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We were encouraged by the Apostle Paul last Sunday to think of, and treat one another, as family. I noted that some have bought into that idea more than others, and through involvement in church functions and activities have actually found some of their closest relationships developing within the church. The key, of course, is involvement with others.

Coming together regularly on Sunday mornings is obviously a good thing, and there is a beautiful sense of community when we worship together. Deep friendships, however, usually require more than a shared pew, and we therefore offer additional opportunities to study, play, work, and eat together. Those who take advantage of such often find something unexpected taking place. I know it did in Mexico.

When I asked Anna, my 13 year old granddaughter, what her favorite thing was about the trip to Mexico, she said it was the bonding that took place. When I asked her who she bonded with, she said everyone. When I pressed her further, she specifically mentioned Kirk, Andrew, Tate, and Judy Marlow.

In case you missed Kirk's meditation last week, he noted the language barrier that existed while working in Mexico. He went on to explain that it took him three days to understand what the teens were saying. Apparently they ended up connecting pretty well. He also mentioned the age spread in the group, and that was created by Anna and Judy. Again, something unexpectedly beautiful can take place when we spend time together. We can actually come to know, and grow to love one another, as family.

In view of that, it's been suggested that it's time to resurrect Dinner-8. For those who don't know what I'm talking about, it's a simple program where four couples are encouraged to have pot-lucks in one another's homes. We haven't done it in several years, and I've made some revisions to the program that lessen the time commitment. Details can be found inside, and I'm hopeful that many, especially those newer to our family, will sign up. God Bless, Rick



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Please remember to pray for the High School Group during the MOVE Conference next week as we study the scriptures and grow closer together. Those going are Mark & Tina, Grace Hunley, Abbie Divjak, Reagan Formea, Carly Karhliker, Emma Warwick, Kate Sperry, Daniel Hendricks and Jake Divjak.

STATISTICS

Worship 122
 Offering \$4,634.00

SERVING THIS SUNDAY-7/15/18

Greeters Chuck & Janice McLaughlin
 Visitors' Stand Rich & Karen Mann
 Communion Meditation Chris Luzio
 Mark Huber
 Ushers Will Bartels
 Duane Carrell
 Chad Formea
 Otto Huber
 Chuck McLaughlin
 Scott Bales

WORSHIP NURSERY

Toddlers Nikki & Anna Hunley
 Infants Janice McLaughlin
 Nicole Moore
 Emily Hughes
 Sunday School
 Toddlers Julie Divjak
 Infants Kileen Huber

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY-7/22/18

Greeters Rhonda Luzio
 Visitors' Stand Judy Marlow
 Communion Meditation Chris Luzio
 Mark Huber
 Ushers Will Bartels
 Duane Carrell
 Chad Formea
 Otto Huber
 Chuck McLaughlin
 Scott Bales

WORSHIP NURSERY

Toddlers Kristin Polley
 Cooper Formea
 Infants Shannon Higgins
 Vicki Small
 Jake Divjak
 Sunday School
 Toddlers Julie Divjak
 Infants Karen Mann
 Rebecca Smith

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

Dinner-8

(Revised Edition)

It's time to resurrect Dinner 8. Dinner 8 is a simple program where couples who sign up are put into groups of eight, and encouraged to eat together. We used to ask that they have four pot-lucks in each other's homes over a period of four months. The newly revised edition will only require two meals, and not everyone will be expected to host a meal in their home. This will allow those who may not have room for eight around their table to be involved, and it will lessen the time commitment required.

When signing up, you will be asked to note if you are willing to be the first host couple. If selected, your responsibility will be to set the date, plan the meal, and assign various parts of the meal to those in your group. At the first meal the decision will be made as to where and when to have the second meal. If encore meals are desired, more can be scheduled.

It is especially desired that couples new to our church will get involved, so groups will include old friends as well as new. A sign-up will be on the bulletin board this Sunday.



Let Us Pray For...

- Dixie Williamson recovering from extensive surgery.
- Tristyn's dad and family at the passing of an 18 year old cousin from cancer.
- Friend of Steve Elder's daughter with possible brain tumor.
- Chuck & Janice McLaughlin's son-in-law in Africa on a mission trip to evaluate agricultural need.



The James Project is a not-for-profit Christian ministry in Springfield which provides homes and support for fostering families in Sangamon County. They are currently in the process of raising funds to purchase their 5th house in the area. This home will be earmarked for a couple whose heart is to work with teenage mothers during this critical stage of their life. The James Project also serves hundreds of foster families each year by distributing clothing, beds and other necessities to newly placed foster children.

When the Blakley girls heard about their fundraising efforts, they got right to work with a bake sale. They lost track of exactly how many cookies they baked, but the requests kept coming in and they kept making more. When the fundraiser was over, they were able to drop off a \$400 check to the James Project. Thank you girls for helping out the James Project and making a difference in the lives of kids.



We had our closest, exciting, almost first win of the season last Sunday in Rochester! When the battle was over, the score was 9-8, we only lost by one run! We hope to capitalize on this huge momentum this week during our game against First United Methodist. The game will be at 1:45 on Diamond #2. .



For those going to the CIY MOVE Conference this year, we will leave from the church at 8:30 am on Monday. Our first stop will be the Galleria in St. Louis where we will explore the mall, eat lunch and return to our favorite stores from last year. I know that means some of you will be stopping by LUSH for some of those bath bombs!

We will then travel to Central State University in Warrensburg, MO where we will attend the conference all week. We have a free afternoon on Thursday and will be going back to the Worlds of Fun amusement/water park. Explore getting your ticket on line instead of waiting to purchase it at the gate of Thursday. The ticket is \$41.00 on the Worlds of Fun website but is \$62.00 at the gate.

In addition to sunscreen and a towel for the water park day, make sure you bring a pillow and bedding for a single bed or a sleeping bag, your Bible or phone app is fine, a notebook to journal your thoughts, athletic wear if you are going to participate in any of the tournaments, some money for the conference store or other incidentals and all your bathroom essentials for the week. And don't forget snacks! Snacks are good!

We will be returning late Friday evening. I am looking forward to praising God all week with the kids and some great discussions with the group during our breakout sessions. This week, if you would like to set the stage for conference, read the book of 1st John. It is short, so you could actually read it a couple times. Each day we will be dissecting passages in the first four chapters and applying them to current situations in our life. I can't wait to see what God reveals to us at MOVE this year!