

Osage News

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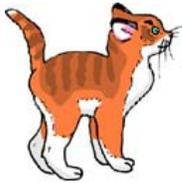
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Summer Fun at Vacation Bible School 2010



July 3-7
Annual Conference
Pittsburgh, PA

July 7
Church Board
7:30 p.m.

July 11
Church Council
7:30 p.m.

July 17 - 22
National Youth
Conference
Ft. Collins, CO

July 20
Garden Club
At the Home of
Jerry & Janice Kirby
7:00 p.m.

Every Tuesday
Community Lunch
At the Church
11:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m.
(or the food is gone)

Every Thursday
Aunt B & Friends
at the Church
7:00 p.m.

Every Sunday
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship

Photos by Gina Buzard

Prairie Gardeners Meet

~by Barbara Egbert

Doris Crumpacker called the meeting to order in the absence of the president, Martha Price who had a gardening accident and was unable to attend. There were 12 members present who gave roll call with all sorts of hints.



Roy Parsons had a picture of the old Monmouth schoolhouse. The barn swallows have hatched and have flown from their nest at one members' house. Jerry Kirby had potted 36 live mum starts and 31 of them lived and he'd brought them to give away to anyone who would like a start. Janice Kirby had a quote which read, "Gardening is an exercise in optimism. Sometimes it is the triumph of hope over experience." Wanda Williams reported that a lint roller will take ticks and fleas off pets. Doris told about blueberries and that they do well in acid soil. They need to be fed with cottonseed meal each year or 10-10-10. Don't prune them back much for about 10 years and then just trim out some of the stems at ground level. Diane Hiller puts pennies in her bird bath to keep algae from



growing and John told of the Flint Hills Wildflower Tour that they had attended.

Betty Ledford gave the lesson on perennials. Think twice about planting some perennials. They can become a nuisance. Top picks for ever-blooming perennials: Yarrow, Bellflower, Coreopsis, Dianthus, Geranium, and Verbena.

Some of the members were planning to attend the Zone 6 Garden Tour in Pittsburg on June 19.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Jerry and Janice Kirby on July 20.

A recipe for fresh corn cut from the cob and frozen was given by Barbara Egbert and follows. She reported that she got the recipe from Leah Green almost 50 years ago:

Fresh Corn

6 cups fresh corn cut from the cob raw (without blanching)

Add 1 cup water

1 T. sugar

1 ½ tsp. salt or to taste

Bring to a boil and then put in a cookie sheet and let it cool rapidly. Sack and freeze as soon as cool. Add a little butter and reheat when serving. Delicious.



Wanda Williams received the door prize of potted coral bells.



You Are Invited To

**Come – N – Dine
Where?**

Osage Church of the Brethren

896 S 80th St

Phone 632-5248

When?

Every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m.

until 1:00 p.m.

(or the food is gone)



Come - N-Dine Menu*

July 6

Chicken Cordon Bleu
Broccoli Salad
Green Beans
Homemade Rolls

July 13

BBQ Ribs
Hashbrown Casserole
Peas
Homemade Rolls

August 3

Ham
Macaroni & Cheese
Salad
Green Beans
Homemade Rolls

July 27

Chicken Lynn
Sweet Potatoes
Peas Salad
Homemade Rolls

July 20

Lasagna
Corn
Salad
Garlic Bread

August 10

Taco Soup
Cornbread
Broccoli Salad

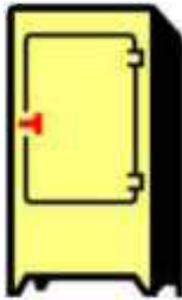
Dessert included with meal.
Freewill offering accepted.
*Menu subject to change.



Refrigerator Magnets

~by Mike Sand

I'm not really a big believer in evolution, at least not the way they try to teach it. To imagine that all the various life forms evolved from one simple living organism... it's much easier to believe in the Tooth Fairy than that. That said, I do accept a much less inclusive form of evolution. It seems reasonable that whatever kind of animal or plant life found itself in a certain circumstance or environment, would, if it could survive in the first place, then if given enough time it could adapt to thrive in those circumstances. To me that seems reasonable.



