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Joys & Concerns

Recently hospitalized or under special care... Mary Lou Hinkley, Corrine Nelson

Our sympathy to the family & friends of...

Trudie Bausch, who passed away January 17

Phyllis Pamentor, a former member, who passed away January 17

June Sauter, who passed away January 19

Calendar**January 26**

7:00 pm Church Council – rm. 4

January 27

1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Group – Heywood Room

7:00 pm Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall

January 28

9:00 am Men's Bible Study – Heywood Room

6:15 pm Tower Bells – rm. 5

6:30 pm Cherub Choir – rm. 204

Troubadour Choir – rm. 217

Youth Choir – Wesley Hall

Prayer Shawl Group – Heywood Room

Confirmation Class (7th & 8th Grades) – Confirmation Room

7:30 pm Chancel Choir – Wesley Hall

January 29

9:00 am Women's Spiritual Enrichment – Heywood Room

7:00 pm Thursday Night Worship – Wesley Hall

January 30

11:30 am P.E.P. Older Adult Group Field Trip

February 1

Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday/Jello Bucket Sunday

February 2

1:30 pm Luther Manor Fellowship Group – The Gathering Place

7:00 pm Memorial Foundation – Church Office

Mission Committee – Church Library

Souper Bowl of Caring

While many of us are cheering on our favorite team and filling our plates with snacks on Super Bowl Sunday, many in our local community go hungry. Help our High School Youth score a touchdown against hunger with the SOUPER Bowl of Caring! They will collect non-perishable food items or monetary donations during all three services on Super Bowl Sunday, **February 1**. Donations will be given to the Milwaukee Hunger Task Force. Help us harness the excitement of the Super Bowl and put an end to hunger in the local community!

Volunteers Needed

The finance committee is asking for volunteers to help conduct a review of the 2008 financial statements. It is estimated it will take approximately one Saturday morning in either February or early March. The review will consist of analyzing the balances of various accounts and verifying the balance of those accounts. Please contact the church office if interested.

Sunday School Rotation Five and Six Coming Soon! Volunteers Needed!

The Sunday School is looking for volunteers to teach and shepherd during rotation five and six. Rotation five runs from February 22nd to March 29th and will cover the theme of Easter: Go and Tell. Rotation six is our final rotation for the 2008-2009 year. It will run from April 5th to May 17th and will cover the theme of Pentecost. If you are interested in teaching or shepherding, please contact Kristin. We always welcome new volunteers even if you have no teaching or shepherding experience!

Men's Bible Study Starts New Bible Series at New Time

We will be starting a new phase of our study of the Bible and related subjects on **January 28 at 9:00 am**. This is a 24-week course on DVD given by Dr. Bart Ehrman. The course is entitled "*From Jesus to Constantine, a History of Early Christianity*."

Dr. Ehrman is Professor and Chair of the Dept. of Religious Studies at the Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. In 2008, we were privileged to view his series on the New Testament. Dr. Ehrman has won several teaching awards. We found him to be an excellent teacher and a very entertaining presenter.

Please join us on Wednesday morning at 9:00 am in the Heywood Room (Fireside Lounge). For more information, call Ed Kamerling at 262-781-8169, or Al Carlson at 414-258-0956.

Note: some of us will meet for breakfast at 8:00 am at a nearby restaurant.

Calling All Singers!

This year's Easter Cantata, "*Who Is This King?*" by Lloyd Larson & Joseph Martin will be on **March 8**, during the 9:00 & 10:30 am services. The Chancel Choir will begin rehearsing at 8:15 pm this Wednesday, **January 28**. Contact Sheila Feay-Shaw if you are interested in participating.

Youth Sandwich Service Project

Our date in February to make 200 bag lunches for The Gathering meal program is **February 21**. We are looking for people to provide a share of the groceries, and people to work. We will meet from 9:00 to 10:45 a.m. that Saturday at our church to make peanut butter sandwiches, bag cookies and carrots or fruit, and pack the lunches. Some of us will take the lunches to St. James at 8th and Wisconsin.

