



The Acorn

Starr Presbyterian
Church News
July 2011



Congregation-Wide Town Hall Meeting
Sunday, July 10
Worship from 10:30-11:00 a.m.
Meeting to follow

Estelle Aaron and her Transformation Team will be leading a congregational conversation following worship. Please plan on attending to discuss the future of Starr Church. Also, we will discuss changes to the by-laws.

(See page 5 for more details.)



Worship in the Park
Sunday, July 17 at 10:30 a.m.
Starr Jaycee Park

(located on 13 Mile Road just east of Crooks Road)

Immediately following worship, we will enjoy a picnic lunch and games. Hot dogs will be provided. Please bring a salad, side dish or a dessert to share, as well as place-settings for your family.



Invite your family, friends and neighbors to join us for this special day of fellowship!

From your Session

Session Highlights

- Met with Dr. Phil Reed and Donna Johnston from the Committee on Ministry to discern a future for Starr. Recommendations included adding three members to the Board of Session and having a person outside the congregation perform a financial review. Upon Reverend Kelly's departure, the plan is to secure a pastor thru September 2011 for congregational care who would also serve as moderator for the Session and deliver a message from the pulpit several Sundays in those months. Guest speakers and pastors will fill in the other Sundays until October 2011 when a half-time pastor will join the church.
- Approved visit on July 10, 2011 from Estelle Aaron for "Town Hall" meeting format presentation regarding the future of Starr.
- Set July 10, 2011 as date for Congregational meeting to review and vote on bylaw changes for Starr regarding the new Form of Government for the General Assembly.
- Acknowledged July 31, 2011 as the date Starr will host a representative from the Gideons.
- Approved to have Lynne Cobb coordinate the publishing of the Acorn newsletter and maintain/update the website for Starr.
- Approved to move the pew restored by Bob Schulte to the front of the sanctuary behind the Communion table.

Thank You –

Thanks to all of the people that have visited our shut in and people in the hospital.

The Session

Newsletter Notes

If you have items to submit for the Acorn, please email Lynne at write.lynne@gmail.com. Deadline for submissions will be the 20th day of each month. Thank you!

Communion Servers For July:

Bob Babion
Susie Regula
Cindy Groh Stamat
Sandy Woodcox



"Your strong love for each other will prove to the world that you are My disciples."
John 13:35

Love Is . . .

Love is a reassuring hand - -
a smile that says, 'You're doing grand!'
Love stands close by when you're in need,
praying that Christ will intercede.
Satan plots with dark mystery,
but Christ's light shines that all may see.
Ye, God is love for all mankind
bestowing calm and peace of mind.
God works His perfect will through you - -
showing exactly what to do.
Yes, you've become His instrument:
no finer role could e'er you get!
Keep praising God in every way,
and He will guide you through each day.

- Marilyn M. Smith



Community Ministries

Recovery Ministries Meeting times

Sundays:

Men's AA Bible Study at 8:30 a.m.
Meeting in the Park Group at 1 p.m.

Tuesdays: Al-Anon meeting at
9:30 a.m.

Thursdays: Primary Purpose
Men's Group at 7 p.m.

Community Dinner

July's Community Dinner will be held on Sunday, July 24 from 4-6 p.m. Please join us for this special time of fellowship. Bring your family and friends!



Women's Association News Summer 2011

The Women's Circles, Board and Gathering will not meet in July or August.

The Memphis Project

In memory of Diane Cole, and in honor of her beloved Memphis, Starr will embark upon a new mission for the community—
The Memphis Project.

We will collect new and gently-used backpacks to be distributed to our shelter guests during the Warming Shelter.

A bin will be at the Crooks Road entrance to the church. If you have any questions, please see
Janie Castle.



A very special thank you to...

