



SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF SUNDAY

9:15 A.M., SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

The CE Committee will hold a gathering time in Fellowship Hall on **September 20** (note the date change), when the new Sunday School year begins. All will gather at 9:15 for donuts, juice, and coffee followed by singing and meeting the teachers before dismissal to classrooms at 9:30. Classes each Sunday will begin with gathering time at 9:15 and meet from 9:30 to 10:15. More information is inside!

Worship

**Twenty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time, September 6**
8:15 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Worship

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time, September 13**
8:15 a.m. Worship - Communion
10:30 a.m. Worship - Communion

USHERS

(contact the Church Office if you would like to be an Usher)

September 6: Ken Farrell, Captain, Stan Chenoweth, Dick Ebersole, Byron Gordon, Kay Medlock, and Lew Tidd.

September 13: Bob Rooney & Bill Ebersole, Co-Captains; Betsy & Gerard LeDoux, and Jerry & Shirley Coen.

| Attendance | 8:15 a.m. | 10:30 a.m. |
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| August 16 | 18 | 185 |
| August 23 | 19 | 120 |

SEPTEMBER MEAL-A-MONTH MENU FOR FISH

Beef Hash, Canned Peaches, Saltines Crackers, Oatmeal (quick), Muffin Mix, Shampoo, and Paper Grocery Bags. Collection bins are in the Narthex and Parlor Level corridor. Contact the Church Office for more information.

THANK YOUS

✠A warm and heartfelt “Thank You” for all your prayers for Tom. He is coming along fine but still has a long way to go before completely well. Always, *Tom & Betty Alderson*

✠A big thanks to the Congregation for making our Fiftieth Anniversary so enjoyable. We loved having you all there to share in our joy. Thanks for the many cards and well wishes. *Ken & Joan Beckham*

CIRCLE 2'S CHILDREN'S GARAGE SALE: The children's garage sale is 7am on **September 26**. Please save any children's clothes, toys, games, etc. that you no longer want or need and consider donating them for the garage sale. Please drop off the items beginning September 23 through September 25 in the Fellowship Hall. A portion (50%) of the money raised will go to the preschool; unsold items will be donated to the Crisis Nursery, Kindercottage, local law enforcement (stuffed animals), the Salvation Army, and FISH. Please contact Janet Ferry at (636) 922-0790 or janet@ferryfamilyonline.com for details.

FAIR TRADE COFFEE: We have a fresh supply of fair trade coffees and teas in the kiosk in the Information Center. We also have craft items from Peru and Kayenta for sale. Contact Carolyn Newcomb for more information.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL VACATION: The last Sunday School classes for Children and Youth was June 7. The classes will take a summer vacation and resume on **Kick-Off Sunday, September 20** (more news inside!).

MISSION NEWS: A new addition to the Mission Bulletin Board in the Information Center is an area that posts Mission Opportunities you might be interested in being a part of. Some opportunities will be in partnership with other churches in our Presbytery and others will be with members of our congregation. The Meal a Month program for FISH will continue to be an ongoing mission. We will also have Mission Sunday the last Sunday of each month, unless otherwise noted. The money collected will be given to an area organization selected by the Deacons each month.

CELEBRATION: Dardenne Presbyterian Church is celebrating their 190th Anniversary the weekend of September 19 & 20. A “Remembrance Service” will be held at 1pm on Saturday while the Celebration and Luncheon will be after 11am worship on Sunday. For more information, please contact (636) 561-4347 or visit www.dpc4u.org and click on “About DPC”.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

TEACHERS NEEDED: It is time to sign up to teach Sunday School and to make this program a success. It is our goal to have enough volunteers so that teaching every week will not be necessary unless that is something you would like to do. We have an exciting new curriculum that will be used this year. *Seasons of the Spirit* is a lectionary-based curriculum that is available online. By using this option we were also able to lower the expense while still receiving excellent resources.

Our plan is to offer the following classes: 2-4 years old, Kindergarten-First Grade, Second-Third Grade, Fourth-Fifth Grade, Middle School, and High School in addition to two adult classes. It is going to take all of us to make the Sunday School a success, please consider being a part of a teacher team or teaching on a weekly basis; contact Carolyn Newcomb at carolyn.newcomb@yahoo.com or (636) 946-4070, ext. 231 to let her know that you would like to participate—as a teacher or as a student.

NURSERY WORKERS: The CE Committee is committed to offering a Nursery Program at both the Sunday School and Worship Hour so that parents are able to attend Sunday School and Worship. A sign-up sheet has been posted outside of the Nursery for the September-November; please sign up to work one or two Sundays.

RECORDS UPDATE: Please be sure to contact the Church Office with any changes to your contact information (mailing address, phone, e-mail, etc.).

