



The Waltham Courier



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SERVING OUR CHURCH

Nursery Volunteers

July 4

The VanDrimmelens

July 11

Dena Ficek, Marlene Moshage

July 18

Scott & Heather Freebairn

July 25

Tom & Wendy Olivero

August 1

Dave & Diana Deutsch

August 8

Tim & Nikki Mertes

August 15

Amy Ploch, Valerie Blue

August 22

Judy Applebee, Lois Edgcomb

August 29

Tony & Phyllis Mertes

If you are unable to serve, please make arrangements to exchange dates with someone. Thank-you

Sunday Worship

July

Deacons - Roberta Brown, Lois Edgcomb

Liturgist - Choir

Coffee/Juice - Session

August

Deacons - Carol Shaver, Ellen/Tom/Nancy

Liturgist - Music & Worship

Coffee/Juice - Mission

September

Deacons - Marlene Moshage, Tom Walsh

Liturgist - Deacons

Coffee/Juice - Music & Worship

Keep in mind your group is responsible for getting someone to be liturgist or make coffee. That person does not have to be a member of your group.

I type up a sheet with the Prayer and Bible verses for the liturgist. It is posted on the office bulletin board. If I have an e-mail address, I can also e-mail it. Please list the name of the liturgist on the signup sheet in the narthex so their name can be added to the Bulletin. Thanks, Kathie

Filling the Candles

July & August - Janet Small

4th of July Picnic

Sunday Morning Worship on July 4th will be held at Whipple's Woods at **10am**.

The committee is: Ralph & Marlene Moshage, Steve & Karen Pillion, Bruce & Roberta Brown, Steve & Chris Finley, Bob & Rita VanDrimmelen, Jeff & Kim Bernabei, Dave & Jan Edgcomb, Malcolm Whipple & Rita Whipple

Communion Breakfast~8/1 ~ 9am

Tom & Bonnie Walsh, Ralph & Carol Freebairn, Dave & Mary Small, Kathy Fox, Wilma Hudman, Tom & Wendy Olivero

PASTOR'S PEN

Well it's official, on June 8, 2010, Patty and I became registered voters and drivers in the State of Illinois. We have only been here for four and a half months and we have finally become Illinoisans. In truth it is hard for us to believe in a conflicting sort of way. I say conflicting because part of me feels like I have been here for a long time, and part of me doesn't. The feeling that I have been here a long time is a testimony to your kindness and friendship. You have made Patty and I feel so much like we belong and we are a part of your community and family. I am getting to know a lot of people, and have begun to settle into a routine. Plus all of your hard work on fixing up the manse, along with Patty's decorating and arranging the furniture has made us feel we truly are home. Even Gracie and Chase, our dogs, have settled in and have found their routine as well.

That having been said; I also feel I haven't been here very long at all. If you think about it, four and a half months is not a long time, only 1/3 of a year. I have yet to experience one complete year in the life of the Church. Things that you take for granted because it happens every year, Patty and I are experiencing for the very first time. I only have to look at the partially unpacked boxes in my office and basement at home to remind me that we have only just begun. Finding the right place for things and organizing them in the right order to make it easier to accomplish the work that needs to be done is very important and takes time. But if you don't know what the work is that needs to be done how can you organize things in their place? Four months in a place is not a lot of time to figure out what you need, after all we have yet to truly appreciate a full winter in Illinois.

I believe that these are the same issues that confront me and the Ministry at Waltham Church. What is it we need to be doing? Where is it we need to go? And where and what are the tools that we need to accomplish these tasks? These are the challenges that lie before us. I am seeking to get a better understanding of this from you. To that end I am asking questions, digging into things, and I may even change a few things. In the next few months I hope to have a couple of officer's meetings, do some organizing and some cleaning up. Take a serious look at what lies before us. Some of the challenges that I am already aware of are:

- The need to replace the Church roof and how will we pay for it?
- Community outreach in five or six locations (depending on how you count them) - Mendota, Ottawa, LaSalle/Peru, Utica, and Waltham
- Global mission in an era of declining funding.

Simply living up to the Churches Mission Statement is a huge challenge in and of itself:

- *We believe that God, through his son, Jesus Christ, unconditionally loves and cares for all people in all the world.*
- *We believe that we are to model God's unconditional love and caring through our beliefs and actions*
- *Therefore, our congregation strives to come together to show God's love to our congregation and community and continue to move forward in our ministry.* (As written in Church Information Form 9/2008)

How can we do all this?

