

Erie United Methodist Church

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Abbreviated Newsletter for August 2010

"Mister Newsletter Steps Down"

We're making a change in the production of our church newsletter. For this month only, this brief format will inform the church membership of upcoming activities for August and the Fall. Then in September, we will begin producing the newsletter in the office rather than at the Bundys' home.

Since shortly after he joined the church, Ray Bundy has been editing our newsletter. The excellence of the content and the quality of the appearance have been an achievement to behold. People from all over the U.S. who receive the newsletter have written, called or e-mailed to tell us that it is the most informative, best laid-out and most attractive one of all the ones they receive.

Thank you, Ray, for a job well-done. You deserve a rest from the constant grind of producing such a fine publication. Our gratitude is immense.

"Faith Day at the Rockies"

Sunday, August 15

Adults - \$15; under 18 - \$7.50. Carpool immediately after church to the game.

Christian concert, Jeremy Camp, post-game.

Come help us 'whup-up' on the Milwaukee Brewers.

Contact Jim Calhoun if you'd like to join us. (303)828-3906 or (303)955-1185



ROUND UP SUNDAY

September 12

BBQ dinner following the 10:30 service in the park (back of the church)

Country/Western band, "Break Forth," providing special music

Jim Calhoun preaching a round-up sermon –

"The Day a Nobody Became a Somebody!" – Luke 8:40-48



A wonderful opportunity to invite family, friends, neighbors, coworkers and anybody you meet to join us for this fun-filled, exciting occasion.

Women's Genesis Bible Study

Thursday, August 5, 2:00 (last session)

Red Tent Book Study

Monday, August 23, 7:00 p.m.

We are having a one night book study of *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant. This novel takes the biblical story from Genesis, Chapter 34, as told from the perspective of Jacob's daughter, Dinah, to give us a picture of what women's lives might have been like during these biblical times. Everyone is welcome to join us for dessert and discussion of this book. We will also be discussing possible plans for the fall and would love to have your ideas. Please contact Linda Freund for more information.

World Communion Sunday

October 3, 10:30 a.m.

A beautiful service of Holy Communion and healing in conjunction with Christians worldwide.

Jim Calhoun preaching – “*The Menu or the Meal?*” – John 6:41-48

A unique time in the life of our church for us to experience the touch of Christ in a special way, bringing peace, healing, meaning, and joy to our lives. Invite persons you know who are seeking these special gifts for their lives.

Sunday School Teacher orientAtion

Monday, August 30, 6:30 p.m.

It's hard to believe that summer is coming to an end and we are gearing up for Fall Sunday School beginning in September! On Monday, August 30 at 6:30 p.m. we are having an orientation session for Sunday School teachers to set the tone for fall. We will be reviewing our new Safe Sanctuaries policy for the protection of children and youth, talking about tips for classroom management, and deciding on a mission project for children for the school year. If you are already signed up to teach, or would like to find out more about our Sunday School program, please join us. Treats will be served! For more information, contact Violet Ann MacTavish (303-666-4603) or Linda Freund (303-733-4113).

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF

September 12, 10:30 a.m.

There will be lots of new things happening this fall during the Sunday School hour, so please stay tuned. The one thing we would like to ask each of you to do during the coming weeks is to pray for each of the children and for the teachers and volunteers that we hope will join in this wonderful opportunity of teaching the love of Christ to our children. Our goal is to again have team teachers so that each teacher will have the opportunity to join in the worship every other week. If you feel the calling to work with our children, please contact either Vi MacTavish or Linda Freund.

Volunteers Needed!!

The Junior Church Volunteer sign-up sheet for August is now posted on the bulletin board outside of the pastor's office. We only need a total of 5 volunteers to take us through Sunday, September 5th.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WAS A “BLAST”

Monday, July 12th thru Thursday, July 15th was a true “Galactic Blast”. The Board of Christian Education cannot begin to thank everyone who helped make this Vacation Bible School a success. It took many hearts and hands to see that the children who blessed us with their presence during the 4 nights of Vacation Bible School were made welcome and had 4 nights of learning of the love of Jesus, thru the Bible stories that they heard each evening, thru the fun of learning of new praise songs, thru using their creative abilities during the craft time, experiencing the fun of the games, the making of new friends, savoring the wonderful snacks and learning their nightly memory verses in sign-language. The best example of the love of Jesus was the love each child received from all of our volunteers. The average attendance was 30 children. The theme of Vacation Bible School was outer space, and hopefully everyone got the chance to see the awesome scene/set that was created in the sanctuary, the many stars hanging all over the fellowship hall, and the posters decorating the walls...we had a Mission Commander who interacted with a special crew member named Galileo each evening. Now ask any child who attended our Vacation Bible School who Galileo was and they will give you a big smile and say that Galileo was the green gorilla. As Galileo said, “I am the smartest gorilla in astronaut school”. Be careful about saying, “Our God is Wonderful” around the children, you might be surprised by their response.

The Mission Project for the week was the collecting of non-perishable food items for the O.U.R. center in Longmont.

Thanks to the giving hearts of the children and their families, the children collected 170 items.

On Sunday, July 18th the entire worship service was devoted to, and involved the children from, Vacation Bible School. These precious children shared their newly learned praise songs with the congregation...and of course, Galileo was there too and shared some of the experiences he had during Vacation Bible School.

(I have a feeling that we haven't seen the last of Galileo)

