



THE VISITOR

August 2010

Parenting Book Discussion ***Starting Sun., Sept. 5th, 9:00 a.m.***

A new, 6-week, informal parenting book discussion, "Parenting by the Book," by John Rosemond will begin on Sunday, September 5, during the Sunday school hour.

Who can attend this discussion?

Any parent (or parent to be) who would like to connect with other parents to discuss the trials, tribulations and joys of parenting, and learn techniques to raising happy, well-behaved children based on biblical principles.

What will I do with my child(ren) during the meeting time?

If your child is in preschool or above they may attend the already scheduled Sunday school class for their age. If your child is younger than preschool, childcare will be provided for them.

How do I receive a copy of the book?

You can send in or drop off a check for \$13.59 to the office by Aug. 20th, and pick up your book on Rally Day, Aug. 29th, OR you can purchase your book on your own (amazon.com has them in stock).

Call Elizabeth in the office with any questions (330-683-0715).

Book Description:

Picture respectful, responsible, obedient children who entertain themselves without television or video games, do their own homework, and have impeccable manners. A pie-in-the-sky fantasy? Not so, says family psychologist and bestselling author John Rosemond. Any parent who so desires can grow children who fit that description—happy, emotionally-healthy children who honor their parents and their families with good behavior and do their best in school.

In the 1960s, American parents stopped listening to their elders when it came to child rearing and began listening instead to professional experts. Since then, raising children has become fraught with anxiety, stress, and frustration. The solution, says John, lies in raising children according to biblical principles, the same principles that guided parents successfully for hundreds of years. They worked then, and they still work now!

Through his nationally-syndicated newspaper column and eleven books, John has been helping families raise happy, well-behaved children for more than thirty years. In *Parenting by The Book*, which John describes as both a "mission and a ministry," he brings parents back to the uncomplicated basics. Herein find practical, Bible-based advice that will help you be the parent you want to be, with children who will be, as the Bible promises, "a delight to your soul" (Pro. 29-17). As a bonus, John also promises to make you laugh along the way.

August Worship

August 1

Sacrament of Communion, Rev. Gehres
 Guest Preacher: Neutral Pulpit
 for Paradise UCC, Louisville
 Home Communion

August 8

Preaching: Rev. Jerry Baker
 Coffee Hour

August 15

Preaching: Rev. Jerry Baker

August 22

Preaching: Rev. Gehres

August 29

Outdoor Worship
 Preaching: Rev. Gehres
 Sunday school Rally Sunday
 Church picnic prepared by
 Worship Committee

Memorial Gifts

In Memory of Joan Bumgardner
 John and Marilyn Schantz

In Memory of Pete Curie
 Bob and Jess Hershey
 Eldon and Mary Lou Bupp
 John and Marilyn Schantz
 John and Shirley Weyrauch
 Anna Jean Duvall

In Memory of Robert Hanna
 Merle and Ginny Moser

In Memory of John Thompson
 Eldon and Mary Lou Bupp
 Merle and Ginny Moser

In Memory of Teresa Tyson
 John and Marilyn Schantz
 John and Judy Kropf
 Dorothy Hahn
 Maryalice Roush
 Merle and Ginny Moser
 Pat Saurer

Meanderings

Every August I am *gobsmacked*. That is a British word which I have never actually heard used in conversation, but means "astonished, speechless in surprise". When August comes I am gobsmacked. This is inevitably a time when I step back to consider the state of the church and the fruits of my labors.

No matter how healthy and blessed the congregation appears to be, I am always *gobsmacked* by how little that has to do with me. The review of our church's rather wonderful ministries and mission parades past, while my Big Ideas and Great Intentions can be seen still twiddling their thumbs in the corner. The blessings that grace our congregational life are just that -- blessings from God by the grace of God. The faith and growth, devotion, witness and service found here are gifts from God empowered by the Holy Spirit among us. Yes, the Spirit may use our words or efforts (including my own) for God's own purposes, but looking back in review I notice how little the outcome is about me. Come August, I am gobsmacked, and humbled, by the truth.

At the same time, I am doubly *gobsmacked* by hope. Those who closely follow the successes and failures of the church find many reasons for concern. I need not detail them here: losses and lapses, things we meant to do but didn't, things that did not work out. August brings those failures and fissures (and my own as pastor) pouring down on me like a summer thunderstorm. Humility can give way to discouragement. Except that I am always in that moment gobsmacked by hope. Hope is buoyant. Even when it shouldn't be and has no reason to be. Hope that comes from God's goodness gobsmacks my dark mood.

Or should I say *Godsmacks*? In August, just when I am feeling the weight of my own importance while stocking up on responsibility and worry, I am Godsmacked with humility and hope. How is your August?

Randy

Care Ministries Cabinet

Time again for a quarterly meeting of the Care Ministries Cabinet. All involved please put aside an hour on Monday, August 2, at 1:00 p.m. to meet in the Conference Room to check on our progress, problems, whatever.

