



JUNE 2019 NEWSLETTER

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SCHOOL'S OUT – BUT LEARNING CONTINUES

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

“No more homework, no more books, no more teacher’s dirty looks!”

So goes the old saying. Yes, this time of year there are many graduation celebrations. Students may be thinking “one more educational milestone completed.” Yet, do we ever truly stop learning? I hope not.

I read somewhere, “a lifetime of learning can keep both the body and mind in shape. Research has suggested that continued cognitive activity has a positive effect on brain cells and helps promote mental sharpness, especially for senior citizens.”

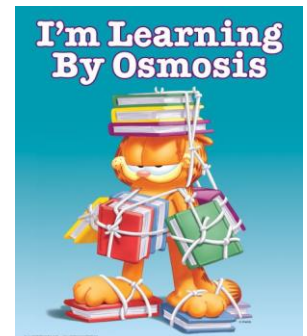
After “institutional” education, adults are encouraged to keep on learning new things. It could be a new hobby, reading the newspaper, reading magazines, joining a different social group, joining a different activity group, like a bowling league or bridge club. Learning something **NEW** everyday can keep all of us from getting “rusty brains”.

One of those places you might learn something new could perchance be in **CHURCH WORSHIP**. You might hear a **scripture** text that you never heard of or thought about before. Maybe it’s a new **hymn** or maybe you just noticed each word of an old hymn. Or possibly you learned something new in the **message/sermon**, such as a new way of thinking about something or a better way to visualize your faith.

When I was ordained to become your pastor, the words of my “title” became **Pastor and Teacher**. I take that very seriously. Even though I was **never** trained or licensed as a teacher, I am fascinated with the idea of learning. How do we learn? Are we visual, auditory or tactile learners? Each person is different.

Since I **was** trained in the ministry and theological field, my goal is to teach you something new about those subjects every time you attend worship or a Bible study. I appreciate any suggestions you may have on how I can accomplish that. The best way for me to **learn**, is to **teach**.

Let’s keep learning together. Have a safe and peaceful summer. Pastor Rosemary



GRADUATION CELEBRATION FOR OUR SIX GRADUATES



Jennifer Riess - Maryville University
Brenna Cohlmeier - O'Fallon High School
Tyler Underwood - Grant Middle School
Hunter Brink - Grant Middle School
March Ganschinietz - Liberty Middle School
Job Ganschinietz - Liberty Middle School

On May 5, 2019 **Jennifer Riess** graduated summa cum laude with a degree from Maryville University in Actuarial Science. She has passed 2 of her actuarial exams and will start her full time job in Kansas at the end of May. Also, would like to add she has received straight A's throughout her entire education! So proud! We wish her the Best of Luck and many Blessings for her future!

Lots of Love, Mom & Dad
Becky & Larry Riess

March Ganschinietz has graduated from Liberty Middle School in Edwardsville, IL. During her time at Liberty she made Honor Roll every quarter, played Field Hockey, participated in the Art Club and played recreational YMCA Roller Hockey. She's an avid reader and loves camping with her dad. She's looking forward to playing field hockey at Edwardsville High School this fall.

Job Ganschinietz has graduated from Liberty Middle School in Edwardsville, IL. Job spends many weekends at Bing Field Airsoft field in his ghillie suit. He is also a 2 year veteran of the Edwardsville-Glen Carbon Police Youth Academy. Job's an avid gamer and also loves camping with his dad. He will be starting at Edwardsville High School in the fall.

Tyler Underwood graduated from Grant Middle School with honors. He is a member of the National JR Honors Society. He was awarded Rotary Student of the Month for April. He is currently a Life Scout working towards Eagle Scout. Tyler is going to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico for a two week hike. He has earned his black belt in mixed martial arts and is working towards his second degree black belt. Tyler will be attending Belleville East next year. He is considering trying out wrestling.

Hunter Brink graduated 8th grade on May 16, 2019 from Grant Middle School. During his Junior High time, he has maintained at least honor roll and finished he 8th grade year with high honor roll all four grading quarters. Hunter started talking Krav Maga in 4th grade and he has

worked very hard earning his 1st Degree Junior Black belt in March of 2018. In seventh grade Hunter ran track for Grant, but 1 mile was not a long enough run for him so he also participated in several 5Ks, placing 1st in his age group at St. Nickolas 5k. Next year Hunter will be attending Belleville East High School and is considering running Cross Country.



AMONG OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS



June Birthdays:

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| 6/1 | Hunter Brink | 6/18 | Judy Schmitt |
| 6/4 | Vicki Hartmann | 6/21 | Kim Turnbull |
| 6/6 | Melanie Wilhelm | 6/21 | Earlene White |
| 6/9 | Scott Ganschietz | 6/29 | Lily Brown |
| 6/17 | Jack Gammon | | |

June Anniversaries:

- 6/14 Aaron & Christine Drake #5
- 6/14 Michael & Ashley Schmitt #5
- 6/17 Anne & Chris Brown #13



Prayer List: Charles Chamberlin, Larkin Shay, Ed McLaughlin, Tom Petroff, Dave Seneczyn, Roger Fox, Eric White, Lori Riess, Amy Arthur, Gary Carr, Brian Lohman, Trenton Pickens, Rich Williams.

