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The First News

September 2010

Blessing of Backpacks & Block Party Sept. 12

All who are involved in education in any way at any level are invited to share in this time of celebration and **Blessing of Backpacks** in worship on Sunday, September 12 at 9:30 a.m. Bring your backpack! Whether or not we are students ourselves, we can all support those who are involved in teaching and learning.

Later that same day, from noon to 2 p.m., our community is invited to share in a **Block Party** as our way of thanking our neighbors personally for their support. There will be free hot dogs, games for children and adults, face painting, and much more! Invite friends and neighbors to join you for the Block Party! Donations of a dozen or more cookies or bars gladly accepted—please bring them on the 12th.



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Quick Takes...

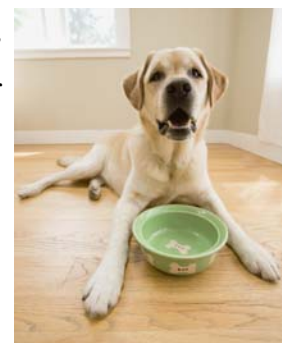
from August Ad Council:

- Treasurer Andrea Hubley moved \$50,000 from Daum Fund at UM Fdn, per vote of special church conference
- Trustee Chair Jeri Lynn Fox reported that tuckpointing was completed by Leo & Sons (who donated \$2,000 of additional work); ceiling work on hold until it's cooler
- Pastor noted architectural consultation (service of our conference) on Aug 18; we are required to send folks to 8/28 stewardship conf. and 10/31 Turn Around Church event; those interested should please see Pastor
- Ad Council meets September 8th at 7 pm; SPRC meets at 6:30 pm

Blessing of Animals featured at Worship on the Lawn on September 19

The place is going to the dogs (and cats, and frogs) on Sunday, September 19 at 9:30 a.m.! We will enjoy the pleasant weather of fall as we celebrate **worship on the lawn**. Blessing of Pets will be a featured part of worship that day, and your pets are especially welcome to join you for worship. These creatures are dear to our hearts, and this blessing recognizes they are

beloved by God as well! So bring your lawn chairs, pet friends, and open heart as we lift up our praises to God in the beauty of creation. In case of inclement weather, the service will be moved indoors, and pets are still welcome.





Celebrating September Birthdays & Anniversaries

9/1 Paul & Linda Sharp	9/2 Abbigail Buttles	9/17 Cody Riordan
9/2 Bill & Barbara Horn	9/5 Hemanshu Singh	9/17 Jennifer Das
9/7 James & Karen Biggs	9/6 Theresa Fritze	9/20 Kenneth May
9/16 Dan & Karyn Pritchett	9/9 Harnand Singh	9/25 Maggie Horn
	9/9 Taylor Anthony	9/26 Amanda Schmitt
	9/11 Robert Clark	9/26 Daniel Anthony
	9/13 Margaret Jackson	9/26 Ryan Boelster
	9/14 D. Bryce Pritchett	9/27 Emily Fox

Stewardship Update

Monthly Giving August 2010 \$ 4,641.60
 Total Giving in 2010 to date \$ 34,370.38

UMW Potluck & Meeting September 7

The UMW will gather for a Potluck and the first general meeting of the year on Tuesday, September 7 at noon. The Mission Team will serve as hostesses for the luncheon, and donations of a dish by the membership will be appreciated and add variety to the menu. The program will follow lunch.

Mark your calendar for the Chicago Northwestern District UMW Annual Meeting on September 25 at River Forest UMC. Plan to participate in this gathering since it's close by.

We celebrate with Signe Howell who turned 100 on August 19. Signe celebrated with several parties with families and friends. God's blessing to Signe, and to her daughter Linda!

We express condolences to the family of Patricia Fritze. Pat will be missed, and we give thanks to God for the testimony of her life.

UMW Mission Team meets on September 2 and 30 at 9:30 a.m. for planning.

Aunt Libby Circle will have an outing in September, location/time TBA.

Wesleyan Circle gathers September 9 at 7:30 p.m. at Susan Szymanski's home.

Susannah Circle meets on September 21 at noon at Linda and Signe's home.

News from the Circles...



Standing in the Need of Prayer

Those in need of our continuing prayers:

Mary Pease Marilyn Oxby Edna Kirchhoff Arvis Knutson

Margaret Jackson Virginia Densborn Signe Howell

the family and friends of Pat Fritze who mourn her passing in July

the family and friends of Bobby Kasser who mourn his passing in August

SEPTEMBER 2010

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				1	2	3	4
5	9:30 Worship in Susannah with Communion 10:30 Coffee Hour	6	7	8	9 Aunt Libby Circle Outing—Time TBA 7 pm Nurture 7:30 Wesleyan Circle at Sue Szymanski's	10	11
12	9:30 Worship in Sanctuary with Blessing of Backpacks noon—2 Block Party	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	9:30 Worship on the Lawn with Blessing of Animals 10:30 Coffee Hour	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	9:30 Worship	27	28	29	30		
					9:30 am UMW Mission Team Mtg		District UMW Annual Meeting at River Forest UMC

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**Blessing of
Backpacks**

bring backpacks to 9:30 a.m. worship

Block Party

free hot dogs, games for kids &
adults, plus Moon Walk
noon-2 pm

*Bring a lawn chair and invite a
friend or neighbor to join you!*

**Worship on
the Lawn**

on September 19
at 9:30 a.m., including a special

**Blessing of
Animals**

*Bring a lawn chair, your pet,
and a friend. Treats and water
provided for all in attendance!*