I and Waltham Church can't do this successfully without your help and your involvement. I hope you don't have "that feeling" that you are only one person and not that important. If you do, you need to remember that ". . . YOU are the body of

Christ and individually members of it" (emphasis by editor, I Corinthians 12:27). Your involvement and participation in time, talent, and money is invaluable. We all know how important it is to give and looking at the work before us we need you to give generously. This doesn't have to always be financially. When you give of your time and talent above and beyond your offering or tithe you are helping us to not spend monies that could be used to carry out our mission and ministry. This is especially true during the summer months when giving and participation seems to drop off. Mainly because people are away on vacation. Please be mindful of the needs of the Church and our ongoing costs even while you are away. Remember to share your gifts wherever and whenever possible at the church, it is YOU that makes it work.

While I haven't been here all that long I can see that there are a lot of gifts and blessings at Waltham Church. We have many members who are gifted and talented in a variety of different ways. As Paul tells us in I Corinthians 12:4-7:

"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."

These gifts given to you are the tools and resources that God has made available to us to accomplish the work He desires us to do. But just like my home and office I am not sure in just what box or place they are in. I still struggle to figure out who does what, when and why, who's in charge, and why did we do that. While I realize that these are all normal adjustments and part of the learning curve with any new position, what makes it difficult is -- "that feeling" -- that I have been here (not that long or) so long and

I am only one person. Like Elijah (I Kings 19:11-13) we need to remind ourselves of God's presence and listen for the Lord. As the Psalmist says "*Be still, and know that I am God!*" (Psalm 46:10) It is in that stillness that we are able to feel the presence of God and be empowered through His Holy Spirit.

There is a lot to do my friends, and a lot that lies before us with Christ leading the way. I hope that together we can build God's Church, welcoming new friends as well as old ones, doing new things while sustaining the old things, working in the mission and ministry God has called us to here in Waltham. To that end I encourage you to invite a friend to church, knock on my door or give me a call to share your ideas, help address the needs of our Church, and allow the Holy Spirit to guide us. As a church sign once put it "What's missing in CH _ RCH ? . . . YOU! Remember that we are the Body of Christ and we know that "For mortals it is impossible, but for God all things are possible". (Matthew 19:26; Mark 10:27). I am looking forward to our future together in ministry and mission to the Waltham, Utica, LaSalle/Peru, Mendota, Ottawa, their surrounding areas, our world mission and whatever else God has planned for us. May God's guidance be with us in our journey together -- "*Seeking to be the family of God to the families in our community(ies)*". (on cover of Church bulletin)

Pastor Howard



COMMITTEE REPORTS

SESSION

The session of the Waltham Presbyterian Church of Utica, IL held a regular meeting on June 10, 2010 at 8:20 in the upper lounge of the church. Members present - Moderator Pastor Howard Smith, Ralph Freebairn, Bev Scharlau, Bruce Brown, Bonnie Walsh, Eileen Hagenbuch, Kyle Videgar, and Clerk Ida Brown.

The minutes of the previous meetings were approved.

The treasurer's report was received.

Committee reports were received.

A motion was approved to purchase wire to install an electric dog fence at the manse.

A motion was approved for two Stronghold scholarships for a total of \$135.

There is a need for a central location for supplies purchased for Sunday School.

There is also a need for Sunday School supplies.

Janet Small will do a Minute for Mission in June.

The yard sale has been scheduled for August 7th from 8 until 2.

A motion was approved for the Eagle Scout ceremony of Ben Ficek to be held July 29th.

The pastor's report was received and approved.

A motion was approved for Bonnie Walsh to be acting Clerk of Session for the July meeting.

The next session meeting is scheduled for July 8th at 8 PM following committee meetings at 7.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27.

Ida Brown, Clerk of Session

DEACONS

Present: Bonnie Walsh, Carol Shaver, Mary Sundberg, Nancy Tuftie, Kathie Kleckner, Lois Edgcomb, Roberta Brown, & Ellen

Wilson. We discussed serving communion at the July 4th picnic. It will be by intinction. We will use a basket to collect the offering. 78 people took communion in June. We discussed the damage in Streator and the Blackhawk work day there. About 20 people are planning to help. We discussed the Meeting of the Presbyterian Churches of Blackhawk on June 30. Some of us are planning to attend.

TRUSTEES

Present: Bruce Brown, Jeff Ficek, Dave Deutsch. We discussed our 6 bids for roofing and their differences and need to call them to clarify.

