



Faith Community United Church of Christ **Dialog**

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THE 2014 GARDEN has been an exciting display of color and lush flowers that were on display all summer. The hard work of Ann Stine, and others who helped her, really paid off. The tree that died last year was replaced after this picture was taken.

Pastor's Message

It's September again! Children are going back to school. Some have already been back for awhile. There is still plenty of warm weather left but there is a hint of fall in the night-time temperatures. Good for sleeping. We also celebrate **Labor Day** in September, which a lot of us remember as being the last big fling before school began. **Grandparent's Day** is in September as well as the **autumnal equinox**. To top it all off, September is **National Preparedness** month.

With all this stuff going on in the good old month of September, it is a good time for us to contemplate how our faith fits into it. First, we can look at our **Labor Day** celebration and see how it fits in with the agricultural world that Jesus grew up in, where a large percentage of the people of his time lived off the land in some shape or another. People working with their hands for a living should be lifted up and celebrated as we do. But, we should

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Calendar of Events

Bible Study, Thursdays, 10 a.m.
Communion, first Sunday every month
Chimes Practice, on hiatus for the summer

SEPTEMBER

Sun., September 7

RALLY DAY

Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.

COMMUNION

Build Your Own Ice Cream Sundae following in the Fellowship Hall.

Tues., September 9

GOOD BUNCH

11:30 a.m., location TBA

Thurs., September 11

Thursday morning Bible Study resumes, 10 a.m.

Thurs., September 18

October *Dialog* deadline.

Tues., September 23

Autumn begins.

Sun., September 28

Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.

Council Meeting

following the service.

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also think of the spiritual aspect of people working God's good earth, and putting in a good days work for a good days pay. It's honest work and tiring work, but a good tired. There is a connected feeling that people who work the land on a daily basis have to their Creator that cannot be attained any other way. Just plant a seed and watch it grow, and you will feel that connection.

Then, there is **Grandparent's Day** celebrated in September, which uplifts and honors families and our heritage at the same time. When I taught school at St. Anthony's we had Grandparent's Day celebration at the school during our weekly worship service. The church was packed to the rafters that day with grandparents and other family members. The students were very excited about having their grandparents worship with them, and the grandparents were equally excited about being there. The students would then show off their classroom to their grandparents. It was a very fun day had by all.

Next up is the **autumnal equinox**, which occurs in the third week of September. That is when there are equal amounts of daylight and nighttime around the world. In the southern hemisphere their days will be getting longer, and in the northern hemisphere our days will be getting shorter. I don't know about you, but when there are natural changes like this in our every day lives, it gets me to thinking about God and the world in which we live. I ponder the question of how I fit into this current world, and as well as my past and future roles. September is a good month to ponder.

Last, but not least, September is **National Preparedness** month. I was never a Boy Scout so I never lived by the motto "Be Prepared." As I have gotten older I have become better at planning my day, but still have a long way to go. It is good to be prepared, and I thank God for all the people here at Faith who have that organizational gene. I am still trying to find my gene, and I will keep looking. So, thanks be to God for the month of September to celebrate all those people in our world who keep us going in the right direction and on time.

Sincerely,

Pastor Kaufman



Birthdays & Anniversaries This Month

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sept. 13 Jace Bradley Stoltz
Sept. 16 Phyllis Rietzke
Sept. 20 Ann Stine
Sept. 27 Darla Myles

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

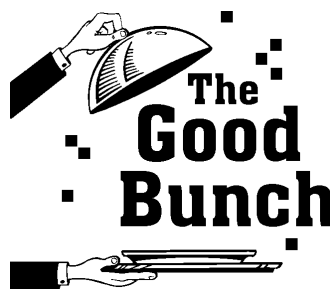
Sept. 4 Roger & Cathy Hammack
Sept. 11 Jeff & Linda Baker
Sept. 23 Darryl & Jeanette Utter
Sept. 28 Bob & Peggy Walters



Remember *in* Prayer

Please remember the following people in your prayers this month:

Lori Yant and family on the loss of Lori's aunt), Amber McCullough (friend of Brian Utter who is suffering a heart condition), Roger Reese, Hope Billings, Lanny Reese (Roger's cousin), Derrick Yant, Debbie Lehman (Mary Anderson's cousin), Ruth Farnsworth, Florence Pohlman, Peggy Walters, John Reichard, and Eleanor Huss.



The Good Bunch will meet on Sept. 9 at 11:30 a.m. At the time of this printing the details had not been completed yet, so watch the bulletin board for location, additional details, and to sign up. Mel Barrios will be the host.

Hosts and hostesses are needed for upcoming months. Please let Mel know when you can serve. Thank you.

Vacation Bible School 2014



Directory Update:

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OFFICE OPEN:

Tues., Wed., Thurs. — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sat. — 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Sept.-May)

WORSHIP — Sun. — 10:30 a.m.

Closed — Mon. and Fri.



Sunday, September 7

Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.

Build Your Own Ice Cream Sundae
following in the fellowship hall,
sponsored by the Sunday School.

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The new **Supplemental Hymnals** will be in the pews and used for the first time this Sunday also. We hope you enjoy this opportunity to bring back some of the old favorites in their original versions.

Fund Raisers

For some of our fund raisers this year: With the Easter breakfast, Memorial luncheon, and three lunch fundraisers, we collected a total of \$674.00. For the Rummage Sale we collected \$1,601.50. And, for the dollar fund raiser created by Peg Knapp we have collected \$454.00, with six months to go. We are \$102.00 behind last year on the dollar fund, when we collected \$1,034.00 for the year.

We still have the fall rummage sale yet in October and the possibility of another luncheon. We are open to any suggestions for fund raisers.

COMING IN OCTOBER.....



Winter Clothing and Bake Sale

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10
9 a.m. TO 5 p.m.