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August Birthdays



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| Helen Misel | 8/1 | Connor Harrington | 8/14 | Georgia Pettis | 8/23 |
| Ron Curtice | 8/2 | RuthAnn Delladio | 8/15 | Savana Kennedy | 8/24 |
| Jerry Taylor | 8/3 | Richard Everhart | 8/15 | Clayton Crouch | 8/26 |
| Ellie Warner | 8/3 | Susan Miller | 8/16 | Nick Trischler | 8/27 |
| Kim Beets | 8/4 | Steve Capell | 8/17 | Todd Burd | 8/28 |
| Brett Shelton | 8/4 | Mitchell Lerdahl | 8/17 | Jason Coleman | 8/29 |
| Tiffany Stransky | 8/5 | Rebecca Pettitt | 8/17 | Shane Gagnebin | 8/29 |
| Charlotte Thomas | 8/5 | Barbara Trickle | 8/17 | Scott Anglemeyer | 8/30 |
| Todd Eaton | 8/6 | Ronnie Penner | 8/18 | Larry Clark | 8/30 |
| Jeannine Gallagher | 8/6 | Marietta Price | 8/18 | Alexis Crumrine | 8/31 |
| Ann Murphy | 8/7 | James Downing | 8/19 | Lori Eaton | 8/31 |
| Ashley Gagnebin | 8/9 | Dorothy Buhrl | 8/20 | Debbie Foley | 8/31 |
| Roger Miller | 8/10 | Michael Ellis | 8/20 | Barbara Henre | 8/31 |
| Jeffrey Shelton | 8/10 | Mike Johnson | 8/22 | Martha Lee | 8/31 |
| Patti Ward | 8/11 | Richard Brauer Jr. | 8/23 | Heather Roberts | 8/31 |
| | | | | Joseph Schmidt | 8/31 |

Check It Out!

- Traditional Worship Services Sunday @ 8:30am & 10:45am
- Adult & Children's Sunday School 9:30am.
- Contemporary Worship Service Sunday @ 6pm
- Jr. High Youth Group Wednesday @ 7pm *
- Sr. High Youth Group Wednesday @ 8pm *

***Youth Kick Off
Wednesday, August
26th**

Feel free to call the church office with any questions.
913-422-5349

**Office hours are
8am-1pm
Monday -Friday.**

Attention Ding-A-Lings!

*Two bellringers were standing on a sinking ship.
"Help!" cried the first, "I can't swim!"
"Don't worry," said the other, "just fake it."*

The Chancel Handbell Choir is getting geared up for another year of inspirational ringing. Rehearsals will start Wednesday, August 5 at 6:30 PM in the church Music Room. Members should plan to eat a little, talk a little, laugh a little and ring a lot at that first practice, because the bells will play monthly from August 16 through April 18.

Remember: Ordinary people pump iron. Real musicians lift bronze.



Luncheon August 9th



Following the 10:45 service come celebrate the Sr. High mission trip to New York. Come have lunch and enjoy a slideshow detailing the trip.

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From the Senior Pastor

“Getting to know you , getting to know all about you. Getting to like you, getting to hope you like me.”

These words to a song from “The King and I” describe our mutual adventure in the days and weeks ahead. I am working to learn everyone’s name, but the greater opportunity is getting better acquainted. For this task we share our stories, our photos, our hopes and dreams. We get to know each other.

All this will take time. I write this column to just remind us all of that reality. I find it easier to learn some people’s names right away—for others it seems to take longer. I ask for your patience and understanding.

I use the photo directories and they are a big help but not everyone has a picture in the directory! I need you to all continue to wear your nametag. Even those who I called by name a week ago without it will need to wear a nametag, because I can get mixed up next week. (Also, we are more hospitable and welcoming to visitors and potential new members of the congregation when we have them on!)

I am trying to visit with as many folks as I can as soon as I can. Those who have been hospitalized will probably get a visit sooner than those who are getting along just fine. Those who are members of a church committee or small group are easier to for me to run into. I try to put names and faces together at Sunday morning and evening worship.

I’m going to ask the Staff Parish Relations Committee to sponsor some “get acquainted” meetings in the near future. And I encourage anyone and everyone to call me and make an appointment—either for you to come by my office or for me to come to your home. If I haven’t called on you in a couple of months, by all means call on me! Don’t sit by the phone with hurt feelings waiting for it to ring.

