

Third Word News & Notes



SEPTEMBER 2013

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

September is a month of transitions. Cooler days remind us that we are in the final weeks of summer. The trees are beginning to show their Fall colors. The summer hours for our Sunday service are over, and we are meeting at 10 am again, much to the delight of many of our members. Our Rally Sunday Picnic and Open House on September 8 was well attended and provided great food and lots of fun for everyone. Sunday school is back in session. As much as I have been sad at the thought of the summer season drawing to a close, I am beginning to get caught up in the exciting events and unique beauty that Fall brings with it.

I am reminded of the scripture that says, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven". New seasons bring new opportunities for work, service and participation. There will be new opportunities for attendance at a day time small group Bible studies at the Parsonage. The Abigail High Tea and Auction will be held on October 6 at 2 pm. Our Missions committee is already busy planning for its Military Whist fundraising event on October 24 at 7 pm. Our congregation is also hosting the annual Crop Walk this year on October 27.

May God bless us all as we begin a new season of working together to make Third Church a place where God is truly present in our lives and in our service to the community. Amen

Pastor Norm

Tea Time

The Abigail Tea is scheduled for October 6th at 2pm. It is a fun event with so many wonderful decorations, beautiful china and many laughs. Cookie Stojak does a wonderful job organizing this event each year. Please plan to attend. Tickets will be on sale after worship services or by calling the church office, you can reserve tickets. Raffle prizes are needed also. All ladies 12 years old or older may attend. We hope to see you there.



Upcoming Events

9/26 Ladies Aid Meeting 10AM
10/17 Missions Military Whist 7PM
10/19 PFS Harvest Dinner 5-7PM



Rally Sunday

It was another great Rally Sunday at Third Church. So many smiling faces with excitement for a new year. The day started with dedicating our teaching staff: Jennifer Smith, nursery; Tricia D'Onofrio and Leslie Hassmann, Pre-k to 1st grade; Ellie Hojda and Alberina Fletcher, 2nd through 4th grade; Patty Casey and Doreen Rodo, 5th and 6th grade; Janice Drescher, 7th and 8th grade; Corrine Sternberg and Paul Kennedy, High School.

They accepted their calling and we excused the students and made our way to Prayer Circle. We gathered as a group and shared some joys and concerns. We then shared Communion as a school community. We sang our new song for communion during the passing of the bread and the wine. Our students then went to meet their teachers and start the new year. The congregation shared in worship together.

There was a special meeting immediately following the worship service to elect a Vice President. Due to a move, Brian Mendoza could not continue to serve as President. Dave Tycz accepted the Presidency and that left a vacant seat for Vice President. Kim Kennedy was elected as Vice President. The families all came out to the



lawn to enjoy the annual BBQ. PFS cooked the hamburgers and hot dogs that went with all of the side dishes and desserts brought by the congregation. Thanks to the Missions group who helped set up the tables, chairs and canopies needed for the event. Leslie Coutsouridis brought together a wonderful line-up of singers with included 3 songs by the 3rd church choir. BCE had games planned: Bible Bingo, water balloon toss, balloon wrangler, penny drop and pie eating contest. The hit of the BBQ was the cheese puff toss. The contestants

played in teams of two, one of the team members had their head covered in shaving cream while the other tossed cheese puffs. The first team to get 5 cheese puffs stuck, won. It was a hit with the crowd and the players. Thanks to the Deacons for helping with clean-up and especially to Lorie Albert who chaired the event. Thanks to everyone who helped make the day a wonderful success.



Missions Crop Walk

The Missions Committee is holding the annual Crop Walk here at Third Church this year. The date is October 27th. The day will begin with registration of walkers from around the area and then we hope to have a great walk on a beautiful fall day. CROP stands for Christian Rural Overseas Program. It was began in 1969 to help Midwest farmers share their crops overseas. Crop walks helps provide food and water as well as resources that empower people to meet their own needs. They give tools and training to develop their communities. Up to 25 percent will stay within our community to help our food panties, community gardens and other efforts to help those in need. You can send a donation to Missions in care of the church.