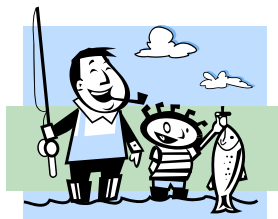


Methodist Messages

Newsletter ~ June 2011



From Believers
to Disciples

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Day Care Directors:	Linda Fruland Kim Creasey
Wedding Coord:	Margo Tyson

Service Times:

Sundays at
8:30 am & 10 am
The Forum:
Saturdays at 6pm



PASTOR'S LETTER

New Puppy

We have a new puppy at our house - a seven week old, yellow pointing lab named Penny. She follows me everywhere and is as cute as a button. But I had forgotten how much work puppies are. And I'm not just talking about the housetraining and the clean-up. Puppies are always getting into trouble. I spend much of our time together just trying to keep her and the house safe.

You pull her away from the curtains and she looks at you as if to say, "How come I can't chew on the drapes? They're delicious." You yell at her as she wanders out in front of a truck and her feelings are hurt. "Why are you chasing me out of the street? I can smell other dogs have been there." You put her in her kennel and she cries, and cries, and cries...and cries. "You awful master! Why won't you just sit here and hold me tight in your arms all day and all night? Puppies are clueless. And though they want your love desperately, they usually make life hard on themselves. Sounds like some people I know. Sounds like me.

We desperately want God's love. But we often spend more times getting into trouble than following God. We run off. We do our own thing. And we don't understand why God tells us not to do some things. We get upset when our path is blocked. And we don't understand how a loving God would ever want us to grow and learn, rather than just hold us tight every minute of the

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The \$184,815 Challenge

It will take \$184,815 in giving this summer to pay our building, staff and ministry expenses. Typically summer giving falls short of summer expenses. We cannot afford to have that happen this summer. God doesn't take the summer off and neither do we at CRUMC. The Finance/Stewardship group is asking your help to reach the goal of \$184,815 in combined giving to the Building and General funds this June, July and August. Look for more information on this throughout the summer. Through your gifts, ministry happens.

day. We can be so clueless. But God does love us. And God is constantly trying to show us that love by helping us grow.

I know someday Penny will understand what I'm trying to teach her and that she will become a great dog and dear member of our family. As cute as she is, I don't want her to stay a puppy forever. God doesn't want us to stay that way either. God wants us to grow too. How has God been helping you to grow this month?

Pastor Mark

SUMMER CHOIR IS BACK...but with a twist! You'll have to come to find out.... Please join us at church this summer to be a part of an awesome time of worship and learning new choral music.

Everyone is invited to participate! Rehearsals are Wednesdays, August 3, 10, 17 and 24th at 7pm in the music room at church. We will have a special night of worship on Saturday, August 27th, and also at both services on

Sunday, August 28th. Sign up in the narthex, or contact Jenni Tanner at 763-754-6419 or jennic29@msn.com for more

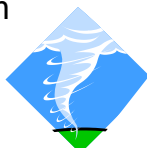


info. I hope to see you there!!!!



This year we have witnessed many natural disasters: earthquakes, tsunami, floods, and tornados. There will surely be more, unfortunately.

UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) is a first responder. 100% of the money you donate to a disaster will go to aide in that disaster. To donate, please go to umcor.org. This will be the fastest way for your money to get to them. You can designate which relief program you want to help.



Spring Clean-Up



The great spring cleanup around the church has been planned for Sat.

June 11 starting at 8:30 in the morning. We are looking to plant some flowers, rake out some areas, trim some trees and do a general clean up. The trustees are looking for anyone who wants to help. No experience is needed. We will plan on having coffee and some morning treats to get things off. Please check your schedule and see about spending just a couple of hours with this clean up. If you have any questions or wish to assist, please call Tim Mason at 763-755-6840 or just notify the church. We all need to keep the house of our Lord looking good for summer and your help is greatly appreciated.



United Methodist Women

Ladies, you are cordially invited to tour the gardens of Joyce and Jerry Bartlett on Saturday, June 25, at 1:00. Our wonderful custodians have beautiful gardens that they have graciously opened for our pleasure. There will be refreshments after the garden tour. The Bartlett's live at 1830 103rd Ave. NW, Coon Rapids. Please sign up on the bulletin board or contact Gail Chalbi at 763-755-3365 or gchalbi1146@q.com.

The United Methodist Women meet the third Saturday of each month to make items for Alexandra House and other charities. All skill levels are welcome from no skill to very adept. We sew quilts and make knit and crocheted items. Come join us 9-11:30 a.m. We also are in the need of twin size quilt battings. Please leave them in the Mission tub in the hall or give to Lynda Guisinger or Gail Chalbi.

UMW June Events

Needles and Thread Group: Saturday, June 18, 9-11:30 a.m.

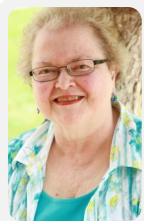
Garden Tour at the Bartlett Home: Saturday, June 25, 1:00 p.m.

