

# First St. John Journal



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#### IMPORTANT NEWS!!!

After serving at First St. John for 26 years with only a one-week vacation every year, Pastor Blohm will be taking a much-needed. and well-deserved sabbatical beginning June 1st. He will be on leave for the months of June and July.

Interim pastors Cindy Ritter and Ray Gottschling will be taking over for Pastor Blohm in his absence. (Pastor Blohm will 1 be handling a previously scheduled wedding and baptism during the month of July.)

If you have a specific need during this time, please contact Toni in the church office and she will relay your need to the pastors. If you have any questions, please contact our Council President Keith Mullen at 419-206-0203. Thank you.



#### **CONFIRMATION PICTURES ARE IN**

Confirmation pictures are in and are available for pick-up in the church office.

#### SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES

Summer worship begins June 2nd and runs through September 1st. We will have only one service at 9 AM and no Sunday School for the summer. We will alternate between traditional and celebration formats. with communion on the first Sunday of the month.

Summer Office Hours: Beginning Monday, June 3rd through Friday, August 30th the church office will be open from 9AM to 2PM each day.

#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School will begin on [4] *Monday*, June 24<sup>th</sup> (note date change from previous years) and run through



Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm each evening. This year's theme is "Kingdom Rock — Where Kids Stand Strong for God." Enter the epic adventure that empowers kids to stand strong. At Kingdom Rock, God's victorious power isn't a fairy tale—it changes kids forever. VBS is for ages 3 through fifth grade.

You can now register for VBS on-line by going to www.firststjohn.com and clicking on the "VBS Registration" tab. Then click "Click Here for Online Register." Hard copy registration forms can be found in the lounge and the Narthex or can be printed from the website. If you have questions or would like to help, please contact Jamie Blazevich at 419-691-7222 or cedir@firststjohn.com



# AND NOW, A LITTLE **HOUSEKEEPING...**

**MOVING?** Please notify the office when your address has

changed. Newsletters sent to your old address are rerouted, but the church pays a fee each time this happens. OR, consider having the newsletter emailed to you to save postage. Thanks.

**E-MAILING THE NEWSLETTER**: If you would like this newsletter and calendar e-mailed to you, please send your e-mail address to: office@firststjohn.com

ELECTRONIC GIVING: First St. John relies on the financial support of the congregation, and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a recurring basis and also while you may be out of town for work or vacation. Please contact the church office for details. Thank you!

#### IMPORTANT: CHAPEL COMMUNION

Chapel communion is cancelled for the summer months due to Pastor's sabbatical. We will resume chapel communion on Sunday, September 1st. We apologize for any inconvenience.

# DAVID WINSLOW SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Congratulations to Collin Folk and Max Schwiefert, recipients of this year's David Winslow Memorial Scholarship.

Congratulations, and best of luck in your future studies.

#### **MEMBER UPDATES**

**Births** 

5-7-13 *Mason William Fisher*, born

to Bill and Ashlee (Kwiatkowski) Fisher

**Baptisms** 

5-5-13 Jack Charles Kalmbach,

born 10/8/12 to Matt and Renee (Kujawa) Kalmbach. Sponsors are Andrea Ohrt

and Jeff Barton

Marriages

None

**Deaths** 

4-26-13 Vivian Kuhlman

5-8-13 Mary Dippman

Transfers to / from St. John

None

#### **ELDERS SCHEDULE**

Please note we will have only one service at 9:00 am each Sunday in the summer.

### **JUNE**

2nd Linda Yenrick, Bill Nelson

9th Darold Henninger, Kevin Ruedy

16th Eric Johnson, Laurie Witt

23rd Tom Eppard, Al Collins

30th Jeff Smith, Jason Blazevich

### **JULY**

7th Dick Haar, Jeff Ladd

14th Darold Henninger, Kevin Ruedy

21st Linda Yenrick, Bill Nelson

28th Tom Eppard, Al Collins

#### MIRIAM CIRCLE JUNE MEETING

We will meet on Wed., June 5<sup>th</sup> at Forrester's (the old Navy Bistro) at 11:30 a.m. Mark your calendars.



