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I have a nice concrete fountain in my back yard that I bought with money I received as gifts when I graduated from Seminary. I like to watch the birds come and get a drink, and even my cat will jump up on it and drink from it. Since we have been living in Platteville, my fountain is most frequented by honey bees!

The fountain sits in the sun, and with this heat and lack of rain, I have needed to refill the fountain with water nearly every other day. I am usually a little nervous as I fill it, because there are usually twenty honey bees sitting on it, drinking, or flying to it or away. I like to fill it with the hose, and I haven't found a way to fill the fountain without getting them wet. Most of the time they ignore me, but a couple of times I was afraid I was going to get stung by multiple bees.

The other morning, the fountain was nearly empty, there were a larger number of bees than usual, and they were in a more highly agitated state than usual. I was trying to add water with the hose from a distance, but they weren't happy with my presence. They kept flying at me, and I had to keep backing away. I found myself saying out loud, "Bees, don't sting me! Don't you know that you wouldn't have any water without me? Leave me alone so I can give you your water."

As soon as those words were out of my mouth, I wondered if God ever feels that way about us.

God gives us everything we need. Instead of making God our life's focus, we either ignore God, or we "sting" him with our words and actions. We don't love him with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength. We don't love our neighbors as ourselves. We do not live a life of gratitude, but get angry when God doesn't make sure things go the way we want. We are kind of like those bees in my backyard.

What would we look like if we spent our days in gratitude? What would our church look like if we corporately espoused gratitude?

Somewhere a farmer is getting some good honey because I am providing his bees with water. As we continue to drink from Living Water and become more like Jesus, we will individually and collectively produce sweeter lives of love for God and people!

I'll see you in church, where we practice gratitude.

*Love
Pastor
Kunda*



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Bells are ringing for married couples

Not church bells, not school bells, not wedding bells, but faith, knowledge and married love WILL grow if you hear the wake-up bell reminding you to go on a United Methodist Marriage Encounter weekend! The Fall weekend is starting to fill up, but there are currently still spaces available. To find out more about this dynamic weekend at Sharon Zimmerman Rader Retreat Center at Pine Lake United Methodist Camp on October 5 – 7th or the February weekend in Kenosha February 15 – 17. Contact Ron & Sharon Morshita 262-554-036 or w1marriage@gmail.com or register online at www.encounter.org

Health & Wellness

Next Health and Wellness Meeting will be on Aug 7th @7PM

Next BP check Aug 26th No check in Sept

Watch for upcoming Bounty Garden Potluck for Sunday School Kick off in September.

We still need people to help with garden produce delivery in Aug and Sept and people to help in the garden . Please sign up in the Narthex

Please be sure to sign the attendance pad each Sunday. We are going to begin a new group that connects with people who are missing from worship, to check to make sure they are okay. If you would be interested in sending cards or making phone calls to check on people, please see Pastor Brenda



Vacation Bible School

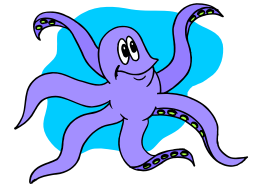
"Do you go through at least one water bottle or paper towel tube a week?

Vacation Bible School would love to take empty water bottles and empty paper towel tubes off your hands!

Do you have any stuffed animal ocean creatures? Do you have Ocean-related toys? Vacation Bible School would love to borrow them from you during VBS week!

Do you have a child that is between the ages of 3 1/2 and going into 6th grade? Vacation Bible School would love to Dive Deep to God with them August 6th-10th from 9am to noon.

Please see the table outside the office for more opportunities to donate supplies to help Vacation Bible School be fantastic this year!



Operation Overboard: Dare to Go Deep with God!"

~ Name our Newsletter ~

We are looking for a new name for the Church newsletter. If you have any suggestions, please drop them in the Church office, in the collection plate on Sunday, or email them to the office. Thanks for your help!

The Cap Club met July 2nd. Members present were Pastor Brenda, Tom & Nancy Ziegenfuss, Jim & Carol Kirkpatrick, and Hank & Judy Bossenbroek. It was nice to have Nancy join us.

