

CHRISTIAN CONNECTIONS

Silverton First Christian Church

From the Pastor...

In the hall just outside my office at church there hangs a beautiful collage picture of Jesus made up of tiny photographs of the people of our church from about 20 years ago. Each photograph is different, no two are the same, and yet in their own place, all of them working together, they create something beautiful. Above the picture are the words, "We are one!"

Too often as a church, we try to make everyone the same. We try to push everyone into an image of the past, but we are different people today. Each one of us has different gifts, different needs, different callings; and the church needs each one of us to be able to be who we are, working together, honoring each one's needs and gifts, as we strive together to love God and one another.

I love the part of our church's mission statement that says we are "Disciples at work," but to be those "disciples at work" means honoring all the different needs of those in our community, recognizing that each of us is a child of God, and that each of us has something amazing to offer this community.

We have different ways we each connect with God. Some of us love to clap our hands and feel the beat to hear the drums and guitars and vocals; and some of us like things quieter and more solemn, and a meditative style. We each have different ways we are called to serve. We each need to be able to honor our needs and use our gifts. Like the many pictures of that collage, each one of us is fearfully and wonderfully made—beautiful by ourselves—and yet, also beautiful as part of the whole, offering something that only we can contribute to the greater community.

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Contemporary Service
9:10am

Fellowship/Refreshments
10:00 - 10:45 a.m.

Traditional Service
10:45am

From the Pastor Continued...

I wonder what our picture of Christ looks like today with each one of you a beautiful part of this community, serving and loving and shining and worshiping in your own unique ways? This community needs each one of us learning how to love and care for each other, striving to honor each one's needs; journeying with an open heart to one another as we seek to be many different disciples at work and yet be one body of Christ with all its amazing parts, loving and serving this community and beyond.

As we journey together in our diversity and in our oneness, let us journey with grace, with compassion, and with love, honoring each one's needs and gifts, and building the kingdom of God together. We can be many, and we can be one. We can have different gifts, for we are, indeed, "Disciples at work"!

Love,
Pastor Eric



ELDERS NOTE

*“Please come, and let us reason together,”
implores the Lord.
~ Isaiah 1:18*

Dear friends,

The church Elders and Pastor Eric are aware of suggestions that have been personally brought to us. We understand and hear these suggestions. We are trying to please everyone the best way we know how. Although pleasing everyone all the time is virtually impossible, we all yearn to give each person the closeness of God that you each desire. Whether that is worshiping our Lord online in the comforts of your home, in the sanctuary singing God's Praises loud and proud while clapping and raising our hands to Jesus. To singing joyful hymns of praise in God's name.

Each and every one of you has a special, personal relationship with our Lord which no one should try to take away from you. Pastor Eric shares his message every week which we all hear and take away what we may from his carefully chosen words. He prays, prays hard with us and for us. The elders deliver meditations and pray over us as we share communion. The worship teams lead us in song to draw us closer to Jesus. God wants us to worship Him, just Him no matter what. No matter where we are. No matter how many are gathered together. Our focus must be kept on Him alone.

For those who desire more togetherness, our church offers many events, activities, and ministries which are listed below. All are welcome and encouraged to attend any of these ministries each month to grow deeper in faith, gather for fellowship, and arise to do God's work in our community and world.

The Elders and Pastor Eric are in the midst of planning a “Listening Session” to discuss and talk about these suggestions brought to our attention. This will be a time to gather together and peacefully listen and reason together. Stay tuned for the date and time. We pray that together all of us can reach deep into our souls and really listen to each other and to God. Let us keep our hearts in tune with God's leading as we strive to be a family of faith, ministering to and serving the many needs of one another and our community.

Sincerely,

The elders of First Christian Church, Silverton,

*Cara Zitzelberger, Marcus Clark, Ric Dettwyler,
Lynn Koenig, Donna Laney, Beth Negrey, Ginni Stensland*

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, SILVERTON



Sundays

9:10 a.m. ~ Contemporary Service

9:10 to 10:00 a.m. ~ Children's Sunday School

10:00 to 10:45 a.m. ~ Coffee and Fellowship Time

10:00 to 10:45 a.m. ~ Youth Sunday School

10:45 a.m. ~ Traditional Service

1st & 3rd Sundays of each month (September- June)
Youth Group Gatherings, 5-7 p.m.