To argue that point we can use an example that we're all familiar with, yet probably never even considered; the refrigerator. That humble kitchen servant, your refrigerator is the result of evolution. Its remotest ancestor was a chunk of ice. That turned into a wooden box to hold the coldness of the ice in close proximity to what was to be kept cool. Over the years, add different forms of insulation; metal to replace the wood; a mechanical device to create the cold and even make ice on its own. Now we're talking about the modern refrigerator. It has one part to keep things cool and usually another compartment to keep them frozen. Sometimes they dispense cold water as well.

Interestingly enough, the modern refrigerator is going through another evolutionary change. With the preponderance of refrigerator mag-

nets, the old icebox is now a "communications center" Just look at your fridge. I'll bet that if you're of a certain age, there will be both pictures OF your grandchildren and pictures BY them. You'll have flyers of upcoming events you don't want to forget; little blue Doctors appointment cards; phone lists of all the neighbors; the prayer chain list; a recipe you haven't tried yet, various keys that don't get used enough to carry around; and tax information that needs to be handy next time you go to the courthouse. The possibilities are endless and they make some pretty strong magnets. I just don't remember growing up with anything on the refrigerator door. Who could have seen this coming? But still, even in its dual purpose as cooler and communicator, it's first and foremost a cooler and will not become something else no matter what we put on its doors.



I suppose it could be said that you can tell a lot about a family by what ends up on their refrigerator door. That might be true. But if they don't have anything at all, you might learn more. You'll know for certain that they're dedicated to neat.



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July Birthdays

Noah Monsour	3
Betty Crumpacker	4
Braden Buzard	7
Betty Stocker	8
Mervin McElwain	8
Jim Buzard	16
Charley Billington	21
David Buzard	22
Madison Monsour	24
Paul Huff	27
Cleo McElwain	31

July Anniversaries

Jody & Jane Crumpacker	1
John & Diane Hiller	5
Ben & Kathy Schneider	17
Amos & Sharon Leonard	25
Jason & Ann Lee	26

August Birthdays

Jamie Alexander	4
Earl Hartman	9
Tyler Egbert	10
Ray Huff	12
Austin Egbert	17
Alexis Schneider	19
Kathleen Cheney	22
Sandra Martinie	23
Doris Crumpacker	27
Twyla McColm	28
Marsha Hartman	29
Jerry Clawson	29
Chad Buzard	31

August Anniversaries:

Crista and Lester Wagner	2
Kenny & Victoria Murphy	3
Mark & Nancy Crumpacker	11
Jim & Colleen Huff	19

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Mennonite Your Way

~by Lois Stauffer

It was May 8, 2010, and a phone call came in from folks to “Menn Their Way” on May 15, a Saturday night. Maybe they would have joined us for church and all of you could have met them. However, we were planning a trip to Pennsylvania to visit my Dad who is 90 years old. The man on the phone was a professor at Ball State, Indiana. It would have been interesting, and we were disappointed we couldn’t accommodate them.



Another memorable visitor was a couple with three children. The oldest daughter had just graduated from high school. The family was on a month’s vacation. They owned a small dairy farm in Central Pennsylvania, had dried up all the cows and took off. They had owned the farm for only six years. Prior to that the parents had both been teachers.

Within 30 minutes of arrival the H.S. graduate brought a notebook to us and told us she was keeping a journal of their trip. I said, “What a great idea.” “But,” she said, “it is not a journal I write, I am asking folks we meet to write in my journal their answer to the question ‘*What do you hope for?*’.” She looked at me. “Will you write in my journal?”

As I scanned through her journal, I saw that the writers so far were waitresses, *Menn-your-way* hosts or hostesses, motel folks, etc. One of the writers was an eighty-something years old. Some wrote just one sentence -others a full page. Interesting!

