

Burlington Zion Express

July 2013



*(This month's editorial is written by Jeff Mueller,
Zion's summer ministry intern from Eden Seminary.)*

At Eden we have to do what they call "Contextual Education." This is a program where you get out of the classroom and experience how theology works in the real world. They require you do this ten hours a week. For me it was not an experience I was looking forward to. I was working about 25 hours a week and being a full time seminary student. My time was precious already, and this just seemed like another thing that would steal the minutes away from my already hectic life. Going into it, however, I did know that if I was going to do this I wanted to do something that I may not get the chance to experience otherwise. That's how I ended up as a hospital chaplain.

Going into the job I was terrified. I had no idea what to expect. My mind always jumps to the worst case scenario, and this was no exception. I was having these visions of being turned loose into a hospital full of dying people and not having ANY idea how to handle them. Being sent into the room of someone you don't know was a terrifying thing. Wracked with nervousness and fear, I reported to my first day of work.

Fast forward a month and I was fine. I absolutely loved working with the people on my floor. Being able to see people being helped was amazing. While it's true I didn't know the people I was going to visit, I would go into their room a stranger and be able to have them open up about their fears and their joys. It was absolutely amazing, and there were times you could see them almost having a weight lifted off their shoulders. Had I given into my fears, I would have never gotten this experience.

Fear is a constant factor in life and often times "not having faith in our faith" is a problem within the church. I'm not saying that everyone's faith is perfect or that any of us are the next coming of Jesus, but our faith is enough. We want to be stronger in our faith and closer to God, but being able to have faith in your faith is a great blessing. After all it wasn't those who knew they were righteous that Jesus was after, but it was the meek, the poor, the downtrodden, and the broken. When the spiritual panic sets in, being able to say "I may not have the strongest faith but my faith is enough" can help to calm any storm. It's not necessarily about being able to be the beacon and pinnacle of what a Christian should model themselves after but being able to recognize our fears and have faith we'll get through them opens us up to a host of blessings.

Faith is not something we should ever quit working at, but it is something that we need to realize is enough. The faith we have is strong enough to help us through the storms. If we can continue to grow that faith, we can accomplish wonderful things. As Jesus said, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed you can move mountains."

--Jeff

Worship

Sunday, July 7 – Communion

9:00 am: Adult Sunday School
10:00 am: Worship
Scripture: Galatians 6:1-16
11:00 am: Coffee Hour

Sunday, July 14

9:00 am: Adult Sunday School
10:00 am: Worship
Scripture: Luke 10:25-37
11:00 am: Coffee Hour

Sunday, July 21

9:00 am: Adult Sunday School
10:00 am: Worship
Scripture: Luke 10:38-42
11:00 am: Coffee Hour

Sunday, July 28

10:00 am: Worship
Scripture: Luke 11:1-13
11:00 am: Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour Hosts for July



July 7: Joanne Mauer and Pam Daws

July 14: “Sundae Sunday” by the Fellowship
Committee

July 21: Carol and Jerry Goddard

July 28: _____

All are invited downstairs to the fellowship hall following the worship service for a time of coffee, simple refreshments, and fellowship.

Please feel free sign up for July 28 or any Sunday in August without sponsors. Thanks!

Worship Helpers

July church closer: Sandra Deal

Sunday, July 7

Communion preparers: Don and Vivian Kellar
Greeters: Jon and Darcy Hedges, Sharon Thye,
Judy Taylor
Reader: Peggy Wilkinson
Tower Bell: Pam Daws
Valet: Tom Ralston

Sunday, July 14

Greeters: Gary and Nancy Haley, Joanne
Mauer, Judy Nesius
Reader: Rodney Botts
Tower Bell: Will Neises
Valets: Dennis Dietzman

Sunday, July 21

Greeters: Don and Vivian Kellar, Tom and
Connie Ralston
Reader: Gail Lawlor
Tower Bell: Chase Graham
Valet: Marvin Fraise

Sunday, July 28

Greeters: Emily Roane and Keith Schulz,
Jeanette Fisher, Judy Tomkins
Reader: Don Kellar
Tower Bell: Jeff Graham
Valet: Rich Goble



YOUR PLEDGE

This Summer

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

by Janice Gibson



NOIZ KIDZ Day in the (Water)works!

Plans are being made for a NOIZ KIDZ Day in late July. We're going to make it a WATERWORKS Day with lots of water games, water experiments, crafts and Bible stories centered around water and all things WET! Did you know there are lots and lots of stories in the Bible that happened on a lake or by a sea or in a river or by a well or....well, you get the picture?! Why do you think that was? We'll explore that, and other wet and wild questions!

