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Attendance

Sunday, June 20	Worship 48
Sunday, June 27	Worship 57
Sunday, July 4	Worship 56
Sunday, July 11	Worship 63
Sunday, July 18	Worship 49

Financial Notes

Total for 6/20/10	\$1,083.08
Total for 6/27/10	\$999.00
Total for 7/04/10	\$3,861.00
Total for 7/11/10	\$2,568.00

The next newsletter will be mailed on
Wednesday, August 18.
 Articles to be submitted by
Monday, August 16.

the COMPASS

“Stand at the crossroads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths.” Jeremiah 6:16

“Welcome to the Island of Misfit Toys!”

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A friend of mine who serves a nearby church once commented that there should be a sign at the door welcoming, or perhaps warning: **“Welcome to the Island of Misfit Toys!”** You remember the Island of Misfit Toys—it’s where the elf who wants to be a dentist takes Rudolph (the red-nosed reindeer) as a last resort for guys like them who don’t exactly fit in the world of “normal.” It’s a place that welcomes you no matter what you look like or how your parts are put together, mismatched or otherwise.

Well, I don’t know for sure about the church my friend serves, but I think it’s a pretty apt metaphor for any church I’ve come to know well, and this church in particular. I can look out at the people gathered on any given Sunday and see the most unlikely, imperfect wonderful bunch of broken, mismatched, messed up people of God the world has known. And yes, I may be referring to you. I hope you’re not offended.

I for one consider it an honor to live and work among the world’s nerds, misfits, needy and broken people. Because I am one. I am one, and I am known by a God who has been one and favors just such brokenness in the world. This is the greatest story ever told: how God saves the world through people like you and me—a most unlikely collection of misfit toys. The church. And our motto here at the church of misfit toys:

*“My grace is sufficient for you,
 for power is made perfect in weakness.” Cor. 12:9*

Thank you for being just the way you are. May we continue to welcome others likewise!

Paul Witmer

...journey up.

come together!

**School for Congregational Learning
August 28, 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.
West Des Moines Christian Church**

The School for Congregational Learning is a great opportunity to gather with other Disciples from around the region, hear stories, share resources, and seek both inspiration and practical ideas for church life. This year's school is gathering at West Des Moines Christian Church, and is open to all. At \$20 per registration, it's a great bargain, and Covenant Christian has money in its budget to cover your expenses. So, please consider gathering with us!

Some of the workshops offered include:

- **Sunday Morning Hospitality**
- **Kids Against Hunger**
- **How to Get the Most of your Meetings**
- **Elders in the 21st Century**

The event also includes great worship, fellowship, and of course, FOOD!

...journey in.

**Joseph and the Amazing
Technicolor Dreamcoat**

Wednesday, August 4, 7:30 p.m.

Join a group from Covenant attending this musical rendering of the biblical saga of Joseph and his coat of many colors! Order your tickets directly from the DM Playhouse (277-6261) or online at dmplayhouse.com. Either way, mention (or enter) coupon code "GREEN" (ALL CAPS). Tickets are \$22 for adults and \$17 for students. Please call Paul at the church office if you have any questions. (276-3781) Note, you can receive the discount for any performance if you are unable to join us on August 4.

 August			
BIRTHDAYS			
Al Cross	8/7	Ken Mitchell	8/11
Zeke Roberts	8/12	Jennifer Rusk	8/12
Dillon Warwick	8/13	Kim Sienkiewicz	8/13
Newell Hart	8/15	Leslie McAtee	8/16
Ben Pauley	8/17	Miles Hoover	8/22
Tom Small	8/22	Gene Denny	8/24
Hannah Witmer	8/29	Shirley Lyst	8/30
Angie Witmer	8/31		
ANNIVERSARIES			
Brad & Tammy Lair		8/1	
Gene & Christine Young-Denny		8/15	
Jason & Morgan Hoover		8/22	

IN OUR PRAYERS

Jayde Hildebrand
Paul Ratashak
Mary Rogers
Eddy Lyst
Donna Wilcox

Notes and News

- Thank you for your prayers, cards and concerns during my recent medical problems. - **Jackie Benson**
- **Donna Wilcox** is recovering from knee surgery.
- **Paul** will be on a silent retreat **August 15-21** (but will be in worship both Sundays, August 15 and 22).

...journey out.

**Karen Vroman and Don Hiscox
Mission to Poland**

Karen and Don are joining 14 others from our Region on a mission trip to Poland. They'll be gone August 29 – September 16. In Poland, they'll be working with our Global Mission Partners, Doug and Liz Searles. The main construction project they'll be working on is replacing crumbling steps and building a handicap ramp for one of Doug and Liz's churches. Sixteen hundred dollars of the \$3,000.00 needed for materials for the project have been contributed by those going on this trip. Contributions from Covenant folks are welcome. Anyone interested in making a contribution can write a check payable to Covenant and note it is for the Poland Mission Trip. Additional information will be shared during announcements on future Sunday mornings.

Save these Dates...

Friday, August 6: We prepare dinner for Children and Families Urban Ministry.

September 19 – 26: Interfaith Hospitality Network hosting at Urbandale UCC.

Calling All Ladies of Covenant

Wed., Aug. 18, 6:00 p.m., Book Club will host a light supper for all Covenant women. It will be an evening of fellowship and brain-storming ideas for Covenant women's activities.

**THANK YOU FROM THE
EVANGELISM TEAM!!!!!!**

A BIG THANKS to those who helped to make Covenant's participation in the Urbandale Parade a success. Included are those who worked on our new banner, pennants, and postcards, those who donated cash, candy, water and decorations, those who loaned wagons, those who helped decorate wagons, those who marched, and those who cheered us on. During the parade, we were able to distribute around 700 postcards promoting Covenant, 100 lbs of candy, and some of the 130 donated bottles of water.