

Pastor's Corner— Sandi Hunt

For most people the summer months bring pleasant thoughts of vacationing, camping and spending more time outdoors with family and friends. The church's long held tradition of providing opportunities to attend reunions, camps, and retreats actually fulfills all of those desires. As a child growing up in the Community of Christ, summer months, for me, meant the excitement of seeing old friends and making new ones at reunion and youth camp. Looking back I realize that those experiences provided my first encounters with the Holy Spirit and helped to shape my spiritual journey.

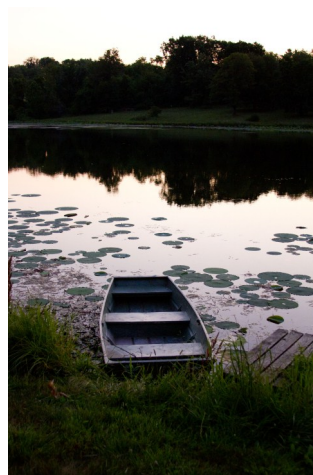
This summer ten of our Lee's Summit children and youth will be attending a church camp at Lake Doniphan. (Many thanks to the congregation for providing camperships which help with the cost.) We look forward to hearing about the experiences that were most memorable to the kids. And several families from our congregation attended reunion this year at Lake Doniphan. (see inset pictures)

At the first reunion Apostle Stassi Cramm provided guest

ministry and at the second reunion President Steve Veazey and Cathy Cackler-Veazey were guest ministers. However, simply stating those details doesn't begin to describe the "experience" of reunion. For me, that includes walking on the beautiful grounds of Camp Doniphan, visiting with old friends and new, seeing our children respond to their safe and loving environment and feeling the Holy Spirit as it moves among us at worship, at class, in the dining hall, at the pool or in paddle boats, at campfire, and in our cabins at the close of day. These are the memories that stay with us throughout our lives.

This description is true for reunions, camps and retreats – wherever Christ's people are gathered with singleness of heart. Because it is in this setting that we understand more completely Jesus' commandment to love one another and we can catch a glimpse of what it means to actually be a community of Christ. Lives are changed for the better, families are strengthened, our church family is enriched and the mission of Jesus Christ comes closer to reality. Reunions, camps and retreats provide us with a model of true community and give us the courage to create that same sense of community wherever we are planted.

The purpose of this message is not only to share my testimony of a spirit-filled week at reunion but to encourage you to attend reunion or camp next summer. However, you don't have to wait a whole year! The Lee's Summit Community of Christ Congregation is going on a weekend retreat at Lake Doniphan the first weekend of October! And you are invited to be a part of that "experience."



SAVE THE DATE!
Lee's Summit Congregational Retreat
October 5, 6, 7, 2012



Kidz Korner:

Summer Sunday School is now a combined class with all your friends together. Come join in, as we learn and sing about Jesus and his love for us! Sundays at 9:30 am! (Senior High and Toddlers classes continue the same as they have been.)

Also, our 3rd Annual Intergenerational Sunday School Picnic is coming August 26th at 5:00 pm! And it's NOT just for people that

are able to attend Sunday school! Everyone, young and not as young, is invited! Bring a friend too! There will be games, water activities, hot dogs and other refreshments! Mark your calendar now and join the fun! (bring lawn chairs if you have them)

Debbie and Mindy presented some beautiful music for the first Reunion



Helping Others Through Coldwater

For the past few months, several Lee's Summit Congregation members have been volunteering at Coldwater. Coldwater is located in Cornerstone Church at 501 NE Missouri Rd., Lee's Summit. On the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month from noon to 2 p.m., the clothes closet as well as a food pantry are open. Lunch is also served.

During the summer, sack lunches for kids are also prepared and delivered each day of the week to several areas around Lee's Summit. Summer BBQ's on

Wednesday evenings are also held.

There are many ways to help. Whether it be sorting and sacking groceries, preparing and serving lunch, sorting clothes, or delivering groceries to those unable to get to Coldwater, the feeling of caring and love is there. The people receiving the goods are so appreciative, but the blessing we receive is so much greater.

