

WOW! IT'S EASY AS 1, 2, 3

I will spare ya'll a long letter (HA! HA!). I say this because the bottom line is pretty much the same for all three of the events, even though they are their own thing. What it comes down to is that none of them appeared at the beginning to be able to get off the ground. The reason for this being a concern was a lack of workers. This is not due to the fact that we have a bunch of lazy church members (quite the opposite), it's because we have a lack of members. So, to get to the point of this letter we pulled all three events off with flying colors. The reason being was those that were able to work worked harder and longer and we had A LITTLE HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS. For each event we were joined by people that were not members of ESPC, but were in some way connected to one or more of our members. This has happen time and time again, we have truly been BLESSED. I know your getting tired of hearing me say this, but I have to say it; ALTHOUGH WE ARE SMALL WE ARE MIGHTY and once again it has been my experience that when a real need is there, so are we. A SPECIAL THANKS to those people that joined our forces to make these events work. We COULD NOT have pulled them off with out your help. Also, a SPECIAL THANKS to the YOUTH and YOUNG ADULTS that jumped in and did a GREAT JOB.

I have to share one story with you. It was shared in church on Sunday 6/13/2010, but for those of you that may not have been there here it is. The lady's house that we painted had mildew on it and was somewhat dirty, in other words it needed to be power washed. So, three of us went there the Thursday before the Saturday, that we were to paint and power washed it. The problem was the lady didn't have an outside water connection, but her neighbor across the road did. He let us use his water and his hose. We spent between 1-1/2 to 2 hours cleaning the outside of the lady's house. He (Amado Laura) let us use his water and hose on paint day, as well, along with ladders and tree trimming tools. Amado is most likely in his 70's and not particularly blessed in a monetary way, but he never asks for a thing in return. He just said that we could use what he had, if we needed it and turned and walked back to his house with that million dollar smile on his face. I wanted to do something for Amado and made a suggestion that we send him a check to help cover the water that we used, as a way of thanking him. It was agreed and approved by the Deacons'. So, Norma Waggoner wrote out a check and a thank you card and mailed it to him. A couple days later she got a call from Amado. He thanked her and said that he couldn't accept the check, that although he wasn't wealthy and his house wasn't much to speak of, he had been blessed with good health and in many other ways and that he would be tearing the check up. He said to use the money for someone whose needs were greater than his "HE HAD BEEN BLESSED" and so had we. WOW, why didn't we think of that?

Thanks Again ESPC,

john kennedy

P.S.

The return of the Salad Luncheon fell in this category, as well. Again, THANKS YA'LL !

To start the Prayer Chain for someone in need of prayers call Mary Cordes at 618-465-1760 or 462-0677 ext 2835 or Marj 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.

Next Elm Leaf Deadline
Friday, August 20, 2010

ESPC Web Site
<http://espcalton.tripod.com>
<http://espc.weebly.com>

LITURGISTS

July 4 - Marjory Bryant
11 - Debbie Wallace
18 - Kathy Steinmann
25 - Chance Shewmake

August 1 - Richard Sisk
8 - Kathy Steinmann
15 - Debbie Wallace
22 - Tom Wyatt
29 - Marjory Bryant

September 5 - Jenny Wyatt
12 - Tom Wyatt
19 - Debbie Wallace

USHERS

July - The Shewmakes
August - Marjory Bryant

Please volunteer to usher.
Sign up sheet in the sanctuary.

COMMUNION SERVERS

August 1 - Lyndal Colburn - Chr.,
Kathy Steinmann, Tanya Sisk,
Sandra Krug (set up & serve)

September 5 - Dan Jarman - Chr.,
Marj Bryant, Sue Bryant,
Katy Jarman, Terri Darr
John Kennedy (set up & serve)

ATTENDANCE

5/2 - 47, 5/9 - 63, 5/16 - 41, 5/23 - 49, 6/6 - 49,
6/13 - 33, 6/20 - 59, 6/27 - 47, 7/4 - 37

BIRTHDAYS**JULY**

1.....Patrick Thatcher
Bobbi Wray
13.....Terri Darr
19.....Belinda Gunning
21.....Steven Springgate
22.....Chance Shewmake
24.....Janice Gremaud
Elsie Siemer
26.....Daniel Earnhardt
28.....Cathy Bryant
30.....Ann McLaughlin

AUGUST

3.....Zachary Bryant
Sandy Krug
3.....Madelyn Meyer
4.....Brandon Medlock
6.....Sara Keene
Andrew Hruby
7.....Tim Shewmake
Rev. Ken DeWall
9.....Maggie Paddock
10.....Michael Wyatt
11.....Mary Cordes
14.....Carol Jo Domescik
15.....Mark Springgate
17.....Jake Brey
26.....Willanette Ball
28.....Kayla Wray

SEPTEMBER

4.....Al Wallace
 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

Thank you to the people that planted the flowers in front of the Bulletin Board.
 They look very nice.

