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From the Senior Pastor

- The deadline for the August issue of *The Messenger* is Friday, July 17. Please submit articles to ashaw@mtco.com or send hard copies to the church office.
- Please send address corrections to Angie Shaw at ashaw@mtco.com or call the church office at 444-2381.
- The church calendar and the monthly birthday list are available at the Welcome Desk and on the Crossroads website.

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“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.”
Second Timothy 3:16

I settled into my seat on Thursday morning, 8:15 AM sharp, with my cup of coffee nearby at a table filled with friends. I was preparing to hear God’s Word shared by our Bishop, Rev. Gregory Palmer. Having already heard him preach three times before I was truly preparing for a blessing. What a blessing it was. Thursday, Friday and Saturday I listened to our Bishop inspire and challenge, correct and commiserate with us about our church, culture and calling. I was truly, spiritually fed.

This is bit unusual for me (although I get to listen to two excellent preachers, Bob DeBolt and Bob Lawry at Crossroads). Preachers typically don’t like to listen to other preachers (I suppose it is the same principle as nurses make the worst patients and great athletes usually make lousy coaches). It is probably wired into our spiritual DNA that we who enjoy teaching have a

hard time settling into the role of learning. So I truly had to settle in, prepare myself, and calm myself.

I decided I needed to be careful about distractions. I turned my chair ever so slightly toward the Bishop and away from my friends. I pushed my backpack and papers across the table so that they were just out of reach. I quickly drained my cup of coffee and turn the cup upside down. I shut off my cell phone and then I did perhaps the most important work of preparation. I closed my eyes and prayed. “God give me ears to hear”.

As I went through my ritual I thought about you. What rituals do you have on Sunday mornings as you prepare to hear your preacher? How do you deal with potential distractions? Are you able to resist the temptation to make a grocery list, to-do list, or calculate the new batting average for Albert Pujols during the message?

Sometimes we all come to church and leave, well, uninspired. Perhaps this is the preacher’s fault; we all struggle

with sharing God’s Word in a relevant, interesting way. There are times when we preachers do not prepare ourselves well enough to step into the pulpit. And then, you the congregation, should be excused for the fact that the service was uninspiring. I like the story of the little girl who was squirming next to her father as the preacher droned on and on. She noticed the ushers standing at the back of the church waiting for the sermon to end and the offering to be collected. But the preacher went on. She leaned over to her father and whispered, “If we give him the money now, will he let us go?”

But I wonder if more often than not it is not just the pastor who is to blame if God’s Word is not received. Were we spiritually prepared? Were we ready to be challenged and comforted, convicted and encouraged? Or did we simply allow another opportunity to hear God be squandered?

So drain that cup of coffee, turn ever so slightly away from the cares of the world, put away the lists and distractions and get ready to listen, and be changed. Amen.

Attendance is on the rise!

Midway through the 2009 year we are setting attendance records at Crossroads. The 8:30 service is averaging 334 persons (292 in 2008) and the 11:00

praise service is averaging 457 (399 in 2008). Total attendance at all Sunday services is averaging 807 (714 in 2008). To date, we have had 14 people

join the church by professing belief in Jesus Christ, 14 join upon transfer from other congregations, and have baptized 11 persons.

New!! Step Studies to Begin at Crossroads

Work through the Twelve Steps in a Christ-centered group setting.

Anyone with any Hurt, Habit, or Hang-up are welcome!

A men's group as well as a women's group will be offered.

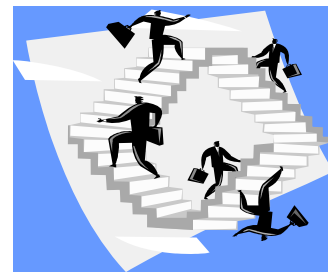
Be prepared for a one year commitment.

Introductory Meeting

Monday, July 13th, 2009
6:30 p.m.
Crossroads UMC
Room 126

The Women's Step Study begins on August 3, 2009. The start date for the Men's Group will be announced soon.