Thank you for all you have done to help Vickie and I feel welcomed. I have really enjoyed my work with you all during July and eagerly look forward to the months and years to come. Thanks be to God for all the help and love God is sharing with us all, and with our world!

I hope to see you in worship this Sunday.

Grace and Peace,
Dan Waters



Bonner Springs United Methodist Church Staff

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| Senior Pastor | Dan Waters |
| Associate Pastor | Brad Wheeler |
| Children’s Ministries Director | Linda Edgell |
| Choir Director and Sunday Night Live Music Director | Todd Burd |
| Organist and Chancel Bell Choir Director | Jean Ney |
| Sunday Night Live Technical Director | Matt Beets |
| Child Care | Jennifer Hampton, Heather Roberts & Ashley Roberts |
| Administrative Assistant | Heather Jackson |

MY INFO

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____
 Zip _____ Phone _____
 Email _____
 Put me on the email list _____

Want to be better connected?
So do we!!!

Please email us your updated information
at bonnerspringsumc@kc.rr.com
Or just cut out and mail in the my info section.

Please let us know if you are interested
in being on a church wide email list.

Get connected and stay up to date on all the
wonderful things happening in our congregation



CHRISTMAS IN JULY



For those of you gals who were unable to come to the Christmas in July chick flick you missed a wonderful event. First we frosted cookies. What fun! We found our birthday dates in the calendar; then signed Christmas cards to missionaries who shared that date. They will be mailed in November. What a tremendous feeling it was to let a missionary know you would be thinking of them and praying for them. They need that type of encouragement. We filled our plates with cookies and our glasses with eggnog (well, some of us did!) and retired to the Parlor. There we saw the movie, *While You Are Sleeping*. After the movie, we went back to Fellowship Hall. There we discussed the theme of the movie and read verses from the Bible that applied to the theme. While we were in the parlor, Santa Claus came and put many gifts under the tree! Who told him we would be celebrating Christmas that day? We played Chinese gift giving and really enjoyed our gifts. A very **BIG** thank you to Mary Clark, who set up this event. And to all the gals who helped.

We will be having another Chick Flick this fall. Watch for the date in the Newsletter. To all the ladies of the church: Come join us next time. Bring Kleenexes! Remember; Chick Flicks have happy endings. Life is so busy. We forget to fill ourselves with that which comes from fellowship with other women. Let’s enjoy an afternoon of fun and relaxation!!



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | | 1 7:30am UMM Breakfast meeting  |
| 2 12pm BP Clinic 12 Ice Cream Sundaes 12pm Wellness meeting 7pm Ice Cream Sundaes | 3  7pm Bible Study | 4 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm Trustees | 5 6:30pm Chancel Bells 7pm UMW Ex. Board | 6 | 7 1pm Grateful Threads | 8 |
| 9 8:30 & 10:45 Worship 12pm Youth Luncheon 9:30 Sunday School 6:00 SNL | 10 | 11 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm Finance | 12 1pm New Hope Key 6:30pm Chancel Bells | 13 | 14  1pm Grateful Threads | 15 |
| 16 8:30 & 10:45 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 6:00 SNL | 17 | 18  School Starts 7pm Boy Scouts | 19 6:30pm Chancel Bells | 20 | 21 1pm Grateful Threads | 22 |
| 23 8:30 & 10:45 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 6:00 SNL | 24 | 25 7pm Boy Scouts | 26 6:30pm Chancel Bells 7pm Jr. Hi Yth Grp 8pm Sr. Hi Yth Grp | 27 7pm Boy Scout Committee mtg | 28 1pm Grateful Threads | 29 |
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Soles4Souls Project



The Bonner Springs Garden Club, as a part of their "Going Green" recycling and reuse project, has selected the Soles4Souls organization as its project this year.

Soles4Souls was founded after the Tsunami Disaster in SE Asia and has grown to provide gently worn or new shoes to the needy in the United States as well as over 60 countries.

The Bonner Springs Garden Club is asking your help in donating children's shoes during the months of August and September at which time the shoes will be sent to the local collection point.

More information on Soles4Souls can be found at its website: www.soles4souls.org

For more information contact Donna Schif, President, 441-1253 or Sheila Miller 422-5191.

