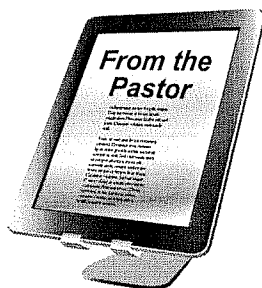


Burlington Zion Express

June 2013



Every now and then, something looks like one thing, but it is really something else. Last week, Don and I were riding our bikes with the dogs trotting along beside us; Moses and Maggie are trained to run on leash with the bikes. Since the pavement was so hot that day, we turned off the street and headed across an open field. The sun was shining, the sky was blue—it couldn't have been a nicer day. Suddenly, we were in the midst of a swarm of bees. What had appeared to be a pile of brown dirt on the grass was actually a hive of nesting bees. Dogs and bikes went right through the hive and in moments we were covered with buzzing, stinging bees. We dropped our bikes, grabbed the dogs, and ran.

A pile of dirt turned out to be a swarm of angry bees. Every now and then something looks like one thing, but it is really something else.

Ever notice the “church page” in the Hawkeye? Like any “church page” in any local newspaper, the Hawkeye features the photo of a church building. Someone suggested in Bible study today that if we were to accurately represent the Church, should it really be a photo of a building? And if not, then what would it be? If you were told that you had one chance and one chance only to photograph Zion and that picture would represent Zion's true identity for all of time, what would you photograph? The front of the building? The altar? The rainbow banner? How about NOIZ Nites? Or a group shot of worship? Maybe a monthly budget sheet? The community meal that we help serve? The food pantry? A meeting of the consistory? What photo would capture the true identity of Zion?

Annie Dillard wrote that those of us who sit in church each Sunday “should all be wearing crash helmets. Ushers should issue life preservers and signal flares; they should lash us to our pews. For the sleeping god may wake some day and take offense, or the waking god may draw us out to where we can never return.” Helmets might be fitting attire for Zion—we do seem to enter into everything with a certain crashing energy and passion. We seem to embrace it all—faith mixed with skepticism, compassion side-by-side with realism, joy and grief emerging together. We are a congregation that takes seriously our responsibility to social justice, our commitment to regular worship, our promise to support one another and this church.

We may *look* nice, but we might be a little more like a pile of dirt that is really a swarm of bees. A better way to express it would be to say that we are more crash helmet than we are coat and tie. More crash helmet than status quo. More crash helmet church than *nice* church.

People probably thought Jesus was one thing, when he really was another. Nice guy from Nazareth, not Savior. Middle class Jewish male, not the Prince of Peace. Son of Mary, not Son of God.

It's OK to look like one thing, but to be something else. Even if you are a little bit like a swarm of bees.

See You in the Pews,

Pastor Jane



Worship

Sunday, June 2 - Communion

10:00 am: Worship
Scriptures: 1 Kings 18:20-21, 30-39
Luke 7:1-10
11:00 am: Coffee Hour

Sunday, June 9

10:00 am: Worship
Scriptures: 1 Kings 17:8-16; Luke 7:11-17
11:00 am: Coffee Hour

Sunday, June 16 – Father’s Day

10:00 am: Worship
Scriptures: 1 Kings 21:1-10
Luke 7:36 – Luke 8:3
11:00 am: Coffee Hour

Sunday, June 23

10:00 am: Worship
Scriptures: 1 Kings 19:1-4; Luke 8:26-39
Flowers: In loving memory of Woody and
Troy Hutchinson from Sue Hutchinson
11:00 am: Coffee Hour

Sunday, June 30

10:00 am: Worship
Scriptures: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
Luke 9:51-62
11:00 am: Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour Hosts



June 2: Paula Renard, Scott Wood

June 9: Fellowship Committee –

Welcome for Jeff Mueller, our Summer Intern

June 16: _____

June 23: George and Velma Johnson, Brenda
Nelson, and Adra Johnson

June 30: _____

Worship Helpers

June church closers: Jim and Sandy Levins

Sunday, June 2

Communion preparers: Milt and Laurie Paule
Greeters: Bill and Pam Daws, Dan and Lisa
Graham
Reader: Sandy Levins
Tower Bell: Bob Parmeter
Valet: Bill Daws

Sunday, June 9

Greeters: Rodney and Barb Botts, Janet
McCannon, Rod Reeves
Reader: Theresa Ritters
Tower Bell: Ethan Kerr
Valet: Rich Goble

