

WOW! WOW! WOW!

I WOULD HAVE NEVER HAVE BELIEVED IT ,IF I HAVEN'T BEEN THERE. WE PULLED OFF ANOTHER AMAZING SPAGHETTI DINNER. THIS WAS PROBABLY THE BEST ATTENDED ONE THAT WE HAVE HAD SO FAR. HAVING ENOUGH PEOPLE TO MAN IT WAS THE BIG CONCERN. WE HAD ABOUT HALF THE NUMBER, THAT WE WOULD PROBABLY NEED SIGNED UP THE SUNDAY BEFORE THE DINNER. ALSO, LAST YEAR WAS THE FIRST TIME, THAT WE HAD DONE IT FOR ABOUT 3 YEARS AND AGAIN WE WEREN'T SURE THAT WE WOULD HAVE THE TURN OUT THAT WE HAD EXPERIENCED OVER THE PAST YEARS.

THE DEACONS' AND THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE JOINED FORCES AND WORKED TOGETHER TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE. I'VE SAID IT BEFORE AND I'LL SAY IT AGAIN, HOW PROUD OF OUR PEOPLE I AM AND HOW PROUD I AM TO BE A PART OF THESE GROUPS AT ESPC. I DON'T KNOW WHY I AM SURPRISED, WHEN IT IS TIME TO "GET-R-DONE" WE DO. THE NEXT IS A QUOTE FROM LAST YEARS LETTER "WE ARE SMALL, BUT DON'T COUNT US OUT (UNTIL THE LAST VOTE HAS BEEN CAST - HA HA). WHEN PUSH COMES TO SHOVE AND THE CHIPS ARE DOWN, THAT'S WHEN WE SHOW UP AND ARE AT OUR STRONGEST. IT'S BEEN MY EXPERIENCE MANY TIMES AT ESPC, THAT WE COME TOGETHER FOR A COMMON CAUSE, FROM THE BUCKET BRIGADE TO THE COLLECTION OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS, CRISIS FOOD AND ETC., NO MATTER WHAT OUR DIFFERENCES MAY BE". AND THIS TIME WAS NO DIFFERENT. WE GOT IT DONE!

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THOSE THAT MADE IT HAPPEN, FROM THE DEACONS' & OUTREACH TO THE WORKS, FOOD PREPARERS, DESSERT MAKERS, SET-UP, TAKE DOWN, AND ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT BOUGHT TICKETS AND CAME. ALSO, AN ADDED SPECIAL THANKS TO THE YOUTH, THAT HELPED OUT AND DID AN EXCELLENT JOB. I WANT TO ADD TO THIS THAT IT'S NO SECRET THAT OUR YOUTH ARE NOT MANY ANY MORE, BUT WE HAD AT LEAST HALF OF OUR WORKERS, THAT WERE YOUTH (RANGING IN AGE FROM TEENS TO VERY EARLY TWENTIES). I CAN'T SAY ENOUGH ABOUT THEM, BUT WE COULD NOT HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT THEM. I WOULD NAME THEM, BUT I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE ANYONE OUT. YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE AND SO DO WE - THANKS! THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS THAT WE COULD NOT HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT ALL OF THE ABOVE.

AFTER EXPENSES, APPROXIMATELY 2,300 DOLLARS WAS MADE. MAKING MONEY IS THE PURPOSE OF THE SPAGHETTI DINNER. IT IS A FUND RAISER AND IT ALLOWS US TO DO WHAT DEACONS' DO - GIVE IT AWAY. YES, A BIG PART OF OUR FUNCTION IS TO HELP THOSE IN NEED AND WE CAN'T DO THAT, IF WE DON'T HAVE THE FUNDS. SO, ONCE AGAIN THANKS FOR MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO DO WHAT WE DO BEST - HELP OTHERS.

