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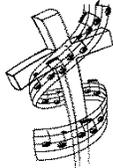
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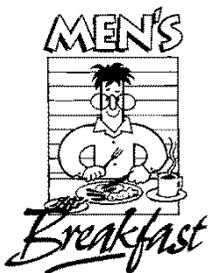
Mark Your Calendars

You won't want to miss the Gospel singer performing here on March 1 at 2 pm. This amazing singer is Quentin Flagg who performs Elvis style Gospel music. There will be dessert and beverages following the performance and an opportunity to meet Quentin. Quentin is from Indiana and performs all around Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin areas. He performs a 3 show series off 50-60's music at Starved Rock Lodge each year and has a huge following. The cost for this concert is \$18.00 per ticket which are available in the church office. Help us promote the show as the proceeds will go toward painting the Sanctuary. Bring your friends and family. It will be a great show!



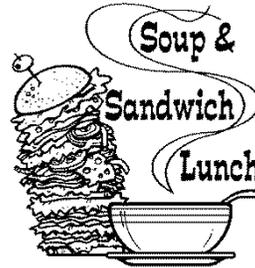
Community Choir Concert

A delightful afternoon of eight area church choirs sharing their favorite anthems will take place on February 23rd at Zion UCC at 3:00 p.m. Come enjoy songs of praising our Lord!



Calling All Men

What a better way is there to start the day than men enjoying breakfast and a time of devotion. Sign up for the Men's Breakfast on February 8th at 8:00 a.m.



Our next Soup and Sandwich Supper is Wednesday, February 19th from 5:00 to 6:30. Please sign up on the Welcome Table if you can supply soup,

Sandwich fixins, cookies and help serve. So many are blessed by this simple act of sharing supper and fellowship.



We are so sad to see the Berg Family leave us to move to Springfield. But the Lord will help them blossom and grow there. We hope they will be able to visit us from time to time. Their new address is:
Ben & Shanna Berg
404 S. Glenwood Ave
Springfield, IL 62704



Do one act of kindness each day of the year and change 366 lives.

Our Perfect God

There is no perfect life, no perfect job, no perfect childhood, no perfect marriage and no perfect set of people who will always do what we expect them to do.

What we have is a perfect God who is able to lead us through this imperfect life with unfailing strength, incomparable wisdom and infinite love.



The Chart of signing up to provide altar flowers during 2020 is now on the bulletin board in the hallway.



Prayer List

**Pray for the health of Jane McClintock, Char & Pete Belski, Sonny & Ryan Whittington, Roger Gabrielse, Beth Flaherty, Bernene Dahl, Sandy Starr, Marilyn Cobb, Linda Hoadley, Hannah Marincic

**Please pray for daily grace for our shut-ins:
Myrle Sapienza Beth Flaherty
Carol Edgcomb

** Pray for Pastor Roy Jacob & Peace Mission in India caring for children and widows

** Pray for Ed & Jane Skowron

** Pray for Jews for Jesus

** Pray for the Surbers and Supply & Multiply

** Pray for Abigail Women's Clinic

** Pray for Berean Prison Ministry

** Pray for Transport for Christ

** Pray for PADS bringing shelter to the Homeless

** Pray for help for the hurting – Lord, I lift up those who are hurting right now. May they come to know You are a God who sees them. For every rejection, help them feel sonship. Bind up the brokenhearted! In Every area of bondage, set the captives free; in every case of mourning, replace it with gladness. Comfort them so that they will have a ministry to comfort others.



To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you.



Christian Education Report

Through the leadership of Tricia Glasper, our youth presented their Nativity Pageant on December 8th.

Looking forward, we're planning another Sunday Funday for the kids on February 9th. We'll focus on God's love and Valentines Day. And of course, games and pizza will be enjoyed. All kids and friends are invited.

We also are encouraging our kids to sign up for summer church camp. Early registration will garner a discount. Scholarships are also available. The Christian Ed Board offers to pay half of the base registration fee. See Dawn Tieman soon!



He cried

*He knew Lazarus was dead
before he got the news*

But still, He cried

*He knew Lazarus would be alive
again in moments*

But still, He cried

*He knew death here is not
forever*

*He knew eternity and the
kingdom better than anyone else
could*

Yet He wept

*Because this world is full of pain
and regret and loss and
depression and devastation
He wept because knowing the
end of the story doesn't mean
you can't cry at the sad parts.*

Sunday Funday

February 9th

4:00 – 6:00

All kids invited, plus friends

Story, games, crafts, food



Calling all Ladies!

Suzanne Doddy is organizing a card making session for February 15th at 1:00 in the lounge. Come enjoy a relaxing, creative way to share some fun and fellowship.



Facts About the Bible

A prisoner, condemned to solitary confinement, obtained a Bible and by three years of careful study obtained the following facts:

The Bible contains 3,586,489 letters, 773,692 words, 31,173 verses, 1188 chapters and 66 books. The word 'and' occurs 46,277 times. The word 'Lord' occurs 1855 times. The word 'reverend' occurs but once, which is in the 9th verse of the 111th Psalm. The middle verse is the 8th verse of the 118th Psalm. The 21st verse of the 7th chapter of Ezra contains all of the alphabet except the letter 'J'. The 19th chapter of II Kings and the 37th chapter of Isaiah are alike. The longest verse is the 9th verse of the 8th chapter of Esther. The shortest verse is the 35th verse of the 11th chapter of John. Each verse of the 136th Psalm ends alike.



Illinois Valley Food Pantry

Don't forget the food pantry this winter. Please bring any of these needed items: cereal, mac and cheese, soup, canned fruit, vegetables, peanut butter, toilet paper, laundry soap and diapers. Let's fill the baskets in the hall.



We fall. We break. We fail. But
with Jesus, We rise. We Heal.
We Overcome.

The Devil's Beatitudes

1. Blessed are those who are too tired, too busy, too distracted to spend an hour once a week with their fellow Christians – they are my best workers.
2. Blessed are those Christians who wait to be asked and expect to be thanked – I can use them.
3. Blessed are the touchy that stop going to church – they are my missionaries.
4. Blessed are the troublemakers – they shall be called my children.
5. Blessed are the complainers – I'm all ears to them.
6. Blessed are those who are bored with the minister's mannerism and mistakes – for they get nothing out of his sermons.
7. Blessed is the church member who expects to be invited to his own church – for he is a part of the problem instead of the solution.
8. Blessed are those who gossip – for they shall cause strife and division that pleases me.
9. Blessed are those who are easily offended – for they will soon get angry and quit.
10. Blessed are those who do not give their offering to carry on God's work – for they are my helpers.
11. Blessed is he who professes to love God but hates his brother and sister – for he shall be with me forever.
12. Blessed are you who, when you read this, think it is about other people and not yourself – I've got you, too!



Scout Sunday

Sunday, February 9th is Scout Sunday. May cub scouts that meet in this church will be bringing in the flags and leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

This is an excellent opportunity to get to know some of the fine families and share some fellowship with them.

