

# THE VOICE OF St. Matthew

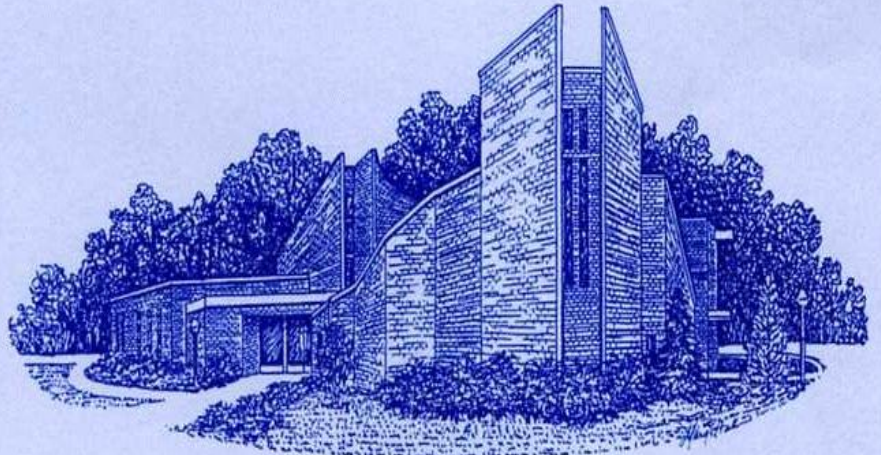
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## Disappointment

*"I am astonished to find you turning so quickly away from him who called you by grace and to follow a different gospel. Not that there is a different gospel, only there are persons who unsettle your minds by trying to distort the gospel of Christ."*

The Apostle Paul in Galatians 1:6-7

I am amazed at the ability of my children to give full verbal and emotional expression to the bitter disappointments in their lives. A trip is cancelled by a rainy day, a friend cannot come over as expected, they cannot have a toy they desire, or, God forbid, Mom or Dad says a firm "no" to ice cream before dinner. There is wailing and gnashing of teeth. At times, their bodies cannot contain the disappointment and go into hyper mode: everybody duck!

As a parent, my first response is to attempt to calm them down, appease them with some alternative that might soften the blow of bitter disappointment. I do not like to see my children disappointed. Even though I know better, a part of me feels like I have failed them when I cannot grant their every wish.

As adults, we learn to modify our emotional expressions of disappointment (well, most of us do most of the time). Sometimes our unexpressed disappointment turns into depression or sadness. Other times it seeps out like leaky toxic waste barrels with snide comments of blame or criticism of those around us. Children express it and it is done with, but adults often hold on to disappointment, stretching it out over time, with the fallout felt all around.

We might find comfort to discover that even a saint such as the Apostle Paul had his own bitter disappointments; read through his letter to the Galatians. That new church did not go as planned and Paul is searing with anger. He shortens his usual greeting at the beginning of the letter, leaving out expressions of thanksgiving, and quickly zooms in on his target, like a hunter anxious to fire the first round. The issue is that some outside group is telling the Galatians that non-Jewish converts must be circumcised. At one point he is so mad that he says, "I wished (those leaders) would 'cut' themselves." There is a fine line in our faith between our justifiable passionate commitment to the faith and allowing that commitment to be expressed in hurtful words. Paul seems to have crossed that line.

The truth is that disappointment is very much a part of our lives. We would do well to acknowledge our disappointments, emotionally allowing for them as our children do, but with a more mature expression. The wise understand that life rarely goes as planned and God is with us in those moments of disappointment. Who better to be with us during those times? Surely, God whose love is so often unrequited can be present to us during our many moments of disappointment.

*Pastor Allen*



## Food on the First

Thanks to everyone who donated food and non-food items in the months of June and July.

Outside the church office there is a bin for donations. If you can't donate on the first Sunday, it is there for you to donate anytime and I will make sure that it gets

delivered. Each month I will find out their greatest needs and pass that along to you.

### **Here are the items that the pantry is in need of now:**

- Canned Tuna
- Canned fruit
- Cereal
- Cake mixes and frosting
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Paper towels
- Kleenex



As always, please make sure the food is not expired and the packages are unopened. Please contact Betty Greer at (630) 682.4084 if you have any questions.