Please accept this small donation as a thank you for once again providing our family with your most accommodating facilities for our gathering. We appreciate the hospitality you extend.

Liz Cordes

ESPC On behalf of the Oasis Women's Center, I want to thank you for your thoughtful contribution to our friends campaign. Oasis is fortunate to have community people like you who provide continuing support. You enable us to deliver quality services to the many women and children in our area who are the victims of violence in their own homes. Thank you for your Lenten Service Gift. Thank you for caring,
Reverend George Humbert

Dear Congregation of the Elm Street Presbyterian Church, On behalf of the staff and women and children of Oasis, I would like to thank the congregation of the ESPC for their donation to Oasis Women's Center from your Lenten service of March 10, 2010. Oasis offers a supportive atmosphere for women to plan their lives and the lives of their families free of domestic violence. The staff provides a safe environment with stable shelter, advocacy, food, transportation, and referrals to many women and children and men in crisis. They come to Oasis to share in the peace, personal safety and growth

opportunities. We have been providing free services for the community since 1978. Every contribution is greatly appreciated. It is the support of many people that enable us to continue in our efforts to stop violence, and to educate the community about the effects of this crime on our community. Thank you for your continued support of our program. Sincerely,
Margarette Trushel Executive Director

CONGRATULATIONS**Lucy Manker**

Born Tuesday, April 20, 2010 - 9lb. 8ozs.
 Daughter of Justin and Amy Manker
 Grandmother - Kathy Steinmann

Grace Elizabeth Williams

Born Friday, June 11, 2010 - 7lbs 5ozs.
 Daughter of Sarah and Christopher Williams
 Big Sister - Josephine Lynn
 Grandparents - Karen & Jeff Auston
 Mike & Maggie Paddock

SYMPATHY

To the family of
Ruth G. Wilson

She died June 26, 2010
 at Robings Manor, Brighton
 She had been Director of the Crisis Food Center for many years.

NEW MEMBERS

Transfer of Membership from Bethalto PC
Brittany & Virginia Thatcher
 5107 Dixon Drive
 Godfrey, IL 62035
 618-467-6343

Transfer of membership from Main St. UMC
Michael and Elizabeth Brey
 Affirmation of Faith - Confirmation Class
Brian Brey
 1912 E. Jerome Drive
 Godfrey, IL 62035
 618-466-2920

They also have a younger son, Jake

CRISIS FOOD CENTER REPORT

ESPC sent over 155 items to the Crisis Food Center since reported in our last newsletter. We have received several letters from the CFC thanking us for our donations. In April they were able to provide a holiday meal for the families and in June they began their third Annual "Kid Box" program. This program provides extra breakfast and lunch foods for families of school age children.

DEACONS REPORT

The Deacons are asking you to continue using your green Deacon Fund envelopes (found in with your pledge envelopes) as often as you can. Their money goes fast. They have received lots of calls for help with electric and water bills. **They are still collecting empty ink-jet cartridges with printer heads, don't forget to bring your empty ones in. Deacons will not be meeting during the summer.**

Stewardship Committee

We would like to thank all of you who helped with Trivia Night. Working, donating, participating in any way to make it a success. And please try to patronize all those businesses who donated for our prizes. Also a special Thank You to those who helped with our Salad Luncheon. Don't forget our Rummage Sale. We still need items to sell and workers.

*Thank You, Dan Jarman
and the Stewardship Committee*

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

ESPC participated in the Arms of Love Baby Bottle Program again this year and the Bucket Brigade. Money was donated to the Encounter Group since Hannah Auston, Jennifer Huber, Lauren McLaughlin, Jamie McLaughlin and Jessica Schultz participate in this program. New Calling lists were prepared and new names added. They purchased a gently used Santa and Mrs. Santa Claus suit. The Outreach Committee recently received a \$39.60 check from clothing left in the little yellow house.