SINCERELY,
JOHN KENNEDY

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, August 19, 2009

ESPC Web Site
www.geocities.com/espcalton

LITURGISTS

June 7 - Ann McLaughlin
14 - Marjory Bryant
21 - Kaitlyn Gunning
28 - Debbie Wallace

USHERS

June

Kathy Steinmann and Tanya Sisk
As you can see we are desperately in need of ushers. If you can't usher every Sunday of the month sign up for the Sundays you can.
Please volunteer. See Marj Bryant

COMMUNION SERVERS

June 7 Chance Shewmake Chr.,
Audrey Stewart, Kathy Steinmann
Katy Jarman (set up & serve)

July 5 - Lyndal Colburn, Chr.
Nancy Bailey, Cathy Bryant
John Kennedy (set up & serve)

August 2 - Marj Bryant, Chr.
Sue Bryant, Dan Jarman
Ann McLaughlin (set up & serve)

September 6 - Audrey Stewart, Chr.,
Kathy Steinmann, Chance Shewmake,
Tanya Sisk, Terri Darr,
Emily Paddock (set up & serve)

ATTENDANCE

3/22 - 46, 3/29 - 63, 4/5 - 55, 4/12 - 82,
4/19 - 28, 4/26 - 39, 5/3 - 40, 5/10 - 42
5/17 - 49, 5/24 - 35, 5/31 - 37

BIRTHDAYS

June

1.....Kirk Phelps
4.....Christopher Darr
7.....Nellie Smithee
8.....Hannah Auston
 Lyndal Colburn
12.....Jordan Bryant
19.....Loretta Tague
21.....Terry Shewmake
22.....Sue Bryant
23.....Lois Mitchell
27.....Tom Wyatt
29.....Richard Sisk
30.....Jean Freer

July

1.....Bobbi Wray
 Patrick Thatcher
13.....Terri Darr
 Leorene Peterson
19.....Belinda Gunning
21.....Steve Springgate
22.....Chance Shewmake
24.....Janice Gremaud
 Elsie Siemer
26.....Daniel Earnhardt

- 28.....Cathy Bryant
 30.....Ann McLaughlin
August
 3.....Zachary Bryant
 Sandy Krug
 Maddie Meyer
 4.....Brandon Medlock
 6.....Sara Keene
 Andy Hruby
 7.....Timothy Shewmake
 Rev. Ken De Wall
 9.....Maggie Paddock
 10.....Michael Wyatt
 11.....Mary Cordes
 14.....Carol Jo Domescik
 15.....Mark Springgate
 17.....Marguerite Crowson
 26.....Willanette Ball
 28.....Kayla Wray
 30.....Sarah Wyatt Kirkpatrick

September

- 4.....Al Wallace
 8.....Kristen Stone
 10.....Mark Stone
 11.....Tyler Trusty

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

THANK YOU'S

A special thank you to *Carole Springgate, Nancy Bailey, Maggie Haggerty, Harry Fessler and JoAnn Phelps* for providing dinner for 20 at the Salvation Army on April 11, 2009. They served Kentucky Fried Chicken.

I would like to thank the choir of Elm Street for their time and energy in the rehearsals for the Easter Cantata "Lamb of God". It requires extra initiative, and you are there, ready to sing to the Lord. Thanks much for a job WELL DONE!!!!
 Also, thanks to the Worship committee on the sanctuary and vestments. The changes remind us that we are moving along on our journey.
Blessings, Cherilyn Trusty

I want to thank everyone for the beautiful, huge potted geranium floral arrangements I received for Administrative Assistant's Day. They are a welcome addition to my front yard.
 Thanks for your thoughtfulness. *Marj Bryant*

OUR SYMPATHY

ESPC extends its sympathy to the families of **Dwight Gross** who went to be with the Lord March 30, 2009
 And

Helen Hermann Foster

Who went to be with the Lord May 2, 1009

Both will be missed by all who knew and loved them.

CONGRATULATIONS

Aaron Michael Gunning was baptized at ESPC on February 8, 2009

Belinda Leah Gunning member of ESPC.

