

The Herald

First Congregational Church of Tallmadge UCC

*"Making God the Foundation of Every Day Living"
Serving Summit, Portage, Medina, Stark Counties
A Stephen Ministry Congregation*

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For Sunday Service of August 28, 2011

August Special Benevolence: Social Action Board

The Rev. Dr. John M. Schlupe will be giving the message.

Usher / Greeter LaVerne Belcher

8:30 a.m. Worship Service

9:00 a.m. Confirmation I & Parents – D. Bacon Mtg.

10:00 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Extended Session Grade 2 & younger

11:00 a.m. Linger Longer – Atrium

11:15 a.m. SPCM – Dr. John's Office

Altar Flowers today are from:

Jim & Carol Dowey for their 30th Anniversary,
Sylvia Taylor for her parents', Douglas & Jean Inglis',
69th Anniversary, *and also from*
Lyle & Wilma Pohly for their 64th Anniversary.

Happy Anniversary to all!

As a REMINDER

Our next Red Envelope Sunday is September 4, 2011,



... the first Sunday of next month.

The RED Envelope is *no longer* inserted into your Herald. The envelopes will continue to be available in the church pews. If unable to attend church, you may still mail your contribution to the church office – just label your check "Red Envelope". [The red envelope is designated for the Emergency Fund and the money is used for covering repairs only.] **Thank you.**

Church Attendance

August 14, 2011

9:00 a.m. Worship 194

August 21, 2011

9:00 a.m. Worship 216

News

The *HERALD* Newsletter:

NOTE: The next *Herald* mailing date will be on **Wednesday, September 7, 2011.** The *deadline* for Lori to receive articles is **Friday, September 2, 2011.** *Thank You!*

It's *NOT* Too Late to SING!



Well, if you missed our ice cream social on the 25th you can still join us for **Chancel Choir rehearsal** on Thursday, **September 1st!** We rehearse in the choir room from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. We can use all voices: soprano, alto, tenor and bass, and would love to have you join us in September. We hope to see you at our next rehearsal!

Nancy Lynn



PASTOR'S SIDEBAR

*It's not what you know; it's who you know.
(I think it is also who knows you!)*

Jesus said that people will know God through knowing him. Well, that is my editorial interpretation of what Jesus meant about he and The Father being one, and us being one with God through him. I got to thinking about who we know, who knows me, and why that is important. A story that could be true:

Several years ago my primary care doctor noticed two "suspicious" things we'll call Thing 1 and Thing 2 (Thanks to Dr. Seuss). "We should have those looked at by a dermatologist." he said, and continued, "We'll set up an appointment for you and let you know when and with whom." OK, I said.

Two days later I received a call from my doctor's office, "Mr. Schluep, we have an appointment for you with Dr. So 'n sew (I made the name up) in six weeks" and she gave me the date and time and address. "Any questions?" **Yeah, six weeks seems like a long to wait to have Thing 1 and Thing 2 looked at especially since Thing 1 and Thing 2 are growing.** "Well, doctors are very busy." **Yeah, and I'm not? Okay, thank you.**

I decided to be the master of my medical health care so I called the doctor's office and asked if they had any earlier openings. "No" they said and the earliest appointment was the one scheduled. I asked to be put on their cancellation list and they said, "Sure, we can do that." So, I had one for sure appointment. I don't know if it's just me or not but I do not wait well in a waiting room, so I prefer the first appointment of the day or the first appointment after lunch. I, therefore, took matters in to my own hands and called two other doctor's offices to make appointments.