Our next meeting will be Aug 6th. Our mission is to have new members join us and for everyone to please let us know if they know of someone that would like a visit from any of the Cap Club Members.

Blessing to all, The Cap Club



No General Meeting until Sept. 4.

NO meeting in July or August.

August 7th—Executive Board Meeting at 1:30 in the Wesley Room.

**Mark your calendar for
September 13th**

Barely Seniors will be back!
Watch for program details in the
September newsletter.

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Coming This Fall -- **Re:Con**

We have begun working on our fall theme, Re:Con. We will be reconnecting with our faith. We will not be having a book study that goes along with our sermon series. Instead we will be offering a variety of small group studies and experiences. Some ideas that are being worked on are: a short confirmation class for those adults who long ago forgot everything they learned in confirmation, a group that learns and experiences meditative prayer, and Financial Peace University.

We are in need of more groups than this. If there is something specific that you would like to lead, or if you would like to gather a group and decide together, that is fine as well.

We had 70 people participate in small groups during Lent (24 Hours That Changed The World) and 30 during the summer (Crazy Love). It would be amazing if we had 100 people focus on growing in their relationships with others and growing in faith this fall!

Contact Mindy or Pastor Brenda if you feel called to lead a group and would like some help in determining what to study.

Help Make the Church Library more welcoming!

Jennifer and Pam Smidt are working on redecorating the Church library. We are looking for some comfortable furniture (love seat or couch and a chair). If anyone has anything like this that they would like to donate to the library, please contact Jennifer at 608-348-9508 or email plattevilleumc@centurylink.net.

Thanks! Jennifer and Pam

AUGUST WORSHIP

SCHEDULE

August 5th

Mission Trip Sunday
Our youth will lead worship as they share their experiences in picture and story
Communion Both Services
8:30 Special Music TBA
11:00 Blind Faith

August 12th

Vacation Bible School Sunday
Going Deep With Jesus
Luke 5:1-17
Slide show both services
8:30 Special Music Elizabeth Duewer
11:00 Blind Faith &
Children singing their VBS Songs

August 19th

Worship leadership TBD
8:30 Special Music Carol Lange
& Elizabeth Duewer
11:00 Blind Faith

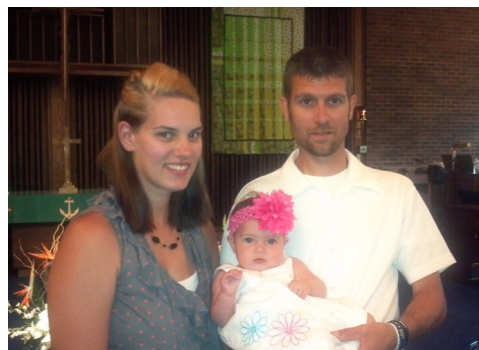
August 26th

New short sermon series part one
8:30 David Schoonover
11:00 Blind Faith

Birthdays This Month

01 Joanne Bailie	13 Florence Robinson
01 Merle Duggan	15 Charles Drago
01 Ellen Carnahan	15 Dianne Edgetter
02 Scott Nodorft	17 Dick Bonin
02 Taylor Rutherford	19 Merlin Deiter
04 Roy Shaver	19 Gary Olson
04 Sara Koeller	19 Avery Curry
05 John Cottingham	19 Emmett Shaw
05 Sharon Nodorft	20 Harriet Burbach
05 Nick Bonin	20 Caleb Shaw
05 Katherine Finley	22 Jane Peoples
06 Joe Clifton	22 Renee Baker
08 Terry Dillon	22 Jennifer Freiburger
10 James Wieters	23 Margaret Karsten
10 Lucas Adrian	23 Joseph Musarra
11 Linda Curry	28 Doris Hill
11 Calissa Lange	28 Pam Curry-Green
12 Richard Meyer	30 Zeke Schwartz
12 Jane Howell	30 Madilyn Grossman
12 Christophe Vrielinck	31 Alyssa Simmons

Baptisms



On June 24th, Aubree Mae Hromadka was baptized. Aubree is the daughter of Travis and Michelle Hromadka (Wetter). We welcome her to our family of faith.

