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## From the Study

Another newsletter deadline has arrived and it is time for another pastor's column. It is amazing how deadlines determine our actions. Some pastors are overwhelmed by the 12 deadlines per year for church newsletter columns and 50+ sermons each year. Other pastors adjust to these realities and meet the deadlines.

It is often challenging to meet the deadlines. However, without the deadline, we probably would not produce and communicate worthwhile thoughts and ideas. The task of writing newsletter columns and preaching weekly sermons often helps us (congregation and pastor) to grow in our understanding of the faith. Without these deadlines, we probably would not progress on the road to spiritual maturity. Instead, we would stagnate and wither.



In our spiritual journey, the pastor is not the only person with a deadline. Each of us has been given spiritual gifts by God. We have a deadline in that time is limited in terms of using our spiritual gifts. We might fail God and ourselves if we do not search to understand the individual gifts we have been given. We also fail if we do not use these identified spiritual gifts to God's glory. We fail if we do not consider our responsibility to the corporate body of Christ as well as our responsibility to our personal relationship with God.

What are the gifts that we can share? Some of our greatest gifts do not cost us materially, but they do have wonderful results. The late Mother Teresa in her book, *A Gift for God*, shared this example.

*"Some people came to Calcutta, and before leaving, they begged me: 'Tell us something that will help us to live our lives better.' And I said: 'Smile at each other; smile at your wife, smile at your husband, smile at your children, smile at each other—it doesn't matter who it is—and that will*

*help you to grow up in greater love for each other.' And then one of them asked me: 'Are you married?' and I said: 'Yes, and I find it difficult sometimes to smile at Jesus.' And it is true, Jesus can be very demanding also, and it is at those times when he is so demanding that to give him a big smile is very beautiful.'"*

I am sure many who asked Mother Teresa for great spiritual insight were probably not satisfied with her saying: "Smile at each other." I can guarantee that a successful church will have persons smiling at each other. Troubled churches will have people frowning or indifferent to others. Since I have always wanted to be a successful church pastor, I try to smile at everyone. I would imagine that each of you reading this article want to be part of a successful church. One life changing behavior that would have a big effect would be to smile at each other. See you in church this coming Sunday.

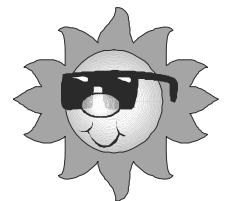
With warm regards,  
**Pastor Glenn**

## God Is Still Speaking . . . Summoned to Serve

The 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Illinois Conference United Church of Christ will be held June 8-10 at Elmhurst College in Elmhurst, Illinois. If you would like to attend, conference information and registration forms are posted on the bulletin board outside the Church Office.

## Summer Worship Schedule

Beginning Sunday, June 4 and continuing through August 27, worship will begin at 9:00 a.m. for the summer. Worship will be held in the Sanctuary unless the temperature in the Sanctuary is above 80°.





In the Spotlight this month — **Vacation Bible School!** Join the fun from 5:30-8:30 p.m., June 12-16. This year's theme . . . Fiesta! Check page 3 for more information.

## Congratulations Graduates!

St. Peter's would like to congratulate Mike Martinie on his graduation from high school and Ben Pelg on his graduation from college. Our best wishes and prayers go with both of these talented young men.



**Mike Martinie** graduated this spring from Champaign Central High School. In the fall, he will attend Northern Illinois University. Mike is the son of James and Sally Martinie and grandson of George of JoAnn Malloch.

**Ben Pelg** graduated from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale on May 13 with a degree in Finance. Ben is the son of Dale Pelg and grandson of Ed and Cleo Pelg.



## Summer Office Hours

Beginning the week of May 29, our Office Manager Bonnie Taylor, will be taking Tuesdays off. The summer office hours will be Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Rev. Trost will be in the office on Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon, however, regular business with the office should be scheduled during the Office Manager's hours.

## Consistory Highlights — May

*Editor's Note: The following notes from the May meeting are for your information only. Minutes and actions of this meeting will not be approved until the June meeting.*



Vacation Bible School will be held the week of June 12-16. If you are interested in helping with this year's VBS, please contact Lisa Lynch.

