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PASTOR'S CORNER

Last week Kris and I took a mini vacation to Hannibal, Missouri. Here we saw the childhood home of the famous American author, Samuel Clemens; better known as Mark Twain. The historic sites of this Mississippi River town highlight not only Twain himself, but also characters from his works such as Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn.

One of the sites we visited was the Mark Twain cave. Twain used this cave as the setting of a climatic scene in the novel Tom Sawyer where Tom and his sweetheart, Becky Thatcher became lost in the maze-like passages after their candle went out. Not only was it pitch dark for Tom and Becky but within the labyrinth skulked Injun Joe who was looking to kill young Tom Sawyer.

The caves today are well lit and perfectly free from desperate villains but their ever winding passages are confusing to walk without a guide. Life, itself can become a series of twisting passages that never seem to lead anywhere. But we as Christians have the infallible guide of the Holy Spirit. Like our professional guide on our cave tour, the Holy Spirit knows the way through the maze of life even if all around is dark and threatening.

Our part is to listen and to trust. We listen by going to God's Word often for it is "a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path." We trust by taking steps forward even when all is dark around because we believe we are going forward with God himself by the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Finally, we see in the life of Jesus himself that this is how he lived his life and when he entered the dark caves that was his tomb because of his obedience to his Father and trust in the Holy Spirit., he arose alive and victorious. This hope he always wishes to share with you.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 A.M. Worship

10:30 A.M.

Coffee Fellowship

SERVING YOU IN AUGUST

SCRIPTURE READERS:

5 Dale Martin
12 Jerry Luinenburg
19 Deb Joens
26 Deb Olsen

GREETERS:

5 Leroy & Kolette Eggink
Ron Hyvari
12 Colin & Gretchen O'Donnell
Richard & Bethan Fellows
19 Walter & Clarice Gehl
John & Emily Buarapha
26 Doug & Marcia Anton
Duane & Molly Fenske

WORSHIP NURSERY:

5 Paul & Deb Olsen
12 Robert & Robin Redman
19 Dan & Kris Fischer
26 Colin & Gretchen O'Donnell

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:

5 Eric & Vickie Anderson
12 Ted & Sarah Martin
19 Dale & Shirley Martin
26 Gene & Lil Foth

SOUND SYSTEM:

5 Jerry Luinenburg
12 Tom Ahlberg
19 Dave Bos
26 Jeff Ling

COMMUNION SERVERS (August 5th):

Dale Martin
Ted Martin
Jerry Luinenburg
Shirley Martin

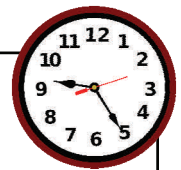
USHERS:

Dave & Sheila Bos
Frank Breuker & Howard Rachuy

**If you cannot serve on your assigned Sunday, please find a replacement or call the church office at 376-5109.*



The Lead Team will meet
Sunday, August 5th
following worship.



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Through Sunday, September 2nd

9:30 A.M.—Worship

10:30 A.M. Coffee Fellowship

Love INC Furniture Move

A coordinator is needed for the
next furniture move which is
August 17th-19th.

This person will choose the best date
for delivery, is responsible for
contacting Love INC for garage
access and seeing that
the delivery of furniture is complete
(with the help of volunteers).

See John if you are able to help out
with this ministry.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2nd Annual
Women Seeking God Conference

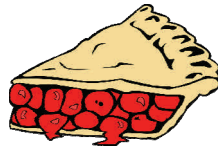
The theme will be
“BE”
as in “Be Bold!”
“Be filled” “Be strong”
and “Be still”.

Our speaker will be Amy Herzog,
from Fergus Falls, MN.
Amy co-pastors Amanda
DeYounge’s home church,
and Amanda will again lead
us in worship.

The dates for this year’s conference
are Friday, October 12th and
Saturday, October 3th.

Watch for more information to come!

Wednesday, August 1st
at 6:30 P.M. will be the
2nd annual
“Pie in the Park” event.



Invite your friends and neighbors to
beautiful Chautauqua Park for pie and ice
cream, and come enjoy a relaxing evening
of dessert and music in the park. Please
call the church office (376-5109) if you are
able to provide food or help serve.

First Covenant Church is offering the
option of giving your offering online.

If interested, go to
firstcovenantworthington.org,
click on the “ministries” tab and
choose “giving” from the list
of ministries.

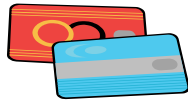
If you have any questions, please
contact John or Kris Stewart.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The Adult Bible Study class will not
be meeting for the summer months;
they will resume in September.

**FAREWAY & HY-VEE
GROCERY CARDS
AVAILABLE!!!**

Don't forget to pick yours up on Sunday mornings, contact Howard Rachuy or Dean Christopherson or stop in the office during the week.



CHURCH'S WEBSITE

Check out the website at www.firstcovenantworthington.org
You will find the bulletin, newsletter, Sunny Days calendars and much more there.

FACEBOOK

Did you know that First Covenant Church has a Facebook page?

Like us on Facebook and follow all the news!

FYI

Any money that is still being donated to the Building Fund will go toward building up the Contingency Fund.



DEVOTIONAL BOOKS

Copies of Covenant Home Altar are available.

Pick up a copy on the table in the narthex.



TRIP

(Tuition Reduced Incentive Program)
Support Sunny Days Preschool with your purchase of TRIP. Slips listing the participating businesses are available in the office or at Main Street Kids.

Soles4Souls

Village Northwest is collecting new and gently used shoes providing work opportunities for 180 people with a disability. Shoes will be shipped for distribution domestically and internationally to individuals that do not have proper footwear.

Bring your shoes and place them in the collection box in the narthex.



CURRENT NEEDS FOR LOVE INC

Watch the bulletin boards by the office and by the Jerusalem Room for their current needs.

"Pray Worthington"

Tuesdays at noon at the Love INC office



Check out the bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall for posters with announcements of things that are happening around the area.



Check out the brochures on the table in the narthex about upcoming events. Also check out their website at: www.lbbc.com