Anniversaries This Month

01 Steve & Colleen Lozeau
 02 Lynn & Susan Schlager
 05 Richard & Peg Meyer
 06 Adam & Korie Whitford
 06 Nate & Crystal Curry
 12 Delbert & Jane Rupp
 12 Gary & Marcia Olson
 17 Tom & Jayne Osterholz
 17 Richard & Carolyn Trewartha
 18 Dan & Deb Dunbar
 18 Nate & Sarah Fosbinder
 18 James & Beverly Holler
 18 Don & Jacki Hardy
 18 James & Dorothy Olds
 20 Mark & Lori Adrian
 20 Rob & Judy Calcaterra
 20 Pam & Michael Scott
 28 Joe & Alice Clifton

Just Thought You Should Know.....

Thank you to Gary Lindahl for trimming the bushes in the front of the church. They look wonderful!

I would like to thank Norma Meisel for helping in the office while I was on vacation. Thank you Norma! Jennifer

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers during my surgery and recovery. Thank you to Pastor Brenda for visiting me before my surgery and to the UMW for the prayer shawl. It really means a lot that so many people care. ~ Jason Fiedler (Jennifer's husband)

Dedication to Doris Yamada

The 7:30 Bible Class would like to express our appreciation to Doris Yamada for the many activities and contributions given to the Platteville United Methodist Church. We are going to list a few, but we know she did much more than listed:

- * Doris was one of the original members of our 7:30 Bible class nearly twenty years ago.
- * Financial Secretary for many years (volunteer)
- * Chairman of the money counters each week
- * Volunteered at the Thrift Shop for the Church
- * Belonged to United Methodist Women
- * Cashier at the Christmas Bazaar for years
- * Knitted many prayer shawls and distributed them to many people
- * Worked at the Platteville hospital as part of our Church (gift shop, greeter and Strawberry Festival)
- * Original player in the Hand Bell Choir
- * The first to organize the Carillion Bells
- * Worked on funeral committee for years
- * Supported the Holy Rollers
- * Supported the music in our Church
- * Contributed and supported the Mission committee
- * Provided scholarships for missionaries and youth camps
- * Hosted and contributed to the youth of our Church
- * Hosted the college students luncheon at the Timbers each year in May
- * Helped with Vacation Bible School
- * Visited and wrote many notes to many of our members when they were ill, had any bad kind of grief or needed help. She baked and took many meals to the elderly and shut-ins
- * Doris made anonymous gifts and contributions to other activities and people which she never mentioned.

As you can see from the list our class made, Doris was truly a wonderful Christian, who was a model for all who know here. May God Bless her.

The 7:30 Bible Class

Norma Meisel
Katherine Cottingham
Doris Tatge
Betty Smith
Hulda Pearce
Dolores Hutcheson



News From Our Parish Nurse

The Health and Wellness Committee has asked me to write an article about my role as a Parish Nurse. I did this 6 or 7 years ago and at that time I said this was an evolving and developing role in our congregation. As I was looking over the things I have done in the last several years I have seen how things have evolved. I have done some of the followings things: family/caregiver support, promoting physical health, encouraging spiritual health, promoting healthy community through group walking programs with our church history as a theme. Much of this was done through newsletter articles, some through health fairs,

home visits, and support groups.

You have probably noticed some changes in the past couple of years. A lot of effort has been put into the church garden with an emphasis on physical activity, good nutrition, community building with a mission emphasis of reaching out to others in need. During this time, many things have been going on in my life: a full time job and a daughter still struggling with Lyme disease. Consequently, less energy has been put into my role as parish nurse. You will notice Jan Langel has become the Health and Wellness Committee Chair. Without the responsibility of committee chair, I hope to put more effort into my role as parish nurse.

I will continue to check blood pressures the 4th Sun of the month after 1st service unless otherwise noted in the newsletter or bulletin. My equipment is always at church so if I am at church you can ask me to check it if you need to monitor it more closely.

