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Sunday School

Sunday School classes for all ages began on Sunday, Sept. 11th, at 11:00 a.m. Children (ages 3 through 5th grade) and Youth (6th through 12th grades) meet upstairs while the Adult (18 to 118 years) group meets in the Library.

Invite your friends and family members to be a part of one of the classes. The more the merrier!

Cookbooks Are Here!

The church cookbook's have arrived! The books are \$15 each & are available in the church office or by contacting Debbie McCloney at 287-2818. The cookbook contains recipes from over 90 cooks many of which are now deceased so this is a great way to preserve some church history along with memories. Cookbooks make wonderful gifts so think ahead to birthdays, Christmas & weddings when ordering. Proceeds from the cookbook will go to the general budget so please help support the church!

Fun and Fellowship

The monthly Game Night will be held on September 17th, at 4:00 p.m. Bring your favorite game along with a snack to share and your own beverages. This fun activity is open to all ages so pick up Grandma and bring the kids! If you have questions, please contact Debbie McCloney.

Ingathering Plans Underway!

Plans for Ingathering Kits are moving along nicely. Pam Schisel is making bags and providing items for Sewing Kits. Jean Drew is making receiving blankets and Bette Casper is making baby sweaters/jackets for the Layettes. Thanks go to these ladies for their efforts. Thanks, also, to everyone who has already purchased school supplies.

Some items are still needed, however. Can you help with:

- 8 inch fabric scissors
- Infant sleepers
- Diaper pins
- Blunt scissors (children's)
- Box of 24 crayons
- 30 cm metric rulers
- Unsharpened pencils with erasers

Cash donations to purchase these items can be left in the church office or placed in the offering plate, if you don't want to do the shopping yourself.

Hunger Hike - Oct. 9

This year's annual Hunger Hike will be held on Oct. 9. Put together a team and plan to walk for hunger. Proceeds are used by local, state and national organizations that feed the hungry. For more information go to www.dsmhungerhike.org. (A special offering will be received during worship on Sunday, Oct. 9.)

Nut Sales Soon!

Order blanks for the annual nut sale will be available soon so start thinking about ordering!

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Information for *The Poster* should be in the Church office by the 29th of the month prior to being published.

Office Hours

8:00 a.m. -

12:00 noon

Monday to Friday

Sunday Worship

9:45 a.m.

Holy Communion is the first Sunday of the month

Pastor's Ponderings

Even though the calendar might say otherwise, to me, autumn has officially arrived. I say that because the kids are back in school, the mornings are chilly, and I've had my first run-in with a Kamikaze squirrel. A friend of mine from seminary used to joke that the squirrels had some sort of a secret club, and the initiation to make it into the club was that they had to jump out in front of an oncoming car and see if they could make it across the street without getting run over. We would sometimes see one lying in the street that apparently didn't quite make it into the Secret Squirrel Club. We would declare that one to be the newest member of the Dead Squirrel Club.

Well, the Dead Squirrel Club almost had a new member yesterday, but since there was no furry body in the street behind me, he must have successfully made it into the Secret Squirrel Club instead.

Our next-door neighbor provides corn for the squirrels, so we have an abundance of them. I enjoy watching them. I'm always impressed by how industrious they seem. They seem to never be still, but to always be scurrying here and there, like they are perpetually engaged in some important mission of some kind.

I am always amazed at the variety of creatures that God created. Surely God has a wonderful sense of humor and imagination, or God would never have come up with some of the creatures that exist. Just think, on one end of the spectrum is the squirrel, who seems to never be still, and at the other end is the Sloth we saw at the zoo the other day. You had to stare at him a long time before there was any movement at all.

Surely God must have smiled when he lined up the creatures he imagined into being: the giraffe with his absurdly long neck, the elephant with his wrinkly skin and huge ears, the majestic lion, the tiny mouse. And God must still smile when he looks at the variety of humans; one attractive and athletic, one homely and awkward; one tall and thin, one short and wide; one hairy, one bald..... and on and on.

And yet, in the account of creation, God looked at each one and called it good. And I believe God still looks at each creature, from the squirrel dashing madly across the street, to the aging, overweight, overwrought woman trying not to hit him, and calls them good. And maybe God even smiles at the wonder and amazing variety of it all.

As we get into fall; the changing colors, the scurrying squirrels, the falling leaves; may we see the creative hand of God all around us. And, may we rejoice in all that God has created.

I leave you with words from a hymn in our United Methodist Hymnal that express the wonder and variety of creation. The scripture reference listed beneath it is Genesis 1: 31: "God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good....."

All Things Bright and Beautiful

words by Cecil Frances Alexander

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
the Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors,
and made their tiny wings.

The purple headed mountains,
the river running by,
the sunset and the morning
that brightens up the sky.

The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden:
God made them every one.

God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well.