Christian Education Matters

RALLY DAY – August 29th!!

The Christian Education committee is planning to kick off our new year with fun activities during the Sunday school hour on August 29th. Details are still to be worked out, so watch for more info in the Sunday bulletin and the weekly email Chat!

FALL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday School – classes will be available for all ages.

The preschool class will meet in the Nursery classroom and use the “LIVE BIG” materials. Margaret Maupin will be starting off the year with our youngest learners!

The elementary class will meet in the rotation classrooms and use “Seasons of the Spirit”. Lisa Biddle, Lindsey Lorson and a capable team of workshop leaders will work with this age group!

The middle schoolers will meet in the Lower Room and use the “Seasons of the Spirit” lectionary-based curriculum that connects education, mission, and worship. Joe Hranko teaches this class.

The high school class will meet in the youth room and use a variety of materials to prompt discussion on living our faith in everyday life. Kent Smith teaches the high school sessions.

The group formerly known as the New Testament Class has concluded their study of the New Testament and decided to start at the beginning of the Bible with Genesis. They'll have a new name, but some familiar faces as Joanne Burkey leads them verse by verse through the Hebrew scripture! *Here's a great opportunity to begin at the beginning!*

The Seekers will meet upstairs in their classroom and study the Bible using “Seasons of the Spirit.” Grace Gehres is their leader.

The Christian Fellowship Class will meet in the Parlor and study the Bible using “The Present Word.” Gene Moore, Maryalice Roush and Helen Brown lead the class.

Parenting Class/Book Discussion – Sunday mornings during the Sunday school hour. Children may attend the class for their age or childcare will be provided for infants and toddlers. More information is on the cover page or contact Elizabeth Wallace in the church office.

Topical studies will be offered periodically by Pastor Gehres. Watch for details in bulletins, newsletters and The Chat (email).

Fall Camp – Mark Your Calendars!

Our annual weekend retreat at Tempel Hills will be on October 22-24. More details will be available this fall, but block out the time now! The event will include food, fellowship, a work project, learning and FUN!

Gluten Allergy?

Spiritual Council is seeking input and suggestions regarding accommodations for individuals who desire to take communion but have gluten allergies which prevent them from eating bread. If you are willing to discuss how Spiritual Council might accommodate your needs, please contact Pastor Gehres or Joi Hemphill.

The Flutophone Band Needs You!

We are looking for anyone interested in joining our flutophone (recorder, tonette) band. No experience necessary! We will be performing during the outdoor worship on August 29th with a couple practices yet to be determined. You say you don't have a flutophone? No problem. We'll get you one!

At this time we are working on putting our roster together. Please contact us in some way or another just to say "Yes, I am interested" and we'll be sure to get you the music and fill you in on the details. Call either Cheryl Diehl (330-682-7823) or Nancy Hranko (330-683-7041) or email us Cheryl (chdiehl@zoominternet.net), Nancy (nchranko@zoominternet.net). WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN US!

Calligrapher Needed

Can you write in calligraphy or have superb handwriting? We are looking for someone to record special gifts in our new Memorial Book. Contact Elizabeth or Pastor Gehres if you are interested.

YOUTH CORNER

“Local Mission Trip Deemed a Success!” That’s what should be the headline in the next Orr Views. Six youth (and Joe) took time from their busy schedules to strip wallpaper and paint a room and deck at Amy Landaw’s; clear brush piles and pull weeds at the Nelson’s; spend a day in Cleveland touring Church Street Ministries, learning about the West Side Market, touring Lakeview Cemetery, eating dinner with a family in the Spanish community and playing basketball with some new friends; repairing Ruth Harrington’s steps; taking down a fence and clearing brush at the Wallace’s; cooking, serving and cleaning up at Friendship Meals; and mulching and pulling weeds at the Weyrauch’s. The group spent each night in the church and worked during the day. We went home for showers and a change of clothes and returned for dinner. The week was capped off with a pool party at Joe’s. Thanks to Amy for a great dinner, Terri Brest for providing a lunch and for ice cream from Ruth, Shirley and Nancy.

40TH ANNUAL AUCTION

Save the Date! Sunday, September 26

Once again the youth fellowship will sponsor an auction to raise funds toward the 2011 mission trip tentatively scheduled for Heifer Project in Rutland, Massachusetts. We are waiting for confirmation and should hear in January. If not HPI, we will find an alternative site.

As always, 10% of the proceeds will be directed to the mission trip site.

Donations are all ready being brought in! If you have a donation, please bring it to Sharon’s office (just off Fellowship Hall). Be sure to leave your name with the item. Thank you.