OOPS! In the last issue of *The Visitor*, we forgot to mention that Mitch Heady helped enormously during the National Junior Disabled Athletes Sports Association activities this summer. We couldn't have done it without you, Mitch! *Dana Luley*



EDUCATIONAL & DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER NEWS...

PRESCHOOL/STAY N' PLAY ENROLLMENT: Preschool enrollment continues to be accepted for children 4 years of age. Enrollment into Spanish language classes is currently being accepted for the upcoming school year. Stay n' Play is available for childcare Monday-Friday for 3-5 year olds. Registration for the 2009-2010 Stay n' Play year was on August 20. If you did not register your child, you may call Nancy Simpson at (636) 947-8778 for more information.

CLASSROOM NOTE: A number of our children have severe allergies to products containing peanuts, milk, and eggs; these allergies are life-threatening. Enrollment information is still being collected and updated so specific classroom information is not available at the moment. To be on the safe side, please refrain from bringing ANY items containing these ingredients into classrooms; if it cannot be avoided, please contact Nancy Simpson so we can take steps to prepare the rooms for class. Our teachers and cleaning staff are working with the parents to make as safe an environment as possible. Reminder notices will be posted outside the affected classroom and in other areas of the building; if you have questions or concerns, please contact Nancy Simpson at (636) 947-8778.

PAPA JOHN'S NIGHTS RESUME: Our Tuesday night pizza fundraiser is back! Starting on September 1 and for the first Tuesday of every month during the school year, Papa John's will donate a portion of your bill when you order from the St. Charles or North O'Fallon locations. Just be sure to mention our school's name when you place your order. Thank You!

PRIME TIME WEDNESDAY

We are working hard to get ready for our fall semester, which will run from **September 9 - November 18**. We have lots of plans for new and exciting activities for the kids this year. In order to make this a success, **we need LOTS of volunteers** (see below for a list). In addition, this year we need extra help in the Recreation area: This is a time of play, of just having fun. Do you have a skill that you can spend a few weeks teaching the kids? Are you someone who would like to just come and goof off for a while? **This is a really awesome way to build a relationship with our youth!**

Please consider giving of your time this fall, even if only for 1 or 2 weeks. Whatever time you can give to us is greatly appreciated. Please fill out the form in the bulletin and return it to the Church Office or contact me at (636) 936-1774 (h), (314) 580-5734 (c), or at darayork@yahoo.com **THANK YOU** for helping make Prime Time a success! *Dara York*

Areas available for volunteering: Child Care, Kitchen (cook helper), Kitchen (clean up), Table setters, Table decorations, Baker, Worship Skills helper, Bible Study (leader or helper), Teach a skill, Recreation leader, Recreation helper, Table parent

FINANCIAL UPDATE...

JULY 2009 REPORT

(NEITHER APPROVED BY THE SESSION NOR AUDITED)

| INCOME | Current | Year-to-Date | Target |
|-----------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| Budget Pledge | \$19,896.96 | \$143,376.50 | \$250,423.00 |
| Actual Pledge | \$18,292.00 | \$143,705.58 | |
| Total Bud. Inc. | \$22,030.10 | \$162,121.03 | \$280,973.00 |
| Total Act. Inc. | \$22,873.78 | \$171,396.82 | |
| EXPENSES | Current | Year-to-Date | Target |
| Budgeted | \$27,589.27 | \$173,418.67 | \$280,973.00 |
| Actual | \$23,306.61 | \$167,478.16 | |

Notes on July:

✦ Pledged/Non-Pledged Income: Traditionally giving has tapered off in the summer only to rebound in fall. Our pledged giving was slightly behind expectations in July but is still ahead for the year. Our non-pledged and loose offerings continue to beat budgeted expectations. If you missed a Sunday (or two) for summer vacation, please prayerfully consider your future giving to make sure we meet our pledged goals.

✦ On the expense side, we spent less than expected in July as we continue to run lower than expected so far in 2009. The primary “movers and shakers” for our expenses in July are:

✓ Insurance: A switch to a different provider earlier in the year resulted in increased coverage for less cost.

✓ Utilities: We are slightly under our year-to-date utility costs; we will continue to explore cost savings in this area.

✓ Investments: July saw a continued recovery of the broader markets. While we hope this trend continues, we must be aware that the markets can reverse course just as quickly.

✦ Our stewardship account at Church Development Corporation (CDC), our loan provider, totaled \$60,771.33 at the end of July. All gifts posted to the *Building Our Vision/UPholding Our Vision* campaigns and to the building fund since January 1, 2009, have been sent to this account; all future gifts will be sent directly to the CDC account monthly. After a six month “pause” and refinancing, we resumed regular loan payments on July 1. The refinanced loan had a beginning principal amount of \$2,770,338.29 on July 1, the July 1 regular loan payment of \$15,728.70 included \$3,205.25 in principal. CDC offers investment opportunities for private accounts; please contact the Church Office for more information or visit www.churchdevcorp.org