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Church Family Picnic and Baptism

It was a beautiful day at the Webster Boy Scout camp for the annual church picnic on June 17th!

A delicious lunch of cold cuts and home-made salads was followed by ice cream with toppings for

swim time. Many thanks to all who made it happen!



dessert. After lunch we made our way down to the water to witness the baptism of Josh and Jason Charron and have some fun



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First Baptist Church of Mansfield
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A Word from the Pastor

I preached about the "Tree of Life" this past Sunday, my vision of my tree of life. I want to encourage you to think about your own tree of life. What is it that gives you life? What is it that you want to reflect in your life and pass on to others? There are several descriptions of the tree of life in the book of Proverbs which leads me to think there are many dimensions, or branches to these trees. Of course we first hear of it in Genesis in the Garden of Eden. After the initial debacle with that other tree, the tree of knowledge of good and evil, Adam and Eve are thrown out of the garden, and not allowed back in. Genesis 3 :24 tells us not only were they thrown out, but they were not allowed back in, and a cherubim and a flaming sword that flashed back and forth was placed on the east side of the garden to keep them away from one thing... the tree of life. I believe that through the forgiveness of the cross of Jesus the way to the tree of life is no longer barred. It is there for all of us.

But I am using this image of the tree of life as a metaphor for what is life and what gives life to each of us.

I hope that the biggest branch in my tree of life is that I am and have strived to be a follower of Jesus. This does not mean I perfect. I am far from it. This does not mean I have accomplished being a follower, but I am still in process. In keeping with this image, this branch is still growing, and will continue to grow. I will always have much room to learn about being a follower of Jesus regardless of my age and number of years of practice.

Another branch of my tree is being a servant. This I believe is our highest calling, to serve God and people. One of my favorite passages of scripture is John 13 where Jesus washes the disciples feet and then tells them this is an example to follow.

Other branches of wisdom I am in process of learning and feel are important to pass on are...

Don't be afraid to make mistakes. They are not the end of the world. Learn from them and move on.

We must keep moving forward. We can not go back. Learn and "keep on keeping on".

Have hope that tomorrow will be better than today. Things will get better.

Always try to expect the better in people and situations, rather than expecting the worse. Be hopeful.

Be yourself. You are God made, God designed. Even more, you are made in God's image. You are gifted and unique.

Slow down. When we are always in a hurry to get somewhere, or become something, or someone, we miss a lot on the way. Life is even more in the journey than in the destination. And we miss the moments of life when we are always in a hurry. Life is made up of one moment after another.

Don't live in fear, live in faith. God is real and really does love you. God works in some very mysterious ways sometimes. God is much bigger than we can grasp with our human minds. Don't be afraid.

Live in gratitude. We can always find something to be thankful for. Sometimes we just have to look a little bit harder than other times. Being thankful is more than a feeling, it is a choice and an attitude. It is a way we approach life.

Forgive. Forgiveness is one of the most powerful things in the universe. It is a gift we give to others, but as we give it we realize that it becomes even more a gift to ourselves. Not forgiving someone hurts us far more than it hurts them. God has forgiven us in Jesus Christ.

Have faith and have some fun. Laughter is an amazing gift, and a healing one too. Notice how two people who do not speak the same language and can not understand one another's words, can understand one another's laughter. We all laugh, (and cry) in the same language. Learn to laugh at yourself.

Be kind to and thoughtful of others. Everyone is

carrying a bigger load than we realize. Many people are good at hiding the load they are carrying. Be kind, as best you can, to all you meet. Kindness helps to lessen someone's load. Kindness can help lessen our own load. Be kind to yourself.

An important branch in all our trees is unity. We need to try harder to focus on what we have in common with others rather than our differences. Although, our differences are not always bad. We can learn from them. They can be beautiful and interesting. They can make us even stronger together. They can show us how much we really do need one another. We must always respect others, and listen to each other. This is true in many areas, but especially religion and politics.

Know that's God's grace and love are far greater than we can imagine. And God is for us, not against us. This is truth.

These are all branches in the metaphor of my tree of life. Now, what about you? How is your tree growing? Share it.

Peace



Board of Deacons

Your Board of Deacons has spiritual, productive and spirited meetings once a month on a Tuesday evening. The Board includes Tricia Baker, Jen Bradshaw, Judy Conland, Bob Erickson, Patty Geissler, Bill Hocking, Denise Keane, David Stevens and Pastor Ron Baker, with Terry Yanaway serving as our chair.

