

# By the Way

*Celebrating and Sharing God's Love in Christ*

*September, 2009*

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## THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO

By Suzanne Setlock

What have you gained from membership in our church?

In your time of need was someone there to help you through the difficulties?

When your sorrow was too great was someone there to help you cry?

When you were uncertain was someone there to encourage you?

When you were lonely was someone there with a phone call or a note?

When you experienced loss was someone there with a hug or words of sympathy?

When you weren't even aware you had a need was someone there?

We are part of such a compassionate and loving church. I have experienced it in so many ways as I am sure you have. It's the love of Christ...pass it on.

Hum, pass it on. How?

By being there for each other

By sharing our time, talents and treasures

Did you give a hug or send a note? Did you teach our children or read the Gospel? Did you tend the garden or clean a gutter? Did you serve communion or sing in the choir? Did you bring a flower or provide refreshments? Did you feed the hungry or pay the electric bill? If you did any of these things we thank you. If you did several we thank you.

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## NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Imagine a world in which everyone has enough food, enough water, and enough resources. Imagine a world where people of all colors and beliefs coexist harmoniously. Imagine a world in which educational programs and healthcare are available for everyone. For such a world, what would you give? The United Church of Christ collects special offerings throughout the year in an effort to improve our world in specific ways. Through Neighbors in Need, one of these special mission offerings, we can participate in changing our world for the better for others. The Neighbors in Need fund specifically targets ministries

of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. One-third of the offering supports our American Indian sisters and brothers in the UCC through the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries. Our congregation will be collecting for Neighbors in Need on October 4. For more information, consult [www.UCC.org](http://www.UCC.org). Please plan to contribute to this special effort. Thank you!





Those recently hospitalized or ill:

- † Mary Holtorf's son, Steven Flickinger
- † John Ashe
- † Irene Smith
- † LHC neighbor, Carol Stokely

Our sympathy to those members who have recently experienced loss:

- † June Bruskevitz on the loss of her brother, Ralph Isaacs.
- † Jim & Susi Winquist on the sudden loss of their son, Jamie. Jamie passed away August 17th. He was 29 years old.
- † Peg Jensen on the loss of her husband, Bill Jensen who passed away September 8th.
- † Family and friends of Greg Hightower, former Wayne resident who passed away September 9th in Kansas City.

Please pray for God's protection of our troops and HIS wisdom for their commanders.

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.

Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior....

Amen



A Prayer of thanks for the church secretary

written by Mike Murschel

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One of the most taken-for-granted people in your church just may be your office administrator, also known as office manager or church secretary. Clergy may be out of the office or otherwise occupied for any number of reasons, but the office administrator almost always is there during the regular office hours of the church, and sometimes longer.

These people often are the backbone of the congregation, the people (don't tell your pastors this, but trust me, they already know) next to God with the real power of the place..

So, with all the scheduling, computing, bookkeeping, correspondence, counseling, hand-holding, arbitrating, writing, designing, filing, listening and general running of the church, these people need, I think, a bit of extra blessing and understanding to see them through it all. Hence, these Secretarial Beatitudes:

- ♦ Blessed be the stress management techniques of the church secretary, for they shall require the patience of Job to weather the outpouring of volumes of bulletins, special announcements, requests for special events and the coordination of these same.
- ♦ Blessed be the bosses, for they are always compassionate and understanding, slow to anger and abiding in their defense of the church secretary against a people who many times over would break the back of any camel with their small but rapidly accumulating straws.
- ♦ Blessed be all the groups that use the church, that they may understand that the church hath a side to it which is "holy" and another which is known as "business."
- ♦ Blessed be the volunteers, for they are indeed the light at the end of the tunnel, which is not often a train.
- ♦ Blessed be the people, for it is they who carry the church secretary through the day, brighten the corners of the office, and refresh the church secretary in the knowledge that theirs is a true calling of service and, indeed, ministry.

The church secretary often is the first person encountered upon

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# Worship Schedule

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| <b>September 6</b>  | <b>Labor Day Sunday</b><br>Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Don Heinrich<br>Pastor Emeritus  |
| <b>September 13</b> | <b>Sacrament of Holy Communion</b><br>Sermon: "Jesus Was a Hiker...Getting in Shape for Faith"<br>Scripture: Luke 4:42-44; Mark 6:30-34<br>Theme: We Are Never Alone   |
| <b>September 20</b> | Sermon: "Is the Grass Always Greener?..."<br>Scripture: Deuteronomy 30:15-16; 19; Luke 12:13-21<br>Theme: Can Happiness Be Found?  |
| <b>September 27</b> | Sermon: "I Have Measured Out My Life<br>with Coffee Spoons"<br>(From <u>J. Alfred Prufrock</u> by T.S. Elliot)<br>Scripture: Luke 4:16-19; John 13:13-17<br>Theme: The Existential Moment                                    |
| <b>October 4</b>    | <b>World Communion Sunday</b><br><b>Neighbors in Need Offering</b><br><b>Blessings of the Hounds</b><br>Sermon: "The Bread of Life"<br>Scripture: Numbers 11:1-9; John 6:1-15; 35-40<br>Theme: Belief Clings; Faith Lets Go! |

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entering the church office. They talk with people while they wait to see the clergy. They listen, empathize, sympathize, and in their own way, console and minister. And despite the fact that most church secretaries know they could make more money in the business world, that their benefits are so-so, that they are bogged down and hurried – despite all this and sometimes more, precious few would trade their position.

