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Birthdays

- 1 – Aaron Thompson
- 3 – Dick Buller
- 4 – Ralph Lynn
- 5 – Kristi Plazezek
- 6 – Emily McDowell
- 7 – Danielle Brown
- 12 – Bud Janssen
- 17 – Justin Sudtelgte
- 20 – Jennifer Wiskur
- 21 – Tal Farnham
LaRee Farnham
- 26 – Abbey Hegerfeld

Ushers & Acolyte

- Ushers: Deanna Lundgren
Dennis Lundgren
- Acolyte: Justin Sudtelgte

Liturgists

- 2 - ??
- 9 – Bev Buller
- 16 – Dawn Boltjes
- 23 – Susan Sudtelgte
- 30 – Dennis Lundgren

Anniversaries

- ? – Raymond & Virginia Kurtz
- 11 – Glenn & Mary Lang
- 21 – Rudy & Gertrude DeZeeuw

HAPPY FOURTH JULY!!!!

C. Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Kentucky, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Rhode Island, Maryland

D. Connecticut, New Hampshire, New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Rhode Island, Maryland, Washington, D.C.

10. What do the stripes on the U.S. flag mean?

- A. The Cabinet
- B. One for each state in the Union
- C. They represent the 13 original states
- D. One for each article of the Constitution

11. What is the introduction to the Constitution called?

- A. The Preamble
- B. The Bill of Rights
- C. The Declaration of Independence
- D. The Articles of Confederation

12. How many changes or amendments are there to the Constitution?

- A. 9
- B. 10
- C. 13
- D. 27

13. Which of the following is NOT one of the constitutional requirements to be eligible to become president?

- A. Must be at least 35 years old by the time he/she will serve
- B. Must have lived in the United States for at least 14 years
- C. Must be a natural-born citizen of the United States
- D. Must have served as a governor

For the rest of the questions and their answers go to <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/13442226/>

Good luck!!!!

3. In what year was the Constitution written?

- A. 1776 B. 1787 C. 1876 D. 1812

4. Which of these is guaranteed by the First Amendment?

- A. Freedom of the press
B. Right to bear arms
C. Right to happiness
D. Right to trial by jury

5. How many Supreme Court justices are there?

- A. 3 B. 9 C. 10 D. 13

6. What are the first 10 amendments to the Constitution called?

- A. The Preamble
B. The Bill of Rights
C. First Ten Amendments
D. Lewis "Scooter" Libby

7. When was the Declaration of Independence adopted?

- A. July 4, 1776 B. July 4, 1787
C. July 4, 1812 D. July 4, 1876

8. Which of the following amendments to the Constitution does NOT address or guarantee voting rights?

- A. 19th Amendment B. 24th Amendment
C. 15th Amendment D. 7th Amendment

9. What are the 13 original states?

A. Connecticut, New Hampshire, New York, New Zealand, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Delaware, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Rhode Island, Maryland

B. Connecticut, New Hampshire, New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Virginia, North

13 Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Rhode Island, Maryland

Pastor's Desktop

'Generation gap' is a phrase most people have used. Often it is used to express frustration at not being able to make a point understood or to explain someone else's lack of understanding. Culture changes over time and when enough change has happened people in one age group cannot completely understand what another age group means with their words or actions. Somebody coined the phrase 'generation gap' to describe that breakdown in communication.

I see two generation gaps in United Parish. One is between those 65+ and those about 45-55. The second is between the 45-55 group and the below 35 group. I'm afraid that our youth are already left out because of these two gaps. So while there should be a third gap to cross, we can't even get there from here yet.

I always do bad news first. I like to get it out of the way and end discussions on a positive note. So, the bad news is that these gaps have led to a breakdown in the generational transfer of values and now the 35 and below crowd is not seen much in United Parish. The good news is that we can change that.

In order to change enough to let church positively affect our young families, we have to intentionally think about our focus and objectives as a church. In the still popular terms: What is the purpose of United Parish? When looking at focus, objectives, and purpose, it is extremely important to look to God through Christ for guidance. If we simply decide on our own what way to go, then we have a benevolent social club, not a church. Jesus indicated, as recorded in Matthew 16:18 that only he can build the church. The Bible gives several examples of what church is and is to be about.

First it is an assembly of believers (Hebrews 10:25, Ephesians 4:9-13, and others). We assemble to build each other up (Acts 11:22-26, Matthew 28:19-20, Ephesians 4:13, Revelation 3:8). This building up is for the purpose of fulfilling Jesus' commission in Matthew. (Note that we are to go make disciples rather than wait for them to show up.) There are many more biblical goals for various bodies of God's people – take a look into it and you will find some interesting possibilities. It is important to actively seek this.

“Where there is no vision, the people perish.” Proverbs 29:18a (KJV) What is translated as 'vision' really means prophecy, and some translations do use 'prophecy'. So as you can see – it is important that our guidance must be from God. The word 'perish' indicates a letting loose and so many other translations use something along the lines of 'cast off restraint', which is a bit strong, but it is very much a 'anything goes' type of attitude being reflected. I think we are seeing in some of the debates about the place of homosexual marriage this effect, but the passage also applies to our local church life.