Questions? Call church office at 444-2381 or Email: crecover@mtco.com



Precept Bible Study

8-week study on Matthew 1-13
Thursday mornings from 9:15-11:30
Beginning August 27th

Contact Sue Husted with any questions.

Contact the church office to sign up.

Matthew Part 1 - Who is the promised Messiah, the

King who will sit on the throne of David? What is His kingdom? What is the character and lifestyle of those who are a part of this kingdom? Matthew Part 1 answers these questions and brings you face-to-face with the long-awaited Jewish Messiah. Walk with Jesus through the towns and villages of Galilee, see

the miracles He performed—healing the sick, casting out demons, calming the seas. Listen to His teaching as He explains His kingdom. And then evaluate your life against the standard Jesus holds high and ask: Does my life show that I'm part of His kingdom?

Finance Ministry Team Kicks Off

We were privileged to hear Matt Moehle's recent sermon about his passion for helping others to be good stewards of all God has given them.

There are many opportunities for our congregation to connect with this new ministry. It is NOT just a ministry for those in financial need.

This summer there will be a short-term class on managing all aspects of financing. This will include

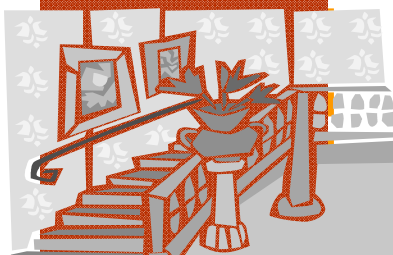
giving, savings, budgeting, and planning for college costs and retirement. It begins on July 12.

This fall there will be a money management one-day seminar that will focus on managing all areas of finance. It will give insight into how to make the most of all that God has entrusted you with.

An important aspect of this ministry is "Money Map Coaching". This part of the ministry is for those that

need help in better understanding how to manage their finances. Pastors will pair participants with trained coaches, who will work directly with them in a confidential setting. This one-on-one training is designed to help them better manage their finances and in some cases work out of financial constraints.

If you have questions, please call the church office and ask for Pastor Tom or email the finance ministry at fincoach@mtco.com.



Summer Discipleship Classes 2009

Join us for some great summer discipleship classes!!

Faith and Finance Room 126

led by Matt Moehle
A video-based study on what God has to say about money. Topics include spending, giving, investing/saving, and debt. This class will be offered July 12-August 23 (7 weeks).

Revelation Room 125

led by Don Seaton
Delta Sigma Sunday School class, a study of the book of Revelation. This class meets year round.

Grow Forward Room 121

led by Ken Dawson, Joe Cimino & Lori Waughop
An introduction to Crossroads, our mission and ministries. This class meets year round.

People of the Bible Room 108

led by Pastor Bob DeBolt
A study of some of the great and obscure characters from the Bible. This class will be offered all summer, beginning June 7.

The Bible 101 Room 107

led by Pastor Bob Lawry
What is this book and how do I read it? This class will be offered all summer, beginning June 7.

Making Love Last Room 204A

led by Rich & Pat Brown
How to make our marriages a blessing to us and to God. This class will be offered beginning June 7 (8 weeks).

The Jesus Of History Room 204C

led by Tom Goodell
The archaeology, sociology and history of Jesus and His time. This class will be offered July 12- August 23 (7 weeks).

**Summer
Vacation
Time! What
is your plan?
Join us for
some great
summer
disciple
classes!**

Confirmation Classes to Begin Soon

Confirmation is a time for 8th graders to intentionally think about faith, their decision for Christ and their opportunities to serve Him. This year (Fall, 2009) we will be offering

Confirmation classes on two Sunday evenings per month from 4:30 -6:00 PM. We will also schedule a light supper for kids interested in attending Junior High Impact on Sunday

nights. A schedule will be sent out soon. Please e-mail Pastor Tom for more details or to let us know if your 8th grader would like to participate in the upcoming Confirmation Class.

Vacation Bible School Prayer Vigil

Would you like to be a part of Vacation Bible School in a very important way?

Once again the Prayer Team will sponsor a Prayer Vigil during our Vacation Bible School from July 13-17. Each morning, we will pray in 45 or 60 minute segments for all of the children, teachers, helpers, etc. who are involved in VBS.