Why do they persist in their God-given calling?

Most will tell you it is because of the people.

Blessed be the church secretaries, for without them would the myriad threads of the church become unraveled and chaos prevail within the walls of the office.

Amen.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Little Home Church Youth Group  
Annual Fall Retreat  
October 23rd—25th  
Covenant Harbor Bible Camp  
Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

Due to its popularity the youth will once again participate in  
The Snake Road Adventure Course

Look for the information and permission slips  
in the mail in the near future.



# WE NOTICED

**Your generous donation of your time and talent**

**Thank you to Gary Estes:**

for his donation of time, talent and treasure. Gary submitted a bid to repair our steeple and so long as he was there he threw in a few extra things at no charge. He and his guys cleaned all gutters and downspouts on the church, office, nursery, Parish hall and Guild house. While he was up there, he noticed a “huge” amount of raccoon droppings outside the Guild house upstairs fire escape and removed and cleaned that up. (I’ll bet the kids appreciated that during our “Pig Roast”. In the meantime our fire alarm telephone system was down, so he re-booted the panel and the system is back up and running. If that isn’t enough, Gary also purchased and installed a new power transformer for the sanctuary water softener when the old one failed.



**Thank you to Our Garden Angels:**

Kathleen Sullivan Kaska, Mary Roach, Susannah Lesswing, Marilyn Poole, Mary Jean Schless and Anne Bouchard

**Thanks to Kathleen** for her donation of time and talent. (check it out – it’s beautiful)

---Spot weeding, deadheading and RoundUp application in the courtyard and around the Guild House.

---The West side yard...starting at the back and working 2/3 of the way to the front...cut & nuked lots of tall (almost trees) weeds, trimmed bushes, pulled down vines from church siding/shutters, and pruned small tree.

**Thanks to the Lesswing guys** who donated their time and muscle power.

Getting that apple tree cut down and moved to the brush pile so it could be hauled away.

**Thanks team Mary and Kathleen** for their donation of time and talent.

Completing the weeding and trimming of the West side yard.

**Thank you to Gary Stevenson** who is donating his time and talent.

Gary will be our “Go To” guy for Crop Walk this year. Let’s see if we can give him a bit more work by boosting our contributions.

Our wholehearted THANKS,

Suzanne Setlock

Moderator

# RUMMAGE SALE!

Yahoo!! It's time to get at those closets, attics, garages, and basements and bring in your gently used items for the annual Little Home Church Rummage Sale. This year (as in past years) the date is the second weekend in October. That's **October 9th and 10th**.

Donate clean adult, children, or baby clothing, baby items, unbroken toys, jewelry, shoes, dishes, hats, gloves, linens, holiday decorations, books, small appliances, small furniture items. Higher end items (brand new items, designer labels, etc.) will be placed in the 'Boutique' section where each item is priced accordingly.

Here are a few reminders:

- ◆ Bring in **good quality donations**...think of it as a high quality thrift shop—things YOU might buy.
- ◆ No broken anything...toys, sports equipment, furniture, etc.
- ◆ Make sure all toys are in working order and have all their pieces.
- ◆ PRE-HUNG clothing will earn you a special spot in heaven.
- ◆ Nothing torn or dirty please.
- ◆ Please limit your coffee mugs to matching sets only. The other lone ones can go to Goodwill.

Also, now is a good time to start collecting bags for our shoppers. Paper and non-soiled grocery bags are great to have on hand and we always need them!

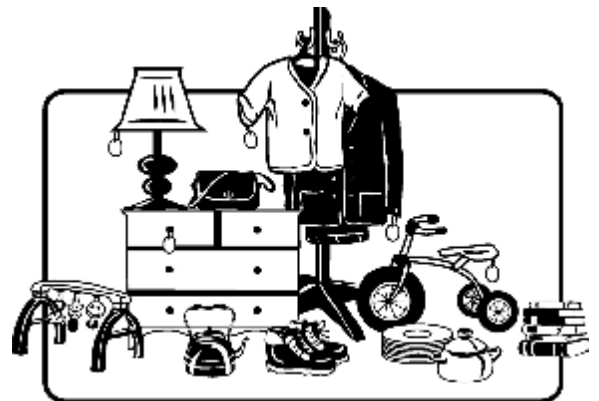
**Unfortunately we don't have a good place to store items prior to the sale.**

The time to start bringing in items is Sunday, October 4th.

