

Share the Word!

July 3 Genesis 24
“Recognizing a Stranger”

HOLY COMMUNION

July 10 Rev. John Kerr,
guest preaching

July 17 Genesis 28:10-19a
“Divine Peek-a-boo”

HOLY COMMUNION

July 24 Genesis 29:15-28
“Tricky In-laws”

July 31 Genesis 32:22-31
“Stay Hip!”

August 7 Rev. Carolyn Held,
guest preaching

HOLY COMMUNION

August 14 Genesis 45:1-15
“Feast or Famine”

August 21 Romans 12:1-8
“Big Mind”

HOLY COMMUNION

August 28 Romans 12:9-21
“Love Rules”

*“How very good and pleasant it
is when kindred live together in
unity!” Psalm 133:1*

**Dear Prince of Peace Family of
Faith,**

Do you remember one of your teachers from childhood who assigned homework to do over your vacations? In this season of summer vacations, I do hope you have the opportunity for some down time. In case you get to

assignment that should not dampen your enjoyment of vacation at all. But first, a shortened version of a story about the Raven from a Northwestern Native American tribe:

When Raven came, all the people of the world lived in darkness, and no one was having fun. So Raven went on a journey to find light for the people. He followed a glimmer to the edge of the sea. He crossed the sea to a faint glow on the horizon. There he found the daughter of Sky Chief drinking from the lake, her father’s house glowing behind her. Raven became a pine needle, fell on the water, and the daughter of Sky Chief drank Raven with her water without knowing it. Soon she gave birth to a strange, Raven-like child.

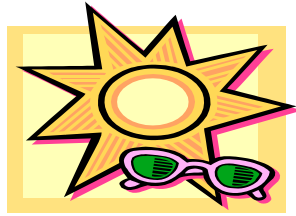
Raven Boy was loved by his mother and grandfather, Sky Chief. Raven Boy noticed that light came from a box in the corner of their house, so he threw a fit until the box was opened for him. Inside the box was the sun! Raven Boy became Raven once again, took the sun in his beak, and flew back to the people of the world. He tossed the sun into the sky, where it flew of its own accord, and all the world had light and joy.

As you go on your travels and adventures, find the light that may be either hidden or obvious in the places and people you visit. Then don’t be



too shy to share that light with your friends and faith family when you return home. Thank you for being a family filled with light and joy to the benefit of the world!

Blessings,
Pastor Joe



June 2011 President's Report

The lazy days of summer have arrived with barbeques, swimming, picnics and camp-outs. It's also when your council members start their busiest season. The events that take place at Prince of Peace from Rally Day to New Year's Day don't happen without organization. Pastor Joe and council members representing the religious, social and business activities of the church have a full schedule in the last 25 weeks of 2011. Listed below are council members and their responsibilities.

Vice president, Jan Polizzi – Jan is putting the final touches on a new policy guideline for employees.

She is also a Christian Education and Choir representative.

Treasurer, Bernie Harmon – Bernie is in charge of church expenses, insurance and minister's benefits. He also handles electrical repairs for the church.

Financial Secretary, Joyce Morgan - Joyce counts the church receipts and is Stewardship advisor.

Secretary, Kay Givens – Kay keeps an accurate account of our fast-moving council meetings, and does an excellent job. She oversees contract negotiations and has quickly become our "go to" person.

Christian Education, Linda Becker – Linda is always working on Sunday school and special events for our young people. She also represents the choir on council.

Pastoral Relations, Dina Michael – Dina is responsible for communication between the congregation and our pastor. She is in charge of the pastor's employment contract and is a choir and women's fellowship representative.

Buildings and Grounds, Phil Livingston – Phil is our repair expert. He handles so many projects, including painting, landscaping, snow, guttering, tree limbs or anything on the “fix-it list.”

Member at Large, Monte Nesser – Monte has offered to do any job that needs to be done! This year he will take on Stewardship.

President, Roy Schmiemeier – I handle meeting agenda and attempt to keep our meetings from 7 to 9 pm, and I am presently working on a revised Constitution which has become a 5-year project. I am the Mission and Outreach representative.

