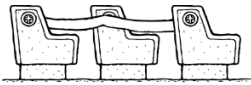


THE VISITOR

APRIL, 2010



Whose pew
is it?

Where's your spot? You know, that place in that particular pew where you sit every time you're in worship?

Can you see it in your mind? Now, who are the people who sit in your zone, the area to each side, in front and behind you? Or maybe your zone is the choir loft. Or maybe your zone also includes that person or family on the other side of the sanctuary that you always greet at peace time. Or maybe your zone is the children in the front rows.

When someone is absent in your zone, how do they know they were missed at worship? Call them! Write them a quick note. Use one of the postcards in the white notebook. Contact by someone *other than the pastor* is extremely powerful! It sends the message that church really is the Body of Christ, that when a finger or ankle is missing, the wrist and knee care! And who is that new freckle? Welcome them and help them find a place, not just in a pew but also in a group. Invite them to your Sunday School class, choir practice or maybe just out for coffee after church.

When someone returns after being gone, welcome them home! Remember, a loving welcome is not the same as embarrassing them about having been absent. There might have been major change going on in their life, financial struggles, challenges in relationships. So make sure they know church is more whole with their presence.

The hardest group of people to 'see' are those who are absent and have never been here. Our community is like most others: more people are unchurched than part of a faith family. Who might that be in your life? A neighbor? A friend? Maybe a family member or co-worker? A personal invitation to worship or a group gathering is better than any newspaper ad or radio announcement. Beyond that invitation, reaching out in love and service is another way to 'talk' about our church without even using words. Your special Easter offering will do just that, providing care and support of those in

need, those in our zone, those in God's zone of love and forgiveness.

Where's your spot? Who's in your zone? And how far can we expand our zone through our caring and giving?

Pastor Christina



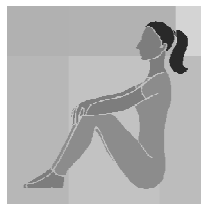
UMCOR has requested we continue to collect donations for Health Kits, and add donations for Layette Kits. To speed delivery of the items to Haiti, we will be collecting the items **in bulk**. Here are both lists:

LAYETTE KITS

- 6 cloth diapers
- 2 shirts or 2 one-piece body suits
- 2 baby washcloths
- 2 gowns or sleepers
- 2 diaper pins
- 1 sweater open in the front
- 2 receiving blankets

HEALTH KITS

- hand towels (no kitchen towels)
- washclothes
- combs (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)
- nail files or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- bath-size bars of soap (3 oz. and up)
- toothbrushes (single brushes only in original wrapper, No child-size brushes)
- adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages
- toothpaste
- 1 gallon zip lock bags



Beginners Level Yoga Class

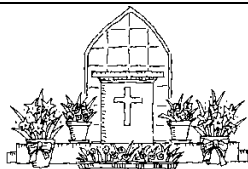
Tuesdays at 6pm-6:45pm
On the stage in the
sanctuary.
No Charge!



- 1-Kelly McGinnis
- 3-Lisa Fox, Michelle Shears
- 4-Karen Steininger, Paul Olivier
- 5-Carl Bargemann
- 6-Janice Braund, Riley Borrowman
- 7-Jessica Boatman-Portz, Jacob Fox
- 8-Jennifer (Franz) Borrowman
- 9-Kara Anderson
- 11-Sandra Holdiman, Michael McGinnis,
Mark Sleezer
- 12-Aaron Martinez, Cameron Morris
- 13-Lori Lynn Stark
- 14-Ken Corbin, Mark Coffman, Molly Osman,
Nolan Minard
- 17-Kim May
- 18-Morgan Sibley
- 20-Taylor Rehberg
- 21-Kerry Christensen, Samantha Stamper,
Ina Munar
- 24-Matthew Kuebrich, Sr., Diane Morris,
Kalina Schmidt
- 25-Cara Cooper
- 26-Rebecca Olivier
- 27-Connor Smith
- 28-Wayne Wright
- 29-Eva Gardner, Laurie Smith, Braden Morris
- 30-Loren Christenson, Rodney Ervin

Have we missed your birthday or anniversary? It is not intentional. Please call the office and leave a message about your birth date or anniversary date and we will get our list updated.