Please support the following businesses, as they helped support the Coffee House concert with their donations of goods and services:

Changez Salon/Merle Norman - Royal Oak
Cup.cake - Royal Oak
Douglas Rivers Photography
Gentlemen Songsters
Footprints - Royal Oak
Honda Bloomfield
Dr. Hunter, D.D.S. - Clawson
Main Art Theatre - Royal Oak
Miner's Den - Royal Oak
Nordstrom Rack - Troy
Ranger's Floral Garden - Royal Oak
Sprint
Starbucks - Troy location
Sunoco - 13 & Crooks - Royal Oak
Tania's Pizza and More - Royal Oak
The Miner's Den - Royal Oak
Zumba Mexican Grille - Royal Oak
Eric Abbott
Greg and Janie Castle
Sheila Judd - Creative Memories
Elizabeth Katz - Cheesecakes by Elizabeth
Rev. Kathryn and Ian Kelly
Rachel Klaus - Boo's Bows
Andy LeCureaux
Rev. Dr. Louis Prues

WORSHIP AND PRAYER MINISTRIES

SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE July 2011

Liturgists:

July 3: Aaron Michaels
 July 10:
 July 17: Janie Castle (Worship in the Park)
 July 24: Susie Regula
 July 31: Jim Alex (Gideon Sunday)
Please contact Rev. Kelly if you are interested in serving as a Liturgist during our Sunday Morning Worship.

Greeters:

July 3: Margaret Rossnagel
 July 10: Carol Eads
 July 17: No greeter—Picnic in the Park
 July 24: Jim and Charlotte Alex
 July 31: John and Elaine Meyer
See Margaret Rossnagel if you would like to be a greeter.

Coffee Hour Hosts:

July 3: Carol Eads
 July 10: Session
 July 17: No coffee hour—Picnic in the Park
 July 24: Carol Eads
 July 31: Woman's Association
See Carol Eads if you are able to host coffee hour or donate goodies!

Rummage Sale—September 8-10

We are now accepting donations for our rummage sale. You may bring them to the church and put them in the "Creation Station" room downstairs (located just pass the first set of bathrooms).

If you need any help getting your donation to the church, please call Sandra Woodcox at 248-320-3182 to make arrangements for a pick-up. If you are donating furniture, please make it small items only.

All monies made at this sale will go directly to the church to help pay utility bills. For more information or volunteer to help, please contact Sandy Woodcox..

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

21 Cindy and Dan Kendall
 23 Linda and Kevin Bedker



JULY BIRTHDAYS

1	Linda	Finn
2	Don	Reinke
3	Michael	Woodcox
8	John	Meyer
10	Lindsay	Kendall
11	Margaret	Rossnagel
15	Brianne	Kendall
16	Holly	Bureka
16	Paul	Regula
18	Colleen	Williams
19	Lori	Abbott
20	Andrew	Buechner
23	Jenny	Berschbach
23	Sheila	Judd
25	Benjamin	Sheridan
31	Shirley	Caughey

Happy Birthday



Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Join us from 10-11:30 a.m.
 every Tuesday for Bible study.
 Questions? See Charlotte Alex.



Notice of Congregational Meeting July 10, 2011

The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church has changed. This is from Ed Koster, our Presbytery's stated Clerk:

'Congregations are incorporated and all are thus governed by state law. There are many provisions in state law that I call "default" provisions. These are provisions that state something to the effect, "Unless the by-laws of the corporation say otherwise, _____." Nearly all of these default provisions are covered in the current Form of Government. Since the strategy of the writers was to remove as many requirements as possible, many of those provisions have been left out of the new Form of Government.'

An example is: State law sets quorum (minimum number of members to legally vote an issue at a meeting) at half of the membership, that would be nearly impossible for most congregations to accomplish at a meeting. So we need to have a congregational meeting to vote on changes to our bylaws to make it easier for us to govern our own congregation/church building.