Parking lot - We will get bids for sealing cracks only and not seal the lot. This will also avoid the cost of repainting the stripes. Discussed installing an electronic dog fence at the manse. Bruce Brown will investigate the cost.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We met June 10, 2010. Kati Hagenbuch, Rita VanDrimmelen, Eileen Hagenbuch, Carol Freebairn and Sharon Reel were in attendance. Discussed final details for Vacation Bible School. Discussed any additional advertisement. Anyone who donates toward VBS, please fill out a voucher and turn in with receipts. On the voucher there is an area where you can mark reimbursed or put towards your contributions. There will be a free will offering each night with the contributions going toward Heifer project. We would like to thank all the individuals who have donated their time to volunteer or organize an activity for VBS. There was 2 requests for Stronghold scholarships. We discussed there should be a short presentation about the Stronghold camps. We are in need of teachers for Sunday school. Our classes are broke up as preschool, K-1, 2-4, 5-8, HS and adult. A teachers meeting will be

announced for August. Sunday school will start on Sept. 12, Rally Sunday. Next meeting, time and place TBA for July.

MUSIC & WORSHIP

Present: Amy Ploch & Kyle Videgar
Continue Children's Sermon during summer worship. Discussed summer service at 9:00 vs 10:00 – Would we have a better attendance at 10:00? Pastor should repeat announcements at beginning of worship
Musicians for the summer

Treasurer's Report as of June 17, 2010

Total Receipts	\$62,452.80
Total Disbursements	-\$64,582.14
Net Loss	<u>-\$2,129.34</u>

Account Balances:

General Fund	\$9,564.38
Special Building	\$543.59
Manse Fund	\$2,367.68
Youth Account	\$430.00
Sunday School Account	\$407.98
Total	<u>\$13,313.63</u>

General Fund owes:

Special Building	\$10,000.00
Memorial Fund	\$3,000.00
Total	<u>\$13,000.00</u>

Dena Ficek, Treasurer

BENEVOLENCE FUND

Balance is \$11,326.00

Linda Chalus, Benevolence Treasurer

MEMORIAL FUND

No memorials received this month.

Joyce Anderson, Memorial Treasurer

MISSION

Members present: Bev Scharlau, Kathy Fox, Janet Small, Monica Blue, Relynn Olivero

Minutes of May 13, 2010 meeting read and approved.

Treasurers Report:

May Donations received:	\$ 682.00
May Monthly giving:	\$1700.00
Balance on hand	\$10,200.00

Old Business:

Minute for Mission – June – Janet Small will speak on Lily Pads & give a list of current things they need.

Abigail Women's Clinic – Bottles need to be back by June 20, 2010

New Business:

No money Requests

Food Pantry Items – canned fruit and garden produce, which we will accept all summer.

Received information on Foods Resource Bank.

From PADS

On behalf of the staff and Board of Directors of Illinois Valley PADS, thank-you for your generous support of this organization.

Carol Alcorn, Executive Director

Fourth of July Picnic

Waltham Church will hold their Sunday, July 4th worship service with Communion, at 10am on Rita Whipple's Farm, 751 N 3150th Road, Utica. (across the road from KOA)

The picnic will follow worship. Pork loin along with lemonade, ice tea and water will be provided. Everyone should bring a dish to pass, their own table service and lawn chairs.

The committee will have games for children and adults. Bruce plans to bring his tractor & wagon. A freezer and generator will be available. There will be porta-potties. A free will donation will be collected to cover expenses.

If it rains, we will relocate to the Church Fellowship Hall.

YOUTH GROUP

Five of our youth met with Pastor Howard on June 6. There was Bible Study and discussion. Popcorn & chips were served. The group learned that Pastor Howard knows how to juggle (sort of).

Three of our youth met with Pastor Howard on June 13. There was Frisbee as well as snacks. Then came time for Bible Study. The next Youth Group meeting will be in the fall.

Stronghold Grand Camp

Stronghold is at Oregon Illinois. I went to Grand Camp with my Nana. We got there on Friday afternoon. We stayed at the Sears Center. The theme of the camp was Be A Hero. If there was a bad storm there is a basement at the Brubaker Center. We ate our meals at the Brubaker Center. After that we played games. The next day we went swimming. Then we did crafts. We learned about drumming and played in a drum circle. We had a bon fire and sang songs and looked at the moon and Saturn through a telescope. I met some new friends. Sunday morning we had a worship service. There were counselors from many different countries and Veronica Blue was also a counselor. We got to see the inside of the castle. We came home on Sunday afternoon.

