

By the Way

Celebrating and Sharing God's Love in Christ

May, 2011

Little Home Church Courtyard & Gardens

By Ann McLaughlin

Have you noticed how beautiful our church courtyard is? Even during the winter months, when nothing is blooming, it is pretty. Then spring comes, followed by summer, and plantings of every shape, size and color come alive. Pastor Ron has mentioned that people simply walk into the courtyard to sit and appreciate its stillness and beauty. Our church and its gardens offer a respite to those who are seeking tranquility.

Little Home Church owes a debt of gratitude to Anthony Tyznik. He is the landscape architect who designed the beautiful gardens for us. Anne and Charles Bouchard worked with Mr. Tyznik for their

Glen Ellyn home, and they recommended that he design our courtyard.

Several months ago, I wrote a brief note to Mr. Tyznik to tell him how much I appreciated his handiwork. A month or so passed when I received a lovely letter in return from him, expressing his thanks for my correspondence.

If the beauty and enjoyment of our courtyard moves your heart and soul, may I please suggest that you too write a short letter to Mr. Tyznik? Let him know what you like best about our gardens. I know that he would be delighted to hear from others.

Anthony Tyznik can be reach at The Planters Palette, 28W571 Roosevelt Road, Winfield, IL 60190.

Candlelight dinner wrap-up

By Susannah Lesswing

The Candlelight Dinner held on April 30th was by all accounts, a successful evening. Some 60 people enjoyed a candlelit dinner of Chicken Piccata with angel hair pasta, green beans, spinach salad and a chocolate torte with raspberry sauce for dessert. Silent and oral auction bids were competitive as Gary Stevenson led the oral auction and over \$6,000 was raised at the event to help the "Let's paint our Church project. But the success of the event was not

necessarily what happened that evening. It was the many little efforts on the part of the parishioners that helped make the night a success. The many donations received that helped filled those tables. The phone calls by Mary Jean Schless to encourage people to attend, the fantastic committee (Kathleen Kaska, Maggie Purser, Karen Hansen, Jean



Candlelight Dinner

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Those recently hospitalized or ill:

- † Joyce Cox
- † Valeri Baldwin's sister, Leslie

Our sympathies to:

- † The family & friends of Virginia Cluts who passed away on April 11th. She was 93.

Congratulations to:

- † Joyce Cox on the birth of her third great grandchild, a girl, Madison Joyce born April 7th.
- † Steven Skotzko and Amy VanWay who were married in our church on May 6th.

Please pray for God's protection of our troops and HIS wisdom for their commanders.

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.

Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior.... Amen



From the beginning to end, life is a struggle. There is struggle when a new life seeks to be born. There is struggle during childhood and adolescence. There is struggle in adulthood. And when some people reach the sunset years, they struggle to hold on to that which can never be retained. Some folks struggle with the inevitability of death of the body. But whether we struggle with death or accept it as a part of life, it comes to one and all. Death itself is not the enemy, certainly not to a Christian. It is the fear of death that is the enemy.

Sometimes we struggle with things over which we have absolutely no control. I do not know the author of the following, but it strikes me as a fine statement we do well to consider as we face life's frustrations, fears, regrets, anxieties, and all the other negatives with which we often struggle and allow to mar our day.

There are two days of the week on which and about which one should never worry. Two care-free days kept sacredly from fear and apprehension. The first of these days is YESTERDAY. Yesterday, with all of its faults and blunders, has passed forever beyond the reach of our recall. All that it holds of our life, or the wrongs, the regrets, and sorrows is in other hands than ours. It is in the keeping of Him who can bring the water out of the rock and sweet flowers out of the bitterest desert.

The other day we should not worry about is TOMORROW. Tomorrow, with all its possibilities, adversities, and perils is as far beyond the reach of our mastery as its dead sister, YESTERDAY. Its sun will rise in roseate splendor or behind a mask of weeping clouds, but it will rise. Until then the same love and patience that held YESTERDAY and will hold TOMORROW is not in our possession. There is left for us but one day of the week, TODAY. Any man can fight the battle of today. Any woman can carry the burdens of just one day. It isn't the experience of TODAY that drives us mad. It's the remorse for something that happened YESTERDAY, and the fear of what TOMORROW may disclose.

