

First Congregational Church, UCC

2201 7th Avenue, Moline, IL 61265 * 309.762.0787

* All Members, Ministers * Rev. Allen Mothershed, Senior Pastor

* Rev. Jacqueline Perry, Associate Pastor

Saturday Worship 5:30p.m., Lower Level

Sunday Worship 10:00a.m.

Fellowship Hour 11:00a.m., Lower Level

August 19, 2009



New Beginnings Sunday September 13, 2009



A Celebration of Ministries

WORSHIP AT 9:00a.m. AND 11:00a.m.

Commissioning of Education and Music Ministries, plus other Congregational Ministries

*Please see page 2 for the complete Music Ministry Rehearsal Schedule,
Beginning Wednesday, September 2*

FIRST DAY OF CHURCH SCHOOL

10:10a.m. – 10:50a.m.

Multi-Generational - Lower Level, Large Dining Room

Beginning September 20 - Classes Look for Your Banner:

Nursery: Sunshine Banner

Pre-K: Rainbow Banner

K, 1, 2: Pillar of Fire Banner

3, 4, 5: Royal Fish Banner

Junior High: Trinity Banner

Adult Lectionary Series: Sheep Banner (Parlor)

CONTINUING THAT WEEK AND AFTER:

Wednesday, September 16, 6:00p.m.– 7:15p.m.

“Worship Discovery” Class Begins, Parlor

8-week series led by **Pastor Jackie** through November 4

Thursday, September 17, 5:00p.m.– 6:30p.m.

Youth Group Resumes Weekly – Mitchell Youth Room

Sunday, September 27, 5:30p.m.- 7:30p.m.

Confirmation Orientation Supper, Large Dining Room

Class Schedule To Be Announced

Worship, Education, Youth

Last Summer Choir Opportunity

August 30 will be the last chance for any and all to learn a simple anthem at 9:30a.m., then sing at the 10:00a.m. service. Join us at the "Dew Drop Inn" located in the choir room upstairs. Feel free to see **Paul Renaud** for advance copies of the music.

Only ONE Pre-K Church School Teacher Needed!

Who will help fill the final spot for Church School teachers? Will it be you? Are you willing to help the children of First Congregational Church, UCC begin their journey as young Christians? Are you willing to reap the rewards that come with leading children who are eager to learn? Don't wait, the spot won't be there forever! Please see **Heidi** if you are willing to hear God's call.

YOUTH CALENDAR

**August 30 - Multigenerational Acolyte Training
11:15a.m. in the Sanctuary**

**August 30 - 3rd Grade Bible Training 11:30a.m.
in the Parlor**

**September 6 - Last 10:00a.m. Worship
Service**

**September 13 - First day of Church School,
Multigenerational**

**September 17 - First Youth Group 5:00p.m. in
the Youth Room**

Youth Group

The FCC Youth Board has decided to try to shake things up a bit this year. Instead of meeting every other Sunday evening, they are going to meet every Thursday from 5:00p.m.-6:50p.m. Sometimes they will do service projects, sometimes they will play games, and sometimes they will do Bible study. The Youth Board would like to invite all youth in 7th through 12th grades. Bring your friends!

Multigenerational Acolyte Training August 30

If you feel that you have a call to help lead worship, but aren't sure you want to speak, how about trying to acolyte? If you are interested and are from the ages of 7-107, please join us at 11:15a.m., Sun-

day, August 30 in the sanctuary for a thirty minute training session. No need to R.S.V.P. - just show up! We'd love to have as many people for this particular ministry as possible. If you have any questions, please contact the office, 309.762.0787.

3rd Grade Bible Training & Presentation August 30 & September 6

All 3rd graders are encouraged to attend a Bible class in the Parlor at 11:30a.m., Sunday, August 30. Bibles will be presented to them during 10:00a.m. worship on Sunday, September 6. Please call the church office and let them know if your child plans on attending and how the child would like their name printed on their Bible.