Vaughn-Trent Sunday is August 9th

First and foremost, Thank You to everyone who helped in any way with the Vaughn-Trent Back-to-School Supply Drive. Our church family always comes through for the children of this community. It seems that every year I say that the need is greater than the year before and unfortunately that statement still rings true. However, the first day of school, many children will be able to enjoy the thrill of walking through the door knowing they have the school supplies they need to begin a new year of learning and adventure. Thank you for making that come true. For the month of August, Vaughn-Trent suggested peanut butter, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, and any canned meat products such as tuna, chicken, or SPAM. These items always fly off the food pantry shelves as they can be used to feed many people in a family.

On July 21st, when I spoke to Carol Geary, Vaughn-Trent's director, she said they had already done 3 food pantries that day and it wasn't even noon. Many people that have never come in before to request assistance are needing help. Every item that we can offer will help our brothers and sisters fill empty stomachs. Thank you for living God's word and loving your neighbor.

Mary Clark

YOU'RE INVITED TO A FUN CLUB!

**BONNER SPRINGS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH HALO CLUB
WOULD LOVE YOU TO JOIN US.**

Halo Club meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month
From 6 pm – 7 pm



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Got Questions?

Call Kerry Stumbough at 913-441-4119 or e-mail her at stumpy@schif.us

Grades K - 5th are welcome to join us.

Come join us for some fun and Christian Fellowship!



Upcoming Halo Events

**August 26
6-7 pm**
End of Summer Water
Olympics

**September 9
6-7pm**
Silly Game Night

HOLD THE DATE:

September 12, for the annual
Bonner Springs UMC Church BBQ.

Tickets will be available to
purchase throughout August.
There are both
carry out and dine in options.

If you want to help:
sign-up sheets will be available
mid-August.

Watch the bulletins for more information.



God Made Dirt...Dirt Won't Hurt!!!

Do you love getting your fingers in the dirt? But there's no suitable gardening site where you live? Then your prayers have just been answered.



The trustees have approved plans for a community garden in a sunny location in the back yard of our church building. So, a few people got together and formed a committee—the ad hoc garden committee, AHGC—who are looking for people interested in renting a 10x10-foot gardening plot in our church's new community garden.

1. Each gardener will pay a fee of \$25 per year to cover the cost of water.
2. Gardeners will promise to keep down the weeds.
3. Gardeners will provide their own tools, seeds or plants for whatever crops they want to have. (vegetables, flowers, herbs, etc)
4. Gardeners will donate one tenth of their crops to a food pantry. (The AHGC plans to collect and haul "tithing crops" to area food pantries or homeless shelters.)
5. The AHGC will enlist volunteers to build a permanent, deer-resistant fence around the plots. The committee will provide a long hose for watering. They'll test the soil and fertilize. They'll till the soil and have it ready for planting, starting in April 2010.
6. If you're too green at gardening—i.e., you have little or no gardening experience — then help is abundant as zucchini in July. Some master gardeners in the congregation will give you good advice on how to make your garden grow.



SIGN-UP: To reserve your gardening plot, find the sign-up sheet outside the worship hall, and add your name to the list. You can direct your questions to Steve McGill cell 913-488-9220; Linda McGill cell 913-219-8223; or, Jane Peterson, 402-415-6364.

P.S.: The AHGC will be watching to see who picks the first ripe tomato. Who raises the biggest pumpkin. If Jesus provides too abundant a crop, the AHGC will host zucchini-car races. Watch the newsletter for further detail.



Thank you to the congregation for your warm welcome and support as we begin our ministry with you at Bonner Springs UMC. Thank you to the choir for your anthem on our first Sunday, and thank you to the Staff Parish Relations Committee for the lovely reception you hosted for us.

- Dan & Vickie Waters



JR. HIGH MISSION TRIP A SUCCESS!

On June 28th through July 2nd 10 youth and 5 adults from our church traveled to Minneapolis, Minnesota. On this mission trip we volunteered with two organizations: Simpson House and Feed My Starving Children.

Simpson House is a United Methodist Church in Minneapolis that doubles as a men's homeless shelter. While visiting Simpson House we learned about their lottery system for men wanting a bed in the shelter, a tour of the facility, and we learned a little more about the causes of homelessness. We worked at the shelter preparing sandwiches, and making bag lunches. We learned that because we came and volunteered, 50 men had lunches to take with them to work for the next two days after we volunteered. The youth thought it was really cool that we were able to make such a direct and instantaneous impact!