If you have any concerns about your church or its programs please talk to any council member or drop a note in our mailbox in Fellowship Hall. All church members (and non-members) are welcome at Council meetings held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 pm.

See you in church. Roy

Christian Education

Summertime at Prince of Peace is fun and exciting for children of all ages. See what is happening in July and August:

Summer Sunday School: **Sydney Larson** has volunteered to lead Summer Sunday school **through August 28**. The nursery is open and staffed each Sunday for infants and toddlers.

World Cup of Fun-July 17: All children and fun-loving adults are invited to participate after church in games and fellowship in recognition of Women’s World Cup Soccer. So “kick” back, and come join us as we “have a ball” spending some fun time together. You are sure to get a “kick” out of it!



Camp MoVal: Please celebrate and hold in prayer the following people who are going to Camp

MoVal at the end of July: Camper **Anthony Howell**, Counselors **Sydney Larson** and **Roy Schmiemeier**, and Camp Director **Pastor Joe Rowley**. We know you will have a fun week filled with many spiritual blessings.

Hands-on Service at Joint Neighborhood Ministry: An opportunity exists to help distribute school supplies at JNM. Please contact Pastor Joe if interested. Arrangements will be made for rides and carpooling.



August 12 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.: set up tables; teens & adults only

August 13 from 9:15 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.: distribute school supplies; 3rd grade and up (there is space for 10-12 people)

Blessing of the Backpacks-
August 14: All children are invited to bring their backpacks to church and receive a special

blessing as they embark upon a new school year.

Looking Ahead

Adult Christian Education: Adults can stay tuned for information about a conversation regarding the UCC General Synod where we will look at the resolutions that have been proposed and current events in the life of the United Church of Christ.

Sunday School Parent Meeting: Please watch for information about an upcoming parent meeting that will be scheduled before September.

Confirmation: We are looking forward to the group building, fun, and learning that will happen with the confirmation program starting in the fall. Pastor Joe has sent letters to participating families describing his approach to this confirmation experience. If anyone has questions or comments or knows of anyone who would like to be involved, please notify Pastor Joe or the Christian Education committee.



Presentation of Children's Bibles & Rally Day-September 11: Mark your calendars and plan to attend this year's Rally Day event, which will begin immediately following worship. It will be a pot-luck, so start searching for your favorite recipes.

Donations Needed

As you shop for your children's school supplies, please keep the following list of items in mind for our Sunday School rooms:

crayons (24-packs)
white liquid glue
glue sticks
wooden craft sticks
cotton balls
white poster board

staplers (2)

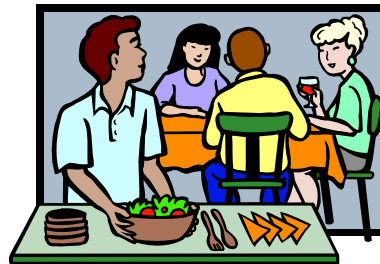
Kleenex
paper towels
hand sanitizer

old magazines
old newspapers

cash donations for misc.
classroom supplies and teaching
aids

Thank you for your continued support of our Sunday school program.

Yours on behalf of the Board of Christian Education,
Linda Becker



The Women's Fellowship used some of the money from the garage sale to pay for the materials used to refurbish the front doors of the church, made donations to the Evangelical Children's Home, and Matthew 25 Fund at JNM; and will also be purchasing backpacks and other school supplies for JNM.

We made keepsake baby bonnets for the four expectant mothers in the congregation.

We will be planning a trip to visit former member Lucille Brayfield around her 101st birthday, the end of August or early September.

We continue to solicit craft items and ideas for our annual Craft Sale in October.

Even though many of us will be on vacation during July and August, we still meet on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Jeanine Ashwell

ROMEOS
(Retired Old Men
Eating Out)



The Retired Men's Group will meet at Miss Sheri's Cafeteria, 5606 Southfield Center on Baptist Church Road at South Lindbergh on Wednesday, July 13th and August 10th at 11:30 a.m.

Plan to join us for good food, conversation, laughter, and fellowship.

If you would like to carpool, please meet at church between 11 and 11:10 a.m. If you do not drive and would like to have someone pick you up, please talk to **Dennis Kreienhader**.