The Board of Christian Education reported that Celebration of Youth, our Sunday school program, would meet weekly at 10:00 a.m. beginning in September.

Building and Grounds Committee reported the columns in front of the church were painted at a cost of \$780. Additional painting at the east entrances of the church will be done. The Committee is looking into bids for painting the parsonage as well as the Narthex. Termite damage discovered in an area under the stage in Fellowship Hall has been treated, however, the stairs leading up to the stage will need to be rebuilt.

Sunday, May 21, 2006, was Susan Rice's last day (our music director). The Music Committee is currently working on updating the music director job description and will begin the search for a new music director.

Rev. Trost will be on vacation beginning after worship on July 2 through July 14. Christie Taube will preach on Sunday, July 9. Rev. Trost will not be attending the annual Illinois Conference meeting June 8-10, 2006. If anyone is interested in attending, please contact Geoff Dahl.

Rev. Trost's retirement date is contingent upon housing availability at Pilgrim Place (retirement community) in California. After meeting the eligibility age in June, Rev. Trost will be contacted by Pilgrim Place when a house is available. Rev. and Mrs. Trost will have one week to visit the house and either accept or reject it. Upon acceptance of the housing, Rev. Trost would then give his 90 days retirement notice.

The Transitional Planning Committee, which includes members of the Consistory, Board of Christian Education and Building and Grounds, has been formed to prepare for the transition following Rev. Trost's retirement. The Committee will gather information from the congregation to complete the Church Profile (a document used in the pastoral search process). A three-part survey has been created for members of the congregation. Each member will complete an Individual Survey and a Worship Survey. Each household will complete a Family Survey. Surveys were available at the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 21, 2006 or by contacting the office.

The treasurer reported the income for April for \$16,662.16 and the expenses for the month were \$17,248.74.



The fun is heating up!



You'll find big excitement at Fiesta!

## St. Peter's UCC

June 12 - 16, 2006

5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

\$10/person or \$40/family

Registration deadline: June 11

For more information, call the Church Office at 356-3635



### Can you help with Fiesta?

#### Sunday, June 4

◆ Volunteer Meeting  
10:15-10:45 a.m., Sanctuary

◆ Song and Movement Team Meeting  
10:45 a.m.-12:00 noon

#### Saturday, June 10

◆ Fiesta set-up and decorate  
1:00-4:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall  
Everyone is invited to join us and lend a hand.



#### Sunday, June 11

◆ Song and Movement Team Meeting  
11:30 a.m.-12:00 noon

### Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the July issue of *Connections* is Tuesday, June 15. Please submit your articles to the Church Office or leave them in the Office Manager's mailbox. Please include your name and phone number. Thank you!



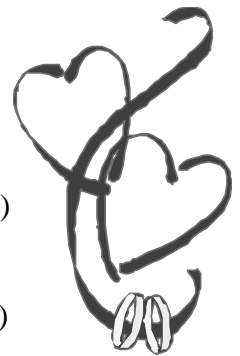
### June Ushers

Kurt Eheart  
Barb Kobel  
Ed Kobel

Patty Kobel  
Kymberly McCarthy  
Mark Williams

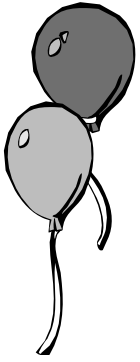
### June Anniversaries

- 1 Ralph and Loreen Bonnell (1946)
- 2 Charles and Dorothy Zahnd (1946)
- 3 Roger and Carol Pointer (1962)
- 6 George and JoAnn Malloch (1953)
- 7 Omer and Bernice Benn (1997)  
Dale and Sally Pelg (1997)
- 9 Ed and Cleo Pelg (1946)  
William and Debby Malone (1973)
- 12 Glenn and Joyce Trost (1965)
- 15 Charles and Arlene Luer (1947)  
William and Susie Kuhne (1957)
- 16 Harold and Melissa Zahnd (2001)
- 18 Ken and Dorris Baumann (1946)  
Dale and Shirley Sebens (1983)
- 21 Lee and Sandy Eichhorst (1958)
- 24 Jason and Amy Stahl (2000)
- 26 Henry and Betty Voigtlander (1954)
- 27 John and Judith Maloney (1997)
- 28 Robert and Virginia Lewis (1951)  
Eugene and Mary Ziegler (1986)
- 29 Stuart and Carolyn Yoos (1958)
- 30 Lloyd and Helen Phipps (1979)