Thank you for your generosity!



**Matthew 25:35**

*for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was  
thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I  
was a stranger and you welcomed me...*

### **Riddle Time: Can you answer all seven of the following questions with the same word?**

1. The word has seven letters...
2. Preceded God...
3. Greater than God...
4. More evil than the Devil...
5. All poor people have it...
6. Wealthy people need it...
7. If you eat it, you will eventually die...



The answer is found at the bottom of the "Upcoming Events" page.



### **August Birthdays**

- 1 Laura Schlenker
- 2 Quinn Rosenthal  
Susan Wold  
Miegan Bresingham  
Reid Stubbe
- 4 Amy Achammer
- 6 Nancy Baird  
Mark Christensen  
Marge Hall
- 7 Traci Colella  
Emily Cortez  
Sandy Uhrig
- 10 Sue Lellbach
- 11 Sue Erickson
- 12 Laura Buccaro  
Dorothy McGowen  
Sandy Sapa
- 13 Phil Spicer
- 15 Tammy Cetina  
Eric Rauch
- 16 Tina Ciner  
Rob Neufelder
- 18 Matthew Gonzalez
- 19 Kyle Roggenbuck
- 20 John Barnett  
Terry Young
- 23 Haley Wold
- 25 Brad Stoller
- 26 Joanne Papp
- 27 Barbara Evans
- 28 Joe Fanning

# *Getting to know the newest members of St. Matthew...*

*(Interviews by Wendy Fanning)*



## **Rose Pankratz**

Rose has lived in Wheaton since 1957! She was born and raised in Waukegan, as was her beloved late husband, Joe, whose memorial service took place at St. Matthew earlier this year. She is the proud mother of five, grandmother of 12, and great-grandmother of soon-to-be seven.

Rose has a multitude of interests including cooking, gardening, and watercolor painting. These have all been sidelines recently since she had extensive foot and ankle surgery. After spending more than a month in rehabilitation at Marianjoy, she was delighted to finally return home on July 24th!

When she gets “back on her feet” she hopes to become actively involved in the life of St. Matthew. We’re looking forward to having you among us, Rose- WELCOME!

## **Giovanni and Summer Scalora + Avery and Kennedy**

Giovanni and Summer have lived in Winfield for two years. Giovanni said he was “led to St. Matthew by my wife,” who is the daughter of Susan Wold, our Director of Children’s Ministry. Some of you may remember Giovanni as the portrayer of Jesus during this year’s Maundy Thursday service. He was amazing!

Summer is an esthetician at a salon in Naperville and Giovanni is a hairstylist and salon owner in Woodridge. They both work full-time, but with alternate schedules so that they can also be stay-at-home parents. Their two daughters, Avery-4 and Kennedy-3, plus a dog and cat complete the family. Whenever they find time in their busy schedules, they enjoy spending quality family time together.

We’re happy that Summer led Giovanni to St. Matthew and we welcome you all!

## **Rob and Janella Holshouser + Bryce and Parker**

Rob and Janella have lived in Carol Stream for three and a half years. Rob is employed by Travelers Insurance Co. and Janella is a third grade teacher in the Plainfield school district. They are the busy and proud parents of two little boys, Bryce- 3.5 and Parker-almost 2.



They spend most of their free time in family-oriented activities, especially outdoors. They are also avid sports fans and enjoy watching sporting events together. Janella comes from a Catholic background and Rob from a UCC background. We’re happy you chose to become a part of St. Matthew- WELCOME!



## **Matthew and Samia Bono + Alexander**

Both Matthew and Samia grew up in the Chicagoland area and have lived in their Wheaton home for almost four years. Matthew is a railroad conductor for the Canadian National Railroad, based in Markham, IL. (Interestingly, this is the fifth largest railroad in the U.S.) Samia is a Trust Associate for Raymond James Trust in Chicago. She currently works four days a week and hopes to one day return to school.

They are the proud and happy parents of baby Alexander, who just turned one and was baptized at St. Matthew earlier this year. Alex has a built-in best friend named Daisy, a four year-old Black Labrador. When they have time to spare, this busy couple especially enjoys get-togethers with their large extended families. We're happy that you have decided to join the St. Matthew family- WELCOME!

