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The First News

September 2011

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Quick Takes...

from August Ad Council:

- Approved replacement of Fellowship Hall light fixtures in accordance with the school's needs, up to \$9,000
- Approved increase in hours for Church Administrator contract from 20 to 25 hours/week in 2011
- Pastor noted architectural consultation report recommends facility master plan, requiring digitized blueprints for facility; will get estimate of cost for consideration in September
- Nurture reported on special services, plans for Bible study and book club
- Ad Council meets Thursday, September 22nd at 6:30 pm in the Susannah Room

Blessing of Animals, Worship on the Lawn, then Neighborhood Block Party September 11

The place is going to the dogs (and cats, and frogs) on Sunday, September 11 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.



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. Our neighbors will be our guests as together we enjoy free food—including hot dogs, polish sausage with sauerkraut, and tacos. Representatives of organizations with whom we share space will be present hosting games and informational booths. There will be free games and prizes, music, face painting, a moon jump for the kids, and more! Volunteers are still needed—contact Pastor Denise to learn more! And plan to come and enjoy a relaxing day on the lawn with friends and neighbors!





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 Boelter
		9/14	D. Bryce Pritchett	9/27	Emily Fox

Stewardship Update

Monthly Giving August 2011 \$ 2,648.00
 Total Giving in 2011 to date \$ 27,694.00

UMW Potluck & Meeting September 6

An invitation is extended to all women of the congregation to a special evening of fellowship together over a potluck supper on Tuesday, September 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Susannah Room. The purpose of this meeting is to give all women an opportunity to get to know other we might have seen at worship services but not have come to know personally. There will not be a business meeting or program.

On Saturday, September 24, our United Methodist Women will host the annual fall meeting of the Chicago Northwestern District UMW at our church. We'll start with continental breakfast at 8:15 a.m. in the Susannah Room, followed by the program at 9 a.m. in the sanctuary, chaired by District President Vivian Matthews. The program features choirs and singing, as well as UMW units making their annual pledges to mission. All members can help with hospitality & welcome!

UMW Mission Team meets on September 22 at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor.

Aunt Libby Circle will go out for lunch on September 8.

Wesleyan Circle will join in the potluck on September 6 in lieu of meeting.

Susannah Circle meets on September 20 at 1 p.m. at Doris Abel's home.

News from the Circles...



Standing in the Need of Prayer

Those in need of our continuing prayers:

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

Check it out!

Nobius is back September 25 at 11:15 am.

SEPTEMBER 2011

SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 7 pm Nurture	2	3 1 pm Quinceañera in the Sanctuary
4	9:30 Worship in Sanctuary with Baptism & Communion 10:30 Coffee Hour	5	6 6:30 pm UMW Potluck Fellowship meeting in Susannah	7	8 1 pm Aunt Libby Circle Lunch Out	9 7 pm Cub Scouts	10
11	9:30 Worship on the Lawn with Blessing of Animals noon—2 Block Party	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	9:30 Worship featuring guest preacher Rev. David Gregg 10:30 Coffee Hour	19	20	21	22 9:30 am UMW Mission Team Mtg 7:00 pm Ad Council	23	24 District UMW Annual Meeting at our church
25	9:30 Worship 11:15 Nobius	26	27	28	29	30	

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Come and join in the fun on
September 11
for our
Block Party

free food including hot dogs,
polish sausage with sauerkraut,
& tacos, free games & prizes for
kids & adults, plus music, face
painting, Moon Walk & more

noon—2 pm

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

**Worship on
the Lawn**

on September 11

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!*