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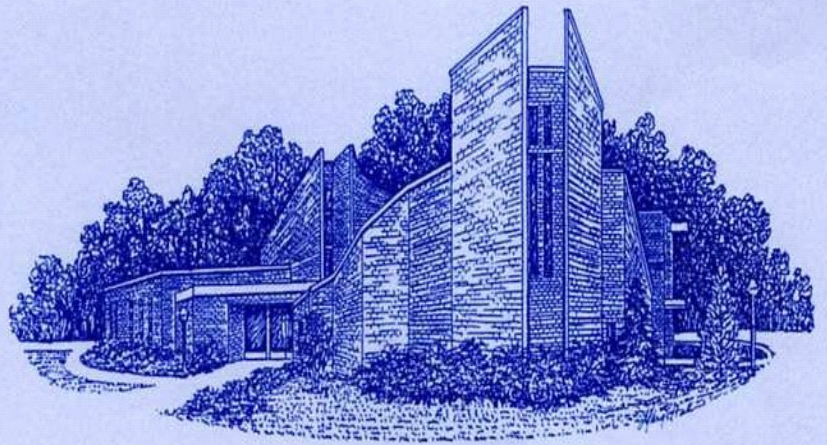
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September 2013

Love and Fear

"...but if I do not have love, I am nothing." adapted from 1 Corinthians 13.

There is a verse of scripture from the letter of 1 John which is my mantra: "Love dispels all fear." I have come to believe that in our heart there are but two different emotions out of which we live: love and fear. When we speak to our significant other it is out of either love or fear. We parent our children from a place of love or fear.

The same is true with all our acquaintances, from our closest friends to the grocery clerk in the store. The most significant question we can ask ourselves is: "Am I living this moment in my fear or in my love?"

Fear has a positive purpose. We do well to listen to our fears and see what they have to teach us. Sometimes, as when physically threatened, we do well to react in fear. But often we can be chronically reacting out of fears that have little to do with the circumstance before us. When we are chronically under the power of fear, we are least able to love. When external circumstances triggers the fearful places in our heart we become reactive. In our reactive mode our most primitive feelings of fear cause us to shut down other parts of our thinking. We either move towards flight, fight, or freeze. The creative responses that might cause us to care for ourselves while also showing care for others are cut off. Empathy is impossible when we are under the spell of fear. "Love dispels fear." But the opposite is true as well, "fear dispels love." I invite you to reflect when you have seen this dynamic in your life. I can tell you that I most often see myself reacting in fear in my parenting.

If my child tells a big lie, my mind can go to a place of fear. I start to imagine all the terrible consequences in my child's life if such lying becomes habitual, and it is not long before I am no longer present to respond creatively to my child's misbehavior. Instead, I am lost in a reactive place that is dominated by an unconscious list of "what ifs." Rather than reacting in fear, what is most needed is tuning in to my child and seeing what is going on that has caused them to act as they did. What my child needs is my help in learning from a mistake and "making good" where a lie has caused a break in our relationship.

Love is very different from fear. Love comes from an open heart that is centered in a confidence and peace that can respond with empathy and with creativity. Love is not reactive. Love means responding out of a clear set of principles such as gentleness, honest and thoughtful assertiveness, generosity, and fairness. Love shows care for yourself and preserves the dignity of the other person. When I am coming from a place of love, I am open to listening, to understanding, and to creatively responding. In love, we are free and realize our choices.

God is love and all love comes from God. If I am to live out of this love, I am in need of spending meaningful time in prayer and in the presence of God. God is the source of love and only God can calm our hearts to no longer be afraid. So daily prayer and meditation are our path to living in love. As the psalmist said, "The Lord is my light and my salvation, of whom (or what) shall I fear?"

