

The Lamplighter

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**My help comes
from the LORD,
who made
heaven
and earth.**

Psalm 121:2



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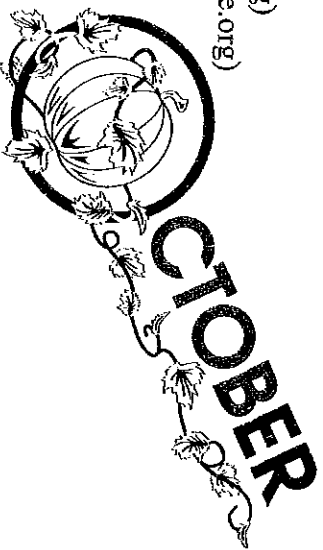
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FROM THE PASTOR....

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I love this church. I see the joy in worship. I see the hunger and thirst for Christ in Sunday School and Bible studies. I see the hard work of discipleship in all the volunteers who serve Christ (youth and children's programs, Bailey Retreat, building care, fellowships, etc.). I see the fellowship of prayers, encouragement and wisdom. I see the giving to Christ's body and work. I see in a thousand ways, small and large, the evidence of Christ's presence.

G. K. Chesterton wrote, "You can always tell the real love from the slight by the fact that the latter weakens at the point of success, the former is quadrupled." We all hear some claiming a great love for the church, yet in its Christ granted success comes the critic. "Yes, that was good but..." To receive the good fruit of Christ and not rejoice is to deprecate God's gifts and confirmation. Yes, we are sinners. Yes, we have a long way to go. Yes, we are not our best. Yet, God blesses and confirms. Not perfect in ourselves we are perfect in Christ. Love rejoices in even the smallest success. Love is not the critic but the encourager. Being a critic in a fallen world is easy and safe. And it is a grand excuse for standing back, standing apart, standing above. But our Lord calls us, fallen as we are, to jump in with faith and hope to work in this fallen world to proclaim, be and build the kingdom.

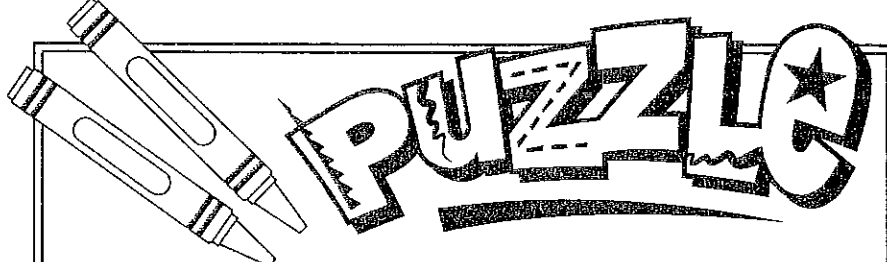
Rejoicing in the faith must never be self boasting, self satisfaction, self righteousness. If we boast we boast in Christ. Yet, we do need to rejoice in the good things Christ is doing in our midst and through our work. And my brother and sisters I see miracles in so many people - hearts healing, souls encouraged, fellowship offered, families growing, faith deepening, witness given, proclamation shouted, love extended, missions supported, worship joyful - these are fruits given by Christ. Let us rejoice and be glad. Let us hunger and thirst for Christ. Let us encourage one another. Let us work side-by-side to the glory of Christ.

Thank you and praise God in Christ for the faith that saves us, calls us, binds us, sends us and blesses us.

Always more Christ.
Always the glory to Christ.
Always thanksgiving for Christ.

Ed

Pastor Ed

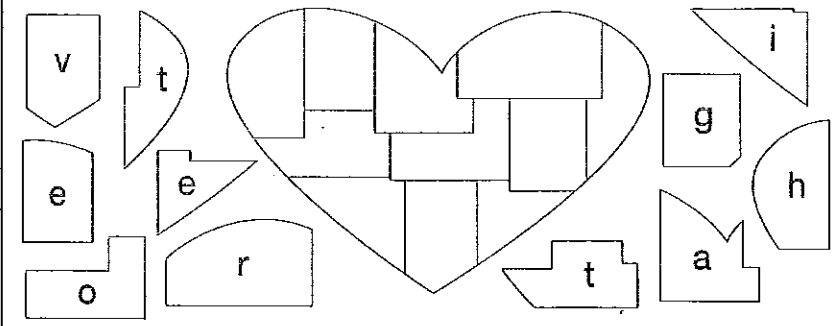


HOW to give

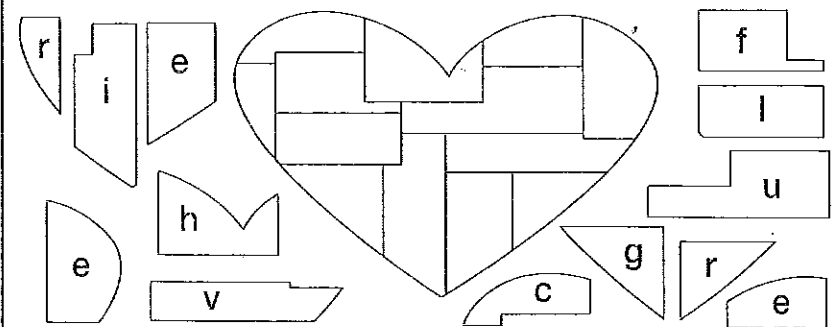
We can give in a variety of ways, including our money, possessions and time. But God says there's only one attitude to have when we give.

