

# E-Highlights

May 23, 2008

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**HELP SAVE POSTAGE AND TREES**—Help save postage and trees by receiving your *Messenger* via email. All you need to do is call (636.946.0961) or email (friends@stjohnucc.org) the church office with your name and email address you would like it to go to.

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**—The church office will be closed on Monday, May 26!

**QUILT RAFFLE**—Shirley Gravemann will be in new fellowship hall between services selling tickets for the raffle of a quilt she made for Bethany UCC Church in Schluersburg, Missouri. The raffle will take place on Sunday, June 1 at Bethany's church picnic. Tickets are six for \$5 or \$1 each.

**BUS DRIVERS NEEDED**—We need volunteer Sunday bus drivers. If you would like to pick up residents at local retirement communities for our second service, then please contact the church office at 636.946.0961 or email friends@stjohnucc.org.

**TEACHERS AND HELPERS NEEDED**—Teachers and helpers are needed for Toddler/Preschool Summer Sunday school. This summer we will be using curriculum from *Incredible Edible Bible Story Fun* for preschoolers. We will be making God's word memorable with easy recipes preschoolers can do. If this sounds fun and you are in sixth grade and older, please contact Karla Bodine or sign up on the sheet in new fellowship hall.

**RAGTIME/GOSPEL FEST WITH JIM RADLOFF**—On Saturday, May 31, at 6 p.m., the new fellowship hall will become a cabaret! Jambalaya will be the entrée, and we ask that people with the last name beginning in A—M bring a salad to share and N—Z a dessert. All offerings will go to the Middle School Mission Trip fund. Mark your calendars now to join us for a wonderful evening of food, fellowship, and ragtime!  
**Please call the church office to reserve your spot.**

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**—As many of you know, we are having Children's Church this summer for students in kindergarten through fifth grades during both Sunday morning services beginning June 1. We will be studying stories from the Old Testament and teaching the

students the importance of worship. Families will go to church and, before the sermon the children will be instructed to go to the narthex in the back of the sanctuary to meet their Children's Church Shepherd. They will go to new fellowship hall to worship and have a snack. Parents should pick up their students in new fellowship hall. The worship will have stories by Pastor Ric, fun songs, awesome activities, puppets, and so much more.

**CAR WASH FUNDRAISER**—You have an amazing opportunity to help support Down Syndrome research. The youth will be having a car wash fundraiser on Sunday, June 1, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., in the new church parking lot, to support the Down Syndrome Association of St. Louis and is utilized by Catrina Jefferson, a 15 year old girl in the youth group. All you need to do is pull up your car, let the youth wash it, and then give a donation. All proceeds will go to the Down Syndrome Association of St. Louis. If you have any questions, please contact Sami in the church office.

**VBS COMING SOON**—Join us for a Beach Party, which is this year's theme for Vacation Bible School. VBS will be July 7-11, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. There will be fun, food, and fellowship. Registration forms are available in the office or you can see Karla.

**VOLUNTEERS FOR VBS NEEDED**—Children's Ministry needs your help with Vacation Bible School. We are looking for adults as well as youth workers who have just completed sixth grade or higher. If you are interested, please contact Karla Bodine in the church office.



*Join us on Sunday,  
June 8 as we honor the  
students who are  
graduating from high school  
in both services.*

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## WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, May 25

6pm ..... High School small groups / lounge

### Monday, May 26

*Church Office Closed*

6pm ..... Karate class / SJH-gym

### Tuesday, May 27

11:15am..... Staff meeting / commons

7:30pm ..... Crescendo Concert Board mtg. / OFH

### Wednesday, May 28

8am..... Mission Sewing Circle / OFH

7:30pm ..... Chancel Choir rehearsal / choir room

### Thursday, May 29

9am..... Women's Social Service / OFH/NFH

### Friday, May 30

*Men's Yard Work*

### Saturday, May 31

10am..... Boundary Training / NFH

12pm ..... Middle School Mission Trip

Youth Advisor Training / NFH

6pm ..... Ragtime Gospel Fest / NFH

### Sunday, June 1

*Memorial Prayer and Communion*

8am..... Adult education

9am ..... **Worship service**

9am..... Children's Church / NFH

10:30am..... **Worship service**

10:30am..... Children's Church / NFH

10:30am Middle School Small Group [Susie] / room 202

11:30am..... Car Wash Fundraiser / new parking lot

6pm ..... High School Small Group / lounge

## HOSPITALIZATIONS

**Returning home:** Lucille Shelton, Virginia Brunson, and Jeanette Trippe

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 1—MS Down Syndrome Benefit Car Wash
- June 1—First Children's Church Service
- June 8—Travel Ministry to Stages
- June 14—The Outer Limits
- June 16-20—Youth Trip to Chicago
- June 28—The Outer Limits
- June 29—Ordination of Jerry Amiri
- July 4—Church Office Closed

## A LOSS IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

**Our sympathy is extended to** the family of Lillian Yahn, who died on May 19.

**Our sympathy is extended to** Margaret Bills and family on the death of her brother William Beste.

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