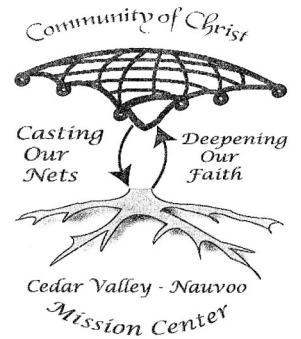


Shout The News



JUNE - AUGUST 2017

Reunion I, June 17-23 Camp Nauvoo

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Call for Registered Youth Worker Volunteers

Reunion 2 at Cedar Valley Grove, July 15-21, is in need of registered youth worker volunteers to teach the junior, junior high and senior high classes. If you are a registered youth worker and would like to volunteer your time to teach the youth at Reunion #2, please contact Pat Reaves at (309) 762-6622 or by email at preaves55@gmail.com.

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Construction of the Camp Nauvoo lodge addition continued despite the abundant rain. The work began April 18 following a brief service and prayer by Evangelist Lee Ourth. It's expected the work will be at a convenient stopping point for Reunion I, June 17-23, and the summer youth camps.

Labyrinth Honors Late Waterloo-Cedar Falls Leader

The Cheryl Edwards McCullagh Labyrinth was dedicated June 3 by the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Community of Christ. The labyrinth was made possible by Cheryl's family in her honor. Family, friends and community members gathered to consecrate the new sacred space. It's hoped the meditation path will serve as a spiritual resource by the entire Cedar Valley community.

Cheryl was a leader in the Cedar Valley educational community and provided leadership in many ways to the Waterloo-Cedar Falls congregation, including serving as pastor.



Congratulations, Well Done



Chris Sparks, third from left, has been inducted into the ANCOR (American Network of Community Options and Resources) Legacy Leaders Circle. Chris is executive director of EPI (Exceptional Persons, Inc.), a non-profit that fosters community participation of individuals and families while respecting and encouraging their preferences and choices. The Legacy Leaders Circle recognizes men and women who have paved the way in advocacy and service delivery. Chris has worked in the human services field for 30 years, serving EPI for 15 years and ANCOR in various roles, from member of the ANCOR board to president, working consistently to establish solid relationships with federal and state legislators to advance compensation for people with disabilities and maintain critical Medicaid funding.

Autumn Anderson graduated May 26 from Jefferson High School, Cedar Rapids. She plans to attend Minnesota State University in Mankato.

Hanna Anderson, Cedar Rapids, earned an MBA from the University of Iowa.

Skyler Bengel, Nauvoo, earned a gold medal in the 100 meter walk, a gold medal in mini javelin, and a silver in the 4X100 relay. His brother **Nathan Bengel** earned a gold medal in the 200 meter dash, a silver in softball and a silver in 4x100 relay at the 2017 Iowa Special Olympics Summer Games held May 26-27 in Ames.

Bud Brown, Mt. Pleasant, recognized for donating his 50th gallon of blood.

Lane Burnett graduated eighth grade at Burlington Notre Dame, May 25.

Sara Duke, wife of Brian Duke, Pekin, and daughter-in-law of David Duke, was sworn in as a citizen of the United States on May 26.

Kaitlyn Early graduated May 27 from Prairie High School, Cedar Rapids. She plans to study nursing at Kirkwood Community College.

Rebecca Early, Cedar Rapids, graduated from Graceland University with a BA in elementary education with a special needs endorsement.

Nikki DiPrima, Nauvoo, graduated May 27, from Fort Madison High School.

Emily King, Galesburg, was inducted into the National Honor Society, made the football and basketball cheerleading teams and will do a summer internship through Upward Bound at Carl Sandburg College. She will begin dual credit courses as a high school senior year in August.

Andrea Lance, Moline, graduated from Trinity College of Nursing and Health Sciences with a BS in Health Sciences with an emphasis on radiography.

Katie Miller, Galesburg, graduated from Black Hawk Community College East.

Mackenzie Phillips & Joshua Phillips, New Canton, graduated high school. Both earned scholarships.

Don Rice, Galesburg, joined other veterans who flew to Washington D.C. May 4 as Honor Flight guests.

Regan Scarboro graduated Muscatine High School.

Randy Smith, Carthage, has completed the Elder's Temple School course.

Lucas Stauffer, Muscatine, graduated Muscatine Community College.

Brooke Van Weelden, Cedar Rapids, graduated from Graceland University with a BA in elementary education.