Shut – Ins: Darleen Bax, Terry Kissel, Ardella Morris, Alice Stidham, and Jacquie Mantle

OUR CHURCH WORKERS FOR APRIL

USHERS:

June 2 – Lew Thomasino and Eileen Gammon
June 9 – Urban and Mary Baum
June 16 – Wayne Schlosser and Dorothy Ovelgoenner
June 23 – Ginny Ganschinietz and Sue Ganschinietz
June 30 – Tom & Jan Miller



LITURGISTS AND READINGS:

6/2 Lew Thomasino - Acts 16:16-34 Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
6/9 Judy Schmitt - Pentecost (wear red) Acts 2:1-21 Romans 8:14-17
6/16 Dorothy Ovelgoenner - Trinity Sunday , Father's Day
Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Romans 5:1-5
6/23 Ginny Ganschinietz - 1 Kings 19:1-15a Galatians 3:23-29
6/30 Jan Miller - 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 Galatians 5:1, 13-25
7/7 - 2 Kings 5:1-14 Galatians 6:1-16

NOTES AND THANK YOU'S

Thank you for all the prayers, cards and those who came to the visitation for Hap. I really appreciated them. Leah Horner

A HUGE THANK YOU TO EILEEN GAMMON for completing our church "cake" to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Fairview Heights. It looks great!



PENNIES FOR MISSION: the month of June will go to the
FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS FOOD PANTRY.

QUILT SHOW – Hearts 'n' Hands Quilt Guild presents

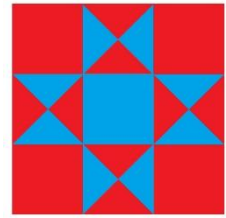
Quilts From the Heart

Saturday June 8, 10 am – 5 pm

Sunday June 9, 11 am – 4 pm

Admission \$7 daily, Children 10 and under Free

Whiteside Middle School, 111 Warrior Way, Belleville, IL



FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS WOMENS' CLUB - Rummage Sale

Saturday June 8: 8 am – 2 pm

St. John UCC, Fairview Heights
Fellowship Hall (L room)



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE ILLINOIS SOUTH CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

THE EVENING CIRCLE FROM COLLINSVILLE ST. JOHN UCC

hosts their annual Luncheon and Fashion show on Thurs, June 20 at 11:30 am in St. John UCC Faith Hall. Homemade salads made by their ladies plus a style show of summer clothes from Dillard's using St. John UCC models. Luncheon includes door prizes and a raffle for an afghan. Purchase \$12 per person tickets through Judy Brickey 618-345-4889 or Amy 618-344-2526. Tickets not sold at the door. Questions, contact Nancy Fitzgerald 618-920-6302.



Hecker Friedens UCC will hold its Spring BBQ on Sat, June 22 from 11 am - 2 pm at the Red Bud IGA parking lot. Menu includes pork steaks, bratwurst, potato salad, cole slaw, and baked beans. Carry outs only.



CAMP DUBOIS WELCOME TEAM - Join Us!

Sunday, June 9 and most Sundays this summer.

Our summer season kicks off on Sunday, June 9 and we will be welcoming over 70 eager, excited and perhaps nervous campers and their families. In addition to our summer staff, 12-15 volunteers are needed to ensure the process runs smoothly! Volunteers assist with greetings, parking, the camp store, registration, health screenings, dock duty and people-moving. They arrive by 1:15 pm and are done by 4 pm. Please consider joining our Sunday Welcome Team on Opening Day. You are invited to wear a church or camp t-shirt and show your spirit. Even consider bringing a team from your church! Please RSVP as far in advance as possible. Contact DuBois Center at 618-787-2202 or dcinfo@duboiscenter.org. FIRM commitments are greatly appreciated as we keep recruiting until the spots are filled. If this date doesn't work for you, additional Sunday opportunities are available.



U.C.C. 32nd GENERAL SYNOD IN MILWAUKEE JUNE 21-25

Our prayers and good wishes go with all our Delegates and church leaders from our Conference as they head to Wisconsin to participate in our wider church synod. There will be many resolutions proposed, discussed in delegate committee work, and voted on by the delegates which include people of ages, both lay men and women and pastors.

June

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Service of Word & Sacrament 10 am Fellowship after worship to honor our graduates. Aluminum recycling	3	4	5	6	7	8 FH Woman's Club Rummage sale here from 8 a.m. till 2 pm.
9 Worship at 10 am Wear red for Pentecost. Strengthen the Church offering collected.	10	11	12 Church Council Meeting at 7 p.m.	13	14	15
16 Worship at 10 am	17	18 Region 9 meeting at 7pm	19	20	21	22
23 Worship at 10 am	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Worship at 10 am						