Sunday, June 16 – Father’s Day

Greeters: Marvin and Marcia Fraise, Jim
Levins, Kathy Morrish
Reader: Craig Neises
Tower Bell: Marvin Fraise
Valet: Marvin Fraise

Sunday, June 23

Greeters: Dick and Patty Kerr; Stacey, Ethan,
and Emery Kerr; Paula Mehaffy
Reader: Rod Reeves
Tower Bell: Caleb Mehaffy
Valet: Craig Neises

Sunday, June 30

Greeters: Bill and Ann Hummel, Neises family
Reader: Laurie Paule
Tower Bell: Milt Paule
Valet: Dennis Dietzman



All are invited downstairs to the fellowship hall following the worship service for a time of coffee, simple refreshments, and fellowship.

Please feel free sign up for either of the two Sundays in June without sponsors. Thanks!



CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

by Janice Gibson

Thank you, Teachers! Thank you, Judi's Bloomers!



The Children's Church teachers and helpers were honored on Sunday, May 19, with a plant, courtesy of Judi's Bloomers. Judi Newland of Judi's Bloomers has donated the plants for our teachers for the past several years. Thanks so much, Judi.

We are blessed to have so many of Zion's members who are willing to give of their time and talent to our Children's Church and NOIZ Nites for Families. Thanks, too, to our Board of Christian Education who helps plan and implement the Christian Education programs at Zion.

Children's Summer Schedule

There will be no Children's Church during the summer. Worship bags with activities for the children, ages 12 and under, will be available during the 10:00 am service throughout the summer months.



Stay tuned for information about a NOIZ Kids Day later in the summer!!

Zion's Summer Intern

Zion is blessed this summer with **Jeff Mueller**, an intern from Eden Seminary. Jeff has finished his first year at Eden and will be working here at Zion all summer. Jeff will preach, teach, work with our children, visit the elderly, and develop new programming. He will receive an all-around experience of ministry, and Zion will benefit from the talents and skills of a young seminarian.

We are celebrating Jeff's ministry at Zion with a brunch following church on Sunday, June 9. Be sure to be here to welcome Jeff!

General Synod 29 - Pastor Jane's Schedule and Vacation

Pastor Jane will be attending General Synod in Long Beach, CA as a delegate for Justice and Witness Ministries. (Pastor Jane is on the Board of Directors for JWM.) Synod begins on June 27 and ends on July 3.

Jane will then fly into Chicago O'Hare on July 3 where Don will meet her, and they will leave on vacation. Their plans are to drive to Maine (where she will officiate Paulette Upton's wedding).

Our summer intern, Jeff Mueller, will be preaching at Zion in Pastor Jane's absence.

Pastor Jane will be back in the church office on Tuesday, July 16.



On Sunday, May 19, we welcomed **Kim Hand** into the membership of Zion Church.



Highway Cleanup

Saturday, June 1
9:00 a.m.

Since we had to cancel the cleanup on May 4, our makeup day for the highway cleanup will be on Saturday, June 1st.

Zion is responsible for cleaning a one mile stretch of highway south of Burlington on Highway 61 twice a year. We will do this on Saturday, June 1, and then again in the fall.

Please meet at Zion at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday to carpool to the location. The D.O.T. will provide reflection vests, trash bags, and vinyl gloves. All helpers are welcome! We are generally finished in a couple hours—less if we have plenty of help.

~~Gail Lawlor

Sing-along at Bickford Assisted Living



Sunday, June 9
3:00 p.m.

Several volunteers will go to Bickford Assisted Living on **Sunday, June 16, at 3:00 p.m.** for a sing-along with the residents there. Please try to join them!

Thank you so much to all the May volunteers who sang at Klein: **Charles Brissey, Janice Gibson, Debbie Gottschalk, Don and Vivian Kellar, Pauline Kuster, Martha Landstrom, Donna Norris, Milt and Laurie Paule, Phil Paule, Rod Reeves and John Riessen.**

Zion Night at the Bees Game

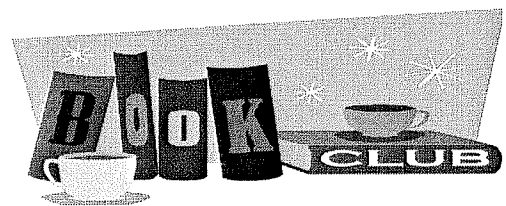


Monday
June 10
6:30 p.m.

