

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY, July 15th

- 9:00 am- Sunday School
10:00 am - Worship Service

July 15th - TODAY is the DeKalb District FOOD FOR SHARING SUNDAY. Please read the insert in today's bulletin and consider giving what you can to help feed the hungry. Thank You.

July 15th - All information, i.e., committee reports, thank you notes, and anything to be published in the AUGUST NEWSLETTER is to be handed in to the Church Office or e-mailed no later than the 7/15 !!! Thank you for your cooperation to help make our Newsletter more informational!

Monday, July 16th - 7:00 pm - Church Council

Wednesdays -- No Bible Study July 18th & 25th.

Please bring your Mission offerings
on the 4th Sunday of each month (July 22nd -)
The Mission Cause for July is "Local Families-school supplies"

Pastor Al will be on vacation the next 2 weeks. If Pastoral care is needed during this time, please call the Church Office during office hours (Mon, Wed, Fri- 8:30 am-NOON) . All other times, please call Frances Cappel – (815) 562-8206. If she is not available, *do not leave a message*, but call Grace Ann at home – (815) 562-5732, and she will see that a pastor contacts you. ***If your request is urgent, make sure you talk to someone in person rather than leaving a message on an answering machine.*** Thank you.

Wednesday, July 18th - Chana UMC Fundraiser –
4:30-6:30 pm. Drive-thru Pork Chop Dinner.
1 chop- \$6.00. 2 chops - \$8.00.



I want to thank everyone that helped to make VBS such a huge success. I would love to list each person/family individually, but there are just too many of you and I know I would end up leaving someone out. I appreciate each and every one of you that helped with the publicity, printing, registration, decorating & setting up, donating craft supplies, preparing & serving the evening meals, providing snacks and other meals to the New Beginnings team, spending time with the team and showing them around, the staff and group leaders who helped every night with VBS, the parents/grandparents who brought the children, and the kids who attended. I especially want to thank the New Beginnings team; Anitta Milloro - Student Director, Kimberly Garner - Music Director, Shelbi Busche - Pre-School Leader, Christian Druce Jones - Bible Drama Leader, Whitney English - Craft Leader, Nicole Novy - Games Leader. You did a fantastic job and I really enjoyed getting to know you!

Rhonda Brown

A Benevolence Policy has been developed and approved, and a Committee has been organized. The Benevolence Fund is not part of the church budget and is funded strictly through special giving and designated fundraisers. The Benevolence Fund has a zero balance, and we have a pending urgent request for assistance. If you feel led to help, please see Pastor Al immediately after worship today!

As we have already had calls to help out those of our congregation and community, we need help to reach out to those in need. Anyone wanting to donate to the benevolence fund, please make your check payable to the Church with **Benevolence Fund** on the Memo Line and place it in the offering plate. Thank you.

If anyone would like to donate or purchase a memorial bush that has been placed out front, please Joe Phipps know. The total cost of the shrubs was about \$367. (check with Vernon Gittleson for actual cost per bush). Thank you.

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