Caleb Tomaseski

BASKETBALL

From June 1 through June 11th I traveled to Greece with the Augustana Women's Basketball team. During those 11 days we traveled through Greece making stops in Athens, Kalamatta and ancient Corinth. Our stay in Athens was for six days and during that time we got to visit all of the ancient ruins, including the Acropolis and the

Parthenon. It was a very interesting place to visit considering on an average walk through the city you would be passing monuments and ruins that were centuries old. Our trip to Kalamatta showed us some of the most beautiful scenery. Kalamatta is a town right on the ocean, best known for their olives and olive oil. This city was a little different from Athens because it was not a tourist town and most people did not know how to speak English. We did meet a family from America that owned a pizza parlor and we ate there one night after our game in Kalamatta.

The Mediterranean Ocean in Kalamatta was truly a sight to see. It was clear all the way though so you could see to the very bottom of the ocean. Our hotel was right on the beach and my patio overlooked the ocean. On our way back to Athens we stopped in ancient Corinth to see the ruins. This was a remarkable place to see, just realizing all of the history that had come along with what we were seeing. We played another game in Athens and left Greece on Friday morning. During my time there I can honestly say I have never seen the beauty that I witnessed while in Greece. The ancient ruins were some of my favorite things to see as well as the ocean because it is quite different from what we are used to over here in the states. My trip to Greece can be classified as one of my favorite trips thus far.

Kristen Fox

THANK-YOU

I would like to thank my church family for supporting me with my upcoming mission trip. Your support both financially and spiritually is more than I could have ever asked for. I am very thankful that I have such an encouraging church family. Thank you.

Rachel Van Drimmelen

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

KITS CHALLENGE 2010

Kits challenge 2007 - 300 Kits collected
Kits challenge 2008 - 500 Kits collected
Kits challenge 2009 - 1000 Kits collected
Hygiene Kits for Haiti appeal - 3000 Kits collected

The Presbyterian Women of Blackhawk Presbytery join all the congregations in the Presbytery in celebrating the tremendous and growing participation in Kits challenges! Together we continue to make powerful statements about how we care for people when they are in desperate situations. To continue this witness, Presbyterian Women are issuing another challenge. Will you respond generously?

Background:

The Church World Service warehouse has committed to send hundreds of thousands of School Kits to children in developing countries over the next year, to encourage them and their families to start or continue their education. However, the quantities in the warehouse are less than what is needed. Weather emergencies in the U.S. have left many people with huge clean-up projects in their own homes and neighborhoods.

Church World Service has sent thousands of Emergency Clean-up Buckets around the U.S. More are needed to replace the stock, to be ready for the next emergencies.

The Challenge:

Can EACH congregation in Blackhawk Presbytery make at least 15 School Kits. Want to go the extra mile? Please make an Emergency Clean-up Bucket or two, too! Plan now, and take advantage of back-to-school sales in August!

Is your congregation great at making the bags for the school kits? Or does your congregation need bags for the school kits? Please contact Bev Scharlau and she'll connect you!

Bring the kits to the November Presbytery meeting at Stronghold, November 8-9 and

CWS will get them to the warehouse free of charge. A donation of \$2 per School Kit or Bucket will help get the items from the warehouse to those in need. Checks may be made out to CWS. Check the bulletin board for sewing instructions and list of items needed for the school kits.



THANK-YOU

The family of Ellsworth Young would like to thank everyone for all the cards, prayers and best wishes for him. We greatly appreciate all of it.

Pat Finely, Paul Young, and families

Rev. Dr. Dale Dykstra sends his thanks for all the prayers from Waltham during Cheryl's illness and at her passing. He enjoyed worshiping with us during his leave of absence at Mendota.

From the State of Illinois; Dept. of Veterans' Affairs

We want to take this opportunity to thank the members and Sunday School children of Waltham Presbyterian Church for the donation of beautifully frosted and decorated cut out cookies that you made and donated for our Home's veterans. They were a wonderful treat and really added to the holidays at our Home. It was so thoughtful of you to think of our men and women. We appreciate your support of the Illinois Veteran's Home at LaSalle.

