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March 14th



“Feed my sheep” is the focus of this year’s Lenten offering of One Great Hour of Sharing, which will be gathered at First Church next Sunday, March 14th. Reaching out to care for those victims of natural or human-caused disasters, OGHS is quick to respond to the needs created by crisis, Haiti being just one example of being present to provide shelter, food, safe water, and education. OGHS is a presence in more than 80 countries and is in partnership with 6000 UCC churches and 8 other denominations responding to emergencies on an average of one every 2½ days! Please plan on sharing as generously as you are able next Sunday.

DO YOU KNOW...?

In the first 2 months of 2010, the Outreach House has served

- ✓ 271 families with 348 children, from infant through age 3, with basics for baby care and health through the *first things first* infant needs ministry?
- ✓ 52 families with \$2,310 worth of basic needs, including food, gas, public transportation, prescriptions, rental assistance, and personal care items through the Walk-In Ministry?
- ✓ 192 families, encompassing 852 men, women, and children with food and supplies via the Northern Illinois Food Bank Mobile Food Truck?

None of this could be possible without the volunteers who are so giving of their time and love. New volunteers are always welcome to receive the training that makes the outreach process comfortable. Please contact Sandra Hill, Outreach Coordinator, at shill@theoutreachhouse.org or 630-693-0187 to let her know that you’re available to help.

JUBILEE

Wednesdays from 3:30-5:30 PM are favorite times for children age 5 through 6th grade as they gather in the Resource Center for Jubilee, the after-school program that centers around activities that appeal to imaginative young minds. Not limited to First Church families, it’s a good time for children to invite friends to join them. It’s a couple of free hours for mom, and it’s also a good lead-in period before families get together to enjoy the Community Table at 5:30 PM.

“LUCK O’ THE IRISH PARTY”

Have you marked your calendar for next Saturday, March 13th, for the 6 PM dinner that will usher in the St. Patrick’s Day feel with a menu of corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, carrots, and dessert? It’s a family affair, but in recognition of younger tastes not used to corned beef, there will be hot dogs for the kids.

Fellowship Hall will take on St. Pat’s aura with special decorations, and a duo of talented musicians will provide authentic Irish music during the evening.

PLUS, the contest for Irish soda bread will provide a variety of tastes through competition that will be judged by the 3 chefs in the kitchen, with all breads being then offered to the diners. Anyone wishing to enter the

contest is asked to contact Jean Reneau, Chair of Parish Life Ministry, at jean@reneau.us or 630-627-4545. Yes, there will be a prize for the winner.

The cost for this feast is just \$5 per person or \$20 for an immediate family. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer so that the chefs will know how many guests to prepare for.

WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY TABLE

Good food. A chance to meet new people. An opportunity to share fellowship with community members and First Church family alike...all on Wednesday from 5:30-7 PM in Fellowship Hall at the weekly Community Table.

Hands to help set up tables, prepare the food, serve it, and clean up are always welcome, so please contact Sandra Hill, Outreach Coordinator, at shill@theoutreachhouse.org or 630-693-0187 if you are able to contribute some time and energy to this outreach.

LENTEN NOON STUDY

Getting a new slant on familiar parables is what happens on Wednesday noon during Lent as “*Modern Parables*” is the focus of the hour that includes a video of parables in a contemporary setting. It’s a time to reflect and to take part in discussion. It’s also a time to enjoy the sack lunch that you’re encouraged to bring from home to tide you through the lunch hour.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!

...for the 3rd Annual Vender Sale Fundraiser, benefiting The Outreach House! After church on March 21st until 1:30PM, vendors for Premier Designs Jewelry, Tastefully Simple, Stampin’ Up, Pampered Chef, Creative Memories and Mary Kay will be on hand to take your orders. Some vendors will also have cash and carry items available. There will be a raffle with items donated by our vendors. Invite friends, tell neighbors, come yourself and support the work of The Outreach House! For more information, talk to Denise Dabisch, 630-346-4474.

“TOUGH QUESTIONS”

If you have questions about spiritual issues, justice, inequities, suffering or anything that has been weighty to deal with, the Lenten “Tough Questions” meeting from 11:30 AM-12:30 PM on Sundays is a good place to be. Bring your questions for group discussion and feel encouraged to help others as they voice their own tough questions.

SECOND SUNDAY SENIORS

The Old Country Buffet on Roosevelt Rd. will be the place to be at noon for Second Sunday Seniors next Sunday, March 14th. It’s a nice time for good food and fellowship with seniors whom you might know or would like to get to know.