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Pastor Kathy

Employment Opportunities

Music/Liturgy Director—Part-time at St. Pius Parish. Applicants need to have a BA in music, be proficient in liturgical music performance and have working knowledge of liturgy planning. Please send resumes to St. Pius X Parish, 3663 66th St, Urbandale IA 50322 ATTN: Bill Duff.

Child Care Teacher—Full time Christian Life Church & Childcare in Clive. Must be 18 or over and experienced in working with young children. Hours are Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m. Contact Maria Goodwin at daycare@clministries.com or 334-0177.

Child Care Attendant—Part time First Baptist Church of Greater Des Moines in Johnston. Must be 18 or over and experienced in working with young children. Hours include Sunday morning (9 a.m. to noon), Wednesday evenings (5:30-9:00 p.m.) and other events as needed. Contact Rev. Jessica Williams at 243-8161 or Jessica@fbcdsm.org.

Music Director—Part time St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in West Des Moines. Responsible for passionately leading community in musical worship on Sunday mornings. The director selects music, leads choir and congregation in singing, directs the organist and schedules guest musicians' participation. Contact Church Office at office@sttimothyiowa.org or 225-2020.

Administrative Assistant for Cottage Grove Presbyterian and CROSS Ministries 20-25 hr/wk administrative assistant to work in a unique church setting with a social service agency and a Sudanese community center. Job includes secretarial/receptionist responsibilities, data entry, proficiency in Word and Publisher. Must be pleasant and detail oriented. Ability to speak Spanish a plus. Send resume to 1050 24th St, Des Moines, 50311 ATTN: Roberta Victor, Director.

Organizing Position Opening The National Religious Campaign Against Torture Action Fund is looking for an organizer to work for 20 hr/wk in the State of Iowa from November 1 to Feb. 15 in preparation for the Republican caucuses. For more information, go to www.nrcatactionfund.org/jobs. Send a resume, references and cover letter to campaign@nrcatactionfund.org.

An Evening of Strings and Pipes

A \$35.00 ticket provides beverages, hor d-oeuvres an organ concert, coffee, and dessert. Proceeds will benefit the Connection Café, a no-cost lunch ministry of "The Bridge." Bridge churches are St. John's Lutheran Church, St. Ambrose Cathedral, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, and First United Methodist Church.

Sunday, September 11

4:00 p.m. Cathedral Church of St. Paul (strings, hor d-oeuvres, strolling in the garden)

5:30 p.m. First United Methodist Church (organ & dessert)

Make a Difference Days

The DMARC Food Pantry Network is gearing up for the 17th annual celebration of Make a Difference Days that will be observed this year on Oct. 8 & 15. The goal of Make a Difference Days is to conduct as many Sack Saturday events as possible in local grocery stores to raise food and money for the 12 food pantries in the DMARC network.

The job of a volunteer is to ask shoppers to contribute food items or money to the food pantries. If you are interested in volunteering for a few hours on either Saturday, please contact Cindy Morton at cmorton@dmreligious.org.

Additionally, anyone who has a pick-up truck who would be willing to visit stores and bring donated items to the food pantry warehouse on either day would be most welcome as a volunteer.

Park Ave. Presbyterian Church will host a Fall Bake/Rummage Sale on Friday, Sept. 16 (5 - 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 17 (8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)

HELP!

The New Directions Shelter, a shelter for women and children, is in need of some non-perishable items.

Cereal	39-gallon Trash Bags
Powder Laundry Detergent	Lysol Spray
Paper Towels	Bus Tokens
Gift Cards (Dahl's, Hy-Vee, Target, Wal-Mart, etc.)	

If you would like to donate any of these items, bring them to the church office or give them to Coralie Cherry.



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of God.*

**Education Classes held Sept. 11,
2011 thru May 20, 2012
11:00-11:45 a.m.**

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Lesson Texts

You are invited to come to worship prepared by reading the text ahead of time.

You may wish to bring your own Bible.

18th Exodus 16:2-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

25th Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32

2nd Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Psalm 19
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

9th Exodus 32:1-14
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

Events:

18th Food Pantry offering received

1st Harvest Fair has been

CANCELED!

2nd World Communion Sunday offering will be received.

9th Hunger Hike Offering will be received.



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Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<i>1</i> 7:00 PM PSC meeting	<i>2</i> 8:00 PM AA	<i>3</i> 6:15 PM NA
<i>4</i> 9:45 AM Worship 8:00 PM AA	<i>5</i> Office Closed	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i> 7:00 PM Choir practice	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> 8:00 PM AA	<i>10</i> 6:15 PM NA
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Jane on Vacation						
<i>25</i> 9:45 AM Worship 11:00 AM Sunday School 8:00 PM AA	<i>26</i> 6:30 PM Finance Comm. 7:30 PM Trustees	<i>27</i> 7:00 PM Council	<i>28</i> 7:00 PM Choir practice	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> 8:00 PM AA	

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