



# NEWS

## UP FRONT

Last week I was reading a collection parent's comments on school starting again. One tongue-in-cheek comment stated: "Welcome back, please form an orderly line. If you do not have a contagious disease, one will be assigned to you." I smiled because that is so often the experience of September. A few weeks into the school year and a round of colds begins and few escape the sneezing and the sniffles.

Wherever people gather, we influence one another. In the case of children and teens together in small spaces for several hours, one influence can be to share cold germs. But we share many things when we are together, information, laughter, grumbling, negativity, inspiration, encouragement. I recently officiated the funeral for someone, who always brought joy and laughter and encouragement when she was in the midst of people who were gathered together. It was not because everything in her life was as she wanted it to be, but because her focus was not on her present circumstances but on the Lord who gave her life, the Lord she lived to worship everyday, simply because He alone is worthy of worship.

We might each ask ourselves what characterizes the things we pray about and the interactions we have with others. Are our prayers characterized by praise and worship of God at least as much as the requests we make? When we are with others are they pointed toward encouragement and hope? What affect are we having on friends and family members and brothers and sisters in Christ? Do their experiences with us reflect the God we worship? When others have been with us, are they more likely to hear about the places we are dissatisfied or are they encouraged, inspired, hopeful, joyful and feeling a little better for having been around us? What are we spreading this season?

*May the God of all hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13*

Together in Christ,  
*Mary Ellen*

## COMING UP

9/1 Church Lunch  
Fellowship groups  
9/1 Downtown Youth  
9/2 The Church Office will  
be closed for Labor Day  
9/4 Wednesday Night  
Dinner  
9/7 & 9/21 Men's Breakfast  
9/10 The Leadership  
Coordination Team meets  
9/15 Commitment Sunday  
9/30 Leadership  
Coordination Team  
(budget meeting)

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### KUMLER & LOAMI FOOD PANTRIES

We are reminded in scripture to remember the poor and the hungry. So when you go to the store, an easy way to do this is to pick up an extra can or two or three and bring them to the Serve the World Center for the Kumler or Loami food pantry. For the month of September we are suggesting cans of Chili, soup, or stew but any nonperishable food is welcome. Do this in remembrance of Jesus.

### Fellowship Opportunity at the Springfield Campus

Several people in the church have indicated a desire to get to know one another better through conversation over a meal. The Member Care committee would like to invite those interested to meet in the Welcome Center following worship and have lunch at designated restaurants in groups of 6-8. All are welcome. Everyone will pay for their own meal; but it is a chance to develop relationships over food. We're going to try this on the first Sunday of each month for a while and see how it is received.

**9/1 - Meet in the Welcome Center** following worship and go out for a meal at various restaurants.

**9/1 & 9/15 - Downtown Youth** meet following worship.

**9/2 - The Springfield church office and Children's House** will be closed for Labor Day September 2.

**9/4 - Wednesday Night Dinner** meets in Merriam Hall at 4:45 p.m. Please call the church office to make a reservation no later than noon Tuesday, Sept. 3.

**9/7 & 9/21 - Men's Breakfast** takes place in Merriam Hall at the Springfield campus from 8 to 9:30 a.m.

**9/8 & 9/22 - New Berlin Youth** meet from 5 to 7 p.m.

**9/10 - The Finance Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m.

**9/10 - The Leadership Coordination Team** meets September 10 at 6:30 p.m. in Weber Lounge.

**9/15 - Commitment Sunday** combined worship service at 9:30 a.m. Springfield campus.

**9/18 - Wednesday Night Dinner** meets in Merriam Hall at 4:45 p.m. Please call the church office to make a reservation no later than noon Tuesday, Sept. 17.

**9/30 - The Leadership Coordination Team** meets at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the budget.

## OUR CONDOLENCES

Our hearts go out to the following families who lost loved ones during the month of August: John Oncken on the death of his sister Jari Lynn, Nancy Walker on the death of her father, Glenna Holland's family on her death, and Mary Jo Gaskill's family on her death. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

## BIRTHDAYS

9/1 Dave Glomski  
 9/2 Dustin Beal  
 9/6 Tom Langford  
 9/7 Mark Ballenger  
 9/10 Gene Sherrow  
 9/10 Judith Anderson  
 9/14 Marty Saint  
 9/15 Prentice Southwell  
 9/15 Robert Lewis  
 9/15 Jackie Billings  
 9/18 Stephanie Miller  
 9/20 Nancy Crain  
 9/21 Becky Page  
 9/24 Ellie Sabo  
 9/25 Julie Spradlin  
 9/27 Donna Stolleis

## ANNIVERSARIES

9/3 Bill & Sharon Smith  
 9/7 Darin & Dulci Harms  
 9/19 Jim & Donna Stolleis  
 9/20 Craig & Betsy Martin  
 9/20 Jamie & Melissa  
 Brandenburg  
 9/21 Bill & Colette VanDusen  
 9/28 Mike & Kay Summer-Orr

Did we miss someone? Please let us know at [ann@cbcchurchfamily.org](mailto:ann@cbcchurchfamily.org)

## Special Combined Commitment Sunday Worship on 9/15

Commitment Sunday is September 15th and this year we invite you into a fresh way of coming together as a church to commit our prayer, energy, gifts, financial resources - our lives in Jesus Christ - in ministry for another year.