-Pastor Allen



St. Matthew UCC

crazies SHOUT OUT

School has begun again for crazies, ending our summer shenanigans. We will miss the weekly Hang Out Tuesdays (HOT!) with undertakings to Enchanted Castle, Mini Golf, Feed My Starving Children, and the Northwest Food Bank. We had fun at the crazies Summer Kick-off, and the crazies Campout Revival while we got ready to go back to school. The Sunday before school started, we rocked our own church service with the rest of the congregation. We ventured to the Boundary Waters, completely separated from society and technology for four nights. During that time, we grew to know ourselves, each other, and God better than ever before. In September we will be part of the Neighborhood Fun Fair (Rally Day) on the 8th and we're having a Pasta Dinner on the 29th during crazies. Have a great school year!
-Jennifer Buhmann

Memorial Fund for Rosie Miller

In response to inquiries, the Memorial Committee will establish a St. Matthew Memorial in Rosie Miller's name for any designated gifts from the congregation.

*To Rosie Miller's Dear Friends at St. Matthew,
Thank you for the beautiful Peace plant
you sent for Mom's memorial service. How fitting
it was, for we know that Mom is at peace, and
she has joined Dad in God's promise to us all.*

*The years she and Dad were at St.
Matthew were so precious to them. They got to
know and love each one of you, sharing in each
others' joys and sorrows.*

*Your sympathy during this difficult time
is deeply appreciated.*

Sincerely,

Kris and Monte Schroer

Dave and Nancy Miller

Judy and Mark Rhoads

*(Please excuse the typing – my writing hand is broken –
Kris)*

Join Us For Prayer

A women's weekly prayer group will be forming this fall for anyone seeking fellowship and spiritual growth. The first meeting will be on **Wednesday, Sept. 11th** at Francine Alavi's home (26 W 258 Menomoni Dr.) at **10:00am**. Future meeting day and time will be decided at that first gathering. We will be using the book, *Two or Three Together* by Freer and Hall to guide us through the process of defining our purpose and format as a prayer group. If interested, please call Kathy Skwara at 630-690-4490 for more information and to be included in the book order.



Notes from the Music Room.....

Rally Sunday kicks off the fall season for the church. While music rehearsal started a couple of weeks ago, there is always time to join in the fun. And while there is no area that we can't use some additional people, there are a few areas that we need some additional resources.

Vocalists – for the Sanctuary Choir and the Praise Band. If you can sing, you are welcome. And while we do have a more urgent need for the lower voices (ie: tenors and basses) especially in the Sanctuary Choir, all voices are needed.

Instrumentalists – We have had a very loyal core of musicians that have served the praise band faithfully for several years. And while we always have welcomed others, we find conflicts have come up for rehearsal times that make this request more urgent than others. If you play guitar, bass, drums, brass instruments, other percussion instruments, we need you. Please see me or Brian for more information

Bell Ringers – I believe there is still room for some additional ringers to join our bell choirs. Please see KC for more details.

Finally, please keep in mind that next month we start work on our Christmas program. Additional vocalists are always needed.

Just a reminder on rehearsal times:

Your Music Ministry Rehearsal Schedule

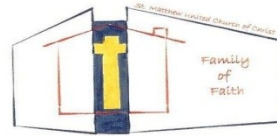
Children's Choir – Wendee Passini – Sunday during Children's Church
Handbells – Kim "KC" Congdon – Tuesday Evening
IntergeneRingers @ 6PM, Chancel Ringers @ 7:30 PM
Praise Band – Brian Dobbelaere – Wednesday Evening 6:30 PM
Sanctuary Choir – Jamie Craig - Wednesday Evening @ 7:30 PM

Yours in Christ through Song,

Jamie Craig
Director of Music
630-202-6788
Lanni1@comcast.net



Workshop Rotation



Family of Faith



Nazareth Neighborhood

Children's Ministry

September 2013

Children's Ministry Mission Statement: *Children are one of the greatest gifts God has given us. They are placed in our hands to nurture so that they may grow to rejoice in God's love in their own way and time. We at St. Matthew UCC accept with joy the privilege and responsibility of partnering with parents to help their children grow in faith.*