Music is such an important part of our worship service, and we thank **Paul Westcott**

and our choir for their dedication.

Thank you to Linda Becker and Dina Michael for their beautiful solos during the month of June.

The choir will be on vacation during the summer. Please think about joining the choir when it resumes rehearsals in the Fall.

Summer Music Programs

On July 15, 16, and 17th Paul Westcott will be participating in "God Spell" at Christ Memorial Lutheran on Lindbergh. Times 7:30 pm on the 15th and 16th; and 2 pm on the 17th.

Also on July 29, 30, and 31 he will be participating in "Nonsense" at the Incarnate Word Catholic Church on Olive Street Road.

For more details speak with Paul.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Joint Neighborhood Ministry (JNM)

Thank you Prince of Peace for your contributions to Joint Neighborhood Ministry during June.

We received 4 bags of food.

During July we will be collecting *School Supplies for JNM* to give away to families. The reason for bringing this to your attention now is that we need to deliver these school supplies to JNM by early August so that children have the supplies when school starts. Many of these are supplies that parents cannot afford and food stamps cannot buy. JNM would appreciate donations of the following: (Please place collection on table in Fellowship Hall)

PLEASE BRING TO CHURCH BY AUGUST 7.

loose-leaf paper
spiral bound notebooks
folders
box of crayons
box of markers
pack of #2 pencils
binders
black or blue ink pens
red ink pens
scissors
rulers
bottle of glue or glue sticks
pencil cases
backpacks
colored pencils for upper grades
protractor
compass
calculator
erasers



During **August** we will collect SHAMPOO AND HAND SOAP.

Fifth Sunday crisis fund Offering

The Crisis Fund has made a very big difference in people's lives at Joint Neighborhood Ministry. Careful plans are established between the family and the utility for the steady payment of large utility bills and service. Our next Crisis Fund Offering will be on **July 31st**. Envelopes will be in the pew racks. Your contributions are greatly appreciated by many.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

*The **Back to School** event at JNM is Saturday, August 13th, and they need volunteers. Please contact Joan Hensley at 314-771-3987, if you can help.*

Mission & Outreach Committee

ALL IN THE FAMILY

We extend our Christian love, prayers, and faith in the healing power of Christ to those who are in need of healing, whether it is physical, emotional, or spiritual. Please remember the following in your prayers:

Pat Vincent's mother, Darlene Hulse, who underwent surgery for a broken hip and is undergoing extensive therapy. Also, undergoing extensive thereapy is their son, Landon, who underwent shoulder surgery.

Take a few minutes on Sundays to observe our beautiful front doors. **Bruce and Pat Vincent** have totally refinished them. They look as new as they did twenty years ago when Bruce installed them. How blessed we are to have such talent in our church family. Thank you, Bruce and Pat.

We welcome **Suzanne (Suzi) Propeck-Gray** into our membership today. Suzi grew up the youngest of three children in Buffalo, N. Y. She earned a Bachelor's in wildlife science at MSU in Starkville, Mississippi, then attended NMSU in Las Cruces, New Mexico for several years of graduate studies. She and her husband, Anthony Gray, moved to St. Louis over three years ago to be closer to their families in Illinois and Mississippi. They have two children, Nathan – almost 4, and Rhiannon (Rhian) – 19 months. They reside in Oakville.

Our website is available for online viewing. More will be added soon. Thanks to Tracey Ashwell for updating the site.

(www.princeofpeaceucc.com)

Please report family news to **Jean Skaggs, 314-843-5459**



YMCA BOOK SALE

Aug. 19-24, 2011

Donate your books to your local YMCA branch through July.

Volunteers Needed –
314-353-4960

POP ACTIVITIES

Upcoming events

July 27 An evening of music at Botanical Garden. *Erin Bode* performing.

Sept. 17 *Progressive Dinner*

Oct. 9 *Purina Farms*

As you can see, there is something for all ages. Watch the newsletter and bulletins for further details.