SCRIP

Tomorrow, March 8th, is the deadline for ordering this month’s SCRIP, and order forms are available in the wire rack in the foyer. Parents of Youth Community members are encouraged to peruse the list carefully for purchasing so that the percentage refunded to the church can be designated specifically for payment for the Mission Trip 2010 expenses for your child. Everyone else is reminded that the percentages of refund may be labeled for the Outreach House or for the Mission Trip. A reminder: buying SCRIP costs **nothing** extra than the full value of the purchase card...and it helps provide funds for our community outreach and our youths’ mission work.

LILACTIME AUCTION

Are your thoughts on the Lilac Time Auction on Saturday, May 15th? Have you decided any of several ways that you can help it be a major success? Have you considered

- Making a monetary donation to help purchase a too-expensive-for-1-family item...TV, computer, etc.?
- Donating new items, easy to do through sale times at stores?
- Signing up to create a basket, carrying out a special theme...wine, gardening, cooking, golf, etc.?
- Offering time at a summer cottage/cabin/home or time share?
- Donating accumulated air miles?
- Asking managers of favorite restaurants to donate a gift certificate?

- Sharing some antiques that the kids don't desire and that don't fit with your present décor?
- Buying gift certificates for special dining opportunities or theater events?
- Offering a service: serving dinner for 6-8 people, a number of hours of gardening, or other talents?
- Inviting friends to attend the evening's activities with you?

There will be a superb dinner, prepared by Fritz Geiger, silent auction items, raffle and door prizes, and an evening that guarantees good fun and treasures for yourself or as unique gifts.

And you do remember that it's all on Saturday, May 15th, don't you?

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

A reminder to everyone to turn clocks **forward** next Saturday night to assure getting to church at the beginning of the worship service time.

MEN IN THE KITCHEN

The list of chefs is growing for Gourmet Guys on April 10th, but there is still room for more. Please contact Jean Reneau, Chair of the Parish Life Ministry, at 630-627-4545 or jean@reneau.us to be a part of this group that provides entrees, side dishes, and dessert to a most appreciative group of diners. And everyone else, please save April 10th for a great dinner and some surprise fun.

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

...**Ilse Lischer**, long-time member of First Church, passed away last week and we hold her family in our thoughts and prayers. We're happy that **Betsy Kunberger** is recovering nicely at home after recent surgery and that **Jeanie McCoy** is back at home after some hospital time.

FEBRUARY MARCH 7TH – MARCH 14TH AT FIRST CHURCH

Sun. 3/7	9:00 AM Explorers/Confirmation 9:45 AM Blood Pressure Screening 10:15 AM Worship-Main Sanctuary 10:15 AM Sunday School 11:30 AM <i>OJV & OGN</i> 11:30 AM "Tough Questions" 11:30 AM Auction Committee 4:00 PM <i>One Step Closer</i> 4:00 PM Middle School Mania	Thur. 3/11	5:30 PM Community Table 7:00 PM PRC Class 7:00 PM Quilt Group 7:00 PM 2 nd Year Confirmation 9:00 AM Crafts Group 10:00 AM Walk-In Ministry 10:00 AM <i>first things first</i> 6:20 PM <i>Josiah Reade Ringers</i> 7:45 PM Chancel Choir
Mon. 3/8	12:30 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Heart Smart Class 6:15 PM Stewardship Team 7:15 PM Maple Street Chapel	Sat. 3/13	9:30 AM PRC Class 6:00 PM Lucky O' the Irish Party
Tue. 3/9	10:00 AM Walk-In Ministry 10:00 AM <i>first things first</i> 6:30 PM P.A.D.S. 6:30 PM Management Team	Sun. 3/14	9:00 AM Explorers/Confirmation 10:15 AM Worship-Main Sanctuary 10:15 AM Sunday School 11:30 AM <i>OJV & OGN</i> 11:30 AM "Tough Questions" 12:00 PM 2 nd Sunday Seniors 4:00 PM <i>One Step Closer</i> 6:00 PM Youth Community
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SUNDAY MARCH 14TH

GREETERS: Laura and Dustin Book, Chris Brown, Susanne Cassell, Gina and Dave Gardner.

USHERS: Dustin Book, Harold Hoffman, Dan Pike, George Vandon, Jr., Terry Walsh, Eric Wilson.

COUNTERS: Bob Gay, Eric Hayley, Chuck Threewitt.

COFFEE HOUR: The Ivey and Hayley families.

NURSERY VOLUNTEER: Alice and Steve Marks.

SOUND TEAM: Tom Hammerschmidt.

LITURGIST: Christine Tani.