September 1, 2013 – No Sunday school, Labor Day weekend

Rally Day, September 8th will kick off the Sunday school year. The children will attend Children's Worship to meet and reacquaint with classmates and shepherds. **We will dismiss at 10:30 on this special Sunday** so the children can join their families at the Rally Day fun fair for games, prizes, moon jump, dunk tank, snow cones, popcorn, face painting, live music, lunch and more. **Be sure to stop by the Christian Education booth for bozo buckets, prizes and M&M sign-up.**

Workshop Rotation, September 15, Noah's Ark – Noah's Ark is a story we all remember from our childhood. It's one of the classic Bible stories. We've studied it in Sunday school, we've sung songs about it, and some of us have probably dressed up as an animal or Noah himself to act out the story. We talk about it when it rains for more than 3 days, and it's brought to mind when we see that glorious rainbow in the sky. It's a fun story, but it also contains several themes that are basic to our Christian faith. In workshop rotation the children will take a deeper look at the story in art, games, video, nature, puppets and movie and popcorn workshops. **This Sunday will begin the 11:00 a.m. dismissal time, offering parents the opportunity to attend fellowship for a half hour after worship.**

The 6th graders are welcome to either remain in worship with their parents or join the children upstairs to serve as teacher and shepherd helpers. 7th and 8th graders will remain in worship as part of their confirmation requirements.

M&M Moments together & Memories forever is a fun and popular program intended to give adults and children pre-school – sixth grade an opportunity to get to know one another better. Partners will be randomly paired this fall and will remain friends for the year. Throughout the year our M&M coordinators will plan special fun and mission-related activities for the partners to enjoy together. Come to the Christian Education table on Rally Day to turn in your form and receive a bag of M&Ms.

Family of Faith – Our Family of Faith ministry meets quarterly for fun activities for the families to take part in. Past events have included writing family mission statements, family prayer journals, pumpkin carving, making family banners, packing care-packages, etc. This fall our first activity will be an open house where parents will join their children after worship to rotate to the different workshops that the children attended during their Noah unit.

August and September Birthdays: Rehn Stahulak 8/6, Kira Mothershed 8/13, Ashley Caprini 8/15

Looking ahead:

- September 29th - **Fourth grade children will receive their Bible** during the morning worship service.
- October 29th – **Trunk or Treat**, 3:00 – 5:00pm: A fun event where members decorate their car trunks and children trick or treat from car to car. This is followed by a meal, live music and games inside.

Susan Wold
Director of Children's Ministry



Noah's Nursery



M&M



Children's Choir

And now for something completely different...

The poem for September, from Linda Leinweber, in Kazakhstan

A Blessing

By James Wright

Just off the highway to Rochester, Minnesota,
Twilight bounds softly forth on the grass.
And the eyes of those two Indian ponies
Darken with kindness.
They have come gladly out of the willows
To welcome my friend and me.
We step over the barbed wire into the pasture
Where they have been grazing all day, alone.
They ripple tensely, they can hardly contain their happiness
That we have come.
They bow shyly as wet swans. They love each other.
There is no loneliness like theirs.
At home once more
They begin munching the young tufts of spring in the darkness.
I would like to hold the slenderer one in my arms,
For she has walked over to me
And nuzzled my left hand.
She is black and white,
Her mane falls wild on her forehead,
And the light breeze moves me to caress her long ear
That is delicate as the skin over a girl's wrist.
Suddenly, I realize
That if I stepped out of my body I would break
Into blossom.

I love this poem by James Wright, for its simplicity, its occasionally surprising images, like their eyes "darken with kindness" and "young tufts of spring" and, of course, the final expression of joy in the moment. Wright was an academic and taught for many years at the University of Minnesota, but in this poem he steps away from the academic into a lyrical moment. I hope you enjoy this verbal blessing.

Parents' Night Out

Need a break? Hungry for enjoyable adult conversation with friends after a day of running children around? Need a friendship boost with church friends?