SESSION INFORMATION

The Session met several times since the last Elm Leaf. The church books were taken for review on Sunday June 6, 2010 and passed without any defaults.

The Session approved the following:

1. Transfer of membership from Bethalto PC to ESPC of Brittany and Virginia Thatcher
2. All treasurer's reports and minutes of previous Session meetings
3. Jean and Marjory Bryant to attend an IRS seminar on Thursday, June 10, 2010.
4. To have communion on June 13, 2010 instead of June 6, 2010.
5. To change the Session meeting dates in June and July to 6/27/10 and 7/20/10
6. Change the church checking account to Liberty Bank from US Bank because of excess fees now being charged.
7. To change the CD's to the bank with the best interest rates.
8. Chance Shewmake as Elder Commissioner to Presbytery May 20, 2010.
9. To put the organ, extra desks and desk chairs and refrigerator from the CE Building in the Rummage Sale
10. The baptism of Grace Elizabeth Williams on July 11, 2010.
11. The Merger Questionnaire to be sent to all ESPC and 12th St. Members.
12. Allow the Administrative Assistant to attend a Church Secretary's meeting on July 15.
13. To change the office hours in the fall and winter to Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 am until 12:30 pm and Thursdays 1:00 - 5:00 pm.

It was also reported that the General Assembly is planning on making changes to the Book of Order which can be found on the general Assemblies website. Rev. Paul Reiter, Presbyter of Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery will be undergoing surgery in August in Cleveland, Ohio and will be on a medical leave.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We are having Sunday School for the Youth during the Summer. Come join us. Vacation Bible School was held at the Nature Institute June 21 - 25, 2010 by College Ave, First and Elm St. Presbyterian Churches. Over 60 were registered but of course attendance was not that high, 58 one day, less others. It was a very hot week and all activities were outside. Other churches were also represented. Bible stories, crafts, games, music and refreshments were enjoyed by all. Elm Street had few youth attend but many adult and youth volunteers. Thanks to *Mary Cordes, Ann McLaughlin, Cathy Bryant, Lyndal Colburn, Jean Bryant, Michael Stolze, Brian Brey, Jamie McLaughlin and Kayla Wray* for their help.

From The Office:

If anyone would like to write an article for the quote "Pastor's Page" please let Marj Bryant know. It could be on your committee and what they are doing. It could be on what ever is in your heart.

To avoid conflicts in the use of the church buildings, **ALL USE OF THE BUILDINGS** must be made through the church office and then taken to Session if required.

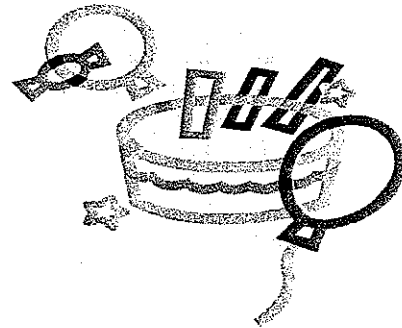
If you have any keys to the Church or CE Building please come by the office or sign the key sign up sheet after worship. We are trying to find out where all the keys are. And why they are out.

I am planning on going back to Bible Study in the fall, so the office hours will be different on Thursdays starting in September. They will be 1:00 - 5:00 pm.

Marj Bryant

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Stewardship Committee is planning a **RUMMAGE SALE** for Saturday July 31. Rain Date- August 7. "Don't forget us when you do your Cleaning", we will be collecting items for the rummage sale. There is a room available now in the Christian Education Building, upper level for the items. If you need something picked up let Jean Bryant or Dan Jarman know.



WOW! 75th Birthday!

I will be celebrating my 75th Birthday on Sunday August 8, 2010 at ESPC in the C. E. Building Fellowship Hall From 2:00 - 4:00 pm

I could not celebrate this special occasion without my Elm Street Church Friends. Please come and help me celebrate this occasion and meet my family.

Please No Gifts:

Sandy Krug

A Little Humor

A Sunday School teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?" "No," replied Johnny. "How could he, with just two worms."

A pastor asked a little boy if he said his prayers every night. "Yes, sir," the boy replied. "And do you always say them in the morning, too?" the pastor asked. "No sir," the boy replied. "I ain't scared in the day time."