# COLORING CONTEST YOU BE THE JUDGE!

Several of our JAM students have colored pictures of castles, and these are displayed in the Narthex for your enjoyment. Since this is a contest, you as members of the congregation can vote on your favorite! There are slips of paper and pens available under the pictures. Deadline for judging is Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. The winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate to Toys 'R Us.

#### ADDRESS CHANGES/CORRECTIONS

To keep current information for office records, if your name, address or phone number changes, please notify the office by faxing (419-691-7220), or mailing this form to: 2471 Seaman St./ Toledo, OH 43605.

Name	
Address	
City, State Zip	Phone



#### **MEMORIALS**

#### ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of <u>Nyla Gerrard</u> by Ada Kreger. In memory of <u>Elaine Kraynik</u> by Gene Hagedorn. In memory of <u>Vivian Kuhlman</u> by Irene Abbott, Ada Kreger, Gene Hagedorn.

#### **CURRENT FUND**

In honor of <u>Hanna Gerrard's</u> confirmation by grandparents Robert & Edith Eucker.
In honor of <u>Drew Juhasz's</u> confirmation by Joy Andrews.

#### **QUILTERS**

In memory of <u>Vivian Kuhlman</u> by Bob & Sherrie Haar, Olga Zimmerman, Penny DeWitt, Jean DeWitt, Chuck & Jane Neal, Betty TenEyck, Eileen Young, Beverly & Dave Dayton, Ron & Charlene Bundy, Jerry & Ginny Nissen, Dianne & Karl Busson, Donna Cedoz, Tom & Pat Davis, Martha Meyers, Donna Koester, Hank & Joanne Schumaker, Ramone Mills, Ken Koch, Karen Watson, Norman Kuhlman.

#### **DEBT RETIREMENT**

In memory of <u>Frank & Nyla Gerrard</u> by Louise & Jim Sommers.

In memory of **<u>Vivian Kuhlman</u>** by Louise & Jim Sommers.

#### MEMORIAL FUND

In memory <u>Vivian Kuhlman</u> by Donald Watson, Barbara & Joe Links, Richard L. Harmon, Mark & Debbie Ackerman, Jim & Kathy Besgrove, Martha Hecklinger, Eric & Cindy Johnson, the Nieft Family, Karen Frey, Herb & Phyllis Frey, Norman & Phyllis Schuffenecker, Doris Titgemeyer, Robert & Debra Hecklinger, Willie & Julie Moritz, Glenn & Margaret Koester, John Jenkins, Bob Rowland Family, Jeff Rowland Family, Rick Rowland

Debbie Winters/Rowland Family, Rick Rowland Family, M/M Tim Titgemeyer, Deborah Lofquist, Donald & Rickie Watson, Mary Ellen Miller, Elinor Ehrsam.

In memory of **Marjorie Cook** by Gary & Linda Kusian.

#### **CEMETERY FUND**

In memory of <u>Vivian Kuhlman</u> by Nancy Gallaher, Ken & Joyce Villhauer, Norman Schumaker, Bill Fishhaber; Dan, Joyce, Jean and Patrick Martin, Ernie & Marge Bollinger, Terry & Jane Schuetz, Carl & Janet Morrison, Ruth Cummerow. In memory of <u>Evan VonEwegan</u> by Ken & Joyce Villhauer.

In memory of **Elaine Ackerman** by Ken & Joyce Villhauer.

In memory of **Edith Schuffenecker** by Ken & Joyce Villhauer.

#### **CHOIR FUND**

In memory of <u>Vivian Kuhlman</u> by Ron & Joanne Koch.

#### **ELEVATOR FUND**

In memory of <u>Vivian Kuhlman</u> by Bill & Ginny Wegman, Pastor Gerald & Ilean Labuhn.

#### **AIR CONDITIONING FUND**

In memory of <u>Vivian Kuhlman</u> by Ralph & Ethel Mae Vogtsberger, Esther Bell.

#### **LUTHERAN HOME OF TOLEDO**

In memory of **Mary Dippman** by Bob & Sherrie Haar.

# DAVID WINSLOW MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

This four-man scrambles will be held on Saturday, July 27th at 8AM at the Chippewa Golf Club. Cost is \$65 per person, which includes green fees, cart, and food (burgers, brats, and hotdogs). Prizes will be awarded for first place, longest drive and closest to the pin. Reservation and fees are due Monday, July 22nd.