You are invited to attend a “**free outdoor concert**” on Wednesday evening, **July 27th**, at 7:30 p.m. at the Missouri Botanical Garden, 4344 Shaw Blvd., featuring Erin Bode, who is reluctant to be classified as a “jazz” vocalist. She has a beautiful, crystal clear voice that is too exquisite to miss. She has consistently won over

audiences with her sweet personality and sincere performances. Her distinctive repertoire and crossover appeal --evoking comparisons to Eva Cassidy and Norah Jones— have proven equally at home in grand venues or relaxed clubs.

Bring chairs or a blanket. Picnicking is permitted after 5 p.m.; pack a picnic (you may bring your own beverages also) or purchase sandwiches and beverages on site. No pets or barbecue grills.

Admission to the Garden is free after 5 p.m. Any questions, please speak with Billie Wind.

July Birthdays

- 2 Duke Wodraska
- 9 Heather Moenkhoff
- 11 Alan Bennett
- 12 Dennis Kreienhader
- 13 Megan Schraut
Art Scruggs
- 16 Mitchell Kramer
- 24 Vicki Absheer-Getz
- 27 Russell Meyer
- 28 Rita Botkin
- 31 Fran Kuenzle

July Anniversaries

- 11 Ed & Kay Givens
- 21 Pete & Jan Polizzi
- 29 Bruce & Pat Vincent

August Birthdays

- 1 Tracey Ashwell
Paul Blackburn
Ed Miller
- 3 Mitchell Faust
- 4 Jan Lundstrom
- 5 Vicki Huckstep
- 7 Jessica Rowley
- 9 Ed Givens
- 10 James Lundstrom
Kathy Shoults
- 12 Gini Waltemath
- 14 Norma Hauck
- 15 Jacob Faust
- 19 Mia Gapsch
- 21 Roy Schmiemeier
Norma Wodraska
- 22 Robert Huckstep
Ashley Moenkhoff
- 24 Les Getz
- 29 Anthony Howell
Hannah Grayson
- 30 Monte Nesser
- 31 Lucille Brayfield
Nathan Gray

August Anniversaries

- 5 Paul & Jan Lundstrom
- 25 Ken & Jean Robinson

Consecrating Stewards have provided Prince of Peace with a “Treasure Trove” as indicated in the time and talent section of gifts of self. Thanks to those who share these gifts of time and self.

Scripture Readers

(will read Scripture and
Benediction)

JULY

3 *Dina Michael*
10 *Monte Nesser*
17 *Joe Hubbard*
24 *Ginger Crooks*
31 *Michele Ardrey*

AUGUST

7 *Judy Schmiemeier*
14 *Melanie Nesser*
21 *Jan Polizzi*
28 *Bernie Harmon*

Worship Leaders

(will lead the Call to Worship
and Prayer of Opening)

JULY

3 *Phil Livingston*
10 *Betty Wagner*
17 *Bernie Harmon*
24 *Bob Morgan*
31 *Davey Ardrey*

AUGUST

7 *Phil Livingston*
14 *Billie Chott*
21 *Bob Blackburn*
28 *Betty Wagner*

Greeters

JULY

3 *Phil Livingston*
10 *N & S Hauck*
17 *Schraut Family*
24 *Jan Lundstrom*
31 *Joan Vogler*

AUGUST

7 *Norma Wodraska*
14 *Billie Chott*
21 *Blackburn Family*
28 *Fran Kuenzle*

Usher Schedule

1st Sunday

Sam Hauck
Ron Randle
Phil Livingston
Roy Schmiemeier

2nd Sunday

Michele Ardrey
Ed Bearden
Paul Blackburn
Terry Zwick

3rd Sunday

Dennis Kreienhader
Bob Morgan
Art Scruggs

4th Sunday

Jim Crooks
Bob Mills
John Kramer
Ed Waltemath

5th Sunday

Sunday school children

If you would like to usher, or if you are unable to read, greet or usher on your Sunday, please speak with Billie Wind.

Flowers - If you would like to provide flowers for the altar on a Sunday, please speak with **Betty Wagner (636-733-0319)** or sign the flower chart in the fellowship hall.