## **Jon and Heather Sturm + Otto and Annabel**

The Sturm family moved to Wheaton from Ypsilanti, Michigan, after two years of a long commute to Jon's job, which put 130,000 miles on his car! Jon was happy to accept a transfer with his company, Menco, and is currently located in the Navistar Building in Lisle...a much preferred bike or Pace bus ride from home!

Heather is also very happy with her new job as a librarian at the Aurora Public Library. Otto-9 and Annabel-6 attend Madison School in Wheaton and Otto is also involved in Scouting.

As a family, they enjoy camping and love bike-riding...and they love museums! They visited St. Matthew after finding our website and found it to be a welcome and open church with a children's program that Otto and Annabel really love. A warm WELCOME to the Sturm family!

## **When is Your Birthday?**

Please send your name and birth date to Diana at [office@stmatthewucc.org](mailto:office@stmatthewucc.org) to make sure that your birthday is in our "Happy Birthday" sections of The Voice!





## Vacation Bible School 2014





## St Matthew is going GREEN (for REAL)!



Effective July 18th, St. Matthew now has two locking dumpsters from Waste Management-- one for regular garbage and the other for single-stream recycling. The same key works for both dumpsters. One key will be kept on a hook in the kitchen, and another copy will be kept in the office. A blue recycle bin will still be kept in the kitchen, and we will work to get additional blue bins for other locations in the church (i.e... the office, and the Sunday School rooms). A big thank you goes

to Karen Lindquist for working with our Waste Management advisor to obtain the new dumpsters and even lower our monthly rates! Way to go, Karen!

### Fundraiser Update

We are still looking for some good ideas for a fall fundraiser to supplement the Manna program (which has not raised enough toward our \$10,000 budget goal). Ideas that have been suggested to date include a bowling event, a games night (both where you pay to participate), and a talent show. PLEASE call Dawn Schubert (630) 665-9860 if you have ideas or want to help on this important one-time committee.



### Thanks for the Shed!

St. Matthew is now the proud owner of a new storage shed for the church. Thanks to Marge and Joe Hall for donating this shed, and sincere thanks to Hi Baird and Rick Jungk for assembling it. This new structure is located directly behind the other shed, will have a combination lock (the combination will be in the office), and it will primarily house "stuff" for the youth.



### Pennies from Heaven

We have two fundraising opportunities that do not require our members to spend any extra money – St. Matthew receives “Pennies from Heaven” from your regular shopping. Through these programs, retailers have agreed to give a portion of your purchase to St. Matthew. Simply plan ahead and order pre-paid (gift) cards through the *Manna* program for your normal shopping – grocery, gas, movie theaters, department stores, restaurants, pharmacies, etc. Order forms are available every Sunday after church, and your cards will be ready the following Sunday. If you make online purchases, register with *iGive* on our page: [igive.com/stmatthewucc](http://igive.com/stmatthewucc). Then click on the *iGive* button in your browser and do your shopping. *iGive* will track your purchases and the retailers’ donations to our church. It’s that easy!

Tell your friends and family – they can participate, too! More information can be found on the Donate page of our website at [www.stmatthewucc.org](http://www.stmatthewucc.org)



## Notes from the Music Room.....

*"There is Music in the air...I can feel it in the air..."*

And YOU can be a part of it. The middle of August is when the Music Ministry gears up to be ready for September.

The Sanctuary Choir begins Wednesday, August 20th, with a pot luck dinner at 6:30 pm followed by a shortened rehearsal. Normal rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7:30 pm. Handbells start Tuesday, August 26th, with the IntergeneRingers at 6 pm and the Chancel Ringers at 7:30 pm. The Praise Band starts Wednesday, August 27th, at 6:30 pm.

We need your support and participation, especially in the Sanctuary Choir and the Praise Band. If the music year is too long, please try a shorter commitment. Several people join us for just the cantata. Consider staying after cantata rehearsal for choir and join us through Christmas? Or how about starting the New Year through Easter? As you will see elsewhere in this issue, the Praise Band needs a drummer. Perhaps two to share to ease the time constraint? Vocalists are also welcome.

If you have any questions, please see me or any choir member.

Hope to see you soon.

Peace....

