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Special points
of interest:

- Pastor's Corner
- Serving in worship
- Calendar for July & August
- Musician's Corner
- Many thanks
- Witness team news

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PASTOR'S CORNER

As many of you may not know, but soon you will, that on the last day of the Section of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference my name was listed for my new appointment as of July 1 for First UMC of Bensenville. I can't believe it! I will begin my eleventh (11th) year as your Pastor. There are many things for which I'm extremely proud, others for which I have regrets and others which continue to challenge me. In all, I praise God for this Blessing!

In recent months, a few members have asked me what I do within the Connection (UMC) and outside of the connection. First of all, currently I sit on the Bensenville School District 2 Board of Education, and my term will expire in 2012. As a part of that job came various responsibilities to a few committee/boards by virtue of my office. Now, within the Connection, let me start with the Elgin District (Remember, in the recent mailing, a booklet was sent with more information about the connection). Back to the Elgin District, which includes about 73 churches; I'm a member of the District Committee on Ordained Ministry and I am the registrar. This committee works with the candidacy process. In other words, we care for the candidate until he/she is ready for the next level. Along with that, we care for those who choose not to pursue ordination and want to be Local Pastors. Their licenses for ministry are reviewed every year. I have a few candidates under my care as their mentor.

Now the big one; at the conference level, I'm the Vice-chair and chair of Candidates Conference of the NIC Board of Ordained Ministry. At this level, we care for all clergy members of the Annual Conference. We are the Credential body of the Conference. There are other hats that I wear within the conference, one being Chair of the Worship Team and I'm in charge, with my team, of all worship services for the Section of the Conference every June; including the Commissioning & Ordination Service. I'm also a member of the Conference Commission on the Role and Status of Women. Within our Conference, there are agencies of the Church; I'm also member of Marcy Newberry Association Board of Directors as the chair of Nominations. Now at the Jurisdictional level, I'm a member of the North Central Jurisdiction Committee on Episcopacy. This committee evaluates and assigns Bishops to Episcopal Areas. Northern Illinois Conference is called the Chicago Episcopal Area. We profile/assess the 10 Annual Conferences in our Jurisdiction. I'm a member of the Executive Committee. Yes, there is a national level. I'm currently working (but not very actively) as a consultant with the General Board of Global Ministries and the General Board of Discipleship, as well as, with the National Committee to Implement the Hispanic/Latino Plan.

As an ordained elder and full member of the Conference, I am required to offer my gifts beyond the local church. I believe that many really have no idea about my other responsibilities I carry. Of course, the most important part of all I do; is here in your midst as your pastor. I'm praying for an amazing year. Please covenant with me in prayer so the Good Lord will guide us in the direction we must go. There will be some bumps in the road, I (we) know who is holding it all together. To God be the Glory.

Thanks so much for your care and support of my family and me.

God's blessings,

Luis F. Reyes,
Pastor
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The Serenity Prayer

“God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.”

R. Niebuhr



PRAYER SHAWL

Is anyone interested in joining on beginning a prayer shawl?

If so, please talk to Marilyn Solis after church or give her a call!



STAND IN FAITH

Stand in faith
 Even when you can't see your way
 Stand in faith
 When you feel like you can't face another day
 Stand in faith
 Even when the tears flow from your eyes
 Stand in faith
 Knowing that our God will always provide
 Stand in faith
 Even when you feel that all hope is gone
 Stand in faith
 Knowing that He is always there for you
 Stand in faith



MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Please hold the following persons in your hearts and prayers:

Earleane Allen; Jane Spradling; Gladys Stueve; Ethel Larsen; Thelma Enthof; Jill & Peter Bloode; Mike Kelly (Helen Hunt's son in law); Eric Bensen (Marian Johnson's brother); Joyce Jergursen; Bill & Helen Snider; Patti Steffensen's family for better health and safety; Barbara Pope & Pete (Betty Chalupa's sister); Betty Caesar; Bea Walter (Marian Johnson's aunt); Juanita Custer; Kathy Langstraat; Shirley Reuss; Dolores Leon (Jim's mom); Bob & Sally Burritt; Janet Wingle (Jeff's sister-in-law);

Prayers of comfort for the family of Margie Budsberg

Prayers for those traveling;

For the Vision & Mission of our church!!

The unemployed and weary...

Our Men and women in uniform...

Our Community, Our Nation & our World

THANKS ALL AROUND

To the women of Friendship Circle:

“Thank you so much for the wonderful basket of lotions and etc...from Avon that I received! I have been enjoying all the items, your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated”



Geneva Rhinerson
 Administrative Assistant

With thanks:



“On May 24th Bob's defibrillator went off causing him to fall on his back, breaking a rib and a disc. It did save his life.