Church School Registration

It is surprising to me how fast time goes. It is just getting warm, and yet it's time for school again! The CE Board would like to invite everyone to join us in a Church School Class this program year. We will begin classes on Sunday, September 13 at 10:10a.m. Nursery through Jr. High classes will be held in the lower level education wing, Opend (Sr. High) will be in the Mitchell Youth Room on the third floor, and the Adult lectionary series will be held in the parlor. There is a class for everyone! If you have a child ages Nursery to 12th grade, please fill out the Church School registration form and return to the office by September 6. If you have any questions, please contact **Heidi Hulme**.

Multigenerational Church School

The CE Board would like to invite everyone to the Multigenerational Church School on New Beginnings Sunday, September 13. It will be held at the 10:10a.m. education hour in the large dining room. Join us as we learn the scriptures together, as a full church family.

Church School Teacher Training

To ensure that you, as volunteers, feel comfortable teaching the children and youth of First Congregational Church, there are two dates set for training. Wednesday, August 26 from 6:30p.m.-8:30p.m. and Saturday, August 29 from 9:00a.m.-11:00a.m. Please RSVP to **Heidi** which date will work for you.

Summer Worship Time: Sunday 10:00a.m. & Saturday 5:30p.m.

"Unpacking" New Music Sunday & News from Pine Ridge

On August 2, our ad hoc New Music Ensemble, consisting of (for that day) **Kristin Dowell, Sandy Glass, Shannon Gruhlke, Rachel Michl, Debbie Newcomb, Jeff Newcomb, Layne Poremski, Linda Shearer, Chloë Stodt, and Don Wood** shared with the entire Sunday morning congregation a different ("new," "alternative," "contemporary". . .) model for worship, using music and texts that had (except for one hymn tune) all been composed since 1990. The Order of Worship used was the UCC Worship Book's *Service of Word and Sacrament II*.

Why did we do this? For a few years, staff has been receiving comments from some of our members who would like to experience a different style of music in worship. Last summer's Summer Saturday Nights Live! services were also an attempt to respond

Where did you get the music? FCC pays for two annual blanket copyright licenses, which grant permission to the church to reprint music from among thousands of available titles for congregational use in worship.

Whew! If that many songs are available, how did you choose the ones we sang? Specific songs were chosen within the same guidelines for worship planning that we already have in place, such as: 1) Are the words connected to the day's scripture readings, sermon, or to the various parts of worship? 2) Do the words say what this congregation believes? 3) Will the congregation be able to sing the music? 4) Does the choir understand its role as "prompters of" the congregation, helping them to focus on God, rather than as "performers for" the congregation, perhaps being tempted to call more attention to themselves or to the music, or to view the congregation as their audience? (***)Please see the reference at the end of this article.)

How did you choose the musicians? An open invitation was extended by the Music Ministry Coordinator personally and in print (bulletin and newsletter), and posted on the FCC website.

Does having this service mean that you are planning to do more like it? "New Music Sunday" was simply one among this summer's "special music" offerings. There are currently no plans to have more services like this on a regular basis.

What would it take to have these services more often? Pastors and staff members are discussing the possibility of an 8-part "Worship Discovery" series of classes, to begin in September. We think that encouraging a deeper understanding of the real nature of worship is the next step. Until now, having this type of worship service has largely depended on the work of the Music Ministry Coordinator, and is not

technically part of that role at this time. More people need to be willing to commit both planning time and rehearsal time to this effort, if the congregation really does want this to continue. Even if such a service were offered just one Sunday a month, musicians would have to commit to weekly rehearsals (much like our handbell choir). These rehearsals would need to be prepared and directed by a competent music leader, who is on board with whatever worship vision is defined. This, in turn, would require more staff hours and funding, plus funding for choir copies of the music not covered by our two licenses. But perhaps most importantly, such a future worship vision has not yet been defined, nor its place within the current strategic planning process, by either the pastoral or the lay leadership here at First Congregational. **SO STAY TUNED FOR "WORSHIP DISCOVERY" INFORMATION!**

*** "Choirs, whether large or small in number, have a special responsibility to enrich the services with anthems and to lead the people in congregational singing. . . . They [the liturgical arts] are not there to be seen but to see by. They are to open our eyes to other things.' The test of the liturgical arts is whether they merely point to themselves or whether they point to God and thereby summon worshipers to unite with their neighbors on the pilgrimage to the holy city... whose builder and maker is God." (Introduction: Music and Other Arts" from *Book of Worship, United Church of Christ*, © 1986 by UCC Office for Church Life and Leadership, New York, pp. 16-17, 19)

YEAR END NEWS FROM RE-MEMBER (PINE RIDGE INDIAN RESERVATION)

I received the newsletter from Re-Member, and felt compelled to share it. In it, there are several things worth noting, and one of the most profound is the sad news of the death of **Dulane No Neck**. For those who traveled to Pine Ridge, you may remember the man who was always quick with a hug and a hand shake. I have hung a copy of the newsletter on the bulletin board closest to the office for anyone to read. If you would like a copy, please see **Heidi**.