2nd Sunday of each month
Intergenerational Family Fun Nights, 5-7 p.m.

4th Sunday of each month
Finding God at the Movies, 4-7 p.m.

5th Sundays
Blended Service, 10:00 a.m. (Potluck Meal following)

Tuesdays
Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.

Wednesdays
Stone Soup Dinner, 5:30 to 6:15 p.m.

3rd Saturday of each month
Men's Fellowship Breakfast 8:00 a.m. (Water Mountain Restaurant)

Father's Day Breakfast

A huge thank you to all the women who came to help with the Father's Day breakfast. There were women who came in early to help prepare the food, women who stepped up to serve food, women who made muffins & cupcakes and women who stayed to help clean up.

CWF stands for Christian Women's Fellowship and we sure had that on Father's Day Sunday! Lots of laughs in the kitchen, and with all the church community that ate our breakfast.

We served about 65 to 70 people. Lynn and I can't say thank you enough. It is so heartwarming to see everyone come together.

Thank you again for helping make our church a great church!

Lynn Koenig & Karen Brock



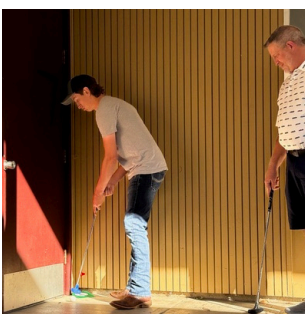
More From Father's Day Breakfast



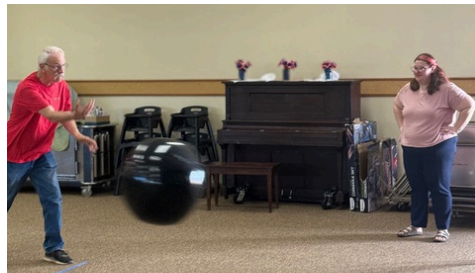


Fathers' Day Family Fun Night

We had a wonderful Father's Day Family Fun Night this past month. We had 22 attend and enjoyed mini-golf, bowling, corn holes, fishing, the Ken Brock Memorial Speedway, chocolate candy bar making, coffee mug designing, and more as we honored and celebrated all those who show us fatherly love. Huge thanks to Laurie, Chris, Karen, Jonathon, Brogan, Lydia, and Carson for all their hard work and help with the event. We finished our event enjoying root beer floats made from Dad's Root Beer.

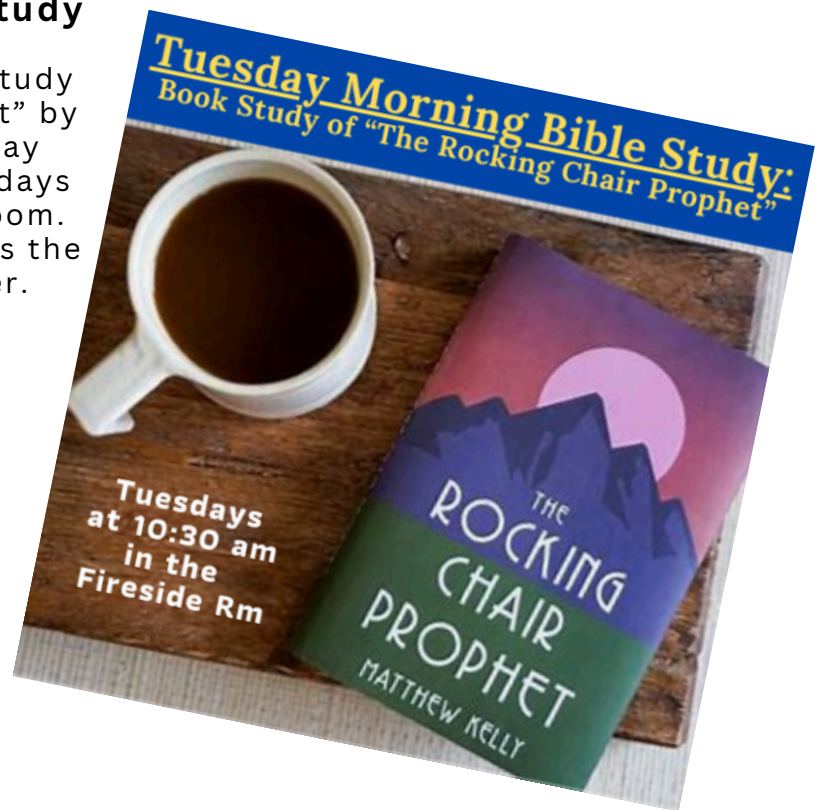


More From Fathers' Day Family Fun Night



Tuesday Morning Bible Study

We are continuing our book study of "The Rocking Chair Prophet" by Matthew Kelly at our Tuesday Morning Bible Study on Tuesdays at 10:30am in the Fireside room. Join us as we read and discuss the book and our faith together.