Each day of VBS, we will pray for each class, child and teacher/helper by name. The Prayer Team will furnish the lists of names and some materials to use during your prayer time. The Prayer Vigil will be located in our new prayer room.

Prayer time segments are:

9:00 - 9:45 AM
9:45-10:30 AM
10:30-11:30 AM

Please sign up to be a "pray-er" by calling Judy Hillegonds at 444-2696 or email judyhillegonds@aol.com.

Praying for our children is one of the greatest gifts we can give them. Please consider this very vital way to support our VBS and Serve Your Savior! God bless you.

Crossroads Youth News



High School Lighthouse:

Every Wednesday night
6:30-8:30pm
Dinner, small groups,
games, lesson, music and
more!!

Middle School Impact:

6th-8th Grade
Sunday evenings
6:30-8:00pm
Fun, games, lesson, snacks
and much, much more!!!

Youth Area Still Under Construction

We are still working on the new youth area on the 2nd floor. We are looking for skilled and not-so-skilled (i.e. Trevor) to help with this project. We work on Saturday mornings starting at 8:00am. Check your calendars and bring your tool belt. Thank you.

Youth Groups will not meet during the summer. See you in the fall!

Jr. High Mission Trip to Love Packages

Wow what a trip! This year, kids from the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade returned to Butler, IL and went to Love Packages.

Love Packages collects old Christian material from churches and other areas. They sort the material into groups from Sunday School to Music and Videos. They work in an old gymnasium. They have another building that they fixed up with a kitchen, a classroom, and small and large dorm rooms. They rely completely on volunteers. They ship the material all over the world.

When we arrived, we all set our stuff in our dorms and got down to business. Steve, the founder of Love Packages, gave us a tour of the building. Three of us went to Love Packages last year on the mission trip so

we knew the basics. We were split up into different jobs, though that didn't mean we didn't do anything else. Some sorted and packed while others kept the assembly line open by putting the finished packages on a skid. We all stopped for lunch at the same time. We made our own lunches and breakfasts.

During the meals we had at Love Packages, we heard stories about different occasions when the materials have changed someone's life. They have places set up all over to hand out the material to churches, villages, or even a single person. They get their stories from either being there or from their distributors. It is amazing how this material changes people.

I believe my favorite part

about this mission trip is hearing the stories of how many lives these materials touch. It is so hard to believe that even the smallest pieces of Christian material can pass through a million hands and change so many peoples' lives. It makes me speechless to think that the material I helped pack will touch so many.

Love Packages is a fantastic place. It helps so many people and it is such a cool experience. I hope some day everyone in our church, whether they go to Love Packages or not, gets to experience something just as amazing as what happens in Love Packages.

Paige Zimmerman

"...even the smallest pieces of material can pass through a million hands and change so many peoples' lives."

Just for Kids



“Camp Crossroads”

VBS 2009

July 13-17, 9:00-11:30am
For children ages 3½ through 6th grade

Registration forms will be available June 8. Extra copies of the registration form may be picked up at the church or downloaded from www.crossroads4all.org.

Early registration

(by June 28):

\$10- crafts and t-shirt (indicate size on form)

\$4- crafts only (no t-shirt available)

Late registration

(June 29-July 8):

\$4- crafts only (no t-shirt available)

Summer Sunday School

Beginning May 31st :

4th & 5th grades will combine for the rest of the summer

Beginning June 7th :

6th, 7th & 8th will combine for the summer.

July 12th until August 23:

3^{'s}, 4^{'s}, & 5 year olds will continue meeting as before

K & 1st will combine for the summer.

2nd & 3rd will combine for the summer.

4th & 5th will stay combined

6th, 7th & 8th will stay combined.

High school class will meet as before.

August 23 will be our Kick-off Sunday for the 2009-2010 school year!

Look for more plans to be announced in the next messenger.