Prayer List & Other Events

Please Pray For...

The Church

Salem Evangelical UCC, Quincy

Trinity UCC, Quincy

The Community

The still suffering alcoholic

Those Serving in the Military

Matt & Kelly Walters, Vance Johnson, Leon & Sara Starberg, military, family members of Leon & Karen Starberg

Joel Price, combat medic in Afghanistan, nephew of Kathie Heaps

Friends & Family

Mary Woodburn, medical

Terry Frazier, permanent disability

Carter McKinley, medical, nephew of Laura Hozak

Clarice Johnson, medical

Ruth Brink

Marjorie Parker, Lighthouse

Jan Bjurstrom

Robert Glass, son of Sandy Glass

Richard Laws

Sydney Sophia Mowen

Karla Lohman, friend of Kristin Dowell

LaVerne Dunham, friend of Kristin Dowell, uncle of Scott Maranda

Bryan Glass, son of Sandy Glass

Marvin Anderson, grandfather of Denise Browning

Catherine Jasper, Rosewood

All those in assisted or skilled care facilities

For those going through surgery and their recovery

****Please contact the church office when it is time to remove names from the Prayer Request list.**

Women's Connections Event



YES YOU CAN!

Women's Connections "YES YOU CAN" Workshop will be a fun afternoon teaching you the art of napkin folding and scarf tying. On Sunday, August 23, plan to bring one cloth dinner napkin and one silk scarf to the parlor at 1:00pm. **Rosemary Graham** and **Lois Florence** will be leading the fun and you will all receive instruction sheets to follow along. With Lois and Rosemary's expertise, you can all be the 'hostess with the mostest' and that gal with fashion flair! Feel free to bring your friends. And, as always, refreshments will be provided. Sign up in the library. This should be a popular connection!

Be watching for the sign up sheet in the library for our September 15 van trip to the Lincoln Museum in Springfield.

Congregators September 10

Join us on Thursday, September 10 at 6:00p.m. at the home of **Buck** and **Coralie Wendt** on the Rock River. We will provide the entrée, beverages and table service. Please bring a dish of your choice. We welcome new members to join us.

Church Bridge September 1

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of Church Bridge on Tuesday, September 1 at 1:00p.m. in the Parlor. Everyone is welcome! We play until 3:30p.m. Call **Ginny Larsen** at 309.797.8371 with any questions.



Communion Sabbath September 5 & 6

When you come to worship on September 5 and 6, we ask you to remember those in our community who also need physical nourishment by bringing non-perishable food items for the local food pantries.



Mission Trip Testimonials

Feed My Starving Children Mission Trip

Last Saturday, 19 members of First Congregation joined many others to help put packets of food together to send to starving children. In the course of two hours, we were able to pack 30,024 meals, enough to feed 83 children for one year. One of the staff people there talked about how we hear numbers like 18,000 children die every day from malnutrition, and that 83 may not sound like many. We are to remember that we aren't saving numbers, we are saving lives, one at a time. It was a fabulous experience, but don't just take my word for it.

