

Fall

No one does Fall better than Alton. There are many have-to's for the true Altonian. One must drive up the River Road and note the changing colors. Try a bit of tea at your favorite River Road establishment and watch the reflections off the water. Then there is the new addition on the grocery list regarding Halloween candy. Yes this early in the season people are pondering what to give, what to wear and where they will park for the world's largest Halloween parade.

Ah the parade. Crazy family fun springs eternal on those floats which are sponsored by churches, civic organizations and just plain folks. You dress warm and make sure you get some chili and apple cider in ya. The weather does change in this season and it sneaks up on you. Sweater weather starts about the end of September.

School activities crowd our schedules and the days of dry weather grow shorter. We hang on to the pleasant memories of summer as long as we can before it all gives way to the colorful explosion of Fall. This season is usually a favorite of many precisely because it has that Goldilocks quality. "Not too hot, and not too cold."

The Church calendar changes as well. We know that soon our Mission Study Team will submit a document for a pastoral search process. Our confirmation classes have begun and another crop of our little ones have grown into Christ's disciples, ready to personally claim Christ as Lord and savior. It all seems to go so quickly. Yet this plan of providence firmly established the cadence of life long ago. We are not here by accident.

So enjoy the season and its changes. The timing of the Church's transition is part of God's mysterious work. Everything happens for a reason in due season. It's wonderful to be part of God's plan.

Taking reservations for cider on the River Road,

To start the Prayer Chain for someone in need of prayers call Mary Cordes at 618-465-1760 or 463-1276 or Marjory Bryant at 618-466-5421 or 466-6005.

We could use a few more people on the prayer chain, some of our callers have moved, others no longer have a telephone accessible. Mary and Marj get the request for the special prayers and they in turn call those they are to call, who in turn call their people on down the line. Then all are saying prayers for this person. Please contact either Mary or Marj if you would like to be part of the chain or have questions. We desperately need a few more people to make it work.

Next Elm Leaf Deadline
Wednesday, September 30, 2008

ESPC Web Site has been updated
and has new features
www.geocities.com/espicalton

LITURGISTS
September 7 - Richard Sisk
14 - Chance Shewmake
21 - Tanya Sisk
28 - Debbie Wallace

USHERS
September
Karen and Hannah Auston, Mary Cordes
October
Sandy Krug,

Ushers are needed for October, November and December. If you can't usher every Sunday of the month sign up for the Sundays you can..
Please volunteer. See Marj Bryant

COMMUNION SERVERS**October 5**

Marjory Bryant, Chr., Audrey Stewart,
Sue Bryant, John Kennedy, Terri Darr
Debbie Wallace (set up & serve)

ATTENDANCE

8/10 - 45, 8/17 - 47, 8/24 - 52, 8/31 - 49

BIRTHDAYS**September**

4.....Al Wallace
8.....Kristin Stone
10.....Mark Stone
11.....Tyler Trusty
14.....Jacob Hruby
16.....William Stone
17.....Mary Beth Busler
21.....Dean Stiegemeier
25.....Evert Kingery
26.....Eric Lister
27.....John Kennedy

October

3.....Jeremy Shewmake
4.....Charles Tague
5.....Ruth Wilson
6.....Jenny Wyatt
7.....Sue Stone
9.....Jeff Auston
10.....Sara Lichtsinn
 Michael Stolze
11.....Lynne Phelps
12.....Marjorie Johnson

If I have missed your birthday, I'm truly sorry. I hope it was a good one. Please, let me know when it was. Marj Bryant

ADDRESSES

Evert Kingery
1201 Hartman Lane, Apt. 221
Shiloh, IL 62221
Phone # 618-239-3564

THANK YOU

I would like to thank all our friends at ESPC for the cards, memorials and expressions of sympathy on the recent death of my husband, Bill. How nice it is to have such good Christian friends.

God Bless You All!

Elinor Blacklock and family

Marjorie Johnson would like to say thanks for her cards.

FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Just a note to let you know that our computer crashed and many things were lost including everyone's financial statement information. I have all the paper information and am busy recreating the files. If you have any questions see or call *Bobbi Wray*

CRISIS FOOD CENTER REPORT

In August before the food drive started ESPC sent 30 items to the Crisis Food Center. We do not have the count for our August **CRISIS FOOD CENTER FOOD COLLECTION DRIVE**.

DEACONS REPORT

The Deacons are asking you to continue using your green Deacon Fund envelope (found in with your pledge envelopes) as often as you can. The Love Fund has not been used lately so it has money in it. Because of the Spaghetti Supper and your generous donations, the Deacons have been able to help many with their utility bills, etc. this past month and they still get several calls a day for help. Their money goes fast.. **They also are still collecting empty ink-jet cartridges with printer heads, don't forget to bring your empty ones in.**

SESSION INFORMATION

The Session met August 26, 2008 with Rev Will Mason as Moderator.

The Session approved the following:

1. The minutes of the previous meeting and treasurer's report.
2. Approved vacation days for the Adm. Assistant, 9/11, 10/15 & 16, 11/11.

3. Use of the building on November 4, 2008 for voting and on September 25 & 26, 2008 by Nancy Matis for the Girl Scout Cookie Caravan.
4. Rev. Mason to take vacation December 13 & 14, 2008 to attend his daughter Sarah's graduation.
5. The 25% of the Peacemaking offering (we keep) and the Lost Coin Ministry through August to go to the Deacons.
6. Change the December Session meeting to Dec. 16 from Dec. 23 and the Session to meet with the Confirmation Class on Sunday, Dec. 21 immediately following worship.
7. On Christmas Eve receive the Confirmands and have communion.

The Mission Study Team will meet September 8, 2008 at 5:30 pm. The Team is comprised of Richard Sisk - Moderator, Ann McLaughlin - Vice Moderator, Jean Bryant, Bill Bott, Sandy Krug and Mary Cordes. The questionnaire was sent out to the members in the Elm Leaf newsletter. If you haven't filled yours out and returned it do so soon. If you lost yours one can be picked up in the church office. The MST needs this for their work.

The Feasibility Team has been meeting and will meet again on Sept. 6, 2008 to go over their presentation they will give to the Presbytery on September 9, 2008.

NEEDS

The Alton-Godfrey Parish's Third Hurricane Katrina Volunteer Work Team is being formed. The dates are tentatively October 25 thru November 1, 2008, because of the current weather conditions in that area. They will be traveling to Olive Tree Volunteer Village located near New Orleans, LA. Skilled

and Unskilled Workers are both needed. They will take a team of 25 and each one is responsible for their own meals and lodging while there. Expense is \$20.00 per day plus travel (gas and food). See Marj if any questions or contact Sheila Wilkie at 372-8895 or Kay Gunning at 372-4133. The deadline for signing up is September 16, 2008

The Presbytery has a Need for Volunteer Assistance. It is their goal to find willing men and women who would donate some of their time to the ministry of the presbytery in ways that would be enriching and fulfilling as a part of volunteer service. Areas of volunteerism include: hospitality at the presbytery center, assistance in operations (mailings & distributions), assistance with registration at presbytery meetings, assistance in the Resource Center or at Mound Ridge. Already many folks are sharing their gifts but they could use more! Pat Cook, our Volunteer Coordinator is willing to train volunteers and help them find their niche of service. With the cost of gas, we also promise to be good stewards about a person's availability. See Marj for more information or call Judy Pickett at the presbytery office 877-772-2395 Ext.112

Presbytery is looking for stories of God's Grace working in your life, but that Grace was not recognized until hours, days, months or even years later.

Guidelines:

- Stories should be 500 words or less; however do not let that stop you. The editors can expand or decrease the number of words.
- Stories must be non-fiction.
- We reserve editorial rights for all stories.
- If you have a story to tell but do not want to write it, a personal interview can be arranged by contacting Cindy Corley at 877-772-2395 Ext. 100.