Jamie

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## Photo Directory Orders

The new Photo Directory is ready for publication. Now we need your help in ordering copies.

In the past, the members of St. Matthew have received free copies of the photo directory, but have paid for the professional portraits that were published in the directory. This year, church members supplied personal photos or had photos taken at St. Matthew. Now, if you'd like a paper copy of the photo directory, you will need to purchase one at a cost of \$12.

If you do not want to purchase a copy of the directory, it will be available free online at the St. Matthew website after it is published. You will be able to access the directory using a password. We will also have a free updated paper copy of the directory (addresses only, but no photos) available after the publication of the photo directory.

If you'd like to order a copy of the photo directory, please give your name and payment to Diana in the Office by August 31st.



### Stewardship News



Hello all, I hope you are enjoying your summer. Traditionally, our income drops through the summer months, making our cash flow a bit uneven. If you are behind in your pledge, getting yourself up to date would help us keep all of our wonderful ministries humming.

### Foods Resource Bank (FRB)

St. Matthew is once again sponsoring acreage in Forest, Illinois, that will be planted, harvested and 100% of the proceeds used to help poor areas in the world learn how to grow crops to sustain themselves. This is not a handout but a hand-up.

Please stop by the table in the narthex and see for yourself how your contribution can multiply and help stop the hunger in less fortunate areas around the world. We need your help. Sponsorships are accepted for as little as 1/8 acre or \$31.00. Full acres can be sponsored for \$250 each, and you have until the end of September to pay. Please consider how you can help the hungry people in the world. Sign up today!



### Drummer? We want YOU!

The Praise Band has been blessed with several dedicated drummers over the years, but with Elijah Baird heading off to college, we are now in need of some "fresh sticks". The drums are one of the essential elements of praise music, so a regular drummer (or two) is needed. If you have some skills playing the drum set and want to have a fun and spiritually uplifting experience, WE NEED YOU. Regular band rehearsals are currently on Wednesday evening from 6:30-7:30 pm and will be resuming at the end of August. Please let me know if you are interested by writing to me at [bjdmusic1971@yahoo.com](mailto:bjdmusic1971@yahoo.com).  
*Peace, Brian*

### LET'S GO CAMPING!

Our All-Church Campout event on August 8th at Blackwell Forest Preserve (Winfield Road in Wheaton) is quickly approaching! We currently have four campsites reserved at Blackwell Family Campgrounds: Sites 21,22, 23, and 24. "Check in" is at 1 p.m. on Friday, August 8th and "check out" is 12 p.m. on Saturday, August 9th. We will be camping overnight (please bring your own equipment: tent, chairs, blankets, etc.), but you are welcome to come and just hang out for the day to enjoy food, nature, fellowship, communion, and s'mores if you'd rather not sleep in a tent! Please contact Diana office@stmatthewucc.org or 630.665.1236 if you are interested in this event.



### Potluck Fellowship Hour Reminder



Please help with our Potluck Fellowship Hour. We would like members of the Congregation to bring treats on Sunday to share. You can bring something sweet (cookies), savory (cheese), or fun (chocolate dipped strawberries).

Try a new recipe or bring cookies from the grocery store in their original packaging. Help us to have a variety of treats every Sunday. Bring your goodies on the Sunday that fits in your schedule. Thanks for participating!





## *One Pilgrim's Voice*

Oh, the joy when I saw the St. Matthew travelers debark from the plane on June 17th! They may have been a bit bedraggled and jet lagged, but they looked heavenly to me, as I had successfully hooked up with everyone after arriving one day early from Kazakhstan. I had already found Leslie, who flew separately and a little earlier on the 17<sup>th</sup>, and Flavia, the tour director, but before too long, there was Allen and the gang and we were off with Silvio at the wheel of our bus and Flavia at the helm of our tour, to downtown Rome. A whirlwind walking tour, which was a little hard on my jet lagged comrades, took us to see many wonders of Rome, including the Trevi fountain, waterless due to restoration work, but into which I tossed a coin anyway, not wishing to take a chance of never coming back to Rome. We also saw the Pantheon, now a church and distinguished by constant use since its construction, and many other sites. We enjoyed a restorative dinner at a local restaurant and my weary fellow travelers finally got some rest.