"Hello, this is Dr. Smith's office how may I help you?" (That is a made up name.) **Yes, my name is John Schluep and I would like to schedule an appointment with Dr. Smith, and I would like the first appointment of the day or the first one after lunch.** "Okay, what is this about?" **Well, my primary care doc looked at Thing 1 and Thing 2 and said I need to get them removed and biopsied.** "I see; Dr. Smith can see you in eight weeks." **Two months!?! "Yes, Dr. Smith is very busy." Okay, sign me up and place my name on your cancellation list and by the way I want you to know that I am scheduling with multiple doctors for appointments and asking to be on the cancellation lists. Whoever calls back first will get me as a patient. "Excuse me?" Look, airlines overbook, doctor's offices overbook, motels overbook, so I am overbooking my appointments, but don't worry if another calls back first I'll notify your office and cancel my appointment. "Oh, okay."**

Then I learned through the proverbial grapevine that I have a friend who works in a doctor's office in the specialty area that Thing 1 and Thing 2 required. I called her and asked if I could get an appointment and be on the cancellation list. Two days later she called with an appointment time because of a cancellation. I made the appointment, thanked her and called the other doctor's offices to cancel my appointments and each receptionist asked, "Do you want to re-schedule?" **No, thank you.**

*Blessings,
Dr. John*

Middle School News

8th Grade Confirmation I

All 8th grade students are invited to join our Confirmation program. An orientation meeting for 8th grade students and parents will be held on Sunday, August 28, at 9:00AM.

This meeting will be an overview of the Confirmation process, what it means, and how the year is scheduled. Class will meet for breakfast on Rally Day, September 11, and begin regular meetings on September 18.

Fellowship on Wednesdays

Beginning September 14, 6:00-7:00 PM in the Youth Room 101, for all students in grades 6-8. Fellowship is an hour filled with games, funny skits, and a time for discussion and devotion, led by Rev. Matt Wooster. Games will be held outside when the weather is nice.

High School News

9th Grade Confirmation II Meeting September 11

On Rally Day, we will meet in Fellowship Hall for breakfast at 9:00 AM, and then in Room 205 for about 20 minutes to provide information about the year ahead.

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Our Church on Facebook

Our church now has a presence on facebook, the social networking website that has become such a part of our culture. We invite you to visit the page, leave a note, "like" it (those who use facebook know what this means), and share it with others. This is just one more way to let everyone know what a wonderful congregation this is!



When my mother, Ina Hazen, passed away in April, it was comforting to receive hugs, cards, and phone calls from so many members of our congregation. I was especially touched by the memories shared by those who remembered her.

The meaningful graveside service Dr. John recently led us through was a true tribute to mom's spirit. His words, scripture, and ceremony reassured us of God's Promise of a new beginning in death.

I am truly blessed to have had such wonderful parents and also to be part of the First Congregational Church Community.

My sister, Cheryl, and I would like to thank Dr. John for his spiritual leadership and the congregation for your prayers, cards and caring. *Most Sincerely, Elise Bennett*



Trailmarkers

What success rate can you live with?

Getting 90% of questions right on a test is worth an A (or an A-).

Getting 80% of dentists to recommend a toothpaste is great for an ad on tv.

Getting 51% of the vote is good enough to get elected to office.

Getting a hit 36.6% of the time was enough to make Ty Cobb the best hitter in the history of baseball.

So what success rate do you want?

Jesus told a parable about a farmer with a 25% success rate. The farmer goes out to sow seed: some seed falls along the path, other seed among stones, and still other seed among thorns. None of those seeds produce any crop. Only the seed that falls on good soil grows. One out of every four, and that is enough.

Let us show God's kindness to people. Even if most people ignore the kindness, it will be enough.

Let us share God's compassion. Even if most of your compassion is wasted, it will be worth it.

Let us be generous with what God has given us. Even if most of what you give away is poorly used, it will make a difference.

And let us stand up to injustice and evil. Even when the wrong seems to win most of the time, God's justice will not be stopped.

Remember, even though only 25% of the seed fell on good soil, that seed produced a return crop that was 30, 60, and even 90-fold. We're talking about God's success rate.

*May God's peace be with you,
Rev. Matt Wooster*

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F.Y.I.

Women's Fellowship programs are held on the First Thursday of the month unless otherwise noted.

September 1, 2011 10:30 am: Field trip to First Ladies Library. Lunch following Bender's Tavern.