Stone Soup Meal

Join us on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:15 pm for our Stone Soup Meal. Come enjoy the casual fellowship of all who gather and some delicious homemade soup, sides, and dessert. We appreciate our Stone Soup crew and their hard work each week preparing delicious meals both for us and for the Sheltering Silverton Shelter. Hope to see you on Wednesday Night!





Picture this....

Our Saviour kneels down and gazes upon the darkest acts of our lives. But rather than recoil in horror, he reaches out in kindness and says, "I can clean that if you want." and from the basin of His grace, He scoops a palm full of mercy and washes our sin. ~ Max Lucado

Nothing feels better than a shower after working all day in the garden during the summer. It relaxes sore muscles and removes the dirt and sweat from our skin. It moves us into readying ourselves for rest.

So at the end of the day, after our work is done take time for a spiritual shower, lay your gratitude at Jesus' feet, place your worries and concerns in the palms of His hands and ready yourself for the rest you deserve knowing that Jesus loves you beyond measure.

Listen to the contemporary song "Dancing on the Waves" by We the Kingdom or the traditional hymn "What Wondrous Love is This". And fully allow God's love to wrap around you and allow yourself to feel the love our Creator has for you.

With Blessings and Love,

Your Worship Teams





Brogan Allen-Olsen
Youth Ministry Leader

New Youth Ministry Leader

We are excited to announce that we have hired Brogan Allen-Olsen as our new Youth Ministry Leader. She will be starting July 1, 2024 and working with Jonathon Thompson as our Youth Ministry Leaders.

We are so glad to have Brogan joining our team!



The youth group had a busy month of June, filled with many fun moments full of love and laughter. The youth had a lesson on Tithing and what it means to support our church and be active members of our community. We had a wonderful meal made by Julie Bersin: the best homemade chicken alfredo, paired with garlic bread and a salad. Our activity of the night concluded with an engaged group discussion where we contemplated what being a good Christian means to each one of us. The kids were completely immersed in conversation amongst each other as they navigated and contemplated each topic directly related to statements they've read or heard from the bible. It was wonderful to see all of our youth be involved as they shared their personal viewpoints.

Upcoming in July:

Sunday school will be continuing through the summer months, after first service in the youth room during coffee hour.

No youth group for the months of July and August.

Youth summer events will be announced at a later date.

No Sunday school the weekend of July 4th, youth ministers will be on holiday.

Ongoing Fundraising:

There are blue bottle drop bags available to be filled with cans. Money raised goes into the group fund.

We are currently working on future fundraisers.



Youth Group Lock-In

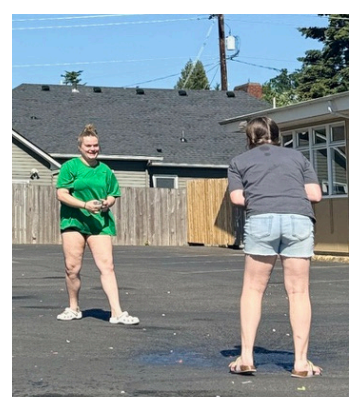
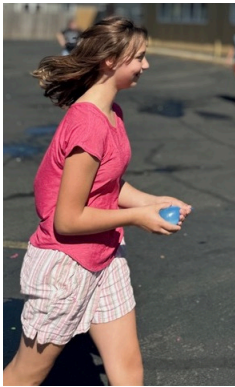
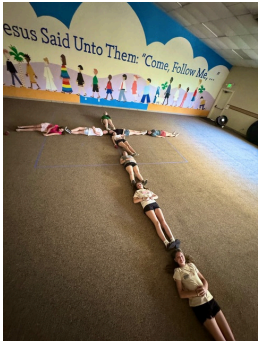
On Sunday, June 23 & 24, we had our annual youth lock-in. We started the afternoon off with introductions and park clean-up. This is always a great way for the youth to be involved in their community while completing some community service hours. They carried four bags of trash out of McClaine park; including, some items that were too big to fit in their bags. Cleanup was followed by snacks in the park, and a local scavenger hunt around town. The youth returned back to the church for a game of human battleship and a water balloon fight in the parking lot. It was a make-your-own pizza night paired with a beautiful salad: all prepped, prepared, and cooked by Jennifer and Steve Hensley. Dinner was preceded by a wonderful keynote speech delivered by Billy Strehlow and his daughter Jordan Gederos. The night ended with some free time activities, followed by a movie and popcorn in the fireside room.

