

Third Word News & Notes



JUNE 2012

Pastor's Message

EVERYTHING IS CONNECTED

One of the most remarkable discoveries of early scientists like Galileo was that the heavenly bodies such as the moon and planets in our night sky are subject to the wear and tear of the same natural forces that we are so familiar with on earth. Our planet has been shaped and reshaped by erosion of wind and water, earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. There is even evidence of collisions with asteroids in the distant past. It was commonly assumed that the earth was unique in all creation. The earth alone was subject to change and decay. The heavens were perfect and unchanging. Through the discoveries of Galileo, Kepler and Newton mankind learned that everything is connected. The laws of nature apply equally throughout the heavens and the earth. The moon controls the tides of our vast oceans. The distant stars provide guidance for travelers. All life on earth exists in the form of a chain of being with each link dependent of the others above and below.

Once we gain an appreciation for the connectedness of everything we begin to learn many very important lessons for living. A healthy church is likened to a healthy human body where every part must do its work to contribute to the health of the entire body. Every individual system, organ or cell is connected to the whole. They all do different things but they work for a common good. If any ceases to function all the others suffer. If one hurts, the whole body hurts. Each of us has been placed in the church and we are members working for its common good. All of us are necessary. All of us are working to be the hands, feet, heart and voice of Christ to our friends and neighbors. There is no greater good than this. Amen

*Blessings,
Pastor Norm*

Mission Opportunity

The Missions and Outreach Committee is putting together a trip to Pittsburgh, PA to work at Hosanna Industries. This organization builds homes for those in need. It is a NACCC sponsored organization. The trip will be August 6th through August 10th for all who are interested. Bruce Chapin is heading up the committee and can answer any questions that you may have. Consider joining us in PA this summer. We have a few members interested but we would like to have many more. The total cost per person will be \$100.00 plus traveling expenses.



Dates To Remember

6/17	Recognition Sunday/Tropical Shirt Sunday/Father's Day	
7/12	PFS Ice Cream Social	6-8PM
6/30	Vacation Bible School	9-3PM

Ladies Aid Strawberry Festival

The festival will be held on June 14th. The baking will begin at 8AM on Tuesday, June 12th and the hulling of berries begins at 6AM on June 14th. The delicious homemade shortcakes will be sold from 11:00 until 4:30PM or until the berries run out. The price per person is small \$4.50 and large is \$6.50. For those who wish to dine-in, there is coffee or tea included. The quilt is also raffled off at the end of the event. A craft sale is also held during this event for those who wish to browse. Many of our congregation volunteers to help at this very large event.



Westfield Parade

The parade was once again held on Miner Street and ended at the Miner Street Cemetery with a solo performance by Taylor Casey, one of this year's high school graduates. Tim Buchanan once again played taps and Pastor Norm spoke at the ceremony. It was a wonderful way to honor the servicemen and servicewomen who have served this country.

Sad Goodbye

Two of our long time members are moving to North Carolina this month. Carl & Anita Bolz have been longtime members and friends of Third Church. Carl has retired from his engineering work and Anita is finishing up a year at Middletown High School as an interventionist. They are in the process of building a home in North Carolina. We wish them good luck and safe travels during their move. We want to wish Gail and Bob Wright best wishes on their move also. They are moving to Redwood, New York. Gail and Bob have been such active members for so many years and they will be greatly missed.



Missions Tag and Bake Sale

Missions had a successful tag and bake sale on Friday, May 11th and Saturday, May 12th. The profit was just over \$2000 and it will go to help the Eddy Shelter, St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen and New Horizons Women's Shelter. Thanks to those who donated items and so much of their time to the event.

PF Participates In Relay For Life

We had four adults and six students participate this year in Relay For Life a twenty four hour walk for cancer. The students walked many miles and had some fun checking out the other tents and hanging with friends from other teams. We were \$92 short of our goal of \$1000 for American Cancer Society but we still have some donations to collect. We won second place in best campsite with our Halloween theme. Thanks to everyone who supported our efforts this year and God Bless those who are fighting this disease every day.

