



Shout The News

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Community Leader Teams Doubled Up

Co-Directors Evelyn Dustin and Kent LeVan have announced the following Community Leaders and their congregations:

- Brenda Mitchell/ Mark Parrott: Cedar Rapids, Maquoketa, Waterloo, Iowa City.
- Lois Blythe/Belinda Johnson: Carthage, Fort Madison, Nauvoo and Followers of the Way.
- Ron Howell/Brad and Julie Bengé: Burlington, Mount Pleasant, Hannibal, New Canton, Keokuk,
- Rick Enright/Dave Maslowski: City Center Ministries, Davenport, Willow Grove, Muscatine.
- Carole Kasowski/mentor Deb Luce: Rock Fall-Sterling, Moline, Pekin, Galesburg.

Monthly meetings have been started so people holding the various priesthood offices can get to know each other better and explore their shared experiences.



The mission center is hosting a virtual campfire led by Seventy Josh Goff and others, on Sunday, Feb. 14, from 7 p.m. to ? All are invited!!!!

Have fudge striped cookies and marshmallows on hand to join in the fun of making improvised S'mores. There will be a time afterwards for canteen and sharing in conversation.

Meeting ID: 823 2655 4299
Passcode: 910189

Blessing of the Evangelist: Is it Time for Yours?

During the pandemic, something very positive is taking place in the mission center as various priesthood members meet monthly with other ministers of the same calling. This has provided the opportunity for fellowship and dialogue about ways to minister in new and challenging times.

Currently there are 10 evangelists in the mission center: Lynn Argotsinger, Marlene Brim, Deb Luce, Lee Ourth, Dick Otis, Roger Reid, John Robertson, John Saur, Chris Sparks and Lloyd Tripp.

Section 165:5b counsels: Offer the sacrament of Evangelist Blessing not only to individuals and congregations but to families, households, and groups seeking spiritual guidance to more completely give themselves to Christ's mission. Nothing in this instruction should be construed to lessen the importance of the sacrament of the Evangelist Blessing for individuals.

I've often wondered if members and friends of the church fully realize the Evangelist Blessing (formerly Patriarchal Blessing) is truly a unique and special blessing prepared and given to those seeking a deeper relationship with God.

Over the next few weeks and months, information regarding the ministry of the evangelist will be offered, perhaps in your congregational zoom meetings, perhaps in your congregation's newsletter, maybe in a worship service.

The evangelist is called as a teacher/learner, which means we are always learning from the experiences we have. It also means we strive to walk with fellow believers to share our thoughts and perceptions about God in our midst.

Has the covid pandemic or other challenges and trials of life caused you distress, anxiety, uncertainty and maybe even fear? Have you recently found yourself in unfamiliar water? Perhaps you are looking to start college and moving away from your family for the first time. Perhaps you recently ended a long time relationship or experienced the death of your spouse. Perhaps you have become a new parent and feel you need God's help with the challenges that presents. Are you considering a new career? Each of these significant events provides the perfect time to seek either your first Evangelists Blessing, or a Continuing Life's Blessing for those who received their blessing years ago.

If you answered yes to any of these questions, now is the time to reach out to one of the evangelists listed above. The pandemic has presented challenges, yet God's work, God's blessings are still available and the evangelist will be happy and willing to walk the journey with you. — Evangelist Deb Luce, reporting

Fund Drive Underway to Support Camp Nauvoo, CVG Campground

Camp Nauvoo and Cedar Valley Grove campgrounds have been closed for nearly a year with little or no income and it's apparent that will continue into this year. Expenses at both campgrounds have been trimmed to the bare minimum, but the fixed costs of insurance, electricity, gas and sewer remain to be paid, and maintenance costs never stop.

Both campgrounds have relied on savings to cover the expenses, but their savings accounts are running low, with Camp Nauvoo nearing critical levels. With this in mind, the mission center launched a fund drive in January to support both campgrounds. As of Feb. 9, nearly half of the \$20,000 goal — \$10,000 for each campground — had been raised. For more information visit <http://cvmc.org/campgrounds-2/>.

Donation Pledge Card for CVMC Campgrounds

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

Check all that apply:

I want to make a one-time donation of \$ _____ to support:
 Camp Nauvoo CVG Both campgrounds

I pledge a monthly donation of \$ _____ to support:
 Camp Nauvoo CVG Both campgrounds

I would like a reminder to send my monthly donation via:
 Email Phone

Please complete the form and return it via email or mail to:

Robert Cook, MC Financial Officer
 PO Box 90
 Macomb, IL 611455

Make checks payable to Cedar Valley-Nauvoo Mission Center with "Campground Donation Drive" on the memo line.

Awesome Anniversaries

Dean & Shirley Truelove, 71 years, Dec. 21,
 Galesburg.

Frank & Diane Clark, 50 years, Aug. 15,
 Waterloo-Cedar Falls.

Happy Birthday!

Dorothy Burgin, 94, Nov. 25

Muriel Sackfield, 92, Feb. 19.

Ruth Barber, 90, Feb. 8.

Shirley Truelove, 90, Nov. 4.

Joan Stinson, 83, April 24.