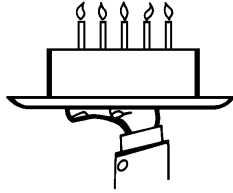
**Editor's Note:** We apologize for omissions or errors. Information for the newsletter mailing list, birthday list and anniversary list is taken from Church records.

**Please report changes in writing** to the Church Office (weekdays 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.). You may mail changes, place notes in the Office Manager's mailbox or send an email to [trost@net66.com](mailto:trost@net66.com). **Thanks for your help!**



## June Birthdays

- 1 Eugene Ziegler  
Becky Kesler
- 4 Mary Peters
- 11 Bernadine Helbling
- 12 Kymberly McCarthy
- 13 Paula Schmidt  
Mark Muller  
Susan Rice
- 15 Mary Sue O'Neill
- 17 Alexander Pope
- 20 Ralph Bonnell
- 21 Cleo Pelg  
Scott Pointer  
Nick Voss
- 24 Glenn Trost
- 25 Walter Claussen  
James Crone
- 26 Abbey Knop
- 27 Velma Clark
- 28 Elvira Ebs



## Jesus' Dad's Name

A Sunday school teacher asked her class, "What was Jesus' mother's name?" One child answered, "Mary."

The teacher then asked, "Who knows what Jesus' father's name was?" A little kid said, "Verge."

Confused, the teacher asked, "Where did you get that?" The kid said, "Well, you know they are always talking about Verge n' Mary."



## From a Mathematical Viewpoint

What equals 100%? What does it mean to give more than 100%? Ever wonder about those people who say they are giving more than 100%? We have all been in situations where someone wants you to give over 100%. How about achieving 101%? What equals 100% in life?

Here's a little mathematical formula that might help you answer these questions.

If

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

is represented as

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21  
22 23 24 25 26

Then

H-A-R-D-W-O-R-K

$$8+1+18+4+23+15+18+11 = 98\%$$

K-N-O-W-L-E-D-G-E

$$11+14+15+23+12+5+4+7+5 = 96\%$$

But,

A-T-T-I-T-U-D-E

$$1+20+20+9+20+21+4+5 = 100\%$$

and look how far the love of God will take you.

L+O+V+E+O+F+G+O+D

$$12+15+22+5+15+6+7+15+4 = 101\%$$

Therefore, one can conclude with mathematical certainty that while **hard work** and **knowledge** will get you close and **attitude** will get you there, it's the **Love of God** that will put you over the top!

## Vintage or Vogue, What's the Value?

The Champaign County TRIAD/SALT will hold a "Vintage or Vogue – What's the Value" event on Saturday, June 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at St. Peter's United Church of Church. Parking is available on the west side of the church and you are asked to please use the west entrance.

Collectors are invited to carry in two items per ticket. Appraisers will be available to look at the items and discuss them with the collector. Tickets are \$5 for vintage people (55 and over) and \$8 for vogue people (under 55). Two items per ticket are allowed. Additional items may be appraised for an additional charge of \$3 per item. Additional item tickets may be purchased at the door.

Appraisers include Keith Leseure – coins; Tom McGuire – toys and games; Barb Peckham – general items; Susan Phillips – dolls, teddy bears, string instruments, French and German porcelain; Denny Shurts – jewelry; Bob Swisher – depression glass and old hardware; Allen Steinberg – books.

Tickets are available from Champaign County TRIAD/SALT council members, at the Stevick Center (48 Main Street, Champaign) or by contacting Mary Limp at 356-3428. Tickets may also be purchased at the door on the day of the event.