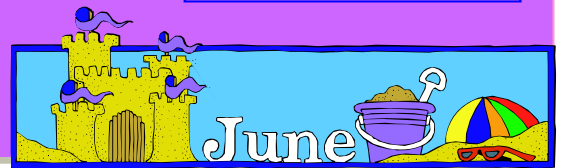


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## Summer Stewardship

By *Pastor Ron*

I heard someone say, "It's about time summer got here; I have so much I need and want to do!"

During the summer we can find ourselves so busy. School's out and for many, it's vacation time (for farmers after the crops are in), and there IS so much to do and enjoy in the great and beautiful outdoors. Family visits, picnics and recreational activities (road trips, boating, swimming, waterskiing, camping, fishing, hiking, bike and motorcycle riding, baseball games, amusement parks and zoos). Then at home there's gardening, landscaping and mowing every week, backyard barbecues and just plain kicking back on your patio or deck. Most of us will have no problem filling our summer calendar days.

But as we take our break to enjoy the summer God has made for us, let us remember that support for our church's ministries is a year-round need. It's not that everyone needs to be HERE every Sunday. It's wonderful to get away and go enjoy this beautiful world (and I pray you do). And it's a wonderful and insightful experience to visit a church wherever you are vacationing or traveling I might add. I enjoy seeing church bulletins from all over the country where many of our members have been. But remember your support is important throughout the year here at your home church in continuing to offer our ministries through the summer to the community and beyond. It's always been true that God is glorified and blesses His people through their consistent commitment.

We all know that God wants to do greater things at Downs UMC through each of us by His Spirit than we have done already. And it WILL happen as we are good stewards offering ourselves in Christ's Kingdom work. Our stewardship walks hand in hand with our everyday lives. God sees the

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expression of our love in the proper use over time of all the unique gifts we have been given. It is a sacred trust, not of obligation, but out of a sense of humble ownership, not as a possession but an expression of how Christ has been effective in our lives and how we are striving to bring Him effectively to others.

We can't do this without a lot of effort and intent throughout the year. We have to jump in with both feet and really give of ourselves - time, talent, and treasure with others in a common effort that is certainly demanding and yet, the most satisfying task that anyone could enjoy. It is constant Communion with one another and with Christ. Yes, we have to grow the wheat and grapes, bake the bread and make the wine, help serve at the table, be fed close to last and clean up afterward. But what a feast it is and how good it is to be together here with the Lord in His service.

*"Each must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work." - II Corinthians 9:7-8*

Have a Great Summer!

*Pastor Ron*



Join us at the **Downs United Methodist Church** for “Galactic Blast” Vacation Bible School, July 25 -29.

Students will enjoy crafts, games, snacks, and a whole lot more as they go on a cosmic adventure praising God. Through daily missions, kids will see space like never before, gain a new perspective on our planet Earth, and learn easy "green" earth tips they can practice at home. This cosmic combination of faith and fun will have your cadets developing a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

VBS is offered to pre-school age students through adults and will be held at the church from 6 to 8:30 p.m., Sunday July 25 through Thursday July 29.

If you have any questions, call Janice Cuba @ 378-2651 or email secretary@downsumc.org (registration) or Michelle Forbes @ 530-2404 (Director).

Don't miss out, complete and send in your registration now.

Please consider giving a **\$5.00** donation per student to attend.

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM**

JULY 25-29, 2010 6 TO 8:30 P.M ~ DOWNS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Entering in Fall 2010 \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Siblings Attending VBS \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names \_\_\_\_\_

Street or P.O. Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Allergy/Health Conditions \_\_\_\_\_

***My child has my permission to attend and participate in DUMC's Galactic Blast VBS program.***

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Mission Minutes by Ginger Campbell

Welcome summer!! As they say, if you don't like Illinois weather, stick around and it will change in just a few minutes!

Congratulations to all of the Tri-Valley Graduates. We are especially proud of those from our church family!

Our Mission Buckets for May went to Recycling Furniture for Families. The buckets were \$115.71. We will be adding enough to this amount to total \$200 to send them.

Other gifts for this month are as follows:

Missions \$1,100, Rent \$460, Financial Needs \$500 for a total of **\$2,060**.

I pray you all have a wonderful and safe summer. Please let us see you on Sundays here at church even though I know schedules are hectic this time of year. We will miss you if you aren't here as always. The church is the place where we come together to encourage one another as members of Christ's body. TOGETHER we fulfill an important purpose on this earth. Hebrews 10:25 "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching". NIV

Thanks once again for your generosity to the mission of our church.