John Koehler, administrator & Marian Bickett, Executive II

THANK-YOU

Thank-you from Sunset Gap

Thank-you so much for your donation of

\$300 (yearly donation) & \$50 (personal giving). We appreciate your generosity. We are excited about the many things going on at Sunset Gap. The children are getting ready for their graduation from preschool. Our Work Camp program is excited about building 2 new homes this year. We have 3 events coming up. A talent show on June 18, an improv night on June 25 and our Independence Day Celebration on July 2. We are also selling bricks as a fund raiser. You can purchase a brick to help build our decorative support wall, for a minimum gift of \$50. Thank-you again for your loving support of our mission. We couldn't keep our programs going without folks like you. Josh Dunn, Executive Director

KidneyMobile coming to IVCH

The National Kidney Foundation of Illinois will have the Kidney Mobile at IVCH on Thursday, July 15 from 10 am until 2 pm. There will be free screenings for chronic kidney disease including blood tests for individuals deemed to be at high risk. Everyone will get free blood sugar, (Hb A1c for any diabetics), blood pressure and Body Mass Index measurements along with a urine test and counseling. There will be tours of the Kidney Mobile every half hour. Pre-registration is required. Please call 815-780-3337. A six hour fast of food and fluids is recommended but not necessary. You can plan on your visit to last about 45 minutes. This is an awesome FREE chance to see how your valuable kidneys are doing.

LECTIONARY for the LORD'S DAY
July 4 – 14th Sun. in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 5: 1-14 Psalms 30
 Gal. 6: 7-16 Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20

July 11 – 15th Sun. in Ordinary Time

Amos 7:7-17 Psalms 82
 Col. 1: 1-14 Luke 10: 25-37

July 18 – 16th Sun. in Ordinary Time

Amos 8: 1-12 Psalms 52
 Col. 1: 15-28 Luke 10: 38-42

July 25 – 17th Sun. in Ordinary Time

Hos. 1: 2-10 Psalms 85
 Col. 2: 6-15 Luke 11: 1-13

August 1 – 18th Sun. in Ordinary Time

Hos. 11: 1-11 Psalms 107: 1-9, 43:
 Col. 3: 1-11 Luke 12: 13-21

August 8 – 19th Sun. in Ordinary Time

Isa. 1: 1, 10-20 Psalms 50:1-8, 22-23
 Heb. 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12: 32-40

August 15 – 20th Sun. in Ordinary Time

Isa. 5: 1-7 Psalms 80:1-2, 8-19
 Heb. 11:29-12:2 Luke 12: 49-56

August 22 – 21st Sun. in Ordinary Time

Jer. 1: 4-10 Psalms 71: 1-6
 Heb. 12: 18-29 Luke 13:10-17

August 29 – 22nd Sun. in Ordinary Time

Jer. 2: 4-13 Psalms 81:1, 10-16
 Heb. 13:1-8,15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14

JULY BIRTHDAYS

2 Kathie Kleckner
 5 Brian Barto
 Clarissa Barto
 6 Jean Jones

Neil Olivero
 7 Brett Klein
 8 Karli Wensel
 9 Monty Whipple
 10 Rev. Lawrence Athorn

 14 Johnathan Hagenbuch
 16 Logan Finley
 17 Dave Deutsch
 18 Anne Finley
 19 Paige Hahne
 20 Kyle Videgar
 Christina Whipple
 24 Mark Whipple
 Riley Videgar
 25 Lanie Ploch
 26 Tylyn Chapman
 Matthew Olivero
 Paul Young
 27 Steve Kleckner
 Jennifer Wilson
 28 Harold Kinzer*
 Russell Finley
 30 Steve Wilson
 31 Alexa Finley
 Kim Freeman

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

1 Mr. & Mrs. Gary Barto
 13 Mr. & Mrs. Tom Walsh
 Mr. & Mrs. Ross Wilson
 14 Mr. & Mrs. Dean Robinson
 16 Mr. & Mrs. David Hagenbuch
 20 Mr. & Mrs. Dave Hendrix
 21 Mr. & Mrs. David Wilson
 29 Mr. & Mrs. Tony Mertes
 31 Mr. & Mrs. Paul Brown

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

3 Jim Feuerborn
 Lindsey McConville
 5 Esther Funk*
 7 Kyle Small

8 Paul Hess
 10 Joe Kinzer
 Roger Laatz
 11 Natalie Hallead
 Brian Robinson
 Greg Whipple
 12 Kim Bernabei
 16 Douglas Carder
 21 Albert Hagenbuch
 22 Ruth Ann Brizgis
 Dena Ficek
 25 Don Scharlau
 26 Marilyn Laatz
 John Walsh
 28 Gary Morrison
 31 Wendy Hughes Ahern

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

1 Mr. & Mrs. Jason Depenbrock
 4 Mr. & Mrs. Dave Edgcomb
 7 Mr. & Mrs. J. Davis Small*
 18 Mr. & Mrs. Russell Finley
 24 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Dapkus
 27 Mr. & Mrs. Scott Mertes
 28 Mr. & Mrs. Mark Small