Join us for wine/drink, dinner, and conversation on **Friday, September 27 at 7:00pm**. You are invited to attend the first gathering and see if you might want to make this a part of your monthly routine over the school year. We plan to alternate homes (only for those who want to use their home) with everyone contributing to the meal. Signup on rally day if you are interested. Susan Wold has volunteered her home to start us off.

Audio, Video, Lighting

A sub-committee of the overall Building Committee has been studying three particular aspects of our sanctuary – the audio system, the lighting system and the introduction of video projection. The sanctuary audio system is in need of repair and upgrade, the lighting in the sanctuary often leaves the face of anyone at the pulpit in darkness and modern sanctuaries today often include video screens.

We searched around for companies that could provide bids on such work and we asked that they do all three pieces – audio, video and lighting – together. We did not want to stretch out three separate projects and we wanted all three to be integrated.

Proposals have been presented by several companies and we are in the process of reviewing them and returning to the vendors with questions and asking for clarifications. We have received a wide range of proposals and we have some interesting technical choices to consider.

The project also includes a single point of control at the back of the sanctuary and reimplementation of the house lighting. Some construction will be necessary to create this common control space, and equipment will be installed and wiring concealed. The vendors well understand that all work must be done in an aesthetically pleasing way.

Ultimately, the Building Committee as a whole will submit a recommendation to the Church Council, to be followed by a presentation to the congregation.

Pasta Dinner!

The St. Matthew youth group, crazies, will be hosting a pasta dinner fundraiser. Proceeds will go towards helping students pay for the crazies Winter Retreat at Dickson Valley. At the Pasta Dinner, we will be serving salad, different types of pasta, Italian sausage, garlic bread, wine for the adults and sparkling grape juice for the children, along with coffee and ice cream for dessert. Tickets are \$10 per adult and \$5 per child. Tickets can be purchased on the Sunday morning of the event or at the door. Buon appetite!



Opportunities To Serve

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September is OUR month to volunteer, and there are still many opportunities to serve. The calendar will be taken down on Rally Day, but please call Dawn Schubert [\(630\) 665-9860](tel:630-665-9860) if you are able to help.



5th Sunday at DuPage Convalescent Center

September 29th: Come join us at 9:30 to help push wheelchairs to worship service.

But afterwards - stay and **join us for a light lunch** (about noon). Pastor Allen will join us, and Chaplain Ellen Ribe will be there to demystify the nature of life at this nursing home. Bring your questions, concerns, worries - even your joys. And if you can't be there at 9:30, but have questions or want to check this all out, please join us. Let Ellen know if you'll be joining us for lunch so we're sure to have enough food! [\(630-784-4262\)](tel:630-784-4262) or orellen.ribe@dupageco.org
Thanks.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Dan Luessenhop
- 4 Rob Kirincich
Sue Peterson
- 7 Brian Caprini
Edith DeBoard
Ruth Greer
- 8 Diana McKean
- 9 Andrew Bailey
Liz Henderson
David Naydenhoff
- 11 Summer Arnold Scalora
- 12 Tom Buhmann
- 13 Diane Mook
Preston Peterson
- 14 Bryan Adams
- 16 Monica Holland
Marty Kulczewski
- 17 Steven Gimre
Doug Guenther
Tammy Kelleher
- 18 Nancy Pass
- 19 Karen Wellick
- 20 Lee Anderson
- 21 Kendal Franz
Rachael Lindquist
- 23 Annette English
- 24 David Johnson
Emma Roberts
- 25 Laurie Braga Jordan
Becky Cole
- 29 Jen Fanning
- 30 Alex Johnson
Thomas Schubert
Chuck Trunkey

St. Matthew

United Church of Christ

Stewardship Connections...

Rally Day: Rally Day is just around the corner (September 8th). It is the kickoff to our church year and an excellent opportunity to learn more about the various ministries at St. Matthew. The Stewardship Committee will have a table and be available to discuss how you can do what you are passionate about for the betterment of others.