Our mission to "Abolish poverty, End suffering" takes action! If you would like to move

into action, the opportunity is here! Meet at church at 11:00 a.m. on the 2nd Saturday of the month to help at the Food Pantry and Clothes Closet. If you would like to help with preparing or delivering lunches during the week, or are interested in participating in the Wednesday BBQ's (we need a group of 5), call Debi Harding, 816-767-0959 or email me at debi_harding@hotmail.com

We can be Jesus' hands and feet as we help others in our community!

Faithweaver Friends

Mark your calendars and start telling your friends and neighbors--the new season of Faithweaver Friends starts on Wednesday, September 5! This year, in addition to learning Bible stories, playing games, singing songs, and making crafts, the kids will be participating in "Mission Matters". "Mission Matters" is a special time each

week when the kids will work on projects that fulfill the mission initiatives of Abolish Poverty and End Suffering, Pursue Peace on Earth, Invite People to Christ, Develop Disciples to Serve, and Experience Congregations in Mission. We'll truly be weaving our faith into our lives and the life of our community.

Faithweaver Friends is for kids age 3-12. We meet on Wednesdays during the school year from 6:30-8:00 PM. If you have questions or are interested in volunteering, please call Suzie Godfrey at 525-0491 or Amy Estep at 537-5519.



Daniel Zahniser and new friend Payton playing in the pool at Reunion.>>>>

If you'd like to submit an article, have questions or comments, please call Renee Re- no 816.377.6621 or email lsvisionpoint@gmail.com

A Note from Our Pastor-Amy Estep

What an amazing time for our congregation. We kicked off our Lenten season by unifying our services and worshipping together every week. It has been great having our family together each week while still striving to meet the worship needs of each individual.

Many of us just returned from a reunion experience. As always, good times were had at Lake Doniphan. It is such a wonderful experience to relax, let go, and really grow with God. Be sure to find a camper and ask them to share with you their “Doniphan story”. I would also encourage you to mark October 5th-7th on your calendar. Plan to join us at Camp Doniphan for our congregational retreat and make your own Doniphan memories.

Many of us are still enjoying the fun and laziness of hot summer days. Believe it or not, this time of year is my busiest. Now don't



Amy and Emerson Godfrey chillin' at Canteen.

feel too sorry for me – I am certainly enjoying my fair share of sun and fun, but I have also been working on organizing and creating a leadership team that will guide our congregation.

The pastorate has been working on restructuring our leadership team so that each task is directly related to one of our Mission Initiatives. Believe me; the job was harder than it sounds! It was a big project, but it proved very beneficial to look at each

area of our ministry and really highlight the focus of our work.

As we get ready for September 1st and the beginning of a new leadership cycle, I would encourage you to take stock of where you are on your faith journey. What is God calling you to do? Where are you feeling that pull to serve? I would love to hear from you. I want to know where you are feeling led. Let's work together to make our congregation a living example of our individual and collective ideas and passions. I am always available to visit, and don't be surprised if I come to you and ask, “What can I help you achieve?”

There is no limit to what we can do. I pray that each of you will be open to the spirit and have the courage to act on your inspiration.



Vacation Bible School is just around the corner! Our church will be transformed into a blue sky full of clouds, kites, airplanes, and balloons. Join us for Sky VBS on July 22-26 from 6:30-8:30 PM. Classes are available for ages 2 through 5th grade. Older kids and adults are invited to volunteer or attend our adult class. Dinner will be served each evening at 5:30, so join us for the food and fellowship before VBS. At Sky VBS, kids discover that by trusting God, everything is possible!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

Danny Jones and his family want to thank all who helped make his 50th birthday so great! He turned in a gallon of “pop can tabs” for “The Ronald McDonald House”, and he also has some serious spending to think about now.



Above: Children playing during the evening service.

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Sunday Schedule

9:15 am Fellowship and Snacks
9:30 am Christian Education
10:30 am Combined Worship

Wednesday Summer Schedule

7:00 pm Prayer Service

Prayer Service, Wednesdays, 7:00pm

Christian Education Classes on Sundays, 9:30am

July 22-26

Dinner at 5:30 pm
VBS 6:30-8:30 pm

Volunteer Opportunities

July 14th, Coldwater, Meet at church, 11:15

August 8th, BBQ sponsored by Coldwater,

**See article "Helping Others Through Coldwater"

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