

St. John's
United
Church
Of Christ, Bem

The Scoop!

June, 2009

"...no matter who you
are or where you are
on life's journey, you
are welcome here in
the United Church
of Christ..."

From the Pastor's Keyboard...

"Picnic Ministry"

I am writing this article at 7:00am on Saturday, May 23. As I write it, the church is calm and quiet. There is a gentle rain coming down, sure to dissipate soon. The church building quietly pulses as refrigerators hum, air conditioners cycle, and the usual creaks and groans of an empty building can be heard. Yet even in its emptiness (or perhaps it is my imagination) one can sense that there is a potential here that is about to explode. In a few short hours, this place will be bursting and bustling as residents from all over Gasconade, Crawford, and many other counties are called into fellowship at our Spring Church Picnic.

Our Church Picnics are major fundraisers for our continuing mission and ministry in God's creation, that is true; but they are much more than that. They are an opportunity for ministry in themselves, as we greet one another in Christian Love. They help us to remind one another that the day to day hectic-ness, hustle and bustle of our lives is not what our existence is all about; truly, we are all about caring for each other, and the relationships we build. As we minister to one another in the fellowship of this evening, we remind each other of the covenant we share. We are also, this evening, given the opportunity for ministry with our community; our picnics give us the chance to reach out to those around us who need the welcoming hand of the church; who need to be told that God's News is Good News; God's News is Love, not the judgmental wrath they may have heard in culture or other places. The ministry opportunities before us this evening are incredible.

Like this church building this morning, we are also filled with the potential for great ministry. Every day in our lives we are offered the chance to love the way Jesus loved us. What are we waiting for to get started? Oops- I just heard a door slam and some pots and pans rattling in the kitchen. Looks like the fun is about to begin! May the ministry we share this evening at the picnic continue in your every day lives as well; all summer long! -Pastor Rick

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SHANNONDALE CENTER-JUNE MISSION OF THE MONTH

Shannondale Center, just outside of Salem, Missouri is our June Mission of the Month. Some of you may be asking, “What is Shannondale?” For those of you who have never been to Shannondale, you are missing a great mission of the Missouri Mid South Conference!

Shannondale is a Missouri Mid-South Conference owned facility in Shannon County, Missouri. It means different things to different people. For some it offers a place to get away from the hustle and bustle of their lives and enjoy the beauty of God’s Creation. Shannondale offers a wide range of camping venues including camper sites, tent sites, small cabins and a group lodge with a large kitchen. Shannondale offers floating on the Current or Jack’s Fork rivers, and work trip opportunities for groups both large and small.

Shannondale is also the Missouri Mid-South Conference Mission in the Ozarks. It serves the people of Shannon County by providing an after school education/enrichment program- “Timber Time”. Shannondale also coordinates two drives a year to provide clothing for folks from Shannon County; these drives provide school and work clothes for folks who need them so much. Shannondale hosts a large Vacation Bible School each year, providing upwards of 60 children with worship enrichment. They also help residents with firewood, painting their homes, and much, much more. They are a valuable mission presence in this needy county.

The majority of Shannondale’s support comes from United Church of Christ congregations like Bem Church; either through direct giving or through Our Church’s Wider Mission. (*Shannondale receives \$75,000-\$100,000 every year from Our Church’s Wider Mission!*) In order to keep this mission and ministry thriving and vital in the Missouri Mid-South Conference, it has been suggested that each church give \$3 per member directly to Shannondale. For Bem Church, this would be \$750; so, to that end, the Bem Church Mission Committee has set a goal of \$750 for our support of Shannondale, our Mission of the Month for June.

Shannondale is calling- won’t you help us reach our goal?

SCRIPTURES FOR JUNE, 2009

These are the scripture readings and topics we will be exploring in worship during the month of June. Read ahead! It is always beneficial if you read these before Sunday morning; you will get much more out of worship that way!

June 7th-

“Visions and Challenges”

Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalter Lesson: Psalm 29
Gospel Lesson: John 3:1-12

June 21st-

“Sticks and Stones”

Hebrew Scripture: 1 Samuel 17:38-49
Psalter Lesson: Psalm 9:9-20
Gospel Lesson: Mark 4:35-41

June 14th-

“Mustard and Kings”

Hebrew Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalter Lesson: Psalm 20
Gospel Lesson: Mark 4:26-34

June 28th-

“Another Markan Sandwich”

Hebrew Scripture: 2 Samuel 1:1-12
Psalter Lesson: Psalm 130
Gospel Lesson: Mark 5:21-43

SAVE YOUR ENVELOPES

When you receive your offering envelopes in the mail each month, there is a white envelope included that is addressed to Bem Church. Don't throw this envelope away! If you are just throwing it away each month, bring it to church and leave it on Carole's desk, or in the pew pocket in front of you. If you use it to send your offering in, then please continue to do so.