"I had fun making the food and knowing that all of the children would be happy just like they showed in the pictures. It made me feel good." – **Reagan Carlson**

"I don't know about you, but I don't like being hungry. It makes me happy to know that we were able to help children who are hungry." – **Grace Gruhlke**

"I liked making the food, praying over the boxes, and tasting the food. It was very rewarding." – **Jarrod Hulme**

"Finding out that we saved 83 children's lives was awesome!" – **Trevor Seyller**

"It was incredibly rewarding to know that we kept 83 children from starving for a year. Not only that, but we had fun while we saved lives." – **Debbie Newcomb**

"I had fun putting the food in the bags and helping the starving children. I think it went really well." – **Emalee Bealer**

"Feeling like we made a difference in someone else's life, and getting to know some of our church family a little better was the most rewarding part of Saturday." – **Brenda Seyller**

"Each person becomes familiar with a simple task, and when these "experts" start working together, the process becomes like a well-designed, efficient machine, cranking out bag after bag. Multiply this one station with 6 to 11 people and multiply that by 12 stations, all producing bags of nourishment, and within an hour, the end result is astounding. It's a great example of how individuals, each with very little skill or knowledge, can work together resulting

in something much greater than each part." – **Charles Curry**

"It's great to volunteer for an organization that is so well run. They are organized, and can still make it fun! It is so fulfilling and rewarding to do God's work." – **Louie Gruhlke**

"The drive out and back with good people is fun. Seeing a larger group of strangers come together and working as a team for God's work is amazing. But, the best thing of all is seeing so many young kids giving up their time working hard for others, lets me know that our future leaders are on the right track." – **Mike Walters**

"We made a difference! We put together food to feed children who otherwise wouldn't get fed. We tasted the food, and it was good!" – **Shirley Morton**

"The most rewarding part for me was helping someone whom I don't even know to obtain a nutritious meal and being part of something much larger than myself." – **Shannon Gruhlke**

"The most rewarding part of participating was watching the fun and fellowship of a large group of people working towards a common goal. Also, seeing the sense of accomplishment from all of the youth that attended." – **David Hulme**



Church Office & Book Recommendations from Pastor Allen

Transformational Book Recommendations for Spiritual Formation from Pastor Allen

In the FCC Café – one copy of the following books is being left out for you to borrow:

“A People’s History of Christianity: The Other Side of the Story”

by Diana Butler Bass

This is a readable concise survey of Christian history written with lay Christians in mind. It will open your mind to the very different and refreshing perspectives on what it means to live a Christian life. More of a devotional read than a detailed, long historical account of our faith. I heard the author speak on this book this past year and her goal is to open our minds and hearts from the limits of our present faith to more Christ-like faith from the people of the past. I cannot imagine the reader not being changed by this book.

“Speaking the Truth in Love: How to Be an Assertive Christian”

by Ruth N. Loch & Kenneth C. Haugk

This is for anyone who wants to put in practice ways of being more loving to others and the self in our interactions. Includes practical suggestions for giving criticism, receiving criticism, handling negative people, not being walked on and not walking on others. Makes a clear case that Christians as the “meek of the earth” does not mean being passive – as Jesus was very powerful in the way he received criticism and gave it. This has been used by staff in our devotions at staff meetings over the past several months. A quick and easy read. If you put this into practice, your self-respect and love of others will be transformed.



Communication and Working with the Church Office

We are providing a series of articles designed to make it easier for members to stay informed about Church matters and to work well with the office of First Congregational Church. If you have ideas for how to make it even better, we would love to hear from you. This information will also be provided on our website (<http://www.fccmoline.org>).

Electronic Funds Transfer Available for Pledges

The Church is offering to its membership the option of electronic funds transfer (EFT), in other words direct withdrawal, for the payment of pledges. A direct withdrawal is an instruction that a bank account owner gives to the bank to transfer an amount directly from another account. It is similar to a direct deposit but initiated by the beneficiary (receiving account's owner).

In order to set this arrangement up for Church pledges, you, the Church member, would provide a voided check or savings deposit slip to the Business Manager. The Church in turn would withdraw the amount specified by the member on the date(s) desired.

In order to efficiently offer this direct withdrawal option to members, the Church must limit the date options to the 15th of the month (or the closest business day prior to the 15th) and/or the last business day of the month.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding direct withdrawal for the payment of pledges, please do not hesitate to contact **Shannon Gruhlke** at 309.762.0787.

A Message from Your Parish Nurse...

Peace and Good Health to You...

HEPATITIS A VACCINE

Fallout from the recent outbreak of Hepatitis A remains in the headlines. Our last newsletter contained information about Hepatitis A. Receiving vaccine now may not help against this breakout, but, you may still want to consider a vaccination. **The Hepatitis A vaccine can prevent hepatitis A.**

Who should get hepatitis A vaccine and when?