Now here is the tricky part. In order to recognize what God's purpose and mission for United Parish is, you and I will have to take some initiative and actually search our own Bibles and pray. Only then can we come together and meaningfully discuss what to do next. This is something we do need to do. Each of us is responsible for our response to God's invitation, not only the one to eternal salvation, but also the invitation to join in the work of the Kingdom. As we step out in obedience and faith, God is faithful to equip through spiritual gifts.

“Seek the LORD while He may be found; Call upon Him while He is near.” Isaiah 55:6

the various aspects of the Sunday worship service. Marsha Timm delivered an interesting and thought provoking message about Racial Justice and we must always remember we are all God's children and loved equally by Him. Gertrude DeZeeuw was recognized for all her efforts over the past several years keeping the United Parish Church and grounds in "company condition". Again, we thank you very much Gert. It is always an honor for the UPW to be part of the worship service.

Linda

Do you have what it takes to become a citizen?

When immigrants want to become Americans, they must take a civics test as part of their naturalization interview before a Citizenship and Immigration Services officer. The questions are usually selected from a list of 100 sample questions. Some are easy, some are not. (PLEASE NOTE: These questions are as asked on the official United States Immigration and Naturalization Services Web site. Candidates are not given multiple choices in the naturalization interview, which is conducted orally.)

1. How many stripes are there on the U.S. flag?
A. 10 B. 13 C. 50 D. 51
2. Who is the chief justice of the Supreme Court today?
A. George W. Bush
B. Alberto Gonzales
C. Thomas Jefferson
D. John G. Roberts Jr.

The video is currently being passed from driver to driver. Your turn will come. We only ask that you view the 15-minute video promptly, sign the statement, and “pass it on” to someone else on the list in the package. Oh, and let Pastor Daren or Dawn Boltjes know that you have passed it on and who to.

If for some reason you wish to view the video but it hasn't reached you yet (your cable has been disconnected or there is absolutely nothing on TV), you can call us and we will try to speed things up for you.

God Bless and Keep You

HARVEST FESTIVAL PAYMENTS:

If any of you have bills related to the Harvest Festival, please get them to Dawn Boltjes, treasurer, as soon as possible so that we can close out the books.

Along that same line, if you have money that is due the Harvest Festival account, cough it up as quickly as you can.

Undie Sunday Update:

During our Undie Sunday campaign we collected 27 pair of new undies, 26 pairs of socks and a package of T-shirts. These will be mailed to the Rosebud reservation. Thanks to all who donated. Mission Committee
Linda

Women's Sunday:

On June 11, 2006 the United Parish Women celebrated Women's Sunday. The women of the UPW served in

Parish Board Meeting

The United Parish Board met on June 21st, 2006 at 7:00 pm in the church fellowship hall. Officers in attendance were Chairperson Bev Buller, Lay Leader Ed Timm, Financial Secretary Donna Magnus, Treasurer Dawn Boltjes, and Secretary Carrie Thompson. Also in attendance were Carol Stijf, Virginia Fixsen, Linda Kampmann, and Pastor Daren. The meeting was called to order by the chairperson. Pastor Daren gave the opening prayer. The minutes of the May meeting were read and approved with no correction.

Treasurer Report: Dawn presented the monthly report and it was approved.

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| Beginning Balance 4-30-06 | \$ 803.09 |
| May Income | 4,493.30 |
| Transfer (from landscaping account for work done) | <u>187.60</u> \$5,483.99 |
| May expenses | - <u>\$4,922.94</u> |
| Ending Balance 5-31-06 | \$ 561.05 |

Harvest Festival figures are not yet final:

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| Income: | \$5,059.00 |
| Expenses | - <u>2,578.25</u> |
| Profit | \$2,480.75 |

- 35 meals to the carnival workers
- \$217.00 approx. made in donations to
 - Boy Scouts + etc. in leftover foods & supplies
 - We received \$104 in donation to help with our expenses

Financial Report: Donna give the Financial Report and was approved. Total funds are at \$172,214.58.

Committee Reports:

Parish-Pastor Relations: nothing to report. Will try to meet within next month.

Trustees: Branches were picked up and due to damage by disease, a mountain ash tree need to be removed. Gravel was delivered for Parsonage driveway. Carol Stijf picked up branches and Troy Wiskur mowed. Was mentioned that the bushes along the church need to be cleaned up.

Christian Ed.: They met.

Missions: "Undie Sunday" was a success with collections being 27 underwear, 26 stockings, and some T-shirts. They've been sent and the Rosebud group were thrilled to receive the contribution!

UPW: We had 15 attend the Women's Group trip to Brookings. There was an awesome speaker and received info about the Brookings Library. Very inspirational. Great time! UPW did Sunday service June 11 on Racial Justice. They also recognized Gert for all her years of service.

Historian: Marsha keeps making updates to the records. We've gotten to add some weddings lately too.

Building Committee: Nothing new to report.

