

Special points of interest:

- First Place 4 Health
- Resource Ministry Update
- Vacation Bible School
- Agape Committee

Pastor/Search Nominating Committee

The Church Information Form for the Presbyterian Church USA was presented at Council on July 8th.

The Vision and Ministry Council approved the form and it has been submitted to the Committee on Ministry at Presbytery.

It will be reviewed and a decision will be made at their July 22nd meeting as to whether or not it is approved.

In the event it does not receive approval, it will be sent back to us and the Pastor Search/Nominating Committee will make any necessary revisions.

In the event it does receive approval, it should be posted on the Presbyterian Church USA website for applicants to review by

August.

We also submitted our



Local Church Profile for the United Church of Christ to VMC Council on July 8th. It was also approved.

The Committee will be meeting with Reverend Tom Norwalk, our UCC liaison, on August 6th.

He will review our Profile and if there are any changes that need to be made, we will make them at that time.

Once it has been reviewed by Reverend Norwalk, he will submit it to the UCC for approval.

Each day we are getting closer in our search for a called Pastor.

We were not assembled as a Committee until April and have completed a great deal of work in a short period of time.

The Committee appreciates your patience during this very time-consuming process.

Please keep the Pastor Search/Nominating Committee in your prayers as well as the Committee on Ministry at Presbytery while they review our forms.

Charlene A. Beringer,
Chairperson

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Money Matters

As of June 30, 2008



Planning our Budget

GENERAL FUND	JAN/JUN ACTUAL	JAN/JUN BUDGET
Receipts	\$112,334	\$113,090
Disbursements	\$110,518	\$122,021
	JAN/JUN ACTUAL	JAN/JUN PLEDGE
5 YEAR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN		
Receipts	\$ 11,512	\$ 17,900

July starts the last year of the 5 Year Capital Campaign. Are you current with your pledge?

More detailed financial information is available on the Details Board.

You've Gotta Eat!!!

Are you craving an old-fashioned Salad Bar? We have the solution for you.

Come and join us and build a salad at our Salad Bar.

Thursday, August 14th at 5:00 p.m., we will be having our monthly "Theme" dinner.

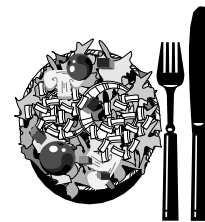
The Agape Committee will provide the mixed greens and salad dressing.

Please see the list on the "You've Gotta Eat!!!" sign for items to bring for the Salad Bar.

This will alleviate the duplication of items and add to the variety.

If you have any questions, please see a member of the Agape Committee.

For those unable to bring a dish to pass, the dinner will cost \$4.00.



The family of Raymond Schildt

August Birthdays

Phillip Blankenship - 3
 Jane Farmer - 3
 Edward Gottschalk - 3
 Stephan Hall - 3
 Rachel Dean - 4
 Megan Murray - 9
 Austin Swanson - 10
 Joyce Pomrenke - 13
 Gene Wright - 14
 Ruth Dravis - 16
 Nate Harroun - 17
 Deborah Moret - 17
 Kevin Schaefer - 17
 Maurine Asbury - 18
 Craig Stille - 20
 Dylan Walsh - 23

Amy Winters - 23



Mindy Feicke - 28
 Laura Hinthorn - 28
 Glenn McClure - 29
 Chuck Yurieci - 30
 Jeff DeBruine - 30
 Sharon Stille - 30
 Dan Staver - 31

Justine Tarter - 25

Hallie Hoffarth - 26

All Church Birthday Party

Please join us during Fellowship Hour to celebrate all birthdays on Sunday, August 17th.

We will be hosting a birthday party for everyone in the church.

Each month will have a decorated designated table.

Come and see who shares your birthday month.

We will be serving cupcakes, donuts, and

beverages to celebrate.

Home Bible Class



The Home Bible Class will meet on Thursday, August 14th at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Room.

The study will be from our study guide, "Above and Beyond," Lesson #8, entitled *In God We Trust?*.

Hostesses this month will be Clara Greiner and Evelyne Thomas.



Save this date!

Fall Group & Bake Sale
 October 24th & 25th

First Place 4 Health

First Place is now called First Place 4 Health!

What is unique about First Place 4 Health?

- **Christ-Centered Priorities**
 - Bible Study
 - Prayer
 - Scripture Memory
- **Choices for Health**
 - Addressing the whole person: emotions, mind, body and spirit

- **Community**
 - Support and accountability through small groups

Want more information?

Orientation will be held on Thursday, August 7th at 5:30 p.m.

Based on proven techniques and 25 years of experience, First Place 4 Health invites you to try the most complete Christ-centered healthy living program available.

It will help you create balance in the four core areas of your life emotional, spiritual, mental and physical.

Learn more about the program and products at: www.firstplace4health.com.

Our next 10-week study is called “Begin With Christ.”

Come see what we’re all about!

Resource Ministry Update

PROJECTS COMPLETED:

- Seating for the fireplace area has been ordered for Fellowship Hall.
- Added earthquake insurance to current policy. Some damage was done to the organ in the earthquake earlier this year.
- Parking lot light has been repaired.
- Lights have been replaced in the sanctuary and the speakers and cross

were cleaned.

- A protective cover has been placed on the large air conditioner vent (it has had some vandalism to it).
- New exit lights have been replaced with more energy efficient bulbs.