\*All proceeds go to First St. John.\*

If you'd like to register or sponsor a hole, call Mike Winslow at 419-691-8430 or 419-698-6507.

#### MILITARY ADDRESSES

Here are the addresses of members, family, and friends of First St. John who serve in the military. You can send cards or packages to these service people, and remember to pray for them, too!

Chief Petty Officer Cynthia Henderson 44425 Scobee California, MD 20619

Chief Petty Officer Marc Le Duc 78382 Dukewood Trail Yula, FL 32097

Matthew Phillips 4924 Soaring Springs Ave. Las Vegas, NV 89131

Captain Lindsey Rowland 1 Surf Way #113 Monterey, CA 93940

#### REMINDER FROM ALTAR GUILD

Don't forget to honor your loved ones with flowers for the altar. Find the red flower book in back of the church under the bulletin board and sign up for the Sunday you want. Flower sheets for each Sunday in 2012 are there. Flower vases are \$15 each; you can take an envelope out of the book to use for payment.



#### LIBRARY NEWS

New books donated are as follows:

THE JOURNEY - by Billy Graham

A CUP OF COMFORT - by Susan B. Townsend

**EVERY DAY DESERVES A CHANCE** 

- by Max Lucado

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING ON?

- by Dr. David Jeremiah

**JESUS: HIS LIFE AND TIMES** - by Don Blosser, Phd., Timothy J. Dailey, Phd., Randy Peterson, and Dietrich Gruen

— Gloria Ross

# ITEM COLLECTION FOR OKLAHOMA TORNADO VICTIMS

First St. John will be collecting items to help the tornado victims beginning immediately and running through June 11th. We will be donating specifically through locally-based ISOH/Impact. If you'd like to assemble a bucket (join their "Bucket Brigade"), please fill a new, 5-gallon lidded bucket with cleaning supplies, personal care items, first aid supplies, pet supplies and/or canned and nonperishable food items. ISOH/IMPACT also accepts other relief items (NOT in the bucket) such as paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, disposable tableware, laundry detergent, new tents, tarps, brooms, mops, rakes, shovels, box fans, shop vacs and generators. You can also help by donating a bank or gift card. \*\*Please, no glass items or clothing. Bottled water is NOT needed at this time.

If you prefer to drop off your donations yourself, you can take them to any Toledo area Tireman Auto Service Center or the ISOH/IMPACT's Distribution Center at 905 Farnsworth Rd. in Waterville. There is a P.O.D.S. container onsite at the Distribution Center for 24/7 drop-offs. If it's more convenient for you, you may place your donations on the gym stage. We will collect items through Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. Anything collected will be taken to drop off sites on Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>.

**IMPORTANT NOTE**: We will also need drivers and people to help load trucks and vans during the day on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Please call Toni in the church office if you can help on that day. THANK YOU!

# FROM JAMIE'S DESK (continued from page 6)

This year's VBS theme is: Kingdom Rock - Where kids stand strong for God. Enter the epic adventure that empowers kids to stand strong. At Kingdom Rock - VBS - God's victorious power isn't a fairy tale—it changes kids forever.

If you are interested in helping with painting, drawing, etc., we would love to have your talents. If you have any questions want to help, please contact Jamie at 419-691-7222 or cedir@firststjohn.com Hope to see you there!

#### THANK YOU LETTER

Thank you immensely for your kindness in donating your precious valuable time and good clean stuff so that needy people like me can have something nice. I was praying for furniture for my apartment that I moved into on March 13th. It was worth the wait to find such nice things at your rummage sale. I especially needed a mirror at my kitchen sink because that's where I wash my face and eyes. I need to wash my eyes a lot because something in here makes them irritated; I think it's the carpet. The first day I saw the mirror I was afraid to spend the money on it so I didn't get it. Good thing, because I went back the next day and it and other things I liked were still there at half price! Thank God.

The mirror is a perfect fit between these cupboards. But I haven't found anyone I trust yet to hang it up for me— not everyone knows or cares to hang a mirror properly. I needed everything I bought except for the really nice little wooden drawer and stand. I just bought it because it was so cute and made of real wood. An angel statue will someday be nice on it. It looks nice where I put it, and I'm happy I bought it instead of food

I really like the stainless steel pressure cooker, too. I have already cooked lots of beans in it.

