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Coming up in worship

Pastor Russ has chosen "A Special Calling" as the message for this Sunday. Invite someone to come with you to one of the three morning services.

Make your appointment for your Church Directory picture

You now have the opportunity to make an appointment to have your picture taken for the new Church Directory. Pictures will be taken July 28, 3:00-9:30 p.m.; July 29, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; August 29, 3:00-9:30 p.m.; August 30, 2:00-8:30 p.m.; August 31, 2:00-8:30 p.m.; September 1, 3:00-9:30 p.m. Look for the sign-up table in the entry area on Sunday mornings or you can go online at <http://signup.olanmills.com>. When asked for a password, use 816-353-1435.

It's a Hi-Fashion Tea at Blue Ridge!

Yes, Yes!! July 23 will be the day for the Mother & Daughter Hi-Fashion Tea, sponsored by the United Methodist Women of Blue Ridge. Ladies, if you haven't purchased your tickets, you can still get them through the Church Office until noon on Thursday, July 20. Adults are \$5.00 and young ladies under 12 are \$3.00. Come join us from 1:30-4:00 p.m. for this fun event.

There will be a punch bowl at 1:30, followed by a light luncheon and then an *unusual* Style Show that you won't want to miss. Remember, even if you aren't someone's mother, you are someone's daughter! Join us on July 23.

Firm Foundation is another adult class being offered on Wednesday nights

Another class being offered on Wednesday nights this fall will be Firm Foundation, a small group ministry to help build marriages that will last a lifetime. The couples in this group will focus on nine relationship areas that impact the quality of their marriage. Living the marriage that God designed for us requires not only knowing what He says about relationships, but also applying those truths.

This group will meet starting September 6 at 6:30 p.m. and end December 13 or 20. There is a \$35 initial charge for an assessment study, but no further charges.

We would like to have six to eight couples in this class. If you would be interested, please call the church office. There will be babysitting for those who need it. Anne and Aaron Norton have taken this class and will be happy to answer any questions you might have. We also have some fliers in the church office and would be happy to see that you get one if you are interested.

Making the most.....

The extreme summer heat is here. Our weather is reaching heat indexes that stay well into the three digits none of us enjoy experiencing. It is an extreme time. It makes me long for the comfortable days of this past spring. It reminds me of how valuable those fall and spring days are when you can just be comfortable outside. It is not too hot. It is not too cold. Those days are my favorite and perhaps they are yours as well. The extreme cold days of our winters bring the same reminder. Basically, I struggle with extremes and find my best moments in the moderate mode. God's revelation has shown the same in our day-to-day living. We best experience our faith when we are cautious of the extremities, yet fervent in the pursuit of the calling God has before us. May you find in this time a break from the heat and strength in shelter from it. May you find in your faith a balance that keeps you safe in the shelter of God. And...may you make the most as you live by faith.

*...Russell Smith
Associate Pastor*

Sisters in Spirit begins this fall

Wednesday, September 27, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

The focus of our studies this year -- prayer.

Child care will be provided.

More details will follow at a later date.

Contact Carla Smith at 353.2484 with questions.

Shepherd's Center of Raytown sponsoring fundraiser

The Shepherd's Center of Raytown will hold a special fundraising event on July 20, 2006, at Pipo's Italian, 6516 Raytown Road, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. For every purchase (dine in or carry out), Pipo's Italiano will donate 20% to the Shepherd's Center of Raytown. You will be able to enjoy a great evening for a taste of Italy and your Sinatra favorites sung by Tony Antonucci. This is a tasty way of supporting the Shepherd's Center of Raytown and the programs and services they provide to the older adults of the Raytown community.

Tickets for T-Bones Game available

Tickets are available in the Church Office for the T-Bones Baseball Game on Sunday, August 13. Tickets are only \$9.00. Please call the Church Office to reserve your tickets or come by the office during business hours.

Raytown Emergency Assistance Program School Supplies Drive

The collection barrels for school supplies will be delivered to our entry areas on July 28 and will be here until August 14. School supply sales are being advertised now. If you want to go ahead and pick up some items while they are on sale, you will be helping children who might not be able to start school with a backpack full of needed school supplies. Al Brown, Executive Director of R.E.A.P., said they provided school supplies for 518 children last year and he feels the need will be for more this fall.

Coming Next Week...

