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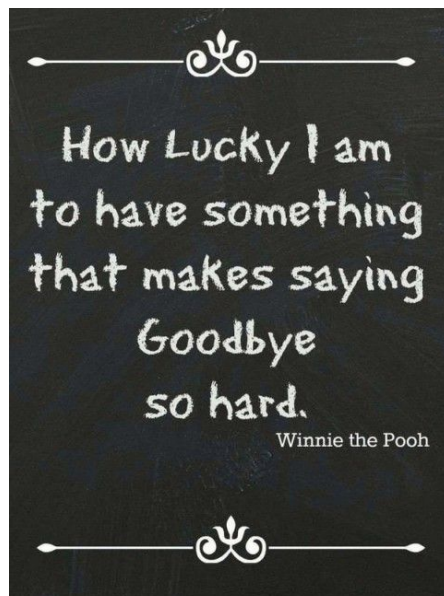
Birthdays:

Hazel Schaff 1
Benjamin Springer 5
Aaliyah Ripley 5
Lynn Cuny Jr. 6
Nathan Ayre 8
Ken House 12

Anniversaries:

Misty & Nate DeFalco 29
Linda & Sam Heer 29
Daisy & Paul Ayre 31

Please submit witness articles and prayer requests to
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Thank you Victor for everything you have done for us these many years. You are a talented musician and forever part of our family. We pray that you enjoy this next step of your life and think of often! We are always supporting you!



Upcoming Events

May 5

Q&A on Sexual
Harassment Policy (11)

May 8

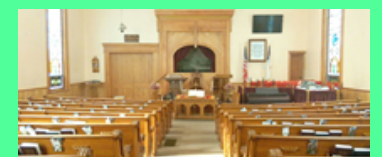
Pastoral Search
Committee Meeting
(6:30)

May 19

Council Meeting (11:15)

May 19

Community Concert at
the Community Church
@ 4pm



A Call From God

One Saturday night, a pastor was working late and decided to call his wife before he left for home. It was about 10:00 PM, but his wife didn't answer the phone. The pastor let it ring many times. He thought it was odd that she didn't answer but decided to wrap up a few things and try again in a few minutes. When he tried again, she answered right away. He asked her why she hadn't answered before, and she said that it hadn't rung at their house. They brushed it off as a fluke and went on their merry ways. The following Monday, the pastor received a call at the church office, which was the phone that he'd used that Saturday night. The man that he spoke with wanted to know why he'd called on Saturday night. The pastor couldn't figure out what the man was talking about.

Then the man said, "It rang and rang, but I didn't answer."

The pastor remembered the mishap and apologized for disturbing him, explaining that he'd intended to call his wife.

The man said, "That's okay. Let me tell you my story. You see, I was planning to commit suicide on Saturday night, but before I did, I prayed, 'God if you're there, and you don't want me to do this, give me a sign now.' At that point, my phone started to ring. I looked at the caller ID, and it said, 'Almighty God'. I was afraid to answer!"

The church that the pastor attends is called Almighty God Tabernacle.
<http://varietyreading.carlsguides.com/christian-stories/call.php>

Trustee Updates:

We've recently had a lot of interest in use of the church. This is a great source of revenue for us, as well as getting our name out in the Community. We are currently working on fixing the roof in the Superintendent's Office & Meditation Room, which was caused by ice buildup. The Easter Offering will support this cause and left over funds will be put back into the General Fund. We are researching our options for a new copier which will be funded by a generous donation from a member of the congregation. We are also beginning the search for a new Organist for Sunday Worship.

Respectively Submitted,
 Nathaniel DeFalco, Trustee Chairman

Christian Education Updates:

No updates.

Diaconate Updates:

No updates.

U

Before U were thought of
 or time had begun,
 God had stuck U in the
 name of His Son.
 And each time U pray,
 you'll see it's true,
 You can't spell out JesUs
 and not include U.

You're a pretty big part of
 His wonderful name,
 For U, he was born; that's
 why He came.

And His great love for U is
 the reason that he died,
 It even takes U to spell
 crUcified.

Isn't it thrilling and
 splendidly grand,
 He rose from the dead with
 U in His plan.

The stones split away, the
 gold trUmpet blew,
 and this word ressurection
 is spelled with a U.

When Jesus left the earth
 at His upward ascension,
 He felt there was one thing
 He just had to mention.

"Go into the world and tell
 them it's true,
 That I love them all-Just
 like I love U.

So many great people are
 spelled with a U,
 Don't they have the right
 to know JesUs too?

It all depends now on what
 U will do,
 He'd like them to know,
 but it all starts with U.

Will U pass it on?
 JesUs Loves U!!!

Community Choir

Can you sing? Do you play an instrument? Want to have some fun? If you answered yes to any of these questions the Community Choir might just be for you. This is a newly formed group of some really cool and talented people that want to share their musical abilities with each other and the Community.

They are looking at a theme "Better Together" as they move forward and learn who they are and what they want to accomplish as a group. This group is meant to stand on their own separate from the church.

Currently the plan is to present a performance open to the community on Sunday May 19th at 4:00PM to be held at the Central Square Community Church. There are three fun and maybe even familiar tunes that we are working on for this presentation. We are also hoping to have some instrumental groups as well. This idea is new for this group and are hoping to journey into bigger and better things once they see how things progress.

I cannot stress enough that anyone is welcome and even if you cannot do the May 19th performance, they would like to have you come to practice whenever you can to get used to the group. We all know that not everyone will be able to make every practice and every performance because everyone has a life that revolves around other things. So even if not you but you know someone that enjoys music please pass on this information.

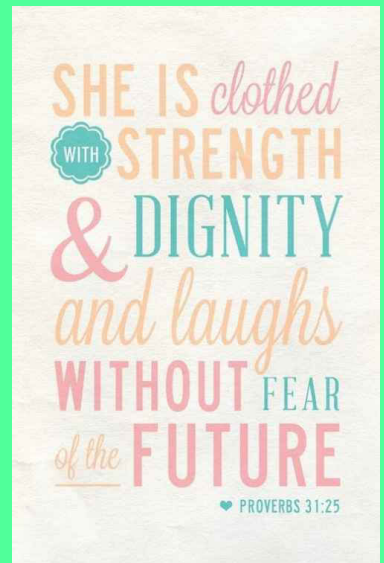
Scheduled practices as follows:

Tuesday April 30th 4pm-5:30 pm Central Square Community Church

Sunday May 5th 1pm-2:30pm Central Square Community Church

Thursday May 9th 7pm-8:30 pm West Monroe United Methodist Church

Other dates may fill in, any questions see Cheryl Backman, Nancy Leamon, or Cherie House.



The Pastoral Search Committee has begun working hard to find our new Pastor.

We have decided that we first need to find out what pastoral duties are most important to our congregation. This is only the first of many surveys we will send out.

Please rate the following pastoral duties from 1 - most important to 6 - least important.

We understand this is very difficult as all of these are incredibly important,
but please try your best!

_____nurture fellowship and inclusive atmosphere

_____Pastoral Care/Counseling

_____Preaching and Spiritual Development

_____Visitation

_____Grow and help sustain the church

_____Programs (educational, community outreach, vbs, etc..)

_____Other, Please List _____

Responses are due by Tuesday, May 7th.



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