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Ottawa Regional Hospital, room 1
 1100 E. Norris Drive, Ottawa
 Wed., July 21, 7:30am – 5:30pm
 Please call for appointment,
 Sylvia at 815-433-5260

VBS

About 47 children, grades Preschool through 6th, visited the Rainforest in Waltham Church. During the week of June 21, they learned the Parables of: the Sower, the Lost Sheep, the Good Samaritan, the Friend at

Midnight and the Talents. The themes for each day were “Get It!”, “Get Found!”, “Get God’s Love!”, “Get Praying!” and “Get Going!”. These lessons were from SonQuest Rainforest VBS by Gospel Light.

Each evening began with Pastor Howard introducing the evening’s theme & Bible verse. Alexis Ferracuti & Company (Emma Mertes, Caleb Tomaseski, Emily Ficek, Jackie Walsh, Kyle Small and Ben Ficek) preformed a skit about Professor & his 4 students exploring the Amazon River. They meet the “River Woman” and experience contemporary versions of the day’s parable.

Songs taught by Katie Videgar included “In a Very Big Way”, “A Little Bit More”, “Following Jesus” and “God Gave”. Crafts with Katie Hagenbuch, Eileen Hagenbuch and Jackie Walsh included walking sticks, rain sticks, sheep masks, pompom sheep, Capuchin sock monkeys, Chia-people, picture frames with each child’s picture, magnets with many kinds of insects. Alexis Ferracuti, Jon Fox & Kyle Small led recreation. Bruce Brown gave tractor & wagon rides.

The Preschool class was led by Karen Pillion and Clarissa Barto with help from Jen Lane. Amy Ploch led the Kindergarten & 1st grade class with help from Kevin Olson and Roberta Brown. Grades 2 & 3 were taught by Heather Freebairn with help from Gilda Kinzer and Sharon Reel. The oldest group was the 4th, 5th, & 6th graders. They were led by Dena Ficek with help from Lois Edgcomb. Pastor Howard helped everyone keep on schedule. Others who helped where needed were Ben Ficek, Sarah Finley, Marlene Moshage and Carol Shaver. Pastor Howard closed each evening with a review of the lesson and prayers. Songs were sung. To encourage mission outreach with the children, an offering was taken for Heifer International.

We wish to thank everyone who donated

materials and food along with monetary contributions. The decorations were recycled or donated. VBS did not cost the general fund anything.

FROM YOUR V.B.S. KITCHEN CREW

Many thanks to all who donated food, drink and paper goods for the suppers served to the children and staff for Vacation Bible School! We fed as many as 47 students plus staff each night. They loved the fruit, chips and carrot sticks each evening. Our menu was: Mon. Hotdogs and a special dirt and worms sundae suggested with the lesson for the day. Tues. Sandwich on a stick and sheep made with an oval cracker spread with whipped cream cheese and sprinkled with finely grated mozzarella cheese, pretzel stick legs and a black olive slice for an eye, cookies for dessert. On Wed. we served spaghetti, buttered noodles and Jello Jigglers. Thurs. Chicken fingers, chips with salsa. Fri. Leftovers. Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches were served every night.

Kitchen crew: Don & Bev Scharlau, Janet Small, Jackie Bailey, Kim Bernabei, Maxine Cole, Anne Finley, Rita Whipple, Sally Wilson, Jean Jones, Carol Shaver.

Any unopened leftover food was given to the food pantry.

Thanks to all who helped in any way to serve each evening meal. It is always a joy to observe the children and the energy they bring and we pray V.B.S. at Waltham was a blessing to all who attended!!

I Need YOU to Help Me Reach My Goal!

What would you do if you couldn't eat or touch anything containing **milk** (in everything from lip balm to food to bath & body products), **seafood, shellfish, palm** (in bar soaps, crackers, cookies, alternative ice cream, in caranuba wax in fruit snacks, etc.), **coconut** (in most all liquid soaps and

shampoos, detergents, many body products, sunscreens, etc.), **sunflower** and **safflower** (in chips, crackers, snacks, alternative milks and 'ice creams', lip glosses, etc.), **chamomile** (in teas, homeopathics, soaps, shampoos, home fragrances, etc.), **wheat/gluten** (in food, cosmetics, pet foods, body products, etc.), or **peanuts**? Luckily we have an organization like FAAN that steps in to help with new diagnosis, offering recipes, information, how to deal with schools and food allergies, awareness products, and research.