May the Lord God Almighty pour out His goodness, and best blessings on you rare, special people. May God abundantly reward your kindness and your sacrificial giving.

With sincere gratitude, in Christ Jesus, G. Pauline Burnat

# MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP

Our men's breakfast group next meets on Saturday, June 15th at 8AM at the

Bob Evans restaurant on Navarre Ave. We will be doing a special Father's Day devotional. In July, we'll meet on Saturday, July 6th at 8AM also at Bob Evans on Navarre. Please call Bob Haar 419-250-9409 if you need a ride.

# GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2013

We will publicly acknowledge all our graduates from high school and college at our worship services on Sunday, June 23rd. Please plan on having your graduate attend this service since all graduates will be recognized.

If you know of a graduate, please complete this form and drop it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office by Monday, June 17th.

NAME OF GRADUATE
GRADUATED FROM
DEGREE EARNED
NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS
FUTURE PLANS (SCHOOL, WORK, ETC.)

YES, WE PLAN TO BE AT THE SERVICE

#### NOTES FROM JAMIE'S DESK

Our mom's group, By Design, is going strong. We have been meeting on the first and third Wednesdays of the month and have had so much laughter and fun, we often go over our meeting time by ½ hour (or more)! It's been such a pleasure to watch the connections between all of us unfold. Two more moms have joined our ministry and have enjoyed our time together. We held our first annual Mom-2-Mom sale in conjunction with the Dayschool. What a huge success! The Lord definitely has His hand in this ministry. We look forward to continuing our "meetings," turning them into play dates as we still get together over the summer, but in places where we can still enjoy adult interaction and involve our children as well. Our first summer "play date" was held at the Cedar Creek Park off of Walbridge and Bradner. We had a potluck style lunch where the children played on the playground and the moms still enjoyed the wonderful connections we have made over the past two years. We look forward to seeing what is in store for this ministry as we continue to do His work!



This ministry has been a blessing to all who have been involved. Thank you to Jessie Henneman, Darlene Paul, Karen Holmes, Pam Beavers, and Janet Fox! These are

amazing ladies who volunteer their time to watch the children as the moms enjoy some "ME" time!!! Blessings all around!!

Our second year of Prayer Buddy ministry was such a pleasure to watch unfold! We held a reception on May 19 during which the Prayer Buddies were introduced to each other, and love and joy were all around! Here are some of the comments:

"Thanks to Jamie and Barb! The event was wonderful; maybe when my granddaughter is in kindergarten I can have her:). I really see the work the teachers have done in my little prayer buddy. His family was awesome. His mom said she will get me a picture of him with me. This ministry is something these little Christians will remember forever! We are blessed to have Jamie and Barb in our children's ministry!"

"Thank you so much for the wonderful reception on Sunday....all that delicious food and decorated tables. The family of my Prayer Buddy and I really "bonded" and I feel a special friendship was formed. I invited them to come and visit our family farm....told my prayer buddy he could ride on a tractor....I really think they will come out for a visit. I told him the picture with his thank you letter will go on my fridge....and I will continue to pray for him. I am looking forward to my new prayer buddy next fall. Once again, I need to thank you for all your work in this VERY SPECIAL ministry...... your salaries do not begin to reflect the work that you do.....thank goodness, you are not "in it" for the money.....lol.....your "benefits" will be in HEAVEN with Jesus."

One of my favorite stories was when a kindergartener gave her Prayer Buddy a paper bracelet that was pink and purple and asked her to wear it on Monday with a pink and purple outfit! The prayer buddy did and made the kindergartener's day! She was so proud that her bracelet was on her Prayer Buddy's wrist that she had to show everyone!

The connections were amazing and moving, showing us what can come from the wonderful work of prayer!

#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School this summer will be Monday, June 24 – Thursday June 27, 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm. VBS is for ages 3 through fifth grade and is a great ministry tool for help children become closer to Jesus. Please pray and ask God what HE might want YOU to help with. We need many volunteers for this wonderful four-day event! Check out the Donation Board in the Narthex.



# PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES

(As of 5/29/13)

#### **Crisis Prayer List**

This is for those who need prayers in an urgent matter such as upcoming surgery, emergency medical care (ICU), etc. Individuals will be moved to "Chronic" after the first month unless one of the prayer chain contacts is contacted about special circumstances:

Gail Chaffee
Pastor Labuhn
Monica (no last name given)
Jim Swanson
Bonnie Varga

#### **Chronic Prayer List**

This is for those who need prayers for ongoing serious situations such as cancer treatments, ongoing medical struggles and recovery and/or personal situations. Individuals will be moved off after 3 months unless one of the prayer chain contacts has been contacted about special/continuing circumstances:

**George Ackerman Betty Anderson** Anthony, John, & Charles (no last name) Jordyn Beckhusen Carol Brundage **Karen Burris Baby Camille Shelley Cotton Family of Winnie Draper** Family of Kris Ensign **Lily Georgeson** Cooper Goa **Dave Grueshaber Brent Hamby Bob & Debbie Hecklinger Grace Heninger** Margie Heninger **Herman Jeskev Sophie LeDuc Wayne Lytle** George "Skip" McCullough Jeanette Miller **Christopher Molnar John Nikoncvk Charlie Ohllson** Robert (no last name given) **Bruce Seibert** 

June Smarkel
John Spoerl
Family of Bruce Traver
Janet Uhler
Family of David Wagner
Lee Wagner
Candy Webster
Terry Williams

Please let any of the prayer chain contacts know if any of these individuals could be moved off the list.

#### **Prayer Chain Contacts**

Carol Abbey 419-351-9795 or cabbey@jcrinc.com

Lynn Folk 419-691-3410 Donna Koehn 419-693-5030 Ada Kreger 419-693-1549 Gloria Ross 419-836-7166

# AUGUST NEWSLETTER DEADLINE — JULY 22nd

### ATTENTION MEMBERS OF CHURCH COUNCIL

This is just a reminder that we will continue meeting throughout the summer. Our summer meetings will continue on the same schedule, so the next meeting will be June 18th, and July's meeting will be July 16th. You will receive your reminder emails (or postcards if you do not have email) as you normally would. (Our lounge is air-conditioned!)

# NEEDED FOR DAYSCHOOL'S SUMMER PROGRAM



We need to borrow a croquet set and a "corn hole" game for our summer program. If you have one you'd like to lend, please call Toni in the church office. If you will need the equipment back for a party you are having, we will get it back to you in time for your event. The equipment will be returned by mid-August. Thank you!

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# A SACRED TRUST News from The Mouse



One hundred fifty three years ago our founders began our ministry patterned after the Lutheran Church in Germany. The church was the center for everything, a "Cradle to Grave" society. Our first burial occurred in the first year of our founding.

Like the church, our United States was developing its identity. The War of Rebellion, now called the Civil War, inflicted an enormous loss of life on all sides. Many were buried at the battle fields, but the new science of embalming enabled many bodies to be returned home for burial

In 1867, our little Chapel was enlarged by twelve feet, and the original bell was acquired. Memories of the war faded and cemeteries became neglected. Something had to be done!

General John A. Logan of The Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former sailors and soldiers, declared May 30, 1868 as "DECORATION DAY," a time to honor the nation's Civil war dead by decorating their graves with flowers and flags. By the late 1800's, many communities had begun to celebrate Memorial Day. After World War I all who had died in all America's wars were honored. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be celebrated the last Monday in May.

First St. John's first annual celebration in 2011 honored all veterans and our founders. It was also our celebration for 150 years of service to the community. Civil War veterans were emphasized in 2012 at the second celebration. At the third celebration this year we chose to add all those who passed away since the second celebration.

Prior to WW II, Decoration Day / Memorial Day was just that. Relatives took garden tools, flowers from the garden, and a lawnmower to the cemetery by horse and wagon, and relatives attended to the graves. There was no "perpetual care" in those times. Today we expect the grass to be cut, trimmed and maintained like a golf course. Thanks to the "congregation," "considerate lot owners," and "friends of the cemetery," our cemetery has been improving each year. But the costs far exceed the income!

The cemetery was always considered a **SACRED**TRUST with those who came before us! The
COMMEMORATIVE ENGRAVED PAVER
PROJECT, unveiled on Memorial Day, is one way
to support the cemetery financially as well as
offering a way to honor someone or something
relative to St. John's congregation. Paver order
forms are available in the church office, the Narthex,
and the lounge.