Mail submissions to The Resource Center at

the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy 2236 Tower Grove Ave. St. Louis, MO 63110 or email as a Word document attachment to ccorley@glpby.org. The deadline is November 1, 2008. They will be put in a book. See Marj for more information.

HELP NEEDED

A volunteer or two to help JoAnn Phelps clean the Nursery.

3 or 4 volunteers to provide the Salvation Army Dinner on Saturday, Sept. 20, 2008
Contact Jo Ann Phelps if you can do either.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ESPC Annual Golf Scramble
Sunday, September 14, 2008 1:00 pm
At Rolling Hills Golf Course
Cost \$30.00

A potluck will follow the scramble and the main dish will be provided.
Open to Alton-Godfrey Parish Churches
Call Tom Wyatt for more information.

Blessing of the Pets

Saturday, September 20, 2008 at 10:30 am
Special service to bless all pets and memorialize those who have died since last year.

On the lawn in front of the CE Building

ESPC is invited to a Baby Shower for Becky Paddock Saville on Sunday, September 21, 2008 at 2:00 pm in the C. E. Building Fellowship Hall. RSVP to Karen Auston - 467-1935 or Mary Cordes - 465-1760

Do you have "Treasures" to sell or are you looking for some cool "Treasures"?
Cool City Treasures Community-wide Sale
October 11, 2008 from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm at the Old St. Patrick's School at 5th and Central, Alton, IL Table space rental is \$25.00 for individuals, groups, or product vendors, might include artwork, handicrafts, books, retail

products, plants, etc. To reserve a space or more info call Jan Hines at 377-8257 or Mary Lu McManus at 660-5223 before Sept. 20, 2008. Benefit sponsored by the Alton Cluster of the United Congregations of Metro East.

Over 55 -

October 15 and 16, 2008- October 15 and 16, 2008- an overnight trip to New Harmony, IN Leave CAPC at 8 am on the 15th, first stop Cedarhurst Center for the Arts in Mount Vernon with a step on guide, lunch on our own then on to New Harmony where we will learn the history of the religious group founded in 1814. New Harmony will be our overnight home with dinner at the famous Red Geranium Restaurant. On the way home we will stop at the Illinois Artisan Center with lunch on our own at Rend Lake. Home about 4:00 pm. Cost of the trip is \$202 double occupancy or \$251 single occupancy and includes bus, admissions, hotel, dinner, breakfast and fees. Reservation deadline is September 15. When you make your reservation tell us whether you want pecan encrusted chicken or sweet Thai over roasted pork tenderloin smothered in apples and dates as your dinner entrée

November 11, Tuesday Savor the City, seven stops with includes samples. Leave CAPC at 8:00 am. Tour led by Linda Koenig. First stop Missouri History Museum where we will have a light breakfast. Other stops include coffee, ice cream, candy, lunch, pastries and spices, not necessarily in that order. Cost \$50.00 and final count due October 12, 2008. Home by 4 pm.

December 10, Wednesday- Tour of Conoco Phillips Wood River Refinery, see the History Museum and be their guests for lunch in the company cafeteria. Advised to wear jeans or slacks and closed toe hard soled shoes. Leave CAPC at 8:30 am. Cost \$15.00 Reservations deadline is December 3, 2008.

December 28, 2008, Sunday - Fox Theatre to see the Rockettes. Let us know if you are interested in going.

February 27, 2009 - St. Louis Symphony Coffee Concert

March 13, 2009 - Gilbert and Sullivan's

Pirates of the Penzance at the Touhill

Fall Luncheon - First Presbyterian Church,
Hardin IL Wednesday, October 1, 2008

11:00 am-1:00 pm \$6.00 donation

Homemade soup or chili, ham sandwich,
dessert and drink

Bazaar, Bake Sale and Luncheon
Moro Presbyterian Church

Saturday, October 4, 2008

from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Quilt raffle at 2:30 pm.