All Zion members and friends are invited to meet at Community Field to watch the Burlington Bees baseball game on Monday, June 10. The Bees will be taking on the Beloit Snappers. Judy Nesius from our Fellowship Committee has reserved the rooftop on the third base side. (No sun in your eyes this year!)

This is a “Dollar Monday” event so adult general admission tickets are just \$2. Senior and student general admission tickets, hot dogs, pizza, popcorn, and cans of Pepsi products are just \$1.00.

Please plan to come and join the fun!



Thursday, June 27
7:00 p.m.

The book for June is A Step of Faith by Richard Paul Evans, his fourth novel in The Walk Series. You may now purchase a book from Deb Ruble in the narthex area after morning worship services for \$11.00 each. The meeting will be at the home of Judy Tomkins, 628 South Leebrick Street, on Thursday, June 27, at 7:00 p.m.

Coffee and Scripture



Tuesdays, 7:30 am
at Diggers Rest

Tuesday morning Bible Study has been enjoying a wonderful book, The Evolution of the Word. It is a fascinating study of the New Testament. Join us at 7:30 am – the coffee is great, and so is the discussion! (You do not need to have read the book.)

Pastor Jane

Over-the-Hill Gang

Thursday, June 27

2:00 p.m.



Kings Daughters Home

628 S. Leebrick St.

Come for a delightful afternoon of “Vintage Weddings in June” hosted by Judy Tomkins and Jeanette Fisher.

There will be a style show (with the procession coming down the circular staircase!) of vintage wedding gowns from as far back as 1900 with narrated history, along with some period wedding music played by Janice Gibson. She'll see if you can “Name that tune!”

If you have a photograph of your own wedding day, please bring it to share. They would also like to hear a funny or memorable story from your wedding day, if you have one.

Refreshments will be served. You won't want to miss it! You don't have to be a member of the Over-the-Hill Gang to attend. If anyone else is interested in this event, you are welcome to come. Just talk to Jeanette Fisher or Judy Tomkins!

Parking Lot Help Needed

on Sunday morning, June 16

We need one or two volunteers stationed at our parking lot entrance to keep our lot reserved for Zion Church parking only. This is the day of the Snake Alley Art Fair, which begins at 8:00 a.m. Please notify the church office if you can help. Thanks!

Zion's Run for the Homeless



On August 25, Zion will be sponsoring a road race called "Zion's Run for the Homeless." All proceeds will go to the Burlington Area Homeless Shelter. Although the race is being promoted by the Social Justice Committee, we will need LOTS of church volunteers. We will have a short worship service in the church before the race, and then we will all go outside and run for the homeless!! Watch for more opportunities to sign up to help.

Thanks to those who are already working--a group of church people will be collecting tickets at Steamboat Days which will raise money to get us started. Another church member has made a substantial contribution. If you would like to contribute to the race, please do. We need "seed money" to get started.

And a HUGE thank you to Lyle Gibson without whom...we could never do it!!

Get those running/walking shoes tuned up!

Bill Daws
Chair of Social Justice Committee



Bridging the Gap Update

- ❖ **Food Pantry** – Earlier this year Deb Ruble worked very hard and completed all the necessary paperwork to apply for a grant from Walmart. During the first week of May, **our food pantry received a \$1000 check from Walmart!!** This money will be used to buy groceries to keep our pantry well stocked. Thank you, Deb! And thanks to Donna Norris for faithfully coming in each week to check stock and sack up groceries so they're all ready for distribution, and to Judy Taylor for grocery shopping whenever it's needed. Our food pantry is a very vital ministry here at Zion!
- ❖ **Love Fund** - We sent out a plea in mid-May for financial help, and many of you were quick to respond. Our Love Fund assists deserving people in paying for their utility bills, water bills, rent, prescriptions, and so on. Our monthly budget and the few regular donations we get are used up very quickly each month. Perhaps if you've been donating to the food pantry, you would consider donating to the Love Fund instead for a while. It would be very much appreciated and put to very good use. Just make your check out to Zion Church and *be sure to mark it for the "Love Fund."* Thank you to our treasurer Dyan Dietzman and also her husband Dennis for hand delivering many of the checks! And thanks also to check co-signer Paulette Upton who also sometimes hand delivers the checks. Deb Ruble is in the office each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and is available to meet with people and answer their phone calls. Thanks, Deb!

