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The First News

August 2011

Summer Sundays in Susannah, Tuesday Evening Vespers Continue in August

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Quick Takes:

- We host brass sectional rehearsals for East Leyden HS Band Aug 4 & 10 at 6:30 in Susannah.
- We host Arise Chicago! worker justice organizing breakfast on Aug 17 at 9:30 in Susannah.
- The Community Garden is bearing fruit—can you help distribute it? Please contact Pastor Denise to find out what's ripe now and how you can help.
- Worship meets back in the sanctuary September 4 featuring two baptisms!
- Congratulations to Eve Gogonas who celebrated her 90th birthday with a party at her retirement community in Bensenville.

In the midst of what's typically the hottest part of the season, Summer Sundays in Susannah provides a laid-back, cool space in your week for worship. The more casual atmosphere of the Susannah Room affords an opportunity for worship to take on a different feel with more music, interactive sermons, projected liturgy & lyrics—and sometimes even video or drama! Bottled water is provided—or bring your coffee in a travel mug. If you can't make it to Sunday worship, consider Tuesday Evening Vespers at 6:30 p.m. in the Meditation Garden through August 9. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy the beauty of God's creation focused through Psalms, music, reflection, and prayer!

Outdoor Worship with Pet Blessing, Block Party Planned for Sunday, September 11

Save the Date! September 11 is a big day in the life of our congregation and community! On that day, we will gather outdoors for our Sunday morning worship service at 9:30 a.m. The service will include lots of music and fellowship, along with a Blessing of the Animals—all pets are welcome at worship that day! Bring your lawn chairs and your friends!

Following worship, we'll set up on our lawn for our Annual Block Party which will take place from noon—2 p.m. This year, the Block Party will feature a variety of ethnic foods and music, as well as a Moon Walk, games, & fun! Groups that share space in our building will be invited to host a game or informational display, and we hope to have produce from our Community Garden to distribute. Plan to come, enjoy, host our guests, and make new friends!

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	8/25	Steve Racutt
8/6	Daniel Britton	8/28	Carmella Kawell
8/8	June Schenk	8/29	Kristine Shragal
8/11	Barbara Nimmer	8/30	Virginia Densborn
8/12	Sue Szymanski	8/31	Carli Revere
8/13	Helen Winkel		
8/16	Elizabeth Feldmann	🔔 8/14	Tom & Irene Riordan 🔔
8/16	Lois O'Connor	🔔 8/28	Matthew & Natalie Diblich 🔔

UMW Prepares for Fall Meetings and Events

All women are invited to an evening of fellowship as the United Methodist Women kick off the fall with a Potluck Dinner hosted by the Mission Team and active members on Tuesday, September 6 at 6:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars and plan to come for a relaxed evening with no meeting or agenda beyond strengthening our friendships. In preparation for this meeting & other fall events, the Mission Team will meet on Thursday, August 25 at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor. Mission Team meets again on September 29 at 9:30 a.m. to plan for October.

Our church and UMW unit will host the Fall Chicago Northwestern District Meeting of UMW on Saturday, September 24. Our own Lona Guyer will be honored at this meeting for her many years of service in the local, district, and conference UMW. Plan now to share in this special day for Lona and our church.

Finally, we said goodbye last month to Signe Howell who died in May at the age of 100. We celebrated her life at a Memorial Service, then enjoyed Swedish Afternoon Coffee hosted by her daughters. Peace, Signe!



Standing in the Need of Prayer

Those in need of our prayers:

Mary Pease	Edna Kirchhoff	Margaret Jackson	Marilyn Oxby
Arvis Knutson	Virginia Densborn	Louise Spain	

Students, faculty, & staff of Maple Park Academy as they return to school in late August, as well as our own staff who are preparing for them.

Stewardship Update

Our Giving by the Numbers...

Monthly Giving for July 2011 (through 7/24)	\$ 3,442.00
Total Giving in 2011	\$ 24,638.00

AUGUST 2011

SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

	1	2	3	4	5	6
		6:30 Vespers		7 pm Nurture		
7	9:30 Worship in Susannah with Communion 10:30 Coffee Hour	9	10	11	12	13
		6:30 Vespers				
14	9:30 Worship in Susannah 10:45 Ad Council	16	17	18	19	20
			9:30 am Arise Chicago Clergy Breakfast in Susannah			
21	9:30 Worship in Susannah 10:30 Coffee Hour	23	24	25	26	27
				9:30 UMW Mission Team in Parlor		All Day Conference Stewardship Training at Wheatland Salem UMC
28	9:30 Worship in Susannah	30	31			
		Maple Park Teacher Institute Day	Maple Park Teacher Work Day			

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Free to the Community!

Outdoor Worship with Pet Blessing, and Block Party

Worship with Pet Blessing 9:30 a.m.

Block Party noon—2 p.m.

Sunday, September 11

**Variety of Free Ethnic Foods,
Moon Walk, Games, Music**