We went to bed that night and I still had not written anything--a busy evening of visiting,--you know. I couldn’t sleep thinking about what to write: “Lord, give me something to write.”



Then. . . “*My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’s blood and righteousness.*” I went on to write of my desire to always remain faithful to the teachings of God’s Word, and about my hope and prayer that our family will grow up to keep Christ at the center of their lives. Then, I wrote: “there is the extended family. Bill has a nephew who for years has been a smoker, drinker and a drug user. God has changed his life this past year. He is so excited in his Christian walk. If you knew Jay you would join us in Praising God for this miracle. We are in awe of God’s grace. God is answering my hope and prayer and the answering is continuing each day.” I ended it with “Thank you Lord!”

For Christmas that year we received a letter from this family expressing how special that journal is. Can you imagine? A month of daily writings from all kinds of folks about . . . **What is Your Hope?**

It would be something to cherish for a long time, for sure. In fact, you could ask folks you meet everyday without going on a vacation. You might be fascinated by the answers you receive.

God’s cake

~submitted by Lillian Bowin



Sometimes we wonder, ‘What did I do to deserve this?’ or ‘Why did God have to do this to me?’ Here is a wonderful explanation! A daughter is telling her Mother how everything is going wrong, she’s failing algebra, her boyfriend broke up with her and her best friend is moving away.

Meanwhile, her Mother is baking a cake and asks her daughter if she would like a snack, and the daughter says, ‘Oh, yes, Mom, I love your cake.’

‘Here, have some cooking oil,’ her Mother offers. ‘Yuck’ says her daughter.



‘How about a couple raw eggs?’

‘Gross, Mom!’

‘Would you like some flour then? Or maybe baking soda?’

‘Mom, those are all yucky!’ To which the mother replies: ‘Yes , all those things seem bad all by themselves. But when they are put together in the right way, they make a wonderful delicious cake! ‘

God works the same way. Many times we wonder why He would let us go through such bad and difficult times. But God knows that when He puts these things all in His order, they always work for good! We just have to trust Him and, eventually, they will all make something wonderful!

God is crazy about you. He sends you flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning. Whenever you want to talk, He’ll listen. He can live anywhere in the universe, and He chose your heart.

Being happy doesn’t mean everything is perfect. It means you’ve decided to see beyond the imperfections

Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we are here we might as well dance!



Looking Around, and Looking Forward

~by Pastor Harold



Once again I am so pleased with our family here at the Osage church. One of the many strengths of this congregation is its' willingness to reach out. Recently, as most of you know, a family in the area has experienced "medical" and finance problems and I see us as a community reaching out to them. Every other day someone in the church takes food to their home, and if you are like me, you spend time visiting. One of the comments I have heard in the community is "I didn't know there was a church that did things like this anymore."

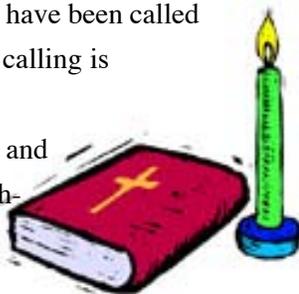
Think about that comment for a moment. Isn't this what we as Christians are suppose to do – reach out in love, seek to make a difference, and answer the question "What Would Jesus Do". It seems to me that, in many ways, we are setting an example of what it means to follow Christ. Now before we get out selves all puffed up let's remember that we still have a long way to go. There are opportunities most every day to reach out that slip right by us. We get so busy that too often we don't think about them or even see them. I wonder, was Jesus ever too busy to reach out to someone? I think we all know the answer to that question.

Strengths, the Osage church has many and this will be only one of the things I miss when I leave as your pastor later this year.

While it is great to think of strengths, we must also be aware of areas we need to improve in. Another comment I have heard many times in the last ten years, from within the church, is "it's time for the younger ones to step up, we've served our time."

I admit that I have a little trouble with that statement. As Christians seeking to be more like Jesus; when there is an opportunity to serve how can we say no. I will agree that we all get tired at times and it is a lot easier to step back and let "someone else" do the job, but we have been called to be full time Christians and that calling is for as long as we live.