(See detailed "Field Trip" Article Below)

October 3, 2011 6:30 pm: "High Bridge Glens & Caves"
Local author and Glens historian, Mary McClure.

November 3, 2011 10:30 am: Col. Benjamin Tallmadge DVD; Local historian, Carolyn Mackey

December 5, 2011 6:30 pm: "Christmas Memories"

March 1, 2012 10:30 am: "BINGO"

April 5, 2012 10:30 am:

"Clara Driscoll and the Tiffany Girls"

Local historian, Linda Alexander

May 7, 2012 6:30 pm:

Jackie Kennedy Program and Officer Installation

Women's Fellowship FIELD TRIP!

Women's Fellowship invites you to our 3rd Annual Field Trip!

First Ladies Library

Thurs., September 1, 2011

Car pool leaves the church parking lot at 10:15 am

Lunch following tour at Bender's Tavern (12:30pm if you'd like to join us for "just lunch"!)

SPACE IS LIMITED TO THE FIRST 15!

Call or email Christie Speicher, 330-328-9289 crs995@sbcglobal.net to place your reservation!



CANCER PATIENTS NEED YOUR HELP TO GET TO TREATMENT!

The American Cancer Society needs volunteers to drive cancer patients in our community to and from their treatment appointments. To learn more about how you can get involved and help make a difference in someone's life, call 800-227-2345 or visit cancer.org/driveamile

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

For **September, 2011**, Women's Fellowship is going to have a fun day with the Field Trip to First Ladies Library and then lunch at Bender's Tavern -- on **September 1**. We will meet at the church at 10:15 to car pool. See you there!

AARP will begin again on Friday, **Sept. 23rd**.

Co-Chairs for September:

Janet Davis @ 330-633-2296

Dorothy Taylor @ 330-633-3008

Glenna Simmons @ 330-784-1109

Women's Fellowship Group

Kathy Alstrom

LaVerne Belcher

Janet Budai

Kay Burket

Christine Burr

Barbara Burrows

Diana Caldwell

Debbie Cochran

Ginny Collins

Barbara Dolensky

Ann Emmitt

Robin Farabee

Sandra Farabee

Darlene Farnsworth

Diana Fiocca

Lisa Foster

Jean Freyman

Anita Gedelian

Denise Haynes

Beverly Haught

Theresa Heaton

Jo Jacobs

Nancy Johnson

Gayle Kerscher

Eva Lambert

Sharon Letzler

Linda Lytle

Carolyn Mackey

Tina Maria

Nancy Nagel

Barbara Rowles

Pam Sanek

Gale Savage

Beth Schluep

Colletta Spoler

Katie Stewart

Beth Williams

Dee West

Pat Zimmerman



YES! OUR CHURCH DOES RECYCLE!

With dedication by Carol Law, a member of the Social Action / Missions Ministry, paper from the office and from the choir room is routinely taken to one of the Tallmadge schools' recycling deposit points. Any church bulletins left in the pews are collected and included in our recycling efforts. It is our hope that each member of the congregation is engaged in the recycling process in their own homes. We share this planet with all of God's creation, let's do our part to be good stewards of His many gifts. *The Social Acton / Missions Ministry*

2nd Annual Life's Journey Ministry Fundraiser

"Fashion, Fun and Friendships"

Featuring Premier High Fashion Jewelry

Ladies You're Invited to Attend a Fashion Show & Shopping Opportunity

Come Shop and Support Life's Journey Ministry!!

When: Wednesday, August 31st 6:30-8:00pm

Where: First Congregational Church (Atrium)



Earn Tickets to Win a Stunning Tennis Bracelet!

Come See the NEW Jewelry Line!!

Special Discounted Items!! Enjoy Desserts and Coffee

Bring a Guest Outside the Church and Receive a Prize

Presented By: Leslie Taylor and Kendal Taylor

Hope to See You There!

Questions? You May Contact Leslie Taylor 330-687-0881



Congregators...

