



THE BELL

A Monthly Newsletter
15th Avenue Christian Church

Music Notes

I've had several inquiries from families requesting Music Camp this summer. I'm so excited that the Board has given the go-ahead! I have contacted Annie Mitchell, our former Music Camp director, but she is unfortunately not available. The search is on for a new director! I'm reaching out to contacts in the youth theater community so I hope to find someone soon. When the director has been secured, we can begin to discuss options for dates.

Thank you also to the Board for approving the organ repair. I believe the deposit has been sent so that the work can be put on the schedule with Levsen Organ Company.

Sheila Doak, Music Director



Rummage Sale

We will have a Rummage Sale the week of June 12th through the 18th. Work days will be the 12th, 13th, & 14th. Sale will be the 17th and 18th. We probably can start bringing stuff to church after Easter. (The elevator door won't be left unlocked until the month of June.)

Coffee Hosts

Membership Nurture is looking for Coffee Hosts for all Sundays in March, except for March 6th and March 13th as well as the Sundays in April - except for Easter. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex, or you can contact let Lisa Hatlett know.

From YouthHope

Dear Friends,

Thank you for giving to YouthHope in 2021! Because of you, hundreds of low-income kids and teens have found HOPE! You gave kids a chance to go to Camp Summit, come to our Youth Center afterschool programs, and develop positive and authentic relationships.

Thank you for giving kids and teens a safe place to be encouraged, equipped and empowered! Because of your support, YouthHope opened our new Creative Arts Center, added new vehicles, and hired new staff. Listed below is a record of your 2021 contributions to YouthHope.

Thank you for partnering with us and helping impact even more youth in 2022!

The Staff and Board of YouthHope

02-28-21 General Contribution	\$2,036.00
12-31-21 Food Pantry	<u>\$3,342.00</u>
Total:	\$5,678.00

From Churches United

Dear Fifteenth Avenue Christian:

Thank you for your continued support of the mission and ministries of Churches United.

Your \$500.00 gift helps us keep the doors open at Winnie's Transitional Housing, the only transitional housing in the Illinois Quad Cities for women, and children, who may be survivors of domestic violence as well as keep the shelves of our 22 food pantries filled and food on the tables at our 1 free hot meal site.

In our 60th year, Churches United continues to reach out to our community. Our 149-member churches represent over 50,000 people in the Quad City area. **Thank you** for your most appreciated continued commitment to enrich the lives of those among us who are most in need.

Blessings, Rev. Dr. Melvin Grimes and Betsy Vanausdeln

Outreach Update—Looking Ahead to Spring!

Yes, Spring really is just around the corner. Looking back over the past 2 years I am beyond grateful for the Outreach support from our congregation. We will once again focus on our Special Outreach programs during Lent.

As in the past, we will be collecting "L" and "F" dollar bills and will run the drive through Lent - Ash Wednesday through Easter (March 2nd - April 17th.) Lent, a season of reflection and preparation. The "F" dollars for family and faith and the "L" dollars for life, living, and love.

If you would like an envelope to collect your dollars in, please see Lisa Hatlett on a Sunday morning. But any envelope will do. You can also send a check into the church office; please make sure it is marked for the Outreach Special Program.

Thank you in advance for your support!

The Outreach Team

Pastor Mike's Corner

Our world is in need of good news. We are all moving fast and it is so easy to miss the little signs that God has it all under control. I believe that the good news of the gospel can come to us in the everyday of our lives, but we have to be on the lookout for it. Though it seems unlikely on the surface, I believe that the sacred and our daily hum-drum occurrences are often intertwined. That is part of the importance of prayer in our lives.

Prayer tunes us in to what is really going on around us. I would venture to say that you are passing on good news to other people more often, and in more ways than you realize. Your actions and your life of faith speak for you. You may feel that you don't have the words to express your faith to others. That's OK, your life is speaking. You are probably already proclaiming, by example, the message that Jesus offers grace and hope in troubled times.

The people we all run into are wired to have hope. They are on the lookout for someone who has sincere faith and a strong belief that God is in control. People have radar for the kind of good news that you are living out in the ordinary events of your daily lives. Your interactions with others could turn out to be their 'burning bush' experience. I have heard it said we might be reading the story of Moses and the burning bush incorrectly. We usually identify with Moses and wonder where we are being asked to go, and what we are being asked to do. Instead, what if we were to identify with the burning bush itself? Are we drawing someone else's attention and the main goal is for them to slow down and 'wonder' and try to figure out why we are different? Maybe they are the ones to receive a message from God, through us.

The thing is, though, we can't be disciples in our own strength. Like Jesus, we need to have spiritual disciplines to take care of our own souls. We need quiet. We need prayer. We need seasons of refreshing. We need time for true communion with God, and to listen for the Holy Spirit. As the local church, we join together and take a message of hope out into whatever part of the world we visit in the routines of our week. Our challenge is that the busyness of those routines can reduce our visibility to the good news that is happening all around us, by God's grace. We need reminders that being followers of Christ requires our full attention. We have to make time for that message of hope and grace to sink deeply into our hearts and minds. As we proclaim hope in a troubled time, let us remind ourselves to rejoice that the Kingdom of God arrived when Jesus became flesh and dwelt among us!

