



Cedar Rapids hosting annual conference, priesthood retreat

The annual conference of the Cedar Valley-Nauvoo USA Mission Center will be held Sunday, Oct. 28, at Cedar Rapids Community of Christ, beginning with worship at 10:15 a.m. Lunch will be shared after the service. The business session is slated to begin at 1 p.m.

All members are urged to attend the conference; however, those who wish to serve as a delegate should contact the pastor of their home congregation as soon as possible.

Among the items of business is the selection of delegates to the 2019 World Conference, April 6-13, in Independence, MO. The mission center is allotted 35 delegates and 35 alternates. If you are a baptized, active member of the Cedar Valley-Nauvoo USA Mission Center and would like to submit your name for consideration as a delegate, please email, phone, or text Gayla Burgess no later than Oct. 21.

The annual priesthood retreat will be held Saturday, Oct. 27, in Cedar Rapids. Please let Bishop Jane McDonald or Gayla Burgess know if you are planning to come.

Housing information for the weekend can be found on the mission center website at http://cvnmc.org/



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The City Center Ministry congregation gathered for a family photo around its 'new' 12-passenger van on Sunday, Aug. 26. City Center Ministry pastors, Seventies Dennis and Pam LaRoque, are happy to announce that 'we have purchased a van to transport our congregation to church and other events, such as camps and reunions. Thank you to all in the mission center who purchased crosses and gave donations to our van fund. It was used Aug. 26 for the first time and everyone enjoyed the cool ride' as the van is air-conditioned.

Camp Nauvoo Humming with Activity

It has been a productive and busy summer at Camp Nauvoo, and it promises to be even busier next year and in the years ahead, just ask Pat Reaves and Robert Cook.

Robert, Cedar Valley-Nauvoo USA Mission Center president, and Pat, outreach minister for the mission center, have been working with volunteers from across the mission center to make Camp Nauvoo a welcoming refuge for Community of Christ campers as well as visitors from far and near.

Dozens responded to an invitation to come and learn about the campground and its operation this summer. Volunteers came from far and near to take part in several training days. They learned hands-on what it takes to operate a top-notch campgrounds, from booking reservations, to housekeeping, to grooming the grounds, to maintaining the cabins, tiny houses and the newly expanded lodge.

Nauvoo is a very busy place from the first blossoms of spring until the colorful leaves drop each fall. Each year

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Camp Nauvoo

thousands of visitors from across the nation and around the world come to Nauvoo to experience this beautiful city overlooking the Mississippi River. Some come to learn about their faith and family roots, others come to learn about life in the mid-1800s at several living history sites.

"I have fallen in love with Camp Nauvoo, and I enjoy the people so much," Pat said. "Our campgrounds (Camp Nauvoo and Cedar Valley Grove) are our best connection with living out the Zionic way of life."

"Pat Reaves is doing amazing things with the work and training days," Robert said. "She could see the opportunities."

The search for a resident manager is underway. In the interim, Pat fields calls for res-

ervations and continues working to ensure a good experience for weary travelers who come to stay at Camp Nauvoo.

"I see things evolving," Robert said. "I see the hand of the Divine here."

Why volunteer?

"I just want to serve my Lord, at my church and the campgrounds!" Carol Brooks
Carthage congregation

"Elvis Presley sang, 'There is a sweet spirit in this place.' I feel the same way about Camp Nauvoo. There is still a lot to be done. If anyone has time, contact Pat Reaves to help clean up this jewel of a campgrounds." Jared Poplett, Galesburg congregation

"I am the kind of person who, when I make a commitment, do my best to live up to it."

Penny Tinsley, Nauvoo congregation

"Love of the place. It fills my needs every time I am on the campgrounds." Lynn Poplett, Pekin congregation









Many Thanks for Answering the Call

Penny Tinsley Colleen Tripp Cooks for the day Julie Benge Brad Benge Skylar Benge Nathan Benge Groundskeeping/ Maintenance Todd Batey	Hugh Ferguson Aidan Fiers Dave Gerstel Bruce Hagge Jared Poplett Lynn Poplett Tom Poplett Randy Reaves John Saur Tim Tinsley
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Camp Nauvoo Online Reservation Site

Camp Nauvoo Online Registration is now live! Connect via the *cvnmc.org* or *https://rwcook90.wixsite.com/mysite*

A farewell open house for Dave and Cathy Loy will be held 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, at Cedar Rapids Community of Christ. The Loys new address is: 2413 S Whitney Ave.

