

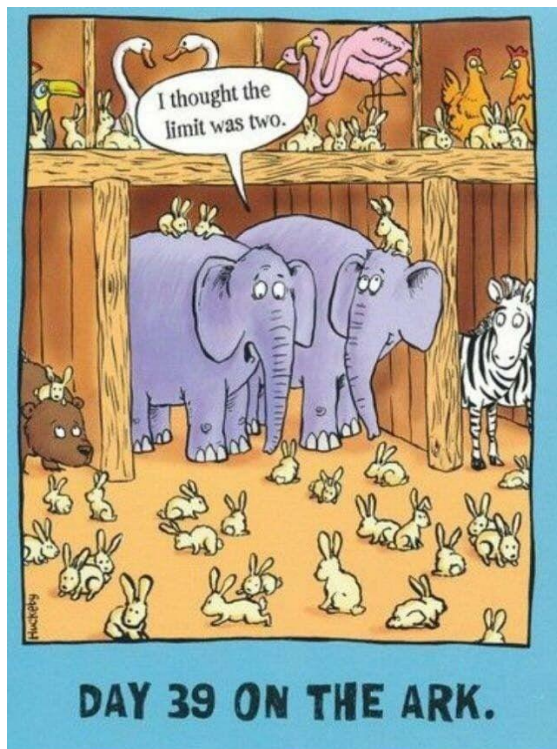
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My Dear Beloved Member of Mount Hope,
Welcome! Please come in. Eternity will not be long enough to thank Jesus for dying on the cross for me. Really? Oh, yes, really! Eternity will not be long enough to thank some friend who introduced me to my best Friend, Jesus. You think? Yes! Oh, yes! But in eternity I will not be able to introduce anyone to Him; the time for that is now. Oh, may I do my best to introduce someone to Jesus. Can I hear an "Amen" to this???



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Sam Rainer

"Concerning your unchurched neighbors: Surprisingly, many people who are not currently attending a church are receptive to going. The reason they do not come is that they have yet to be invited. If invited and accompanied, 82% of the unchurched are open to attending church with a friend or acquaintance."
(Please don't wait till friendship Sunday, do it every week!)



There Is No God

"Is hell-fire physical or hyperphysical? As a rule our old theologians concluded their presentation with the remark: 'It is wiser to be concerned about escaping this eternal fire by true repentance than to engage in an unprofitable argument as to the nature of this fire.' One thing is sure, hell contains no atheists because the damned actually experience God as the righteous Judge. There is no more room in hell for the lie that there is no God" (*Christian Dogmatics*, Vol. III, p. 546, Francis Pieper).

HAPPY
4th OF
JULY

Mt. Hope Preschool News

We are still looking for 3- or 4-year-olds to join our amazing program come September.

Please call the office 313-565-9140 or Jackie Fults at 313-213-0912

We will be back September 6th!



Spirit Week





Jul/Aug/Sept Birthdays

July

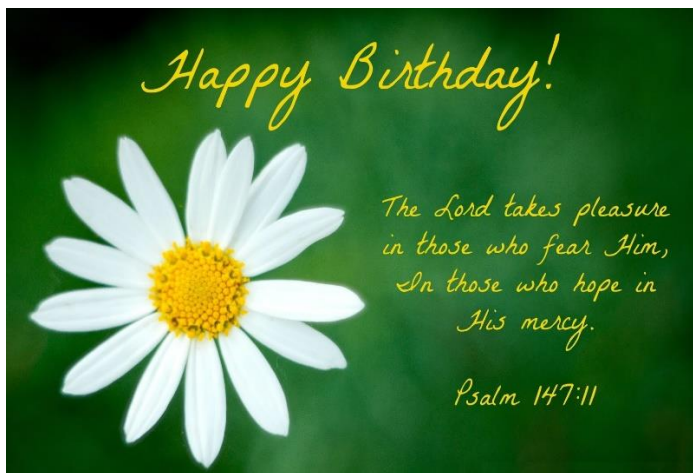
09 – Val Mason
 10 – Robert Schellman
 15 – Ruth Pollatz
 18 – Melvin Kimbrough
 21 – Lori Wilson
 23 – Joan Hafkesbrink
 25 – Pamela Benford
 28 – Gary Mason

August

01 – Kim Armstrong
 02 – Kathy King
 04 – Gabrielle VanHamplur
 06 – Sally Trout
 09 – Louis Bigliardi
 11 – Nicolas Corona
 12 – Christine Thompson
 21 – Timothy VanHamplur
 24 – Mike VanHamplur
 26 – Kelley Corona

September

06 – David Hamilton
 11 – Elsie Brophy
 11 – Beverly Kero
 14 – Nancy Dajos
 17 – Mack Mayfield
 17 – Marilyn Switter
 24 – Karl Dasher



Jul/Aug/Sept Anniversaries

July

07 – Marie & David Brown

August

12 – Laurie & Frank Pignanelli
 21 – Ruth & Paul Pollatz
 24 – Linda & Steve Hurst
 26 – Val & Gary Mason
 31 – Keri & Scott Driscoll

September

Quilting Group

By: Bev Kero & Ruth Pollatz

A good number of ladies (6-10) meet almost every Thursday to fellowship, tie knots, make quilts for the needy, the sick and others, and have food and just a lot of good times.