PROJECTS IN THE WORKS:

- The sidewalk on the south side of the building will be replaced later this summer.
- The Pastor’s study will

be painted.

- Children’s table and chairs will be purchased for Fellowship Hall.
- A storage case is being made for the name badges.

WE ARE SEEKING BIDS TO:

- Paint the outside railing on the deck and stairway.
- Landscape around the new sign.

Christian Education

Summer is moving quickly!

Vacation Bible School was a great success and a lot of fun!

There were about 20 children and adult leaders attending each evening.

We learned all about Jesus' miraculous power. AHA!

The adult class began a study on July 6th titled, "Christianity for the Rest of Us" by Diana Butler Bass.

This study looks at the decline of membership in mainline churches in contrast to the growth of evangelical denominations.

There was great discussion the first week and that was just looking at the introduction to the book!



All are invited to attend this study and learn about what it means to be a mainline Christian in 2008.

Laura Verplaetse and Nate Harroun, accompanied by Kathy Otto and Joe Harroun, went to Knoxville, Tennessee for

the UCC National Youth Event.

We are all excited and expect to have some wonderful faith experiences.

More details will follow when we return.

Look for details about the Fall Kickoff for our Sunday morning Education program on September 7th.

Kathy Otto

August Anniversaries

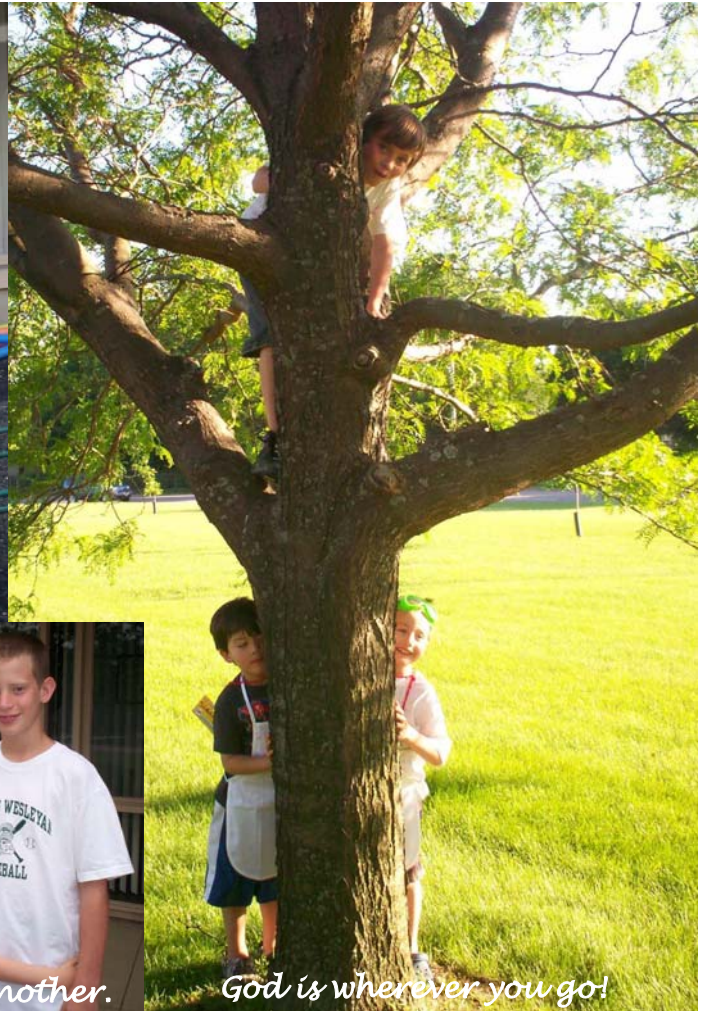
Ray and Karin Hunt	August 3
Dan and Carla Staver	August 18
Dick and Yvonne Harrison	August 27
Gene and Lynne Wright	August 27
Don and Mary Davis	August 31



Vacation Bible School



We celebrate our funny headbands!



God is wherever you go!



We praise God.



We love one another.



Thumbs up for Jesus awesome power.



We are strong with Jesus!

Agape Committee

Did you know???

... that the Agape Committee is responsible for purchasing all items for Fellowship Hour??

... that the Agape Committee is responsible for purchasing paper products used for meals at Church?

... that additional items for Fellowship Hour and additional paper products are not all stored in the kitchen?

Lin Walton is the

committee member who is responsible for inventorying, restocking and purchasing paper products and items used during Fellowship Hour on a weekly basis.

As we do not have much storage space on the main level, we utilize additional storage space in the basement.

“Overflow” items are stored in the basement and brought upstairs on an as-needed basis.

If you are looking for a

particular item but do not see it, this does not mean that we are out of it - it is most likely in the storage area.

If you believe we need a particular item, please leave a note on the refrigerator, as Lin checks this before restocking and making purchases.

If you wish to donate any paper products or any items for Fellowship Hour, please contact Lin Walton at 661-1346.

Vision & Ministry Council

The important note from the Vision & Ministry Council is that we expect our new Interim Pastor to start on September 7th, pending final approval by the Presbytery and UCC.

He has not yet submitted his resignation to his current church, so he wants us to keep his name confidential for now.



Making giant bubbles.



We are strong together!

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