More information will be available soon!!



Our guest musicians for July are as follows:

July 7 – Gayle Elliott, vocalist

July 14 – Mary Kate Brueck, vocalist

July 21 – Carol Brotherson, flute

July 28 – Shelley Morton, vocalist

Coffee and Scripture



Adult Bible Study
Tuesdays, 7:30 a.m.
at Diggers Rest

All are welcome to join us for this wonderful time of discussion each Tuesday morning. Great food and great coffee are available, too!

Pastor Jane on Vacation Jeff Mueller, Ministry Intern

Pastor Jane is attending the UCC General Synod in Long Beach, California, as a delegate for the Justice and Witness Ministries Board. Don will pick her up at Chicago's O'Hare airport on July 3rd, and they will leave on vacation for a couple weeks. (Part of their plan is to drive to Maine where she will officiate the wedding of Paulette Upton and John Cavanah!)

Zion is privileged to have Jeff Mueller, our summer ministry intern from Eden Seminary, here to fill in while she's away.

Jeff will be leading Bible Study and Sunday School and preaching on Sundays, along with being available for any pastoral needs that might arise. If you have a need, please call Jeff at the church office on weekdays or on his cell phone at 563-694-2925 for all other times.

Jeff is staying with John and Roxy Riessen for the summer. We thank them for their hospitality!

Please note that Friday is Jeff's day off so try to avoid calling him on that day unless you have an emergency.

Pastor Jane will be back in the pulpit on July 21.



Sunday School Class

4 weeks beginning June 30

Jeff Mueller, Zion's summer ministry intern, will be leading a Sunday school class on the book of Job. It will start on **June 30th** and be a four week course (with a possible fifth Sunday, depending on how the class feels).

This class will examine the elements of storytelling in Job, as well as the language, and the theological themes contained within. Everyone is welcome to participate, and the class will meet downstairs at **9:00**. For the first week we'll be discussing chapters 1-10.

Again, everyone is invited, and we hope to see you there!!

Burlington Care Center Sing-along

Sunday, July 21



A group of volunteers will be going to the Burlington Care Center at **2:00 p.m.** on Sunday, July 21, for a sing-along with the residents there. Please join them!

Thank you to the following people who sang at Bickford for the June 9th sing-along: **Charles Brissey, Janice Gibson, Debbie Gottschalk, Pauline Kuster, Martha Landstrom, Milt and Laurie Paule, and Pastor Jane Willan.**

God Bless America



Fall Adult Sunday School Summer-Fall Reading List

In November, Adult Sunday School will consider "Racism and National Security" in the context of the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II. The summer-fall reading list for this topic is:

- A Farewell to Manzanar by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston "is the true story of one spirited Japanese American family's attempt to survive the indignities of forced detention...and of a native-born American child who discovered what it was like to grow up behind barbed wire in the United States." [dust jacket copy]
- Snow Falling on Cedars by David Guterson. "San Pedro Island, north of Puget Sound, is a place so isolated that no one who lives there can afford to make enemies. But in 1954 a local fisherman is found suspiciously drowned, and a Japanese American named Kabuo is charged with his murder. In the course of the ensuing trial, it becomes clear that what is at stake is more than one man's guilt. For on San Pedro, memory grows as thickly as cedar trees and the fields of ripe strawberries—memories of a charmed love affair between a white boy and the Japanese girl who grew up to become Kabuo's wife; memories of land desired, paid for, and lost. Above all, San Pedro is haunted by the memory of what happened to its Japanese residents during World War II, when an entire community was sent into exile while its neighbors watched." [dust jacket copy]
- Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford explores the experience of Japanese Americans in the Seattle area during World War II in the context of a love story between a Chinese boy and a Japanese American girl who was sent to the Minidoka camp in Idaho.

“Sundae Sunday” July 14 – Coffee Hour



The Fellowship Committee will be serving homemade ice cream with all the toppings you want to add to it following the worship service on Sunday, July 14, downstairs in the fellowship hall during the Coffee Hour. You won't want to miss that special treat!



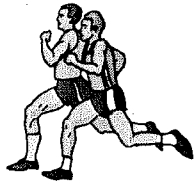
Any student attending college who wishes to apply for a Zion scholarship may pick up a form from the church office. The form must be filled out in full and returned to the church **no later than July 31**.



Our thoughts and prayers are with **Megan Key Agnew** whose father, Michael Key, 65, passed away on Wednesday, June 19, 2013, at Great River Hospice House in West Burlington.



