

# Communicator

*Gathered by the Cross...Scattered to Serve*

**From the Art Committee...**



The Art a Loan Open House will be held at the Saugatuck Center for the Arts on Wednesday, October 6, at 6:30 PM. Selected work of students in grades K - 12 will be available to rent for one year. The pieces are professionally framed and are displayed throughout the community at the rental cost of \$100 each. At the end of the year the student artist will receive the beautifully framed artwork and the revenue from the rental will be used to sustain the following year's program.

This past year, thanks to the generosity of Community Church donors, artwork of the following students has been ours to enjoy. On display through October is the work of Haley Krause, Emily Myers, Delaney Piggins, Emily Schutzenhofer, Morgayne Wilson, Ana Capostosto, Marie Pena and Nathan Stenman. At the end of October those pieces will be returned to the artists and we hope to bring new pieces of student art to Community Church through October 2011.

We invite members of our church family to consider renting a new piece of student art to display at Community Church from November 2010 through October 2011. If you are interested in renting a piece of student art for \$100, please contact Judy Oberholtzer at 269-857-2866, [wober@sirus.com](mailto:wober@sirus.com). Or you may call our church office at 269-857-1492.

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**Calendar of Events**

- 2 Cancer Support Group
- 5 Communion Sunday Social Hour
- 6 Office Closed for Labor Day
- 8 Brown Bag-It
- 16 Cancer Support Group
- 21 Young Family Picnic
- 22 Healing Shawl Meeting Fourth Wednesday Dinner
- 26 CROP Walk
- 30 Cancer Support Group



**Important Upcoming Dates**  
 October 9 - Village Voices Concert  
 October 21 - Flu Clinic  
 November 13 - Harvest Bazaar  
 November 18 -Flu Clinic



Healing Shawl Meetings  
will resume on Wednesday, September 22  
1:00 PM in our church Library

Bring the project you are working on and join this fun group.

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND !**  
**3rd ANNUAL POTLUCK / LINEDANCING!**  
*For all Ages*  
 Saturday, October 16, 5:00 to 7:30PM  
 in our Community Life Center

Bring friends from your corner of our community, and a dish to share!  
 Don't worry if you have not linedanced before:  
 our callers, the Baldwins, will return to lead us  
 in steps even those with two left feet can follow!

If you want to watch the dancing, you may do so over coffee and dessert, but you will have to cheer us dancers on!

Contact Marilyn Wettack at 269-857-8405, [mwettack@gmail.com](mailto:mwettack@gmail.com)  
 or our church office for more information.



**OUR STATISTICAL REPORT, 8/22/2010**


	Last Week			Year to Date		
	Needed	Received	%	Needed	Received	%
General Budget	14,113	9,138	65	479,842	364,903	76
Missions		3,201			36,753	
Our Dream Lives On <i>(additional principal reduction)</i>	1,385	1,725	125	47,090	56,677	120
Cost of 2002 expansion		5,000,000				
Original Mortgage		3,738,543				
Applied to principal thru 8/2010		1,111,268				
Current debt		2,627,275				
Annual mortgage obligation (2010)		230,040				

Please let us know if you have directed a stock donation to Community Church so we may confirm receipt and express our appreciation for your generosity.

- J CROP Walk
- J Flu Clinic
- J Youth Group Fall Kick-off
- J Art Committee Information
- J Kid Connection
- J Traditional Music & Worship
- J Health Information
- J Line Dancing and Potluck
- J Children's Choir
- J Healing Shawl Meeting
- J Young Family Picnic
- J Village Voices in Concert

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**Traditional Music and Worship**  
By Roberta Kraft



**Village Voices** will sing the anthems for Sunday, October 10, traditional worship. The choir will also present a concert here on October 9.

**Children's Choir** will begin rehearsing again on Wednesday, September 22, from 5:30 to 6:00 PM in the choir room. All children in grades 1 through 5 are invited to join. We will begin preparing for the Christmas Eve service. For more information, please contact George or Roberta Kraft.