Thank you to Julie Bersin, and Jennifer and Steve Hensley for helping with youth-dinners. Vanessa and Steve Reid for helping with the lock-in. Thank you to our chaperone volunteers, Carson Brock & Brogan Olsen.



YOUTH

More From Youth Group Lock-In





One very windy day, I watched the traffic arrows get pushed in the opposite way they were pointing. It was an enlightening scene which made me think about life and how often we are pointed in one direction, only to be pushed back by outside forces. At least the lights are attached to a heavy wire which keeps them from getting blown out of whack, but what about you? Do you have a support system that keeps you from getting blown out of whack? Do your children? Our children are so easily influenced by outside forces, and our families are stretched in multiple directions. Death, divorce, other tragedies, moving, school, friends, advertisements, the internet, overworked or stressed parents, activity after activity... these are all winds blowing our children in multiple directions, but what is the constant variable in place to hold our precious ones on course? If God is the answer, is He a priority in your home? Is prayer a priority in your home? What about church?

Parents, as our children are promoting into the next level of their schooling and/or the next adventure of their lives, ask yourselves these important questions and then ask how accessible is that support system—daily, regularly or just when you think about it?

And congregation, how are we keeping our kids from blowing out of whack? Are we supporting our families? Are we helping to provide a firm support system?

Parents, please let us know how we can help and what we can pray for.

We are in need of Sunday school teachers for all ages. Please let me know if you are interested.

This summer, there will be no Family Fun night in July. Stay tuned for August's big Family Fun Night OUTDOOR Adventure.

Also, Sunday school will take a break during the month of August to give our volunteers time to refresh and renew.

July's Sunday school theme will be the Fruit of the Spirit.

Happy July!!

Laurie



Emma Bagley

**Honoring Our Graduates:
Emma Bagley**

Emma Bagley, daughter of Korinna Barcroft, and sister to Dylan and Elise graduated from Oregon State University this past month with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology.

She plans to take a gap year before attending grad school to pursue a degree in Marriage and Family Therapy. We celebrate Emma and all our graduates.



Thursday, July 4, 2024

(Staff Holiday and Church Office Closed)



- Sam Bayer 1
- Dale Davis 2
- Gabi Frassenei 2
- Jade Holmes 2
- Emily O'Connor 4
- Brogan Allen-Olsen 5
- Jon Koenig 5
- Steve Reid 8
- Julie Bock 16
- Mary Jo Moles 17
- Bernie Poitras 19
- Sonya Linn 22
- Andrea Walker 22
- Chuck Koenig 23
- Lynn Koenig 25
- Danika Beard 28
- Marcia Branstetter 31



**Coffee hosts
for Coffee Time**
Between services. Sign up with
a friend and host together!!!
(sign-up in the MP Room)

**Sunday Deacons/Greeters
for each service.**
Contact the Church office or
Karen Brock, Deacon Chair,
at 503-931-8230
if you are interested!

2nd Service Worship Committee

Join us on Tuesday July 9, 2024 at 1 pm in Pastor Eric's office for our 2nd Service Worship Committee Meeting. Come help review the past month's services, plan the upcoming second services, and select the songs for those worship services. Hope you can join us.



Regional Picnic- July 13, 2024

The Christian Church in Oregon SW Idaho is having its Regional Picnic on Saturday, July 13, 2024, at Champoeg State Park. The region is providing chicken, drinks, and table ware. Everyone is encouraged to bring side dishes to share. Please RSVP by July 2 to the church office or to the region directly at the link below.



[Regional Picnic.png](#)

Everything will start at 11 am and the potluck lunch will start at 12 pm. Join us for a time of fellowship, games, and worship together. We will not be having a Family Fun Night at the church for July as we are encouraging everyone to attend the regional picnic.