Roland and Jo Lee who were placed back on the active membership rolls at ESPC

Matthew Stolze who graduated from Robert Morris College Magna Cm Laude

Graduates from Alton High School:

Ryan Huber - received a Gold Alpha and will be attending school in Rolla, MO

Breanne Shewmake - received a Silver Alpha and will be attending LCCC in Godfrey

Kayla Wray - received a Gold Alpha and will be attending Hannibal-LaGrange in Hannibal, MO

On the births of:

Lynleigh Faith Lichtsinn

born May 19, 2009 at 9lbs. 2oz.

Daughter of Sara Lichtsinn

Granddaughter of Lynne and Brent Phelps

Great Granddaughter of Jo Ann Phelps

Josephine Lynn "Josie" Williams
 Born May 25, 2009 at 7lbs. 15oz.
 Daughter of Sarah (Paddock) & Chris Williams
 Granddaughter of Jeff & Karen Auston
 Mike & Maggie Paddock

Addresses

Belinda Leah Gunning & family .
 20792 Rothe Road
 Jerseyville, IL 62052

Roland and Jo Lee
 5201 Shannon Drive
 Godfrey IL 62035
 Telephone- 618-467-0512

Winifred Orris
 Bethesda Meadows Room 250
 322 Old State Road
 Ellisville MO 63021
 Telephone - 636-227-3431

CRISIS FOOD CENTER REPORT

ESPC sent 134 items to the Crisis Food Center since reported in our last newsletter. We have received a letter from the Crisis Food Center thanking us for our generous gift. With our help they were able to make this Easter season special and continue to feed those who are hungry in this area. They continue seeing an increase in the number of new families needing their services,

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. They have not been able to help as many people as they would like. Their money goes fast. **They are still collecting empty ink-jet cartridges with printer heads**, don't forget to bring your empty ones in. The Spaghetti Supper of April 25 did very well. They also sold Watkins products after hosting a coffee hour serving foods using Watkins products.

SESSION INFORMATION

The Session met with Rev. Mason as moderator March 24 and Rev. Jay Kanerva as Moderator April 24 & May 26. The Session approved:

1. The minutes of the previous meetings and the treasurer's reports.
2. January through March Lost Coin Ministry to go to the Deacons.
3. For the Alton Day Care and Learning Center to use our facilities if there was a disaster of some sort in their building such as a fire, gas leak, etc.
4. Several items for the Church Information Form submitted by the Designated Pastor Nominating Committee.
5. Jerry Wray's resignation as an active Elder.
6. Request for baptism on June 28, 2009 of; Ashley JoAnn and Edward Hartford Phelps Brayden Charles Shaw, Caleb Milo Harris and Lynleigh Faith Lichtsinn.
7. Return to active membership Roland and Jo Lee.
8. Give the money collected in the April, May and June Lost Coin Ministry to Elisa Wallace for her missionary work.
9. To participate again this year in the Bucket Brigade.
10. To change the Worship service time from 10:45 am to 10:15 am beginning June 7.
11. Accept the resignation of Audrey Stewart from the Godfrey New Church Development Committee.
12. Nomination of Dan Jarman to replace Jerry Wray as Elder if approved by the congregation.
13. Set the Special Congregational meeting for June 7, 2009 and the Installation date for the Elder on June 14, 2009.

Outreach Committee

Since there have been no offers of a Coffee Hour coordinator, it has been decided to have a coffee hour on the second and last Sundays of the month. If you would like to volunteer to host a coffee hour on any Sunday, see Sue Bryant. On Sundays when no coffee hour is

scheduled if you make coffee and get out the supplies you will be responsible for cleaning up after worship

Coffee hour host are

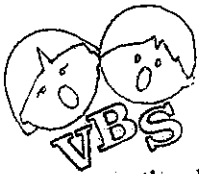
June 14 - Sue and Marj Bryant

June 28 - JoAnn Phelps

July 12 - Mildred Maguire & Sandy Krug

The Outreach Committee is selling coupons for White's Greenhouse and Season Garden Center. They are \$10.00 each or a book for \$100.00 and they are good until 10/01/2010. They can be purchased in the church office or from JoAnn Phelps.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Vacation Bible School started June 7, 2009 at CAPC 6:30-8:30 pm

Theme: "Rome - Paul and the Underground Church"

For all ages preschoolers through adults. We will be in family groups (grandparents, parents, youth). We are really excited about this, it will be different than the previous VBS. If you haven't signed up it isn't to late. Come to CAPC at 6:30 pm. Never too late!