How true it is. How often we allow the things of the past to virtually immobilize us. How often we fail to see the glories of the present day because of our fears and anxieties of the future. It is not the way of the children of God ought to live if we truly believe that God numbers the hairs on our head and takes note of every sparrow that falls.

To be concerned about yesterday, or overly worried about tomorrow, is to make it virtually impossible to experience the glory of the present gift of a living God—TODAY!

Douglas Malloch, sometimes referred to as "the poet in the woods," has a helpful reminder for us in his poem, "Today":

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Worship Schedule

- May 1** **Holy Communion**
Sermon: "The Lord Is the 'Great Ear' of the Heart"
 An Easter Story— 'Sean the Bunny'
Scripture: John 10:10; I Peter 1:3
Theme: Finding the Way Back Home
- May 8** **Mother's Day**
Sermon: "Love One Another"
Scripture: John 13:31-35; Acts 14:8-18
Theme: Road to Life
- May 15** **Good Shepherd Sunday**
Sermon "The Lord is My Shepherd"
Scripture: Psalm 23; John 10:22-30
Theme: The Guiding Love of God
- May 22**
Sermon "The Spirit of Truth and Peace"
Scripture: John 14:23-29
Theme: The Holy Spirit
- May 29** **Memorial Day Sunday**
Sermon "Being Christian in the... 'Real World'"
Scripture: Psalm 33
Theme: God Bless Us One and All

BICYCLE MINISTRY FOR THE HOMELESS

Sunday, May 22, following worship service, Associate Pastor Matthew Johnson, United Methodist Church in Geneva, will present a short talk on a project he initiated several years ago. The name of the project is Pneuma, the Greek word for wind.



Pastor Johnson will tell how he became interested in helping homeless people in the Fox Valley with their needs for transportation, and the impact the project has had on our community. So grab your coffee and join us for this informative and inspirational talk.

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*Sure this world is full of trouble
I ain't said it ain't.
Lord! I've had enough and double
Reason for complaint.
Rain and storm have come to fret me,
Skies were often gray;
Thorns and brambles have beset me
On the road—but say
AIN'T IT FINE TODAY!
What's the use of always weepin'
Makin' trouble last?
What's the use of always keeping'
Thinkin' of the past?
Each must have his tribulation,
Water with his wine;
Life ain't no celebration.
Trouble? I've had mine -
But TODAY is fine!
It's today that I'm livin',
Not a month ago:
Havin', losin', takin', givin',
As time wills it so.
Yesterday a cloud of sorrow
Fell across the way.
It may rain again tomorrow;
It may ray, but say,
AIN'T IT FINE TODAY!*

Whatever may trouble us this day, whatever may be facing us tomorrow, we ought to remember, "Got standeth in the shadows keeping watch over His own." WE do well to pray often the simple petition now know to so many:

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things that I can; and the wisdom to know the difference.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Johnson", is located in the bottom right corner of the page.

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What a Lenten/Easter Season we had at The Little Home Church!

It was such a blessing to be able to have all of the music we had in the worship services.

I want to thank all the members of the church choir for their dedication and hard work on the anthems, the Haydn Mass, and our Palm Sunday Cantata.

Also special thanks to guest musicians, Matthew Agnew, cell, Jason Flaks, trumpet, Jill Dickens, piano, and the Spektral Quartet for sharing their musical gifts with us.

Many thanks to Sandy Antonelli, Lori Haseltine, and Emma Kaska for the work they did with all of the youth in the church on the art projects for the Good Friday service, The Seven Last Words of Christ. This was a unique way to help us all grow and express our faith.

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, June 12th, and plan to be in church for Music Sunday. We will be presenting Haydn's Missa Brevis with the Spektral Quartet as well as favorite anthems that morning from the past year. The choir needs your support.

Finally, we have ordered a three octave set of handbells for our church! More to come in the next newsletter!

Larry

CALLING ALL GRADUATES!



If you have a son or daughter, or grandson/daughter graduating from high school or college this year please let the church office know. We like to acknowledge them in our June newsletter! Call or email the church office with their information.

THE WAYNE CONCERT SERIES
Proudly presents Chicago's world renowned violinist
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SUNDAY, MAY 22; at 4:00 P.M.
at the Little Home Church in Wayne

We are very pleased to present for our 2011 concert one of the finest violinist performing today on the most prestigious stages, Rachel Barton Pine.