We wish to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, calls, visits, gifts and concerns.

He is slowly mending”

Bob and Sally Burritt



“May the Lord reward you for your kindness”

~Ruth 1:8~

Thanks from Friendship Circle:

“Friendship Circle would like to send our thanks to all of you who took part in our fundraiser and gave us monetary contributions. We are happy to announce in these difficult times we were happy to make \$625. This will be very helpful in our work to beautify the sanctuary. Thanks again and please come join us on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month”



To the Staff Pastor Parish Committee:

“Thank you so much for remembering me on Administrative Professionals Day! Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated”

Geneva Rhinerson
 Administrative Assistant



Relay for Life Thanks



“Thanks to those of you who contributed to the relay for life. We had a wonderful time on a beautiful night. Charlie was the hit of the relay”

Nancy Bartlett





Everything happens for a reason, just BELIEVE!

GOD'S PROMISES

God didn't promise days without pain,
 Laughter without sorrow,
 Or sun without rain...
 But He did promise
 Strength for the day,
 Comfort for the tears,
 And light for the way.
 If God brings you to it,
 He will bring you through it.

~unknown~

WITNESS TEAM NEWS THAT YOU CAN USE...

The Witness Team had their first 'official' meeting. The first items that were brought to light were that the "Little Church" funds were going to be under the auspices of the Witness Team. A decision was reached to set small goals for the funds and when that goal has been reached, go onto the next item on our 'wish list. We decided that the first thing we would do was to put up a swag in the narthex for the summer. We are happy to announce that this first 'wish' has been accomplished. The next thing on the list is to put \$250 towards Pastor's pension fund, and we are on the way to this next goal. After that goal is reached the next wish is to have the sun-screen on the church's entrance doors replaced. Our final wish is to have a welcome banner to greet congregants and visitors as they arrive at church.

If you have any ideas for the team, please see either Janis, Mary Jo, Julie, Patti, or Trudy and share your 'wishes' for the church.

Let's reach for the stars together....

'Wishing' you all of God's abundant blessings



God understands our prayers even when we can't find the words to say them

BIRTHDAYS

JULY

- 1 Rene Sales
- 2 Richard Guitzkow
- 3 Janine Bettilyon
- 5 Joseph Morgano
- 8 Eleanor Goble
- 12 Vicky Knoll
- 16 Choyce Patterson
Mike Zappa
- 17 Evelyn Alanguilar
- 19 Mike Uysaloglu
- 20 Joyce Jurgenson
John Edl
- 22 Carl Kutzner, Jr.
- 23 Terri Pfluger
Peter Guevara
- 30 Dori Schufman

AUGUST

- 2 Ian Johnson
- 3 Andrea James
Jay Sales
- 5 Bob Burritt
- 7 Jane Thomas
Lisa Thomas
- 8 Andrea Runge
- 9 Matthew Mogk
Katie Sulita
- 10 Paciano Sales
- 12 Amanda Wiley
- 15 Ruth Chandler
- 16 Lynaire Alanguilar
- 20 Susan Bruce
- 21 Helen Kerr
- 22 David Spradling
Alison Spradling
- 26 Vince Campione
Kathy Rodeen
- 27 Conrad Garcia
- 29 Ruth Ann Enthof
Haily Uysaloglu

ANNIVERSARIES

JULY

- 16 Tom & Trudy Sulita
- 26 Damon & Susan Bruce

AUGUST

- 3 Marty & Betty Mogk
- 11 The Zappa's
- 14 Erol & Kelli Uysaloglu
- 17 Lloyd & Char Christoph
- 23 Steve & Judy Rohn
- 27 Nick & Stephanie Bettilyon
Dave & Barbara Kruschke



Your birthday is a special time to celebrate the gift of 'you' to the world

"Love does not consist of gazing at one another, but in looking together in the same direction"





*“As every man
has received
the gift,
even so
minister
the same
one to another,
as good
stewards
of the
manifold*

Grace of God.”

