



Parish Paragraphs



Vacation Bible School

June 20-24
9:30am-Noon
Age 3-Grade 6

Hosted by
Messiah Lutheran Church

Register at <https://pointplacevbs2016.eventbrite.com>



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During the Summer, we will be doing a bit of jumping around, but one mini-series will be "Small Packages": an exploration of some of the Bible's shortest books. We will spend time in Obadiah, Haggai, Philemon, and Jude!



June 5th: The Living God

10:30am: Worship with Communion

1 John 4:7-12—The Prayer Journey (Dave Meiser)

June 12th: Small Packages

10:30am: Worship

Obadiah—Sowing and Reaping

June 19th: Small Packages

10:30am: Celebrate Worship

Haggai—Old and New

June 26th: Hymn Sing and Ice Cream Brunch

10:30am: Worship

Summer Worship Schedule

This year, we are keeping worship at 10:30am throughout the summer. Why? We are concerned about the transition time in both the summer and fall. We have consistently had both members and visitors show up early or late because they were unaware of the time shift. We have also heard from families and some of our older members that it can be tough to get going in the morning! We hear you. So let's try it. Most weeks, the service will be shorter than a typical service at other times of the year. Coffee hour will be offered, but we also understand that many of you have summer activities to get to. Just remember the Bible's encouragement, "Do not give up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing." Hebrews 10:25

Prayer Room

With perfect timing, Diane Yarrito is ready to unveil our new prayer room. It is in the back of the sanctuary (formerly a storage/coat room). You are welcome to use it at any time to pray, read, or just sit in the presence of God. Soon there will be a small collection of prayer books and resources to help you connect with God. Thanks to Diane and Lynette Thayer for all her work!



From the Desk of the Pastor ...

I don't know if you've driven downtown lately, but lots is happening. ProMedica is moving in, and there is construction all over getting the place ready for them. One of the buildings that is being renovated is the old steam plant. As it turns out, the way the building was structured is unable to serve the purposes of the new residents. And really, that's how it should be: structure should serve purpose.



A few years ago, we realized that our structure as a church was not serving our purpose. What had worked for many years—the boards—was no longer working. We

found ourselves spending a lot of time trying to serve our structures: trying to get more people to be on boards and trying to replenish board members who were feeling burned out. Our purposes were serving our structures, not the other way around. That kind of thing happens over time in any organization.

So we got rid of the structure. I know for the past couple years, some of you have been wondering where you fit in without that structure. Our leaders have sensed that and heard that. I get it. So over the last few months, our Leadership Team has been discerning how we can re-develop structures that serve our purpose. And we think we're onto something.



On June 26th, we're looking forward to sharing that with you. And what better setting for talking about our church's future than a hymn sing and ice cream brunch? Seriously, it doesn't get any better than that .

One other note. What is demanded of the church in this day and age is vastly different than what was demanded in the day when the board structure was developed. We're trying to think about structure less in terms of a big building, and more in terms of a human skeleton—not to contain things, but to empower movement, flexibility, and adaptation. So we hope we're on the right track, and hope that you are ready to take your place once again—or for the first time in what we like to call The Body of Christ.

Pastor Jon

But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

1 Corinthians 12:18-20



FEED MY SHEEP

Come help with prep on Monday (6/20 & 6/27) and serve on Tuesday (6/21 & 6/28). We can always use help serving, cleaning up, and just sharing a meal with our guests.

Monday: June 13, 2016

Meal at Riverpoint Ministries
2862 131st Street

Tuesday: June 21, 2016

Enchiladas
Refried Beans
Spanish Rice
Dessert
Coffee, Juice, Water

Tuesday: June 28, 2016

BBQ Chicken Sandwich
Pasta Salad
Vegetable
Mixed Fruit
Dessert
Coffee, Juice, Water

FEED YOUR NEIGHBOR



Snacks.....

Granola Bars, Raisins,
Crackers, Fruit snacks
etc..



Supporting VBS

Thin pretzel sticks
Can frosting
Peanut butter
Gold fish crackers
Package pita bread
Corn muffin mix
Jar of honey
Package of 3 oz. Dixie cups
Refrigerated crescent dinner rolls
Cocktail size hot dogs
Hummus
Cream cheese
Juice Boxes

Life Together

RETIRED MEN: A donation of \$100 was made to the Church General Fund.

Any men are welcome to come on the first Thursday of each month at 8:30am for coffee and donuts in the youth room at the church. Meetings resume September 1, 2016, after our summer break.



ELIZABETHAN NEWS: On May 2nd, the Elizabethans small group met with the usual joy of being together and sharing our happy news along with our concerns. Ruby Usher then read devotions from that day's "Our Daily Bread" devotional pamphlet. It reminded us to let God's light shine thru us by fulfilling our calling to follow His example.



Matt 5:16 Give praise to God by our good deeds

Bonny Beebe reported \$91.90 in the Elizabethan General Fund and \$175.82 in the Penny Fund for a total of \$267.72. The Birthday club met May 19th at Cinco de Mayo celebrating all the May birthdays. Though the group didn't include many, a happy time was had by those present. It is with regret that I, Evelyn Berkhoudt am resigning as Elizabethan Secretary. I am most grateful to Becky Chesko for kindly offering to take the position for me. The next meeting will be announced in the church Worship Folder.

The Birthday Club meets at a different restaurant each month to enjoy a meal together and recognize any birthday boys and girls :) Any and all are welcome to come. It is not necessary, but helpful to talk to Ruby Usher so she knows how many to reserve a table for.



JUNE 19



Once again,

Point Place United Church of Christ is offering an opportunity to honor your fathers on **Father's Day**

Perhaps you would like to honor your own father or a father-like figure in your life. Husbands, brothers and friends who are dads can be honored, too! For a donation of \$1 or more per name we will print your tribute in a special folder on Father's Day. **Proceeds will go to Point Place UCC to help with our ongoing financial deficit.** Please fill out the form below, and with your gift, give to Bonny Beebe or Jim Armstrong. **Please make checks payable to Point Place United Church of Christ.**

Deadline for tributes: June 12, 2016

If you have questions please call:

Bonny Beebe 419 -726 -5074 or Jim Armstrong 734-848-4895

Tribute to Fathers (Please print names legibly)

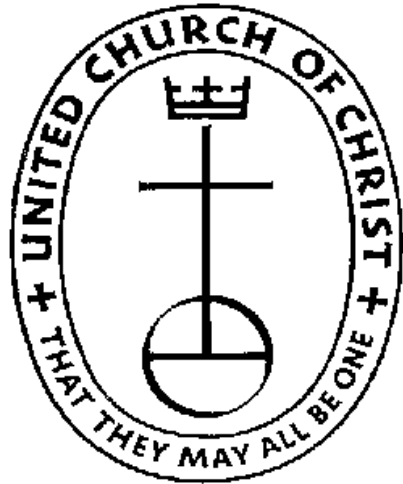
In Honor of: _____

In Memory of _____

Honorary Father: _____

My gift of \$_____ is enclosed. Phone # _____

Signed _____



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. . . . as God cares for us.”*