Zion's Run for the Homeless



Volunteer Helpers Needed

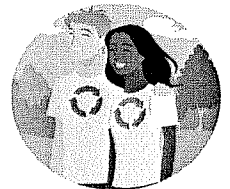
On **Sunday morning, August 25**, Zion will be sponsoring a race called "Zion UCC Run for the Homeless." All proceeds will go to the Burlington Area Homeless Shelter, which we hope will be re-opening very soon. Our committee has been very busy making plans, under the guidance of Lyle Gibson. Thank you, Lyle!

Although the race is being promoted by the Social Justice Committee, we will need LOTS of church volunteers to help out in a variety of areas. There is a **signup sheet** on the bulletin board, along with a list of possible areas where you could help out. Please stop by and add your name to the list. I will contact you to determine which assignment will work for you. Several have already signed up, but we still need quite a few more helpers.

Bill Daws
Chair of Social Justice Committee

Race T-shirt

Everyone who registers to participate in the race will receive a specially designed "Zion UCC Run for the Homeless" t-shirt.



If anyone else would like to order a t-shirt, you may do so for \$12 each. Sizes available are S, M, L, and XL. Place your order in the church office on week days or in the narthex on Sundays. Your payment is due with your order. Deadline to order is August 9.



Class of 2013

Derek Elmore graduated from Burlington Community High School where he is currently playing on the baseball team. He is enrolled at Southeastern Community College this fall. After completing the two-year program at SCC, he will transfer to the University of Iowa to major in Biomedical Engineering. Derek is the son of Sandy Elmore and Tom Elmore, Jr.

Evan Hedges also graduated from Burlington Community High School. He plans to attend Southeastern Community College this fall where he will study computer programming or business administration. He will continue to work at Culvers as well. Evan is the son of Jon and Darcy Hedges.

Dugan Thye graduated from Mediapolis High School. He will be enrolled at Southeastern Community College this fall where he plans to take business classes. Dugan works during the summers for Daly Construction. His parents are Darin Thye and Jeni and Josh Daly.



The church office is open
Monday – Friday
8:30 am – 12:00 pm
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Our Bridging the Gap mission assistance office with Deb Ruble is open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.



Thank you to **Bill Daws, David Ekman, Don Lutz, Kathy Morrish, Milt Paule, Tom Ralston, Paula Renard, Carrie Riessen, John Riessen, Jane Willan,** and **Scott Wood** for helping clean our one-mile stretch of highway on Saturday, June 1st. We did not get rained on or bitten up by bugs, and our section of highway is beautified once again. And with everyone's help we were finished in just over an hour. Good work, one and all!

--Gail Lawlor



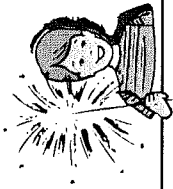
The **Book Club** and the **Over-the-Hill Gang** will not be meeting in July.



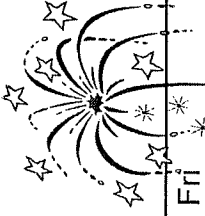
On **Sunday, September 8**, there will be a "Back to Church" potluck meal in the fellowship hall after the morning worship service.

Monday, September 16, from 1:30 – 6:15 p.m. is the Downtown Burlington Churches Blood Drive. It will be held at First United Church of Christ at 611 Columbia Street at the top of Snake Alley. David Ekman will be the coordinator for Zion.

Sunday, October 6, at 4:00 p.m. will be the all-church Wildlife Lakes and Wood Duck Cove bonfire and potluck sponsored by the Fellowship Committee.



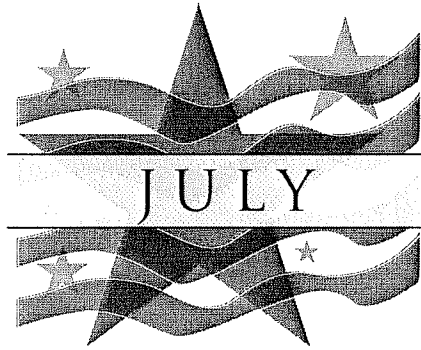
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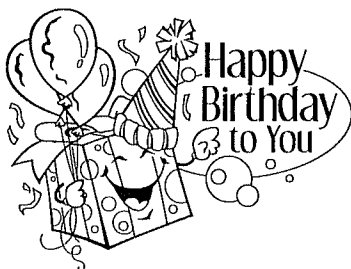
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			Pastor Jane at General Synod and on vacation			
7 10:00 am: Worship 11:00 am: Coffee Hour	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Pastor Jane on vacation					
14 10:00 am: Worship 11:00 am: Coffee Hour - "Sundae Sunday"	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Pastor Jane on vacation					
21 10:00 am: Worship 11:00 am: Coffee Hour 2:00 pm: Sing-along at Burlington Care	22	23 6:00 pm: Social Justice Committee	24	25 7:00 pm: Consistory	26 Newsletter DEADLINE 12:00 pm	27
28 10:00 am: Worship 11:00 am: Coffee Hour	29	30	31			

Pastor Jane will be at General Synod in Long Beach, California, and on vacation from June 25 - July 17.



