



The United News

The United Church of Heyworth
a United Methodist Church

May 2012

Pastor's Place

*I am the church;
You are the church;
We are the church together;
All who follow Jesus, all around the world;
Yes, we're the church together!*

It is exciting to be part of Jesus' church. It is exciting to know that "The gates of the underworld won't be able to stand against it," Matthew 16:18 CEB. I know some of you heard me preach this message in April, but it bears repeating. The church isn't just a place where we go to sing some songs, say a prayer and see our friends. The church is a powerful people who gather and who live in God's ways and for God's purposes so that the world will change.

The church is God's provision for the saving and transforming work of Jesus to continue until He comes again in glory. But as Spiderman teaches us, "With great power comes great responsibility." There is good to be done in our world. There are people to be loved. Some of these people who need to be loved might happen to also live with us, work with us, go on vacation with us, be our friends, be our family, or be our neighbors.

We, the church, in the Holy Spirit, are given the power to confront evil wherever we find it. This is true whether the evil is active and aggressive or whether the evil looks more like apathy. We are given the power to love even when it's the hard thing to do. We are given the power to forgive from the inside out even if we've been hurt deeply. We are given the power to share this kind of new life with other people who are hurting and lost and wondering if life has purpose.

But with all this power comes the great responsibility to live faithfully under God's rule. And we learn what that means by knowing what God teaches in the Bible. We do that through personal study and also by hearing the Word proclaimed in worship on Sundays. And as we learn to live faithfully, we receive more and more power to be a force for good in this world.

Do you want to be known as a force for good? Isn't that more exciting than even just to be known as 'nice' or 'good' on your own? I think so. At The United Church we are a force for good in this community and in this world. Keep up the energy, excitement and study that is "Making followers of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!"

Pastor Amanda



Photo by Chris Nelson

Scriptures for May

- May 6: Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:25-31
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8
- May 13: Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17
- May 20: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 1
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19
- May 27: *Pentecost*
Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:22-27
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
From the Revised Common Lectionary

Cornbelters Christian Family Day
Saturday, June 16th
Concert 2:30 pm
Game time 6:30 pm

Come spend the day at the Corn Crib with friends from church! We have already purchased 20 tickets and can get more. The cost is \$8 per ticket. If you are interested please request the number of tickets you want by contacting Pastor Amanda at uchrev@yahoo.com.



HHS Commencement

Graduating from Heyworth High School this spring are five of our young people:

Miranda Baldwin
Lauren Ball
Chelsea Hinthorn
Cassidy Strohl
Kate Tucker

We are proud of your many accomplishments. Congratulations.

Stephen Ministries to Begin June 5

Now is the time to register for the new Stephen Ministries Training which begins on June 5, 6-8 pm. Most of the classes will be on Tuesday nights throughout the summer, except for June 12 which is Vacation Bible School. In order for training books to be ordered, please contact our Stephen Leaders, Ruth Nicewonger or Pastor Amanda Richards if you would like to participate. There will be readings to complete for each session. It will be ok to miss a couple of sessions due to vacation. The Commissioning will take place on August 26.



Confirmation

The Confirmation class which has been meeting this winter became members during the early service on April 8, Easter Sunday. Left to right are Paige Woods, Kristen Tucker, Shannon Angel, Pastor Amanda and Noah Wiseman.



Around UCH

Easter Sunday

April 8, 2012

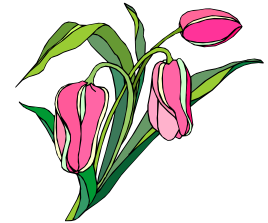


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The Poverty Simulation

Are you looking for ways to deepen your compassion for those in need? A Poverty Simulation Event will be held on Saturday, May 5 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon at the Advocate BroMenn Medical Center Conference Center (southeast entrance.) This free workshop, facilitated by University of Illinois Extension, serves as a powerful vehicle for understanding the real world obstacles to families who are working to maintain shelter and food security, and serves to stimulate conversation and action to address the challenges of the working poor and those in severe poverty. You may register at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/lmw>. The registration is called THE POVERTY SIMULATION and will be on the home page on the right panel. The registration code is 285099. For more information call (309) 268-3504.

-Ruth Nicewonger, Caring Ministries Chair

Partners in Healing

Every month, churches throughout our area pray for the patients and staff of Advocate BroMenn Regional Medical Center and Advocate Eureka Hospital. This ministry is called Partners in Healing. During May 2012, The United Church will be praying for the Emergency Department at Advocate BroMenn. The current ED has 18 beds, four of which are dedicated to cardiac emergencies and traumas. There is one of two emergency trained physicians in house 24/7. Approximately 90 patients are seen a day in this area. When the new wing is opened and the current rooms have been remodeled, the ED will have a total of 22 beds. Please keep the patients, families, doctors, nurses and other staff of this unit in your daily prayers.