I am here to assist and support you through health related needs. Whether, it is to assist you through a difficult dressing change, until you or a family member is comfortable doing it; help you find the appropriate community resources; help you better understand your doctor's instructions; help you transition through role changes such as a new parent; or being a caregiver for a family member, I am willing to help. You will notice my cubby hole in the library has been turned into a nice office, thanks to Lynn Dew and Peg Myers. I can meet with you there or at your home in the evening or weekend. Don't hesitate to call me at home at 348-9575.

As there are interests and/or needs, The Health and Wellness Committee and I will arrange for speakers to meet those health and wellness needs expressed to us. As a nurse, my role has always been, to be a patient advocate, and I will serve that role for members of our congregation.

In conclusion, anything you share with me will be kept confidential.

Susan Schlager RN, Parish Nurse

August Readers and Greeters Schedule

AUGUST 2012

GREETERS

READERS

08.05.12

8:30	Ruth Steinback	Dave Carnahan
11:00	Sheena Rice & Cailey Jones	Susan Dykstra

08.12.12

8:30	Carolyn Woodward	Ellen Carnahan
11:00	Bill & Diane Van Deest	George Krueger

08.19.12

8:30	Lynn Dew	Elizabeth Whitford
11:00	Helen Carden	Tom Lindahl

08.26.12

8:30	Gene & Jan Digman	Anna Musarra
11:00	Open	Roxane Ford

August Lawnmowers

July 29-Aug 4	Randy Karsten
Aug 5-11	Roy Shaver & Cecile Hoffman
Aug 12-18	Warner Smidt
Aug 19-25	Nate Fosbinder
Aug 26-Sept 1	Calvin Koeller

August Ushers

8:30 am ~ NEEDED!
11:00 am ~ Tom Lindahl
LeeAnn Lindahl
Deb Schroedl

Coffee Hour Hosts

July 1 ~ OPEN
July 8 ~ Nurture Committee
July 15 ~ OPEN
July 22 ~ OPEN
July 29 ~ OPEN

AUGUST 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Bible Study 7:30 am Hearts & Hands 1pm Worship 6pm	2 Trustees 7pm	3 VBS Meeting 6:30pm	4
5 Worship 8:30am Worship 11:00am VBS decorating	6 CAP 10am Higher Ed 6 pm VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 9AM-NON	7 UMW Exec. 1:30pm Health & Well 7pm	8 Bible Study 7:30 am Hearts & Hands 1pm	9	10 VBS Pool Party 5pm at City Pool	11
12 Worship 8:30am Worship 11:00am VBS Sunday	13 Immunizations 5pm Yoga w/Val 5:15pm PASTOR BRENDA ON VACATION	14 Dance Elite Reg. Yoga w/Val 4:15 pm Missions 5pm Zumba 5pm & 6pm	15 Bible Study 7:30 am Hearts & Hands 1pm Yoga w/Val 5:15pm	16 Yoga w/Val 4:15 pm	17 Newsletter Deadline	18
19 Worship 8:30am Worship 11:00am	20 GS Training 4:30pm Yoga w/Val 5:15pm Church Council 6pm Finance 7 pm	21 Yoga w/Val 4:15 pm Zumba 5pm & 6pm	22 Bible Study 7:30 am Hearts & Hands 1pm Yoga w/Val 5:15pm SPRC 7pm	23 Newsletter Assembled Noon Yoga w/Val 4:15 pm	24	25
26 Worship 8:30am Blood Pressure Chks Worship 11:00am	27 Yoga w/Val 5:15pm	28 Yoga w/Val 4:15 pm Zumba 5pm & 6pm Staff Picnic at Whitford's 6 pm	29 Bible Study 7:30 am Hearts & Hands 1pm Yoga w/Val 5:15pm	30 Yoga w/Val 4:15 pm	31	

Thanks from the Trustees!

The Wesley Room drapes have been ordered from K&K Floors. Thanks so much to all of you who helped donate \$2,600 to pay for them! They should be installed shortly after Vacation Bible School is over on August 10th.

