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Rev. Robert W. Rueter
will be preaching on:
"Can we feed them?"
Scripture: 2 Samuel 11:1-15
Text: John 6:1-21
Mark Ephesians 3:14-21

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY
July 26, 2009
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 Coffee Fellowship
10:30 Sunday School

The Ruler



"Words to measure life"

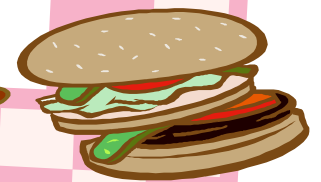
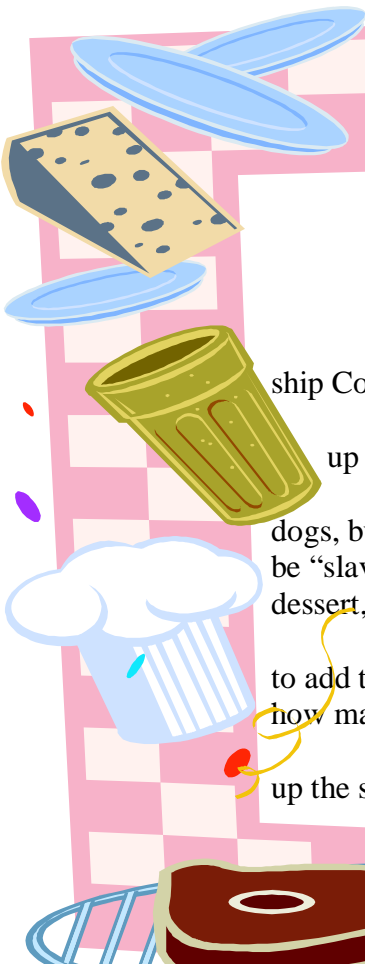
All-Church Potluck Dinner Sunday, August 30 at noon

We are looking forward to Sunday, August 30!! The Membership Committee will be hosting an All-Church Potluck Dinner. After Sunday School, you'll have time to go home to change and pick up a dish to share. We will plan on eating at noon or shortly after.

The Membership Committee will provide hamburgers and hot dogs, buns, condiments, drinks and table service. Kevin Morgan will be "slaving over the hot grill". Plan to bring a dish to share—a salad, dessert, chips, or veggie tray would be great!

There will be a sign-up sheet circulating on Sundays for people to add their name to so the Membership Committee will know about how many to plan for.

Bring your family and friends to share in this time of winding up the summer and getting ready for all the fall activities!!



Robert W. Rueter, Pastor

John Davis, Dir. of Music
Carol Harmon, Office Coordinator and Organist

Bev Rueter, Dir. Christian Education
Rickie Coulter, Church Custodian

Serving this week

(July 26, 2009)

	9:00 a.m.
Greeters	Marilee Casper
Ushers	Ann and Marty Harris
Acolytes	Mikayla Osborne Gabby Taylor
Scr Reader	Mike Meade
Ch. Moment	Kara Kemper
Meditation	Pastor Bob
Elders	Rhonda Morgan Jan Dearing
Deacons	Mindi Perez Darryl Schrodtt Kim Schrodtt Jennifer Miller
Counting	Mike Grace Rhonda Morgan
Shut-ins	Jan Dearing Mike Meade
Preparation	Judy Kemper
Jr. Deacon	Mallory Meade
Coffee F'ship	Vinnie Cufaude Shirley Rockhold
Nursery	Cydni Bell Lydia Smith

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(August 02, 2009)

	9:00 a.m.
Greeters	Dee and Dennis Doubet
Ushers	Carolyn Woods Sherry Lindzey
Acolytes	Avery Dean Mackenzie Stockham
Scr Reader	Gene Taylor
Ch. Moment	Daryle Coleman
Meditation	Bruce Edwards
Elders	Paul Wright Bill Leitze
Deacons	Barb Pollitt Mike Meade Marty Hasty Sherry Lindzey
Counting	Bruce Edwards Paul Wright
Shut-ins	Bill Leitze Nathan Bloyd
Preparation	Pat Stanko
Jr. Deacon	Eric Jarvis
Coffee F'ship	Dorothy Eskridge
Nursery	Lydia Smith Lauren Snowman



**DON'T TAKE A
VACATION
FROM CHURCH**



How would you like to take a 10 day Biblical Tour of Israel, with an option to add 4 days in Egypt?

We have some materials in the office for just such a trip during the calendar year of 2010. The cost for the Holy Land trip would be \$2,397.00 from Chicago.

If you think you might be interested, stop in to the office and ask Carol to give you a copy of the itinerary—this would be a wonderful trip to take!!