St. Matthew Ministry Spotlight: DuPage PADS

DuPage PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter) mission is “To End Homelessness in DuPage County”. The organization lends a helping hand to those on the journey to self-sufficiency.

St. Matthew has been ardent supporters of this ministry for several years, starting the with Blake / Fanning families and has been passionately served by many others for more than 15 years. The St. Matthew PADS Committee includes Tracey Blake, Wendy Fanning & Lynn Thornton. Additionally, St. Matthew’s Lou Holland serves on the Board of Directors. Recently, we sat down with Tracey Blake to learn more...

How does St. Matthew support PADS? A portion of the Mission Committee budget goes towards supporting PADS. Additionally, members of our congregation purchase food that our volunteers prepare and serve to 60-70 PADS clients the second Wednesday evening / Thursday morning of the month from September to May. We also prepare the beds for the night, clean up after the meals, and prepare bag lunches for the following day.

Where do we do this? PADS has a few facilities, but the one we serve is at Peace Lutheran Church on Butterfield Road in Lombard. The facility can accommodate 48 overnight clients, but several more come for meals only.

Do we do anything special with our meals? Yes, we try to interject some cheer with festive tablecloths, candy dishes, etc. The clients look forward to St. Matthew nights!

Do kids/youth ever support PADS? Absolutely! Many kids and youth have helped alongside their parents and confirmation sponsors. It is an excellent opportunity to show our kids / youth how to lend a helping hand to others when they are in need.

What are the toughest timeslots to fill? Our 6-8p.m. slots are typically filled. We also staff shifts from 8-11 p.m., 11p.m. - 3 a.m., and 3 a.m. - 7 a.m. The 11-3 and 3-7 shifts are the toughest to fill, especially if some of our regulars are out of town.

How can people learn more/ get involved? Just ask Tracey, Lynn, Wendy, or Lou. You can also visit the PADS website at www.dupagepads.org.

You Are Invited to a Pilgrimage to Italy

Are you ready for a trip of a lifetime? Actually, this is more than a trip. This is an opportunity for a spiritual pilgrimage, which the faithful have been doing for centuries. A meeting to give the details of this experience is planned for **Sunday, September 15th at 11:00 in the sanctuary** (after fellowship). The dates of the trip are June 16 - June 26, 2014. Join us for the meeting if you are at all interest.

The trip is an 11-day experience of Italy, including ancient Rome, the spiritual center of Assisi, and the height of the Italian Renaissance in Florence. Here are some unique experiences you can expect on our travel:

- You will see all the essential highlights of the cities you are traveling to with excellent guides.
- You will have time to slow down and have moments of prayer in beautiful places and to learn about the powerful lessons of St. Francis and the mystical tradition of our faith.
- You will have a chance to experience the culture of Italy and get to know some of its people, including a culinary tour in Rome, wine tasting in Rome and a visit to a winery in Umbria, a cooking class with Italian women telling us their culinary secrets.
- You may have an optional opportunity to have a spa treatment in an underground ancient Roman bath in Assisi.
- You will experience some of the world's greatest pieces of art and receive instruction about its history and significance including Michelangelo, Caravaggio, Giotto, and Leonardo Da Vinci (including the Sistine Chapel and the David).
- You will deepen your understanding of the history of early and medieval Christianity and how it is relevant for us today.
- You will attend one of Europe's grand festivals, the Infiorate Festival, featuring 80 glorious floral petal carpets in the Medieval hill city of Spello.
- You will have (weather permitting) a grand Italian picnic on top of Mount Subasio with a 360-degree view of the surrounding valley.
- You will have an audience with Pope Francis (subject to availability).
- You will have an opportunity to go underground either at the Vatican to see the archeological discoveries of a vast city of the dead (including what are likely the bones of St. Peter) or the Catacombs just outside the ancient Roman city.
- You will have time to stroll the cities of Rome, Assisi, and Florence and shop in their unique markets.
- You will travel in a comfortable bus, stay in great hotels, and have many wonderful Italian meals and conversation with people you love and enjoy.