...will meet at Parason's in Stow

3983 Darrow Road (Rt. 91)

September 6 12:00 Noon

We invite you to plan on joining us for lunch and fellowship!

Please call Ruth or Angus McNair, if you have any questions, at 330-923-1673.

W. N. I.

Are you a Fashionista? Join us on Monday, **September 12**, 2011, for Salads, Sweets and a **Style Show** with fashions, courtesy of **T.J. Maxx**.

Those whose last name begins with:

A - N bring a Salad
O - Z bring a Dessert

We will also have a short presentation from Janet Tooley of *Pregnancy Care*, our service project for this month. We will be collecting crib sheets, baby bottles and nipples, baby towels and washcloths, infant onesies, infant and children's clothing up to size 4, infant sleepers, formula (Isomil and Similac cans of powder are preferred), baby wipes, boxed baby cereal, jars of baby food, diapers, used cribs, mattresses and car seats. They accept new and "gently used" items.

Sign up in the Atrium on Sunday, September 4th or 11th.
Hope to see you there!



NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

On Saturday, *September 17*, 2011, the First Congregational Church of Tallmadge will hold a New Member *Orientation* from 9am - 12 Noon. If you are interested in becoming a member or learning more about our church, please call the church office at 330-633-4931. The new members will be welcomed at our service on **Sunday, September 25, 2011.**

Thank you, *Scott Kempf, Board of Deacons*

Fund Raiser Church Treasure If you have an item for donation, or are looking for a specific item to purchase, watch *The Herald* or call **Jim/Kathy Harris** at 330-630-9627 or e-mail kharris375@hotmail.com. There will also be an ongoing list of items available for donation and/or requests in the Atrium.

Items available For Sale:

Standard Walker (no wheels) \$25 Call Mike Collins 330/266-6128

Items Wanted:

Kendal Taylor is looking for Quilt tops. Please call her at 330-676-9986 if you can help her!

Mike and Ginny Collins are looking for the following items: Bicycle rack(s) for the garage to hang bikes, Wood Chipper and Pressure Washer. Please contact them at #330-266-6128 or email gabby@MRNC.com if you can help!

Remember --- To Donate or put in your request:

Call Kathy / Jim Harris at 330-630-9627
or email them at kharris375@hotmail.com.

NOTE: There is a new "ALERT!" flyer from *Sherri Beven Walsh*, our Summit County Prosecuting Attorney. In the ALERT are tips for men on how to protect your wallets. Also available from her is a new **Summer "SENIOR NEWS" flyer**. In *this* flyer is information on Child Support, an alert about a scam against the elderly, and Senior Awareness info. Pick up a copy of both flyers in the Atrium at the Receptionist's window.

For Sunday Service of September 4, 2011

*September Special Benevolence: Tallmadge Good Neighbors
Communion Sunday*

The Rev. Dr. John M. Schluep will be giving the message.

Ushers & Greeters Lyle and Wilma Pohly

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:30 a.m. Extended Session – grade 2 & younger
- 11:00 a.m. Linger Longer – Atrium
- 6:00 p.m. WJHM

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Both Vases of Altar Flowers today are from:  
Ron Mitchell.

**Please Remember in Prayer**



- Virginia (Ginny) Acken
- Ryan Anderson (*Beth Schluep's student*)
- Dominic Bell (*great-grandson of Carol Bell*)
- Richard Boyce
- Carol Carter
- Guy Coleman (*Hope Mitchell's brother-in-law*)
- Milt Collins (*father of Mike Collins*)
- Elaine Engle
- Tom Grathwol (*Renee Creighton's grandfather*)
- Grace Hausch
- David Huth (*Jane Huth's son*)
- Grace Kish
- Zell Lambert
- George and Pat Paler
- Stephen Parker
- Howard Parson
- Gary and Vicky Rambler
- Margretta Stocker
- Charles Warlow (*uncle of Terri Weigand*)
- Sherri Whittington (*Sandee Markulis' relation*)
- John Zreny (*son-in-law of John & Wanda Strott*)
- Wheels4Change
- 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 145<sup>th</sup> Armored Regiment (Ohio Nat'l. Guard)
- Prayers for Families who are Unemployed
- Prayers for Church Planning for the New Year
- (*Father, nothing can separate us from your loving presence. Lord, we trust in you. Amen.*)