At Graham Ext.-210 W. Walnut
 Alan McPherson Dorothy Reneau

At Heartland: - 2081 N. Main *In the Hospital*
 Eunice McCario Jim Paul
 Hazel Swan Margaret Wright

At Prairie View: 175 Sycamore
 Dottie Stevens Lewistown, 61542

At Red Oak Estates: 435 N. 16 *In Nursing Facilities*
 Eleanor Berry Norma Pinder

At Renaissance: 1675 E. Ash
 Linnie Murphy

At Sunset: 129 S. First
 Helen Grose Delores Spiva

At Veterans: Carl Bushard
 Rm 162, 1707 N. 12, Markword 1,
 Quincy, Il 62301

At Westminster Village:
 Marlyn Mahannah Eva Williams
 2025 E. Lincoln, Bloomington, Il 61701



Jack Andrews (father of Karen Meade); Hobart Ault; Kevin Bankes; Ron Bankes; Rex Barton (brother-in-law of Marty Hasty); Lucille Bowton; Bret Beam; Sandi Blodgett (sister of Jeannie Arndt); Steve Bowman; Doug Brignell (cousin of Brenda Dilts); Bobby Burkhead (brother of Johnnie); Benjamin Church (nephew of SueEllen Stephenson); Sam Coffey; Millicent Cox; Marge Danner; Pat Danner, Linda Duchardt; Betty Dye (sister of Barb Armstrong); Laura Fisher (sister-in-law of Bruce); Ora Jarvis; Jack Johnson; Gloria Kaler (sister of Norm Pollitt); Rita King; Cindy LaSalle; Freida Lewis; Shirley List (aunt of Susan Walters); Allen Lovell (son-in-law of Johnnie and Ruth Burkhead); Violet Marshall; Vurla McPherson; Debbie Meacham; Inez Morelli; David Mobley (father of SueEllen Stephenson); Teresa Morgan (sister of Kevin); Elaine Ostiguy (daughter of Elgin Cook); Mark Reneau; Dennis Robinson (son of Irene); John Schleich; Russell Schrodt; Martha Sepich; Eleanor Stenger; Ron Taylor; Tim Taylor; Rhonda Tipton (niece of Doris Svob); Linda Vandermeer; Phyllis Vandermeer; Gregory Williams (great-grandson of Betty Conrad); Marvin White (father of Cindy LaSalle)



We extend our sincere sympathy to Barb Pollitt and family ad the death of her mother, Ruth Wong, on Sunday.

July	07-12-09	Year-to-date
Budget per week	\$ 4,351.42	\$ 121,839.76
Received	\$ 4,975.50	\$ 124,555.88
July	07-12-09	Year-to-date
Budget per week	\$ 4,351.42	\$ 126,191.18
Received	\$ 3,664.45	\$ 128,220.33



From **Millicent Cox:** *A big thank you to the church family for the prayers, visits, cards and acts of kindness while I was in the hospital. I am now resting at home.*

From **Lynette Stanko:** *Thank you for your recent contributions to the Romania mission trip that I attended in May. This was an experience I will never forget, and only with your support was this amazing trip possible.*

From **Becky Grace:** *Thank you to all who brought pie tins for one of our craft projects at Disciples camp. We have four counselors from our church, as I announced in church on Sunday, Alan Coleman, Mike Grace, Lisa Grace, and myself. We are currently at camp and do appreciate all prayers!!*

From **Bill & Diane Schrodt, Kevin & Lori Coleman and Darryl and Kim Schrodt:** *Thanks to our church family for helping us celebrate our "100 years of marriage". We would especially like to thank the CWF group who helped serve at the Open House. It was a wonderful day that we won't forget.*

"Ruler" Schedule



The next newsletter (The Ruler) will be emailed and mailed in two weeks, on Tuesday, August 04, 2009. If you have something you would like us to include in that newsletter, please be sure to have it in the office by Monday morning, August 03.

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

The Reverend Henri Nouwen had a very interesting life. Born and raised in the Netherlands, schooled in Europe, who became a theologian at several universities in Europe and America. He was extremely busy as a guest speaker across the country at various meetings of religious people and was extremely popular. He enjoyed that life until the last fifteen years of his life when he went on retreat at Genesee monastery, a one year retreat where he took on the life of a monk. His life was never the same. He admitted that all of the teaching and notoriety bothered him after that retreat. Two years after that retreat he left the academic world and went to work at L'Arche-Daybreak Community in Toronto, Canada. He shared the final years of his life with people with mental disabilities. He was the priest for the community but also, as all employees, he had a group of disabled that he took care of, physically. Those who knew him said that he had never been so happy or so challenged in his life.

As we go through the next several months, I would ask you to pray for life-changing things to happen in your life. Pray for my successor who we know God is preparing at this time. May that person experience a life changing event so that they can come here, lead, serve, and enjoy. That will mean that each of you as well must experience service and joy. For in the shared community change is the answer to revitalization. Thanks be to God.

Pastor Bob

DAILY BIBLE STUDY 07-22-2009 THROUGH 08-08-2009

Book	Monday	Tuesday	Wed'day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
I Cor			2:1-5	2:6-16	3:1-15	3:16-23
John	JN 8:31-47	8:48-59	9:1-12	9:13-34	9:35-41	10:1-10
I Cor	4:1-21	5:1-13	6:1-11	6:12-20	7:1-24	7:25-40