Groceries needed include peanut butter, jelly, baked or store cookies, baby carrots or apples or other fruit, and Target brand sandwich baggies. (The bread is donated by Brownberry.) Please call Kristin Weber at 414-453-0700 or Mary Spearo at 414-475-0848, so they can plan on your help and/or coordinate your contributions. Co-sponsored by Church & Society and the Youth.

Lenten Emphasis: Three Simple Rules

During the upcoming Lenten weeks, we will be offering study group options based on Rueben Job's "Three Simple Rules." The classes will be held:

- Thursdays: February 26 – April 2, at 7:00 pm in Wesley Hall
- Fridays: February 27 – April 3, at 10:00 am in the Heywood Room
- Mondays:
 - February 16, March 16, April 20, & May 18, at 10:30 am at Harwood Place Chapel
 - February 16, March 16, April 20, & May 18, at 1:30 pm at Village at Manor Park Hickory Skywalk

February 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, & June 1 at 12:30 pm at Luther Manor Gathering Place

In addition, the Sunday morning Children's Stories during worship and some of our youth classes, will also be based on the "Three Simple Rules." If parents would like to have conversation with their families about these rules, please check on-line for discussion starters at: <http://www.cokesbury.com/forms/ProductDetail.aspx?pid=746474>. This link will take you to a page on the Cokesbury website that contains information about the study book for children. scroll down a bit, until you see the "Description" of the book, and after the written description there is a link to the Conversation Guide. Click on that link and the two page guide should come up. If you are having difficulty finding this link, we will also have hard copies of the Conversation Guide, on the tables near the sanctuary.

The more we can work together on Do No Harm, Do Good, and Stay in Love with God, the better! Watch for the registration form in the upcoming *Tower* and future bulletins.

Ash Wednesday Service

We begin Lent with Ash Wednesday. On this day, we take the time to reflect upon our mortality as well as recognize the ways we have become separated from God. A service of worship will be held on Wednesday, **February 25**, at 7:00 pm. The service will include communion and the imposition of ashes (a sign of our repentance and our mortality). Being marked with ashes can be a humbling experience that may open our hearts in a new way to the presence of God. The imposition of ashes on our foreheads will be an option for those who may find it meaningful, but you need not participate in this aspect of the service if it is not comfortable for you. Also, feel free to pick the The Sanctuary for Lent daily devotional book, in the baskets close to the sanctuary and chapel. There will be large-print editions for those who might find those useful.

Altar Flower Sign Up

Please share your joy with others by providing Sunday altar flowers. The new sign-up calendar is hanging near the coffee in Fellowship Hall. Altar flowers can be given in celebration of birthdays or anniversaries, in honor or memory of loved ones, or in gratitude for blessings received.

First, sign next to a date on the calendar in Fellowship Hall. You will be contacted shortly before the date you chose. You may have us order the flowers and have the florist bill you, you may deal directly with a florist, or you may choose to provide the flowers or plant yourself. The church has vases which you may use or you may use your own. You may take the flowers home after the last service (or on Monday).

The cost of an arrangement or vase from the florist begins at about \$35 including delivery. Many grocery stores have beautiful plants and flowers which you can arrange for much less. Some of you may even have lovely flowers in your garden during the summer.

Retired Men's Club of Wauwatosa

The Retired Men's Club of Wauwatosa meets at 9:00 am on the first and third Tuesday of every month, September through May. Meetings are open to retired or semi-retired men, age 55 and up. Wauwatosa residency is not required. The First Congregational Church, 1511 Church Street, as been hosting this group since its origin in 1960.

Our WAUMC men have been expressly invited to join their group for continental breakfast, fellowship, and an interesting variety of programs. Upcoming program:

February 3: Atty. Gary Mahkorn, Asst. District Attorney - Consumer Fraud

For more information, contact Ed Kamerling, 262-781-8169.