**Sanctuary Choir** will sing every Sunday in September for Traditional Worship. The schedule of anthems is:


September 5	<i>A Servant In His House</i> by Ed Kee
September 12	<i>Let the Praise Go 'Round</i> by William Boyce
September 19	<i>The Gospel Is True</i> arranged by Russell Mauldin
September 26	<i>The River Is Here</i> by Andy Park

**Village Voices in Concert**

Village Voices from Downers Grove, Illinois, will present a concert in our church Sanctuary on Saturday, October 9, at 7:00 PM. The 30 member choir includes Don and Joyce Smit who worship with us in the summer. Each member is auditioned, and many travel some distance for rehearsals. The ensemble performs folk music, patriotic themes, gospels and spirituals, show tunes and humorous melodies.

A program this spring included *Over the Rainbow*, *Moon River*, *Georgia on My Mind*, and *Elijah Rock* by Jester Hairston. Light refreshments will be served after the concert. A free will offering will be received.

**Youth Ministry**  
*Christina Tassoni, Leader*



**Fall Kick-Off - Sunday, September 12**  
Middle School - 4:30 to 6:00 PM  
High School - 6:30 to 8:00 PM

Thirty-five hundred years ago Moses came down from Mt. Sinai with a short list of rules that has shaped the values of people and nations for centuries. We know them as the Ten Commandments, but do we *really* know them? Many people believe that the rules are a condition for a relationship with God, things we must do to get in His good graces. But just the opposite is true. The relationship came before the rules. And the Ten Commandments were meant to not only reveal God's heart, but to keep His people free.

Middle and High School students will kick off the 2010-11 school year on Sunday, September 12. Middle Schoolers will meet from 4:30 to 6:00 PM and High Schoolers will meet from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. We look forward to a great kickoff into the school year! Students are welcome to bring friends and a snack to share with the group. Parents: please see Christina or sign up in the youth room to chaperone events.

Thank you so much to all the students and parents for being a part of our summer programming. Students had a blast playing laser tag, watching movies, playing volleyball and roasting marshmallows for s'mores.


**Care Corner - Rev. Dennis J. De Witt**

**Recent Illness/Surgery - Madeline Valentine, Glenn Nykamp, Beckie Haddock, Nancy Boylan, Cornie Versendaal**

**Deaths - Bill Welsch**

*Please let the pastors know of upcoming surgeries or treatment plans.*

**Are You a Snow Bird??**



If so, **offering envelopes for 2011** can be obtained from our church office. Receiving your envelopes prior to heading south saves your church time and money with mailing. Please indicate in the Friendship Register that you would like your envelopes and they will be available for you the following Sunday at the Information Center. You also may call our church office to request your envelopes.

**HEALTH MINISTRY**  
Beckie Haddock, Parish Nurse

- Brown-Bag It, Wednesday, September 8
- Cancer Support Group meeting every other Thursday continues on September 2
- When I Was Your Age...by Bettye Jo Bell, Wednesday, September 22
- Flu Clinics - Thursday, October 21, from 4:30 to 6:30 PM and Thursday, November 18, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM

September is here, and our kids are finally going back to school. I know, you are trying really hard not to jump up and down right now, but before you do, let us take a quick look at some back-to-school items.

**Back-to-School Health Checklist**  
Experts say how to keep your child on the right track to health this school year.  
*By Jean Lawrence, WebMD Feature*

Shuffling your child back to school these days takes more than a new wardrobe and a shiny apple. What about the dizzying array of immunizations? Hearing and vision tests? Special instructions for the school nurse? And tips for buying and loading a backpack that won't turn your precious offspring into an achy, whiny pack mule?

**Those Dreaded Shots**

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) web site fully explains childhood vaccinations, advising you what is needed at what age. Your school district or local health department will also make this clear, and you can consult your pediatrician as well.