UNITY POINT FOOT CLINIC

Unity Point Foot Clinic is scheduled at 15th Ave on Monday, March 21st. Appointments available between 9:00 am and 11:30 am. Sign up sheet is on bulletin board outside of the Church Office or call (309)786-6925.



Birthdays

- 1 BARB HANSEN
- 2 VERA HINRICHSEN
- 3 CLARA DELLE THOMPSON
- 4 ALLYSON LEATHERMAN
- 7 SANDY SCHLORF
- 8 SONYA GEENEN
- 8 LOU WOODS
- 17 RON LYONS
- 21 NANCY MOTT

PREPARING DEACONS 2022

- March - Melissa Popp
- April - Sandy Wentler
- May - Helen Popp
- June - Marilyn Mix
- July - Helen Popp
- August - Lisa Hatlett
- September - Lynne Swanson
- October - Grace Carlson
- November - Lynne Swanson
- December - Lynne & Steve Sheese
- January 2023 - Lisa Hatlett

February Attendance

Feb 6	27
Feb 13	29
Feb 20	27
Feb 27	36

Serving & Preparing Deacons

Preparing: Melissa Popp
Head Deacon: Karen Hitchcock
Deacons: Sally Bartosh, Rose Deibert, Marcia Swanson

Grateful...

Dear friends at 15th Avenue-
 So very grateful for your support of the annual fund for regional ministry and your call of Michael Kindred and your deep Disciple presence.

Blessings!

Rev. Dr. Teresa Dulyea-Parker

Pastoral Search Committee

A big *THANK YOU* to Kathi Barnes, Lynne Swanson, Marcia Swanson, Melissa Popp, and Ron Stanley for their 2 years of work that they did in finding our new minister, Mike Kindred.
 Judie Holmer, Chair

Happy 90th

Birthday Clara Delle

Please Note

Barb Crangle has moved from Friendship Manor to Silver Cross, Room 268.

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Elders Prayer Bell Edition

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.

I do not give to you as the world gives.

Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid” John 14:27

Please keep these family, friends and caregivers in your daily thoughts and prayers.

Let them know they are not forgotten while we are apart.

Consider a phone call or send a card to tell them they are missed and loved.

Mike, Jeff Barnes brother, under cancer treatments. (Kathi, Jeff and family)

Barbara Crangle is at Silver Cross room 268. (Marcia, Doug, Kathi and Jeff)

Dorothy Coulson (Diane)

David & Sonya Geenen

Jessica Borland (Swanson's)

Bob Bloomer (Annie & family)

Kathleen O. (Dave & Helen's niece)

Wm. “Bill” Mockmore (Judie, Bill and family)

Alice Lyons (family)

Cathy Wilson (Lisa & family)

Wanda (Kathy & Don's friend)

David O'Melia (Jeannie & family)

C.D. Thompson (Family)

Sarah T. Julie (cancer)

Sharon D. (Bartosh's neighbor) Beverly Ducey (Jim & family)

Bob, David and Jane (Kathy & Don) Michelle (Don & Kathy)

Vickie Andereck (Jesse & Melba)

Ron Lyons (Alice, Sandy, Mona and Margaret)

Mark Stevens (Nancy & family)

Kent Christensen (Kathy & Don)

Jo (Kathy & Don) Judy (Kathy & Don)

Gabriel (friend of Westons) David Schumaker - Covid (Sandy & family)

Tim M. (Jan & Roy)

March Scripture Writing Plan

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- | Day 1: 1 Corinthians 10:31-33
- Day 2: 1 Peter 2:9; 1 Peter 4:8-10
- | Day 3: 2 Corinthians 1:20-22
- Day 4: 2 Peter 1:3-8
- Day 5: 2 Timothy 1:9-10
- | Day 6: Acts 1:7-8
- Day 7: Acts 20:25-28

- | Day 8: Colossians 1:16; Colossians 3:12-14
- | Day 9: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
- Day 10: Ecclesiastes 12:13-14
- | Day 11: Ephesians 1:11-14
- Day 12: Ephesians 2:8-12
- Day 13: Exodus 9:16-17
- | Day 14: Isaiah 26:3-4

- Day 15: Isaiah 46: 8-11
- | Day 16: Jeremiah 1: 5-7
- L Day 17: Jeremiah 29:11-14
- Day 18: Jeremiah 32:17-20
- L Day 19: Job 42:2-5
- Day 20: John 13:34-35
- Day 21: Matthew 16:24-28

- Day 22: Matthew 28:18-20
- Day 23: Micah 6:8
- L Day 24: Proverbs 16: 2-4
- Day 25: Proverbs 19:21; Proverbs 20:5
- Day 26: Psalm 33:8-15; Psalm 138:8
- L Day 27: Romans 8:28-29
- Day 28: Romans 12:1-2

- L Day 29: Romans 12:3-5
- Day 30: Romans 12:6-8
- Day 31: Romans 15:1-2; Romans 15:7

Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.

Psalm 119:18



March

15th Avenue
Christian Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:30pm River- bend Bronze	2 Ash Wednesday	3 10am Bible Study	4	6
6 8:00am Elder's Meeting 9:30am Pastor Mike's Installa- tion during Wor- ship	7 6:30pm 15th Avenue Bell Choir Practice	8 6:30pm River- bend Bronze	9 6:30pm Choir Practice	10 10am Bible Study	11	12
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