



By the Way

Celebrating and Sharing God's Love in Christ
September, 2011

RUMMAGE SALE TIME

By Kathryn Karwowski & Cathy Price

Church members, it's that time of year...back to school, prepare for cooler temps, and the Little Home Church Annual Rummage Sale!!! Our sale date is set for October 21st and 22nd. So, as we commence preparations for our beloved community charity event, the rummage chairpersons would like to make you aware of a few logistics. Rummage can be dropped off at the church starting Columbus Day, October 10th. The Karwowski's barn and the Price's truck are both empty and ready for business. Any and all rummage available for pick up and storage can immediately can be arranged by contacting Cathy Price (630-587-0275) or Kathryn Karwowski (630-584-6254). We have a touch act to follow, as last year's

precedent setting sales figure of \$4,500 will be tough to beat! We have faith that through the hard work of our church family, and all the treasures you find in the depths of your attics, basements, and closets, we can both meet and exceed our goal. If you have any questions please feel free to contact either Cathy Price or Kathryn Karwowski.



"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." – John 14:27

September 11, 2011 will mark ten years since the tragedy of 9/11. This event took the lives of many and shook the consciousness of our nation and world. Please join us that Sunday for a service in memoriam of the events of that day. It will be during our regular worship time beginning at 9:30 a.m.



**9/11 Plus 10:
Between Memory and Hope**



Those recently hospitalized or ill:

- † Joyce Cox
- † Marie Giesecke
- † Carol Berger
- † John Berger
- † Barb MacCarthy
- † Herma Dolman
- † Marion Downer, mother of Gail Zwemke
- † Corky Hamill

Condolences to:

- † Dave Hochstetter on the death of his brother.

Congratulations to:

- † Ron and Maggie on the birth a new granddaughter, Emily Elizabeth was born on July 7th. Proud parents are Colin and Erin Purser.

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



“For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent and for Jerusalem’s sake I wil not rest, until her vindication shine out like the dawn, and her salvalation like a burning torch.”

Isaiah 62:1

Most of us have more than one address.

We have a home life: Personal life, and “church life” seems to be a part of our home scene or leisure or discretionary time.

We have a public life: Our other addresses is “in the world.” Even if not employed we do volunteer work, relate to others in social and community ways. We may be commuter Christians—going back and forth between private and public lives.

We are schooled to be people of God at home but how about at work? How about “in the world?” The biblical diagnosis is S I N = separation from God and separation from others, because of selfishness!

The renowned author and philosopher, G.K. Chesterton said, “I always ask my landlady NOT what rent she would charge, but what she thinks about the universe.”

Isaiah was written about adversity; political doom, land destroyed, cities devoured, a rebuilding of national life. This describes the prophets passionate expectancy for the dignity, greatness, and moral beauty of his people. People of God are People of Affairs. Isaiah gives us the prophetic vision.

The Prophet says “Speak Up”
The Prophet says “Put Up”
Salvation is like a Torch

The Christian Gospel says that God does not wait until perfection is achieved before god loves the world: fallen, stained, sinful, corrupt though it may be. This is God’s World. As someone has said," God does not reveal the divine self IN the world but BY the world.”

The Prophetic voice calls us to be people of affairs if we are people of God. The urgency of the Church is to “show salvation like a torch” in a dark-ened world.

In this difficult world; in this difficult time, we are called to be followers of Christ, who act, care and live with and for each other.

The writer of Ecclesiastes was surely right when he wrote that “...there is no new thing under the sun.” But there is always a new way of looking at it.

In September, especially September 11, our worship experience will have as backdrop the 9/11 event. The service will commemorate , prayer, and seek life out of death, love out of hatred.

In the meantime, continue to enjoy the remaining days of summer!

Worship Schedule

September 4	Labor Day Sunday Holy Communion
September 11	In Memoriam 9/11—Ten Years Since Sermon: The Dream and Hope are Yet Alive Scripture: Jeremiah 31:7-9; Mark 10:46-52 Theme: Shalom-Hope-Peace
September 18	Fall Series on the United Church of Christ ~ It's History, Theology, Social Stances and Issues Sermon: Singing the Mainline Blues Scripture: Psalms 137:1-4; Revelations 3:14-22; Luke 7:31-35 Theme: History and Development of the UCC
September 25	At Home in the Church Sermon: Romans 12:1-13 Scripture: Romans 12:1-13 Theme: The Purpose of our Ministry ~ God Is Still Speaking
October 2	World Communion Sunday Neighbors in Need Special Offering Blessing of the Hounds Sermon: To Believe in the Holy Catholic Church Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-4 Theme: Oneness in the Spirit One Church from Four Beginnings
October 9	In a Theme of Marriage & Weddings

THANK YOU!