Quality crafts, holiday items, baked
goods, white elephants.

Lunch menu - homemade soup, chili,
Sloppy Joes, fresh hot bread and butter,
homemade pies and cakes

Christmas Wonderland needs volunteers to help in the park setting up the displays and lights starting in September. Male of Female Any age. Some Specialized skills are needed but not the only skills needed.. Need people with minimal carpentry knowledge, to paint, to string lights, to carrying and to lift light-loads, etc. Please call the Alton Convention and Visitors Bureau to volunteer or if you need more information - 465-6676.

Bulletin Bloopers

The Pastor's schedule is really bull.

The new church swearshirts are available in the fellowship hall.

A reminder that members may father early for fellowship in the adult education building.

September & October 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14 9:15 Sun. School 10:30 Prayer 10:45 Worship 1pm Golf Scramble 4pm Confirmation class	15 7 pm Deacons 8 pm AA/AI Anon	16	17 7 pm Boy Scout T-7	18 5:30 pm Nominating 6 pm Worship Comm. 6 pm Youth n Comm. 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Choir practice	19 6:30 pm Use of the CE Bldg Fellowship Hall	20 10:30 am BLESSING OF THE PETS ESPC Salvation Army Meal
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Elm Leaf Prayer Concerns - September 2008

"Members"

Esther & Bill Bott
Florence & Dan Earnhardt
Nellie Smithee
Evert Kingery
Jeannette Greene
Richard & Sonia Hetge
Lois Mitchell
Jean Freer

"In The Nursing Home"

Pat Gross.....Willow Rose
Lorene Peterson... .St. Patrick's Residence
Clarabel Park.....Royal Oak Care Ctr.
Gladys Chappee..... Eunice Smith Nsg. Home
Marjorie Johnson... White Hall Nsg & Rehab Ctr.
Willanette Ball.....Methodist Village
Ruth Wilson.....The Fountains
Helen Foster.....The Fountains
Gertrude Haynes.....The Fountains
Jean Freer...Eunice Smith Nsg Home

Relatives and Friends of ESPC

Gertrude Smith, Hazel Morgan.....John Kennedy
Betty Bishop, Mary Calendar.....Chance Shewmake & Katy Jarman
Mary Kathryn & Marcia Slifka.....Chance Shewmake & Katy Jarman
Dorothy Crabtree.....Bill Stone and Louise Norman's sister
Anna Hopkins.....Kathy Steinmann
Carol Jo & Don Domescik, Helen Waggoner.....Carole Springgate
Mary Prosser ,Mary Kay & Joe Ryan, Martha Fleming.....Jane Hellrung
Linda Baze, Ann Slaughter.....Stolze's
Rose Ann Stice & Bill Dieu.....Bill Stone
Carol Wagner.....Sandy Krug
Ann Schubert.....Ann McLaughlin
Barb Roth.....The Bryant Family
Glenna Pickett.....Debbie Wallace
Margo & Robert Greenwell.....Debbie Wallace
Debbie Davis.....The Wrays
Kathie Rain
Debbie Krug.....Sandy's daughter-in-law
Betty Mason.....Rev. Mason's mother
Dylan Ross.....Terry Shewmake
Patty Stalcup.....co-worker of Mary Cordes
The Family of Daniel Dix
Jerry Whitten, Melonie Biever, Mary Kaiser.....Ann McLaughlin
Scott Bryant.....Cathy Bryant's son
Dorothy Conner.....friend of Mildred Maguire
The family and friends of Gloria Gray

First PC - Grace Summers, Dick & Liz Johnson, Debbie Gates, Tony Ingles, Jim Johnson,
Charlene Hamilton, Hannah Burford, Jack Maloney, Bonnie Norman, Linda Campbell

**If you know of anyone that can be taken off of the prayer list,
please call the church office and let us know.**