-Ruth Nicewonger, Chair, Caring Ministries Team

26th Annual Celebration

Heyworth's HeyDays

May 17-20, 2012

* Carnival rides * Family fun * Food * 5K Race *
* **Local Entertainment** * **Merchant's Tent** *
* **Games** * **"Big Boss Twang"** * **"Ariel Petrie" X Factor** * **"Matthew Curry and the Fury"** * **"Joe Zaklan"** * **"Jury's Out"** * **"Merge"** * **Community Church service** * Meet your local officials*

Bernice Hinshaw

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We would like to thank all of those at The United Church of Heyworth for giving our family comfort **and love during the time of mom's passing** (especially on a holiday weekend.)

Mom always had a deep love for God's word and also a special place in her heart for those at The United church of Heyworth. She has now moved on to her heavenly rewards.

Carl Hinshaw and family

Sylvia Kruger and family



United Church adult women's Bible School Class circa 1982

Bernice Hinshaw is seated on the right. Also seated are Lela Davis and another lady. Standing are (left to right) Mildred Wiseman, Shirley Slayback, Hallie Bailey, Wilma Lee, Mildred Armstrong and Genevieve Drake. If you know the identity of the lady in the middle of the front row, please feel free to share with us.



C. Earline Douglas, widow of the Rev. Prentice P. Douglas, passed away February 16th. Rev. Douglas was the minister of the "old" Methodist Church in 1957-60. Rev. Douglas passed away in 1999.

Condolences may be sent to their son, Edward E. Douglas, 4432 Karen Court, Bartonville, Illinois 61607-1541.

-Barbara Steiling

The United Church of Heyworth
Children's Ministry
Preschool—6th Grade

Children's Sunday School

Ages 3 - 1st Grade

2nd Grade - 6th Grade

Sunday Mornings 10:00-10:50 am

Vacation Bible School

Sunday, June 10 - Thursday, June 14

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm 3 years to 5th Grade

Pre-Registration is beginning! Get signed up for the adventure of the summer!

Please note that Sunday School dismisses at 10:50 am to allow all of our families time to transition to the 11:00 am worship service if that is where they are headed next. Thanks for helping us stay on schedule.



High School Bible Study

Sundays, 10:00 am-11:00 am

Beginning on Sunday, June 3rd Pastor Amanda will lead a Bible Study for all High School students. We will start by reading the Gospel of John and discuss two chapters each Sunday. The goal of this study is to learn for ourselves what the Bible actually says and how that makes a difference for our lives.

We will meet in the classroom upstairs that was formerly for the Junior High. It has the most comfy seats in the whole church! And feel free to grab a drink and a treat from the Coffee Hour in the Library Lounge before heading upstairs.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 9:30 Bible study 6:30 Praise Team 7:30 Choir practice Margaret Shawgo Carol Hanafin Phyllis and Junior Grant	3	4 Taylor Hook	5
6 9:00 & 11:00 Morning Worship 10:00 Education classes 10:00 Adult Bible discussion 10:00 Adult study Robert Dewey Mackenzie Pfahl	7 Barbara Steiling	8 1:30 Food Pantry prep 5:30 Food pantry distribution Larry Coleman	9 9:30 Bible study 6:30 Praise Team 7:30 Choir practice	10 LeighAnn Poston Jennifer Davis Jim Shawgo Doris and Duncan Limer	11	12
13 Mother's Day 9:00 & 11:00 Morning Worship 10:00 Education classes 10:00 Adult Bible discussion 10:00 Adult study 7:00 HHS Baccalaureate	14 7:00 Trustees Jennifer Crow	15 <i>Deadline for June newsletter</i> Mike Lobb	16 9:30 Bible study 6:30 Praise Team 7:30 Choir practice Amanda Zook Lyndsee Foster	17 HeyDays ----->	18 Carrol Grant	19 Susan / John Goeckner
20 9:00 Morning Worship 10:30 Hey Days Com- munity worship 2:00 HHS Commencement Jeri Myers	21 7:00 Administrative Council	22 Parker Richards	23 9:30 Bible study 6:30 Praise Team 7:30 Choir practice	24 Kim Cross Scot Walters	25	26
27 Pentecost 9:00 & 11:00 Morning Worship 10:00 Education classes 10:00 Adult Bible discussion 10:00 Adult study Diana King	28 Memorial Day observed Church office closed	29 LeeAnn Coleman	30 9:30 Bible study 6:30 Praise Team 7:30 Choir practice	31 Kara Chrispen		





Money Matters

Treasurer's Report

March 1 through 31, 2012

Beginning balance	\$11,186.20
Income	
Apportionments	165.00
Funeral Dinner	0
General Offering Income	13,752.00
Nursery Income	50.00
Special Offering	20,680.00
Sunday School	<u>79.07</u>
	\$34,726.07
Expenses	
Church Office Management	412.02
Conference Apportionments	1,860.00
Insurance	455.58
Ministry	466.47
Miscellaneous	75.84
Special Expenses	1,156.97
SPPR	10,065.72
Trustee's Maintenance	400.00
Utilities	<u>999.04</u>
	\$15,891.64
Checking Account Balance	\$30,020.62
General Balance	5,817.21
Special Offering Balance	24,203.42
Benevolence	35.25
Faith in Action	50.00
Food Pantry	3,084.67
Good Samaritan fund	1,173.50
Cormbelters Tickets	(160.00)*
Easter flowers	20.00
Estate	20,000.00
Endowment Disbursement Bal.	<u>0</u>

Footnotes to the Treasurer's Report:

- * Will be reimbursed as participants pay for their tickets.
- General Balance—funds available for budgeted expenses.
- Special Offering Balance—funds given for a specific purpose not in the budget such as disaster relief, love offerings, special projects, food pantry, etc.
- Endowment Disbursement Balance—As requests are approved by the Endowment committee, funds will be transferred to the checking account for disbursement as expenses are incurred.