## Outreach Opportunity

**Megan Graf, Tri-Valley Senior has been selected to participate in the Special Olympics National Games in Lincoln, Nebraska in July 2010. Megan is one of two athletes from Central Illinois.**

**Megan will leave July 17 and return on July 24<sup>th</sup>. She will participate in the 100M, 200M runs and the shot put. She has been participating in Special Olympics since she was 8 years old.**

**Megan is looking for donations to help with travel expenses and lodging so she and her family will be able to go and enjoy watching the competitions and for her to enjoy the honor of being part of Team Illinois.**

**Donations may be sent to:  
Megan Graf; 101 S. East St; Ellsworth 61737**

## GALACTIC BLAST VBS NEEDS YOU

Calling all adults and Sr. High students.... we need you!

...to help at this year's "**Galactic Blast**" **Vacation Bible School**, July 25 -29 (offered to pre-school age students through adults)

Through daily missions, kids will see space like never before, gain a new perspective on our planet Earth, and learn easy "green" earth tips they can practice at home. This cosmic combination of faith and fun will have your cadets developing a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

There are countless ways you can help. You do not need to commit to the entire week - we can work with your schedules and interests. Every little bit helps and it all adds up!

Please consider volunteering your time to help this ministry grow and help fulfill the churches mission.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, call Michelle Forbes @ 530-2404 or email at

[michelle.forbes.jdni@statefarm.com](mailto:michelle.forbes.jdni@statefarm.com) .

**Better yet, you can sign up now and place in the offering plate or drop by the church office.**

**I would love to help – sign me up!!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact email or phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Areas of Interest:

Snacks     Crafts     Games     Lessons

Music     Decorations     Set Up

Clean Up     Registration     Drama

4th of July Float     Wherever needed

**Congratulations to all College and High School graduates, as well as those 8<sup>th</sup> graders being promoted to High School. God Bless you in your new phase of life.**



## June Dates to Know

2-5	Annual Conference in Peoria
2	6:00pm Free2Praise Practice
3	7:00pm PPRC Meeting
6	6:00pm Bible Study
7	6:00pm Boy Scouts in Annex Trustee Meeting
9	6:00pm Free2Praise Practice
13	6:00pm Bible Study
14	6:00pm Boy Scouts in Annex
16	10-2pm Sr. Citizens 6:00pm Free2Praise Practice
:20	FATHER'S DAY
20	6:00pm Bible Study
21	6:00pm Boy Scouts in Annex
23	6:00pm Free2Praise Practice
26	Sr. High Lock In
27	10:30am Free2Praise 6:00pm Bible Study
28	6:00pm Boy Scouts in Annex
30	6:00pm Free2Praise Practice

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE TO THE OFFICE BY THE 20<sup>TH</sup> OF EACH MONTH. They can be faxed to 378-2651 or emailed to [officedumc@juno.com](mailto:officedumc@juno.com). Input is welcomed. It is your newsletter!

## June Birthdays

1	Dave Bach
1	Tandy Chaszar
3	Kelsey Spelde
3	Chelsea Stark
8	Kate McNeese
8	Steve Stark
11	Megan McNaught
14	Rosella Young
14	Kate Riley
17	Guy Campbell
19	Lauren Walters
24	Corey Riordan
25	Jackie Spelde
27	Craig Solvie
28	Shari Riley
28	Sue Colclasure
30	Keith Simpson



### MILESTONES

Someone is turning 15 and another person is will be 20!  
There are couples celebrating 20 and 35 years of marriage!

**Congratulations & Blessings to you all!**

## Stewardship report— Giving for 2010

	Last 4 Weeks	YTD
Tithes & Offerings	12,145.02	56,988.60
Total Need	12,484.00	65,541.00
Difference	-338.98	-8,552.40
Building Fund	715.00	11,583.15
Mission & Special Project Giving		
Good Sam	1,865.71	9,370.47

### 2010 UMW Officers

President—Donna Clark  
Vice President—Kay Hull  
Secretary—Sheri Mushrush  
Treasurer—Leigh Hayes  
Social Concerns Chair—Ginger Campbell

All women of the church are encouraged and welcomed to be a part of this Mission Ministry. The ladies meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month for breakfast.

