



# NEWS

## UP FRONT

### Let Love Flow

*“They will neither hunger nor thirst. The searing sun will not reach them anymore. For the Lord in his mercy will lead them; he will lead them beside cool waters.” (Isaiah 49:10, NLT)*

Isaiah 49:10 carries a powerful vision for creation. It is God’s call of restoration to the places in our world broken by war and natural disaster, to places marked by poverty and harsh living conditions. It is a vision for justice and equity and a world where everyone has enough.

As God’s people we are called to participate in bringing this vision to reality. We do that in many ways. During the month of July, we invite you to do that by participating in the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. In the past year, gifts to this offering provided hurricane/typhoon relief in the Bahamas, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Philippines. Closer to home it has provided relief from wildfires in California and Oregon, flood relief in North Carolina, earthquake relief in Puerto Rico, and hurricane relief in Texas, Louisiana, and West Virginia.

But the One Great Hour of Sharing does more than provide emergency relief. It also provides funds for development projects. One of the many projects your past gifts helped make possible was to provide safe clean water for communities. It is so easy for us to go to a faucet and have access to as much water as we need. Something we take for granted everyday is a task that consumes much time in developing countries as women spend much of their day going to a water source and hauling it back home. When clean water is available in their community it provides them the opportunity to use that time for learning and for vocational opportunities. It provides a more equitable life.

I invite you to join me as we provide gifts to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. We can know that, when disaster strikes, where poverty and harsh living conditions exist, our gifts let God’s love flow to bring help and hope.

Together in Christ,

*Mary Ellen*

## COMING UP

You may access the online worship page at the church website: [www.cbcchurchfamily.org](http://www.cbcchurchfamily.org)

Church Office Hours  
8-5, M-F  
Children’s House  
7:30-5, M-F

The Church and Children’s House offices will be closed Monday, July 5 for the Independence Day holiday.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Kumler and Loami Food Pantries

We have heard “feed the hungry” in church and Sunday school all of our lives and in our world today there is a great need to do just that. Please consider bringing some canned goods to the Serve the World Center at church or make a donation to the Central Illinois Food Bank, or the Kumler Food Pantry, or the Loami Food Pantry. Your help is greatly needed!

### Wednesday Night Dinner Shelter Meals

We will continue the Meal Train for Contact Ministries on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month until further notice. Instructions are on the Meal Train web site. Call the church office on Tuesday to find out the number of meals needed. Type this link into your browser to sign up: <https://mealtrain.com/yoog5m> or call the church office and Ann will sign you up.

### The McDermand Sunday School class

On Sunday June, 13, 2021, the Builders Sunday School class and the Zimmerman Sunday School class joined together to form the McDermand Sunday School Class. They are now meeting in Weber Lounge on Sunday mornings. In the August CBN we will highlight the two classes, their histories, and how they came to join together.

### Supporting our Church family

Thank you for your continued financial support through online giving and mailing in your checks to the church office. To continue to support the church financially, please see the online giving link below. You may also mail your check to the church office at 501 S. 4th St., Springfield, IL 62701. <https://cbcchurchfamily.churchcenter.com/giving/to/local-operating>.

### One Great Hour of Sharing

Traditionally received at CBC in July, the One Great Hour of Sharing offering will go to work through its partners to assist those impacted by disasters such as hurricanes, floods, and pandemic or to fund programs to prevent human trafficking and to help with refugees. Please give generously, knowing that your gifts will help both now and the months and years to come. Make checks to CBC with OGHS in the memo. You may also go to the contributions link above and choose “One Great Hour” offering in the dropdown box. Thank you for your generous giving.

### Updates to Email or Addresses

If you have recently moved or updated your phone number, please let the church office know so that we can update your records. The printed directory is quickly becoming out of date and may not contain the latest information. Email your changes or announcements to [ann@cbcchurchfamily.org](mailto:ann@cbcchurchfamily.org) or call 217-523-3639.

## BIRTHDAYS

7/3 Ruth Ficke  
7/4 Linda Meyer  
7/4 Jim Filler  
7/6 John Oncken  
7/11 George Tankersley  
7/13 Gretchen Gruber  
7/14 Paula Harwood  
7/15 William Crain  
7/18 Vance Dhooge  
7/19 Porcelain Dhooge  
7/19 Emily Sabo  
7/24 Judi Mills  
7/24 John Grisham  
7/27 Isaac Alt  
7/28 Sheila Zeiger  
7/29 Randy Wells

## ANNIVERSARIES

7/14 Sheila & Ross Hodel  
7/19 Stephanie & Andre Miller

If we missed anyone, let us know at [ann@cbcchurchfamily.org](mailto:ann@cbcchurchfamily.org)

## Reopening

With Covid 19 numbers going down and the number of people vaccinated going up, we felt it was reasonably safe to begin meeting in person for Sunday School and other smaller groups in the middle of June. We will continue with some ordinary precautions because we love our neighbors and want to protect those who cannot yet be vaccinated. We will still have unvaccinated people among us and we do not want to unknowingly infect them. Throughout the pandemic, as a church family, we have been very careful to follow the guidelines released by the CDC and other health agencies and we have also been fortunate to have had no outbreaks of Covid 19 connected to church gatherings and no deaths attributed to Covid 19. We deeply appreciate your care for others in following the guidelines over the past year. We want to continue to be careful even now as we are opening up more and more.