The Coffee hour after worship on June 14, 2009 will honor our member Jerry Wray CLP who was commissioned to be the Bethalto Presbyterian Church's pastor at the Presbytery meeting in May.

ESPC's is scheduled for the Salvation Army Dinner's July 18, 2009 and September 26, 2009. If you can help on one of these days, see JoAnn Phelps.

Focus on the word below and create another word by rearranging the letters.

"LISTEN"

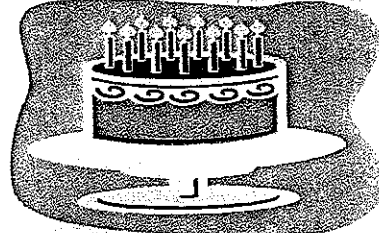
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Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy Summer Fest
A "Celebrate Who We Are" Church Party
Sunday, July 19, 2009 2:00-5:00 pm

at the John Calvin Presbyterian Church 12567
Natural Bridge Road, Bridgeton, MO

Fun For All Ages - Music, Dancers, Games,
Balloons, Party Snacks

A Birthday Cake with 500 candles?!!



CAPC invites you to attend a reception
welcoming Interim Pastor Janet Riley
to the community on

Sunday, June 28, 2009 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

ENCOUNTER'S 2009 Performance Schedule

Musical - Lion of Judah/Calvary's Lamb

June 7 - 6:00 pm - Dow Southern Baptist Ch.

June 14 - 6:00 pm - Christ Church UMC -

Fairview Heights, IL

June 28 - 6:00 pm - Bethalto Church of God

July 12 - 7:00 pm - St. Paul UMC - Brighton

July 19 - 6:00 pm - River of Life Family Church
Alton

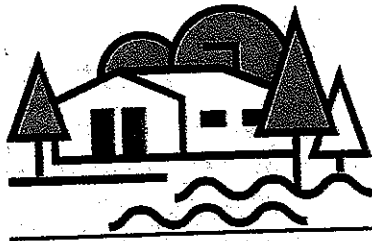
July 24-Aug 2 - 2009 Encounter Tour

August 9 - 4:00pm & 7:00 pm - Main St. United
Methodist Church

Over 55

Thursday, July 16 - Mercantile Library, oldest library west of the Mississippi and grandparent of all cultural institutions in St. Louis. It is located on the UMSL campus. Two of the exhibits are "The West The Railroads Made" and "The West The Railroads Are Making" and will be docent led. Lunch will be at Cannoli's in Florissant. Cost \$30.00 is all inclusive. Leave CAPC at 8:15 am & return about 3:00 pm Reservation deadline July 10.

Sunday August 9 - Union Avenue Opera to see "The Merry Widow" The complicated plot deals with the attempts of the Baron to obtain the Merry Widow's fortune for his improvised country by getting his young compatriot to marry her. We will be the first group ever to attend and our seats will be the best in the house! Cost \$50.00 for bus and opera. Reservation deadline July 31.



Bucket Brigade 2009

Another Bucket Brigade Saturday has come and gone and once again ESPC did it's part. We get fewer and fewer, but we still get it done. This year there were just four of us, but that's all that it took to complete the job.

The house that we painted was one that we had painted about five years ago. That was a plus for two reasons, first it was a smaller house and fairly easy to get to and secondly it had held up pretty good, needing very little preparation.

We started about 8:00 A.M. and completed the house by about 2:00 P.M. We all took a side and did what we came to do, paint the house and we did.

Jean Bryant, Steve Springgate and Lyndal Colburn for their hard work and

stick to it effort, so that we could complete what we started, the same day.

This truly fits our motto "We Are Small, But We Are Mighty."

Thanks So Much!

John Kennedy

The answer to rearranging the letters in "listen" is "Silent"

Bulletin Bloopers

The Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is over.

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday morning.

The pastor will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing, "Break Forth Into Joy."