We will need lots of people to help set up and sort...look for volunteer opportunities in the coming weeks.

We hope you'll be able to donate a few hours, and some quality treasured cast-offs.

If you have any questions, please call  
Jane Shelton at (630) 584-7055.



# Happy Birthday



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| Greg Benson       | September 2  |
| Logan Abell       | September 3  |
| Charles Bouchard  | September 5  |
| Elizabeth Berger  | September 5  |
| Alyssa Groves     | September 6  |
| Sharon Gault      | September 8  |
| Katie Benson      | September 9  |
| John Berger       | September 10 |
| Diane Hochstetter | September 11 |
| Joyce Cox         | September 14 |
| Scott Hochstetter | September 14 |
| Jessilynn Weibel  | September 14 |
| Margaret Ball     | September 15 |
| Betty Austin      | September 15 |
| Jane Shelton      | September 15 |
| Pam Welch         | September 16 |
| Brandi Winquist   | September 17 |
| Dion Queen        | September 18 |
| Amy Benson        | September 23 |
| Dave Poole        | September 27 |
| Olivia Bouchard   | September 27 |
| Elaine Williford  | September 30 |



Thank you to all of the musicians who provided music for our worship services this summer. Every Sunday was filled with someone from the congregation sharing their musical gifts and talents.

The ADULT CHOIR has begun rehearsals on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. There is always room for more! Please consider joining our group—all you need is a willing heart and a sense of humor to join the choir! !

**♪ PLEASE COME HEAR ♪**  
**THE LITTLE HOME CHURCH CHOIR**  
**AS THEY PARTICIPATE IN THIS EVENT:**

**Event:** Brad Holmes Choral Festival Concert

**Date:** Saturday, October 3, 2009

**Time:** 7:00pm  
 Freewill offering will be taken.

**Location:** First Congregational Church, UCC  
 535 Forest Avenue  
 Glen Ellyn, IL 60137  
 630/469-3096  
[www.firstconge.org](http://www.firstconge.org)

**Contact:** Michele Hecht,  
 Director of Music Ministry  
[michele@firstconge.org](mailto:michele@firstconge.org)

The First Congregational Church of Glen Ellyn (UCC) is hosting a choral festival on Saturday, October 3rd. Several church choirs from the area will participate in a day-long workshop with guest conductor, Dr. Brad Holmes, from Millikin University. The festival will conclude with a concert in the sanctuary at 7:00pm. The concert is open to the public and a freewill offering will be taken.

## A Note from Stewardship

by Anne Bouchard

Stewardship is not limited to financial giving. Time and talent are hot commodities for every congregation.



The Gardening Angels have been winging their way over the church gardens recently and using their time and talent to glorify our church grounds. They've been weeding, deadheading, and 'rounding up" the courtyards and pathways. The east side of the Guild House has also been cleaned up with lots of weed-

ing, major pruning of bushes and fresh mulch. The Angels work their magic Tuesdays mornings. All are welcome. Bring your own tools and a bag lunch.

# SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER

## September 2009

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| September 8  | Church Council Meeting (all are welcome) |
| September 13 | Sunday School Begins                     |
| September 15 | October BTW Deadline                     |
| September 20 | Evangelism Meeting (after worship)       |

## October 2009

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| October 4     | Blessing of the Hounds<br>Neighbors In Need Special Offering<br>World Communion Sunday |
| October 5—8   | Rummage Sale Set Up  |
| October 9-10  | Rummage Sale 9—Noon  |
| October 13    | Church Council Meeting (all are welcome)   |
| October 15    | November BTW Deadline  |
| October 18    | CROP Walk  |
| October 23-25 | Youth Retreat—Covenant Harbor<br>(More Information to come later)                      |
| October 31    | Happy Halloween  |



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9:30 Sunday Worship and Children's School

Childcare provided from 9:00-11:00

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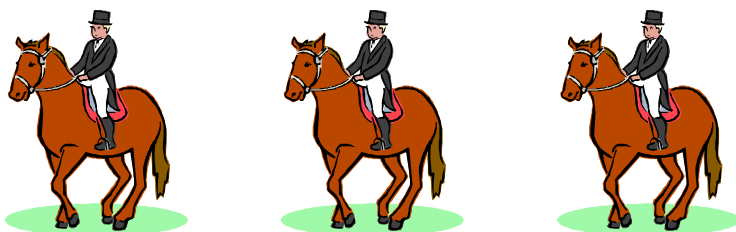
## Along the Way...

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# BLESSING OF THE HOUNDS

Sunday, October 4th  
10:30 a.m.  
(immediately after worship)

Please join us for this longstanding tradition  
unique to The Little Home Church  
and  
the Village of Wayne!



### Little Home Church by the Wayside

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Rev. Ron Purser

**Pastor Emeritus**

Rev. Don Heinrich

**Minister of Music**

Larry Dieffenbach

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