Opportunities to Serve God Through Children’s Ministry

Children’s Church adult leader –Contact the church office at 444-2381 if you are interested ---- children’s church meets during the last 20-30 minutes of the church service

- * Choose either the 8:30 service or the 11:00 service
- * Attend a one-time orientation meeting
- * Lead one Sunday every 8-10 weeks
- * Curriculum is provided!
- * Share the bible story with the kids and then choose an activity from the curriculum to do with the kids

Children’s Church Youth opportunity – Contact the church office at 444-2381 if you are interested

- * Help serve snacks to the kids

- * Make copies if leader needs extras
- * Welcome kids into the room
- * Help leader in whatever way needed.

Kids for Christ—Contact Angie Sonnemaker at 444-9402

- * Meets 2 Friday evenings a month during the school year from 6:30-8:30pm
- * Opportunities to help include:
 - Registration
 - Games
 - Snacks

VBS supplies needed— Contact Kristin Boston at 444-5973

The VBS Craft Committee needs the following items for our upcoming craft projects:

- * Ric-Rac, ribbon, or other flat fabric embellishments (scraps will work also)
- * Old seeds of all kinds (flatter seeds will work best)

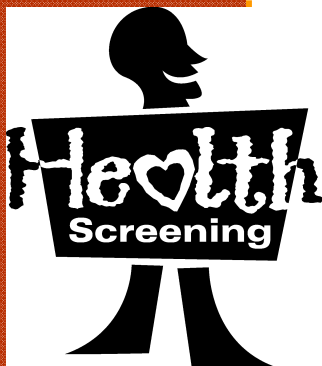
If you have any of these items around the house and would like them to be put to good use, please place them in the VBS Craft Box near the church office. Thank you!

Do you happen to have a spare canoe laying around your home?

If so, and you wouldn’t miss it too much during VBS this year (July 13-17), please contact Jenn Blackorby at 657-5230. Thanks a bunch!



Free Health Screenings



**Methodist Hospital
Wellmobile
At Crossroads
Wednesday, July 22nd
9 a.m. - noon
Fellowship Hall**

Screenings that will be offered **FREE OF CHARGE** are:

- Cholesterol, which includes total cholesterol, LDL (bad), HDL (good) and triglycerides. 12 hour fast is recommended.

- Blood sugar, 12 hour fast recommended.
- Blood Pressure test
- Spirometry (lung capacity)

*NO APPOINTMENTS
WILL BE ACCEPTED.*

Blood work is done by fingerstick, 4 every 10 minutes.

Spirometry will be done one every five minutes.

Results will be available that day.

A light breakfast will be available.

Feel free to call the Parish Nurse, Sally Charlton, with questions.

Crossroads Cares

The Outreach Team sponsored a busy month of activities caring for our congregation and community in May. On May 16, twenty-four adults and children helped serve the hungry at Loaves and Fish in Peoria. We collected another 100 bags of groceries for the Eureka food pantry. Our Good

Samaritan fund helped people make rent payments, paid off a medical bill for an under-insured person, and provided Christian counseling for several families in need. And though it is not officially part of the Outreach Team's ministry, we celebrated the re-launch of Celebrate Recovery at Crossroads and

the fact that they are reaching so many people in need.

We are currently working on a networking website that will allow people to post resumes, share resources and help one another cope in these difficult times.

Crossroads Columbarium

What is a Columbarium?
A columbarium is a granite structure designed to house the cremains of loved ones. Our columbarium is a permanent structure in the memorial garden, a quiet location that allows for ease of visitation, meditation and prayer.

Why a columbarium here?

For many centuries cemeteries were commonly

found in churchyards, allowing churches to minister to the spiritual needs of their members, from baptism through life to death. Clearly, churches cannot build cemeteries today. A columbarium is a modern alternative which Crossroads United Methodist Church is offering to their members.

The columbarium is self-funded, using income

derived from the sale of niches. It is completely separate from church funds.

If you would like to learn more about the columbarium, please contact Sally Charlton, your parish nurse, or make an appointment to discuss it. Her cell phone is 369-5293 or call the church at 444-2381.

