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The First News

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Summer Worship in Susannah in August

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Summer Sunday Worship continues in August in the Susannah Room on the lower level. Renovations in this room continue, including paint, colorful banners, and sound absorbing installations to improve acoustics for worshippers with difficulty hearing. The more casual atmosphere of the Susannah Room affords an opportunity for worship to take on a different feel. We sing a greater variety of music—both hymns and contemporary songs. Sermons are more interactive—in August, we will continue working through the Gospel of Luke, chapters 12, 13 and 14. We use the large screen television to project liturgy and song lyrics, and show video clips sometimes, too. Bottled water is provided—or bring your coffee in a travel mug, if you prefer. Come on down to the Susannah Room for worship this summer—where the air is cool and the welcome is warm!

Quick Takes:

Many thanks are in order:

- to Harold, Charline, Carol, Don, and others for work with the church's landscaping and replacement of floor tiles at the entrances
- to Andrea for treating the lawn for dandelions
- to Ryan for mowing
- to those faithful servants who take care of so many needs, large and small, and do it unseen

Join Tuesday Vespers at 6:30 pm on the Lawn

Worship isn't just for weekends anymore—this summer, our congregation will begin a new Vespers worship service on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. The service will be on the lawn at the Elder Lane end of the building, near the new Memorial Garden—bring your own lawn chairs and enjoy the beautiful summer evenings in the glory of God's creation! Vespers are an ancient and traditional worship form used in the evening—simple, peaceful, and about 30-40 minutes in length. We'll share scripture (typically a Psalm), pray, sing, and gather our offerings. Stay connected to your church family through Tuesday Vespers when you're away on the weekend, or simply come and bring a friend to enjoy this gentle and grace-filled worship time together!

Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries in August



8/3	Jeff Pritchett	8/17	Lorraine Egerton
8/4	Cora Lee	8/17	Karyn Racutt
8/6	Jason Biggs	8/19	Signe Howell
8/6	Daniel Britton	8/25	Steve Racutt
8/8	June Schenk	8/28	Carmella Kawell
8/11	Barbara Nimmer	8/29	Kristine Shragal
8/12	Sue Szymanski	8/30	Virginia Densborn
8/13	Helen Winkel	8/31	Carli Revere
8/16	Elizabeth Feldmann	8/14	Tom & Irene Riordan
8/16	Lois O'Connor	8/28	Matthew & Natalie Diblich

Special Church Conference Update from July 7 meeting

Our District Superintendent, the Rev. James Preston, led our congregation in a special church conference on Wednesday, July 7 at 6:30 p.m., called for the purpose of discerning whether or not to appropriate endowed funds to provide for ongoing ministry and building needs. A motion to appropriate \$100,000 was made by Lisa Anthony for the trustees. That motion was amended to appropriate \$50,000. An amendment to change the amount to \$75,000 failed. The funds appropriated will be used to cover an accumulated deficit of about \$42,000 and immediate building repairs totaling around \$5,000.

The next meeting of Ad Council will be Wednesday, August 11, at 7 pm.

Stewardship Update

Please don't take a vacation from giving in the summer! Your ongoing faithfulness is deeply appreciated!

Our Giving by the Numbers...

Monthly Giving for July 2010	\$ 3,325.00
Total Giving in 2010 to this point	\$ 29,728.78



Standing in the Need of Prayer

Those in need of our continuing prayers:

Mary Pease Marilyn Oxby Edna Kirchhoff
 Margaret Jackson Virginia Densborn Signe Howell Arvis Knutson
 the family and friends of Pat Fritze who mourn her passing on July 27

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SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

1	9:30 Worship in Susannah with Communion 10:30 Coffee Hour	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9:30 Worship in Susannah, Scott Hotaling, preaching	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	9:30 Worship in Susannah 10:30 Coffee Hour	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	9:30 Worship in Susannah	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	9:30 Worship in Susannah	30	31		6:30 Nurture		All Day Conference Stewardship Training at Wheatland Salem UMC

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7:00 pm Ad Council

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Tuesdays in August

Vespers

**a weekday worship experience
on the Elder Lane lawn, near the
Memorial Garden**

6:30 p.m.

**Bring a lawn chair and a
friend or neighbor!**