Elm Leaf Prayer Concerns - Summer 2010

"Members"

Esther & Bill Bott
Nellie Smithee
Lois Mitchell

"In The Nursing Home"

Pat Gross.....Willow Rose
Clarabel Park.....Royal Oak Care Ctr.
Jean Freer.....Eunice Smith Nsg Home
Willanette Ball.....Eunice Smith Nsg. Home
Al Kaltenbaeck.....Fountain View Manor
Florence & Dan Earnhardt... Eldercare Nsg. Home
Sonia Hetge.....Jerseyville Manor

Relatives and Friends of ESPC

Dorothy Crabtree Louise Norman's sister
Gene & Anna Hopkins.....Kathy Steinmann's parents
Carol Jo & Don Domescik.....Carole Springgate
The Reynolds family.....Cherilyn Trusty's Family
Scott BryantSon of Cathy Bryant
Kathy Shewmake.....Zada and Chance's daughter
Kim Stibel.....daughter-in-law of Joyce Schrupf Goethe
Winifred Orris
Rachael Catanzaro.....friends of ESPC
Mary Calendar.....Katy Jarman's mother, Chance Shewmake's sister
Dennis Rucker
Tim Murphy.....friends of John Kennedy
Barbara Olson12th St. PC
Mary Haugh.....friend of Mary Cordes
Mike Linley.....Sue Bryant
Dale Bailey.....Nancy Bailey's husband
Beverly Butler.....Audrey Stewart
George Slifka.....brother-in-law of Katy & Dan Jarman
Vivian Kunz & Nancy Teague.....Chance & Zada Shewmake
John Rain
Marcia (single mom with mastectomy)
Steven Roger (Kuwait)
Mike Spiroff
Harold Peters
Bob McCrory
Edna McLaughlin
Bill Weed & his Aunt Gladys
Rev. Carl Cook
Grady Watkins
Bob Raleigh
Frank Bush
Dean Williamson
Cody...Jane Hellrung's sisters granddaughter
Mary Brown
Barbara Wedding
Mercedes Reynolds
Phil Stewart

If you know of anyone that can be taken off of the prayer list,

JULY, AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2010

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u> July 1	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
4 10:00 Prayer 10:15 Worship - Communion Independence Day Rev. George Humbert	5 8 pm AA/Al Anon	6 5:30pm - PNC meets	7 7 pm Boy Scout T-7	8 7 pm VBS meeting 1 st PC	9	10
11 9am _ Sunday School 10am Prayer 10:15 Worship Baptism with 12 th St Rev. George Humbert	12 8 pm AA/Al Anon	13 Over 55 trip CAPC 8:30 am	14 7 pm Boy Scout T - 7	15 8:00-am - 3:00 pm Church Secretaries Conference	16	17
18 9am Sunday School 10 am Prayer 10:15 Worship Patrick Thatcher CLP	19 7:00 pm Outreach Committee Mtg?? .8 pm AA/AL-Anon	20 6 pm B&P Women Mtg 7 pm Session	21 7 pm Boy Scout T-7	22	23	24
25 9am Sunday School 10am Prayer 10:15 Worship Patrick Thatcher CLP	26 8 pm AA/Al Anon	27	28 7 pm Boy Scout T-7	29 7pm - ESPC Merger sub-committee meets	30	31 RUMMAGE SALE 8 am - 3pm

<u>Sunday</u> August 1	<u>Monday</u> 2	<u>Tuesday</u> 3	<u>Wednesday</u> 4	<u>Thursday</u> 5	<u>Friday</u> 6	<u>Saturday</u> 7
9am Sunday School 10am Prayer 10:15 Worship Patrick Thatcher CLP	8 pm AA/AL Anon		7 pm Boy Scout T-7			Rummage sale - Rain date
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15 9am Sunday School 10am Prayer 10:15 Worship Patrick Thatcher CLP	16 8 pm AA/AL Anon 7 pm Outreach comm. meets.	17 6:00 pm B&P Women	18 7 pm Boy Scout T - 7	19	20	21
22 9am Sunday School 10 am Prayer 10:15 Worship Patrick Thatcher CLP	23 8 pm AA/AL-Anon	24 7 pm Session	25 7 pm Boy Scout T-7	26	27	28
29 9am Sunday School 10am Prayer 10:15 Worship Patrick Thatcher CLP	30 8pm AA/AL Anon	31	SEPTEMBER 1 7 pm Boy Scout T-7	2 1-5 pm Office hours	3	4