**Can Your Child See Clearly?**

As many as one in 20 children cannot see out of one of their eyes, according to Pamela F. Gallin, MD, director of pediatric ophthalmology at Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital of New York Presbyterian Hospital in New York City. Gallin recommends vision testing by your pediatrician, even though some testing is also given in school in some areas of the country. The reason to have this done is simple: kids who cannot see well cannot perform as well in school.

**Other Advice**

Some important information parents should tell the school about their child includes:

- Above all, make sure your child's emergency telephone number card is accurate and kept current.
- The school nurse and/or school secretary also needs to know what medications your child takes.
- Any health problems should be made known to the school. Allergies are a good example.
- Also inform the school of physical restrictions. Does the child have asthma, a scoliosis brace, or a heart murmur? How should this affect physical activity?
- The American Academy of Pediatrics also advises that parents not strap a jumbo backpack on their children -- never more than 20% of the child's body weight (those books can add up). Some children even prefer a rolling backpack like the wheeled suitcase their parents take on business trips. Make sure the backpack has wide straps and a padded back.
- Also be sure the child has sufficient sleep, usually eight hours for a growing child and even more for a teen. And the child should go off to school with a good breakfast. Sometimes kids can eat at school, too, but nutrition helps the child to focus and concentrate.



**CROP Walk**  
Sunday, September 26, 2:00 PM

Hunger doesn't take a break.

Community Church is aware and responds to help relieve hunger. Already in 2010:


- à A special appeal was answered with \$2,150 in designation contributions for Haiti earthquake relief
- à Our teens raised \$2,438.87 in the 30-Hour-Famine
- à 10,000 meals were packaged with Kids Against Hunger as part of our "Helping Ourselves/Helping Others" mission event

We will continue to fight against hunger one step at a time in the annual Saugatuck-Douglas community CROP Walk. Our church will host the walk on Sunday, September 26, beginning at 2:00pm (registration at 1:30pm).

Everyone is needed! Join the CROP Hunger Walk as a walker or sponsor and in prayer. Last year, Community Church walkers raised \$3,718.01. A donor with a generous heart matched this sum with an additional \$4,000 so that our church was able to contribute \$7,718.01 toward a record community total of \$16,400! Twenty-five percent of funds raised in the Saugatuck-Douglas walk support Christian Neighbors to provide help against local hunger.

Sign up at the special display in either lobby or contact Nancy Knikelbine in our church office.

**YOUNG FAMILIES PICNIC!**  
Tuesday, September 21, 6:00 PM




Families with children age 6 years and under are invited to attend our annual Young Families Picnic on Tuesday, September 21, at 6:00 PM. This is a L.I.N.K. sponsored event hosted by Pastor Dennis and Mary DeWitt at the Saugatuck RV Resort.

*Save the Date* to enjoy an autumn evening with games, activities and Bar-B-Q. Everything is provided. Just bring your young family!

Please call our church office and let us know you will attend. It will help us plan and know we can look forward to greeting you!

**Great News From Kid Connection**



The ARK is moving. That is right kids, our ARK is filled with your acts of random kindness and it is on the move. During Kid Connection September and October, the ARK will be "On The Move." Watch for ARK information once school starts.

**Living God's Word**

This fall will be an exciting one in Kid Connection.

**Kids**, our rooms will be transformed into special places. We will have great times with fun music, cooking, videos, Bible stories, art, games and science experiments.

**Parents** you will want to sign up early to share the special time in KC with your kids. Each Sunday is a great adventure for your kids. Look at your schedule, pick a Sunday and time that is just right for your family. Let your kids know when you will be in KC. That day they will get to be helper (or choose the daily helper). The kids love to help and enjoy having their parents come too. Make your Sunday a celebration beginning with acts of kindness and service. Plan a special event after church to make the day a Special Family Event. We have such a great time. Check the bulletin board for information on Living God's Word with Respect and Forgiveness.