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Kristen Thornton does a great job of keeping it up to date with upcoming events and photos of our life here at The Little Home Church.



Little Home Church by the Wayside



Sunday Dinner... Conversation!

September 18
5-7 pm

Reserve your place
at the table!

Email or call the church office
with your RSVP by Sept. 14.

You will then be contacted
about the dinner location and
what to bring!

We are gathering together in groups of 8,
for dinner, fellowship and a conversation about
the new Church Program Year.

**Held in members' homes; hosts will provide the entree.
Attendees will bring a salad, side dish or dessert.**

rsvp by Sept. 14 (Must RSVP to attend)

Council members will lead the "conversations," and topics will include:
Strategic Plan; New Member Drive; Joys & Concerns



Getting back in the routine—I LOVE IT! I had a really fun summer but I am ready for that “everyday” schedule to begin again. For me, much of this has to do with the opportunities it gives me to see people that I love and care about, people who are part of our church and community. Being together in the worship service every week gives me so many things. This poem of Rumi’s says it so well for me:

“Some night’s stay up until dawn.
As the moon sometimes waits for the sun.
Be a full bucket pulled up the dark way of a well,
then *lifted* into the light.

Something opens our wings.
Something makes boredom and hurt disappear.
Someone fills the cup in front of us.
We taste only sacredness.”

So here are some choices you have to share the love:

THE ADULT CHOIR. We practice every Wednesday night from 7:00–8:30. We sing, we laugh; we share our stories and tell each other about our lives. We gather on Sunday mornings at 8:45 to rehearse before the service. We sing a variety of music. We will have new robes to wear before the year is out! We have rehearsal CD’s to practice with through the week. We can’t all make it every week so we believe the more people we have the stronger we will be as a choir. Choir is for anyone in high school and older.

THE CHILDREN’S CHOIR AND BELL CHOIR. We rehearse on Sunday mornings during Sunday School. We will learn to read notes and play hand bells this year. We will share our music in worship once a month. Come join the fun and bring a friend.

THE ADULT HANDBELL CHOIR. This is something new for our church. The handbell choir is a great opportunity for adults to share instrumental music together. We are hoping to have many people who used to play in a band or orchestra come and share in this ensemble. We will practice once a month and then play in worship once a month. We really want this to be a community event so please spread the word to your neighbors and friends. The question is when to practice? Please tell me your preference: Saturday morning, Saturday late afternoon after yard work but before dinner, or Sunday after the church service?

Larry

Hello Friends. I have some good news! In response to our Junual meeting and the recent congregational letter, some in our congregation have pledged additional contributions to help alleviate our deficit. We are narrowing the gap between our expenses and our revenue! We were \$45,000 in the red before these gifts, and although I don't have an exact figure, we currently have commitments for a couple thousand dollars. My question to each of you is do you think we can close the gap in the next four months?

Bob Kaska is working hard to encourage our growth and we are hopeful for a future increase in membership, but in the meantime we have bills to pay and Outreach programs to support. Just like our homes, our church's electricity and gas costs (to cite just two) have increased. Everything costs more these days and yet our support for our Outreach programs has not increased because we just don't have the money.

We are called to work for peace on earth and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We have so many blessings. Let's pass it on!

If you would like to make an additional gift, you may contact me, Ann, Wally or Ron. Contact Ann McLaughlin, Moderator and Financial Secretary at 630-443-3531, Wally Setlock, Moderator Elect or me at 630-372-6301, or call the church office at 630-584-4013.

Thank you for prayerfully considering this request. I will provide frequent updates going forward. I would love to receive your call.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Setlock

Stewardship Chair

630-372-6301



Earlier this summer some of our Little Home Church family graduated from high school and college. We congratulate the following graduates:

- Caroline Berger: John Hopkins University
- Christopher Davison (grandson of Rik & Nancy Alex): Miami of Ohio with business degree in marketing.
- Lauren Schatzeder: Des Moines University Medical School-Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation with a masters in anatomy.
- Olivia Bouchard: Glenbard South High School and will attend Kalamazoo College
- Corinne Thornton: St. Charles East High School and will attend University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Brogan Boles: St. Charles East High School and will attend Elon University

We pray God's blessings of hope to our graduates and wish them much success in their future endeavors and studies.

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER

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September 5	Labor Day
September 11	9/11 10th Anniversary Memoriam Service
September 13	Church Council Meeting
September 18	Informational Meeting after worship for potential Confirmands. (7th grade and up) Sunday Dinner at Member's Home 5- 7 (Please RSVP)

October 2011						
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October 2	Blessings of the Hounds
October 11	Church Council Meeting
October 10	Rummage Sale set up begins
October 16	CROP Walk
October 21 & 22	Church Rummage Sale
October 31	Happy Halloween!



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