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**STEPHEN MINISTRY**



*Henri J. M. Nouwen said the following about compassion: "Let us not underestimate how hard it is to be compassionate. Compassion is hard because it requires the inner disposition to go with others to the place where they are weak, vulnerable, lonely, and broken. But this is not our spontaneous response to suffering. What we desire most is to do away with suffering by fleeing from it or finding a quick cure for it. Henri J. M. Nouwen " Stephen Ministers go with you where you are and will walk beside you during difficult times. We are also here to support people in our community—perhaps someone you know? For more information contact Jana Caplinger @330-896-4320 or Rev. Dr. John or Rev. Matt @ 330-633-4931.*

**Stephen Minister Update—**

*We currently have 2 men in our Stephen Ministry program available to support you (in the Stephen Ministry program men support men and women support women).*

*"I trust in your faithfulness. Grant my heart joy in your help." Ps. 13:6*

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**PLASTIC BAG SHORTAGE!**

Help! We are in need of plastic grocery bags for our food pantry. This is a great way to help **OPEN M** without having to spend money or do anything out of the ordinary. All you have to do is save your plastic bags from when you go grocery shopping and bring them to **OPEN M** Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**OPEN M** uses plastic grocery bags to help bag food for our Food Pantry, Mountain of Food, and much more! This is a necessity for our food programs and we are running dangerously low. We can always use more plastic bags. So, next time you go shopping, before you throw away those plastic bags please consider donating them to **OPEN M**. We greatly appreciate your consideration! If you have any questions, **contact Bobbie Boyer at 330-434-0110, Ext. 416.**

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A Report From General Synod of the United Church of Christ
Rev. Dr. John Schluep

The General Synod of the United Church of Christ was a mix of business, prophetic preaching, planning, reports, and educational opportunities as well as a time for socializing. I enjoyed and benefited from every minute and I am grateful for the opportunity to have been there as a delegate from Ohio. One educational workshop I attended was on Justice and the keynote speaker was Mohammad Sammak, a Muslim and advisor to the President of Lebanon. Mr. Sammak is a well educated man who values diversity, Christian values and embraces peace and justice.

Mohammad Sammak's presentation was focused on the teaching of the Koran regarding Jesus Christ, Mary, the Bible and Christianity. I attended the lecture because I was curious and I did not want to judge all of Islam based on the action of radical Muslims anymore than I want non-Christians to judge Christians based on the actions of the Ku Klux Klan. Mr. Sammak presented two concepts regarding Christianity based on one, the Koran (the Muslim Holy Book like our Bible) and two, the Prophet Muhammad.

The Koran states, according to Sammak, that Jesus was a holy man raised from the dead and that he will return to earth and that the bible is guidance and light. The Koran goes on to state that Jesus healed the sick, gave life to the dead and he was given wisdom by the Holy Spirit. Mr. Sammak went on to say that Mary, according to the Koran, was a virgin and chosen by God for a special purpose.

The Koran, Mr. Sammak continued, is the revelation given to Jesus and it is guidance to all people. People are to: 1. Follow what God revealed to us. 2. People will be nothing until they are obedient to God. 3. The Prophet Muhammad's teachings do not conflict with the Torah (Jewish) or The Bible. The teachings of the Jewish prophets, Jesus and Muhammad are one, given at different times. The Prophet Muhammad says, "I was sent to continue the teachings."

