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Hospitality

Submitted by Dr. Stacey Jones

At the writing of this article I have yet to actually attend Synod School, however by the time you receive the GAIT I will already be back.

I will be attending classes on: Parenting with Love & Logic, Out of Chaos-Parenting as a Spiritual Endeavor, Spirituality 201-Leading your Congregation in Spirituality, and Belly Dancing. I look forward to sharing what I learn with you.

This has been an incredibly busy summer. In May the kids, my mother, and I drove to Massachusetts to be with my mother's first foreign exchange student as she graduated from Smith College. On our drive home we stopped in northern New York to visit with family. In both cases we were treated with such love and hospitality. It was so wonderful to watch our children as they interacted with new and different people.

I attribute their ability to adjust to new and different situations strongly to the love, compassion and hospitality you as a congregation show to them. This has led me to think of Luke 10:25-37 when Jesus tells the story of a good Samaritan and

Jesus is asked the question, "Who is my neighbor?" Do you know your neighbors? Have you had coffee with them? Do you know the

names of the children on your block? Do you know the names of everyone at church? Do you know what folks at church do for a living or as a hobby? But even more than that, do you work to get to know the strangers in your midst? How do we as a congregation respond to the visitors who attend? Are we hospitable?

Statistics show that 43% of lowans live alone and feel very lonely. Have you reached out to the lonely person who was near you and simply needs to someone to show they care? Again as Christians we are called to show Christ's love to our neighbors and the strangers in our midst and especially to the widow, the orphan, and the lonely.

Northminster Presbyterian Church is a very friendly church, but is there more we could do to welcome folks into our midst? Thank you so much for all you have done to make my family and I feel so much at home!

VBS

Don't forget VBS this year! Join us on Sunday August 3rd at 5:00 p.m. for our potluck dinner before VBS. Everyone needs to bring a main dish. Then, if your last name starts A-L please bring a salad and if your last name starts with M-Z please bring a dessert.

Sunday School Kick-Off

Submitted by Lori Sulzberger

Everyone is invited to the Sunday School kick-off on Sunday, September 7 immediately following the church service. Fellowship time for that morning will be held in the education wing, so if you're looking for your morning cup of coffee, follow your nose to the Sunday School rooms. You'll have the opportunity to view and experience the Hands On Bible curriculum the children will be using this fall. And while you're there, you'll have the chance to sign up for various small groups that will be starting up this fall (like crafting, book clubs, or dining groups).

Sunday School Teachers Needed

Submitted by Lori Sulzberger

Are you interested in working with the children and youth of Northminster, but you're unable to commit to teaching for an entire year? No problem. We are looking for teachers and assistants who can contribute as little as four weeks of their time to the Christian education of our youth. Teachers are needed for pre-school through high school beginning September 14. Hands on Bible curriculum will be used, which is engaging for both teachers and students (and super easy to use). See the display in the gathering area to contribute your time and talent.

Fall Schedule

Pre-K and Kindergarten

Joseph: September 14 thru October 5

David and Jonathan: October 12 thru November 2

Daniel and His Friends: November 9 - 23

Grades 1-3

Ruth: September 14 thru October 5

David: October 12 thru November 2

Friendship (David and Jonathan): November 9 - 23

Grades 4-6

Friendships: September 14 thru October 5

Self-Esteem: October 12 thru November 2

God's Love: November 9 - 23

SPECIAL ALERT!

You have a message from God.

Push 1 to listen

Push 2 to forward

Push 3 to delete



Did you hear it? Maybe you saw it? I'm sure it was written down, somewhere. Now what do I do? Maybe I can find a 'call back' number and get it again?

How many times do those little spiritual messages get overlooked, misplaced or lost? Whether you have been attending church for years or just dropped in this week, keeping that line of communication open is a never ending process to receive God's blessings.

Many paths lead us closer to understanding God's will for us as an individual, a family, and a church. As part of the Christian education mission, we are excited to provide the opportunity to travel one of those paths this fall. Several new topics are being considered for adult enrichment and growth and you are invited on the journey. In August, watch for those 'special alerts' and plan to join us in the adventure.

Weeknight Bible Study

Submitted by Dr. Stacey Jones

This summer I have been doing a lot of studying and a lot of searching of my heart. As I listened to Rev. Whit Malone preach on our pulpit exchange with Collegiate Presbyterian. I felt God telling me it is time to really get into the Bible; to really study the Bible and to read it from beginning to end.

To that end, in September, I will be starting a Bible Study that I invite you to. If you are interested please let me know what night would work best. I'm leaning towards Mondays. I will also plan to have nursery care available. I hope you will want to dig into the Bible with me!

Acolytes for August

The upcoming schedule for candle lighters is as follows:

August 3 Jack Rogers and Ben Sulzberger
August 10 Connor Olson and Ben Perrin
August 17 Emily Helmer and Andrea Daley
August 24 Daniel and David Vigil
August 31 Steven and Natalie Lawrence
September 7 Brad and Lucas Johnson

THANKS EVERYONE FOR HELPING WITH OUR WORSHIP SERVICES. YOU'RE DOING A GREAT JOB!

Happenings in August

August 3rd: VBS kickoff/potluck 5:00 pm

Anniversaries:

August 8th Mack and Sue Maffett
yay mom and dad!

August 31st Gary and Joan Greiner

Birthdays:

August 2nd Scott Lawrence
Karen Merritt

August 6th Dorothy Budolfson

August 8th Diane Parsons

August 12th Maria Maffett

August 13th Lily Dobson

August 21st Carl Thompson

Scott Maffett

Charles Beall

August 22nd SueAnn Daley

August 24th Marija Grove

August 28th Kylie Perrin Yay KyKy

Joe Thompson

GAIT Deadline for September is Thursday, August 21st. Please e-mail your articles to rpcykp@msn.com or put them in the GAIT editor's box next to the church office