Barb McSorley-Smith, 83, Oct. 17

News of the Day

The sale of the Maquoketa church building is pending and new homes are being sought for the following: oak communion table; 2 flags/stands, 4 pulpit chairs, upright piano and a communion set. Send email to goeswithhorses@yahoo.com

Jack Kinzer, a senior at Liberty High School, has signed a letter of intent to attend Wartburg College and be on their cross country team.

Darrin Thompson, Iowa City, earned his PhD in Occupational and Environmental Health from the University of Iowa in December.



Blessing and Blessed

The Iowa City/Coralville church building has been closed for worship for nearly a year, but beginning last summer, it has been home to programs that are operated by the city of Coralville.

In the fall, when local schools began online and hybrid learning, many working families needed a place for their children to do distance learning. All health precautions were put into place, and a very competent staff is there daily to work with the children. In January, a wi-fi connection was added to the building, so when we are able to resume worship, we will have the option to use the internet at no fee.

Through a long-standing partnership, the city has used the building for over 20 years for various things. The after-school care through "Camp Coralville" has been happening for about 15 years. No money changes hands, but the city takes care of cutting the grass and plowing the snow.

Gaining approval for the city to use the building during the pandemic closure was quite a process, but the congregation is happy to continue serving the community. — Carolyn Otis, Reporting

Sacraments

Priesthood Calls/Ordinations

Kent LeVan, Cedar Rapids, was ordained to the office of elder, Sunday Oct. 4, 2020, by Dave Loy, assisted by Brenda Mitchell.

Marriages

Tonia Anderson and Andy Sargeant, wed Dec. 21, in their home by Priest Joyce Hagge.

Deaths

Burlington

Tom Durgin, 65, Nov. 16, 2020.

Carthage

Blake Ellis, 36, Dec. 2, 2020.

City Center Ministries

Rachel Peters, 40, Nov. 19, 2020.

Cedar Rapids

Robert (Bob) Taylor, 91, Dec. 26, 2020.

Gabby MacCormick, 24, Jan. 2, 2021.

Maquoketa

Meredith Moorhead, 85, Jan. 9, 2021.

Moline

Lyndsay McAdams, 34, Nov. 14, 2020.

Shirley (Earlene) Countryman, 95, Nov. 25, 2020.

Donald E. Hargrave, 93, Jan. 31, 2021.

Muscatine

Jana Shotwell, 60, Jan. 17, 2021.

Pekin

Margaret Whitson, 87, Sept. 12.

Waterloo-Cedar Falls

Berdella Wehmacher, Nov. 14, 2020.

John Anstey, 86, Nov. 20, 2020.

Jerie Gail Ramsey, 83, Jan. 9, 2021.

Sterling-Rock Falls

Doretta Lathrop, 82, Nov. 21, 2020.

Willow Grove

Ryan Paxton, 1 year, Dec. 7, 2020.



'Snow' Much Fun!

Moline member Shirley Gerstel shared this picture after a day playing in front of the church with her grandchildren Tyler, Sammy, Sarah and their friend Ava.



- Curt Cook**
- Gary & Charlotte Jensen**
- Bev Lynch**
- Carol Smith**
- Mike & Jennifer MacCormick**
- Marina Rios**
- Kathy Snyder**
- Amy Stanley**
- Shirley Truelove**

Staying Connected . . .

Mission Center Prayer Service

2:00 p.m. Sunday

Email prayer requests by 5 p.m. Saturday to landmbrim@gmail.com

Join by computer at <https://zoom.us/j/2714958353>

Join by phone (audio only):

1. Dial 1-646-558-8656
2. Enter meeting ID (217 495 8353) when requested. Password: 7645320

Burlington Zoom (Sunday)

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Worship Service

Click on link below to join by computer at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6832301778?pwd=c0YyaHNuQIRYTVExaFFUZW5YYTROU09>

Cedar Rapids YouTube

Worship live at 10:30 a.m. Live every Sunday at www.joyhopelovepeace.com

Davenport

10:00 a.m. Worship 1st and 3rd Sundays.

7:00 p.m. Wednesday Small Group Ministry

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3308264160?pwd=OXRaL09CM0hTUnlwOGpBdUFzZm5UUT09>

Meeting ID: 330 826 4160 Passcode: 52722

Followers of the Way Zoom

7 p.m. Wednesday

Join by computer at <https://zoom.us/j/2714958353>

Join by phone Dial 1-646-558-8656

1. Enter meeting ID (217 495 8353) when requested.

Galesburg (Recorded)

11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship, also view on YouTube any time:

Click on link to view: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLDFMQZwf0b97nVN9YWvmSw>

Hannibal

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, Small Group Ministry

<https://zoom.us/j/97189304195>

Iowa City

1:00 p.m. Saturday, Congregation Conversation

<https://zoom.us/j/7086487195> Meeting ID: 708 648 7195 Password: 4gtRfj

Keokuk Zoom

6:30 Thursday, Small Group Ministry

Click on link to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/164233897>

Moline via Zoom

Worship – 1st & 3rd Sundays, 10:45 a.m. (Friendly Visiting 10:35)

Bible Study – Mondays, 1 p.m.

Midweek Fellowship & Sharing – Thursdays @ 7 p.m.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5137791897> Password: 7645320

By phone, (646) 558-8656 Meeting ID: 513 779 1897 Password: 7645320