Some people should be routinely vaccinated with hepatitis A vaccine:

All children 1 year (12 through 23 months) of age.
Persons 1 year of age and older traveling to or working in countries with high or intermediate prevalence of hepatitis A. For more information see www.cdc.gov/travel.

Children and adolescents through 18 years of age who live in states or communities where routine vaccination has been implemented because of high disease incidence.

Men who have sex with men.

Persons who use street drugs.

Persons with chronic liver disease.

Persons who are treated with clotting factor concentrates.

Persons who work with HAV-infected primates or who work with HAV in research laboratories.

Hepatitis A vaccine might be recommended for children or adolescents in communities where outbreaks of hepatitis A are occurring.

Hepatitis A vaccine is not licensed for children younger than 1 year of age.

WHEN?

For children, the first dose should be given at 12-23 months of age. Children who are not vaccinated by 2 years of age can be vaccinated at later visits.

For travelers, the vaccine series should be started at least one month before traveling to provide the best protection. Persons who get the vaccine less than one month before traveling can also get a shot called immune globulin (IG). IG gives immediate, temporary protection. For others, the hepatitis A vaccine series may be started whenever a person is at risk of infection. **Two doses** of the vaccine are needed for lasting protection. These doses should be given at least 6 months apart. Hepatitis A vaccine may be given at the same time as other vaccines.

People who should not get hepatitis A vaccine or should wait

Anyone who has ever had a severe (life threatening) allergic reaction to a previous dose of hepatitis A vaccine should not get another dose.

Anyone who has a severe (life threatening) allergy to any vaccine component should not get the vaccine. Tell your doctor if you have any severe allergies. All hepatitis A vaccines contain alum and some hepatitis A vaccines contain 2-phenoxyethanol.

Anyone who is moderately or severely ill at the time the shot is scheduled should probably wait until they recover. Ask your doctor or nurse. People with a mild illness can usually get the vaccine.

Tell your doctor if you are pregnant. The safety of hepatitis A vaccine for pregnant women has not been determined. But there is no evidence that it is harmful to either pregnant women or their unborn babies. The risk, if any, is thought to be very low.

What are the risks from hepatitis A vaccine?

A vaccine, like any medicine, could possibly cause serious problems, such as severe allergic reactions. The risk of hepatitis A vaccine causing serious harm, or death, is extremely small. Getting hepatitis A vaccine is much safer than getting the disease. Mild problems: soreness where the shot was given (*about 1 out of 2 adults, and up to 1 out of 6 children*) headache (*about 1 out of 6 adults and 1 out of 25 children*) loss of appetite (*about 1 out of 12 children*) tiredness (*about 1 out of 14 adults*) If these problems occur, they usually last 1 or 2 days.

Severe problems include a serious reaction which would occur within a few minutes to a few hours of the shot and would include unusual conditions, such as a high fever or behavior changes. Signs of a serious allergic reaction can include difficult breathing, hoarseness or wheezing, hives, paleness, weakness, a fast heart beat or dizziness. (Very rare)

How can I learn more? Call the local health department (793-1955). Contact the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): Call 1-800-232-4636 (1-800-CDC-INFO) Visit CDC websites at:

www.cdc.gov/hepatitis or www.cdc.gov/vaccines

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Miscellaneous

All Eras Veterans Healing Field

The brave men and women of our Armed Forces will again be honored during the "All Eras Veterans Healing Field."

When: Friday, August 28 - Sunday, August 30

Times: Opening Ceremonies, Friday, August 28 at 7:00p.m.

Open Mic Night, Saturday, August 29, 1:00p.m.-4:00p.m.

Closing Ceremonies, Sunday, August 30 starting at 4:30p.m.

Where: Davenport Memorial Park Cemetery
1022 E 39th Street
Davenport, Iowa

Donations are needed and greatly appreciated. Monetary donations will be used for hotel rooms for our speakers and some of the Fallen Soldiers' families who are traveling from out of town or state. We would also appreciate donations of water, Gatorade, cookies and other finger foods for those who are volunteering. Volunteers are also needed.

Donations may be made to:

ALLVETS
c/o Runges
838 E Kimberly Road
Davenport, Iowa 52807



Please contact **Jim** or **Judy Foss** at 309.795.1471 if you have any questions.

