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“This is a good place to visit, to come frequently, and to remain”



*We're
Getting
a New
Pastor*

Our new pastor starts July 1st.
His first Sunday will be **July 7th**.
Come and help us welcome
Pastor Eric Reniva and his family
at **9:30 a.m.!!**



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Invite a Neighbor to Church

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RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

**TURN IN
YOUR ARTICLES
EARLY!**

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(for August & September Rock)

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Puzzle!

Use the music code to find the words for this familiar song of thanks.

CODE:				
A	E	I	O	U
B	F	L	P	V
C	G	M	R	W
D	H	N	S	X
		T	Y	

Musical notation for the song 'The Church Bells Ring'. The notation consists of several staves with notes and rests, corresponding to the lyrics provided on the next page.

Challenge: What do we commonly call this song?

The

Musical notation for the word 'The', showing the notes T, H, and E.

WHERE DID ALL THE PEOPLE GO?

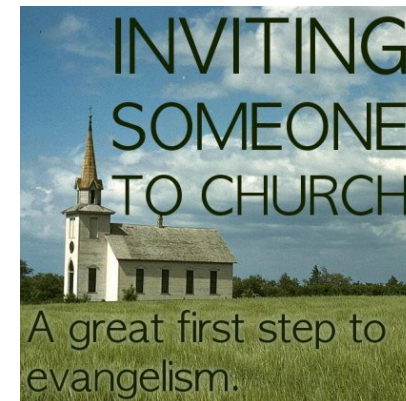
Sunday morning, the Church bells ring.
It's time to gather, that we may sing, to praise the Lord,
let our love show, that's usually where the people go.

It's Sunday morning, time for worship.
Time for gathering with friends.
But there's something different,
what makes it so, the question comes to mind.
Where did all the people go?

The Church is quiet, so many empty pews.
What's keeping so many people away?
Where are all our young people?
Does anyone seem to know?
Families are absent, where did all the people go?

And when God comes to take his faithful home,
so many will be turned away, they didn't know his son.
Then at those Pearly gates, we are judged, and rightly so,
and the question in our minds,
Where did all the people go?

*Bertha Jackson,
Machesney Park, IL*





THE ROCK

As most of you know, prices have risen greatly for postage, mailing fees, and supplies to print the Rock.

To try and keep these expenses under control, Church Council is recommending the following changes to the Rock mailing.

- ◆ If you are a member, but are residing in a facility OF ANY KIND, your mailing will NOT change.
- ◆ If you are an **active member**, we would invite you to receive the Rock by e-mail, or if you prefer a mailing, we would appreciate your contributing \$10.00 per year (starting in July) to cover the above costs for the bi-monthly mailing. However, e-mail is being strongly suggested, still preferred, and so much quicker!
- ◆ You may also choose to pick-up your copy of the Rock at church. If you choose this method, there is no fee for your copy!!
- ◆ If you are a **non-active** member and still want to receive the Rock, you can also use the e-mail choice. Again, we will still mail it to you, but \$10.00 will be necessary to cover costs. As **Inactive Members**, if we do not hear from you by **July 22**, your name will be removed from our mailing list.

Please know you can always re-instate your “Rock” mailing by requesting either sending an e-mail or paying the nominal fee.

Notify the office at 815.877.9237 (Wed-Fri 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.) or by e-mail at bethedenumc@gmail.com, with how you would like us to proceed. Again, we strongly suggest the e-mail option as it is the preferred method, and so much quicker!

Blessings,
Church Council



WALK TO EMMAUS

Have you thought about taking this Spiritual Journey?
Plan ahead!

Men’s Fall Walk #158 is **September 26-29, 2019**

*Walk is at Bishop Lane Retreat Center, Rockford, IL

Women’s Fall Walk #159 is **October 3-6, 2019**

*Walk is at Bishop Lane Retreat Center, Rockford, IL



Men’s Spring Walk 160 is **April 30–May 3, 2020**

* Walk is at Wesley Woods Retreat Center, Walworth, Wisconsin

Women’s Spring Walk 161 is **May 14-17, 2020**

Bishop Lane Retreat Center, Rockford, Illinois

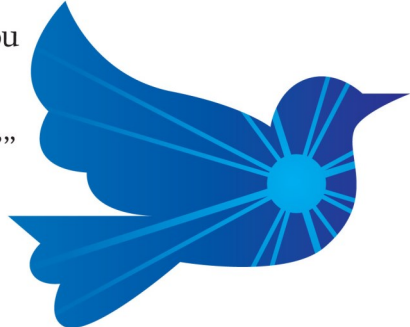
If you are interested in learning more about the Walk to Emmaus you can visit their website at www.nil-emmaus.org or see anyone who has been on the walk. It’s an experience you don’t want to miss!

?? ? **Bible Quiz** ? ?

What word can be placed in all four blanks to complete this Bible passage?

“But just as he who called you is _____, so be _____ in all you do; for it is written: ‘Be _____, because I am _____.’”

A. righteous
B. holy
C. loving
D. merciful



(See 1 Peter 1:15-16, NIV.)