UPcoming EVENTS

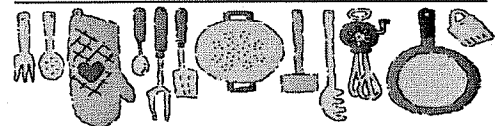
The Fellowship Committee has a couple other events planned that you should put on your calendar:



Sunday, July 14, after morning worship (during the Coffee Hour) will be "Sundae Sunday" for everyone! They'll have homemade ice cream with all the toppings.

On **Sunday, September 8**, there will be a "Back to Church" potluck meal in the fellowship hall after the morning worship service.

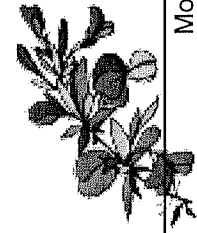
FROM THE KITCHEN COMMITTEE



The Kitchen and Fellowship Committees thank two very special "angels" who assist with our Zion fellowships. Paulette Upton has created many lovely tablecloths for the fellowship hall. Noina Workman always donates our coffee. We thank you both for your generosity!

Also – on the kitchen counter are several dishes to be taken home: a trifle dish and two glass baking/casserole dishes, possibly returned from the community dinner. Thank you.

Carol Goddard
Kitchen Committee Chair


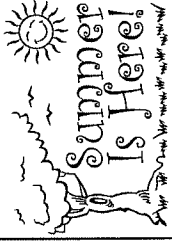



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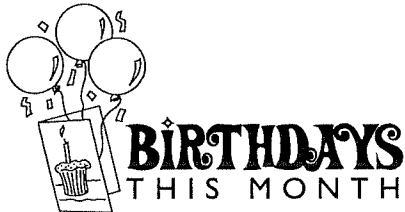


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| 1 ---- Hillaurie Fritz , 32 Lathrope Ave.,
Forest Park, IL 60130 | 5 --- George & Velma Johnson
10574 Rolling Hills Dr. |
| 3 ---- Don Thie , 14048 155th St. | 10 --- Donald & Vivian Kellar (62)
128 Greenwood Dr. |
| 4 ---- Brandi Chapman , 505 Conrad Ct.
Stacey Wachter , 1028 Short Avenue | 12 --- David & Cathy Schnicker (42)
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| 27 --- Rich Goble , 2000 Charles St. | |
| 29 --- Paulette Upton , 2523 Quail Ridge Dr. | |
| 30 --- Briar Thye (14), 10284 155th St. | |

Early July Birthdays

- 3 ---- **Paula Mehaffy**, 911 Linden St.
Todd VanScoy, 705 Louisa St.

“Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.”

PHILIPPIANS 4:8

The Blessing of Hope

“Just Communities” is the department at the Organization of African Instituted Churches (OAIC) with which I work as the Director. There are many projects Just Communities has undertaken. The “One People Campaign” is our peace initiative in Kenya and many African countries, to teach and promote peaceful lives and approaches to controversy, especially during and following elections. Just Communities produced and distributed copies of “Young African Express,” an educational magazine to the young people in the community. Young African Express is a comic booklet which addresses issues often present in communities and discusses the role of church members in it.



PHYLLIS
BYRD

Recently we visited a group of women in Kawangwar, an informal settlement in Nairobi. The women are HIV-positive and have initiated an income-generating project to support themselves and their children. There we met the four year old daughter of one of the women, who had suffered third degree burns to her head and face. Blessing is her name. Her mother explained she did not have enough money to pay the price of the procedure to treat Blessing’s burns. Now Blessing’s condition was more serious, she could not close her eyes to sleep and she had difficulty breathing because the burns had affected her nose and mouth. Just Communities contacted the Comprehensive Rehabilitation Services in Uganda (CoRSU), which performs low cost surgery to children with disabilities. Blessing and her mother traveled twelve hours by bus from Nairobi to Kampala, Uganda arriving early on Sunday morning. They had an appointment to see a doctor at the hospital the next day. The doctor felt surgery was urgent because there were infections developing in Blessings’ eyes. The surgery was scheduled for two days later. The doctors successfully reconstructed much of Blessings’ face and more surgery is to come. We thank God for the many people who made Blessings’ medical treatment possible.

God, we pray that communities in Kenya will be able to focus on their daily lives in peace. We pray for Blessing as she continues to heal and recover, and we pray for the work of Just Communities that it may continue its impact making its among peoples in Kenya.

Phyllis Byrd serves in Nairobi Kenya, as a theological educator with the Presbyterian Church of East Africa as a theological educator. This is a joint appointment with the Presbyterian Church, USA and Global Ministries.



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