The other organization that we volunteered with is called Feed My Starving Children. This is an organization that specializes in packaging food that is sent all over the world to hungry people, especially children. While at Feed My Starving Children, we learned that 18,000 children die every day from starvation. The food that Feed My Starving Children provides comes in individual bags that contain four ingredients: Chicken, Veggies, Soy, and Rice. Once this bag of food is put together it is then shipped to orphanages and other places around the world where children are starving. The bag of food is simply mixed with boiling water and served. We saw examples of what difference this food makes. We saw pictures of a boy named Omar who at age 8, weighed 16 pounds. He lived in an orphanage, which started to receive food from Feed My Starving Children. Six months later, Omar was a healthy happy boy, weighing 80 pounds! I think this story made the biggest impact of all on the kids. After volunteering for two days at Feed My Starving Children, here is what we accomplished:

GRAND TOTAL

60 boxes filled
 2160 bags filled
 12,960 meals prepared
35.51 Children Fed for 1 Year
 Total cost of food bagged = \$2203.20

To think about sending enough food around the world to feed 35 children for one year is very rewarding. When we saw this number we couldn't believe it.

Thank you all for supporting the youth group! Without your support, none of this would be possible. I believe that as these youth think back on this mission trip, I believe that they will have many fond memories, and carry with them Jesus' commandment to not only love God, but to love others as well!

VBS SUCCESS!!!

Shavey – Greetings, Roman style! The Extollo began every night with joyful music and praise!

Sixty children, dressed in biblical costumes, participated in fun memorable experiences of learning about ancient Rome and the role of Christians during that time. Each child was part of a Roman family group that made daily visits to the jail where Paul was chained to his guard, Brutus, but continued to share his faith messages with the children. The group then visited the cave where the underground church was held and received information about how the early Christians lived and grew in faith.



The Market Place was a favorite of everyone as it was full of shops where the children could make various crafts including basket weaving, pottery making on a pottery wheel, carpentry skills of making wooden cross sculptures, head wreaths, metal bullas and wooden jewelry, a beaded abacus, and practice writing Roman numerals and scripture on scrolls. The architecture shop required team work to assemble an aqueduct and roll tennis balls to represent water through the ducts. One of the highlights was the food shop where different food experiences were offered every night including various breads with honey, olives, grilled peacock (chicken), hummus, tuna, vegetables and fruits.

This was an event sponsored by three churches, Bonner United Methodist, The First Christian Church, and St. Martins In The Field. It was a rewarding experience to see the churches working together as Christians with the same goal of bringing Christ to the children of the community. The week was a time for planting "seeds of faith" for all, young and old, who participated. Plans are to continue this format next year and host it at our church.



THANKS



All successful events are possible by having many volunteers to help. Thanks to everyone from our church who participated in VBS in some way.



Paul & Brutus — J.R. Berning and Robert Green

Drama team — Susan Leininger, Bruce Coleman, Larry Clark, Roger Miller, Rodger Shannon, Allen Holder

Family leaders — Beth Holder, Susan Vaughn, Stephanie & Kent Wilson, Cindy Brock

Shopkeepers — Cheryl Coleman, Jennifer Hampton, Rachel, Kent, Riley, Randa Mortensen, Melissa Wheeler, Emma Stucki, Cindy Crabel, Layne Warner, Ann Nelson, Pam Willard, Michelle & Ashlee Espinoza, Abigail Ward, Eleanor Lynch, Linda Edgell

Photographers — Heather Roberts & Madison Stumbough

Providing scout tents and assembling them — Bruce & John Coleman

Costumes — Julie Seveland

Money donation — The United Methodist Women

Pastor Dan for participating in all activities



Are you ready for some football?

The annual fantasy football draft will be held Thursday night September 4th at 7pm. Contact pastor Brad if you are interested!

YOUTH KICKOFF

JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUPS WILL BE KICKING OFF ON WEDNESDAY AUGUST 26.

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH WILL MEET AT 7PM

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH WILL MEET AT 8PM

For more information contact Pastor Brad.

Sr. High Mission Trip:



As you receive this newsletter, our Sr. High youth are in New York for their mission trip. Please keep us in prayer and **join us on Sunday August 9th after the 10:45 service for lunch and a slideshow that details our trip to New York!**



Check out all that's happening with the Sr. High Youth mission trip on Brad's Blog www.journeyinhdblogspot.com

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers during Richard's stay in the hospital and after coming home.

- Richard & Marjorie Everhart



I want to thank everyone for the visits, phone calls and nice cards after my stroke. I'm doing much better and thankful for all that I have and can do.

-Richard Everhart