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN- A HOME FOR LOOSE CHANGE

The Penny Jar is back! Pairs and Spares has revived the Penny Jar and is putting it to good use in ministry in our community. The Penny Jar will be at back of the Sanctuary each week, awaiting your contributions of loose change. The funds raised in the penny jar will be forwarded to the Owensville/Rosebud Ministerial Alliance, for much needed services in our community.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The Scholarship Committee is currently accepting applications for Scholarships to be awarded for the fall semester of 2009. Anyone planning to attend college or graduate school next year is invited to apply. Applications are located in the church narthex (the back of the church where you come in) or you can get one from the church office; contact Carole Dotson. Please turn in all Scholarship requests by June 30!

PAIRS AND SPARES NEWS

We are planning a trip to Shannondale June 7th right after church. Come join us! We are also preparing for our summer *Rummage Sale- June 11, 12, & 13*. We will also be open June 14th after church. You can start bringing items to church beginning June 7. Thank you to all the great folks who donated to the picnic bake sale and crafts.....Armin Enke made some elderberry jelly which is always a favorite. What did not sell inside was auctioned before the quilt sale. Thanks to Brehe Auctioneering Service. Thanks for the plants, cash, all the canned items, the "fancy work", the rolls, bread, etc. Everything was special! Profits were \$572.35.

GRAPE COUNTRY CLUSTER- CHURCHES IN MISSION TOGETHER

The Grape Country Cluster is putting together a *Mission Fair to be held at Bethany United Church of Christ in Berger, MO the evening of Friday, June 19th*. Laura Shore will be the featured speaker, talking about her trip to Kenya. The Emmaus Home Bell Choir will be there, too along with the Ida Gerleman singers (and homemade ice cream!). A great event!

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

The Christian Education Committee has decided to continue Sunday School for our younger children using the rotation curriculum (preschool through fifth grade) through the month of June; then take the months of July and August off. The last class for this term will be June 28th. The Junior and Senior High classes and the Adult class ended Memorial Day weekend. All who attend those classes during the year are invited to help lead the younger classes for the month of June. All classes will resume September 6th.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR 2009

Vicky Huebner, President; Doug Shockley, Vice President; Jackie Mitchell, Treasurer;
Dee Ruegge, Secretary; Curtis Aytes and Keith Glaser, Trustees;
and Diana Halmick, Pastor Parish Relations Committee Representative.

THANK YOU!

(Some thank you notes may be edited due to space limitations)

Thank you to Armin Rutz and Sadie Korhmann

The American Flag in our cemetery sees a lot of wear due to its constant exposure to the environment. Recently, it was in need of repair; **thank you to Sadie Korhmann** who was able to play Betsy Ross for a day and repair the damaged flag. **Thank you also to Armin Rutz**, who purchased and hung a new flag in the cemetery just in time for our Memorial Day worship and our Spring Picnic. We now have two flags; one in service and one waiting to fly. **Thank you to both Armin and Sadie**; and everyone around Bem Church who quietly keeps things running smooth around here!

-Your Loving Family at Bem Church

Thank you also to Bob Landwehr

Thank you to Bob Landwehr for spending hours upon hours preparing our church for the Spring Picnic, as he always does. Most are unaware of the hours he spends rebuilding the ice cream mixer before each picnic, manicuring the lawn where the quilt auction takes place, maintaining the picnic stand and pavilion, and doing whatever needs to be done. Many hands make the workload easier; but Bob makes it all come together! **Thank you, Bob!**

-Your Loving Family at Bem Church

Dear Bem Church Family and Friends,

We send a heartfelt thank you for your prayers and concern during the brief illness and sudden death of my brother, Bill Miller. Thank you for the cards, emails, memorials, floral pieces and food all given in love for our family and in memory of Bill. You are in our prayers as your kindness has touched our family. Thank you also to Pastor Rick for your prayers and time with our family. God Bless you all.

-With Love, Nancy and Tom; Greg, Nick, Jacob Kohrmann

Dear Emmaus Home Friends,

On behalf of the entire Emmaus Homes Family, thank you for your generous donation of \$476. Per your directives, your contribution will be credited to the Chaplain at the Marthasville Campus.