We meet from 10am to 2pm and thus far, make about 4-6 quilts a week.

Everyone is invited, including your friends.

Each time we gather, we pause for a short devotion to thank and praise our Lord for giving us the opportunity, the courage, the talent, and the time to share with each other and also share with the needy.

Any and everyone is encouraged to attend.

Any questions speak with Pam Benford, Bev Kero or Ruth Pollatz.

You do not have to know how to sew, there is always various things to do in making a quilt.

We meet every Thursday, unless otherwise notified.

The Pastor's Preaching Is Key

By Pastor Don Ginkel

A recent Barna study indicated that *"The consistent practice among growing churches was well thought out and executed with people on their contact lists."* Congregations that added a lot of new members tended to speak of a robust system to maintain connection with those who were prospects. After the initial connection was made, the congregation intentionally nurtured the relationship with the hope that eventually the contact would consider their congregation their spiritual home. This process is critical. A congregation can be excellent at connecting to the community and even have a cultural outreach, but if they are not intentional about keeping track of these new friends and intent upon strengthening ties leading to discipleship, the congregation (and the Kingdom) will likely see little growth. Barna: *"The second set of behaviors that was common to all exemplary churches revolved around very*

persistent follow-up with visitors. These churches were excited to see new people, and they made sure to let these people feel valued. They made sure to do this in a non-intrusive way that would not make their guests uncomfortable."

Barna: *"These pastors talked and talked and talked about the importance of reaching their community for Christ. They talked about it from the pulpit and in smaller settings. They communicated unequivocally to their people an expectation to be reaching those outside the church, and they provided concrete steps to do so. These conversations, over time, established a missional culture within the congregation."*

In a congregational survey, when lay members were asked what helped them be effective in outreach, the preaching of their pastor was often mentioned. The power of the pulpit should not surprise us. Just as critical was when they saw their pastor personally bring folks to Christ and the congregation. Important conclusion: The people will imitate their pastor.

Official Acts

In Memory of Phyllis Dasher
General Fund
Jim & Karen Bumgarner
Ken Kosmalski
Dasher Family
Dave & Sis Hamilton
Bev Kero
Paul & Ruth Pollatz
Donna McCall
Steven & Connie Bierlein
Marietta Driscoll
Jeff & Yvonne Steichen

In Memory of Mary Bigliardi
General Fund
Jim & Karen Bumgarner



Sunday Services are live streaming
at 9:30 am Every Sunday

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"Live & Recorded Services"
Look for Red Live

Exercise for People Over 60

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side.

With a 5-lb potato bag in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute and then relax.

Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer. After a couple of weeks, move up to 10-lb potato bags and eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-lb bag in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute (I'm at this level). After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each bag.

**FAMILY FUN DAY IS
AUGUST 5th
Right after Service**

**There will be a BBQ, Yard Games,
Singing, & Fellowship.**

Please bring a dish to pass.

Meat & Drink will be provided.

There will be Prizes!

Bring Family & Friends!!

Remember, old folks are worth a fortune, with silver in their hair, gold in their teeth, stones in their kidneys, lead in their feet and gas in their stomachs.

I have become a little older since I saw you last and a few changes have come into my life since then. Frankly, I have become quite a frivolous old gal.

I am seeing four gentleman every day. As soon as I wake up, Will Power helps me get out of bed. Then Charlie Horse comes along, and when he is here he takes a lot of my time and attention. When he leaves, Arthur Ritis shows up and stays the rest of the day. He doesn't like to stay in one place very long, so he takes me from joint to joint.

After such a busy day, I'm really tired and glad to go to bed with Ben Gay. What a life!

P.S the Preacher came to call the other day. He said at my age, I should be thinking about the hereafter. I told him, oh, I do all the time.

No matter where I am in the parlor, upstairs, in the kitchen or down in the basement, I ask myself what am I here after!

Youth Group

Campfire



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Service Times

Sunday 9:30 am

*Sunday Bible Study -
10:45 am*

Reminders

Quilting: See Special dates as some dates are on Thursdays due to holidays/events at Mt. Hope

Council Meeting: The second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm

Elder's Meeting: The second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm

Newsletter Deadline for Oct/Nov/Dec is Sept. 20 at noon

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