I am participating in the Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network's (FAAN's) Walk for Food Allergy: Moving Toward A Cure. The event will raise funds to find a cure for food allergy and to educate others.

FAAN's mission is to raise public awareness, to provide advocacy and education, and to advance research on behalf of all those like Mandie, whose daily lives are seriously affected by food allergies and anaphylaxis.

Last year's walk was a great success. I'd like to double that for this year, but I can't do it without your help.

Please support my fundraising efforts with a donation. Your tax-deductible gift will make a HUGE difference in the lives of the estimated 12 million Americans with food allergies and their families. You can make your secure credit card donation by selecting the Support Me button. You can also catch me at church, or send them to me at PO Box 633 Ottawa, IL 61350. You can find my walk page at:

http://www.foodallergywalk.org/site/TR/2010Walk/2010Walks?px=1790621&pg=personal&fr_id=1430 or look me up under the *Donate to a walker* button and click on any of our names. Any amount helps me reach my fundraising goal. I greatly appreciate your support and prayers! I am also selling teal ribbons for \$1 each to raise money for

our walk. Please see me in church, or feel free to e-mail me at jenlane526@yahoo.com if you'd like to purchase one. They're a great way to show your support!

Thank you, Jen Lane and family

Corn Bread from "Cooking Free" by Carol Fenster

- 1 ¼ cups cornmeal
 - 1 cup flour blend** (see below) I used the Stashu's blend from Hy-Vee
 - 1/3 cup granulated sugar
 - 2 tsp. baking powder
 - 1 ½ tsp. xanthan gum
 - 1 tsp. salt
 - 2 large eggs
 - 1 cup milk of choice I used hemp, but will also use almond
 - 1/3 cup oil I used olive
 - 1. Preheat oven to 375* F. Grease 8" square baking pan or 9" round cast iron skillet and set aside.
 - 2. In medium bowl, combine cornmeal, flours, sugar, baking powder, xanthan gum, and salt. Make well in center.
 - 3. In another bowl, beat eggs, milk, and oil until well blended. Add egg mixture all at once to dry mixture, stirring just until moistened. Pour mixture into prepared pans and smooth the top.
 - 4. Bake for 20-25 minutes, until top is firm and edges are lightly browned. Serve warm.
- ** Flour mixture: 1 ½ cups sorghum flour; 1 ½ cups potato starch, cornstarch, or amaranth starch; 1 cup tapioca flour; ½ cup corn flour, almond flour, bean flour, or chestnut flour.

BOY SCOUTS



Congratulations to Ben Ficek for passing his Eagle Board of Review on Sat, June 12!!

REMEMBER that on Tuesday, July 6 we will have Troop elections for SPL and both PLs. Talk to Ralph if you want to run for office.

The Church will have their Fourth of July Picnic at Whipple's woods again this year and Troop 97 will help with set-up, clean-up and games. The games we are responsible for are the water balloon toss, the water balloon war and volleyball. We need to be at the woods by 8:00 am on Sunday, July 4 – we will be finished by 3 or 4 pm. Lunch will be provided. Please let Ralph or Matt Weber know if you can help.

Congratulations to the Soap Box Derby Race 2 Winners – Pack 97!!!

We had 5 drivers and 2 cars. Car 1 was named "C-YA" and lost in the qualifying heats. Car 2 was named "Watermelon" and won the Race 2 Class. Our 4 Cub Scout and one Boy Scout Drivers represented us well. Day Camp will be July 19-23 at Catlin Park. Our first regular Cub Scout meeting in the fall will be Thursday, September 2 - we will have a cook-out at the Church to kick things off!

THANK-YOU

From Camp Fire USA

Thank-you so much for your donation (\$300) to Camp Fire's Treasure of Life Camp. Your gift helps to support the program that provides a service to boys and girls who have lost someone close to them through death. The camp provides an atmosphere where they can have fun and share their feelings with peers and trained counselors. It is a time of sharing, caring and giving. The week helps to add stability to the lives of these children and they appreciate your help and support. Thanks again for your generous gift and continuing

support.

Esther Funk, Executive Director

BAZAAR

Waltham will again host a Bazaar in October. We are in need of vendors/crafters to participate in the fundraiser. Please contact Sharon Reel or Kati Hagenbuch if you would like to participate or if you have ideas and suggestions.

YARD SALE

SAT. AUG. 7TH 8 A. M. TO 2 P.M.