We sponsored a Fellowship Pot Luck Lunch on Sunday, April 1. It was a time for conversation and breaking bread together and was well attended by folks of all ages. We really enjoy each other's company. The pot luck dishes were varied and delicious. It is something we hope to do again soon.

As a spiritual growth opportunity, we are having a group book read. We are reading

Velvet Elvis by Rob Bell. We try to take a few minutes at the end of each of our meetings to discuss our reading and share thoughts, opinions and questions.

The Deacon's Fellowship Fund is used by the pastor to minister to folks who have immediate or emergency needs. The pastor often provides grocery gift cards to those in need with donations from the fund. We recently voted to make two larger donations. A two hundred and fifty dollar donation was made to WAIM for operating expenses and a two hundred and fifty dollar donation was also made to the Somers Congregational Church. The church in Somers experienced a devastating fire earlier this year and we wanted to lend support to our neighbors in Christ as they rebuild.

Judy and Wil Bigl received the right hand of fellowship and became members of our church by profession of faith on May 6, 2012. The Deacons met with Judy and Wil and they shared their faith story and desire to join our church. We welcome them and are very happy to have them as part of our church body.

Judy and Wil reside in Mansfield. They have a son and daughter and five grandchildren who keep them happy and busy! Our own Henry and Emily Bigl are two of their grandchildren. They enjoy traveling, reading, walking and volunteering.

Will worked as an electrician for over thirty years and continues to enjoy working as an officer in the Town of Mansfield Police Department. Judy spent thirteen years employed by the University of Connecticut. Both Wil and Judy keep up a very busy "retirement" schedule. Judy is the Travel Coordinator for the Mansfield Senior Center and Wil serves as the Treasurer of the Center. Will also serves on the Commission on Aging and has been instrumental in the Yellow Dot program.

Congratulations Judy and Wil. We look forward to worshipping with you!

As we look toward the summer months, we

would like to share the pastor's vacation schedule and pulpit supply ministers. The pastor will be on vacation June 24 and we will have Rev. Amy Johnson join us for worship. Rev. Johnson has served as an interim in the New Haven area and has been a chaplain at Yale. When the pastor is in West Virginia, on the Youth Mission Trip, Tricia Baker will be providing our message on July 15th. The Baker family will be on vacation for the first two weeks of August. Jonathan Scott, Chaplain from Day Kimball Hospital will be with us on August 5th and Rev. Michelle Madsen-Bibeau will join us for worship on August 12th. If anyone has a concern or a need while the pastor is away, please feel free to contact a Deacon.

Board of Trustees

From the Trustees: While giving is up from last year so far this year we have spent more than we have received. Remember that the Churches expenses continue even while you are on vacation, so please try to send in your pledge if you will be away for more than a week or two.

Thank you the Trustees

Video Projector Committee

Progress report from the Projector Committee

The committee is actively getting ready to install the projector. All the parts and supplies are now on hand and we expect to have it installed by mid summer.



Ladies Aid Society

It has become customary for the Ladies Aid to meet on a Friday evening every 8 weeks or so for a delicious pot luck supper followed by a short business meeting. Please plan on joining the Ladies Aid on Friday, **August 31st at 6:00 pm** for some fellowship, food, and planning. Upcoming items that we will discuss include cleaning and reorganizing the church kitchen and planning for the upcoming **"Festival on Green"** held in Mansfield on Sunday, September 23rd. We hope to be a presence at the Festival with our **"Church Lady Cookies"** we will need your help to plan, bake and join in fun! Hope to see you, your pot luck dish and your ideas on Friday, August 31st.

FALL WORK DAY

Save the date: Saturday September 8, 2012 will

be the Fall workday when we

Church and Sunday classrooms ready for season that starts on Day. We will have



get the School the new Rally both

indoor cleaning and outdoor raking and landscaping to do. Young or old we have a job you can do to help. Our Church is very dependent on volunteers and we are grateful to anyone who can come.

Church Family News

Allyssa Geissler graduated from the University of Connecticut on Sunday, May 6th with a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Development and Family Studies. She has been accepted into the School Counseling graduate program at UConn. Kristin Geissler completed her second year of the Clinical Doctorate program in Audiology at the University of Connecticut. She attended the Connecticut Speech-Language-Hearing Association Spring Conference where she was a 2012 recipient of a scholarship award. Kristin was selected to receive the scholarship by the faculty of the Communication Disorders Department, in recognition of her academic and clinical accomplishments.