Mr. Sammak went on to say that Muslim teachings from the Koran are not to change another's point of view, but to respect it. The teachings of the Koran regarding Christians according to Mohammad Sammak are:

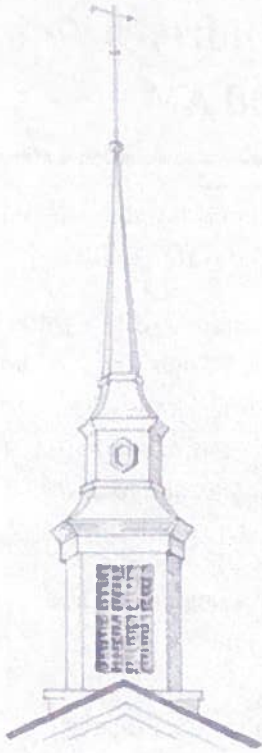
1. Protect and defend Christians and their churches.
2. See God as Muslim and Christian.
3. Defend Christians from every enemy.
4. Remove Christians from any harm.
5. Do not destroy any churches for this offends God.
6. Clergy shall not be subjected to taxes. (*I especially like that one!*)
7. No Christian shall be compelled to become a Muslim.
8. If a Christian commits a crime they are entitled to defense.
9. Christians are in God's covenant.
10. If Christians need to repair their sanctuary Muslims are to help them as a gift from God.

In any dialogue between Muslim and Christian that is searching for the truth, the dialogue must be done from the point of view of the other.

In a culture that tends to polarize people by differences it was good to hear a speaker who offered an alternative option to a "this or that" scenario. I found the common ground of Jesus and Muhammad teaching tolerance, honor and respect and the oneness of God to be refreshing and filled with hope. After all God The Father is the Father of Jews, Muslims, and Christians – we are family.

First Congregational Church of Tallmadge

2011- 2012 Children and Youth Ministries



RALLY DAY! Sunday, September 11

Rally day marks the beginning of our fall programming and we are excited to kick things off this year. On September 11, we will gather for a continental breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 9 AM. After enjoying breakfast and hearing the options for Sunday school, the children can meet their teachers. We will follow that with children's choirs from 10- 10:30 and Children's Worship for children 5th grade and younger from 10:30- 11.



ATTENTION 2nd, 3rd and 8th graders:

On September 25, the board of Christian Education will be giving our 2nd and 3rd graders as well as the 8th graders new Bibles. Children go through levels of learning and we would like to offer them a Bible that is written for their reading and learning level. Please contact Wendy or Rev. Matt and let us know if your child will be in 10:00 worship to receive a Bible. If you aren't able to join us, that is fine, we will save a Bible for you.



Lock-ins Scheduled

Grades 3-4-5 are invited to come and spend the night at the church October 28 & Feb. 24

2nd grade FUN NIGHT will be announced later in the Spring

Youth lock-in and retreats will be announced at a later date.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Youth Fellowship Program begins on September 14 for Middle School Fellowship and September 18 for High School Fellowship. Watch for more information in the mail and the bulletin board.

Sunday School Hour 9:00-9:50 AM

Sunday School classes will be offered for all ages beginning, Sept. 11. We are excited to get the programs started again and ready to have you join the activity.

Nursery

Danielle Holt in the nursery
(The nursery is open during 10 worship too)

Preschool

With Anita Kelly and Janet Highsmith in room 202 will learn about the creation, Jesus' birth and life events, parables, Noah, and Jesus' miracles.

Kindergarten and 1st grade

Larry Bagnoli and Glenna Kreitzburg in room 207 will encourage exploring stories of Moses, Jesus' life teachings, death and resurrection, kings and building a church.

2nd and 3rd grade

In room 204, with Renee Crighton they will discover how to use the bible, learn about the creation, and the 10 commandments.

4th and 5th grade

Wendy Brown in Theater (103) will study Jesus' life events, encounters and teachings at deeper level.

6th/ 7th grade

Mark & Cathleen Clark in room 102 will dive into the Good News lessons with enthusiasm.

Confirmation I (8th grade)

With Cindie Anderson, Carol Dowey & Rev. Matt Wooster in the David Bacon room where the youth will affirm their baptism.

