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Behold, What Manner of Love

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Mark Your Calendar

Monday, June 12th Upward Soccer begins. Week 1 continues Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.. Game Day is Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 13th Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m. in Beebe Hall

Wednesday, June 14th Youth (6th through 12th graders) Open church Begins for the summer. They meet from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 14th Young Adults (18 to 29 years old) Summer Meeting from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 22nd and Friday, June 23rd Ark & Creation Museum trip leaves the church at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday.

Saturday, June 24th Children's Event (6th grade and under) Soccer Play Day 10:00 a.m. to Noon

Sunday, June 25th Costa Rica Mission Trip Meeting #4 meets @ 1:00 p.m.

Monday, June 26th Week 2 of Soccer begins @ 5:00 p.m. It continues Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. is the game day.

Ponderings of the Preacher . . .

On Monday morning, I drove down to Fairfield to pick up Mom for a doctor's appointment. The round trip from Effingham to Fairfield and back to Effingham is about 120 miles. In that 120 miles, I was able to see some different weather conditions. When I started, it was quite foggy. I was grateful that it was daylight thus making it easier to see. During my trip, I would drive in and out of the fog. It wasn't until I was back in Effingham County that the fog completely disappeared. I could tell that some of the areas I was driving through had received rainfall but other areas were dry. Just north of Fairfield they had received a rather heavy rainfall because there was water standing in the fields. In fact, just north of Geff on Highway 45 there were signs that had been put out warning of water on the pavement. When we got back to Effingham, the sun had burst through and was shining brightly.

You may be asking why I am giving you this detailed account of my little trip. Each of us is on a journey through life. As we make our way through life on that journey, we encounter different conditions and circumstances. Those conditions will change as we travel on. The conditions we face early on in life will not be the same as those that we face in mid-life or in later life. The important thing is that we remain alert and are prepared to deal with those conditions. When going through clear patches I still had to be prepared for more foggy areas. Although I was sure there was no water on the pavement, the warning signs needed to be observed and I needed to be alert for possible dangers. The best preparation we can make for our journey through life is to have Jesus by our side. If we have Him by our side, then I can assure you that at the end of our life's journey, the Son will be shining brightly as we are ushered into the presence of our Heavenly Father.

I hope to see each of you this coming Lord's Day morning. Let's all do our best to be present when we meet for worship and fellowship!

C U N Church,
David



2 Serving Jesus

Serving In June

Elder: Dennis Bushue & Jon Zerkel alternating

Deacons: Terry Harper, Chris Denoyer, Jeff Akeman, Gary Elliott

Deaconesses: Irma McConnell & Hazel Kingery

5-21-17 Attendance & Giving Total: \$4,511.16 includes Faith Promise Offering	5-28-17 Attendance & Giving Total: \$4,366.92 includes Faith Promise
Worship: 94 Sunday School: 19 Evening Worship: 7	Worship: 88 Sunday School: 23 Evening Worship: dismissed for Summer
Faith Promise Missions: \$165.00 Culver's Fundraiser Tip: \$368.41	Faith Promise Offering: \$165.00
Costa Rica Mission Trip \$550.00 Building: \$40.00	Culver's Fundraiser: \$500.00 Costa Rica Mission Trip \$ 1,285.00 Building: \$40.00
Upward Soccer Registration \$760.00 Sunday School: \$9.00	Sunday School: \$10.01 Oil Belt: \$25.00 Upward Soccer Registration: \$120.00
6-4-17 Attendance & Giving Total: \$ \$4,911.45 includes Faith Promise	
Worship: 99	Sunday School: 21
Faith Promise Missions: \$960.00	
Costa Rica Mission trip: \$570.00	Building: \$40.00
Ark Trip Donation: \$200.00	Sunday School: \$14.45

June 11th Greeters: Jeff & Laurie Akeman **June 11th Home Communion:** Don Thoele & Kelvin Williams

June 18th Greeters: Elsie Palmer & Danny Rush **June 18th Home Communion:** Martin Reyes & Dennis Young

Young @ Heart

Tuesday, June 13th

Come @ 9:00 a.m. to share in coffee/tea,
fellowship and prayer in Beebe Hall

All 50 and over are invited to come and be with
us on Tuesday mornings



Youth Open Church

Wednesday, June 14th

Who: Youth (6th through 12th graders)

What: Open church Begins for the summer.

When: We meet from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.





