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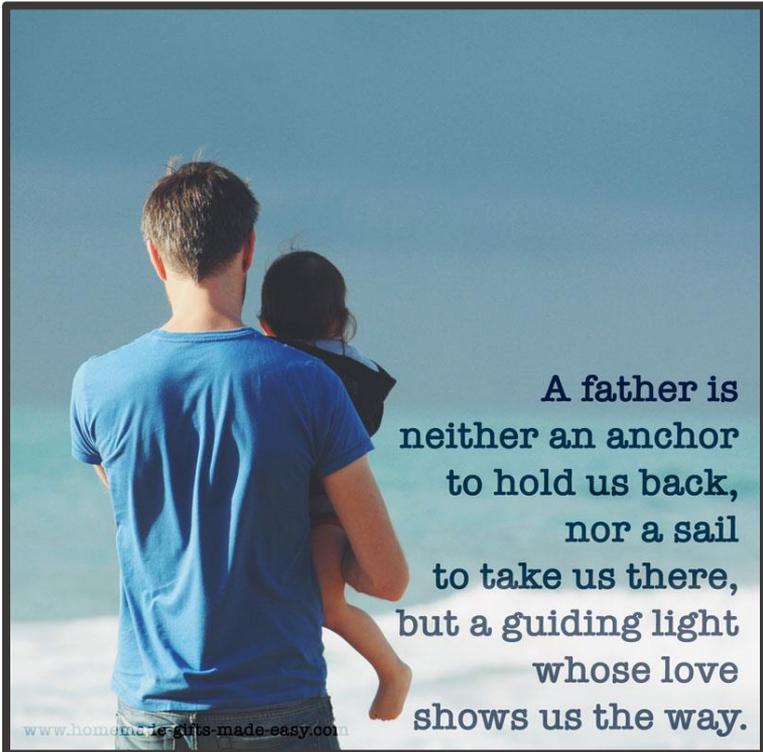


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*“Called to be the presence of
Christ in our community”*



As I sit and write the sun is shining and the temps are warm. There's a chance this will be the one that sticks! Technically, summer doesn't arrive until about the third week of June, but we all know that once Memorial Day has come, it's Summer!

Happy Summer to you! You will want to set your clocks, as we once again move to summer hours, beginning the first Sunday in June. Worship will begin at 9:30, and our format will be a little looser and more relaxed. We will be meeting in the Sanctuary, but there are still some little surprises I have up my sleeve for you.

This year we will be kicking off a series I'm calling "Psummer in the Psalms". Each week I will be preaching on the life lesson of the great songs and prayers of the Israelites and how they apply to modern life. We will also be learning and singing some new songs, and doing some other "new" things. I think you are going to really like it.

Something that will not change is our commitment to celebrating Communion each time we gather as a church. That you can always count on.

So, it is summertime. But I still . . . look forward to seeing you around the Lord's Table,

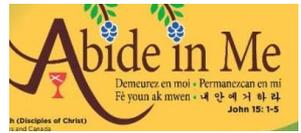
Rick

PS - If you pledged a card table for the summer, I need it before Sunday June 2. R



A child is not likely to find a Father in God unless he finds something of God in his father.

REFLECTIONS AND IDEAS



At our recent May church council meeting we elected two church members to represent us at the July general assembly for our Christian Church (Disciples of Christ.) Our minister Rick Hamilton will be one of our voting delegates and Karen Johns and Bill Cook will also represent us as voting delegates. The assembly will be held July 20-24 in the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines, IA. All church members are welcome to attend. Information is available on the workshops offered as well as other opportunities scheduled. Our previous minister Rev. Terri Hord Owens, General Minister and President of our denomination, is inviting all to attend to hear the preaching during the worship services. Additionally, you would benefit from the many workshops and learn more about the various ministries and missions of our church.

On behalf of our church I would like to thank Rick, Karen and Bill for representing us so well and also thank others who will be attending so that the ideas presented can be brought back to us. We do appreciate those who volunteer to give their time on our behalf. Please ask these people about the experience of attending an assembly.

With blessings to all for a wonderful summer, Joy Claffey



JUNE LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch bunch will meet following worship on Sunday, June 16th at:



Harvest Pancake House and Grill
339 West 63rd Street, Westmont

Please join us to celebrate time together. Look for the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. See you there!

Martha and Alice



Christian Education

The One with the Lord (OWL) group (Kindergarten – 5th grade) has wrapped up our current session following Jesus after the Resurrection to his ascension and the start of the early church. The middle school group continued keeping Rev. Rick on his toes studying his sermon with Tammy and Angela, and then discussing it the following Sunday.

Our 9:30 am, summer worship is now active. With the casual service that includes tables and activities, the OWL class and middle school are staying in service with activities to allow them to participate in the service. We are enjoying another multi-generational experience!

Adult Sunday school wrapped up our “Jesus and the Gospels” study. We are now on hiatus for the summer. Plans are in the works for our study in the fall.

Feed the Body and Soul completed the study of the Old Testament led by Reverend Rick Hamilton. Our Wednesday night study is also taking a break for the summer. We will resume in September. A study of John is being explored. Stay tuned.