AND



Moments Together and Memories Forever

M & M is an ongoing program intended to give adults and children of St. Matthew an opportunity of get to know one another better. Those who sign up will be randomly paired together for an opportunity to become better acquainted over the next twelve months.

During the year events will be planned by the M&M coordinator. These events include lunch, games, mission projects, crafts, and more.

We hope that you will sign up for this fun program. It is a great way to make new friends within our church family. Children (K-6th) and adult men and women of all ages are welcome. Sign up on Rally Day at the Christian Education table and receive a bag of M&Ms. Sign-up will continue throughout the early fall and pairing will take place in October.

If you have any questions, please contact Krista Caprini 630-665-1128.



Understanding Islam Today

Program information: This fall, St. Matthew will be hosting a three-week class about the Islamic religion presented by Rev. David Foxgrover. Sessions are **Wednesdays, September 18th, September 25th, and October 2nd at 7:00 p.m.** in the church parlor, unless crowds require that we move the session to the fellowship hall. Please join us for one or all of the presentations. For more information please contact Pastor Allen.

Session 1: “Five Key Beliefs” - Wednesday, September 18

You may have heard of the “Five Pillars of Islam” (if not, don’t worry! We’ll present them.); but this session will focus on “Five Key Beliefs” that shape the outlook of a Muslim: Islam as the “primordial religion”; the “eternal Qur’an”; the three roles of the Prophet Muhammad; the importance of *Shariah* in daily life; and the Day of Judgment.

As we learn about the beliefs of Muslims, we will discover where we might find common ground, while also gaining a better understanding of our Christian beliefs.

Session 2: “Jesus in the Quran” - Wednesday, September 25

Christians are often surprised at how often Jesus is referred to in the Quran. One surah (chapter) of the Quran is entitled “Mary” and describes the virgin birth of Jesus. However, there are important elements of the Quran’s description of Jesus which contradict Christian views, such as the statement that Jesus was not crucified. How can Christians and Muslims dialogue about Jesus?

Session 3: “Political Islam” - Wednesday, October 2

Although there are many manifestations of “political Islam,” we will focus on the pivotal role of the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt by examining *Milestones* by Sayyid Qutb, which one scholar calls an “Islamist catechism.” Written in the 1950s, Qutb’s call for establishing a Muslim society influenced Osama bin Laden and continues to be widely read. We will also look at recent events in Egypt, including the ouster of Mohamed Morsi and the tensions between Islamists and secularists.

The presenter is Rev. David Foxgrover. David has been a pastor in the IL Conference for many years, most recently serving the Congregational Church of Batavia. David has a doctorate in religion and has taught at the college level for several years. Since retiring from the pastorate, David has been making presentations on Islam to churches and civic groups. David’s wife, Marsha, is a church and concert organist. The Foxgrovers have three adult children and three grandchildren.

St Matthew Presents....

"An Evening to Remember" featuring Kym Frankovelgia

Saturday October 26, 2013

6 pm- Silent Auction and Refreshments

7:30-8:30 pm- Performance

Tickets- **\$30 each**. They go on sale on Rally Day and will be available in the office.

This event is **OUR** church's fundraising opportunity for the year and will support the ongoing missions and programs of St. Matthew.

We encourage you to attend and to invite your friends! Check out Kym's website at

www.kymsong.com

Items are still needed for the Silent Auction!

If you have any questions, please call Dawn Schubert

at **(630) 665-9860**

POTLUCK COFFEES TO CONTINUE

Our potluck coffees were successful during the summer and we will continue them through the end of the year. Remember, anyone can bring a sweet, fruit, cheese and crackers on any Sunday. Our alphabet designation is just a suggestion. **If any individual or committee would like to host a coffee on any specific date , please let Membership know a few weeks ahead of time and we will announce it.** After-church coffees are great ways to celebrate a birthday, a baptism, a special event.

