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From the Pastor's Heart

"Dinner 4 Eight "

We are kicking off a new ministry called "Dinner 4 Eight." The goal is to bring our people closer and to make new friends.

Secret hosts have been recruited and will be offering a dinner or cook-out for eight people sometime from July through September. Several hosts have volunteered but a few more are needed. Call Pastor Steve at 294-1700 if you are interested in opening up your home for one dinner or cook-out.

Here's how it works...all you need to do is sign-up on the sheet in the narthex. Secret hosts should also sign-up for a dinner and be assigned to someone else's group.

Our facilitator will call you and ask if a certain date works for your schedule and if it does you will then be given a host name and address. You will not know who the other people are in your group. What a great way to meet new people!


You might be asked by the host to bring a covered dish or dessert to share. You will also be given the facilitator's phone number incase you need to cancel and she will fill your spot.

This is a fellowship opportunity, not a Bible Study. Prayer will be offered before the meal with fellowship time afterwards. This is meant to be a fun experience to meet others in the church.

May God Enlarge His Territory,
Pastor Steve

Bagel Fest Parade

Sunday is the LAST day to sign-up to walk or ride in the Bagel Fest Parade on July 22nd. All parade participants will get a free t-shirt! All you need to do is sign-up on the sheet in the narthex.

 The Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday, July 1st at 7 am. All men are invited to a great breakfast and a time of fellowship.



Below is a list of Summer Activities for children entering K-6th grade. They will meet each Wednesday from 2-3 pm at different locations unless it rains meet at the church. If your child needs a ride please call Mrs. Stephanie at 234-2928.

- June 28th at Lytle Park Fountain
- July 5th at Sonic
- July 12th at Peterson Park Pavilion
- July 19th - Break Week
- July 26th at Dairy Queen on Charleston Ave
- August 2nd at Sonic
- August 9th at Lytle Park Fountain

The Singles @ First Group will go to Casey for lunch and tour the area on Saturday, June 24th leaving from the church at 10 am. They will visit the world's largest chime, rocking chair, wooden shoes, mailbox and more.



Everyone is invited to attend a 90th Birthday Open House for Barbara Bridges on Sunday, July 2nd. The Open House will be held at Trinity Towers (1613 Charleston Ave) from 3-5 pm.

Singles Rodeo Trip

The Singles @ First Group is going to the Rodeo in Palestine on Saturday, September 2nd. They plan to purchase pre-paid tickets for \$15 if paid by July 1st. Tickets can be purchased at the gate for \$17 but you might not get a good seat. They will leave from the church at 1:30 pm and the Rodeo takes place rain or shine. So, if you want to ensure a good seat please bring your \$15 to the church office, put it in the offering plate in an envelope clearly marked for Rodeo or pay at the Casey event on the 24th.

The SALT Group is going to the Greenmill Theater in Arcola to see the play "Adam and Eve Go to Marriage Counseling" on Wednesday, July 12th at noon. The lunch and play will cost \$35 per person. We have 5 tickets left, so please sign-up in the narthex and pay your money to reserved a spot.



Congratulations to Nick and Carolina Maninfor on the birth of their son, Rhett, born on June 16th. Also a congratulations to grandparents, Jeff and Amy!

- 1 Jason Mathews, Joan Young
- 6 Sandy Herren, Stephany Rives
- 7 Barbara Bridges
- 9 JoAnn Mattox, Jack Little
- 10 Mona Lee Healy
- 11 Amy Hall
- 12 Genna Brand
- 14 Steve Morgan, Angela Davis
- 15 Jared Armer, John Janes
- 17 Mike Craig
- 19 Reese Bergstrom, Rylan Armer
- 20 Debra Shaw
- 23 Blake Maninfor
- 24 Marcia Roetker
- 27 Rod Fleming
- 29 Jeanne Siford, Virginia Warren



- 4 Hubert and Mary Aleshire
- 11 Charlie and Linda Adams
- 17 Michael and Angela Davis
- 21 Dan and Jeanne Cunningham
- 24 Bob and Janice Morgan
- 27 Pat and Teresa Stuttle
- 29 Jason and Kelly Morgan
- 30 Mike and Donica Brand