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Nurse Sally's Tip of the Month

When To Head to the Emergency Room

Dial 911 and/or go to the hospital if you experience any of the following:

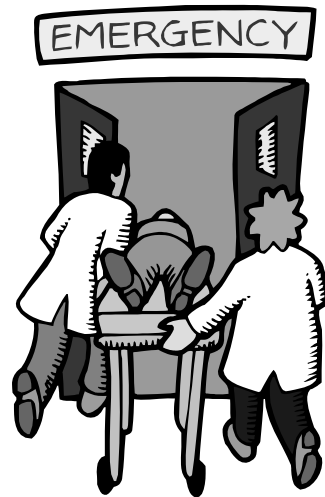
- Sudden or severe chest pain or pressure.
- A head injury with a loss of consciousness or a change in vision.
- Fainting or prolonged dizziness.
- A gaping wound with edges that don't come together when you try to close it.
- Sudden, persistent pain anywhere.
- Bleeding that doesn't stop after 10 minute of pressure.
- Suicidal thoughts or feelings.
- Sudden or severe difficulty in breathing.
- If the amount of blood you are spitting up or vomiting is closer to a cupful than a teaspoonful.

- A human or animal bite that has broken the skin. You'll likely need a tetanus booster, or, possibly, a rabies test.
- Alarming back spasms accompanied by an electric shock shooting down your leg, weakness or severe pain, trouble controlling your bowel or bladder or your foot suddenly hangs limp.
- Excruciating head pain that makes you cry in agony or pain accompanied by a fever and stiff neck.
- A rash that is advancing; for example, it started at your wrist and is halfway up your arm several hours later.

It is unwise to transport someone to the hospital if they are experiencing chest pain, shortness of breath, repeated seizures, head injury, back injury, coughing up blood, difficulty swallowing or any problem you think may be life threatening. Call 911!

I have found that many older folks will refuse to be transported by the Rescue Squad because they do not know that Medicare will cover the cost of transportation to the hospital.

Generally, if you are having a hard time deciding whether or not to go to the Emergency Room, you should go! My motto has always been, "better safe than sorry."



Home Communion

For two years, Lay Communion Stewards have been serving communion to homebound members and attenders on the first Thursday of every month. Communion Stewards go to private homes, nursing homes or retirement homes in Washington

and nearby communities. If you are unable to attend church and would like home communion or if you are aware of someone who would appreciate it, please call the church office at 444-2381 with your request. The parish nurse will then

contact the person to explain the program and make the arrangements.

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Upcoming Emmaus Walks & Chrysalis Flights

Walk to Emmaus:

Men's Walk
Oct. 29-Nov. 1
Women's Walk
Nov. 12-15

For more information contact George & Laurie Bouton at 444-1527 or visit the Emmaus website at ilheartlandemmaus.com.



Chrysalis Flight #24:

Nov. 13 - 15

For 10th - 12th Graders

For more information, contact Rich & Pat Brown at 444-9709 or visit the Chrysalis website at upperroom.org/chrysalis.

Senior News

LaSalle Canal Boat Trip and Lunch Tuesday, July 28th Leave the church at 9:15 A.M.

On Tuesday, July 28th the M and M's will be boarding the LaSalle Canal Boat to enjoy the scenery, history and relaxation of a mule-pulled ride on the waterway that changed the face of the nation – the historic Illinois and Michigan Canal.

Our one hour, round trip journey on a full-size replica canal boat will take us on the same hand dug waterway that the 19th century pioneers traveled.

Our guides, dressed as Canal Era crew and passengers, will take us back in time to life on the American frontier and Illinois prairie.

After the boat ride, we will enjoy the buffet style Captain's Lunch at 12:30. The cost of the tour and lunch is \$21, payable at the tour.

We will also have the opportunity to buy souvenirs at the canal themed gift shop at the Visitor Center.

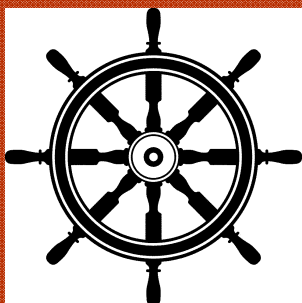
The bus will leave the church at 9:15 A.M. to

arrive for the tour at 11:15. Please call the church ASAP to reserve a seat on the bus.