Please keep donating books, magazines, media, and puzzles. There is an **orange donation crate** located on the floor by the Welcome Center. Feel free to fill it.

Have a Great Summer!



ALLELUIA QUARTET
UPCOMING DATES

July 10	7:00 p.m.	Watertown, WI
July 21	6:30 p.m.	Belvidere Park (Baltic Mill)
August 10	6:30 p.m.	Lake Le-Aqua-Na (Lena, IL)
August 18	6:00 p.m.	Spring Valley Reformed Church (Fulton, IL)



- Mandy Andrus
 Doris Collman
 Kathaleen Cychosz (*Mother of Angela Wernick*)
 Kurt Emerick
 Hannah & Jim Fidler
 Crystal Holmes
 Norma Kitchen
 Wilma Kuhlmeier
 Mason Manning (*Grandson of Teri Zimmerman*)
 Erik Martinez (*Friend of Anita Collingwood*)
 Mike & Jan Pastuska (*Son-in-Law & Daughter of Ginny Pearson*)
 Al Quinones
 Dottie Roberts
 Elaina Rossato (*Great-Granddaughter of Ruth Plock*)
 Frank & Florence Schou
 Carl & Mae Schumacher
 Sieg Schwirblat
 Jerry Seebach (*Brother of Audrey Seebach*)
 Scott Lafferty
 Tina & Natalie Todora
 Bonnie Vandergriff



Listed below are the names of beloved sisters & brothers in Christ. Each of their lives and ministries was a great blessing and cherished memory for each of us.

These are the names of persons who have passed away since April 26, 2019:

Vivian Dull	October 7, 1931 ~ May 2, 2019
Judy Branson	September 3 1943 ~ May 28, 2019
Carolyn Decker	March 19, 1924 ~ June 20, 2019

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. Yes, says the Spirit, they will rest from their labors for their deeds follow them."

~ ~ Revelation 14:13



As a reminder from the Memorial Committee, memorials remain open for **6 months** after an individuals passing. There is a memorial box with cards & envelopes in the Narthex.

Memorials are currently being accepted for:

Dorothy Van Matre (3/30/19)	Vivian Dull (5/3/19)
Judy Branson (5/28/19)	Carolyn Decker (6/20/19)

Jesus, O-Oprah Magazine, Puzzles: Word Games, Real Simple, Reminisce, Super Jumbo Big Print Crossword, The Saturday Evening Post, Time Capsule: 1949 the Year in Review, UM Men – The Magazine of United Methodist Men, Variety Puzzles, and World of Puzzles.

Book donations include, in order of section only:

Fiction Section

- Oceans Apart (Karen Kingsbury)

Media (DVD) Section

- Effective Stewardship, Lesson 2: Wisdom on the Environment (Action Media)

Non-Fiction Section

- A Spirituality of Fundraising (Henri J.M. Nouwen)
- Converge Bible Studies: Our Common Sins (Dottie Escobedo-Frank)
- Doing the Math of Mission: Fruits, Faithfulness, and Metrics (Gil Rendle)
- Follow You Follow Me: Why Social Networking is Essential to Ministry (John Voelz)
- If God is God: Conversations of Faith, Doubt, Freedom, and Love (Richard Edwin Koenig)
- Ordained Ministry in the United Methodist Church, Revised Edition (William B. Lawrence)
- Quarterly Review, A Journal of the Theological Resources for Ministry:
 - Learning for the Twenty-First Century
 - Providence and the Sovereignty of God
 - The Eucharist in a United Methodist Perspective
- Serving God, Saving the Planet (J. Matthew Sleeth, M.D.)
- The Jesus Way: A Conversation on the Ways That Jesus is the Way (Eugene H. Peterson)
- Tuesdays with Morrie: An Old Man, a Young Man, and Life's Greatest Lesson (Mitch Albom)
- Unity of the Church and Human Sexuality: Toward a Faithful United Methodist Witness Study Guide (The United Methodist Church)



BETHLEHEM MARKET PLACE-REVIEW

Our faithful "Inn" Team met recently for a review of last years BMP.

It became evident that the group is enthusiastic about continuing the BMP into our 41st year feeling that it is a good witness and faith sharing opportunity for our community.

Changes of format will be shared when confirmed.



GLORY B'S

The **July** gathering of the Glory B's will be on **Thursday, July 25**. They will be heading to Lake Geneva for the day!



FISHES AND LOAVES COMMUNITY DINNER

The Community Dinners will be on **Wednesday, July 24** from **6:00-8:00 p.m.** All Neighbors Welcome!



LIBRARY NEWS

The Library Committee wishes to give thanks to this month's donors of magazines and books: Anita Collingwood, A. Warren Hogle, District Superintendent Lisa A. Kruse-Safford, Norma Shipton, Karen Weiss, and those wonderful unknown benefactors.