Membership: Some new people have moved into the McMahan house.

organized. You know, find the hymns, read the announcements, look around to see who is there, get out my pen to write down any pertinent information I gather, etc., etc. I don't think I was ten seconds into my routine when the ladies in the pew ahead of me all volunteered to cover the postage for the remaining months of 2005!

The Bible says, "Ask, and ye shall receive." Need I say more?

I am pleased to announce that Shirley Hegerfeld is sponsoring the Echo for the month of July. The following is her memorial.

"I am sponsoring the church newsletter in memory of my son, Mike Hegerfeld. Mike loved his Church and God. I miss you so much, Mike."

Shirley Hegerfeld

Thank you, Shirley.

ATTENTION: CHURCH VAN DRIVERS:

A few months ago a letter was mailed to all members on our list of drivers for the Church van. The letter explained that it was necessary to view a video titled "The Road to Safer Transportation." The video was placed in the Church office and was available for check out.

Well, no one checked it out. Since it is imperative that possible drivers of our van view this video for insurance and liability issues, a kind of "Pass it on" system is now in the works.

“Company condition “at all times. She tidied up every Sunday after church and discarded all the left over papers and garbage left. During the week you could find her emptying the trash, emptying the humidifiers on a daily basis during the hot humid days, dusting vacuuming and scrubbing. She tried to keep everything very orderly and handy for everyone. Depending on the season she could be found mowing the yard or shoveling snow. The list goes on and on and I know she did it with much pride.

The small amount of money she was paid did not begin to pay her for all her care and attention to the church. It was not the money that interested her and the pay did not begin to cover what she freely did. Gertrude is the type of person who sees work to be done and does it.

We were very blessed to have her taking care of the day to day task the past several years and for this we will always be grateful. Many thanks Gert for the love and care you have shown to this building and this congregation.

Grape Vine

Echo Sponsorships – Submitted by Dawn Boltjes:

The response to my message last month has been absolutely amazing! Let me tell you a story.

As usual, the Echo is distributed to church members as they arrive for Sunday services on the last Sunday of the month. I walk in, sit down in the pew and begin to get

Stewardship: Will be meeting soon to discuss going around and visiting with the members in their homes.

Correspondence: We received information from a lawn company about lawn care. We will not be sending a response.

Old Business

Harvest Festival went well. Bonnie will be asked to update info in the Echo about officers. Echo sponsors have come forward and committed through Feb. 07. Pastor Daren made it back from Conference and reported that there wasn't much for new business. A resolution was submitted about the “Same-Sex Marriage” issue but it was voted down. Pastor Daren mentioned that nothing really changes for our church since we've decided to stand on supporting conventional marriages. The kids activities at Conference were GREAT. Lots for them to do.

New Business

No one has volunteered yet to take over Gert's duties. It was suggested to send a clipboard around for volunteers to take a turn at keeping up the church. There would be a detailed list of duties made up for volunteers to go by. Snow removal will also be needed for the winter. Virginia made a motion and Linda seconded the motion and it was passed.

A letter was received from Bonnie Junker on the “Lilies of the Field” project. She would like to come and speak with the area churches about the project. Bev will get together with her to pick a date for our church.

A request was made for the use of 100 chairs by Troy Wiskur for July 8th. Permission was granted by the chairperson.

Dawn stated that the church now has a credit card to use instead of having to reimburse those who purchase for the church. The IRS likes this form of accounting better.

Bev asked Pastor Daren to explain the message of the church board outside that reads “Yeshua Adonai”. He explained that Yeshua is a Hebrew name that means “God Saves”. Yeshua Adonai is Hebrew for “Jesus Is Lord”.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. The next board meeting will be on July 12th at 7pm.

Carrie Thompson, Secretary

UPW

The UPW “Ladies Night Out” attended the Christian Women's After Five Meeting at the Staurolite Inn in Brookings on June 19th. We met at the church at 6pm to car pool. There were 14 ladies in attendance.

Following the meal Lynn Osika explained the Brookings Library System and what it has available. The guest speaker was Gail Duenwald of Hooven, SD. She spoke on how “His Strength is Perfect” and also shared her musical talent. All in all a very enjoyable evening.

7 Secretary, Beverly Buller

VBS

It is already time for VBS!!! We are getting ready and looking forward to sharing some precious hours with the kids teaching them about Jesus! This year we will be finishing “Serengeti-Trek”. **The date for this year's VBS are July 23-24-25, every evening from 6:30 – 8:55 pm** at St. Mary Center, so make sure you put them on the calendar and invite a friend to come with you. **Registration will be Sunday evening (July 23rd) starting at 6:00pm.**

If you have any questions, call LaRee Farnham at 542-7131. We look forward to seeing you again!!

!!!SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR A VERY SPECIAL PERSON!!!

Gert DeZeeuw has served as care taker of the United Parish for the past several years. She has recently decided she had to give up that job and that was not an easy decision for her to make.

To most of us the job of janitor would not be our first choice. But to Gertrude it was very important because she takes great pride in the care and appearance of this church. This was a position she would have taken for no pay at all because she is the type of member who believes the church should be in