Please contact John Schultz or Sally Charlton with questions.

Senior Meal

There will be NO Senior Meal in July. However, since Bible School will occur during that week, perhaps you might like to volunteer your time to help out. Our next meal will be August 11. We hope to see you then.



Kroger Cards Available

If you shop at Kroger, you can help support two very important ministries at our church. If you purchase a refillable, reusable Kroger gift card for \$5, Kroger will donate 5% of the money you put on the card to Crossroads. You can add

more money to the card at the service desk at Kroger, then go grocery shopping or fill up your gas tank. The money will then be split between the Playground fund and Gift Machinga's ministry in Africa. This is an

opportunity to give back to the church by doing what you do every day. You may purchase your Kroger gift cards at the church office or from Georgia Koch.

July Worship Notes

July 5

Tom Goodell preaching at 8:30 and 11:00; Bob DeBolt preaching at Traditions
Sermon Title: "Up!"

Text: Matthew 28:16-20
Theme: Up! Embracing the adventure of faith

July 12

Tom Goodell preaching at 8:30 and 11:00; Bob Lawry preaching at Traditions
Sermon Title: "You Want Me To Go Where?"

Text: Mark 6:1-13
Theme: What next? How we will send our disciples out into the world

July 19

Tom Goodell preaching at 8:30 and 11:00; Bob DeBolt preaching at Traditions
Sermon Title: "One Loaf and Five Fish"

Text: Mark 6:30-44
Theme: Jesus inspired his audience to give so that all might be fed.

July 26

Bob Lawry preaching at 8:30 and 11:00; Tom Goodell preaching at Traditions
Sermon Title: TBA

Want to get more out of worship? Consider reading the Scripture text before Sunday and pray over what God has to say to you about the passage.

Prayer Challenge

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. —Psalm 51:1-4

“Ask and Receive”

Whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them. —Mark 11:24

Someone has said that before our prayers can mean anything to God, they must first mean something to us. Mindlessly repeating a prayer we memorized in childhood, or vaguely asking God to bless everyone, everywhere---that isn't authentic prayer. Prayer is speaking to God about the deepest concerns of our hearts.

What is the source of true prayer? It is a heart attuned to God. It is a life lived in loving obedience to the Father. The Bible says, "And whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight" (1 John 3:22).

God delights in the prayers of His children---prayers that express our love for Him,

prayers that share our deepest burdens with Him. Don't pray casually or thoughtlessly, "come boldly to the throne of grace, that (you) may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (Heb. 4:16).

By Billy Graham
 From His Book
 "Hope for Each Day"





Pastoral Care Notes

Congratulations to **Tim Felty and Erin VanMeter** who were married at Crossroads on Saturday, May 30. Also, **Anthony Sherman and Ashley Sickmeier** were married at Crossroads on Saturday, June 6.

Congratulations to our newest church members: **Roberto Zorob** joined Crossroads on May 30 on profession of faith, and **Jeff Carlson and Paige Zimmerman** joined Crossroads on June 14 also on profession of faith.

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of **Anna Marie Boyd**, a fifty

year member of Crossroads, who passed away on May 16. **Bernie Steers**, a long time member of Crossroads, passed away on May 25. We extend our sympathy to Bernie's daughter, Sharon Braun, a member of Crossroads as well.

Our prayers are also shared with **Jim Bachman** on the passing of his wife, Vivian, on May 23, **Marilyn Lipps** on the passing of her father, Clarence, on May 25, **Nancy Wright** on the passing of her sister, Gretchen Bastian, on May 27, **Rebecca Fabish** on the passing of her grandfather, Jim Brooks, on

May 31, and with **Nancy Bullard** on the passing of her mother, Martha Jean Hunt, on May 5. *"Blessed are they who die in the name of the Lord, 'henceforth', says the Spirit, 'they shall rest and their labors follow after them'."*

Finally, our congratulations to **Champ Walker** who has completed a bike ride across America in support of the Central Illinois Alzheimer's Association. Champ and his fellow riders biked from Los Angeles to Boston, about 100 miles per day, to raise money and awareness for a great cause. Congratulations, Champ!