Rome was overwhelming and awesome...and really old! And the food was wonderful, my favorite being a place that in the past had been a hangout for Fellini, but all wine tastings and restaurants were great! From the papal blessing, which brought more than 75,000 faithful to the Vatican, during which time the sun shone; to the Colosseum) and Roman Forum, during which time it rained in a sort of turn around of Romans versus Christians, to the enormity of St. Peter's and the Vatican Museum; to the overwhelming creative power of Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel, Rome offered more than I could really take in at one time, but I did my best. The four layers of St. Clements well demonstrated the layered quality of Rome. Before leaving Rome, we stopped at the Necropolis of the Vatican and toured pre-Christian gravesites as well as Christian, ending at the sacred place where St. Peter's remains were discovered. It was a fittingly spiritual end to our time in Rome.

Assisi took us to a beautiful Umbrian hill town filled with the power of St. Francis. Much slower paced, we enjoyed the many churches and monasteries affiliated with St. Francis, including St. Mary of the Angels, housing the tiny church St. Francis built; the basilica of St. Clare, containing the crucifix of San Damiano, which answered the young Francis's prayers by telling him to rebuild the church; the cathedral of San Rufino, the patron saint of Assisi; the basilica of St. Francis, where Francis is buried; and the old monastery which brought home Francis's asceticism. Who could forget Le Infiorate, the flower festival in Spello, with the elaborate carpets of flowers and petal pictures dedicated to Corpus Domini. And, of course, there was a lot of shopping to be done, and hills to climb, and a lovely sharing communion atop Mt. Subiaso on Sunday.

Two days in Florence was barely enough time to get a feel for this marvelous Renaissance city, but we tried, strolling through the Ponte Vecchio; visiting the Duomo and its amazing doors; paying homage to Dante, Galileo, Rossini and Michelangelo at Santa Croce; of course, giving our greetings to the magnificent David at the Academia; and spinning through the Pitti Palace. We even saw a terrific fireworks display in honor of San Giovanni. Too soon, we were sharing our farewell dinner and I was bidding my St. Matthew fellow pilgrims goodbye after a truly memorable trip. See you in November!

*Till then, blessings and greetings, Linda Leinweber.*



## **Adult Education Program**

**Please plan on joining us at our upcoming classes on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. this fall on The Great Questions-questions that disturb and intrigue us:**

September 10th: Why does the Bible contradict itself?

September 17th: Can it be proven that God exists?

September 24th: Why should I pray when God doesn't answer all of my prayers?

October 1st: Do I have to believe that Jesus performed miracles in order to be Christian?

October 8th: If there is only one God, why are there so many different religions?

October 15th: Why does God let bad things happen?

October 22nd: What does God think about war?

**And now for something completely different, The poem for August, from Linda Leinweber in Kazakhstan...**

### *Leisure*

By William Henry Davies (1911)

What is this life if, full of care,  
We have no time to stand and stare.

No time to stand beneath the boughs  
And stare as long as sheep or cows.

No time to see, when woods we pass,  
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass.

No time to see, in broad daylight,  
Streams full of stars like skies at night.

No time to turn at Beauty's glance,  
And watch her feet, how they can dance.

No time to wait till her mouth can  
Enrich that smile her eyes began.

A poor life this is if, full of care,  
We have no time to stand and stare.

The summer is almost over, vacations are past and kids are getting ready to go back to school, so I thought this might be a nice poem to ponder 'stopping and smelling the metaphoric roses.' This is a widely anthologized poem (mine came from *The Top 500 Poems*, a Columbia Anthology, edited by William Harmon), and, even though it is over 100 years old, it conveys an idea perhaps even more worthwhile in our busy, modern world. Enjoy!





# Rally Day Fun Fair

*Hosted by St. Matthew UCC*

**When:** Sunday, **September 7th**, 10:30 am-12:30 pm  
(Worship service and Sunday School begin at 9:30 am)

**Where?** St. Matthew UCC:  
1420 S. Gables Blvd, Wheaton, 60189

**What?** Moon jump, dunk tank, balloons, popcorn,  
snow cones, face painting, games, prizes,  
live music, and hot dogs!