There are still a few tickets left for church members. Adult tickets are \$40 each and student tickets are \$25. For tickets or questions, please call Carol Berger at 630.584.7088

The proceeds from all of our Music Concerts will be used to start a community bell choir sponsored by the LHC. We plan to start it this year, and we are 75% funded with the hope that the remaining 25% becomes a reality.



This is a concert you won't want to miss!

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Muno, Jenny Nicholas, Kathryn Karwowski and Cathy Price) that created a truly lovely evening. And... last but not least the fabulous server help received from the youth group, led by Emma Kaska (Monica Thornton, Lee Bechet, Kate Lesswing, Ty Muno, Will Lesswing, Audrey Gatsch, Jackie) who gave up a Saturday night to volunteer. In the end, it was not just the money raised that is the measure of our success, but lasting memories and friendships we have formed serving the Little Home Church.

Thank you Little Home Church!

We are inviting all children to join us for this year's Vacation Bible School!

The theme this year...*Shake It Up Café...Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe*. Jesus calls us to "shake-up" our lives and become his followers. The Bible gives us the recipe: be ready for God's call, give happily to God and to others and celebrate God forever. This year's Vacation Bible School will introduce your children to stories of biblical festivals that reveal these ingredients and link the stories in the Bible to their lives today. The cook-off begins June 13th and goes through June 17th from 8:45 a.m.–11:15 a.m. each morning. Our cooking adventure focuses on our wonderful, incredible, amazing, magnificent and awesome God.

VBS is open to those pre-schoolers age 3 (potty-trained) through 6th grade. We have crafts, songs, stories, games and so much more so be sure to join us. We can also use volunteers to help with crafts, games and snacks.

If you would like to volunteer or have any questions please feel free to call Jennifer Gatsch at 630.587-0840 or Mary Roach at 630.443.9959

So grab your aprons and mixing spoons and get cookin'!

Sign up today! Registration forms are on line (www.littlehomechurch.org) or in the church office. Invite your neighbors, friends and family. It's a great way to start off summer vacation!



We still have plenty of opportunities this spring and summer to sign up to provide either flowers to decorate our altar table, provide treats for our fellowship hour after worship...or do both!

Providing flowers is a wonderful way to recognize a special occasion in your family or to remember someone special. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. You'll get a reminder call from the church office at which time you can let Lori know what you would like listed in the Sunday bulletin.

Don't let the words Fellowship Hour scare you. It's a simple and heartfelt way to volunteer your time. The coffee is already made. You just bring whatever treats you want, lay them out before church begins and that's it. If you'd like to provide juice for the kids that's great as they always appreciate it. We have plenty of trays and baskets to lay out the goodies and there is usually a helping hand to assist in your efforts. Again, a reminder call is made earlier in the week The sign up sheets are in the Parish Hall.

Please consider signing up. Your generosity is appreciated!



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May 8 Mother's Day
 May 9 Blood Drive
 May 10 Church Council Meeting
 May 13-14 Plant Sale
 May 22 Bicycle Ministry for the Homeless
 Presentation after worship
 Rachel Barton Concert 4:00 p.m.
 May 29 Memorial Day Sunday
 May 30 Happy Memorial Day

June 2011

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June 12 Music Sunday Worship
 Flag Day Parade and Ice Cream Social 4:00 p.m.
 June 13-17 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
 June 14 Church Council Meeting
 June 19 Father's Day
 June 26 Junual Congregational Meeting



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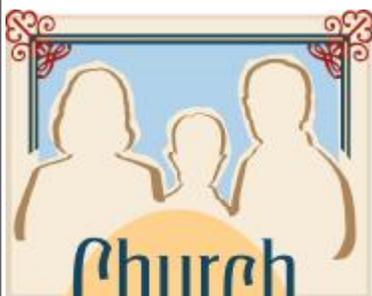
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Along the Way...

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Church
Photo
Directory

A new photo directory will be done this summer. We will be working with Life Touch Photos. Member should plan to have their picture taken either Monday, June 20th or Monday, July 18th. Each family will receive a free directory and an 8 X 10 photo for having their picture taken. There will be more information regarding making an appointment for your photo within the next few weeks.



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