Just a reminder of our suggested schedule:

Those with last name beginning with A, B, C - 1ST Sunday of the month

D,E,F,G - 2nd Sunday

H, I ,J,K - 3rd Sunday

L - Z - 4th Sunday

Anyone - 5th Sunday

COFFEE TEAM



We are looking for a few people (five or six) who are committed to our coffee ministry and would be willing to help once a month to once every six weeks with the after church coffee time. This would mean setting up the coffee before church and cleaning up afterward. If you feel this is a way you could serve and would like more information, please call Diane Mook at 630-690-7562.

P.A.D.S.



On **Wednesday, September 11th** St. Matthew will be back at Peace Lutheran Church helping with the P.A.D.S. Interim (Overnight) Housing Program. Our commitment is for the second Wednesday night/Thursday morning of each month September through May. We staff the site from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. We provide and serve a homemade dinner and breakfast, set up beds for sleeping, supply food for and pack lunches for the next day, and clean up.

All of our P.A.D.S. expenses are funded through donations. Committee members purchase many items in bulk (meat, salad dressing, napkins, cleaning supplies, etc.) and then hope to be reimbursed for some of these costs through donations. There is a St. Matthew P.A.D.S. donation reserve which is frequently tapped. Please watch for the P.A.D.S. sign-up in the narthex and consider donating your time, food and drink items, or dollars.

****Special Challenge****

Your St. Matthew P.A.D.S. Committee has a challenge for you. We often have a very difficult time filling the 11 p.m. – 3 a.m. and the 3 a.m. – 7 a.m. shifts. Both shifts require 2 volunteers each. That means we have 36 difficult-to-fill time slots for the upcoming P.A.D.S. year. We simply can't expect the same people to work these hours month after month, year after year. If any of you mission-minded folks can find it in your hearts to take just one or two of these shifts, we would be in GREAT shape for the 2013/2014 P.A.D.S. year. Please sign up on the challenge poster (in the Narthex with the P.A.D.S. board) or contact Tracey Blake if you would like to accept this challenge and be included in this volunteer pool.

Thanks again for your support and consideration of the P.A.D.S. program!
Tracey Blake, Wendy Fanning, and Lynn Thornton (P.A.D.S. Committee)

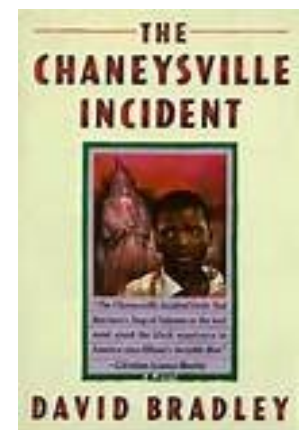
NOVEL APPROACHES

The novel to be approached in September is “**The Chaneyville Incident**” by David Bradley

“The legends say something happened in Chaneyville. *The Chaneyville Incident* is the powerful story of a man’s obsession with discovering what that something was, what it had to do with the deaths of his slave great-grandfather and his moonshiner father, and what it has to do with him.”

The date is **Friday, September 20, 2013 at 7:30 pm**
The place is **Mooks**, 1523 Surrey Drive, Wheaton

Everyone is welcome. Please join us for lively discussion, food and fellowship.