As the weather warms, residents begin to enjoy outdoor activities. The Nature Club on the Marthasville Campus has begun planting their gardens. They have several varieties of lettuce almost ready to pick and other spring vegetables will be ready in a few weeks. The greenhouse is full of trays of flowers beginning to sprout.

Throughout Emmaus, clients are enjoying barbequing and spending time on their patios. Volunteer groups have been working at the St. Charles Campus weeding the gardens, spreading mulch and planting. Residents are out after dinner taking a walk around campus or in their neighborhood.

We are truly grateful for your generous gift and support of Emmaus' mission to enhance the lives of adults who have developmental disabilities.

Sincerely, Lisa A. Dyer

Executive Director Emmaus Resident Trust Foundation

(This gift of \$476 includes offering money collected for Emmaus, our Mission of the Month for April; and a donation of \$150 from Pairs and Spares! Thank you to all!)

MORE THANK YOU!

(Some thank you notes may be edited due to space limitations)

Dear Pastor Oberle,

On behalf of the Emmaus Homes Bell Choir, Thank you! Thanks for inviting us to worship with you and use the gift of our music to help us all praise God. Thank you also for the warm hospitality as we ate a tasty meal together. “Yum-O!”

Finally, thank you for such awesome generosity in your gift of \$476, which will continue to support the programs Emmaus offers to provide a rich life for the men and women who call Emmaus “home”. **Gratefully, The Emmaus Home Choirs and Pastor Kristy May**

Dear Colleague:

Enclosed is a certificate recognizing your congregation as a Covenant Keeper church in the United Church of Christ. The Covenant Keeper Program emphasizes the value of standards of giving, while respecting that congregations have different capacities. All should know that their contributions count. *(Certificate on display in the narthex of church)*

As General Minister and President of your United Church of Christ, I write to congratulate you! Your church can be proud of your giving to **Our Church’s Wider Mission**. We commend you for your commitment. Together our gifts enable us to actively welcome the stranger, fight poverty, take courageous stands on controversial issues; all the while tending to the Gospel by spreading Good News, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and sheltering the homeless.

With your gifts to **Our Church’s Wider Mission**, we grow into a united voice for change, strengthen missionaries worldwide, and lift struggling churches with support for pastors or buildings. We provide United Church of Christ resources for worship, stewardship and evangelism; all through your gifts to **Our Church’s Wider Mission**.

Thank you for your good work in support of the United Church of Christ; and in setting an example for others. Above all, know that my prayers are with you.

Sincerely yours,

John H. Thomas, General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ

*(The “Red” Covenant Keeper designation was established to lift up congregations who contribute between 1% and 9.9% of their Current Local Expense Budget (CLEB) to **Our Church’s Wider Mission**, and who have increased their giving by at least 1% in the past year. Bem Church contributed 4.8% of our CLEB to **Our Church’s Wider Mission** in 2008; a dollar amount that was 3% higher than 2007. **We are now a “Red” Covenant Keeper Congregation!**)*

BEM CHURCH IS RECOGNIZED BY THE UCC NATIONAL OFFICES!

On May 3, we were thrilled to have Rev. Jeff Whitman lead worship with us. At that time, he presented Bem Church with three certificates of recognition from the National Offices of the United Church of Christ. The first certificate was in recognition of our 2008 contributions to **Our Church’s Wider Mission** totaling \$6292. The second was a certificate thanking us for being a “5 for 5 Congregation”; that is, participating in the four special offerings of the United Church of Christ, as well as basic support of **Our Church’s Wider Mission**. The third certificate recognized us as being a “Red Covenant Keeper Congregation.” ***These three certifications are all great honors for a United Church of Christ congregation!*** Check them out- they are on display in the narthex of the church! ***Congratulations to us all!***

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OUR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

Congratulations to **Tucker Huebner** for winning the Overall Reserve Grand Champion award for his steer at the Crawford County Preview Show! ***Congratulations, Tucker!***

Congratulations to **Courtney Shockley** for being inducted into the National Honor Society on May 11. What an honor- we are proud of you Courtney! ***Congratulations, Courtney!***

Congratulations also to Bem Church members Zach Morris; Sarah Parker; Jimmy Ley; and Marissa Copeland who graduated from Owensville Senior High School on Friday, May 22!

Congratulations to **KC Frahm**, who graduated from college in Hawaii!