- The Membership Committee



ALTAR FLOWERS

April 4	-
April 11	-
April 18	In celebration of Jack & Gerri Henze's wedding anniversary.
April 25	Wesley & Diane Morris



Mary Warrick, Maxine Coffman, Chris Leifheit, Irene Corbin, Becky Klatt, Frank Goetzinger, Ed Kollmann, David Littlefair, Pat Curtis, Danielle Young and Family (*sibling of a student of Kim Wensits*), Dr. Karl Csiszer, Robert Keister (*stepfather of Cathy Cunningham*), Andy Schwartz, Judy Todd, Arlene Gould, Beth MacNeil, Jeff & Christy Ernst (*Mollie Minard's parents*), Marty Lincoln (*friend of the Holdiman's*), Sharlene Andoe (*friend of the Goetzinger's*), Sara Geiger (*Jen Leifheit's sister*), Jaidyn Foote (*great-granddaughter of Sharon Baker*), Pauline Bowden Fisher, Marge Mehok (*friend of Lauri Safford*), Jamie & Matt Kewenig (*friend of Tammi Naumann*), Bishop Hee-Soo Jung, DS Rev. Diana Facemyer, our youth ministry, those serving in the military, their families & friends.

And for those that are home bound...
Laurie Smith.

And for those in care facilities...
Gladys Alexander, Pete Wolsfeld, Larry Lunn (Larry Lunn is at ManorCare Health Services at 200 Martin Ave., Naperville, IL 60540, e-mail: mallrd4@aol.com if you'd like to send cards or an e-mail message).

Celebrating

An Anniversary This Month

- 4-Carl & Lynn Bargemann
- 17-Jack & Gerri Henze
- 19-Jeff & Jen Osman
- 25-Greg & Amy Brown
- 28-Steve & Janice Braund



The Golden Harvesters will meet on Fri., April 9th at 5:30 p.m. with a potluck dinner at the United Methodist Church on Clark St. and Hale St., Plano, Il. The program for the evening will be "Roxanne Cann".



Dale & I want to thank our church family for your outpouring of support with prayers, hugs, cards and phone calls. Everything is so appreciated and comforting. With surgery behind, we still wait for the course of treatment ahead. Our trust is in the Lord who already knows the plan.

Chris Leifheit



Thank you to all for your prayers, cards and kind words during the healing of my arm. You are all much appreciated and loved!

Gloria Aguilar Rabin



Thank you to everyone for your prayers, cards, phone calls and words of encouragement. Everyone is so dear to me and I'm so grateful for all of my church family.

Love, Mary Warrick



The newsletter deadline for the May, 2010 newsletter will be Monday, April 19th. If you have an article that you would like included, please have it in the church office by this date. Thank you!

Also, we are in need of individuals that would like to help in newsletter assembly once per month. Date and time will be listed in the church bulletin.

EVANGELISM, CARING & MISSION CORNER

The Haiti projects have been very successful. I wish we had weighed them or counted so we could really brag. The healthcare kits and layette kits items are still being accepted. Although the problems in Haiti are not on the front page or on the nightly news the people there continue to struggle.

Closer to home families are struggling and we need to continue our support of the food pantry. April items are baby things: baby food, cereal, juice, diapers, wipes, baby shampoo, lotions, powder, etc. Baby items are just a suggestion any and all items are accepted. Too many cans of corn in the cupboard? Donate them. 10 for a dollar sale? Buy and donate. Lots of opportunities.



Spring time is here and soon will be the end of the college year, so it is time for our annual CARE PACKAGES to our college students. We need donations of snacks and money for postage. A table will be on the stage in the sanctuary. If you have a college student living at home or away, be sure we have the correct address. Turn the address into the church office, Cathy Cunningham or Gerri Henze. The items need to be here by Sunday, April 11.

On the horizon we have a number of new ideas floating around so stay tuned to this space.





DATE: Saturday, April 17

TIME: 9:00am

PLACE: Plano UMC

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend!!

This is a great opportunity to lend a helping hand to the church and enjoy fellowship at the same time!



In place of Easter lilies for the altar, the Worship Committee is planning for butterflies, the symbol of transformation and new life! A \$5 donation in memory or celebration of someone will pride a silk butterfly to adorn the cross on

Easter morning. All names will be listed in our bulletin that morning. Celebrate the glory of Christ's resurrection and the witness of those past and present with butterflies!

butterfly, butterfly
slug-low and small, leaf munching, slow moving,
tomb-ward marching
shrouded silence
dark death-still
awake! new life!
color vibrates, wings spread into flight
butterfly, butterfly
free



Free Clinic on May 1 at Plano High School

Kendall Cares, a grass roots coalition of Christians across Kendall County, is sponsoring a free clinic from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 1,

2010 at Plano High School, 704 West Abe Street.