Thursday Night Potluck Supper. Prayer and medication to follow.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

JUNE..July 2009

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
7 10:00 Prayer 10:15 Worship COMMUNION Congregational Mig VBS 6:30 CAPC	1 8 pm AA/AI Anon	2 7 pm Outreach Comm. meets	3 7 pm Boy Scout T-7	4	5	6
14 10:00 Prayer 10:15 Worship Installation of Elder	8 .8 pm AA/AI Anon 6:30 pm VBS -CAPC	9 6:30 pm VBS -CAPC Over 55 trip	10 6:30 pm VBS -CAPC 7 pm Boy Scout T-7	11 6:30 pm VBS -CAPC	12 6:00 pm VBS potluck Glazebrook Park	13 Mary Cordes use of CE Bldg LL
21 Father's Day 10:00 Prayer 10:15 Worship	15 8 pm AA/AI Anon	16 6 :30 pm B&P Women	17 7 pm Boy Scout T - 7	18	19	20 Amanda Phelps use of CE BLG LL
28 10:00 Prayer 10:15 Worship	22 .8 pm AA/AL-Anon	23 7 pm Session	24 7 pm Boy Scout T-7	25	26 6 pm Debbie Krug use of CE BLDG LL	27
	29 8 pm AA/AI Anon	30	JULY 1 7 pm Boy Scout T-7	2	3 Office Closed	4

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5 10:00 Prayer 10:15 Worship - Communion	6 7 pm Outreach Committee meets 8 pm AA/AI Anon	7	8 7 pm Boy Scout T-7	9	10	11
12 10:00 Prayer 10:15 Worship	13 8 pm AA/AI Anon	14	15 7 pm Boy Scout T - 7	16	17	18 ESPC Salvation Army Dinner
19 10:00 Prayer 10:15 Worship	20 8 pm AA/AI Anon	21	22 7 pm Boy Scout T - 7	23	24	25

Elm Leaf Prayer Concerns - Summer 2009

"Members"

Esther & Bill Bott
Florence & Dan Earnhardt
Nellie Smithee
Evert Kingery
Jeannette Greene
Family of Dwight Gross
Lois Mitchell
Loretta Tague
Family of Helen Foster
Bill & Mark Stone

"In The Nursing Home"

Pat Gross.....Willow Rose
Lorene Peterson... .St. Patrick's Residence
Clarabel Park.....Royal Oak Care Ctr.
Mary Calendar.....Robing's Manor
Marjorie Johnson....White Hall Nsg & Rehab Ctr.
Willanette Ball.....Methodist Village
Ruth Wilson.....Robing's Manor
Sonia Hetge.....Jerseyville Manor
Jean Freer.....Eunice Smith Nsg Home

Relatives and Friends of ESPC

Betty Bishop, Mary Calendar.....Chance Shewmake & Katy Jarman
Mary Kathryn, Sharon & 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
Ann Slaughter & Trish Stolze.....Stolze's
Rose Ann Stice & Bill Dieu.....Bill Stone
Ruth & Barb Roth.....The Bryant Family
Margo & Robert Greenwell.....Debbie Wallace
Mike & Lori Mortland & Debbie Kanyo.....Ann McLaughlin
Dorothy Conner.....friend of Mildred Maguire
The Reynolds family.....Cherilyn Trusty's Family
Scott BryantSon of Cathy Bryant
Greg & Cathy Lister.....Marjorie Johnson's daughter and son-in-law
Diana Maassen & Mercedes Reynolds.....friend of Jean Bryant
Judy Colburn.....Lyndal's wife
Kathy Shewmake.....Zada and Chance's daughter
Delani Jarman.....granddaughter of Dan and Katy Jarman
Bob Cronin.....Terri Darr's father
Kin Stiebel.....daughter-in-law of Joyce Schrupf Goethe
Gary Lee Roberts.....nephew of Marjorie Johnson
Kamryn Oxford.....Ann McLaughlin's niece
Judy Stice.....friend of Nancy Bailey
Winifred Orris
Ellen Naujokas.....friend of JoAnn Phelps

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