

The Heart of Missions: First Presbyterian Church of Champaign's Missions Magazine

June Missions Events and Meetings

Tuesdays-Thursdays:

English as a Second Language Classes

9-11am on Second Floor of Education Building

Every other Monday: SAFE House Psychology Class

1:30 pm in Westminster Hall

**Beginning June 5*

June 12: Compassion Peace and Justice

4pm in Westminster Hall

June 13: Mission Team

Noon in Westminster Hall

June 19: World Mission

5:30pm in Westminster Hall

June 27: Community Mission Deacons

6:30pm in Westminster Hall

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From the Mission Coordinator:

Thanks to everyone who has been submitting ideas to Mission Team for inclusion in the proposal for the **Mission Kiosk**. We are making progress, and I expect we should go to appropriate committees to further develop these ideas by July.

Our church has had a longstanding relationship with the Canaan S.A.F.E. (Substance Abuse Free Environment) House since its inception in the 1990's. The S.A.F.E. House is a faith based recovery program for individuals who have been addicted to substances. While the program has traditionally served men, it recently opened a women's S.A.F.E. House as well. Last year, I was asked by Pastor Tatum (who heads Canaan Baptist Church) to teach a Positive Psychology/ Applied Psychology class for those enrolled in the program. After a pilot test and then Session approval, I began teaching the class regularly in the fall of 2016 as a part of my position. We ended our first "academic" year in May, and had a graduate from Women's SAFE House who had attended **27 of the classes** by the time she graduated! Because the participants continue to report that this class is helpful for their personal development, we continue to meet every two weeks this summer. We expect to resume regular weekly meetings in the fall.

Per the request of Tracy Dace, director of the DREAM House, I had the honor of guest teaching/training staff and volunteers this past week. We discussed research about the brain as well as research based techniques that can assist in helping children overcome adversity to become more resilient. Would **you like to serve** at the DREAM House? See page 3.

I have been asked to continue serving as a representative of our congregation to the Interfaith Men's Emergency Shelter, as they continue to develop ways to intervene to keep people safe during the harsh winter months. I will keep the congregation updated on this important issue. **If you haven't seen the award from the city for our participation in the Emergency Shelter this winter, it now sits in the office on top of the Mission Mailboxes.** (If you are a leader of a mission committee and haven't checked your committee's mailbox in a while, now you have some extra motivation to do so. :-)) See page 8 for more information about this initiative.

Please enjoy the news enclosed about all of the marvelous work you do to take Christ's light into the world. **God is at work through you, God's hands and feet on earth.**

Blessings,

Kristi Corbin



BE A PART OF THE DREAAM TEAM

The DREAAM House is seeking youth and adult volunteers for it's Summer Jumpstart Program serving 5 year olds, and it's Summer Camps serving students entering 1st-3rd grades. The program runs June 12 - July 14.

High School Youth are encouraged to volunteer daily from 8-11 or 11-2, engaging in fun activities and field trips with the DREAAM House boys. In addition to being a positive influence in their community and gaining an experience they can document on their resume, youth will enjoy free lunch, swimming, sports, and other activities with the boys – who will be thrilled to have the young volunteers with them.



Adult Volunteers are needed daily or weekly from 8:30 – 10:30am to assist with class happenings, read to groups or students one-on-one, and other academic based activities. Volunteers are also needed at other times to assist with lunch and provide transportation.

To sign up, please contact Cassie McConkey at cassie@dreathamhouse.org!

Mission Possible Work Trip Report of May 14-19, 2017 to Camp Carew Submitted by: Harry Bremer

Mission Possible had its 26th trip on May 14-19. We went to our Presbytery camp, Camp Carew, in the Marion-Carbondale area. Our mission was to build open cabinets and bunk beds for eight rooms in the **McNabb cabin**. (The cabin was converted from an open area to 8 small rooms.)

Most of the supplies were purchased ahead of time; much of the wood was cut and painted (primed) before we left for camp. We initially worked at two sites – one being the maintenance building, where further sawing and painting was done for the beds. Pieces for the storage units were made, painted, and the units constructed.

All the above was transported to the McNabb cabin. Cabinets were installed. Construction was started on the bunk beds which took several days. Final touches (including painting) was complete by the final day.

In addition, boards for coat hangers were cut, painted, and installed. New trim was nailed in the rooms and new hallway. The hallway was painted. New powered exit signs replaced the old ones.

Morning devotions used the book **“Dare to Journey with Henri Nouwen”** by Charles Ringma. The book is a collection of 180 reflections. Each person spoke on one of the reflections and its related Bible verse.

Sixteen people participated with this work trip: **Dave & Mary Lou Bauer, Harry & Charlene Bremer, Chuck Carlson, Tanya Deckert, Bill Gamble, Steve Gritten, Paul Huang, Itch Jones, Byron Kemper, Dave McNattin, Carol Miles, Gene Morgan, Gloria Reed, and Dale Tutje.**



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FAITHFUL MEMBER OF MISSION POSSIBLE
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Read the story *Presbyterians in Cuba and U.S. meet to discuss renewal of Mutual Mission Agreement* by going to <https://tinyurl.com/y7rsd22g> online.



STORY GARDEN

Check out the story garden, in front of the Education building, installed by members of the Environmental Stewardship Committee. The Story Garden tells a story of our church's and our faith's heritage, while providing stewardship of the Earth.