Finding God At The Movies

On June 23, 2024, we had 22 people attend Finding God at the Movies. Our movie for June was “**Ordinary Angels**”. It told the true story of a struggling hairdresser who after hearing about the struggles of a young father and his daughters steps up to love and care, showing that each one of us when we work with God can be ordinary angels in one another’s lives. We enjoyed an amazing dinner with Angel Hair Pasta and Angel Food Cake for dessert. Special Thanks to Karen and Taryn for preparing the wonderful dinner and dessert.



Finding God at the Movies

Join us on Sunday, July 28, 2024, from 4 to 7pm for our next Finding God at the Movies. We will be doing some special activities this month centering around Christmas in July and responding to people’s needs here in our community not just in December. Our movie for this month will be “**The Star**”, a sweet and funny animated film that tells the story of Jesus birth. Bring your favorite movie snacks and join us for dinner, the movie, and a brief discussion about where we saw God in the film. Looking forward to gathering with all of you.

Christmas in July

People are in need not just at Christmas time but throughout the year. Watch for the Christmas tree in the Multipurpose room this month with tags with things that members of our church family and the greater Silverton community need and join us in stepping up this month to bring some Christmas love in July.

Gifts are to be put in gift bags and we ask you get a gift receipt in case items need to be exchanged.



School Supply Drive

With the recent budget, our Silverton schools need our help and our support. Some of the local churches are teaming up to support the schools nearest them. We are teaming up with other churches to step up to help Mark Twain Elementary. Join us in collecting school supplies as listed for the school for the next two months. With the shortage of staff due to cuts our schools will also be needing increased volunteers. Please consider volunteering at Mark Twain or one of our local schools this year. Our church will be teaming up with the Methodists and Lutherans to host a blessing of the backpacks service here at our church on Sunday, September 1, 2024. Let us arise together to be love and care surrounding the students, teachers, and staff of our Silverton schools.



Mark Twain Elementary School



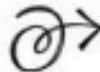
School Supply Lists

*K-2 Snacks: Bring 2 different snacks for 30 kids (goldfish, pretzels, graham crackers, granola bars, crackers, applesauce, etc.)

Kindergarten

- 12 TICONDEROGA #2 Pencils
- 2 boxes 24 count CRAYOLA crayons
- 1 box 30 ELMERS glue sticks
- 1 black composition notebook
- 1 Pair Headphones (NOT Earbuds)
- 1 container Clorox wipes
- 1 box Kleenex
- 1 box Gallon size Ziplock Bags

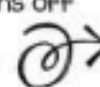
•Purchase 1-2 items off
the Kindergarten
Amazon wish list



1st Grade

- 24 TICONDEROGA #2 Pencils
- 2 boxes 24 count CRAYOLA crayons
- 12 ELMERS Glue Sticks
- 1 Composition Notebook- wide ruled
- 2 Pink Pearl Erasers
- 1 Pair Fiskars 5" or 6" (pointed tip)
- 1 Pair Headphones (NOT Earbuds)
- 1 container Clorox wipes
- 1 box Kleenex

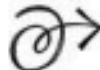
•Purchase 1-2 items off
the First Grade
Amazon wish list



2nd Grade

- 24 TICONDEROGA #2 Pencils
- 2 boxes 24 count CRAYOLA crayons
- 12 ELMERS Glue Sticks
- 1 Composition Notebook- wide ruled
- 2 Pink Pearl Erasers
- 1 Pair Fiskars 5" or 6" (pointed tip)
- 8 black fine tip dry erase markers
- 1 2-pocket Folder (plastic)
- 1 Pair Headphones (NOT Earbuds)
- 1 Clear Supply Box
- 1 container Clorox wipes
- 1 box Kleenex

•2nd Grade
Amazon wish list



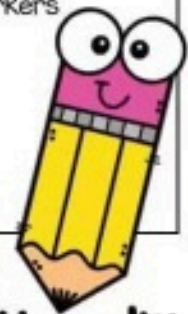
3rd Grade

- Headphones
- 36 TICONDEROGA #2 Pencils
- 1 Box 24 count CRAYOLA crayons
- 1 Tablet 140 weight 9x12 watercolor paper
- 1 pack thin markers (basic set 8-12)
- 1 Pencil Box (no larger than 9x9x5)
- 1 pkg Colored Pencils
- 4 Spiral Notebooks (red, yellow, green, blue)
- 4 2-pocket Folders (red, yellow, green, blue)
- 1 Pink Pearl Eraser
- 10 Glue Sticks
- 2 containers Clorox wipes
- 2 boxes Kleenex
- 1 Box Slim Dry Erase Markers