Clothing Drive



The Christian Hospitality Committee is sponsoring a student and adult work-wear drive to benefit persons in our church neighborhood. We are accepting donations of good, clean clothing and backpacks for adults and children. **We are in need of more items for children ages 6-18.** New clothing items are also welcome. These items can be dropped off in the church library. Distribution will be on August 29. Any questions, please call **Sonja Miller** at 309.496.9947.

HELP!

A blue velvet miniskirt from the 60's might have been returned to you instead of it's rightful owner. If you loaned clothes to the Tulip Luncheon Style Show, please check your closets. Call **Mary Mahar** at 309.762.3545 if you have it. Thank you!

Western Association Fall Meeting

Join us on Saturday, October 31 at Hope UCC in Moline. Registration will begin at 8:30a.m. Our keynote speaker will be **David Schoen**, Minister and Team Leader, Congregational Vitality and Discipleship Ministry Team, Local Church Ministries, UCC, Cleveland.

Meal Site Dates for 2009

Sign up in the library and pick up a guide for serving at the Churches United meal site. The next opportunity is **November 19 at Mt. Zion**. See **Pastor Jackie** if you have any questions. Here is the last date for 2009:

Mt. Zion, East Moline
December 17

Thank You!

I would like to thank everyone so much for your thoughts, cards, prayers, and meals during and after my surgery. My family and I feel so blessed to be a part of this congregation. I am feeling better every day, and very excited to be back in the swing of things!

Heidi Hulme



**Coffee fellowship is being served
by Mission Board in August**

Would you like a ride to worship?

If you would like the church van to bring you to 10:00a.m. worship, please call the church office by Friday at 309.762.0787. Driver for August is **Mike Bealer**.



Stewardship

Stewardship Kick Off Event The Arsenal Golf Club Arsenal Island

Friday, October 2, 2009

6:00p.m. – 9:00p.m.

Save the date now and plan to come for an evening of fun, food and fellowship

For the past several years, this event has featured a very fun silent auction of items donated by individuals in our church family. The auction items include a wide variety of items, such as homemade fudge, rack of barbeque ribs, Christmas cookies, a children's swimming party, jewelry, gift baskets, artificial flower arrangements, and river boat rides. The possibilities are endless. We welcome donations from members of our church family. Use your imagination and see what you might donate for this very special silent auction. All proceeds will go toward the renovations of the church parlor, library and dining rooms.

You won't want to miss our own auctioneer, Paul Renaud.

Please call the church office, 309.762.0787, to tell them of your donations.

Stewardship Moment

Does Money Keep You Up at Night?

Jesus said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. (Matthew 14:29)

On a Gennesaret night-crossing the wind blew up and, hard as they rowed, the disciples were driven off course. As Jesus walked across the waves, their small craft passed into an eye of calm. Peter came to Jesus, treading faith like crazy, until he looked at those storm clouds! He started to sink, until a hand reached out to lift him up.

A circle of people, congregation members and community friends, sit in a comfortable room in a church basement. They are borrowing it from the youth group for the swayback sofas and derelict deckchairs. Refreshments are jalapeno bean dip and peanut butter chocolate brownies. Only the brave mix! A man is talking about his family's "staycation" this summer and how much fun it seemed, until he overheard his son's lie, telling a friend they'd gone to Disney World. A woman explains her daughter's frugal wedding plans contrasting with her own need to be extravagant and suggest a gown twice the budget. One person complains of retirement out of reach, while another complains about retirement induced early by an unbeatable insurance offer. No one is fixing anyone else's situation. Foreclosure, deadbeat spouse, home permanent gone wrong - each is respectfully heard.

Listening and learning from the traditions, the experience, and the usual support of recovery groups who share stories, steps and sponsoring in similar church basements, these folks are helping one another step out on the water.

God, grant us the serenity to trim financial sails in home and church, the courage to weather changes in employment, housing, pension and endowment, the wisdom to detach personal value from a sink-or-swim mentality, and the compassion to keep others from drowning.

Amen.