Congratulations to **Jo Smith and Jenna Halmick**, two of our Bem Church Youth who play in the Owensville High School Band. They received high honors at their district competition at East Central College earlier this semester. They received ratings of “1” by all three judges in both concert performance, and in sight-reading an unfamiliar piece of music. “One” is the best rating available. **Jo Smith** plays Trumpet in the band, and **Jenna Halmick** plays French Horn.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN 2009

Christian Education in 2009 has a very different look than it did a generation ago; especially with our children and youth. The Christian Education scene today invokes many different types of learning styles and formats to engage and excite our children and youth; and uses hands on learning techniques to help them more fully absorb the stories of our traditions as well.

At Bem Church, we have been using a rotation model program for our preschool- fifth grade classes for two years now. In this program, the students hear the same Biblical story four weeks in a row; and each week they experience that story through a different learning style. Workshops include Theatre, cooking, science experiments, art, recreation, and investigation. The Biblical stories are reinforced through repetition and varied hands-on learning styles, so that by the end of the unit, the knowledge is integrated into their lives, not just heard and dismissed.

One thing this model needs to function well- YOU! The unique aspect of this program is that when you shepherd a class or lead a workshop, you only commit to a four week rotation. Every four weeks, a new slate of teachers takes over. The challenge is that every four weeks we need to find new teachers!

To address this need, the Christian Education Committee has put together a schedule for next year for all of Bem Church to participate in this Christian Education Program. Just like the greeters and nursery schedule, this Shepherd/Workshop schedule covers the entire academic year, 2009-2010. Watch your mailboxes for more details on your opportunity to serve. Educating our youth is an important task; it takes the whole church to do it! For more details, talk to Suzan Wilson or a member of the Christian Education Committee.

BENEFIT CONCERT AT BUSCHMAN PARK

Bem Church Member Russ Bacon and other local musicians are scheduled to perform Gospel numbers from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, June 7 at the Buschman Park gazebo. A free-will collection will benefit the Helping Hands Outreach Center. In case of rain, the concert will be held at New Hope United Methodist Church, Highway 28 west of town. Come be a part of the fun, and support a great cause, too!

JUNE SERVICE SCHEDULE *Flowers: Ali Carey*

Nursery Workers: 6/7: Allison Baker & Sara Whelan	Greeters: Sonnie Dotson Family	Lay Reader: Dee Ruegge	Acolytes: Andrew Carey & Tanner Goodman
6/14: Crystal Blankenship & Dana Chapman	John Kreter Family	Jonathan Huellinghoff	Andrew Carey & Kelsey Baxter
6/21: Nancy Jenkins & Suzan Wilson	Lee Kreter/ Hester Tayloe Families	Scott Lewis	Sable Huebner & Tanner Goodman
6/28: Brenda Sieckmann & Sharon Bacon	Jan McQueen/ Bruce Chapman Families	Jacob Kohrmann	Sable Huebner & Kelsey Baxter

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

6/1- Marilyn Neuls, Jacki Piesbergen, Alexander Oberle; 6/2- Andrew Huellinghoff; 6/4- Dean Kreter; 6/5- Jim Lickliger, Pastor Rick Oberle, Keith Glaser; 6/6- Emma Layman; 6/7- Hester Tayloe, Casey Heying; 6/8- Dan Graham, Jerry Adkison, Avery Kelley; 6/10- Bill Mitchell, Nancy Carl, Jennifer Steinman, Ricky Glaser; 6/11- Matthew Spurgeon; 6/13- Kevin Huebner, Taylor LaValle; 6/15- Beulah Rutz, Pam Idel; 6/17- Tim Ley; 6/18- Danica Wirth, Evie Landwehr; 6/19- Bernice Stockglausner; 6/20- Rita Lickliger, John Keller; 6/21- Wyatt Kramme; 6/22- Jim Koepke, Dawn Kreter, Ted Crosby; 6/23- Allison Baker, Brandon Czeschin; 6/24- Amy Adkison, Corey Wilson, Trevor Copeland; 6/25- Jill Oberkamp; 6/26- John Kreter, Ray Oldfather; 6/29- Brad Carey, Matt Fletcher; 6/30- Mal Huebner
...Happy Birthday!

ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH

6/3- Paula & Rick Copeland, Fran & Mal Huebner; 6/5- Lori & Steve Adams, Evie & Bob Landwehr; 6/7- Leslie & Rob Copeland; 6/10- Dorathea & Jim Koepke; 6/11- Sharon & Russ Bacon, Vicki & Larry Branson; 6/14- Margaret & Dennis Frahm, Kim & Rick Oberle, Jan & Jack McQueen; 6/16- Andrea & Jacob Glaser, Jamie & Jeff Schultz; 6/17- Dana & Clay Chapman; 6/18- Christina & Curtis Aytes; 6/19- Peggy & Jim Schafer; 6/21- Dana & Rick Goodman; 6/28- Robin & Jerry Adkison, Jennifer & Corey Steinman; 6/29- Brandi & Chris Lauth
... Happy Anniversary!

ATTENDANCE

Date:	Worship/Sun. School:	Date:	Worship/Sun School:
Sunday, April 5	149/49	Sunday, May 3	111/33
Sunday, April 12	263/80	Sunday, May 10	109/23
Sunday, April 19	86/17	Sunday, May 17	123/31
Sunday, April 26	120/17	Sunday, May 24	130/16
Total:	618/163	Total:	473/103
Average:	155/41	Average:	118/26

PRAYER LIST

For a copy of the St. John's, Bem prayer list email Pastor Rick or call the church office! Email Pastor Rick at: rick@bemchurch.com or call 573.437.3698!

TIME PASSAGES...

Births...

Wyatt Evan Shaw was born April 5, 2009 to proud parents Renee (Jenkins) Shaw and Brandon Shaw and big sister Ashlee. Wyatt weighed 8lb, 6oz. Proud grandparents are Nancy and Dennis Jenkins!

Presley May Kreter was born on May 20, 2009 to proud parents Megan Volker and Layne Kreter. Presley weighed 7lbs, 8ozs, and was 19½ inches long. Proud grandfather is Lee Kreter!

George Angus Wnuk was born on May 26, 2009 to proud parents Tina and George Wnuk and big sister Molly. George weighed 7lbs, 15oz.

Myra Nicole Lauth was born on May 26, 2009 to proud parents Brandi & Chris Lauth and big brother Will. Myra weighed 7lbs, 15oz. Proud grandparents are Dennis & Nancy Jenkins!

Baptisms...

Keigan Neil Glaser was baptized into the Christian Faith on Sunday, March 29, 2009 in the Sanctuary of St. John's, Bem United Church of Christ. Keigan is the son of Dyana (Zielmann) Glaser and Keith (Spaz) Glaser. Sponsors are Rhonda Glaser and Donnie Zielmann.

Weddings...

Lindsey Lenauer and Phillip Thompson were married on May 2, 2009 in Mexico! Congratulations to them! Phillip is Jan McQueen's son, Dorris Henry's grandson.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to **Dennis Frahm** who, after years of serving the educational needs of the Owensville Community, has retired from Owensville Elementary School!

Congratulations also to Bem Church members Zach Morris; Sarah Parker; Jimmy Ley; and Marissa Copeland who graduated from Owensville Senior High School on Friday, May 22, 2009! Best wishes as you transition into your future!

NEW BROCHURE

Keep your eyes out for the new Bem Church brochure, which was designed by Trisha Mistler! You will see copies of it in church; feel free to take some and distribute them to advertise Bem Church! You will also see copies of it around the community, as we make it available around town to spread the word about our church. Thank you, Trisha, for making this great evangelism tool possible!

BEM CHURCH APPRECIATION DAYS

There was a lot of work accomplished on Bem Church Appreciation Days, May 2 & 9. Keith Glaser and Curtis Aytes, Bem Church trustees, spearheaded the efforts which included cleaning pews, washing windows, reworking flower beds, trimming trees, shaping bushes, painting, painting, & painting!

However, there is still work to be done. If you could not make it in May, but have an afternoon free this summer, come on up and pitch in! Work left to be done includes:

Paint black railings all around the walkways and front steps (paint and brushes are in the basement); hose out air conditioning compressors; check out "picnic" benches- tighten, paint, etc.; clean out bugs from light fixtures around church; clean translucent panels over fluorescents in basement; clean out Sanctuary North side gutter.

Thank you for helping with these projects! See Curtis Aytes or Keith Glaser for more info.