The next meeting will be Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>.  
Hostesses are: Donna Clark & Jessica Cuba.  
Devotions are by Ginger Campbell

## June Anniversaries

4	Rodney & Glenda Fike
7	Jim & Cathy Finch
12	John & Joyce Werner
16	Mike & Julie James
19	Kyle & Kari Cooperider
20	Tim & Shari Riley
21	Chris & Sheri Mushrush
21	Jeff & Jenna Adams
22	Gary & Donna Adkisson
25	Ken & Sally Wagner
28	Jacob & Tina Stark

**OPPORTUNITIES OF FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH**

***Sunday Fellowship***

**Every Sunday after the 8:00am service**

**Breakfast items are served.**

**A freewill offering is taken to cover the cost of the food. Thank you for your support for this ministry, and to everyone that has volunteered to help with this ministry!**

**We are in need of people that can ‘substitute’ in this area. Please let the office know if you can be a part of this ministry. WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF JUNE AND JULY. PLEASE LET DONNA CLARK AT 378-1573 OR THE OFFICE KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP ON THOSE SUNDAYS.**



**SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES**

Downs UMC has a class for ages 3 and up on Sunday Morning.

Ages 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade meet in the Sanctuary at 9:15 for music and then go to classrooms in the education wing of the church.

Junior High (6-8<sup>th</sup>) meet in the Jr. High Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor) in the Annex

Sr. High meets on the first floor of the annex and the Adults are meeting in the LOFT

Sunday School is coordinated by Leigh Hayes 378-3008 and Jamie Ward 378-4621

**GREETERS are always needed.**

**Contact Sherry Reed @ 663-2999 if you can serve in this capacity.**

**June Volunteers~~We Appreciate You!**

**Power Point Operators**

	<u>8:00 am Service</u>	<u>10:30 am Service</u>
6	Blaise McNeese	Ron Bass
13	Rhonda Nalley	Laura Walters
20	Kyle Connour	Tom Coulon
27	Help Needed	Jean Riordan

**GREETERS 10:30 am Service**

2	Betty Harvey/Madelyne Gelsthorpe Kathy Bustle
9	Kay Hull/Sherry Reed/Rhonda Nalley
16	Tim Riley Family
23	Jean & Colby Riordan/Karen Walters
30	Brent Ward Family

**NURSERY SCHEDULE**

**10:30am Service**

6	Michelle Forbes
13	Brian & Janelle Zachow
20	Sr. High
27	Karyn Spelde

**Fellowship Coordinators**

6	Rick Hayes/Michelle Forbes
13	Help Needed
20	Etta Whitted
27	Jean Riordan

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**Summer Office Hours**

**Tuesday 8-12pm**  
**Wednesday 8-12pm**  
**Thursday 8-12pm**

## 2010 Official Role (Positions being Served)

Ad Board Chairperson:	Brent Ward	<u>FINANCE:</u> Bill Erlenbush, Larry Stark, Brent Ward, Janice Cuba,
Recording Secretary:	Lyn Edwards	Lyn Edwards, Donna Kleinlein,
Finance Chairperson:	Bill Erlenbush	Cathy Finch, Jon Spelde.
Sunday School Super:	Jamie Ward & Leigh Hayes	<u>TRUSTEES:</u> Jon Spelde; Dave Wysocki; Rick Hayes, Andre McNaught, Craig Solvie, Dave Caldwell, Kathy George, Darla Lanchester, Dave Bach; Brad Weichman; Jeff Curtis, Andy Whitted.
PPRC Chairperson:	George Lewis	<u>PPRC:</u> George Lewis, Darcie Jones, Kay Hull, Tim Riley, Jon Nelson, Lyndall Cuba, Becky Connour, Jim Finch; Chris Mushrush
Lay Leader:	Larry Stark	<u>NOMINATIONS:</u> Shari Riley, Cheryl Bach, Larry Stark, Jamie Ward, Kim Lewis; Sherry Reed; Rhonda Nalley
Lay Member to Confer.:	Cathy Finch	
Treasurer:	Janice Cuba	
Financial Secretary:	Lyn Edwards	
Nurture Chairperson:	Cathy Finch	
Outreach Chairperson:	Ginger Campbell	
Witness Chairperson:	Etta Whitted	
UMW President:	Donna Clark	
Youth Director:	Peggy Stark	
Youth Group Leader:	Michelle Forbes	
Camping Coordinator:	Carrie Cobstill	
Trustee Chairperson:	Jon Spelde	

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