

# The Christian Chronicle

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## Pastor's Corner

In the May 6, 2008 issue of "The Christian Century," Stephanie Paulsell wrote in the "Faith Matters" column

regarding the perceived conflict between academics and practical efforts to educate clergy. I want to share her last paragraph. "Learned ministry is not just about the minister, though; it is about all of us. Our convictions about the formation of ministers have everything to do with our vision of Christian life itself. The minister who eagerly learns wherever she is, the minister who deems no knowledge irrelevant to her pastoral vocation is, I strongly believe, the minister we most need. For she reminds us, in living out her vocation, that our faith excludes nothing of what it is to be human, that there is no dimension of our lives that is irrelevant to our life with God." (p. 57)

Stephanie A. Paulsell teaches at Harvard Divinity School and is an ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

What has this to do with our congregation? As we publish each week in the worship folder the participants in the service including "Ministers—All the people of the church," we are all called to ministry and therefore all are called to seek greater knowledge. I want to offer some resources for deepening our knowledge and exposure to discussions of faith.

The first resource I want to recommend is a book and a radio program, both are called "Speaking of Faith." Krista Tippett is the host of this NPR program. During the hour-long show she interviews a vast array of people from all areas of life and discusses faith aspects from the point of view of her guests careers or experiences. The program is locally

broadcast on Sunday morning and evening. It can also be found on-line at [speakingoffaith.org](http://speakingoffaith.org). From this web site you can listen to the program or download it to a portable device (MP-3 or I-pod) or to your computer to listen to at your convenience. Her book by the same title talks about how she came to do this program and presents some of the broad areas discussed during her interviews. I have the book in my office and it is available to anyone to read. It is paperback and can be purchased at most bookstores.

One of the most profound lessons from her program is the variety. Her guests come from all religions, from professional clergy to scientist, from conservative to mainline, from young and old. We can all learn from her guests as they speak about faith and why it matters.

Other available resources are three magazines, "The Christian Century," "Sojourners," and "Disciple World."

"The Christian Century" is among the oldest religious magazines still being published. This biweekly magazine's slogan is "Thinking Critically, Living Faithfully." It reports on the news of the day and the news of Christian churches in the world. It offers a view of the world that challenges Christians to see how others serve God and dares us to do likewise. You can check it out on-line at [christiancentury.org](http://christiancentury.org).

"Sojourners" is published monthly and focuses on faith, politics and culture. Its founder, Jim Wallis, is an advocate for the poor and hungry in the world and the magazine reflects these priorities. The May issue's theme was "Putting Your Money Where Your Heart Is." They also have a web site, [sojo.net](http://sojo.net). Sojourners comes from evangelical roots, and challenges us to live the life of loving others as we have been loved.

The last magazine, "Disciples World" is our denominational magazine. It was created after the ending of "The Disciple." It had a shaky start but has started to recover the impact the old "Disciple" had. Each month the first several articles address the focus theme. Like good Disciples, it argues both sides of most issues, allowing everyone to reach their own conclusions. It also offers news and information about our church and what is happening. You can see some of it at [disciplesworld.com](http://disciplesworld.com).

Back issues of these three magazines are in my office. Please feel free to stop in and pick them up, scan them, take them home to read, and if they really make a good impact, you may always subscribe. As with all the books in my office, I will gladly loan them out for the congregation's benefit.

Shalom, *Darrell*

## JUNE ELDERS & DEACONS

The Elders and Deacons scheduled for the month of June are: Elders – Jo Smith & Irv Shaw and Deacons – David Von Almen, Ann Von Almen, Juliet Nolde and Terry Harper.

## **CMF BREAKFAST**

The CMF monthly breakfast was held on Saturday, May 3rd at 8:00. Twenty-six attendees enjoyed a delicious breakfast prepared by Ann and David Von Almen and also enjoyed fellowship together. They will meet again on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **A word of Thanks**

A word of thanks goes to everyone who helped clean up the sanctuary, classrooms, yard, and fellowship hall. The yard was mowed and trimmed, two Sunday school rooms got a new coat of paint, bushes got trimmed, flowers were planted, the kitchen was cleaned and sanctuary furniture is all shiny again. You all are appreciated so much.

**Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.**



## **JUNE NURSERY WORKERS**

June 1	Gidget Hurlbert
June 8	Nicole Crofutt
June 15	Mike Hurlbert
June 22	Margaret Hicks
June 29	Ruth Griffith

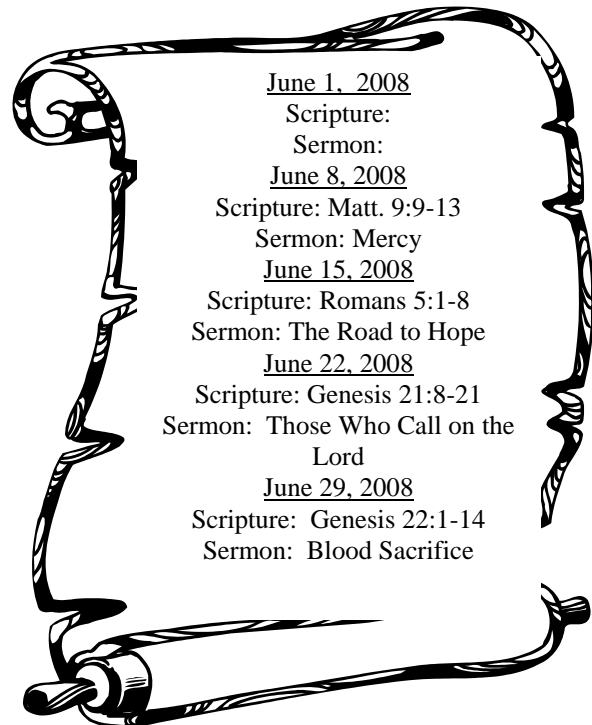


## **Feed My Sheep**

Our church helps support the local food pantry with non-perishable food items each month. The food pantry helps about 90 families each week. We have given about 143 pounds so far this year. Thank you for your support in our church's mission project.

## **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED**

Our custodian has reported that some of the church doors have been left unlocked several times recently. If you have been working in one of the rooms, please make certain that you have locked that door when you leave. This is very important to our church's security. Thank you.





## CHURCH PANTRY NEEDS

39 gal. Trash bags  
Red or blue 16 oz. plastic cups  
Foam oblong divided plates



## SAFE HOUSE NEEDS

Sanitary Napkins  
Allergy Medicines  
Pain Medicines  
Journals for ladies



## LUNCH BUNCH NEWS

The Lunch Bunch met on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 at Ole' Times Country Buffet. Those in attendance were: Bob, Gladys, Diane & Janice Fentem, Bill & Imogene Bartoe, Lonnie & Margaret Hicks, Curtis & Nadine Scaggs and Winona Smith. We really missed some of our regulars and hope that they will be able to join us again very soon. Our next gathering will be at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at Ole Times Country Buffet.



## CWF GRACE GROUP

The CWF Grace group met Thurs., May 15<sup>th</sup>. There were nine ladies attending the meeting. After the business meeting, Winona Smith gave the Study/Worship program, "Surprised By What Happens at the Table." The hostess was Winona Smith. Our installation service and covered dish meal will be on June 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School will be held June 8-12<sup>th</sup>. Below is a partial list of things we will need for classes. If anyone can donate any of these items, please contact Mary Jane Rogers.

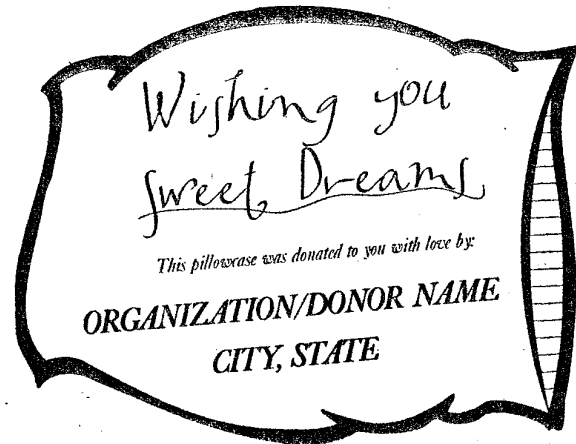
20 oz. empty clear drink bottles  
Cooking oil (16 oz)  
Funnel  
Drinking straws  
Clay  
Distilled water (1 gallon)  
Salt (1 box)  
Toothpicks  
9" white plastic plates

Magnet

Colored sand (Wal-Mart just before the garden center – 20# for \$6.94)

White play sand (Wal-Mart \$2.84 per bag) The white sand is for a sandbox.