Independence, MO 64057-1370

Sacraments

Ordinations

Ryan and Whitney Sheehy, formerly of the lowa City congregation, will be ordained to the office of elder on Sept. 16 in Blue Springs, MO.

Baptisms/Confirmations

- **Riddick Maxwell Swigart,** baptized June 10 by Priest Joyce Hagge; confirmed by Elders Bonnie King and Patrick Fairbrother, Galesburg.
- Phillip Jay Swigart, grandfather of Riddick, baptized June 10 by Priest Joyce Hagge; confirmed by Elders Darrell King and Bonnie King, Galesburg.
- **Danielle Jo Currier,** baptized June 10 by Elder Bonnie King; confirmed by Elders Bonnie King and Marilyn Rice, Galesburg.
- **Ethan Eugene Hess,** baptized June 10 by Elder Bonnie King; confirmed by Elders Bonnie King and Darrell King, Galesburg.
- Jamie Eugene Hess, father of Ethan, baptized June 10 by Elder Bonnie King; confirmed by Elders Darrell King and Bonnie King, Galesburg.
- Gabreon Shorter, baptized July 18 by Seventy Dennis LaRoque, at the Cedar-Valley Grove Reunion.
- **Drayden E. Lee Hampton,** baptized July 18 by Seventy Josh Goff at the Cedar Valley-Grove Reunion.
- **Michael Crotty,** confirmed Aug. 19, Elder Rick Enright, Davenport.

Blessings

- Phineas Dean Plympton, son of Tricia Plympton, Aug. 26, by Elders Marilyn Rice and Bonnie King. Grandson of Amy and Harlan Mitchell, greatgrandson of Joyce Hagge, Galesburg.
- **Richard Gorman,** son of Joseph and Morgan Gorman, June 24, by Elder Bonnie King and High Priest Carol Carpenter, Galesburg.
- Claire Argotsinger, blessed Aug. 18 at Atlanta North Community of Christ, Milton, Georgia, by her grandfather EvangelistLynn Argotsinger of the Waterloo/Cedar Falls congregation.
- **Megumi Thompson,** daughter of Darrin and Eiko Thompson, Iowa City, June 10 in Joplin, MO., by her grandparents.

Salt and Light

Coralville Community of Christ will serve as one of three

Johnson County Coats for Kids distribution sites on Saturday, Oct. 13. Volunteers are welcome to help from 9 a.m. to noon. More than 500 people were served last year. The congregation completed its kitchen renovation project this



summer. A photo album of the work is posted on its Facebook page.

The Waterloo-Cedar Falls Fabric Frolickers are creating blankets and quilts for the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in North Dakota. The group recently learned their octopi are loved by preemies. Thank you to visitors from Colorado and Cedar Rapids who graciously donated fabric to the group. Feel free to join us for fellowship and sewing at 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the church.

Maquoketa artist and Pastor Carole Kasowski, much to the delight of the children, again shared her face-painting talent at Cedar Valley Grove this summer.

Galesburg Community of Christ remodeled its basement bathrooms. Updates had been planned; however, some of the work was required after a baptismal font faucet failed.

Books Sought for History Reunion

The Cedar Valley-Nauvoo Mission Center is sponsoring a History Reunion. As part of this reunion we are seeking books of historic value to be made available to those who attend. We are particularly interested in books before 1915, although other books are welcome. We are looking for an original 1830 Book of Mormon. If anyone has one or knows where one can be obtained, please contact Doug McFarlane.

The book recycling project has received a new shipment of books. Here's the list: Joshua, A Parable for Today; Vols I and 2 of the Gospel of Matthew Study Bible, William Barclay; The Garden at the Edge of Beyond; All I Really Need to Know I learned in Kindergarten; Seekers and Disciples; Discovering God's Will; I Will Be with you Always, Henry Schaefer; Poetic Voices of the Restoration; Did the Light Go Out; Insights into the Book of Revelation; Parables of Jesus; The Gospel of Luke, William Barclay; The Bible in Everyday Living; Ordinances and Sacraments of the Church; Meet Them in the Scriptures; Deceived, Who Me?; Great Women of the Christian Faith; The Bible Through the Ages; The Lion; Encyclopedia of the Bible.