Reunion Flag Reminder

All congregations in the mission center have been invited to design and create a flag for this year's reunions. The flags should measure 12 inches by 18 inches and can be sewn, painted or colored with the congregation's name. Bring them to reunion or send them to: Jerry Wiemann
1012 S. 3rd St.
Burlington, IA 52601



CCM Creates Crosses to Help Buy a Van

The CCM Opportunity Center offers woodworking classes for kids. A current project is creating beautiful wooden crosses. The students measure and stain wood blocks that have been cut by a volunteer. The blocks are then fitted tightly into a wooden frame in the shape of a cross. The crosses are 6 feet tall and include wall mounting hardware and backlighting. The frames of the crosses currently being assembled are made out of wood from old pews from the Davenport congregation.

The crosses cost \$500 with the money raised going towards the purchase of a van to transport the CCM youth!

Volunteers are needed to cut the wood blocks for the kids. To volunteer or to order a cross, contact Dennis or Pam LaRoque at dennis@bixlives.com or (563) 505-7740.

Summer Events

Thursday Night Fellowship Meals in Moline

Free fellowship meals have become a popular staple in Moline *on the last three* Thursdays of each month, with weekly attendance in mid-to high 40s in May. We love to have friends from other congregations come, but ask a heads up so we can be sure to prepare enough food. The food line forms following prayers and sharing of concerns at 5:30 p.m. Clean-up begins around 6:30. If you plan to come, please contact Pat Reaves at (309) 762-6622 or preaves55@gmail.com. No meal served on the first Thursday.

Ice Cream Social in Fort Madison

The Fort Madison congregation will host its 68th Annual Family Night Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, July 19, from 6 to 8 p.m. Homemade ice cream, pies, cakes, cookies, etc. will be served, but no sandwiches this year. Reservations are requested to help with the planning. Please call Christina with your reservation at (319) 316-2891 if you plan to attend.

Galesburg planning an All-Day VBS

The Galesburg Community is planning to hold all-day Vacation Bible School on two consecutive Saturdays, July 29 and Aug. 5.

Bible School for Kids in Cedar Rapids

Cedar Rapids will hold Bible school for children age 4 through going into 6th grade: Sunday, July 30, through Thursday, Aug. 3, from 6:15-8:15 p.m. For more information, contact Jan Webster at (319) 848-4258 or j40webster@mchsi.com.

September Luncheon in Fort Madison

The Fort Madison Women's Department is planning its annual Fall Luncheon. The event will be held at 12 noon, Wednesday, Sept. 6, at a location to be determined. For reservations, please contact Christina at (319) 316-2891.

New 'Old' Junior Church Making Comeback

Realizing many children and young people cannot attend Sunday services due to conflicting schedules, lack of transportation or family reasons, to serve and teach these children, the Maquoketa congregation has resurrected a church staple of the 1960s and '70s. Junior Church meets every other Wednesday evening with age-appropriate lessons about scripture, God and Jesus, plus activities, crafts and snacks. Pastor Carole Kasowski said Junior Church seems to be filling an ever-growing gap and lack of Christian education for young people. At times only two show up, at other times eight or nine come, yet they come.

Help Send a Kid to Camp by Funding a Campership or Providing Transportation

The kids who attend City Center in Davenport would love to attend the camps/reunions this summer. Approximately \$3,000 is needed to send the 22 kids who are interested in attending the junior and junior high camps at Cedar Valley Grove. Please consider sponsoring a City Center youth or just giving a general donation. A big thank you to the Galesburg congregation for donating \$350.

Transportation is another big need. Many of the kids who would like to attend the camps/reunions this summer do not have transportation to/from the events. Would you like to volunteer to provide transportation?

To help, contact Dennis & Pam LaRoque at dennis@bixlives.com or (563) 505-7740

2017 Youth Camps & SPEC

To The Edge...Encounter the God of the Universe is the theme for Junior Camp (CVG), June 24-27 at Cedar Valley Grove Campground, Mechanicsville, IA. A hint of the direction we will be taking this theme is the following quote: "Do or Do Not... there is no Try" —Yoda.

Junior Camp is for children entering 4th, 5th, and 6th grade in the fall. May the force be with you....