Confirmation II (9th grade)

George & Roberta Nehrenz and Rev. Matt Wooster in room 205 where they will learn about church membership.

High School

With Scott & Alisa Kempf in the Youth Room (101) they will be relating Jesus to their everyday lives.



Choir & Children's Worship; 10:00-11:00 AM

Our Choir program is the same as last year running from 10:00- 10:30 AM:

- 207 Cherub Choir (age 3 to grade 2) with Elaine Engle and Jan Carlton
- 203 Junior Choir (grades 3-5) with Theresa Heaton and Amy Bozic
- 102 Spirit Singers and New Glory (grades 6-12) with Jim & Sue Raies

The choirs will be singing in 10:00 worship also on certain Sundays

- 1st- New Glory & Spirit Singers
- 2nd- Junior Choir
- 3rd- Chancel Ringers
- 4th- Cherub Choir

Children's Worship is immediately following choir time for those in choir. For children attending worship, you may join us as listed in the bulletin. Children's Worship is for children 5th grade and younger. We will be dividing up into 2 groups, the younger children (age 3 to K) in room 207 and the older group (1st- 5th) in fellowship hall. We will have a scripture lesson, message, prayer and offering for the older children, while the younger children will have an object lesson.

Nursery Volunteers Needed

We are very fortunate to have Danielle Holt work in the nursery over the past few years. I would like to give her a few Sunday's off during the year. Please talk with Wendy if you are willing to help a few Sundays.



CALENDAR

AUGUST 25 – SEPTEMBER 8, 2011

Thurs., Aug. 25 9:00 a.m. WF Board Mtg. – D. Bacon Rm.200
 6:30 – 8pm Chancel Choir Practice & Ice Cream Social-FH
 6:30 – 8pm Chancel Ringers - Sanctuary

Friday, Aug. 26 ----- -----

Sat., Aug. 27 ----- -----

Sunday, Aug. 28 **8:30 a.m.** **Worship Service**
 9:00 a.m. Confirmation I & Parents – D.Bacon Rm.200 - Meeting
 10:00 a.m. **Worship Service**
 10:30 a.m. Extended Session Grade 2 & younger
 11:00 a.m. Linger Longer – Atrium
 11:15 a.m. SPCM – Dr. John’s Office

Monday, Aug. 29 7:00 p.m. AA Group in 100

Tuesday, Aug. 30 7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study – Bagnoli home
 12:15 p.m. Pastor’s Lectionary Study– Dr. John’s Office

Wed., Aug. 31 9:00 a.m. Quilters
 6:30 p.m. Life’s Journey 2nd Annual Fundraiser - Atrium

Thurs., Sept. 1 8:00 a.m. Financial Advisory Team Ministry – Library
 10:30 a.m. Women’s Fellowship Outing
 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir – Choir Room
 8:00 p.m. Chancel Ringers – Sanctuary

Fri., Sept. 2 ----- -----

Sat., Sept. 3 ----- -----

Sunday, Sept. 4 **8:30 a.m.** **Worship Service**
 Communion **10:00 a.m.** **Worship Service**
 10:30 a.m. Extended Session Grade 2 & younger
 11:00 a.m. Linger Longer – Atrium
 6:00 p.m. WJHM

Monday, Sept. 5 **OFFICE CLOSED -- LABOR DAY**
 7:30 p.m. Heritage AA – Rm.100

Tuesday, Sept. 6 7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study – Bagnoli Home
 12:00 p.m. Congregators – Parsons in Stow
 12:15 p.m. Pastor’s Lectionary Study – Dr. John’s Office
 2:00 p.m. Senior Advisory Comm. – D. Bacon Rm.200

Wed., Sept. 7 9:00 a.m. Quilters
 6:00 p.m. Stephen Min. – D. Bacon Rm. 200

Thurs., Sept. 8 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir – Choir Room
 8:00 p.m. Chancel Ringers – Sanctuary

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