Restoration Urban Ministry is nearing completion of their first mini-home. It will be sold soon to someone who never thought they could own a home. It is 480 square feet, with a living space, kitchen, bedroom space and bathroom. It is perfect for a single person, a couple, or someone with a small child. If you would like to see it, you can drive by at 410 W. Maple Street in Champaign. Want more information?

Call 355-2662.



FOOD
Bring a dish to share that represents your cultural heritage.

GAMES
Have fun with new friends while playing games.

LIVE MUSIC
Hear bands play music from around the world...plus learn or teach new dance moves.

International Potluck
June 25, 2017
4:00pm in Centennial Hall

Immediate Crisis Nursery Needs

Crisis Nursery doesn't budget for daily operational needs like diapers, formula, wipes, snacks, etc. Typically these items are donated by generous community members. If you're out running errands, consider picking up an item or two for the Nursery and you'll help us keep things running smoothly every day. Here are our most needed items:

- Gift cards to Wal-Mart, Target, Meijer, etc.
- Single serving snacks (applesauce, yogurt, animal crackers, Goldfish, pretzels, cheese sticks, Cuties and cookies).
- Easy Mac
- Baby wipes
- 3T, 4T and 5T boys and girls pants
- Clorox Wipes

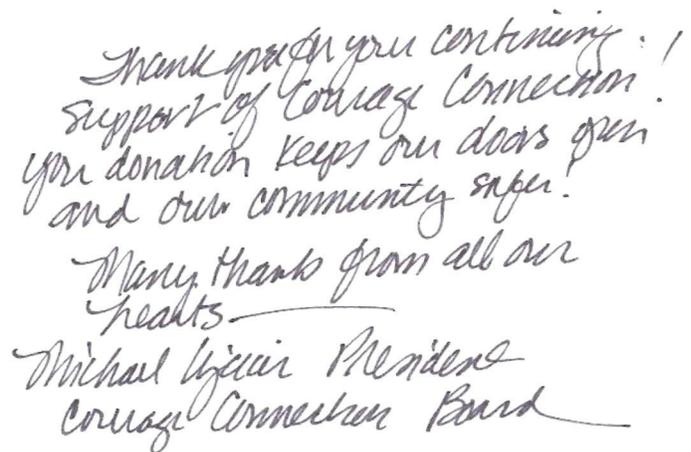
Donations are accepted Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm or by appointment. Thank you for your support!

Want to join our "Friends of the Nursery On-Call Donation Team"? Contact Angie at angie@crisisnursery.net or

The TIMES Center, an organization which supports 20 men at a time, helping them transition from homelessness to independence, could use some donations of the following:

- Shower shoes
- Men's deodorant
- Odor eaters
- Shaving cream
- Laundry soap
- Paper towels
- Dish soap
- MTD Bus Tokens

The center provides residence for up to two years, provided the men are employed, saving 60% of their income, paying a small fee for their room, and working with an assigned caseworker focusing on their needs holistically.



Thank you for your continuing support of Courage Connection! Your donation keeps our doors open and our community safer. Many thanks from all our hearts.
Michael Ujevic, President
Courage Connection Board

Would you like to support the fellowship time with coffee and our commitment to being an Earth Care Congregation? **Nancy Brombaugh** is seeking volunteers to help with washing coffee cups after fellowship/coffee hour on Sundays in July and August. It only takes 30 minutes to help with this important service. Please contact her to sign up.

Canteen Run, a ministry that brings prayer, food, supplies, and referrals to local agencies to those living on the street, is currently in need of the following donations: men's underwear (Medium to 2XL), deodorant, water, and grocery bags. Donations can be placed in the Canteen Run's box in the Missions Closet in the hallway of the church building, near the women's restrooms.

Reminder: Please vote via Facebook to win a horse for Kemmerer Village. <https://a.pgtb.me/JJXXDp> You may vote once each day, though your votes must be 24 hrs. or more apart. Kemmerer Village is in 6th place, but losing ground.

Twenty horses will be given away, with the first choice being given to the organization with the most votes, the second choice being given to the organization with the second most votes, etc. Kemmerer would like to win a horse that is ready to ride now for the very successful equine program which helps the young people in residence at Kemmerer and the program for young people with cerebral palsy which go to Kemmerer once a week for equine therapy.

Many thanks for your ongoing help!

Katharine Jones, Presbyterian Women



Update on the Interfaith Men's Emergency Shelter

By: Rev. Sheryl Palmer,
Pastor Faith United Methodist Church

The shelter's inception and success is truly a community collaborative effort, made possible by local donations and support as well as the united effort of the Council of Service Providers to the Homeless Emergency Shelter Development Team. This past winter, the shelter was only open only one week shy of three months.

In that time, we:

1. Provided 1,692 safe, dry, warm beds in three different facilities: Faith United Methodist, First Presbyterian Church of Champaign, and New Covenant Fellowship.
2. Served an average of 20 men per night.
3. Sheltered 111 different community members.
4. Hired six different employees to manage the shelter, including one gentleman who utilized the shelter.



Going forward, we are set up and ready to go seven days a week at New Covenant Fellowship, December 1st to March 31st, if we can raise \$50,000. We are in the process of setting up an Interfaith Non Profit that will help us provide winter shelter for 2 to 5 years until another local ministry or agency can take over -- possibly year round. We are hoping that faith groups involved in the Interfaith Alliance and/or the Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Build will consider joining this effort and non-profit so that we can keep this effort moving forward.

(Mission Possible continued)