Finish the puzzles by matching the pieces and writing out the letters in order to complete 2 Corinthians 9:7, NIV.

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your ...



... not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a ...



" .

Answers: heart to give, cheerful giver

HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAY TO...

- 1 Andrew Olson
- 4 Leah Borycz
Deb Brintnall
- 5 Lee Brannen***
- 6 Herb LePore
- 7 Diane Dowsett
John Rock
Laura Williams
Norma VanOteghem***
- 8 Rosalie Stoehr***
Steve Dockery
- 11 Rachel Aubrey
- 14 Andrew Curtiss
Zachary Knox
- 16 Don Phelps Sr.***
Vernette Jensen***
- 20 Laura Fraga
Lois Freeman***
Mariah Hernandez
- 21 Ted Correll
- 22 Doris Pfau
- 23 Jeanette Borycz
- 24 Randy Michels
Denny Ryan
- 25 Judith Franing
Lisa Mizeur
- 26 Geneva Gsell***
- 27 Bill Lehmann
Jack Wilkerson
- 28 Joan Olson
- 29 Drew Debrey
- 31 Joyce Koenig



EARLY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS...

- 2 Mike Holle
Alysha Brintnall
- 4 Laurie Lawrence
- 8 Kayla Ferguson

***Happy Birthday Senior Members of First United Presbyterian Church – We wish to recognize members who have attained their "golden years" and are celebrating their birthday this month. Anyone who wishes to recognize them, on your own, with a card of encouragement and prayer please do so! We want to make them feel that they are important to our church family. It is our prayer that our Lord and Savior would continue to strengthen them and give them peace and grace beyond all understanding.

PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOUR BIRTHDAY HAS BEEN INADVERTENTLY OMITTED.



CATALYST YOUTH CHOIR

Hey all you Catalyst, you are invited to all or part of this year's Catalyst Choir. The schedule is as follows:

BELLS – No musical experience necessary. Parents are welcome too for bells!
October – nothing
Practice Weds. November 2nd, 9th & 16th. Play both services November 20th.

PUPPETS
Practice Weds. January 4th & 11th. Perform the prelude both services on January 15th.
Practice February 1, 8 & 15th. Perform Sunday February 19th.
Practice March 7th & 14th. Perform March 18th.

CHORUSES
Practice May 2nd & 9th. Play Mother's Day, May 13th both services.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Lisa (797-6401)



NOVEMBER LAMPLIGHTER DEADLINE

Sunday, October 23rd

Don't forget to submit any announcements you wish to have included.

CIRCLE MEETINGS

Dorcas Circle will meet at church at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 11th. Please study Lesson 18. Hostesses: Darlene Adams & Margaret Farrar.

Martha Circle will meet at 7:00 p.m., in the home of Launa Engelbrecht, 1745 30th Avenue, Moline on Tuesday, October 18th. Please study Lesson 10.

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please make note of these phone and address changes for the church directory:

Joe & Terri Knox
2627 19th Street
Moline, IL 61265
(309)236-6375 (Terri)
(309)236-6218

Denny & Nan Ryan
(no land phone)
(309)738-8874 (Denny)
(309)738-8875 (Nan)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ at 1st UPC,

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)

We thank God for the blessing of being part of this church family, and not just during times of sorrow. But, it is during times of sadness and loss that your expression of Christ's love is so obvious and needed. Twenty years ago at my father's visitation the FUPC family overwhelmed our families, our mailboxes and the funeral home with your love, cards and presence. Tom Williams sang at the funeral. This past September after my mother passed you have done the same! My parents were not members of FUPC, but you treated them as if they were! The Deacons, bless their hearts, made regular visits to my mother with the Good News as well as gifts and handmade blessings. She knew each of you by name and was enthusiastic to tell me of your visits. Her therapist after knee surgery was Doug Correll, another blessing! We know and believe that Jesus is right when He says, "whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Well, all that you did for my mom, you did for my family and me, too! Your prayers lifted us and carried us through and past a potentially difficult week.

Though we miss Norma, we have confidence in Christ that we will see her again on that great getting up morning when it is our turn to be absent from the body and present with the Lord. We won't forget Norma and we definitely won't forget you, our family of God. You are Christ's ambassadors!