To raise funds for the church general fund, we are planning a yard sale. Bring your clean and gently used items - household goods, baby and young children's clothing, (no adult clothing or shoes) to the church basement from Sat. July 31 and no later than Wed. Aug. 4. No earlier please, because of Wedding and Eagle Scout Reception. We welcome your help to organize and setup on the circle drive, help with pricing and working the day of the sale.

GOING GREEN

In an effort to make the Church more environmentally sensitive, we have added a purple plastic basket in the kitchen next to the garbage cans. Please recycle any plastic, glass or metal that you have finished using at Church. Please rinse them out first. There has been a box for paper in the office for many years. Feel free to place plastic or glass next to it. Thanks for your help.

In Search of the Lost

Well maybe we should say the not yet lost. There are many things that have happened at Waltham Presbyterian over the years - and we don't want to lose that history. If you are aware of something that has been given to, or done for the church we would like to hear about it. Gilda Kinzer has begun trying to compile some of this

information in a hand written book. Things like who gave the old clock in our narthex, when and why, as well as other things. Some of the information she may already have, or you may know a different version of what, why and when. If you do please write what you know down on paper and turn it in to the office, or see Gilda and you can write it in the book. You may even have some old items that once were part of the church, old baptismal or marriage records, communion items, church pins or pictures, We would love to have them too! Our history is a terrible thing to waste - let's not lose it -- let's build upon it. If you or someone you know would like to help in restoring our history please contact Gilda or the church office. Your help is appreciated.

Time to share your talents and gifts by helping to run our church

On the next page is a copy of the 2010 Church Directory. The nominating Committee will be activated this fall. Please be in prayer as to how you can best serve your church. If you have questions about the workings of one of our committees, please contact someone on that committee to see what they are doing. Please consider serving on a committee.

Church Directory

We continue to work towards a new Church Directory. Some members have come forward to help with picture scheduling and checking names & addresses. If you can help, please contact the office. 667-4611

Rally Sunday

Don't forget changes in Sunday School and Worship times begin on Sun. Sept. 12.

Sunday School – 8:45am

Worship – 10am

There will be a potluck after worship then. Please consider bringing your children to Sunday School. If you could help with the Sunday School classes, please contact Sharon Reel 815 538-1947

Summer Fun

Realizing that this is the July - August issue of the Courier I want to wish everyone and happy summer. Many people will be out and about enjoying summertime activities, events and vacation time which may mean that our attendance might drop during the summer - it usually does in most churches. While you're out and about don't forget the daily needs, mission and ministry of God's work in the church continue. It is estimated that our weekly budgeted cost of operating expense is \$3,300.00. Your support is vital to keeping programs happening. Please remember your tithe and offering to the church while you're away, and most importantly remember to continually pray for the work of the church and each other. It is my hope and prayer that you have a safe and happy summer too whatever you may be doing.

Shalom,
Pastor Howard

July 2010

Monthly Planner

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Notes: Deacons - Roberta Brown, Lois Edgcomb Liturgist -Choir Coffee/Juice - Session				1	2	3
4 10 am Worship 11 am Meal 4 th of July Picnic	5	6 7 pm Troop Elections	7	8 7 pm All Committee 8 pm Session	9	10
11 7/11-7/17 Boy Scout Camp – Ingersoll 9 am Worship	12	13	14	15 Kidney Mobile at IVCH	16	17
18 9 am Worship	19	20 Caitlin Park Cub Scout Day Camp 7 pm Troop Meeting	21 Red Cross Blood Drive at Ottawa Regional Hospital	22	23	24
25 9 am - Worship	26	27 7 pm Troop Meeting	28	29 Ben Ficek Eagle Scout	30	31 Boy Scouts to Cache Lake

August 2010

Monthly Planner

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9 am Communion Breakfast – Fellowship Hall	2	3 7 pm Troop Meeting	4	5	6	7 8 am – 2 pm Yard Sale
8 9 am Worship Boy Scouts return from Cache Lake	9	10 7 pm Troop Meeting	11 7 pm TLC Meeting	12 7 pm All Committee Meetings 7 pm Scout Round Table 8 pm Session	13	14
15 9 am Worship	16 8/16-8/22 Pastor on Vacation	17 7 pm Troop Meeting	18 7 pm Troop Committee Meeting	19	20	21 Scout Activity Day
22 9 am Worship	23	24 7 pm Troop Meeting	25	26	27	28
29 9 am Worship	30	31 6 pm Troop Potluck	Notes: Deacons - Carol Shaver, Ellen/Tom/Nancy Liturgist - Music & Worship Coffee/Juice - Mission			