Sunday, July 23

Worship Times: 8:15, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School Classes: 9:30 or 10:45

- † Amish Friendship Bread Table in entry area at south end
- † 10:40-11:00 a.m., Communion in Chapel
- † Sign up for Church Directory appointments, Beatitudes Entry Area
- † Sign up for Companions in Christ Series, Entry Area
- † 1:30-4:00 p.m., Mother/Daughter Hi-Fashion Tea, Fellowship Hall

Monday, July 24

- † 9:30 a.m.- 2:00 p.m., Break Time Club, Fellowship Hall
- † 7:00 p.m., Boy & Cub Scouts, Hobbs Hall

Tuesday, July 25

- † 6:30 p.m., Cornerstone

Wednesday, July 26

- † 12:30 p.m., Connecting Hands meeting, Room 221

Friday, July 28

- † 3:00-9:30 p.m., Directory pictures being taken
- † Family Fun Night Drive-In Movie beginning at dusk in back parking lot

Saturday, July 29

- † 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Directory pictures being taken

Youth Information:

Sunday, July 23

- † 9:30 a.m., Mid High Sunda
y School, meet in Sanctuary, then go to class
- † 10:30 a.m., *The Last Cup* Coffee House
- † 11:00 a.m., Senior High Sunday School
- † 5:00 p.m., Mid-High Work Camp meeting, Hobbs Hall
- † 6:00-8:00 p.m., Sunday topic/Sundae topping night! Topic night led by Duane Lewis/bring your favorite topping, if you wish, to make sundaes.

Friday, July 28

- † Family Fun Night Drive-In Movie
- † 7:00 p.m.-???? a.m., GIRLS ONLY sleep over at Linda Mann's



Volunteers Needed!

To assist with the preparation of a new pictorial directory

- Sign-up Committee
Assist people in selecting photography appointment at church
- Telephone Committee
Call people who have not made a photography appointment.
- Host/Hostess Committee
Greet people and provide clerical support to the photography team during the photography sessions.

I am able to help in the following area(s):

- Sign-Up Committee
- Telephone Committee
- Host/Hostess Committee

Name _____

Phone Number(s) _____

Please turn in this completed form to the Church Office or place in the Offering Plate Sunday.

Are you continuing to help us recycle?

We have a collection container in the back parking lot for aluminum cans. T-Rex Aluminum Recycling empties our container and sends a check, which goes to our Children's Wednesday Night Program. Because people take the bags of cans out of the recycling bin, we encourage you to tear the bags that contain the cans and just throw the cans in loose. You can toss the torn bag into the container if you want.

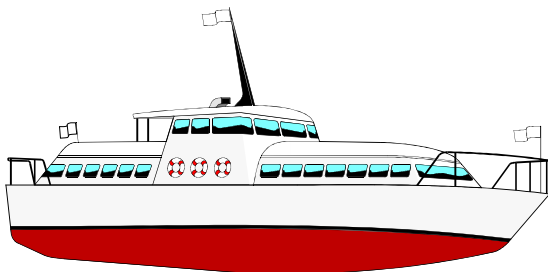
This is an on-going collection, as is the Box Tops for Educations labels. Box Tops for Education can be left in the container in the entry area.

Pastor's Corner:

Long before I realized I would be coming to Blue Ridge as one of your pastors, we as a family had made plans to celebrate the 40th anniversary of our wedding with a cruise to Alaska. Of course on the week we planned this cruise was the week our vacation church school had been scheduled. While we are disappointed that we have missed VBS this year, we know that you all have enjoyed the excellent experience planned for you. A big thank you to Tammy and all that worked in VBS.

Summer is past the half-way point and in a little over a month most of our children will be back in school. It might surprise you, but for the past weeks we have been laying plans for our fall program. We will launch our fall program on August 27th with the observance of Children's Ministries Sunday. Hopefully, by that time, you will have been introduced to the new LOGOS Ministry which will begin Wednesday, September 20. This ministry literally involves the whole church and will need a great many of us to play a part if it is to be successful. I would ask you over the course of the next few weeks to include in your prayers, a prayer of discernment, for how God is calling you to be involved in LOGOS this fall.

...Ken Lutgen, Jr.



Person to person: **CHURCH FAMILY NEWS**

- As of July 17, the Church Office has not been notified of any member in an area hospital.
- Our sympathy to Sam & Cyndy Fisher and Marion Price for the July 7 death of their granddaughter/great-granddaughter Esther Abigail Price, daughter of Brad & Wendy Price.
- Marion Price would like to thank everyone for the cards, calls and well wishes she has received while recovering from her surgery.

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