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# Growing the Family of God

Telling the Story

Serving the Community

Nurturing Believers

*Coffee with Jim*



Monday. The day armchair quarterbacks and wannabe coaches dissect and analyze what should have happened in yesterday's game. It is the time-honored tradition of bashing coaches and players for what should have been could have been, or what "I" would have done differently. The reality however, is that the score has been recorded and both victors and losers are busy preparing for the next contest. There is little time and little benefit in bemoaning what could have been.

Monday. The day insecure pastors dissect and analyze what should have occurred in Sunday worship. It is a sad postmortem on what should have been said or should not have been spoken. It is a day to complain about the singing or the responsive reading. Attendance was low. If I was just a better preacher more people would attend church. If . . . if . . . if. The reality however, is that the benediction has been pronounced, the lights turned off, and we find ourselves facing the challenge of doing the same thing next week.

Someone who knows this pastor well recently shared a quote from American humorist Will Rogers, "Don't let yesterday use up too much of today." The quote sparked some serious reflection on those Monday postmortems. I wonder how much time I have wasted bemoaning what should have or could have been.

Someone far wiser than Will Rogers once suggested, "Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today" (Matthew 6:34.) The same is true for yesterday. The analysis, dissection, and second guessing cannot change the past. We can learn from previous mistakes and successes, but we do not live there.

God doesn't look at us and record our failures. Rather, God gives us a clean slate and a new opportunity each and every day. We look back to our own detriment; focusing on the "what ifs," the "couldas" and the "shouldas."

Each sunrise is God's way of announcing, "Don't fret over what you cannot change. Let's do this together."

## Student Scholarship Fund



The church has available a limited amount of funds which are designated for student scholarships. If you are graduating from high school and planning to attend college, community college, or vocational school you are eligible to apply for a scholarship. Students pursuing postgraduate degrees are also eligible.

To apply please address a letter of application to the Scholarship Committee in care of the church. Please include your personal contact information, the school you plan to attend, and describe your involvement in the life of the church. **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS FRIDAY, JULY 15, 2016.**

## A Visit With Sue Hegarty

On Wednesday evening June 8, at 6:00 pm, American Baptist missionary to Costa Rica Sue Hegarty will be joining us for coffee and conversation. Many of us are well acquainted with Sue and she would welcome the opportunity to renew old acquaintances as well as make new friends. If you would like the opportunity to chat with Sue regarding her ministry in Costa Rica please mark your calendar for Wednesday June 8, 6:00 pm for coffee and conversation with Sue Hegarty.

## Secret Sister Reveal

Secret Sisters revealing will be June 25th at 1:00 pm in a classroom of the church. Bring a snack to share and come enjoy a time of fun and fellowship as you find out who has been praying for you this past year!

If you would like to sign up to participate in this ministry next year, new sign-up sheets will be available in the narthex. **ALL ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR SECRET SISTER'S PRAYER PROGRAM.** Please fill out a new sheet and bring it with you on the 25th or get your sheet to Carol Jones before the 25th so that you can be included in this supportive and uplifting ministry.

## ADULT ELECTIVE SUNDAY SCHOOL

"I Was Blind But Now. . ." a Bible study based on the ninth chapter of the Gospel of John will be offered by Pastor Wolfe beginning Sunday June 5 and continue for the following six weeks. The class will be conducted during the Sunday school hour and will be held in the Junior high classroom.

## Newsletter Deadline

We are going to combine the July and August newsletters and will mail the newsletter following July 4th. All articles for inclusion the next edition of our church newsletter must be submitted to the church office no later than Friday, June 24 th.

You may submit your articles by phone (842.4321), fax (844.6943), by e-mail (Rhonda@fbcpontiac.org) or by leaving them in the black box outside the church office door.

## Movie Night

A member of our church family, Peggie Boldt, is working to bring the Christian film, "Only God Can", to The Wehrenberg Galaxy Cinemas in Bloomington, IL.

Weherenberg Cinemas has agreed to show the film on Monday, June 13th but only if at least 59 tickets are sold by June 3rd. If you are interested in joining her efforts to bring this Christian movie option to our area, please purchase your tickets by going to: <http://gathr.us/screening/15080> If the required number of tickets aren't sold, your card will not be charged.

## Financial Information April 2016

Beginning Balance	(9,411.78)
Gen. Fund Receipts	19,206.36
Gen. Fund Expense	(24,080.47)
Gen. Fund End. Balance	(14,285.89)
Avg. Weekly Offering	4,801.59
Avg. Weekly Need	5,150.37

**Due to cost of unexpected repairs to our heating system, expenses have been higher than expected for the first quarter of the year. Please prayerfully consider your financial commitment to our church's ministry.**

## Nursery Care Available

Nursery care is available during worship services for infants and toddlers through age 3.

The nursery is located across the hall from the sanctuary.



## Children's Church

**June 5:** Juanita James

**June 12:** Michelle Bohm

**June 19:** Michelle Bohm

**June 26:** Bob and Shirley Carroll

# VBS 2016: Cave Quest



Vacation Bible School is coming!! You might need hiking boots this year as we journey into *Cave Quest: Following Jesus, The Light of the World!* *Cave Quest* will have kids spelunking through dark caves, learning that Jesus is the One who lights our way and gives each one of us hope for every new day. *Cave Quest* will encourage us all to follow Jesus wherever He leads!