In the Strong Name of Jesus,
Jeff Tunberg for all the Tunberg family



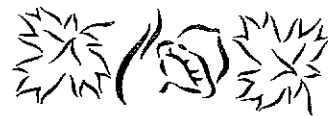
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for the outpouring of love and concern during my recent heart attack. God's blessings have certainly been showered over me through your many cards, phone calls, and visits. Many thanks.

In His Love,
Fran DeBord

Many thanks for your concern and prayer for my sister, Laverne Petersen, who was in a bad car accident on September 10th. It is a blessing to have such a caring church family.

In appreciation and Christian love,
Elaine Loudon



PRAYER CONCERNS

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

James 5:16 (NIV)

The Mildred Baker Family
Pauline Beard
Lee Brannen
Fran DeBord
Diane Dowsett
Ed Gizynski
Bob & Geneva Gsell
Esther Hess
Mike Holle
Betty Johnson
Hobert LeMaster
Mary Lou & Don Phelps
Rosalie Stoehr
Jerry Taylor
Vada Wilson & Family

Our college students
Our Servicemen and Women

Prayer for Expecting Parents:
Jacob & Olivia Costas
Nathan & Michelle Williams

WELCOME ADDITIONS

Talyah Annie Jones, was born on September 1st to Adam & Maharah Jones. She weighed 8 lbs. 12 oz. and was 20" long. Congratulations! Brother Asher and sisters Tovah & Anavah welcomed her home.



Prove me,
O LORD, and
try me;
test my heart
and mind.

PSALM 26:2, NRSV

PHOTEINOS CLASS SOCIAL

The Photeinos Class will meet at the church on October 21st at 1:00 p.m. Following the meeting we will enjoy dessert and a rousing game of Court Whisk. Chuck and Marie Hoscheid are the hosts. RSVP to 736-0828 by October 19th.

BEREAN CLASS TRIVIA NIGHT

October finds Bereans trying their skills at a trivia night at church. Saturday, October 22nd is the date to save for this fun activity. Put on your thinking caps and plan on coming at 6:00 p.m. There will be a fall menu. More details to follow. Watch your e-mails.

CLEAVERS CLASS COOKOUT

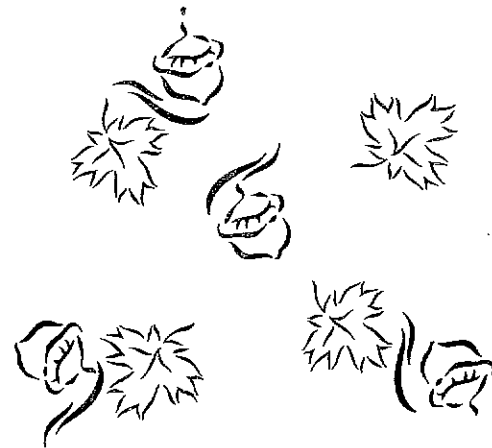
The Cleavers Class are invited to Lavern & Sandy Balk's home for a cookout on Saturday, October 1st at 5:30 p.m. Please bring a dish to share and a lawn chair. Meat, drinks, and table service will be provided.

ANNUAL FLU CLINIC

On Thursday, October 13th, the Trinity Visiting Nurse & Homecare Association (VNHA) will be at church between 8:45 and 11:15 a.m. to offer flu and pneumonia shots to people ages 9 or above. The cost will be \$35.00 for the flu shot and \$60.00 for the pneumonia shot. Acceptable payment will be cash, check, or credit cards. The shots are at no cost to those enrolled in the original Medicare Part B. They will not accept any private insurance coverage including Medicare Advantage plans. Questions should be addressed to Art Wedra, 764-5813.

CHILL IN THE AIR?

We are again, this year, asking FUPC members to bring in your clean and "in good condition" winter clothing (coats, sweaters, gloves & scarves) and place them in the boxes provided near the coat racks. If it no longer fits you, someone can wear it to keep warm this winter. FUPC attendees will be served first, then Thursday morning breakfast people, then to the community – Winnie's Place and/or Christian Care Center. Thanks for your generosity! Questions? Call Art Wedra at 764-5813.



ADULT LIBRARY NEWS

Did you know that the library has angels that bring us books and DVD's that we could not otherwise obtain? Just last Sunday one of those angels placed in my hand a copy of Bonhoeffer; pastor, martyr, prophet, spy by Eric Metaxas. This book is priced at \$29.99, and if it was purchased, it would leave a big dent in the book budget! What makes this book so special? I will quote from what others have said: "A massive and masterful new biography", "...magnificently captures the life of theologian and anti-Nazi activist, Dietrich Bonhoeffer", "This book could change your life." "A masterpiece that reads like a novel."