BEM CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

General Fund		Building Fund	
Balance as of 4-15-09	\$3833.	Balance as of 4-15-09	\$2419.
Income:		Income:	\$30
Offering	\$7449	Balance as of 5-15-09	\$2449.
Interest	\$54		
Tower	\$550	Quilters	
Other	<u>\$275</u>	Balance as of 4-15-09	\$302
Total Income	\$8328.	Expense:	\$30
Expense: Budgeted Items	(\$8742)	Balance as of 5-15-09	\$332
Balance as of 5-15-09	\$3418		
Special Offering Fund		Pairs and Spares	
Balance as of 4-15-09	\$1981.	Balance as of 4-15-09	\$1206
Income:		Income:	
Mission Fund	\$365.	Dues	\$6
Helping Hands Food Pantry	\$47.	Penny Jar	\$13
Emmaus Homes	\$369	Labels Refund	<u>\$60</u>
CWS Blankets Plus Mission	<u>\$395</u>	Total Income	\$79
Total Income	\$1176.	Balance as of 5-15-09	\$1285
Disbursements:	(\$1018)		
Balance as of 5-15-09	\$2139.	Youth Fellowship Account	
Memorial/Gift Fund		Balance as of 4-15-09	\$897.
Balance as of 5-15-09	\$9604	Income:	
Cemetery Fund		Soda Machine	\$73
Balance as of 4-15-09	\$3563	Donation	<u>\$25</u>
Income:		Total Income	\$98
Envelopes	\$82	Expense:	
Interest	<u>\$154.</u>	Easter Egg Hunt Supplies	\$65
Total Income	\$236.	Balance as of 5-15-09	\$930.
Expense: Mowing	\$1000.		
Balance as of 5-15-09	\$2799	Etta Licklider VBS Fund	
		Balance as of 5-15-09:	\$1504
		CD Balance:	\$9891.

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: HOW ARE WE DOING IN 2009?

Year to Date income as of May 17, 2009 is \$48,625; Year to Date goal is \$55,000. *As of May 17, anticipated income is behind by \$6375, or 12%.* We have slid back from last month a bit, when we were behind anticipated income by only 8%; however income from the church picnic will boost us back up to a more even point.

As we head into the month of June we cannot rest too easy on our picnic income, however; because June will bring us picnic expense bills, as well as three big quarterly insurance bills.

RESPONDING TO THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY

The Mission and Social Concerns Committee of Bem Church is working to respond to the needs of our community through Helping Hands Food Pantry! We are currently collecting shampoo for distribution at Helping Hands. We are hoping to wrap up the shampoo drive by June 28th, then move on to another healthcare item. Helping Hands will be distributing our shampoo in July. Our goal is to collect 300 bottles by June 28th, to meet the needs of the 300 clients they serve monthly. *As of May 23, we have 135 bottles- 165 to go!* Pick up a bottle or two when you are at the store and bring it with you to church on Sunday! We need your participation!

ST. JOHN'S UCC, BEM- JUNE 2009 CALENDAR

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES- 10:00am SUNDAY SCHOOL- 8:45am

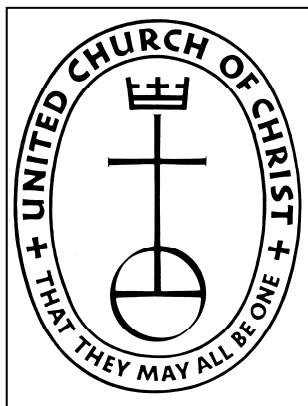
May 31 st -	<i>Pentecost! Wear Red! CE Brunch after church; Camp Mo-Val fundraiser!</i>	
June 3 rd -	Membership Care Committee Meeting	6:30pm
June 4 th -	Pastor/Parish Relations Committee Meeting	6:30pm
June 5 th -	Barnhouse/Koepke Wedding Rehearsal	6:00pm
June 6 th -	Barnhouse/Koepke Wedding	11:30am
June 7 th -	Pairs & Spares trip to Shannondale	11:15am
June 8 th -	Council Meeting	6:30pm
June 10 th -	Ministerial Alliance Meeting at First Baptist Church	10:30am
June 11-14	Pairs & Spares Rummage Sale	
June 12 th -	St. James, Charlotte Picnic	
June 13 th -	Confirmation	9:00am
June 14 th -	Youth Group Meeting after Church	11:15am
June 19 th -	Mission Fair at Bethany UCC featuring Laura Shore	7:00pm
June 22 nd -	Mission Committee Meeting	6:30pm
June 25 th -	52 nd Anniversary of the United Church of Christ	
June 26-27	Relay for Life	
June 26-30	General Synod 27 in Grand Rapids, Michigan	

QUILTING EVERY TUESDAY 9:00AM-2:00PM: BRING SACK LUNCH

YOGA EVERY MONDAY: 6:00-7:30pm

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