Serving Communion

Sunday, June 25

8:30 am — John Armstrong, John Greathouse, Jim Long, Don Inman, Jack Browning, Tim Buford, Mike Craig

10:30 am — Herb Ault, Max Betty, Donica Brand, Josh Recker

Sunday, July 2

8:30 am — John Armstrong, John Greathouse, Jim Long, Don Inman, Tim Cyr, Dan Cunningham, Tom Dickerson

10:30 am — Chanon Fine, Dennis Goings, Amy Maninfior



We extend our deepest sympathy to Linda Dilley on the passing of her mother, Edith Read (86) on June 18th and to Bob Morgan and family on the passing of his Aunt Minnie (101) on June 18th.

Church Life

Saturday, June 24

10 am Singles @ First leave for Casey

Sunday, June 25

8:30 am Traditional Worship Service

9:30 am Sunday School and Walk Across the Room Class

10:30 am Contemporary Service

2 pm Pre-Pack at the Food Center

Monday, June 26

10-11:30 am Staff Meeting

6 pm Evangelism Meeting

Tuesday, June 27

7 am Prayer Time

Wednesday, June 28

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group

2-3 pm Kids Summer Activity at Lytle Park

6:30 pm Men's Church League Softball Games

Thursday, June 29

6 pm Praise Team Practice

Sunday, July 2

8:30 am Traditional Worship Service

9:30 am Sunday School and Walk Across the Room Class

10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service

3-5 pm Barbara Bridges' 90th Birthday Open House

Monday, July 3

10-11:30 am Staff Meeting

Tuesday, July 4

Closed for 4th of July Holiday

Wednesday, July 5

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group

2-3 pm Kids Summer Activity at Sonic

6-7 pm Line Dancing at the Eagles

8:10 pm Men's Church League Softball Games

Thursday, July 6

6 pm Praise Team Practice

Thank You Note

A big thank you to everyone and especially the H.I.S. Class for the cards while I was at Sarah Bush and Mattoon Health Care.

Jim Whetsell

Board Splinters 6/12

Elders: discussed shut-in procedures and looking at an alternate meeting date.

Deaconesses: served 1 funeral dinner in May.

Minister: is excited to see the church doing so well, Sunday is the first all church offering of "Walk Across the Room," he's encouraging every member to attend to sharpen their skills in personal evangelism, he will introduce a new fellowship offering entitled "Dinner 4 Eight" to run from July - September. He will be launching a "pilot home group" at the his home in July to birth new home groups.

Associate Minister: took 10 of our youth to Little Galilee for a weekend excursion, Youth Sunday went well and had over 30 people attend our Youth/Family picnic held at Fox Ridge after Youth Sunday.

Elementary Minister: graduated 9 students to FROG and ROCK, VBS was very successful with the FUMC and had 45 kids and volunteers and will start the first "Meet Me" at Sonic this week.

Worship: scheduled song leaders for the summer, have specials for June set, finalized Father's Day gifts, approved purchase of a new Celebration Hymnal for song leaders and started discussion on 5th Sunday for July.

Outreach: Baby Bottle Blessing ends this Sunday, gave \$500 to the Little Galilee building fund and will prepare 40 Summer Back Packs on July 19th.

Evangelism: Bagel Fest Parade on July 22nd and we need at least 50 people to walk/ride in the parade and they will all get a free t-shirt; bagged groceries at Mark's My Store for Relay for Life, looking into labels for water bottles and possible postcard style hand outs for the parade and discussed the Dinner 4 Eight Evangelism Ministry.

Stewardship: Dan Cunningham went over the income and expenses and contributions are down YTD \$17,000 and expenses up \$11,000.

Trustees: they approved the new premiums from the Titus Insurance Group and put a new door mat in the narthex.

Seniors Minister: the seniors will eat at an Amish home on June 22nd, will attend the play "Adam and Eve Go To Marriage Counseling" on July 12th and he is coaching the men's softball team.

Church Attendance

June 11: Traditional: 111, Contemporary: 66 = 177

June 18: Traditional: 120, Contemporary: 67 = 187



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\$257,031.68

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