**Hope to see you then!**

Feel free to contact us for more information:  
[office@stmatthewucc.org](mailto:office@stmatthewucc.org) - 630.665.1236  
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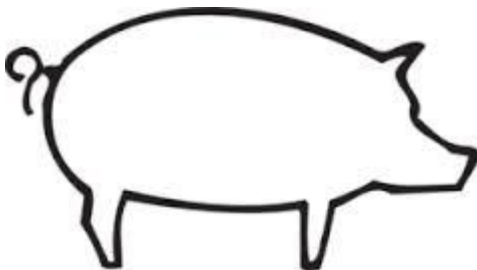
## Rally Day Bake Sale

Please contribute an item or two to our bake sale for Rally Day on Sunday, September 7th. Please bring items prepackaged on plates or in containers for the congregation to purchase. Proceeds will go to offset the cost for Rally Day expenditures. You may drop off your items in Dobstaff Hall before the service begins on September 7th. THANK YOU!



## Congregational Life News

**SAVE THE DATE-Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>** St. Matthew is hosting a fully catered pig roast for our members and frequent visitors on September 20th. More information will follow, but we wanted to give you advance notice so that you could mark your calendars for this unique opportunity to blend fellowship with great food!! More details and a sign-up will be available in August.



## Girls' Night Out

Girls' Night Out is returning this year! Our first get-together will be a game night at Julie Schubert's house on Tuesday, September 16, at 7:00pm. If you would like to bring a game or something to snack on that would be great. If your life is crazy, just come and enjoy. We will share ideas for the coming year. My address is 1278 Oxford Lane in Wheaton. Hope to see you there.





**Our national denominational leaders in urgent national situations have the responsibility to speak the truth of our faith and to encourage our involvement as disciples of Christ. While they do not speak for individual UCC churches or believers, they do challenge us to consider our own consciences and join them in advocating for the most vulnerable.**

**This surely includes the flood of immigrant children that have recently come into our country who are among the most vulnerable and for whom we have a clear moral responsibility. I encourage you to read carefully their Open Letter and respond as your conscience leads you. -Pastor Allen**

## **An Open Letter on Child Refugees**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Council of Conference Ministers of the United Church of Christ and the Collegium of Officers offer this open letter to the church in response to the flood of child refugees coming to the United States from Central America. We write it in solidarity with our sister churches in the Southern California/Nevada Conference, the Southwest Conference, and the South Central Conference whose boundaries are coterminous with our neighbors to the South.

We have all been watching over the last weeks child refugees by the tens of thousands risk life and limb to flee violence and poverty in their homeland, hoping to find safety in America. The story of this land being rich with possibility can be heard even by children in far away lands. It is the same story that we heard with pride when we were children. It stirs their hearts, as it did ours, and compels them to leave everything behind except for the hope that it might be true.

It is fast becoming apparent, however, that the collective will to care for these children is far below whatever expectations they might have had. For them, the story that fostered such hope is met with profound disappointment as once in the US they are being detained, disgraced, and deported – treated more like criminals, terrorists, and threats than children, refugees, and victims of unspeakable horror.

As leaders in this denomination, we stand in solidarity with the children who seek refuge here. Our churches are fast becoming part of a network built to respond to these overwhelming needs. We cannot meet these needs alone. We are seeking to forge partnerships with those who are just as moved by the courage and suffering of these children, and who wish to extend to them love, comfort, and justice.

Deeply aware not just of our own immigrant stories and roots, but also of the clear biblical imperative to care for the stranger in our midst, we invite all settings and all leaders of the United Church of Christ to respond in any of the following ways:

- Pray for the children who seek refuge across our southern border, and see in them the face of Christ;
- Support **with your donations** organizations that house, clothe, feed, educate, and provide medical care to the refugee children;
- Write to your elected Representatives and share with them your concern for these children, asking them not to see them as a threat to us or as criminals;
- Stay alert to emerging opportunities to respond to the needs of the refugee children. One good source can be found **here on the UCC website**.
- Prayerfully consider sermons, newsletter articles, adult and youth classes that articulate a narrative of care for the stranger and alien among us.