Birthdays

- 3 ---- **Paula Mehaffy**, 911 Linden St.
Todd VanScoy, 705 Louisa
- 6 ---- **Philip Paule**, Great River Klein Center,
Room 404 – Cascade Falls,
1307 S. Gear Ave, West Burl. 52655
- Payton Kenney** (5), 2020 S. 14th St.
Dyan Dietzman 2819 Fair Acres Drive
- 8 ---- **Stacey Kerr**, 12081 50th St.
- 11 --- **Gail Lawlor**, 534 May Ave.
Steve Hartman, 2405 Madison Ave.
- 12 --- **Sherman Hartman** (15), 2405 Madison
- 13 --- **Tom Ralston**, 3219 Crystal Dr.
Joanne Mauer, 116 Golf Lane
- 19 --- **Ashley Jay**, 13524 65th Avenue
- 22 --- **Darline Wagler**, 2210 Charles St.
Tanner Ell, 1919 S. Main St.
- 25 --- **Eli Adolphson**, 1215-1/2 Patterson
- 27 --- **Bruce Workman**, 2613 Evergreen
- 28 --- **Dalton Roth**, 10817 115th Ave.
- 30 --- **Irene Trimble**, 1711 Cedar Hill Rd.
Duncanville, TX 75137



Anniversaries

- 16 --- **Darcy & Jon Hedges, Jr.** (25)
11774 Greenwood Dr.
- Mark & Nancy Oetken** (7)
PO Box 231, West Burlington IA 52655
- 23 --- **Jerry & Carol Goddard** (46)
124 Golf Lane
- 28 --- **Rod & Barb Botts** (22)
421 N. 7th St.



Early August birthdays

- 1 ---- **Joe Deal**, 9183 Gaslight Dr.
- 2 ---- **Kyle Des Jardins**, 605 Melville Ct.
West Burlington, IA 52655
- 3 ---- **Evelyn Tiemeyer**,
1095 Silvercrest Circle Apt 211
Iowa City, IA 52240
- Sandra Deal**, 9183 Gaslight Dr.
Carrie Wagler, 1011 S. 12th St.

"Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it."

1 CORINTHIANS 12:27

A New Beginning

There are very few times in your life when you are absolutely sure you have chosen the right path or know you are in exactly the right place, but that is how I feel here in Hungary. There has been more hospitality and generosity poured out to me in the past four months than I ever could have imagined. I was called to Budapest, Hungary because I have a talent that directly aligns to an expressed need, and what may seem like a menial task of writing or proofreading is more helpful than we, as native English speakers, could ever imagine. I say this because Hungary, linguistically, is extremely isolated. Their language is very difficult and very unique. It is also a language that essentially does not exist outside the borders of Hungary. Yet, there is a wealth of information being showcased by the church's communication department, but because it is written in Hungarian, few outside of the borders will understand it. This means any news article or update has to be translated into English or German, which, in a time when the worldwide church is more connected than it has ever been, international ties and relations are essential.



AMY LESTER

I see my place as a communicator, telling the Hungarian churches' story. I see that I'm a vital cog in this machine. But I often get this feeling that I am not doing substantial enough work to fit the term "real missionary." I learned that the definition of mission is that our worth is a direct result of the work we do. So I ask myself, since when did productivity become the deciding factor in a relationship? Shouldn't a partnership be about supporting each other and learning from one another while our journeys of faith overlap in a certain place for a finite amount of time? I conclude, it is our challenge to live our lives in a way that is pleasing to God, which means living our lives with the purpose and knowledge that we are but a tiny part of Christ's body.

Let us pray that our work is focused on relationships more than the measuring of accomplishments, knowing God's mission touches all people.

Amy Lester serves as a Global Mission Intern with the Reformed Church in Hungary. Her ministry is possible because of funds provided by Week of Compassion of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Amy serves as a facilitator of international communication, writing proposals to international organizations, and receives and guides the international guests.



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