*Cave Quest* is a small group oriented program with sections for preschoolers (for kids ages 3 to 5) and elementary aged children (kindergarten through fifth grade). We will meet Sal, Mawtha, Radar, Olivia, and Ray as they help us learn how Jesus gives us hope, courage, direction, love, and power!

Join us Wednesday, June 15 through Saturday, June 18th as we explore CAVE QUEST!

## Congratulations to our Graduates!

### Junior High

Rebecca Bohm  
Samantha Patterson

### High School

Tyler Lind  
Aaron Newsome

### College

Megan Amdor  
James Bohm  
Jayme Soule



Join us in congratulating our graduates on their achievements at a reception in the gym before Sunday School on June 12th.

## Board of Ministries

The Board of Ministries met on Thursday, May 12th at 7:15 pm.

**Youth Ministries:** Teen-Serve continues to collect donations with a total of \$3,500 donated at the end of April.

**Facilities:** Boiler has been shut off for the summer.

Has consulted with the electrician regarding the new

shed for the van.

**Moderator:** The Mississippi mission trip money has been collected and t-shirts have been ordered.

**Senior Pastor:** There will be no July Board meeting due to scheduling conflicts with TeenServe and the Mississippi mission trip.

\*The baby nursery is in need of paint and a deep cleaning.

## Thank You

Thank you for the love and support during our time of sadness at the illness and passing of mom/grandma Lois. Especially thanks to Jim, Tom, and the kitchen help for making the services so nice. It's good to be a part of this family of FBC!

Sincerely,

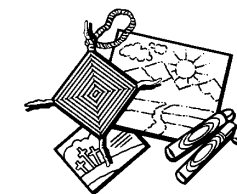
Eric, Missy, Kate, Tyler Marsh and Jennifer Hoover

## VBS Supplies Needed

As we prepare for our VBS program in June, we are in need of the assistance of our church family in gathering the necessary supplies to make this an unforgettable week for our little cave explorers. We need these items by June 12th and you may leave your donations in the Vineyard classroom or at the registration table in the Narthex.

- Wet wipes. 4 pkgs
- Hand sanitizer 4
- Sharpies
- 2 gallons white vinegar
- Food coloring
- 5 turkey boosters
- 10 cups baking soda
- Finger paint: 5 cups each of blue & green
- Painters tape
- Paper towels
- Paper plates
- Paper cups
- White paper bowls
- Packing peanuts
- Round toothpicks

- Glue dots
- 2 spray bottles
- Sidewalk chalk
- Regular colored chalk
- Heavy socks
- Ziplock sandwich bags
- Ziplock gallon bags
- Fine tip colored markers
- Colored pens
- Construction paper
- 1 pkg balloons
- Play dough





# June

- 4 Rose Geraldts
- 4 Tom and June Oakes
- 5 June Oakes
- 6 Gary and Jaime Wykes
- 7 Jim and Janet Wolfe
- 8 Cindy Knight
- 10 Steve and Debbie Carroll
- 10 Brinda Henson
- 11 Megan Amdor
- 12 Mike and Jill Cole
- 12 Chuck Peck
- 13 Katie Borders
- 14 Kaity Carroll
- 14 Marian Dixon
- 14 Brandi Miller
- 16 Ronald and Gayle McBeath
- 16 Barry Highland
- 16 Landon Borders
- 17 Gerald and Judy Shepherd
- 18 Martha McCutcheon
- 19 Linda Gruen
- 19 Diana Rich
- 20 Don Schiff
- 20 Patti Butcher
- 22 Scott Knight
- 23 Robert Wing
- 25 Les and Julie Amdor
- 26 Harlin Dean
- 26 Missy Hoover
- 28 Bob Dowdy
- 29 Nickey and Linda Gruen
- 29 Kay Sidfrids
- 30 Trudy King-Beller

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 9:00 am Ruth Circle 9:00 am ROMEO Club 1:00 pm Esther Circle	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 7:30 am PK Fellowship at FBC 8:00 am PK Study at FBC
<b>5</b> 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 5:00 pm Koinonia Koffee 5:00 pm ABY	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9:00 am ROMEO Club 6:00 pm Conversation with Sue Hegarty	<b>9</b> 7:15 pm Board of Ministries	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7:30 am PK Fellowship at FBC 8:00 am PK Study at FBC
<b>12 Graduate Sunday</b> 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 5:00 pm Koinonia Koffee 5:00 pm ABY	<b>13</b> 1:00 pm Single Women of Faith	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 9:00 am ROMEO Club	_____ Vacation Bible School _____		<b>18</b> 7:30 am PK Fellowship at FBC 8:00 am PK Study at FBC
<b>19 Father's Day</b> 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 5:00 pm Koinonia Koffee 5:00 pm ABY	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9:00 am ROMEO Club	<b>23</b>	<b>24 Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>25</b> 7:30 am PK Fellowship at FBC 8:00 am PK Study at FBC
<b>26</b> 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School No Evening Activities	<b>27</b> 1:00 pm Single Women of Faith	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9:00 am ROMEO Club	<b>30</b>		