The United Church of Christ has a long and proud history of demonstrating courage in the struggle for justice and peace. Now, as ever, our resolve is being tested. It is with a good deal of hope and courage that we face this injustice. Let the actions forged by our compassion silence the voices of hatred and fear that ring right now in the ears of these precious children of God. Let them know we are Christians by our love.

We are one with you in Christ.

Sincerely, **The United Church of Christ Collegium of Officers and the Council of Conference Ministers**



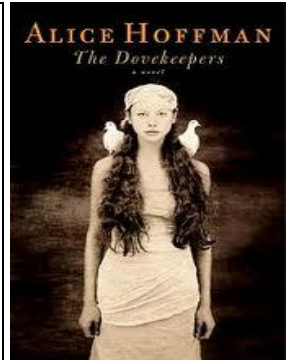
## Upcoming Events

**FAMILY CAMP REUNION** Did you go to family camp this year? Have you been in the past? Have you never been but wondered about it? Join us on August 17 after church in Dobstaff Hall for a family camp get-together. We will be discussing future trips, reminiscing about past trips, and putting together this year's scrapbook. Bring your photos from Colorado, your ideas, and your questions. All are welcome!



**5TH SUNDAY AT DPCC** It comes again so quickly! August 31 (Labor Day Weekend) is 5th Sunday again. A lot of our regulars will be tied up. Can you join us? St Matthew provides the person-power to help about 60 wheelchair-bound folks make it to Protestant Worship. We meet about 9:30am to get things going, do some serious walking and chatting, then stick around for worship. After getting folks back for lunch, we should be done by about 11:45. It's a great opportunity to connect with some really interesting folk. Questions? Contact Ellen Ribe ([630-784-4262](tel:630-784-4262), [ellen.ribe@dupageco.org](mailto:ellen.ribe@dupageco.org)) or Glenn Sapa. Thanks!

**NOVEL APPROACHES** The novel to be approached in September is "The Dovekeepers" by Alice Hoffman. "In 70 C.E., nine hundred Jews held out for months against armies of Romans on Masada, a mountain in the Judean desert. According to the ancient historian, Josephus, two women and five children survived. Based on this tragic and iconic event, Hoffman's novel is a spellbinding tale of four extraordinarily bold, resourceful, and sensuous women, each of whom has come to Masada by a different path." **The date:** Friday, September 19, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. **The place:** Char & Bob Cooper's, 422 West Evergreen, Wheaton. Join us for lively discussion, food and fellowship.



**NEW MEMBERS AND VISITORS BBQ** All of our newest adult members and visitors are invited to attend a barbeque on Friday, **August 22nd** at 6:30 p.m. at Pastor Allen's home. This will be a great opportunity to meet other members and families and get to know each other with fellowship and food! Please RSVP to Pastor Allen or Diana in the church office if you will be attending this event. (Please bring a salad or dessert to share.)

**crazies HELP WANTED** Please help support our crazies youth group on Sunday evenings either by signing up to bring dinner for 12-15 or being an adult volunteer (no planning needed, just come and be another adult presence for the kids!). Please contact Andrea DiOrio ([oreoseven@yahoo.com](mailto:oreoseven@yahoo.com)), Melissa Guido ([meesie17@yahoo.com](mailto:meesie17@yahoo.com)), or the church office if you would like to sign up to help!