United Methodist Women

"The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through

Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church."

"Any woman may become a member of the unit who supports the unit through giving, prayer, study, action, or service."



July 15: Recipe turn-in deadline. Please submit recipes to the office or put them into the "recipe" box in the kitchen by the refrigerator. Thank you!

Schools of Christian Mission in Springfield:

July 31-Aug. 2: Weekend School

Aug. 2-5: Weekday School
Learn about the mission of United Methodist Women, and enjoy a spiritual growth study, "Food and Faith." Choose one of the other two studies: "The Beauty and Courage of Sudan: Why a Dream of Peace is Possible" or "Giving Our Hearts

Away—Native American Survival"

Questions? Call Nancy Bullard at 444-5140.

Looking Ahead:

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, August 25 from 8:30am - 2:30 (approximate ending time) for the *United Methodist Women Illinois River District "Day Apart"* at Living Springs Camp, Lewistown. This is a one-day retreat at a beautiful camp setting, in an air-conditioned lodge. Great food and study. Please join us! We will carpool to the lodge. For questions or to register, please call Nancy Bullard.

Notes from our Congregation

Thank you for the opportunity to share about my ministry in Kenya—it is always a pleasure. I appreciate your interest in missions and the generous love offering I received.

Warmly,
Jamie Sabo

Dear friends,
Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, food, and visits during my recent heart surgery. Your support means so much to me and the power of your prayers has made my recovery so very rapid. Special thanks to Paster Bob DeBolt and Paster Tom and Nurse Sally

for being there during the tougher times. May GOD'S blessings continue to flow through our church family. In Christian Love,
Larry Roberts

I want to thank everyone for their cards, to the ministers for their visits, and to Sally for the prayer book she gave me during my knee surgery.
Doris DeBolt

Thank you to our pastors and friends at Crossroads for your prayers, thoughts, cards, and calls during the brief illness and death of my sister Gretchen

Bastian in May. Crossroads is a true blessing. God is good!
Nancy Wright and family

Thank you to all of our church family for the cards, food, expressions of sympathy, and prayers at the loss of Nancy's mother. Special thank you to Pastor Tom, Pastor Bob DeBolt, and Nurse Sally for their comforting words and wise counsel. We felt your love surround us.
God Bless,
Nancy & David Bullard



Mission Possible #7: Love Packages

Date: Saturday, July 18, 2009
Depart: 7:00 AM
Return: 7:00 PM
Who: High schoolers and adults
Cost: Your brown-bag lunch and money for a dinner stop

Here we go again! Plans are made for our annual mission trip to spend a day working in Steve

Schmidt's warehouse. Love Packages is the primary endeavor of his Eagles Nest Ministries. Since 1975, Steve has sent tons of Bibles and other Christian literature to foreign countries, such as India, Kenya and the Philippines. We have been blessed with faithful workers and we look forward to new volunteers again this year. Just ask around to find out how

rewarding and fun a day at Love Packages can be. Steve has all kinds of jobs for all kinds of workers. We will travel to Butler in the church vans.

Questions? Call Noah and Helen Hickman at 370-8374. Sign up at the church office at 444-2381.

Library News

Several books have been donated to the church library recently. Thank you to those who donated books.

Love Notes To Our Moms by the Woman's Health Foundation includes favorite recipes and tributes to moms.

The Women's Hands On Repair Guide by Lyn Herrick helps women do home repair jobs! Several books by humorist Erma Bombeck have also been donated. If you have not experienced Erma's humor, you are in for a treat.

A series of Biblical novels including: Ruth, Hagar, Abigail, Miriam, Lydia, and Priscilla and Aquila have been donated. You will find these books on the New Book shelf. Young Adult books have been moved to the new library.

**Summer is
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to read!
Visit your
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11:00 am

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Multipurpose Room

11:15 am

Casual Traditional
Faith Chapel

9:45 am

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