What's Happening

Cedar Valley Grove Campground Snug-it-Up Day Oct. 20

Come for the love of fall colors; come for the peace of CVG, come for the last blast of the camping season and the joy of working together as we snug-up the campgrounds for winter. It all starts at 9 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 20. Bring something to share for lunch. Meat furnished.

lowa City JAM Kids

JAM Kids, for children in grades K-6, begins Sept. 12. This year's theme is "Journey With Jesus." Each month, the kids will travel to a new place, beginning in Africa. Other areas of the world include Mexico, Russia, South Sea Islands, Ireland, America and Israel. Meetings are 5:30-7:15 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month.

New Canton Harvest Pickin's' Bake Sale

Folks who make the fall color drive on Oct. 20 will again be able to buy delicious baked goodies by the ladies of the New Canton congregation. The congregation will host its community Thanksgiving meal Nov. 13.

Hannibal Congregation's Annual Ladies Tea

The Hannibal Community of Christ will host its second annual Ladies Tea Saturday, Oct. 27

A Blessing of the Backpacks for our kids and the new school year will be held Wednesday, Sept. 12, at Davenport Community of Christ.

The Davenport congregation is hosting a Book of Mormon Day, offered by the Restoration Church, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29. Presentations include: The Book of Mormon: Is there Really Evidence? A Covenant of the Flesh: Quetzalcoatl and the Other Sheep; and How to present a Book of Mormon Day for Children.

John Whitmer Historical Association Conference

The 46th Annual Conference of the John Whitmer Historical Association will be held Sept. 20-23 at the Adams Pointe Conference Center, Blue Springs, MO. Explore our history with scholars from a variety of backgrounds. The conference theme, "Our Stories Fashion Order out of Chaos," celebrates the rich history and personal stories of our faith. Visit little known sites in Western Missouri and Eastern Kansas, take a guided wagon ride around the Temple lot, enjoy a casual coach ride to the Bingham Waggoner estate and the Hamilton, MO. quilt festival, or take a class to hone your history skills. Join Joseph III and Ada on Sunday as they celebrate the history of our hymns at our annual hymn sing. Advance registration required. Registration closes Sept. 15. For more information visit http://www.jwha.info

Life in the Spirit Retreat in Kirtland, Ohio, Oct. 26-28

Explore the ancient practice of creating a rule of life, a creative, reflective process of discerning what matters most and how to shape our everyday lives in response to the spirit. Recommended Preparation Resource: At Home in the World: A Rule of Life for the Rest of Us by Margaret Guenther

Happy Birthday

Charlotte Smiddy, Moline, 85 July 31. Bette Erdmann, Moline, 85, Oct. 16. Charlotte Jensen, Moline, 80, Aug. 25. Mary Johnson, Galesburg, 80, Sept. 9. Paul Lindburg, Moline, 80, Nov. 13.

Anniversaries

Ron and Nora Howell, Carthage, 60 years celebrated Aug. 4.

Dale and Carole Warner, Burlington,

50 years, Aug. 17.

<u>Salute</u>

Joshua Phillips, New Canton, entered the Marines earlier this year and is now taking additional training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. Joshua is the grandson of New Canton Pastor Mary Jo Phillips.

Jacinda Hagler, Harlan Mitchell and Katie Mitchell of Galesburg attended youth camps this summer.

Deaths

William Reiff, Henderson, N.C., formerly of Davenport, Aug. 12.

Eunice Rocca, Waterloo/Cedar Falls, July 17.

Ron Rohrig, Waterloo/Cedar Falls, July 18.

Grace Duncan, 84, formerly of New Canton and Peoria, Aug. 23.

Births

(correction)

Addison Marie Lizer, daughter of Jesse and Shannon Lizer, grand-daughter of Tom and Deb Lizer, Nov. 18, 2016.

Tammy Currier
Sandy Mangler
Rena Anderson
Margene Beach
Sharon Derganz
Helen Sherman
Don Richardson
Danielle Nelson
Raymond DePriest
Jason Alred
Gary Cook
Deb Wykert
Michelle Brown



Ron Albright Bill Albright Bette Williams Danielle Nelson