Some of the recent magazine donations we have received are: All Creatures, All God's Creatures, Allrecipes Magazine, Better Homes & Gardens, Discover Special Issue: The Most Amazing Century of Science, Games, Mornings with

JULY WORSHIP LEADERS

Liturgist for the month of May is: Bona Springer & Praise Team

July 7

Greeters:	Main Door	Welcome Center	North Door
9:30 am	Audrey Seebach & Kathy Walker	Helen Peterson & Ruth Gilbertson	Carolyn North & Diana Gorrell

Ushers:
9:30 am Thomas Covert, Jerry Lamb, Helen Roser, & Dan Todora

Communion Servers:
9:30 am Ruth Plock, Jean Steckling, & Barb Stenger

July 14

Greeters:	Main Door	Welcome Center	North Door
9:30 am	Ruth Plock & Bonnie Powless	Helen Roser & Helen Emerick	Ken Sanders & Ginny Pearson

Ushers:
9:30 am Ruth Plock, Gary Rieken, & Bob & Peggy McWilliams

July 21

Greeters:	Main Door	Welcome Center	North Door
9:30 am	Wayne & Dianne Young	Denny & Kathy Berschneider	Gary Rieken & Jerry Lamb

Ushers:
9:30 am Moe Emery, Dana Meacham, Audrey Seebach, & Dan Todora

July 28

Greeters:	Main Door	Welcome Center	North Door
9:30 am	Robin Smith & Kim Paine	Patti Luevano	Carol Bennehoff

Ushers:
9:30 am Ginny Pearson, Ken Sanders, Blake Smith, & Dan Todora

If you are unable to serve, please find someone to replace you and let the office know! Thank you!!



- 1 Dixie Hoffman
- 3 Gary Rieken
- 6 John Burright
- 7 Joshua Burright
- 13 Delores Bartlett
- 15 Ginny Pearson
- 18 Sandra Alloway
- 23 Dick Oakley
- 27 Angela Wernick
- 31 Terry Meacham

- 5 Bob & Delores Bartlett
- 15 Sieg & Betty Schwirblat
- 19 Dennis & Kathy Berschneider
- 31 Jarrod & Sherry Severing
Donald & Linda Lamm



If your Birthday or Anniversary is listed wrong or missing, please notify the Church Office so we can correct it.

faith in oh so many ways. It's who she is, who God made her to be...a doer! It isn't the words...it's the actions or as the saying goes, "Christ's hands and feet".

Her favorite "thing" about Beth Eden, isn't necessarily a thing. In her words... "I am thankful it's my church and nothing that changes will take that away."

To Darlene we say "Thank you" for all your hard work and faithfulness to Beth Eden and to the people of this congregation. God has richly Blessed you and us!



EDENETTES CIRCLE

A warm welcome is extended to the **July 11th** meeting of the Edenettes Circle of the United Methodist Women at **12:30 p.m.** in the Youth Room. Diana Gorrell will be serving our refreshment. A program is being planned.

A \$1 donation for the Carrie Lynn Children's Center is welcome each month.



LET THE CRAFTING BEGIN

The United Methodist Women will again be presenting our **Annual Fall Festival of Crafts & Talents, which is planned for Saturday morning, September 7 at 9:30 a.m. with a continental breakfast and crafts at 10:00 a.m.**

Please be thinking about your special creations, which you are invited to share in the "Show & Tell" part of the morning. All are welcome-crafters-and non crafters.



PERSON OF INTEREST AT BETH EDEN



Darlene Scott is our person of interest. I would be very surprised if there is someone in the congregation who does not know Darlene! But do you really know her?

She is married to Mike Scott. They were high school sweethearts (I like a “match made in Heaven”). They have two sons, who are married, giving them six grandkids. She is very proud of all of her family.

Darlene was born in Freeport, but grew up in German Valley. After she and Mike were married, they attended the former St. Johns church for a while, but eventually began attending Beth Eden in 1966.

They found out about Beth Eden (then Evangelical United Brethren) through Mike’s dad who was active in the Men’s group at the Forreston Church.

In 1968 they left so that Mike could pursue a college degree at SIU. After graduating they returned to Beth Eden in 1973 and have remained.

When asked about the different committees or activities she has participated in here, with a laugh, she said it was easier to tell what she has not done...SPRC. To name a few; Sunday school, UMW, Finance, Youth Group, Council, Special Events Coordinator, Choir, Bells, Drama, etc. If you haven’t noticed, Darlene is a doer! She willingly commits her time and efforts into whatever needs to be done to keep the church beautiful and running!

Some of her best memories were when she and Mike were Youth Counselors “back in the day”, and their mission trips to Henderson Settlement in Kentucky.

When asked if there was a time she could recall sharing her faith, her reply was “I’ll get back to you on that”, for which I am still waiting. But that’s okay...many find it difficult to share this. As I have gotten to know Darlene and I have seen all she has done and continues to do, I see her sharing her



KIDS SUMMER BIBLE CHAMPIONS

We’re off to a good start on **June 12th** with a total of 10 kids. This is an eight week “Learning to Use MY Bible”. We will continue on **Wednesday** nights through August 7th. **We will not meet on July 3rd due to the 4th being a holiday.** Children are encouraged to be faithful in attendance and participation, with the promise of awards when completed.



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