Worship Assistants for Sunday, August 15

Liturgist – Kyla Hemphill

Ushers – 2 pair mentors, mentees (please let Sharon know if you are willing and able to serve Christ Church in this capacity)

Greeters – 2 youth

Calendar

August 1	6 PM YF Food?
August 8	TBA
August 15	TBA
August 22	6 PM YF Food?
August 29	Back to School Bash

Christ Church Medical Forms can be downloaded from the youth ministry page on the church website. These must be updated every year. Why not get an early start before the school forms begin appearing? These forms are required of all youth involved in activities at CUCC – Carol Choir, Kid’s Club, Sunday school, YF, confirmation or the mentor program. Forms may be returned to Sharon’s mailbox or copied and returned via fax or e-mail. Thanks.

Comments, concerns, suggestions, questions or complaints about the youth ministry program at Christ Church? You can reach the youth coordinator, Sharon Nelson, at the church at 330-683-0715 or at home 330-683-2792 or via e-mail youth.cucc@zoominternet.net

Financial Report

	June 30, 2010		
	Month of	YTD	Last Year
Current Fund	June '10		
Income	\$17,105	\$120,563	\$122,060
Expenses	\$19,198	\$126,935	\$136,855
Net Surplus(Deficit)	\$ (2,093)	\$ (6,372)	\$(14,795)
Benevolent Fund	\$ 2,354	\$ 21,175	\$ 20,089
Strengthen the Church	\$ 295	\$ 330	\$ 375
Pastor's Emergency Fund	\$ 145	\$ 2,443	\$ 4,533

The year to date deficit of \$6,372 is \$8,423 less than last year. We have paid \$5,321 less for gas and \$775 less for electric, sewer & water.

Consistory Highlights – July meeting

- Christian Education reported that the committee is reviewing the AUCE Faith Formation Checklist.
- Christian Ed and Fellowship Committees announced that an ice cream social would be held in conjunction with the kick-off for Vacation Bible School on July 18.
- Mission Committee noted that 17 bags of food were delivered to People to People from the Father's Day Food Drive.
- Technology Committee continues to work on building security issues.
- Worship Committee has plans for outdoor worship August 29, to include food and a flutophone concert.
- Elders continue to work on the Visioning process.
- Plans for a church directory are being considered, possibly for autumn.
- An audit of treasurer was completed by a select committee.
- WCSCC Adult and Community Education wishes to expand classes in Orrville and is looking at space in CUCC and at other churches to satisfy their needs.

Respectfully submitted, Lynette Marr, Consistory Secretary

Endowment Disbursement

The Endowment Committee will be meeting in late August/early September to evaluate program requests and recommend the level of disbursement of income funds from the church's Endowment. Income funds are distributed annually to accomplish the following purposes: 1) Outreach into the local community (i.e. Orrville Boys & Girls Club, Habitat for Humanity, Salvation Army); 2) Funding for the wider mission of the denomination (i.e. United Church Homes, UCC colleges & seminaries, Crossroads) and 3) Funding for use within Christ UCC Church with the exception of current expenses. If you have a program request that you would like to be considered for funding, please contact the church office to obtain a request form and submit it back to the office by August 20th. Questions? Contact Dale Scott, Endowment Committee chairperson

Thank You

Dear Funeral Dinner Ladies,

Thank you so much for the wonderful lunch for our family and friends. We appreciate all your hard work and dedication.

Love, the John Thompson Family

Thank you to the members of the prayer chain for your prayers for my brother, Charles. He is doing great. It was truly appreciated.

John Beswetherick

I would like to thank Pastor Gehres for his visit just prior to my surgery on June 4th and to all who offered the many needed prayers, cards, and visits after my surgery. The support given by Christ Church and it's members are a great help during my recovery.

Gary L. Burkey

Dear Randy, Members, and Friends of Christ UCC,

This letter comes with my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for sharing Sharon Nelson with the Great Lakes Regional Youth Event as chair of the planning team. This was not just a few months of planning but the process began four years ago at the end of the last RYE.

Once again, please accept my thanks to you, friend at CUCC, for sharing Sharon with us. She's all yours for another four years.

Margaret Mills, EOA/WRA

Dear Church Members and Family,

I wanted to express my thanks for all the thoughts, prayers, calls, and cards during my healing process from surgery. I have made a total recovery thanks to everyone's support.

In Christ, Vicki Nussbaum

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>1</i> 10:15a Worship; Communion 11:30a Parish Nurses-BP's 1:00p Home Communion 6:00p YF—Pool Party	<i>2</i> 1:00p Care Ministries Cabinet 7:00p Spiritual Council	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> Rehearsal (FH Reserved)	<i>7</i> 2:00p Wedding
<i>8</i> 10:15a Worship 11:30a Coffee Hour 11:30a YF—Canoe Trip	<i>9</i> 7:00p Consistory	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>15</i> 10:15a Worship 6:00p Brenn-Field Service	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> Newsletter Deadline	<i>21</i>
<i>22</i> 10:15a Worship 6:00p Youth Fellowship	<i>23</i> 7:00p Healing Service	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>
<i>29</i> 9:00a Rally Day 10:15a Outdoor Worship 11:30a Church Picnic 6:00p YF—Back to School Bash	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>	AUGUST 2010			