

A JOYFUL NOISE!

September 2013

Where did the summer go? While the weather is still warm, it is getting darker earlier and some trees have begun to change already. Must mean, Fall is on the way. Of course the calendar reminds us of this truth as well. So whether our children are ready to go back or not, school is about to be back in session.

This is a wonderful time for us to begin working toward our ongoing partnership with Crystal Lake Elementary School. Last school year, our church donated 200 children's books to the school. The kids and the administration LOVED the books. Some became part of their library and others were donated to children. And there was such a great range of books donated from Dr. Seuss, to Where The Wild Things Are, to Harry Potter.

So let's set another goal of 200 books to donate this school year. Whenever you are able please bring new books to church and place them in the bin to the left as you enter from the parking lot. The Christian World Service committee will put labels inside letting the children know the books came from the church.

Also last year, two folks from our congregation donated time by volunteering in various classrooms. Let's set a goal of three people this year. Think of your children or grandchildren and the importance we place on education, learning to read, tutoring, and helping them learn. Let's help our local school district by not only letting them know that we care but also that we support our teachers and students. Learning to love to learn leads to a dynamic future.

Pastor Dan Furman

Church Family Update

You are invited to remember in your prayers some of our members who are home-bound, in assisted-living, or are facing health concerns. This month please remember:

Marylou Patee, Rosemary Miller, and Pink Rearick (Homesteader)
June Trost and Norm Stewart (Paul Oliver Long Term Care)
Betty Heckman (The Pines)
Bruce Jenema and Helen Pickard (Traverse City)
Marjorie Call, Buck Hall, Mona McElderry, Mary Hopkins, Susan Lutes, Brenda Case,
Ruth Blacklock, Gordon Nordbeck, Laura Brian, and Lynn Hopkins.

We share our sympathy as Jim Lyons and Bruce Jenema passed from this life to the next. Please remember Dee Lyons and Linda Jenema in your prayers.

Living with Loss

All of us carry and process the burden of grief from time to time in life. This group is now meeting monthly on the last Sunday of the month. If you or someone you know could benefit from being with others on this journey, please join us on the last Sunday of the month in the Library after worship.

Women's Fellowship News

There is no Women's Fellowship meeting in September. The first meeting of the fall will be Wednesday, October 2, at 1:00 p.m. All women of the church are invited to attend. The executive board will meet at noon, prior to the general meeting.

CIRCLES

Circle I will meet Wednesday, September 18, at the Cherry Hut. Please try to attend so we can plan our activities for the for the next year. Contact Chris Stone at 882-5205 or chrisstone47@gmail.com

Sarah Circle IV will meet on Wednesday, September 18, at 11:00 at the church. Bring school-days memories to share.

Nursery Schedule

It is time to do the nursery schedule for 9/1/13-8/31/14. There is a few people who are not available to do it this year so that puts more burden on the rest of us. We are trying to hire someone to do this job but have no candidates to date. This service is important to the church if we want to attract young families. We have several young ones right now all about the same age which sometimes makes it necessary for two people to be in the nursery.

Please let me know if you are able to help with this program. I know some of you are gone for the winter and some of you sing in the choir so I try to schedule accordingly. If you are unable to commit to a Sunday by yourself would you be willing to be a helper on an occasional Sunday when there is too many children for one person to handle?

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What's New in the Library

Amelia Bedelia's First Day of School: Those of you with older children may already know Ameila Bedelia, the screwball adult who takes everything literally. Well, here is Amelia as a first grader... same screwball! When bouncing up and down off her chair too much, teacher tells her to "glue herself to her seat"....and she does. A wonderful introduction to figurative language and multiple meanings of words. Sure to calm the nerves of a new first-grader.

Proof of Heaven: One of the latest in the numerous near-death experience books, this one has captured much attention as it is written by a prominent neurosurgeon at Harvard University. At the age of 54, Dr. Eban Alexander contracted a severe form of E. Coli meningitis, which aggressively attacked his cortex, the portion of the brain that supplies conscious, rational thought. He slipped into a coma, but instead of experiencing nothing, like in a deep sleep, Dr. Alexander describes a journey to heaven. A man of science and a skeptic, his views changed completely after this experience. His descriptions of heaven are vivid, uplifting and fascinating. (I have lifted most of this from other reader's comments; I have not read the book in its entirety.)