## The Levitt-Amp Concert Series Volunteers

The Outreach Team is looking for volunteers to help with a free hot dog and chips stand at the Levitt/Amp concert series across the street in front of the Governor's Mansion. The concerts will continue through August 5. The stand has been a welcome success among concert-goers. Please let George Tankersley know if you can help with the food stand at [g.tankersley@att.net](mailto:g.tankersley@att.net) or call 217-622-7675.

## Report on the parking during the Sangamon County Fair.

We began the parking set up on Monday June 14<sup>th</sup> and we began parking on Wednesday June 16 until June 20<sup>th</sup> which was the last day of the fair. CBC parked cars on Wednesday which was the beauty pageant crowning Miss Sangamon County Fair, Thursday which was the Nelly concert and Friday which was the Riley Green concert. All together we made \$3,264.00 at \$5.00 per car. We received a few donations too. The New Berlin football team did Saturday's parking and they said they had the lot full. The Scout troop parked cars on Sunday with the lot nearly full. The scouts also removed all the posts and flagging while they worked. The football team and the scouts kept all the money they made. Those funds benefit their programs.

I would like to thank all those people who helped with the parking during the Sangamon County Fair time. It could not be done without you. These include: John Martin, Bill Smith, Dustin and Rachel Willhite, Anne Tankersley, Ross Hodel, Shelia and Brad Zeiger, John Grisham, Dave Matheson, Doug and Linda Meyer, Phyllis Hudspeth, Mary Ellen, Emily, and Jeff Sharp, Will Crain, Tony Crain, Gregg and Paula Harwood. Thanks again and look forward to next year.

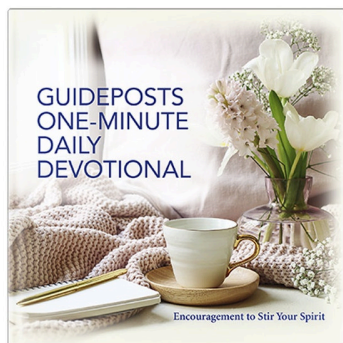
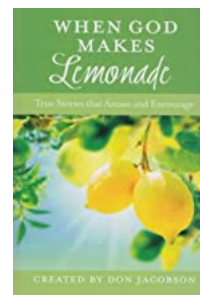


## **Baum Library Reopening on July 4<sup>th</sup>**

The Baum Library will reopen on Sundays from 8:30 am to noon beginning July 4<sup>th</sup>. Vaccinated visitors need not wear a mask and unvaccinated visitors should wear a mask.

## **When God Makes Lemonade – True Stories That Amaze and Encourage**

In this Guideposts book, *When God Makes Lemonade*, author Don Jacobson has collected real-life stories from around the world that show everyday folks discovering unexpected sweetness in the midst of sour circumstances. Some are funny, others are sobering, and more than a few will bring tears of amazement. But these true stories all have one thing in common: hope.



## **Guideposts One-Minute Daily Devotional**

A quiet minute with God every day can refresh and renew your heart and spirit. In Guideposts' new devotional you can receive a daily dose of God's joy, hope, and comfort. Every entry includes a dynamic and compassionate devotion to encourage you, daily Scripture to bless you, and beautiful photographs to remind you of God's presence in the world. It's undated, so you can start at any time of the year.

These books can 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**

We are happy to announce and welcome our families back into the center, beginning Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup> (Children's House is closed Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup> for Independence day). Operation hours will be 7:30 a.m -5:00 p.m.. Face coverings are required for anyone entering the building. Parents must report upon arrival if the child has a fever or Covid symptoms. Parents may bring their child into the building and to their classroom doors.



Many of the COVID restrictions have not been changed. Staffing and ratios continue to be the biggest factor on operational hours. The impact of the past year and a half still heavily affects staffing and the hiring process. In order for us to be within the DCFS licensing standards and COVID-19 guidance, more staff will need to be hired, but like so many businesses, hiring has become a struggle. At this time there are no applications being submitted, despite posting in six separate areas since February. I will continue to work towards recruitment and extending our hours back to 5:30. Once we can acquire the adequate staff ratio, then we can reopen to 5:30. If you know anyone over the age of 18 who would be qualified to work as an aid, classroom floater, or teacher please direct them to me at 217-523-0122.

*Judy Vlach*,  
Children's House Director

## A NOTE FROM CONNECTED PAIRS

July 2021

Happy July! July brings Independence Day. You might want to be free of wearing a mask as COVID-19 cases decline. “Six Lessons on Staying Married from Couple Who’ve Struggled and Made it” by Alysse ElHage of Institute for Family Studies encourages you to be free of the thought of divorce. “When divorce isn’t an option, all other options become more realistic. When divorce isn’t sought after, healing is.” Here are the six lessons:

1. Stop trying to change your spouse.
2. Keep divorce off the table.
3. Seek out supportive people who will fight for your marriage.
4. Lean on the power of faith.
5. Keep holding on to each other—especially for your children.
6. Know that choosing to stay and fight for your marriage is worth it.

To read the full article, click [here](#).

Be well,

*Stephani Cave*, LCPC

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