All bills and apportionments are current. God is good.

-Audrey Ball, Treasurer

2012
 In a Nutshell(17 weeks)
 Worship attendance average 95
 Offering average \$3,373



¹⁵ Then Jesus said to them, "Watch out! Guard yourself against all kinds of greed. After all, one's life isn't determined by one's possessions, even when someone is very wealthy." Luke 12: 15 Common English Bible

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Photos by Chris Nelson





Kim Nelson's Aunt Judy is improving; Kevin Webber is recovering well from open heart surgery; Jake Hancock is doing well.

Payer is needed for the Sharp and Hamilton families on the passing of a family member, Kim Nelson's step-grandmother; the family of Anna Rose Burden who passed away recently; Ella Ferguson (health) and the family; Amy Baker; Jeanne Oyer; Erin (difficult pregnancy); Nancy Sebeny (infection, surgery); **Wanda Cundiff; Kristin Miller's 3 year old granddaughter; Chris Nelson's parents, Kenneth and Lorna Nelson; Marion Harris; Kara Barnhill;** Angie Johnson; Bill Yowell (cancer); Helen Yowell (cancer); Gloria Strohl (cancer); Leland Schooly (cancer); **Angie Johnson's mom (cancer);** Phyllis Sowers (cancer); Kelly Zimmerman (cancer); Leonard Lee (cancer); Butch White (cancer); Jody McAllister (cancer); Jerry Bittle (health); Owen Cusey (health); Gary Schmidt (Farmer City Rehab and Health Care Center); Larry Buck (health); Mildred Ogden (health); our church staff and their families; our President; those serving in the armed forces and their families; shut-ins; families in need; our children; and peace on earth.

Prayer List Information—To add or remove a prayer request on the list please contact the church office at 473-2223. Please do not assume that the office will know when someone should be added or removed. Thank You.

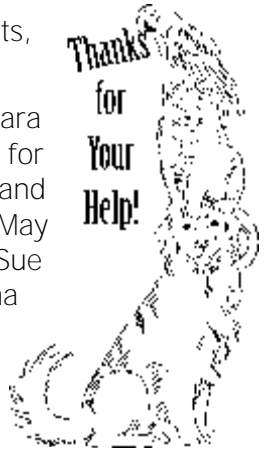


Servant Notes

Ushers for May are Marv Rewerts, Alex and Roger Baldwin.

Hospitality team for May 6 is Barbara Steiling (set up and clean up); for May 13, Cortney Butler (set up) and Nancy Beveridge (clean up); May 20, Connie Wood (set up) and Sue Custer (clean up); May 27, Diana Hancock (set up) and Kathy Dabney (clean up.)

Please contact Cortney Butler if you'd like to help with the hospitality team.



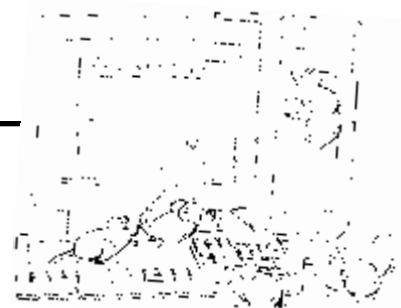
Office Hours

The church office is open Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 am and 12:30 pm.

Contact numbers for Pastor Amanda are 473-2386 (parsonage) or 309-262-9004 (cell number) if you don't catch her at the Church. She will usually be in the Church office Monday through Thursday mornings.

Newsletter Deadline

The Church Office plans to put together the information for each monthly newsletter during the third week of the preceding month. Please leave any items you wish to contribute in the bin by the office door or email to the Church office. The deadline for June will be May 15th, for a publication target date of May 25th.



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Just for KIDS

God's Creation

In the spring we see God's creation coming alive again!
 Fill in the blanks below with the names of things that God created. Use the Scripture references to help if needed.

G _____ where vegetables grow (Deuteronomy 11:10)

Q _____ a tree to rest under (1 Kings 13:14)

D _____ when Mary went to the tomb (Matthew 28:1)

S _____ lights in the night sky (Genesis 1:16)

C _____ provided clothing for John the Baptist (Matthew 3:4)

R _____ flowing water (Matthew 3:6)

E _____ name of a garden (Genesis 2:8)

A _____ the first man (Genesis 2:20b)

T _____ sound made by lightning (Exodus 19:16)

L _____ hopping, flying, crawling creatures (Leviticus 11:20)

O _____ a "wise" bird (Psalm 102:6)

N _____ begins at sunset (Genesis 28:11)

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