

EMBRACING MINISTRY UPDATE

Hello Ebenezer Members.

Happy Summer to everyone! While we are all in the summer holiday and picnic spirit, the Picnic Team would like to discuss the church picnic. Thank you to all who attended our picnic in May. We have been running the church picnic about the same, for the past few years and would like to know your opinions on how we can improve things for next year. Please let us know your thoughts.

We have tried to have to picnic coincide with the last day of Sunday School, but were wondering if you would prefer to have the picnic in the summer when it would be warmer for outdoor activities or sitting?

May__ June__ July__ (please check one)

Do you like having the picnic at church? If not, where would you like to see us have it? (remember that some places have large rental fees)

Church_____ Other_____ (please tell us where)

We have always provided the meat and then had a pot-luck. Would you prefer to have it catered for a cost?

Keep the same__ Cater__ (please check one)

Do you like the current games (Bingo and kids games), or would you like to see us add new things/games? What ideas do you have?

No change__ New ideas:_____

In Bingo, we usually have lots of small prizes. Would you be more interested in participating if the prizes were fewer- but larger?

Lots of prizes_____ Fewer/larger prizes_____ (please choose one)

The church picnic was designed to be a time for members to get together to visit and have fun outside of church. Comma Café is now a weekly time to get together and visit. Picnic attendance has been declining in the past few years- would you like to see it continue?

Yes, continue having the picnic_____ No-discontinue_____

Please return this survey to the office, or feel free to email me at barbshircel@charter.net or call me at 920-892-2137. Otherwise, please feel free to contact any of us on the Picnic Team with any questions or comments you may have. Barb Shircel, Julie Kinney, Debbie Kreif, Cindy Hamann and Shelby Kohlmann.
Thank you.

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Food Pantry

The third Sunday of every month is Food Pantry Collection Sunday at Ebenezer UCC so August 16th is our next collection date. Your donations of non-perishable food items play a vital role in keeping the Sheboygan Area Food Pantry stocked for those in need of this service. A grocery cart for your donations is located next to the coat racks in the church lobby area. Please note that the St. Dominic's Food Pantry has changed its name to better reflect the ecumenical, multi-church support it receives.



The volunteer schedule for transporting our contributions to the collection locations for the next three months is:

August	Sharol Schoneman, 458-5850, Northside Christian Food Pantry (St. Dominic's)
September	Randall & Beth Williams, 467-4899, St. John's
October	Brenda Dehne, 565-3872, Northside Christian Food Pantry (St. Dominic's)

Neighbors in Need

Watch for details in the September *Visitor* about the **Neighbors in Need** (NIN) special mission offering of the UCC. Neighbors in Need supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry(CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries(JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

Most UCC congregations will receive the NIN offering on October 4, 2009 as part of their World Communion Sunday observance. However, some local churches select another date. Stay tuned.

COMMA CAFÉ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Comma Cafe Hosts:

August 2 - Loaves & Fishes

August 9 - United Women's Fellowship

August 16 - Jan, Angie & Jolene Albrecht

August 23 - Nancy & Shelley De Lisle & Lori Albrecht

August 30 - Sue Kaiser

September 6 - Looking for a Host

September 13 - Christian Education Team

September 20 - Looking for a Host

September 27 - Involving Ministries Team



Jefferson Ebenezer Partnership (JEP)-

We will be collecting school supplies during the month of August for the kids at Jefferson school. If you can help, please bring crayons, colored pencils, notebooks, glue sticks, or rulers and leave them by the JEP bus in the entryway. We are also in need of monetary donations to buy books for the birthday bags and other supplies. Thank you from the JEP team!



Thank You to

Janice Schmitz for coordinating the Ebenezer 4th of July Float
-- Ebenezer Family and Friends who walked in the 4th of July Parade

- Debbie Titel for planning Scrapbooking Days
- Comma Cafe contributors

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CARD MAKERS!

Come and make greeting cards at a card making gathering on Monday August 3rd and Monday August 17th any time from 6 pm to 9 pm. The cost is **\$5** and you will make 3 cards. You only need to stay as long as it takes to make your cards! Sign up sheets are by the bulletin board and the deadline is the Sunday before each session so there is time to prepare supplies for each project. Its easy! You just come and put together each card. Learn techniques and have fun. As this group progresses, we will be making cards and other items for church missions and fundraising.

Get your name on the lists and come and have some fun and fellowship! If you have questions, please call Diana Zimmerman at 452-8518 after 5pm.



SUNDAES ON THURSDAYS!

I am still looking for volunteers to host Sundaes on Thursdays!! All you need to do is bring 2 buckets of ice cream, setup, serve and clean up. All the toppings will be provided. Sign up sheets are next to the bulletin board. Contact Diane Zimmerman with any questions at 452-8518



Scrapbook / Cardmaking Day

Saturday, August 1st - 7:00 am - ?

Fellowship Hall - Bring dish to pass & drink

Ebenezer UCC - Corner of Taylor Dr and Saemann Ave

Please RSVP and let me know how many will attend

Deb Titel - 459-8126
Debtee@charter.net

Hope to see you there!

ARE YOU READY TO RUMBLE AND HELP RAISE MONEY FOR EBENEZER?

If you would like to be part of the fun and volunteer to work the Munch Zone at Lambeau Field for the 2009 Packer season, please sign up on the sheets located on the closet door in the entry way. Sign your name on the sheet of the game(s) you would like to help at. Someone will then be in touch with you.

Any questions see Curt Jacobchick or call him at 457-0174 or email to: cjacobchick@sheboygan.k12.wi.us.

Let's get ready to have some fun and earn lots of \$\$\$\$ for Ebenezer.