Thanks also to everyone who helped declutter the craft room, clean, install shelving, and organize the new totes. We hope that this room will now be much more convenient for all of the groups who use it. The books in the library are also being studied to see what needs to be preserved and what should be eliminated. Soon we hope to have part of the Adult Sunday School classroom decluttered and arranged so that it's more usable and welcoming for class and meetings.

The Trustees voted to have Mike Lynch and Scott Austin do some excavating, landscaping, and cement work on the south side of the church so that water will flow away from the church and not damage the siding. The Trustees have been studying how we might replace the current siding, but no decisions have been made.

MISSION COMMITTEE

Cleaning Buckets: Five complete buckets have been delivered to the Conference office in Sun Prairie. We have four more buckets partially filled. Thank you for supporting this important In-gathering project with cleaning products and money contributions. The committee will continue to collect cleaning products through the next several months. UMCOR is assisting families who have experienced natural disasters, both flooding and fires. Reminder - 100% of all donations to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) are channeled directly to the earmarked relief. When UMCOR donors give their time, money and supplies, they join UMCOR as the hands and feet of Christ.

School Supplies: Once again we will collect school supplies for area families struggling to purchase the many needed supplies for their students. Watch for the school bus which will be parked in the narthex August 5 through September 16. Please consider helping these families. Check the supply lists at local stores or the church office for the supplies needed.

Thank you for your continued generosity!



YOGA

For EveryBODY

"5 Week Fall Session"

Sept. 13 – Oct. 12

2012

WESLEY ROOM

Thursday Evenings 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

&

Friday Mornings 8:30 – 9:45 a.m.

(You can attend either or both classes.)

~Drop Ins Welcome ~

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Secret Pals!

Recently at a staff meeting, we were brainstorming and somebody remembered a church with a program called secret pals. As we talked about it, we thought we would like to do this as a way of bridging generations at our church.

Here's how it would work:

We would ask for older adults who would like to participate, and then during the first month of Sunday School, we will pair up an adult with a child. Each month the adult will be encouraged to write a note to the child about childhood memories of church, or write a simple prayer for the child, or include a trinket like a book mark or cross. The idea is not to spend a lot of money, but rather to begin a relationship, doing something for the child in secret. The children will also write notes and/or draw pictures for their adult friend. In May we will have a special worship service and potluck lunch and introduce the secret pals to each other.

In order for the notes and pictures to go both ways between adult and child, we are in need of a mailperson. This person would be the only one who knows who is paired up with whom. It would be this person's job to address the notes to the proper person. If you are interested in being the mailperson and would like more information on this exciting task, please talk to Pastor Brenda or Jennifer.



We have been working on programs and events for this fall. Some great ideas have been discussed. One that we are working on is Dairy Days. Redeemer will be playing at Worship under the tent on Sunday.

Our plan is to be in the parade on Saturday. We will be creating a float with the decorations from Vacation Bible School.

What we need is someone to head up the organization of getting people to walk in the parade, having something to hand out to the kids (we were thinking bubbles with PUMC info on them), etc... Please let Jennifer know if you are interested in helping with this.

Fall Kick-Off will be on Sunday, September 16th which will be the first day of Sunday School and a family potluck/picnic using fresh garden produce from our garden. Watch for more details in the September newsletter.



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If you would like to help with VBS, please contact Elizabeth Whitford at 608-482-2303 or whitforde@uwplatt.edu

SAVE THE DATE

AUGUST 6-10, 2012

Dive in and discover God's underwater universe! Swim with humpback whales and seahorses, scuba through a vibrant coral reef, and take a personal submarine to the ocean floor, where eels and octopi play. As they journey miles below the water's surface, kids plunge into Bible stories of people with deep faith and learn to trust a God whose love is bigger than the sea.

Participants will learn to "go deep" into God's Word for their lives, exploring the meaning and application of Bible stories about people who exhibited deep faith.

There will be a pool party on Friday night from 5-6pm at the City Pool. Afterward, we will go to the park for a potluck dinner and have a presentation of what the kids learned at VBS!