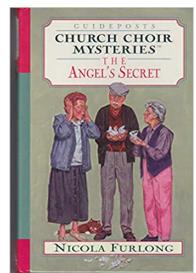
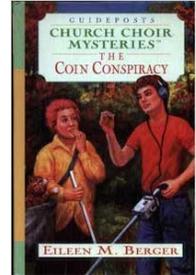
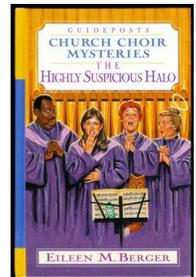
The New Berlin and Downtown Springfield worship services will gather together for a breakfast worship service at 9:30 AM in Merriam Hall at our Springfield location. We will share food around the table, worship, make financial commitments for the 2020 ministry year, and then there will be a number of projects for people to participate in that will bless ministry partners in Springfield and New Berlin. We can't wait to share this time with you!

## OFF THE SHELF

The Church Choir Mysteries from *Guideposts*

The Complete Church Choir Mysteries from *Guideposts* has been added to the Library. The 24 titles are as follows:

*The Wicked Step-Twister* by Sandy Dengler  
*The Unsuitable Suitor* by Nicola Furlong  
*The Nervous Nephew* by Nicola Furlong  
*The Missing Hydrangeas* by Eileen M. Berger  
*The Highly Suspicious Halo* by Eileen M. Berger  
*The Un-Nimble Thimble* by Roberta Updegraff  
*The Sinister Swaps* by Evelyn Minshull  
*The Kidnapper's Club* by Roberta Updegraff  
*The Coin Conspiracy* by Eileen M. Berger  
*The Blue Plate Perils* by Roberta Updegraff  
*The Angel's Secret* by Nicola Furlong  
*Puzzle in Patchwork* by Roberta Updegraff  
*No Safe Arbor* by Nicola Furlong  
*Maim That Tune* by Rhoda Blecker  
*The Comatose Cat* by Sandy Dengler  
*The Greedy Auctioneer* by Evelyn White Minshull  
*The Sad Clown Affair* by Nicola Furlong  
*The Regrettable Rumors* by Eileen M. Berger  
*Plots and Pans* by Nicola Furlong  
*Mischief in Mason City* by Evelyn Minshull  
*The Doubtful Doctor* by Eileen M. Berger  
*The Case of the Grandfather Clock* by Roberta Updegraff  
*The Disappointed Diva* by Evelyn Minshull  
*The Baffling Bequest* by Roberta Updegraff



Pickup a "Guideposts Fiction Guide and Reading Checklist" at the Librarian's Desk. These books may be found on the New Book Rack in the Library.

*Jim Filler*, On behalf of the Volunteer Library Team

## A NOTE FROM CHILDREN'S HOUSE

The new school year has begun for Children's House and we are looking forward to a new year of learning and adventure. Everyone seems to be adjusting well and we are continuing to enroll. The teachers have been very busy preparing their classrooms and lesson plans. Last month the Pre-K program held a very successful parent orientation and this month the entire center will be hosting an open house. School pictures will be this month along with a spirit week to kick off the new school year.



Last month the Family and Child food program was here for an annual three year review. For two days our records were reviewed and the review was passed. The health department also visited last month and that visit also went well. DCFS will be visiting us in October for their yearly review. The center continues to be blessed with talented and wonderful classroom and kitchen staff, who allow us to continue to maintain great reviews.

*Judy Vlach*, Director Children's House

## NEWS AND NOTES

### Thank You

Thank you so much for providing such a wonderful meal after Glenna's service. The food was delicious and you provided a nice atmosphere for us to relax and exchange stories. Glenna enjoyed her long association with your church. God bless all of you. *The Family of Glenna Holland: Linda Harwood, Janet Dillow, Jennifer Hinkle, and Wayne Perry.*

### An Opportunity to be a Blessing to Others...

The Outreach Team at the Springfield campus is asking for your help. Very soon, we will be asking you to write notes of appreciation, offer words of encouragement and prayers to individual staff members at Children's House and the teachers and all staff members at Graham School. As we all know, the love and dedication that these two groups of "angels" provide to children in our community deserves our unconditional support, gratitude and prayers. The Outreach Team has acquired a list of all of the names of the staff at Children's House and the staff at Graham School. Please help to write notes to these very deserving people. You will hear more about this opportunity in the days and weeks ahead. *-Larry Aldag, Coordinator - Outreach*

### A Secret Place

The Fall edition of this devotional is now available at the reception desk at the Springfield campus. Each daily devotion in this quarterly magazine includes a Scripture passage, an original meditation, and a brief prayer. Written by Christian writers from across the nation, these meditations share comfort and inspiration found in life's everyday details. This combination of Scriptural and personal insight provides both a timeless and timely perspective for contemplative meditation that draws you closer to God in your daily walk as a Christian.

**Couples Article**

Are there things you said to your spouse you wish you could retract? Has your spouse said things that you find hard to forgive? Ryan Frederick of Fierce Marriage has compiled a list of “5 Hurtful Phrases to Remove from Your Marriage Vocabulary.”

“I’m busy...”

“You always...”

“Whatever.”

The word Divorce.

“I wish you were more like...” and “You’re just like your [parent].”

Frederick says, “Be selective with your words. There are two things in this life you can never get back once used, words and time. Use your words to give life.” For additional details, and to read the entire article, [click here](#).

Blessings,

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