Plans for the memorial have been prepared and will be executed by Jeff Moritz of Landscape Design at no cost to the congregation. A dedication date has not been determined at this time. This area also will be home to the Dickey memorial stone. A new house for the Mouse? Thanks! -- Your Mouse

# COMMEMORATIVE ENGRAVED PAVER PROJECT

Prior to WW II, relatives took care of the grave sites in our cemetery. Today we expect the grass to be cut and trimmed each time we visit. Thanks to the "congregation," "considerate lot owners," and "friends of the cemetery," our cemetery has been improving each year. But the costs far exceed the income!

The new **COMMEMORATIVE ENGRAVED PAVER PROJECT**, unveiled on Memorial Day, is one way to support the cemetery financially as well as a way to honor someone or something associated with First St. John—not only to remember a loved one who's passed on, but also to commemorate a wedding date, baptism, confirmation, etc. Plans for a memorial have been prepared and will be executed by **Jeff Moritz of Landscape Design** at no cost to the congregation. We are hoping to have everything completed by late summer. This area also will be home to the Dickey memorial stone.

The center stone, architectural drawing, order forms, and sample of the two pavers available are in the Narthex. Additional forms also are available in the lounge. For more information, please contact Floyd (734-848-3644) or Joanne (419-693-2081). Thank you so much for your support!

Pastor Blohm opened the meeting with prayer for the victims of the Oklahoma tornadoes. President Keith Mullen called the meeting to order. Attendance was taken. Minutes from the April meeting were read. A motion was made by Dave Warnke to accept the minutes. Al Collins seconded, motion carried.

Sunday School - The new postcards are going out this week with our summer hours. By Design will have a picnic next week in Northwood. This ministry will continue. "Pastries for Parents" was held two weeks ago for JAM students with coloring contests and sweets. Kindergarten graduation and prayer buddies were introduced. Oregon Fest had many families from FSJ participating. VBS is coming this June, and help is always needed. Contact Jamie if you can help. There will be a Sunday School dinner in June at BJ's Steakhouse to thank the teachers

**Elders Report** - A new schedule for weddings has been given out. June 2 begins our one summer service with communion on the first Sunday of the month only. We will rotate the two types of services.

**Property Mgmt.** - Plumbing issues were addressed. Bill Caldwell and Darold Henninger have been working hard to get items repaired around the property. A/C to be installed in the offices soon. Getting with Jim Sommers, who has an intense knowledge of the mechanical workings of the church, to make sure we have all inspections, etc. for the property as well as some of the finer details of the care and maintenance of the church. The Spoerls have volunteered to donate air conditioners for the chapel and Pastor's office.

**Treasurer/Finance Report** – A report was handed out at the meeting. A motion was made by Larry Paul to accept the report. Mike Folk seconded, motion carried.

Dayschool - Kindergarten Recognition service went well, but may be too long. Will work on how to streamline it a little. Kindergarten graduation is Wednesday, May 29. We need elders to assist.

A screen operator and additional help for the reception also is needed. Last day of school is May 30, but extended care runs through June 7. The summer program begins June 11. A Trike-A-Thon will be held on September 14. This is a fundraiser, but also for health and fun. Question from council: Do we ask for an exit review by parents for those leaving/graduating? Barb stated no, but we do one midway through the year. No financial report available due to a computer glitch. Bus has been sold back to TESCO but the school will lease it for summer use. A BIG thank you to TESCO for this arrangement.

Pastor's Report - Pastor found a note taped to his door last week about the rummage sale that thanked us for having wonderful items for a very low cost for a needy woman's new apartment. He read her wonderful words of praise for making her life better. It was suggested to put it in the newsletter. Pastor will pass this on to Toni.

Old Business - No old business.

New Business - A request was made to streamline the service when many events are taking place. This was a Board of Ministry issue, so it was suggested that it be brought up during that meeting.

Council question: Is our lawn paid by the cut? No, by the month.

Pastor is being given a retreat in Arizona from June 4-11. He also will be taking a well-deserved two months off, returning at the end of July. He will come back for a wedding and a baptism where he was requested. Interim pastors will fill in for him while he is away.

Meeting motioned to be adjourned by Dave Warnke, seconded by Larry Paul, motion carried. Closing was led by Pastor by reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Folk o Council Secretary