To be voted on at the congregational meeting July 10, 2011:

Recommended changes or additions to Starr's bylaws:

- a.. The congregation shall be governed by the most recent edition of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).
- b.. The quorum of a meeting of the congregation shall be not less than one tenth of the members unless the particular church upon application to the Presbytery shall obtain the consent of the Presbytery to a provision for a smaller quorum. A congregation by its own vote may fix a higher quorum. No meeting of fewer than three members shall be considered a congregational meeting.
- c.. A quorum of the Session shall be the pastor or other presiding officer and one third of the elders but no fewer than two, except for the reception and dismissal of members, when the quorum shall be the moderator and two members of the Session. The Session may fix its own quorum at any higher number.
- d.. Public notice of meetings of the congregation shall be by public notice no later than ten days before the meeting. It may be done by regular newsletter and shall be announced from the pulpit and placed in the written bulletin on at least two successive Sundays.
- e.. All meetings of the congregation shall be conducted in accordance with the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

This is an important meeting for us. Please make every effort to attend church on July 10, 2011. Thank you.

DEACON'S NEWS



Middle School Youth Group Mission Project

Starr Church's Middle School Youth Group will be collecting cans and bottles. They will use the bottle return redemption monies to purchase flu shots for those who can't afford them. So, start collecting and bring those cans and bottles in!



Hosts needed!

Please see Carol Eads or Margaret Rossnagel if you can host a Family First Luncheon.



Thank you!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!
SAVE THE DATE!!**



**ICE CREAM SOCIAL
FRIDAY AUGUST 19 at
6:30 PM on the front lawn
(13 Mile Road)**

*Fun, fellowship and a great
view of cars heading to the
Dream Cruise!*

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! SAVE THE DATE!!
We will host Vacation Bible School August 22-29!**

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Have a safe and happy
Fourth of July!!

PRAYER PAGE

*Please keep the following members and friends
in your prayers:*

Those severely ill/injured/facing tests and surgery: Wade Bennett, Jacob Bommarito, Sally Burton, Bob Chaney, Roger Chalmers, Janet Delaney, Jane Duff, Joe Fedderhoff, Jacky Howard, Tom Karas, Tawni Lambroff, Joey Massameri, Fred Miller, Donald Raines, Ricky Rojas, Beverly Schell, MacKenzie Rose Stothers, Mike Tanner, Al Wease, Wally Wilmot

Those recovering or facing long-term health challenges:

Shirley Albright, Betty Groh-Bennett, Rick Bennett, Shirley Caughey, Deb Collins, Maria Gorniak, Kathy LeCureaux Cherris; Austin Durbin, Janet Edmonds, Jim Evans, Lillian Farrel, Mary Guss, Larry Hessen, Tom Johnson, Dr. Kabot, Lois Kendall, Billie Krakker, Mae Mitchum, Susan Parcell, Gabrielle Schramski, Dallas Strawn, Jim Sutherland, Marian Ventro, Alma Wetters, Velma Willis

For our missionaries: Marge and Steve Doty and Lizzie Heavenrich

For those who mourn: The family and friends of George Boothroyd; the family and friends of Lynn Chalmers; the family and friends of Joseph Smith.

For those serving our country: President Barack Obama and all of our elected officials.

Our service members: LCpl Jon Castle USMC; SrA David Cobb USAF; SPC Jeff Cobb USA; David Kennington USN, Troy McClintk, USMC; SSG James Rubert USA; SGT Laura Tate, USA (Reserve); Army Recruit Tyler Parcell

For home-bound/health-care facility-bound

members: Darlene Burche, Lori Carson, Marie Deromedi, Anna Lee, Elvaretta Lister, Joyce Wilson, Eileen Gmeiner; Marguerite Hengel, Louise Judge, Jean McFarlin, Doris McDonald

For those experiencing personal

struggles: Those needing comfort during transition and change; those seeking employment, the homeless and those who are losing their homes; families experiencing effects of natural disasters/bad weather.

For those struggling with addictions and those recovering, that they may continue to heal.

July 2011

August 2011

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June 2011

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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