I Peter 4:10



SERVING IN WORSHIP

**July 4: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Service of Holy Communion**

Ushers: Brian Kruschke, Norman Reyes
Greeter: Dean Kramer, Jr.
Altar Flowers: Available
Coffee And... The Kruschke Family

July 11: Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Ushers: Chuck Bettilyon, David Kruschke
Greeter: Jean Kraak
Altar Flowers: In memory of Arthur Kraak
Coffee And...None

July 18: Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Ushers: Joshua Benes, Jason Bettilyon
Greeter: The Sulita Family
Altar Flowers: In memory of
Terrie Burritt’s 60th birthday
In celebration of Tom & Trudy’s
27th anniversary
Coffee And...The Sulita Family

July 25: Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Ushers: Trudy Sulita, Katie Sulita
Greeter: Chuck & Janine Bettilyon
Altar Flowers: In celebration of
Ian Johnson’s 18th birthday
Coffee And...None

**We are in need of
volunteers
for altar flowers and
coffee and...**

Sign-up after church
and share fellowship



August 1: Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ushers: Joshua Benes, Norman Reyes
Greeter: Marlene Rohlfing
Altar Flowers: In celebration of
Ian Johnson’s 18h birthday
Coffee And...None

August 8: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Ushers: Chuck Bettilyon, David Kruschke
Greeter: Cheryl Hansen
Altar Flowers: In celebration of
Katie Sulita’s 24th birthday
Coffee And...None

August 15: Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Ushers: Barbara Kruschke, Judy Rohn
Greeter: The Bruce Family
Altar Flowers: Available
Coffee And...None

**August 22: Thirteenth Sunday after
Pentecost**

Ushers: Lloyd Christoph, Kevin Shaw
Greeter: Steve & Judy Rohn
Altar Flowers: In celebration of Steve and Judy
Rohn’s anniversary
Coffee And...None

**August 29: Fourteenth Sunday after
Pentecost**

Ushers: Lucy James, Marlene Rohlfing
Greeter: The Kruschke’s
Altar Flowers: In celebration of the
Kruschke’s 29th anniversary

AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 Pastor’s Day OFF	7
8 Worship at 10 a.m.	9	10	11	12	13 Pastor’s Day OFF	14
15 Service of communion 10 a.m.	16 First day of School- Fenton	17	18	19	20 Pastor’s Day OFF	21
22 Worship at 10 a.m.	23	24	25	26	27 Pastor’s Day OFF	28
29 Worship at 10 a.m.	30	31 Pastor at DCOM				

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Serve”*

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Pastor's Day OFF	3 4th of July Parade in Bensenville Pastor's & family on vacation
4 Worship at 10 a.m.- Scott Hotaling preaching Pastor & family on vacation	5 \\	6 Pastor & family on vacation	7 Pastor & family on vacation	8 Pastor & Family on vacation	9 Pastor & family on vacation	10 Pastor & family on vacation
11 Worship at 10 a.m.- Scott Hotaling Preaching Pastor & family on vacation	12 Pastor & family on vacation	13 Pastor & family on vacation	14 Pastor & family on vacation	15 Pastor & family on vacation	16 Pastor & family on vacation	17 Pastor & family on vacation
18 Service of Communion 10 a.m.	19 Friendship Circle Pastor camping	20 Pastor camping	21 Pastor camping	22 Pastor camping	23 Pastor camping	24 Pastor Board of Education Retreat
25 Pastor Board of Education Retreat	26	27	28	29	30 Pastor's Day OFF	31

MUSICIAN'S CORNER

Who I Am

In case you haven't met me yet, my name is Scott Hotaling, the new Director of Worship Ministries. I've been "on the job" at First UMC for several months, so I've met most members of the congregation, but if we haven't been formally introduced, I'm sure we will be.

So here is the basic information: I grew up in Kansas in an American Baptist Church, and started piano lessons when I was six years old, and continued with them through college. In Seminary I picked up the guitar, and about ten years started formally banging on things (which doesn't make me a percussionist, but I do have fun with it). I graduated from Northern Baptist Seminary a while ago, but chose to not pursue ordination. I am currently Director of NeW LYF, which is a Youth Ministry with youth from two Lutheran churches in Clarendon Hills and Darien. I've held a number of positions with worship and/or youth ministry since Seminary. Many of you have met my wife Jessica, and my son, Spencer, both of whom are musical as well.

Why I Lead Worship

Leading worship is a passion for me, as well as a job. Many of the most memorable experiences of my life have involved worship, either formally or informally. I believe that an important part of following Jesus and loving God involves focusing on who God is - and what God wants from us - in the midst of a faith community.

Worship should be active and participatory, which is a big part of why I think it's important to involve lay people in worship, specifically in music. In the last few months, we've increased the involvement of the Worship Band, and moved downstairs, to better lead the congregation into worship.

Scott Hotaling
Director of Worship Ministries



*Music
is
what
feeling
sound
like*

*Music
finds
a way
into
the secret
places of
our soul*