Office Depot

Remember to give the church telephone number (314-843-8461) when making a purchase or returning your empty printer cartridges as we will receive \$3.00 each for the cartridges and a percentage of purchase through "Worklife Rewards."

Grocery Certificates

Remember that Dierberg's and Shop 'n' Save cards are on sale each Sunday. If you shop at Schnuck's, ask Diana or Ron Randle about e-scrip. The e-scrip card does not cost anything, and when it is presented at time of purchase, our church will receive a percentage depending on the amount of purchase. So, if possible, try to consolidate your shopping and/or pharmacy purchases into one big purchase.

Newsletter-Bulletins

Sponsors are needed for the bulletin (\$10.00) and newsletter (\$25.00). If interested, please speak with Billie, or a sign-up sheet is located in the fellowship hall.

Celebration Bricks

If you are interested in purchasing a brick for a love one, there are forms on the table in the fellowship hall, or see Billie. Take a look at the sidewalk as you come in the front door. I have two orders which I will send in shortly. If

you would like a brick please let me know. Bricks are \$100.00.

Postage Stamps

Please remember to bring your cancelled postage stamps from your mail, and put them in the container on the table in the fellowship hall as this is an ongoing project. Any questions, please speak with Joan Schroeter.

News outside Prince of Peace

July 1-5 - General Synod 28 in Tampa, Fla.

July 17 – Sunny Day Brunch at Grace UCC , (5700 Leona Street) for lunch and a **Musical Mediterranean Cruise**, (performances by Susan Hagen and Adam Stefo) will feature songs from and about Spain, France, Italy, Greece and maybe even North Africa and lots of fun.

Cost \$12.00 gen. Admission; \$8.00 senior citizens; \$3.00 children over age three of \$25.00 for a family. For tickets or information call 314-481-5700.

Oct. 22 – Camp Mo-Val Fundraiser at St. John's UCC in Chesterfield. Please see information on board in fellowship hall.

July - August Newsletter is sponsored by Barbara Nesser, Melanie and Mattea in honor of Monte, son, husband, and father, and Barbara's daughter, Mary's, birthdays.



Newsletter articles for
September are due on August 23rd.



Camp Mo-Val Benefit

Dinner Party & Auction

Saturday, October 22, 2011

St. John's UCC - 15370 Olive Blvd., Chesterfield, MO

Doors Open at 5:00 PM	Silent Auction:	5:00 - 7:30 PM
	Wine Tasting:	5:00 - 7:00 PM
	Dinner:	6:00 PM
	Oral Auction:	7:30 PM

*Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM with delicious main dishes, sides served in several courses lovingly prepared by Custom Catering Company and served in style!
(Vegetarian / Vegan options available too.)*

Tickets: Adults - \$30
Children (Ages 5-12) - \$10

Tables will seat 8 people

**All funds raised will benefit the
annual operating expense of
Camp Mo-Val in Union, MO**

Reserve your table today!

Contact Rev Carleton & Marilyn Norton at carletonnorton@aol.com
or Call: #636-797-5643 or Mail: 145 Cottonblossom; Hillsboro, MO 63050

Please make checks payable to MMS-UCC.

**They are looking for auction
items such as baskets, gift
certificates, game or show
tickets, and created items.**

“Slow Me Down Lord”
Slow me down Lord!
Ease the Pounding of my heart
By the quieting of my mind.
Steady my hurried pace
With a vision of the eternal reach
Of time.

Give me,
amidst the confusions of my day
the calmness of the everlasting hills.
Break the tensions of my nerves
with the soothing music of the singing
streams that live in my memory.

Help me to know,
the magical restoring power of sleep.

Teach me the art
of taking minute vacations of slowing
down to look at a flower
to chat with an old friend or make a new
one, to pet a puppy, to watch a spider
build a web, to share a “smile” with a
child, or to read a few lines from a good
book.

Remind me each day,
that the race is not always to the swift
and That there is more to life than
increasing its speed.

Let me look upward,
into the branches of the towering oak
and know that it grew great and
strong—because it grew slowly and
well.

Slow me down Lord!
And inspire me to send my roots deep
into the soil of life’s enduring values
that I may grow toward the stars
of my greater destiny....

July 2011

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