UCC Sister Church of the Month

As part of our continuing efforts to work together as community of faith, in worship we pray for UCC churches in our United Northern Association. You are invited in September to pray for the ongoing mission and ministries of First Congregational UCC, in Alpena.

Reminder

If you, a loved one, or a church member you know is in the hospital, please let the church office know so that Pastor Dan may visit. Due to privacy laws, hospitals no longer contact the churches to let them know church members are hospitalized. The church wants to know so that we can support you during this time of need.

Memorial Garden

On the north side of our church property is a beautiful memorial garden for members and friends of the church who would like their cremated ashes interred on our sacred grounds. For \$450 you may reserve a one-square-foot plot. The price covers future opening and closing as well as a memorial plaque to be placed on the stone located along the walkway. Please speak with Pastor Dan for more information. Donations for perpetual care are also welcomed.

GoodSearch.com

Remember that if you use the Internet, you can earn money for the church using www.goodsearch.com. One penny per search, or more for internet shopping, is donated directly from the website to our church. Designate us by entering our church name as the charity of your choice.

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS -

COFFEE HOUR

Sept. 1 Deacons
Sept. 8 Sunday School
Sept. 15 Chris Jones
Sept. 22 Jean Bowers
Sept. 29 Mary Thompson

NURSERY

Chris Gehring
Barb Brian
Carol Dye
Helen Dewey
Chris Jones

GREETERS

Jean Voight & Kay Fisher
Anne Young
Geri Thornell
Doii Burget
Alan & Joanne Appelhof

HEAD USHERS

Sept. 1,8,15
Sept. 22, 29

Sonny Rodriguez
Bill Bos

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Kay Fischer
- 3 Mary Thompson
- 8 Pete Moss
- 8 Jerry Slater
- 9 Andrew Wolowiec
- 10 Patricia Swanson
- 13 Joyce Barnes
- 14 Dan Furman
- 15 Samantha Weaver
- 15 Patricia Forrester
- 16 Betty Mitchell
- 16 Jennifer Olney
- 18 Muriel Williams
- 18 Barbara Brewer
- 19 Cath Kelder
- 21 Ardith Jones
- 22 Myrt Maddock
- 22 Bob Walton
- 24 Rosemary Miller
- 28 Doc Wagner
- 30 Mary Ellen Wagner

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Roger and Becky Sattler
- 7 Jim and Dorothy Lyons
- 8 Chet and Shirley Jones
- 8 Bud and Peg Strong
- 9 Bill and Cynthia Schnarr
- 11 John and Doris Marshall
- 11 Gordon and Anna Nordbeck
- 13 Mark and Kim Weaver
- 14 Buck and Dorothy Hall
- 25 Tom and Patricia Swanson

Flowers

There is a sign-up sheet outside the church office for altar flowers. If you are interested in supplying flowers, please sign up for a certain date (if you are unable to be in worship call the church office to make arrangements).



You may then bring in your own flowers or donate \$25 to the church to make the arrangements with a local florist. If you would like the bulletin to reflect your donation, please let the church office know who the flowers honor or memorialize as well as identifying yourself as the donor.

Joyous Gathering

Earlier this year we held our first Joyous Gathering in Thompsonville and had a marvelous time filled with laughter and fellowship. It was an opportunity to gather in a home and share stories, hopes, and dreams about the future of our church. It's time for us to gather again and so on Sunday, September 22 at 5pm, Les and Betty Webb are opening their doors to us for folks that live near them on the south side of Crystal Lake. They have room for about 12. A sign up will be posted mid-month if you would like to attend. More Joyous Gatherings are being planned for future months if you are unable to make it to this one. Please let Pastor Dan know if you would like host a Joyous Gathering.

Thank You

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SEPTEMBER 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
1 10:15 Church School 10:30 Worship	2 LABOR DAY Church Office Closed 10:00 Central Wellness - Barn 12-5 Bridge Club 7:00 AA - Barn	3 10:00 Yoga-Barn 6:30 - Kiwanis 7:00 WAA - Barn	4 12 Noon - AA 2:00 MS Support Barn 6:00 Bible Study	5 10 Centrl Wellness Exercise - Barn 5:00 MRT 5:30 NA - Barn 6:30 Christian Ed 7:30 Choir Practice	6	7
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