The clinic will provide basic medical, dental, vision, and chiropractic services to individuals in need of these services. Spa services are also available on clinic day, including hair cuts and manicures. Photographers will take family portraits for clinic

guests, A Clothing Closet and Food Pantry will provide clinic guests with these items, all donated through the Kendall Cares coalition of committed Christians. The Kendall Care Clinic is a using clinic project model developed by Touched Twice United. This model relies solely on the generosity of volunteers, local churches and businesses to provide services on clinic day. This generosity allows economically challenged Kendall County residents to be served free of charges on May 1. Providing free goods and services requires strong volunteer and donor support. Volunteers from several Kendall County churches have already committed to serve on May 1. Many of these same churches are already busy planning for clinic day. You or your group is invited to join us as a Kendall Cares Clinic [volunteer](#).

Major co-sponsors for the Kendall Care Clinic include Kendall County Health Department and Plano High School, and the Kendall County Food Pantry.

Cheryl Johnson, Executive Director of the Kendall County Health Department stated that the fast growth Kendall County experienced in the past 10 years challenged “the ability of county government and community groups to meet the service needs of the many new residents.”

“Sadly, the last two years have brought residential (and now commercial) foreclosures. Many county residents are without jobs, housing or health care,” she said. “The proposed clinic will have a positive impact on our county that is struggling,” Johnson concluded.

Plano High School and Plano Community Unit School District #88 understand the impact that a successful clinic would have on our community, Assistant Principal Laurel Mateyka said. “Nearly 43% of our student population is on free/reduced lunch. Families in our community are struggling to keep their homes. Many parents are out of work and have been for quite some time,” Mateyka sadly noted. “The impact this clinic will have on our community is great,” she noted.

“The impact this clinic will have on the community as a whole will be profound,” Maria Spaeth, Executive Director of Kendall County Food Pantry. Spaeth noted that the food pantry regularly serves 3,000 individuals and families. “It is estimated that 86% have limited or no health insurance,” Spaeth said. For more information, visit kendallcares.org.

A colorful CROSS



Create a beautiful decoration for your window this Easter. It will remind you that Jesus rose from the dead to save you from your sins.

What you need:

- 8½" x 11" sheet of paper
- Pencil
- Clear transparency sheet (or clear report cover)
- Permanent marker
- Scissors
- Colored tissue paper
- Paintbrush
- Glue
- Scotch tape

What you do:

1. Draw a large cross that takes up most of the paper.
2. Put the transparency over the paper and trace the cross onto it with a permanent marker.
3. Cut the colored tissue paper into 1" x 1" squares.
4. Using a paintbrush, spread glue onto the tissue paper squares and then place them on the cross. (Add a few drops of water to the white glue to make it more spreadable.)
5. After the glue is dry, cut out the cross. Then tape it in a window and enjoy the beautiful colors.



SYMBOL OF SACRIFICE

At this time of the year, we see many crosses draped in purple, black or white cloth. They remind us of the loving sacrifice Jesus made for us – and that he rose again.

Use the code in the big cross to complete 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, NIV.

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Answer: Christ died for our sins ... he was buried ... he was raised on the third day.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Hello –

The children purchased two water buffalo and two goats as their “Gift of Love” for the Heifer Project. A total of \$750.02 was donated by our very generous church family. These animals will be given to families to help them grow, hope, nurture, and have a future. Thank you to everyone for helping the children attain their goal and to Pastor for fulfilling her incentive.

We had 4 churches represented at the Fun Bowl on February 21 at Plano Hometown Lanes. 40 people took up the challenge in bowling two games and chances of winning a prize. Everyone had fun and enjoyed the afternoon.

Depending on when you receive this newsletter, the children will once again sing songs on Palm Sunday and distribute palms to the congregation. The songs are new and inspiring and the children want to share them with you.

The Sunday School staff will treat the kids to a puppet show, crafts, stories, Easter items, and much more at Sunday School on Easter morning. This is a day that the kids don’t want to miss – they will learn the Easter story in various ways, have fun, be inspired, and receive Easter tokens.

Upcoming dates:

May 23 – Recognition Sunday at 10:30 worship service

June 6 – August 15 - Summer Sunday School “Galactic Blast”

June 14 – June 18 - VBS (more details at a later date)

September 12 – Rally Day at 9 a.m.

Linda Oleson

Sunday School Superintendent

All Aboard
to JESUS



Farmers Market

Plans are underway for our second annual Farmers Market beginning on July 31 through October 2 in our church parking lot. Our first planning meeting is set for Monday, April 5, at 7 p.m. Anyone who is interested in this growth opportunity is invited to the meeting. Items for discussion are ways to entice vendors and customers, fees for having a booth, vendor criteria, and our own bakery booth. Please call Sue Baker on (630) 552-3963 or Linda Oleson on (630) 552-3828 if you have questions otherwise we will see you April 5.