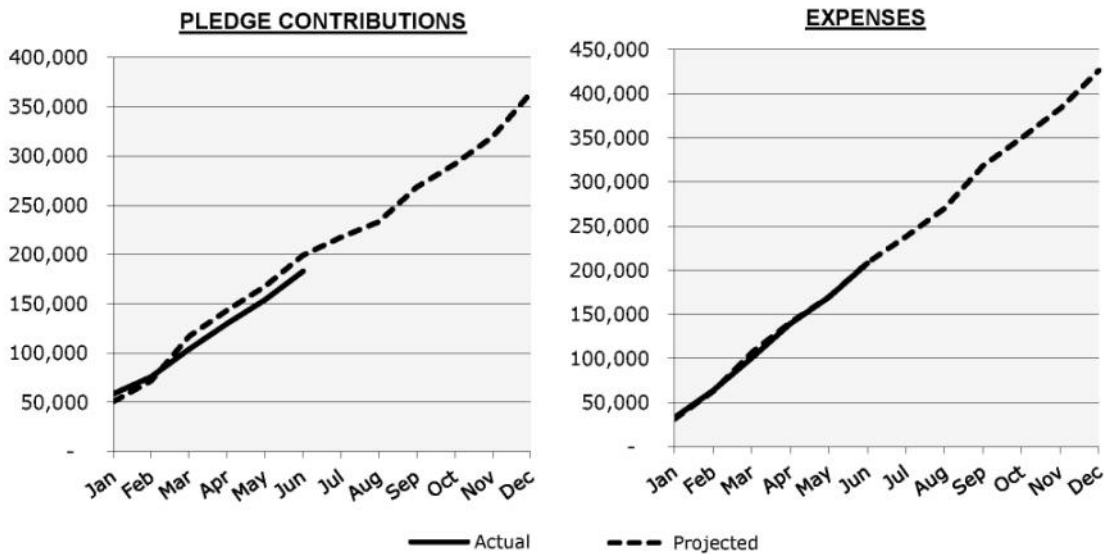
*Did you figure out the riddle? The answer is "Nothing."*

**ST. MATTHEW UCC GENERAL OPERATING FUND  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES**

For the Period Ended June 30, 2014

	ACTUAL CURRENT MONTH	ACTUAL YEAR-TO- DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>			
Pledge Contributions	29,086	182,931	363,658
Loose Offerings	1,157	3,565	6,000
Rental Income	250	1,515	5,000
Fund Raising	411	1,501	10,000
Investment Income	(63)	(272)	-
More Property	-	-	41,500
More Property (special projects)	-	-	-
Miscellaneous Income	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>30,841</b>	<b>189,240</b>	<b>426,158</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>			
Ministry	19,973	106,484	224,348
Building	10,411	66,821	122,810
Mortgages & Notes	2,229	13,375	26,750
Mission / OCWM	5,130	8,880	29,000
Committees:			
Christian Education	422	4,240	9,600
Membership	194	1,014	2,750
Music	100	1,720	4,500
Worship	68	1,238	2,500
Endowment	-	-	1,000
Congregational Life	-	135	800
Memorial	-	-	100
Misc. & Contingency	-	3,926	2,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b> (before Special Projects)	<b>38,527</b>	<b>207,833</b>	<b>426,158</b>
Special Projects	-	-	-
<b>SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$ (7,686)</b>	<b>\$ (18,593)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

**2014 Activity - Actual vs. Projected**

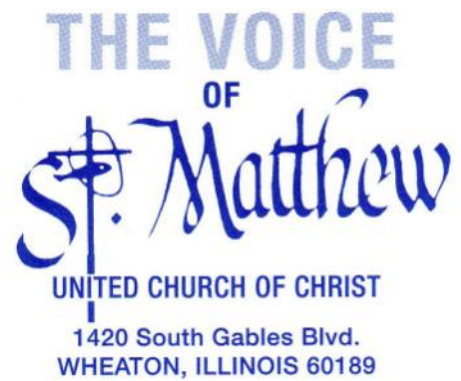


*Please contact John Adams if you have questions or need additional information.*



# August 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 -9:30a Worship Service: The Sac- rament of Holy Communion -6-8p crazies	4	5 -Digital Ministry 1p -HOT: crazies In- vade Great America -7p Membership -7:30p Worship	6	7	8 -All Church Camp-Out	9
10 -9:30a Worship Service -6-8p crazies	11 -7p Worship Committee	12 -crazies Last HOT	13	14 -7p Finance	15	16
17 -9:30a Worship Service: Youth Sun- day -Family Camp Reun- ion -crazies Camp-Out	18	19	20 -6:30p Choir	21 -6p SRC -7p Council	22 -6:30p New Members and Visitors BBQ	23
24 -9:30a Worship Service -6-8p crazies -September Voice articles due	25 -7p Combined Ministries Meeting	26 -6p Intergene- Ringers -7p Chancel Ring- ers	27 -6:30p Praise Band	28	29	30
31 -9:30a Worship Service -6-8p crazies						



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**Sunday Church School:** 10:00 a.m.

**Our Purpose:**

Become, Live, and Serve as Disciples of Jesus Christ.

**Our Identity:**

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