Blessings, Lisa & Monica

Sr High Camp: June 11-17 @ Camp Nauvoo Co-Directors

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Jr Camp: June 24-27 @ Camp Nauvoo Co-Directors

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Jr Camp: June 24-27 @ Cedar Valley Grove Co-Directors

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Jr High Camp: July 9-15 @ Cedar Valley Grove Co-Directors

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Spectacular: July 22-29 @ Graceland University

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Mission Center Youth Ministries Website,

Registration Information: www.cvnmc.org/youth

Prayer Requests

Fred Elliott	Jacob Luce
Herb & Angela Iles	“Mac” McDonald
Alecia Inskip	Bobbi Mitchell
Sharon Jackson	Meredith Mitchell
Karol Krotz	Barb Pace
Bob Laudie	Julie Ricketts
Judy LeVan	Muriel Sackfield
Dave Loy	Bob Taylor

Sacraments
Ordinations

Sharon Derganz, Maquoketa, ordained to the office of deacon March 26 by High Priest Brenda Mitchell, High Priest Robert Cook and Elder Carole Kasowski.

Marriages

Rebecca Irons and **Levi Diereling**, May 20, Davenport
Rogette Lizer and **Daniel Guthart**, June 10, Waterloo; Tom Lizer officiant.
Wesley Sindt and **Chelsea Hilpiper**, June 17, Waterloo; Chris Sparks, officiant.

Birthdays

Ron Martin, Moline, 80, May 27.
Maxine Condit, Cedar Rapids, 90, June 29.

Births

Emory Joseph Bartelson, son of Joe and Alisha Bartleson, Feb. 22, Davenport.
Brooklyn Dawn Sheehy, daughter of Ryan and Whitney Sheehy, March 18, Iowa City.

Anniversaries

Frank & Chris Church, Muscatine, 50 years, April 1.
Gene & Charlotte Zeman, Cedar Rapids, 50 years, June 16.

Deaths

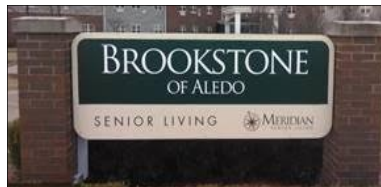
Almeda Wilson, mother of Kris Smith, Pekin, March 8.
Wanda Noftger, Galesburg, April 26.
Louise Poelvoorde, Moline, May 13.
John R. Conlee, Fort Madison reporting, May 1, in Iowa City.
Walter Whitson, father of Diane Poplett, Pekin, and brother of Nora Howell, Hannibal, May 28.
Jeffrey Salsberry, Davenport, May 31.

**2018 International Youth Forum
planning gets underway**

Plans for the International Youth Forum-USA, July 19-20, 2018, are underway. IYF-USA is a self-funded event since there is no funding in the worldwide mission budget. The following information was released last week by Apostle Barb Carter to assist local leaders in making plans for the youth in their area. More information will be shared as the event takes shape. For specific questions about the following information, please contact Poul Wilson by email at kpoulwilson@sbcglobal.net.

Who: Youth who have finished grades 9-12 (15-19)
 Dates: 19–20 July 2018
 Cost: \$180 for youth and staff
 Meals: Lunch, dinner, and snacks will be provided.

Worth Shouting About



**New Aledo Fellowship
Ministers at Brookstone**

Members of Community of Christ hosted a friendly, loving fellowship service March 19 at Brookstone Senior Living Center in Aledo, Illinois.

The former Joy, Illinois congregation closed in 1993, but there are still members who now travel 35 to 40 miles to attend the nearest congregation. To close the distance, a small group of disciples agreed to step out in faith and offer a new ministry at Brookstone, where Bette Williams now lives. Invitations were mailed, flyers put up and magnets with names and phone numbers handed out.

The service lasted an hour with 25 men and women attending, most of them from Brookstone. Six members from Moline came in support. Bette Williams, Arlene Shotwell, Kristine Mitchell, and Randy and Pat Reaves led the service with the theme, *Life is a Puzzle and Jesus is the Key to Unlocking that Puzzle*.

**Derganz Answers Call,
Health Challenges Aside**

Sharon Derganz, financial officer for the Maquoketa congregation, spent much of March and April in the hospital or seeing doctors for breathing problems. Even so, when the opportunity for her ordination to the office of deacon came, she was ready and so were High Priests Brenda Mitchell and Robert Cook and her pastor, Elder Carole Kasowski, who ordained her March 26.

**Children Increase Easter
Joy at Galesburg**

Seventy-five members, friends and family, including 25 children, made it an especially joyous Easter celebration for the Galesburg congregation!

**Robertson Aids Flood
Recovery in Louisiana**

John Robertson of the Mt. Pleasant congregation is in Lafayette, Louisiana, with 8 Days of Hope to help rebuild homes damaged by epic flooding last August. More than 140,000 homes were damaged when more than 20 inches of rain fell in four days. John is providing ministry and serving as a quality control leader for 2,200 volunteers who plan to rebuild 15 to 20 homes May 27 to June 10.