Food coloring



Sweet Dreams Pillowcase Ministry has donated over 5,500 pillowcases in the last several years to Egleston/Scottish Rite Children's Hospital in Atlanta, The Children's Hospital in Macon, and to Shrine Children's Hospitals nationwide. The Georgia Christian Women's Fellowship is making this a project for all CWF groups to help make more pillowcases available to the hospitals. If you would like to bring some cheer and comfort to children away from home receiving medical treatment, you can be part of this project. The pillowcases must be new and unwashed. They can be colorful, in a variety of patterns for both boys and girls of all ages. They may be embroidered, but cannot have anything glued on them. If you sew, about 1 yard of 45" wide material will make one standard size pillowcase. Our church will be collecting these pillowcases and in October our CWF ladies will take them to Retreat to be distributed. There is a red a box labeled Pillowcase Project in the Fellowship Hall on the West wall where you can put your donated pillowcases. Thank you for your help in this very special project for children.

If anyone would like to donate to this project and does not like to sew, you may buy one yard of material suitable for kids for each pillowcase and give it to Sharon Kay and she will sew them. Please don't wait until Sept. or she may not have time to get them sewed.

**Generosity lies less in giving much than in giving at the right moment.** Jean de la Bruyere

# June 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Recognizing Graduates Chi Rho/CYF 4:00 1	Cabinet/Board Meetings 6:45 & 7:30 <b>George Poore</b> 2	8:00 Breakfast at Huddle House No Bible Study Model Club 7:00 3	Choir 7:00 <b>Tom Gilmer</b> 4	<b>Kyla Embry</b> 5	6	8:00 Men's Breakfast Corey & Pat Gunnin 7
<b>VBS begins 6:00-8:30</b> <b>Christina Baxter</b> Chi Rho/CYF 4:00 8	Chi Rho/CYF 4:00 <b>Randy &amp; Beth Bickley</b> 9	8:00 Breakfast at Huddle House No Bible Study <b>Forrest Schultz Tommy &amp; Ashlie Scissons</b> 10	Lunch Bunch 2:00 Choir 7:00 11	VBS 6:00-8:30 ends 12	13	14
<b>Father's Day</b> Chi Rho/CYF 4:00 <b>Nicole Hicks Charles &amp; Sara Hebenstreit</b> 15	<b>Russ &amp; Judy Cooper</b> 16	8:00 Breakfast at Huddle House Bible Study 7:00 <b>Carter Nolde</b> 17	Choir 7:00 Newsletter articles due 18	CWF Grace 6:30 (Covered dish meal) 19	20	<b>Kathryn Peters</b> 21
Fellowship Dinner 6:00 Chi Rho/CYF 4:00 22	23	8:00 Breakfast at Huddle House Bible Study 7:00 24	Choir 7:00 <b>Ruth &amp; William Griffith</b> Facilities Mtg. 7:00 25	CWF Mary & Martha 7:00 26	<b>Chris Rogers</b> 27	28
Chi Rho/CYF 4:00 "Feed My Sheep" Sunday 29	<b>Denny McReynolds Hilary &amp; Lance Hunt</b> 30					

## Senility

- Reporters interviewing a 104-year-old woman; “And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?” the reporter asked. She simply replied, “No peer pressure.”
- I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape, so I asked my doctor’s permission to join a fitness club and start exercising. I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour. But by the time I got my leotards on, the class was over.
- I’ve sure gotten old! I’ve had two bypass surgeries, a hip replacement, new knees, fought prostate cancer and diabetes. I’m half blind, can’t hear anything quieter than a jet engine, take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded, and subject to blackouts. I have bouts with dementia, have poor circulation, can hardly feel my hands and feet anymore. Can’t remember if I’m 85 or 92. Have lost all my friends, but, thank God, I still have my driver’s license.
- The Senility prayer: Grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do like, and the eyesight to tell the difference.

**You don’t stop laughing because you grow old. You grow old because you stop laughing.**

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