Sometimes I don't get to see an angel bring a book or DVD for the library; it appears in the return book box or on a table in the library. Such is the case with the DVD Little Angels. The summer before her tragic death at Columbine High School, Rachel Joy Scott and her family took a trip to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. While she is there, God uses her to impact the lives of 11 runaway children. It is a DVD that the entire family will enjoy.

Another DVD in the heartwarming vein is Letters to God. Tyler Doherty is an extraordinary eight-year-old boy armed with a strong faith and courage as he faces his daily battle against cancer. Tyler's prayers take the form of letters he sends to God on a daily basis. These letters find their way into the hands of Tyler's postman, Brady, who is at a crossroads in his life, searching for meaning. At first, Brady is confused over what to do, but his decision ultimately is a testament to the power of Tyler's shining spirit, bravery, and grace. Inspired by a true story.

The Mercy by Beverly Lewis is the last book in her trilogy, *The Rose* for which many of you have been waiting. Rose and her sister, Hen, have been through troubling times. Rose still pines for her prodigal friend, Nick, even though his rebellion has led to the "silencing" of their beloved bishop. Meanwhile, Hen is struggling to save her marriage. But is there any middle ground between a woman reclaiming her old-fashioned Amish lifestyle and a thoroughly modern man?

Learning, book two in the Bailey Flanigan Series by Karen Kingsbury, picks up where *Leaving* ended. Bailey Flanigan and Cody Coleman are not only separated by physical distance, they are also faced with great emotional distance. While Bailey grows closer to her dream to be an actress and dancer in New York, Cody coaches a small high school football team ... on and off the field. But neither feels complete without the chance to share their dreams with one another. As Cody's past catches up with him, he must learn to reach out for help or risk withdrawing permanently inside himself. Both Bailey and Cody find themselves learning significant life lessons in this poignant love story, featuring members from Karen Kingsbury's popular Baxter family.

Catalyst Clippings

October 2011 Calendar for Catalyst Youth Ministries

Fall Classic Retreat



For more information about Matt and Camp Forest Springs, check out www.matthoffland.com or www.campforestsprings.org

Concert musician, singer/songwriter, worship leader, dramatist, speaker, missionary for Christ. Those are some of the things that describe this year's guest speaker at Catalyst's Fall Classic Retreat. Matt Hoffland has been serving Christ faithfully at and through Camp Forest Springs since I was a boy. As I have grown, Matt has gone from CFS counselor (and someone I looked up to), to CFS missionary staff, to personal friend and co-laborer in Christ's harvest field.

Matt will be making the trek from Rib Lake, Wisconsin, to share with the teens at this year's Fall Classic Retreat. The retreat will be Friday, October 28-Sunday, October 30. The cost for the retreat is \$65 and is due on Sunday, October 23rd.

Matt will be leading worship and preaching 4 times during the weekend. He will also be performing music and drama in the form of a Saturday night concert.

This will be the second time that I have invited Matt to come and lead the Fall Classic Retreat. The first time, one of our current seniors points to that retreat under Matt's teaching, where she got serious with following Christ and embraced Him as Savior and Lord.

As this event is a Winning-event, where the Gospel will be preached and where we will encourage a personal response. This is an activity where we are praying that Catalyst teens will bring many friends to participate.

As usual, we will play night games, share meals together (that will be cooked and hosted by the Catalyst RIOT groups), have free time, and time to just relax and spend time together.

This is always one of the highlights at Catalyst each year. And with Matt Hoffland coming to lead our time together, this will be a time for being nurtured in the faith.

Teens, be praying about how many friends you will be bringing. Parents, be encouraging your children to participate, and to bring friends with them. Church, be praying for this weekend. That Christ will work in the hearts of the lost and draw them to Himself, and that He will continue His work of maturing life-long disciples of Jesus Christ through the ministry of Catalyst.

October at a Glance

Catalyst meets from 6:30-8:00PM on Wednesdays

Dinner @ the T & The Following meet from 6:00-8:00PM on Thursdays

Worship is Sundays at 8:20 & 11:00AM. Sunday School is at 9:45AM

10/4-Servant Leadership Team Meeting from 7:00-8:15PM

10/28-10/30-Fall Classic Retreat meets to leave at 5:30PM (eat prior to coming) and will return at noon on Sunday. \$65 is due on Sunday, October 23.

"Catalyst Youth Ministries exists to train up youth to love, serve, and model Jesus Christ and to send them into the world as life-long Christ-followers who have a passion to make more disciples of Jesus Christ".

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Worship & Sunday School 8:20; 9:45; 11		Catalyst SLT Meeting 7-8:15PM	Catalyst 6:30-8:00PM	Dinner & The Following 6:00-8:00PM		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Worship & Sunday School 8:20; 9:45; 11			Catalyst 6:30-8:00PM	Dinner & The Following 6:00-8:00PM		
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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