I am so thankful for each and every one who continues to faithfully serve, even when you would rather let "someone else do it", and I am so thankful when I see



someone who has been sitting on the sidelines step up. God has given each of us gifts and talents and we need to be faithful in using them.

This church has a long faithful history. While we cannot live in the past I, for one, am thankful for those who have brought us to where we are as a community of believers today. Now we must do our part to insure that our children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren can continue with the faithful traditions that make this church a great place to worship, and this community a great place to live.



As Linda and I begin the process of looking forward to "retirement", we too must remember that being a Christian is a life long commitment. We don't know what the future holds, but we know we must do our part. We must continue to be willing to "stretch ourselves".

As many of you know, retirement does not mean sitting on the front porch in a rocking chair and watching the world go by. It does mean being able to do things you were not able to do before. For us, that means not only helping our parents it also means taking part in activities with our grandchildren, and hopefully some travel time.

What does the future hold, well for us (just like here at Osage) it is unknown, but with our hands in God's, and a willing heart, I know without any doubt that it will be great.

Tips From the Come-N-Dine Staff

While we cook or wash dishes there is always something interesting being talked about. Nancy Mechling, who is outstanding at washing up the hard-to-clean roaster oven, has come up with good things to help out in the kitchen which you could use in your home. One of them is to buy a good set of rings that go under the burners on the cooktop to be used only when you are having dinner guests. Just replace the ones you use everyday with the new clean ones and everyone thinks you are a great house keeper.



To clean your oven racks, place them in the bath tub and cover with very hot water and dishwasher soap to soak them clean. Thanks you Nancy for your willingness to help and the good conversations. ~Marsha Hartman

Paul's Corner

~by Paul Troop

I'd like to tell you how we were able to take in three shows, including a dinner, and one night's lodging in a first class motel; all of this for only \$72, so you can have this same opportunity!

We decided to go to Branson for a short "get away". As we were getting close to our destination, we saw several signs telling us to stop in and get two shows for the price of one. Sounded like a bargain to me, so we turned off and stopped at one of them.

They were such friendly people there. They wanted to know what shows we wanted to see. We told them and added that we needed a motel for one night. One of the fellows figured it up, and he was so nice because he threw in a dinner show for a total of three shows for the price of one. What a bargain! Three shows, one of them with a dinner, a first class motel for one night and all of this for only \$72! I was so excited; I wanted to grab all of that before he had a chance to change his mind. Boy, was I eager!

Then he told us how they were able to give us such a wonderful deal! They wanted to show us a bargain that they knew we would be interested in and we would not be able to turn down. All we had to do was to take in a short presentation the next morning which would take about a hour and a half to learn more about it. We agreed to do that; we got everything we needed and took off for our motel before he could change his mind.

We attended a good show with a dinner early in the evening. Later we attended another show before we went to bed for a good night's rest.

The next morning we ate breakfast, on them of course, and headed for the meeting. At the appointed time, we were met by a young lady



who gave us a nice presentation. Then she took us in a van to the place she was talking about where we could stay in luxury and really live it up. We finally went back to where we were given the presentation and we found that we could buy this very lovely three room apartment, or you might call it a "Condo", for only \$37,000. The excitement was beginning to wear a little thin by now.

We broke the news to her that we were not that interested in buying. Before we left, we could have bought it, or one like it, for less than \$12,000; we turned that deal



down as well. Nearly three hours after we started, we were finally able to get out of there but we had to go to another place to get our "free" gift.

The man told us that we could earn \$70 by simply sitting in on a demonstration in a mall where some of us would be there to learn how to get this good deal without listening to a sales pitch.

For \$70, I was even willing to do that, but unfortunately that meeting was the same time that we were supposed to see our last show. If only we would have been able to take in that one, our Branson "Get Away" would have only cost us \$2. I just knew some of you would really be interested in something like this so I gave them your names. Check your mailboxes carefully; it should be coming any-day now.



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