going-to-church part. It's the community part. It's the holding hands and singing and especially knowing folks-who-would-bring-you-soup-if-you-got-sick part." Here I have to add – It's knowing that you are loved part. Dan Gilbert also added that he has discovered that when people give for the sake of others, they are happier. "Giving is literally a joy."

So there you are. Our little secrets are out. We are not a stuffy, clandestine little group, hiding inside the church walls. We have a wonderful story to tell and to share with others – and we can't contain it. Now that's something to get excited about! Let's go share some joy!

Peace to all,

Dale

Bible Verse of the Month

It is better to take refuge in the LORD, than to trust in man. Psalm 118:8

(From the exact center of the Bible)

VBS

Our theme this year is: "HIGH SEAS EXPEDITION" - Exploring the mighty love of God! It will be held the last full week of June. As always, there are countless ways to help out – be a guide, help with crafts, donate items for our needs list. Keep your eyes on the lookout Maties! Aarrrr!



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MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 8TH Tyler Bumgardner
- 12th Raime VanDermyde
- 13th Kristie Wood
- 14th Ted Glidden
- 16th Charles Maly
- 20th John Kilpatrick
Tony Neven
- 15th Edith Veldman
- 26th Adam Gill
- 28th Rebecca Marchi
- 29th Carol Bissel(Patterson)
- 30th Jim Neumann



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to
 Shirley and Jack McElroy
 Celebrating on May 28th**



WITNESS COMMISSION NEWS

THANK YOU EVERYONE who volunteered your time and flower knowledge to our very successful hanging basket sale. We sold all but 3 baskets the first day of the Red Carpet Corridor event.

June 11TH and 12th Garage Sale Days. We will be having a garage sale, vendors and a luncheon. When doing your spring cleaning, remember to set aside non-clothing items for the garage sale. We will start collecting items on May 23rd

July 15th thru 18th Summerfest. We will be working BINGO again during Summerfest. Watch for updates to come.



Read ahead:

Here are the readings for upcoming Sundays in May and June. These are also always available on our website.

*Texts for 5/2/10 Easter 5

Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

*Texts for 5/9/10 Easter 6

Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 21:22-22:5; John 14:23-29; John 5:1-9

*Texts for 5/16/10 Easter 7

Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-21; John 17:20-26

*Texts for 5/23/10 Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21; Genesis 11:1-9; Psalm 104; Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17 (25-27)

*Texts for 5/30/10 Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

*Texts for 6/6/10 Ordinary Time 10

1 Kings 17:8-16 (17-24); Psalm 146; Galatians 1:11-24; Luke 7:11-17

*Texts for 6/13/10 Ordinary Time 11

1 Kings 21:1-21a; Psalm 5:1-8; Galatians 2:15-21; Luke 7:36-8:3

*Texts for 6/20/10 Ordinary Time 12

1 Kings 19:1-15a; Psalms 42 and 43; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

*Texts for 6/27/10 Ordinary Time 13

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalms 77:1-2, 11-20; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62



In honor of mothers:

On a Mother's Day card, a seven-year-old girl wrote: "Dear Mom, I'm going to make lunch for you today. It's a Mother's Day surprise so I can't tell you what you're having. P.S> I hope you like pizza and popcorn."

Words you would never hear from a Mother:

"Just leave all the lights on. It makes the house look more cheery."

"Sure, I used to skip school a lot too."

"If Nancy's Mom says it's OK, that's good enough for me."

"I don't have a tissue with me. Just use your sleeve."

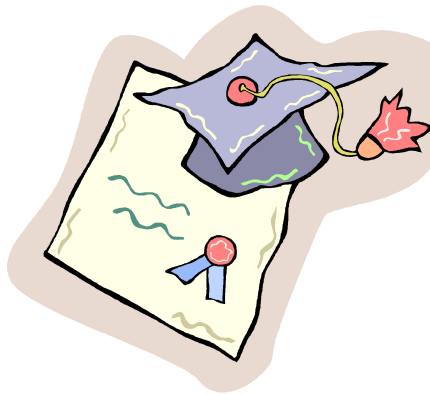
"Let me smell that shirt. Yeah, it's good for another week."

MEMORIALS

Thanks to those who have donated in memory of their loved ones

Mrs. Leo Fatlan donated \$500 in memory of Leo
who passed away this year
We received \$895 in donations in memory of
Jeanne Venturini

Easter lilies were donated for our worship service
In memory of George and Barbara Boyd
Alice Nielsen
Jessie Carter
By The Bolatto Family
In memory of Ron Maly, Jr.
Mary A. Wise
Ruth Clark
By Ron and Mary Maly



CONGRATULATIONS 2010 GRADUATES

Maggie Rackouski will Graduate on May 8th from
Northern Illinois University
Rebecca Marchi and *Will Cathelyn* will both
graduated from Reed Custer Middle School on
May 20th



*Happy
Mother's
Day!*

Pentecost Sunday is May 23rd. Please wear something RED
to church.