You will find this newsletter on our website: www.FCCMoline.org

Calendar

Saturday, August 22

8:00 am Tree Removal & Clean Up, Church Grounds

5:30 pm Worship, Large Dining Room

Sunday, August 23

10:00 am Worship, Sanctuary

11:00 am Fellowship, Café, Lower Level

11:15 am Youth Leader Training, Café

1:00 pm Women's Connections "Yes You Can" Workshop, Parlor

Monday, August 24

1:00 pm Red Wagon Board Meeting, Parlor

6:30 pm Mary Kay Meeting, Parlor

Tuesday, August 25

4:00 pm Prenatal Class, Parlor

7:00 pm Music Board Meeting, Board Room

7:00 pm Diaconate, Parlor

7:00 pm Banjoleers, Music Room

Wednesday, August 26

6:00 pm Yoga, Large Dining Room

6:30 pm Teacher Training Session, Parlor

Thursday, August 27

10:00 am Prayer Group, Parlor

6:00 pm Sheltered Reality Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Saturday, August 29, Clothing Drive Distribution

8:00 am **RAINDATE ONLY** for Tree Removal & Church Grounds Clean Up

9:00 am Teacher Training Session, Parlor

5:30 pm Worship, Large Dining Room

Sunday, August 30

9:30 am Dew Drop Inn Rehearsal, Choir Room

10:00 am Worship, Sanctuary

11:00 am Fellowship, Café, Lower Level

11:00 am Multigenerational Acolyte Training, Sanctuary

11:30 am 3rd Grade Bible Training, Parlor

Monday, August 31

6:30 pm Mary Kay Meeting, Parlor

Tuesday, September 1

9:00 am Retired Folks, Village Inn, 53rd St., Moline

1:00 pm Church Bridge, Parlor

1:00 pm Mississippi Valley Quilters, Large Dining Room

5:30 pm Executive Board Meeting, Pastor Allen's Office

7:00 pm Christian Education Board Meeting, Board Room

7:00 pm Banjoleers, Music Room

Wednesday, September 2

9:30 am Mississippi Valley Quilters, Large Dining Room

10:30 am Newsletter Mailing, Library

3:00 pm Warm Fuzzies, Parlor

5:30 pm Youth Choirs, Music Room

6:00 pm Yoga, Large Dining Room

7:15 am Bells Rehearsal, Bell Room

7:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday, September 3

10:00 am Prayer Group, Parlor

5:00 pm Youth Group TBA

Saturday, September 5

10:00 am Habitat for Humanity, Small Dining Room

5:30 pm Worship, Large Dining Room

Sunday, September 6, LAST 10:00a.m. Service

10:00 am Worship, Sanctuary, 3rd Grade Bible Presentation

11:00 am Fellowship, Café, Lower Level

Monday, September 7, OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, September 8

6:00 pm Embroiders Guild, Large Dining Room

6:00 pm Church Life & Growth Meeting, Jr. High Room

6:00 pm Mission Board Meeting, Parlor

7:00 pm Church Council Meeting, Board Room

7:00 pm Banjoleers, Music Room

Wednesday, September 9

10:00 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study, Parlor

3:00 pm Warm Fuzzies, Parlor

5:30 pm Youth Choirs, Music Room

6:00 pm Yoga, Large Dining Room

6:00 pm Metro Mini Makers, Board Room

7:15 pm Bells Rehearsal, Bell Room

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Newsletter Article

DEADLINES:

Fridays 5:00p.m.

August 28

September 11

September 25

**DATES ARE FINAL, SO BE
SURE TO GET YOUR ITEMS
TO THE OFFICE ON TIME!**

Email your items for the newsletter to cminge@netexpress.net



Happy Birthday to...



August

1. John Ulrich
2. Jan Parsons
Jennifer Tyler
Travis Franck
Katie Klingborg
Larry Madison
Sandy Glass
Austin Owen
Driston Owen
3. Juliann Hillyer
4. Barbara Johnson
5. Yrsa Hannan
Courtney Miller
Larry Reakes
Jon Greko
6. Sarah Case
Don Engstrom
Rachel Michl
Mary Stewart
7. Molly Newell
Pam Robson
Jon Keith
Jonathan McGehee
8. Cindy Meers
9. John Eastland
Roy Johnston
10. Earl "Boo" Wendt
Kevin Stickell
11. Shavaun Kidd
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