Prayer Requests



Homebound and Nursing Home: Marie Waddell, Bonnie Koester, Wanda Morgan, Holly Arney, Loretta Quast, Cecil "Paul" Richey, Wilma Sherrick, Marie Fulk, Harry Johnson, Don VanDeveer, Lulubelle Winn, Oneida Lewis, Eleanor Bounds, Elinor Wolford, Elfrieda Zerkel, Eldon Ooton, Darlene Zimdars, Agnes Simpson



Cancer: Laura Knierim, Sharon Douglas, Shirley Strickland, Ron Anderson, Tatum, Ashley Judd, June Cain, Linda Smith, Paul Dempsey, Barb Eaton, Patty Willis, Alayna Plank, Renae Metke, Andy, Mike Page, Tom Koester, Brett Walker, Gary Lewis, Brandy Harper, Tiffany Dunaway, Brad Arney's Great Grandson Parker Burns, Susie Mast, Nancy Koester, Patrice Runyon, John Arnold, Carley Tull, Robert Barkauska, Jessica Baker, Nikki Szyonik, Katie Krueger, Misty Ulmer, Lanny Grove, Joshua McConnell, Rosemary Niemerg, Paula Jones, Mike Altgilbers, Ruth, Barb Gaddis, Elizabeth Weidner, Trish Couch, Wyatt Smith, Dallas Parkhurst, Ray Bushue, Bill Dentln, Darrell Raymond, Jane Ann's Friend, Joy Gamber, Gene Moeller, Angie Thomason, Cindy Thomason, Ellen Walk, Sue Heth, Ken Gilbert, Arlene Mullen, Donna Pollock, Cheryl Woodard, Joe Stoops, Roland O'Leary, Jill Fiddler, Scott Chalcant, Dallas Hurst, Caleb, Tammy Zuber, Mary Vail, Sandy Brockett, Travis Stine, Linda Packer, Diane Slone, Jim Coatney



Special Needs: Darlene & Gary Elliott, Elaine Griffin, Mary Muntean, Russ Mitchell, Lois Ooton, Rodney Raber, LeAnn Spruell, Tracey Scoggins, David Shouse, Brad Donaldson, Jeff Christianson, Dee Musgrave, Craig Lattig, Bobby Raymond, Oneida Lewis, Mary Jo Deruse, Harry Johnson, Metta Karn, Angie Marsh

(These names will remain on the prayer list for one month. Then, we need an update to put their names back on this Special Needs list.)



Missions: Costa Rica Mission Trip, Chloe Spracklen-Nairobi, Kenya-two weeks



Military: J.R. Trueblood, Troops in harms way, Tyler Cross in the Air Force



Grieving Families: Rosario Medero Family, Bob Bushue Family, Tanner Rupinski Family

Young Adults Summer Meet

Wednesday, June 14th

Who: Young Adults (18 to 29 years old)

What: Summer Meeting

When: 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

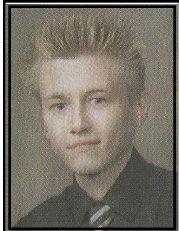




2017 Graduates

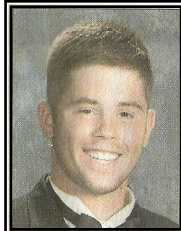
High School Graduate

**Shane
Waldhoff**



Art club, Band
Bass Guitar
And Sax, Origami.
Teutopolis High School.
National Honor Society
medallion and won the Art
IV award

**Matthew
Healy**



North Clay High School

Children's Event

Saturday, June 24th

Children's Event (6th grade and under)

Theme: Soccer Play Day

Time: 10:00 a.m. to Noon



June Challenge

Eliminating Biblical Illiteracy

Biblical illiteracy has increased dramatically in recent years. People including Christians know less and less about the Bible. If we claim to be a people of the Book, we should have a working knowledge of the Bible. During the next several months, we as a congregation will be working toward eliminating Biblical illiteracy by increasing our knowledge and understanding of the Bible. Each month we will be focusing on a different part of the Bible and attempting to increase our knowledge of that part of Scripture. **In June**, our challenge is to **memorize The Twenty-Third Psalm**. Won't you join us in this worthwhile endeavor? Be sure to pick up your Bible question calendar for June.



Immeasurable Harvest

2016-2017 Faith Promise Giving

Promised

\$38,790



Given

\$26,053