Mission Prayer Corner

- *Pray for the Minnesota Annual Conference and the recipients of our Love Offering.
- *Pray for Shaly Moyal and her ministry to the college students at Drake University and the youth of Des Moines.
- *Pray for Tom Swartz and his work with foreign students in Omaha. We were pleased to have him and 3 of the students as our guests at the Solid Rock spaghetti supper and homecoming concert.
- *Pray for retired missionary Carolyn Eddans.
- *Pray for Miracle Ranch. Pray for the nurturing of the children placed in their care. Pray that the olive crop be fruitful and that the planned olive oil operation becomes a reality.
- *Pray for those who serve meals and the guests that are served through Simpson Shelter and Meals-on-Wheels.
- *Pray for those who receive food from ACBC and our own church food shelf.
- *Pray for the women who are recovering from addiction or abusive situations at Emma Norton Services.
- *Pray for the women who have left abusive relationships and are staying at Alexandra House.



Our mission offering for June will go to missionary Carolyn Eddans. Carolyn served in Japan and New Zealand. She retired a few years ago because rheumatoid arthritis had robbed her of her mobility. She can no longer travel because of this affliction. However she still remains active in the OMS affairs at its home base in Indiana. She spends a large part of her day in prayer for the many countries where OMS has missionaries and prays for the countries that send out missionaries. In spite of her physical limitations she says, "I do all that I can and thank God for the blessings he has given me." As a retired missionary, Carolyn gets a very small pension but still must raise part of her own retirement funds. Let's show our thanks to her for dedicating her life to bringing God's kingdom to the far reaches of the world. Thank you for your generosity to one of the Lord's servants.



Do you want fresh-tasting homemade dinners without a trip to the store, time-consuming preparations, or a messy kitchen to clean? Join us for **"Dinner? Done!"** here at the church! Assemble your own meals to throw in the freezer and cook at your convenience: like "Let's Dish" but half the price! Along with assembling your meals, there will be yummy snacks and great fellowship!

What: A new cooking group at church called **"Dinner? Done!"**

When: Thursday, June 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Where: The Multi-purpose room at the church

How Much: \$45 for 4 meals that serve 6 (or halve them for 8 meals that serve 3)

What to Bring: One 9 x 13 pan or two 8 x 8 pans

Menu:

- Chicken Bundles (yes, the ones from the leader appreciation dinner!) with marinated vegetables.
- Cheesy Spaghetti Bake with side of bread.
- Southwestern Burgers with chips and guacamole.
- Stuffed Bacon-Wrapped Chicken with mashed potatoes.

Hosted by: Jenni Tanner, Jayme Boos, and Sara Smith –we've had 2 years of experience now, and would like to share it with all of you!

RSVP and PRE-PAY by JUNE 9 to Jenni Tanner at 763-754-6419 or jennic29@msn.com. Check out Facebook for more info by searching "dinner?done!"



Vacation Bible School

**Where God is
Wild about You!**

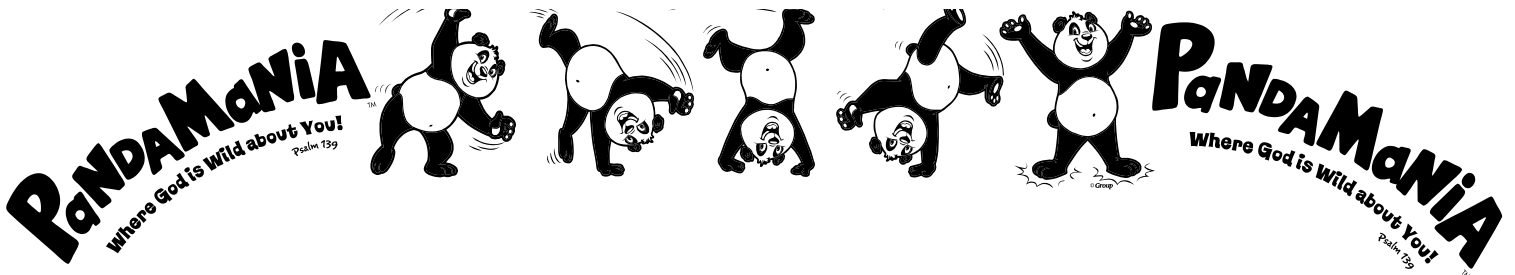
July 25th-29th, 2011
9 a.m. - Noon



**MANY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
SIGN UP ON OUR WEBSITE!**



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Happy Father's Day!

Baptisms: Bill Steinberg May 8
Brighton Joshua Facer May 22
Deaths: MaryAnn Wagner Feb. 10
Ed Anderson March 13
Jim Swisher March 19
Steve Rukes (Trombley) March 31
Jordan J. Yenor May 12
New Members: Judy Nikunen Feb. 8
Quincy Juean & Kulubah Mbagilla Feb. 13
Tony Boos Feb. 26
Dave Mowers
Patrick Abubo March 5
Mike Burks
Joe & Rebecca DeFoe May 8
Charisse Fields
Sandie Hince

Around the Church...



New Members (continued):
Brian & Rhonda Howard May 8
Kris Klindt
Leslie Oliver
Bruce Pinney
Jenny Reichert
Kristin Richter
Kay Sargent & Donald Herrick
Kara Tischer
Andrew Travis
Brian Williams
Chloe Crawford May 22
Billy Lamers
Ryann Lynch
Jodi Mahowald
Births: Lucy Nell Tanner May 29