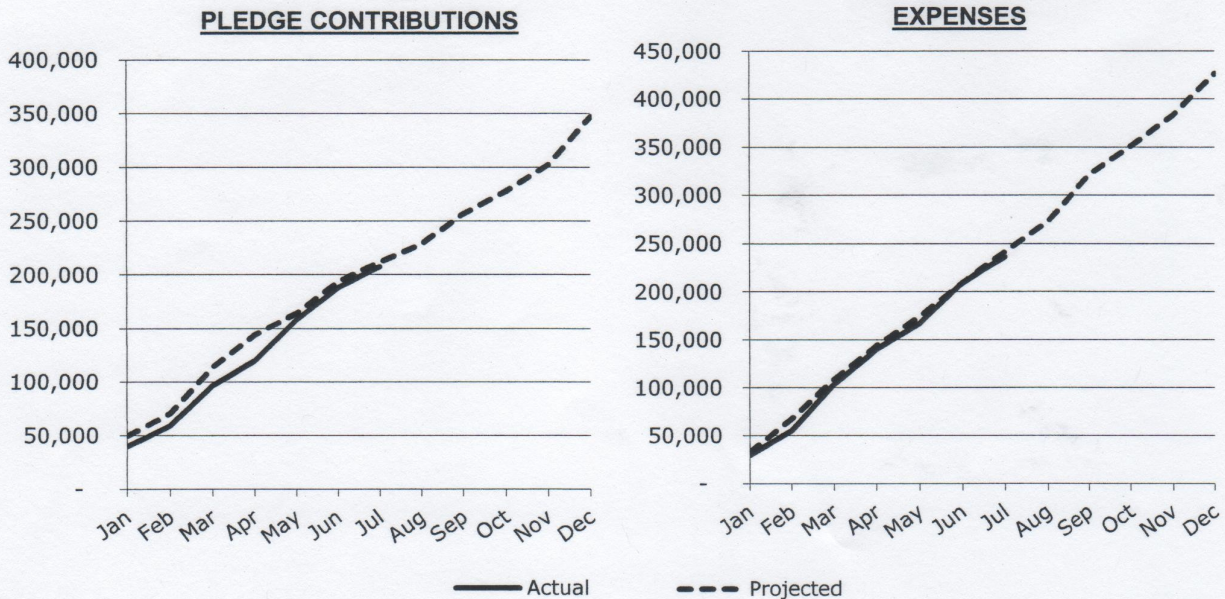


ST. MATTHEW UCC GENERAL OPERATING FUND STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

For the Period Ended July 31, 2013

	ACTUAL CURRENT MONTH	ACTUAL YEAR-TO- DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET
RECEIPTS:			
Pledge Contributions	19,405	207,487	347,136
Loose Offerings	284	3,453	8,000
Rental Income	210	2,690	6,000
Fund Raising	-	200	10,000
Investment Income	(14)	(49)	500
More Property	-	19,929	54,500
Miscellaneous Income	100	100	500
TOTAL RECEIPTS	19,985	233,810	426,636
EXPENDITURES:			
Ministry	14,439	124,875	224,061
Building	9,682	81,116	121,775
Mortgages & Notes	2,230	15,604	26,750
Mission / OCWM	-	6,926	29,000
Committees:			
Christian Education	(98)	5,059	10,150
Membership	446	663	3,900
Music	-	966	4,200
Worship	27	616	3,500
Congregational Life	-	177	800
Misc. & Contingency	363	363	2,500
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	27,089	236,365	426,636
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	\$ (7,104)	\$ (2,555)	\$ -

2013 Activity - Actual vs. Projected



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

September 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>1</i> 9:30a Wor- ship Service with Commu- nion	<i>2</i> OFFICE CLOSED	<i>3</i> 7p Christian Education 7:30p Mission Committee	<i>4</i> 7p Member- ship Commit- tee	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>8</i> 9:30a Wor- ship Service Teacher Instal- lation Rally Day!	<i>9</i> 7p Worship Committee	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> PADS	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>15</i> 9:30a Worship Ser- vice	<i>16</i> 7p Finance Committee	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i> 7p Islam Today Part 1	<i>19</i> 6p Staff Rela- tions Commit- tee 7p Church Council	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>
<i>22</i> 9:30a Worship Ser- vice October Voice Articles Due	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> 7p Islam Today Part 2	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> 7p Parents' Night Out	<i>28</i>
<i>29</i> 9:30a Worship Ser- vice 6p - 8p crazies' Pasta Dinner	<i>30</i>	<i>Every Tuesday:</i> 6p IntergeneR- ingers 7p Bells Potluck 7:30p Chancel Ringers	<i>Every Wednesday:</i> 6:30p Praise Band 7:30p Choir		<i>Every Sunday:</i> 5p crazies Free Time 6p crazies	



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

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