The Nursery will continue during the summer for our young ones. We continue to need volunteers! While the summer session has entertainment for the children, sometimes the nursery is needed. There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall, if you can help!

Karen, Beth, Gail, Anka, Alice, Tammy and Angela



*“My father didn’t tell me how to live;
he lived, and let me watch him do it.”*

Clarence Kelland



Join Us for Monday Intercessory Prayer (MIP)!

Prayers are being answered! We will continue MIP during the summer since God does not take the summer off! Please join us Monday nights at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary or dial in to join us from the comforts of your own home!

The **conference-calling** feature makes it easy to join from anywhere you are. Dial in to join us for the entire session or just to ask for your own prayer concerns. We welcome all prayer concerns!

We document our prayer concerns each week and if you provide us with your email we can send a copy to you each week.

Join us for a spiritually-enriching hour with God! You are free to join in silently or add prayers as you like!

Our Monday night sessions include:

- A brief gathering of any additional prayers and prayer priorities
- A prayer devotion
- Prayers for our joys and concerns:
 - Personal
 - Church
 - Community
 - Country
 - World
- A brief closing prayer

To Join by Conference Call:

1. Call (712) 770-3743
2. Enter the access code: 390193

For more information email Karen Johns:
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Did you know...?

By: Bobbie Dean



Slovaks trace their origins to the Slavic peoples who migrated from the European-Asian frontier to the area between the Danube and the Carpathians in the fifth and sixth centuries C.E. As increasingly sophisticated agricultural peoples, those Slavs established permanent communities in the Morava, Ipel', Torysa, Vah, and Nitra river valleys. This region of early western Slavic occupation especially east of the Morava River correlates almost exactly with the historical and contemporary geographic distribution of Slovaks.

The settlement of Nitra became an early focus of political importance and the home of western Slavic rulers, such as King Svatopluk (870-894 C.E). The first Christian Church in east-central Europe was established in Nitra, and in the ninth century, the Great Moravian Empire reached its greatest development, occupying all the land currently within Slovakia. The empire's estimated one million inhabitants included all the western Slavs (people who became the Czechs Moravians, Slovaks, and Poles).



With the sun shining, I hope you are all thinking summer. It won't be long until we are hosting another Back-to-School fair and the excitement is in the air.

Our 10th Annual Back-to-School Fair - Saturday, August 10

ARE YOU READY?

Did you reserve the date on your calendar?
Are you thinking of ways you can help with the fair and bring joy to families in our community?
Let's make this year's fair the best ever!

Contact Dan Johns with any questions or suggestions.

Great father ... appreciative son

An Arizona man named Ruff wrote to a newspaper to tell about his father. Ruff said his dad's first priority was to be a good father. He supported his children in their various activities; football or baseball games, scouting, school activities, etc.

Ruff said his dad, a heavy-equipment operator, was physically big but was also big hearted. Ruff saw him help a dog that was hurt, and go out of his way to help the poor. He saw his father's eyes moisten when he held his baby granddaughter for the first time.

His father had taught him to drive, to use tools correctly, not to be greedy, and to be respectful of others. The good father had taught his son how to be a good man.

Ruff ends his letter to the paper with these words:

"I guess ... I thought I'd reach a point in my life where I could be self-sufficient and not need him. That was a young man's thinking. Now that I'm over 40 and he is gone, I think about him every day and miss him. And I need him."

"So for all the times I didn't say it: Dad I love you."

Adapted from a letter in The Arizona Republic



JUNE BIRTHDAYS



June 3	Joan Moreaux
June 7	Ron Smith
June 18	Cherie Sutter
June 19	Kara Gray
June 25	Norah Peterson
June 27	Bill Martina
June 29	Gage Gilley

SERVING SCHEDULE



ELDERS Bread /Cup

June 2	Karen Johns	Martha Anderson
June 9	Bob Reese	Joy Claffey
June 16	Becky Daigle	Barb Bates
June 23	Daphne Hayes	Sur Huizinga
June 30	Martha Anderson	Becky Daigle

DEACONS Prep and Serve Serve

June 2	Gail Reese	Jim Claffey
June 9	Mac Flores	Suellen Cook, Sandy Allen, Jim Claffey
June 16	Galilee Flores	Jeff Igel, Marve Huizinga, Dan Johns
June 23	Mac Flores	Ron Smith, Gail Reese, Jim Claffey
June 30	Marve Huizinga	Gail Reese, Dan Johns, Sandy Allen

POWER POINT

June 2	Don Peterson
June 9	Dan Johns
June 16	Marve Huizinga
June 23	Joy Claffey
June 30	Barb Bates

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

June 2	
June 9	
June 16	
June 23	
June 30	

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

The month of June	There is no Sunday School during the summer month. Children will participating in our regular worship service.
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COUNTERS

June 2	Bob Reese and Marve Huizinga
June 9	Bobbie Dean and Sandy Allen
June 16	Dick Anderson and Karen Connery
June 23	Martha Anderson and Brb Bates
June 30	Don Peterson and Marve Huizinga