4th & 5th Grade

- Headphones
- 24 TICONDEROGA #2 Pencils
- 1 Box 24 count CRAYOLA crayons
- 1 pkg Colored Pencils
- 1 Highlighter
- 1 Box 12 count Markers
- 4 Spiral Notebooks, NOT multi subject
(red, yellow, green, blue)
- 4 2-pocket plastic Folders
(red, yellow, green, blue)

- 1 Pink Pearl Eraser
- 6 glue sticks
- 4-Pack black fine tip Expo Markers
- 1 Pair Quality Scissors
- 1 Black Felt Pen
- 2 black thin point Sharpies
- 1 container Clorox Wipes
- 2 Boxes Kleenex
- 1 Pencil Box



•Students need backpacks and refillable water bottles.
Thank you for purchasing the recommended brands!

SUMMER CHURCH CAMP

Elementary, Middle School, and High School Youth are invited to sign up for our churches summer camp. We offer scholarships to youth and children who attend. Contact Pastor Eric to find out more about scholarships available. Both camps are offered at the Suttle Lake United Methodist Campground.



Elementary Camp

For children having completed 1st through 5th grade. It is July 22 to 26, 2024. The theme is “*Creation Speaks.*” and it is focused on listening for the ways God is still speaking and calling to us. To register go to:

<https://gocamping.campbrainregistration.com>

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Middle School and High School Camp

For youth having completed 6th through 12th grade. It is August 5 to 9, 2024. The theme is “*Imagine a World of Kindness and Love.*” Pastor Eric will be serving on the camp staff for this camp. To register go to:

<https://www.oidisciples.org/middle-high-school-camp-24>

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**2024-2025
Board of Directors**

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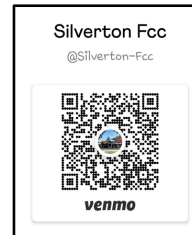
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Just stop by the office and fill out a form.*

**Offering Totals
June 2024**

June 2 \$3770.00
June 9 \$1271.00
June 16 \$1456.00
June 23 \$2365.00
June 30 (Not Available)

Total: \$8862.00

Splinters from the Board

The Board met in the Fireside Room on 6-10-2024 at 6:30 PM.
The Following items were discussed or approved:

Facility Report:

Allan explained the use of the Knox Box, which will contain a master key to all church facilities. This key will allow the fire department to obtain access to the buildings without causing damages while obtaining entry to the buildings. The Fire Marshal also recommended that the exit door to the outside from the classrooms should be improved with a concrete pad and ramp as well as a door stop. Allan said he would ask the Men's group to handle the installation. Toilets in the education rooms are old and use excess water. Since the after-school program will be using those toilets, Allan recommends replacing those toilets and sink. Verlene made a motion to install three new toilets and one sink in that area. Danika seconded the motion. Board approved. Allan also recommended having the carpet cleaned. Danika made a motion to clean the carpet in the multi-purpose room. Lynn seconded the motion. Board approved.

Elders' Report:

Cara reported that the Elders want to meet with the members of the church to discuss suggestions around having two services each Sunday. The meeting will be set up at a later date.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor reported that Father's Day event was successful. Youth group "lock-in" will be on June 22 and 23. The Summer school program will be starting Tuesday, June 11th in the church's classrooms.

Vice-chair's report:

Danika reported that the Sunshine Pre-School was late signing her new contract for the coming school year. After much discussion, Lynn made a motion that the Sunshine school be given a notice that this coming school year will be the last year that the church facilities will be rented to the Sunshine Pre-School. Allan seconded a motion. Board approved.

Chairperson's Report:

Steve reviewed the maintenance items. Verlene reported that Erin Stone, the new Treasurer, will need to be able to sign checks. She will assist Erin in this process. Chuck Koenig announced that he has someone who is interested in buying the Oktoberfest booth. The Board agreed that Chuck should handle this issue. He will ask the interested party to submit a bid for the booth and then he will bring the bid to the Board for approval.

Respectfully submitted by:

Susan Price, Board Secretary



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