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The

Reading Mother

“You may have tangible wealth untold;

Caskets of jewels and coffers of gold;

Richer than I you can never be—

I had a mother that read to me.”

By Strickland Gillelam

“Live your life each day as you would climb a mountain...

Climb slowly, steadily, enjoying each passing moment;

And the view from the summit will serve as a fitting climax for the journey.”

Submitted by
 Virginia Witt

Messenger Renewals

It is time to renew our subscriptions. Those now receiving the MESSENGER please let me know if you do not want to continue, or you need to reimburse the church for the annual rat of \$13.50 Any one else wishing to receive this magazine needs to contact me as soon as possible so I can add your name.

Virginia McColl

Pastor Cynthia's Corner

I have been here almost 18 months and there still seem to be some confusion about my phone numbers. My home phone is 309-432-2041. My cell phone is 217-827-4175. The only time my cell phone is on is when I am away from home, like in Champaign. I do not ever leave it on when I am home. I got my cell phone as an emergency phone for when I was on the road and I still use it that way.

When I was younger, I used to be amazed that older folks could not or would not use all the current technology that was available. I got frustrated with them for not being interested in all that was available and “settling” for the old way. Well, I find I am much the same way. I don't have a digital camera, I don't know how to text message and am too cheap to do it even if I knew how. I am an old folk. I might like to use some of the new things that are out, but I don't know how and I am doing fine without it. I would be nice to have one of those fancy phones that even have the weather on it, but it's just too expensive for me to even consider. Strange how what goes around comes around, isn't it?

So, I guess I can officially say I am old-fashioned. I hate to say it just as I hate to admit I am aging. I can say that through the last 25 years of my life, the guiding force of my life has/is my Lord. He does not get old-fashioned, His message does not age, it only gets more important. I have been studying and worshipping intently for all this time and am

continually amazed that I keep learning and His life and work just keep getting more and more relevant. And, the peace and social justice message of the Church of the Brethren is one which all our brothers and sisters can understand within our world.

We, at the church, understand we have a universal message and we understand we just need to find a way to get the message about our beliefs and life-style out to the community. With that thought, we are starting a new study group.

“Charting the Course; A Workbook On Christian Discipleship” is the new study we will be using. It does not require each person to have a book, there is just one book which the leader will use. Check elsewhere in this newsletter to find the time this group will meet. I will probably be on Sunday after worship.

Also, for the summer, there is a possibility I will be doing a weekly youth group type program with the Culture Club. There seems to be a genuine interest on the part of the students in the club to learn more about faith based matters. I just could be a start of something wonderful for our congregation.

Pastor Cynthia



*Continuing the work of Jesus.
 Peacefully. Simply. Together.*



JUNE 2009

- June 1 **Neighborhood Bread Walk**
- June 3 **Schools' out**
- June 7 **Communion will be served**
- June 14 **Board Meeting after worship**
- June 21 **Father's Day**
- Pastor Paula Carmichael will preach**
- June 27 **Family Fun Night**

Favorite Recipes

Swedish Meat Balls

- 3/4 lbs ground beef
- 1 egg
- 1 cup cornflakes, crushed
- 1 tbsp chopped onion
- 3/4 cup milk
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- Salt,, pepper, cinnamon & nutmeg to taste

Mix all and roll into small balls. Brown until crisp in bacon fat. In a double boiler heat mushroom soup and milk. Add meat balls and keep hot until ready to serve.



Submitted by
Virginia Witt



May Birthdays

- June 1 Margaret Hicks
- June 12 Danielle Hernandez
- June 14 Paul Kohler
- June 21 Bob Bell, Jr
- June 23 Cynthia Taylor
- Steven Bulta
- Sally Steffens
- June 25 Patricia Nisley

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- June 14 Jeff and Rose Redmon



The editorial staff of the church newsletter hopes that everyone enjoys what is found inside. We try to put all of the news of our church in our newsletter.

If you have suggestion or something you would like to see let us know.

News from Culture Club

What an April we have had! The Children are all excited about the wedding that will take place on Sat. 5/02/09. They helped to get the sanctuary ready by dusting and putting away things that would not be needed.

They have started to put out the books for the basement sale and finished separating their books from those to be sent to Peter in The Philippine Islands.

As we come to the end of the school year I have written several grant applications to help support the Summer program. Please keep us in prayer on this.

Our garden is starting to take shape. We spent several days cleaning and getting ready to plant. We still have a few raised beds left if anyone is interested in having a garden. A little over 50 people attended our garden party. An art student used fabric and the fence to create a beautiful 'wall' of color. Drive past on the Randolph Street side and take a look if you get a chance.

The presentation given by the students from the Community Development Program at the University of Illinois was well attended @ 27 people. The students presented on several social justice issues concerning the north end area. There were many favorable comments about our banner.

Dawn

It's Up To You

If the church grows it is because your attendance is regular and you invite and bring friends regularly.

If it is an active church, it is because you are committed to her ministry and give your time and influence.

If it is a scriptural church, it is because you are a part of Bible studies and desire to grow through God's Word.

If it is a friendly church, it is because you are friendly. You take the initiative to meet and greet new and old alike each week.

If it is a soul-winning church, it is because you are a soul-winner and you are interested in bringing others to Christ.

If it is a teaching church it's because you attend the Bible School and other educational opportunities and desire to learn the Bible.

If it is a giving church, it is because you give: not just of your tithes and offerings, but of your God-given abilities and time.

Let's work together, with our leaders and with each other. Our concern for others must be evident, and our burden for a lost world must have top priority.

From the

Valley Crusader

submitted by

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