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Amanda Pawelski, Nikola Rosemary, Denise and Tennessee May on Mother's Day 2012. Nikola was born on April 12, at 8lbs 7oz, and 20.5 inches long.



Where is Darkest Africa?

Yesterday my friend Steve, who is a fellow surgeon and chief of surgery at Mbingo Hospital here in Cameroon, was telling me a story that happened to him a few years ago. He was experiencing a rash of infants dying the day before their planned surgery and he was finding no medical explanations. He was finally able to confront the mother of one of them and, asking her what happened, she confessed that she gave her baby something supplied by the local witch doctor to kill her baby. He asked her why she would do such a thing and she said that if she stayed with her baby in the hospital any longer, her husband would take a new wife and her other children would be raised by someone else, and she would have no place to go.

No doubt we find such a story appalling on several levels. On one hand it assaults our assumption of a mother's bond to her child being universal. It also incites our sense of injustice over the hardness of heart that placed this unnecessary pressure on the mother to begin with, although in Africa mothers do similar things to their sick children just because they are taking up valuable family resources. The weak and powerless simply have less value. However, perhaps it becomes even more disturbing to hear that the mother simply walked home with her dead baby in her arms. When Steve told some African colleagues that in the U.S. such a woman would be taken away in handcuffs and face prison for many years, they could not understand or relate to that reality.

There are many good people in Africa and many beautiful customs, but there are many stories of Africa that can make you wonder whether you are almost in another moral universe. It can be overwhelming—and in human terms, it is. It certainly grieves God far more than it does us, but He does not throw up His

hands in despair. For there are many stories of how His love is penetrating Africa and He continues to lead His people elsewhere to come here. God is at work, and for the Christian this is mission—to go, to confront the need where it is, and to bring change. To simply offer humanitarian solutions, to treat illness and provide a pat on the hand, or to help increase food production, or control AIDS—these things are good, but not enough. People need Jesus and they need assistance in their walk.

The stories of God's work are hints of hope to the missionary, but otherwise one simply needs to trust God for the final results. Similarly, Paul brought Jesus to Europe, which was as dark as Africa and could have been viewed as equally hopeless in any one human point in time. But in a few short centuries the Roman empire, which left its unwanted babies at its outer gates to die (unless they were picked up by the Christians there), caved in under the weight of the power of the Gospel.

We can forget how dark the human heart itself is. When it comes to moral purity, love, compassion, and forgiveness, the difference between any one human heart and another, between one in the U.S. or Africa, between a Hitler and a saint, is barely a blip when compared to the difference between man and God. And in God's sight, the ONLY difference, when it comes to being saved, is whether Jesus is standing with us. This is the sphere where real change is transacted: to know Jesus personally, to be changed, and to walk humbly with God. And if we pursue God, He promises to find us. Whether we go on mission to build houses or treat the ill, pick up unwanted babies at the city gates, or fight abortion at the gates of our own country, this is only an outpouring of what happens in our own hearts.

Where is Darkest Africa? (continued) Emma Gardiner Missionary Society American Baptist Women's Ministries

And that is where salvation occurs. As we carry our cross, or deny ourselves daily as Christ commanded us, it occurs first on the mission field of our own hearts, realizing our own desperate need, and clinging to our God for dear life.

Easter 2012

Easter Sunrise was a beautiful service although we were unable to see sunrise over the hill. Maybe next year we can hope the sunrise cooperates with us.

American Baptist Women's Ministries

New Date for American Baptist Women's Ministries Retreat. The date is changed to Saturday, October 20th at Camp Wightman.



Emma Gardiner Missionary Society

Tuesday, July 7th EGMS will meet at Grace Riesen's house for a potluck picnic lunch at 12pm. All are invited.



♪ Music Notes ♪

Festival of Singing Children

Members of our Youth Choir, together with families and friends, gathered at the Trinity United Methodist Church at Springfield, Massachusetts on Saturday March 24, 2012 for the twenty-fourth Festival of Singing Children.

The Festival is sponsored by the Springfield/Hartford Chapter of Choristers Guild and is open to

tying together the far corners of the Christian world.



children's/youth choirs in the area. Choristers Guild was organized in 1949. The children's choir is a powerful tool, and the Choristers Guild is dedicated to its use in the intelligent shaping of Christian leadership. The choirs bridge denominational differences and can be a means of

This year, choirs from Mansfield, Connecticut, Southington, Connecticut, Springfield Massachusetts and Holyoke, Massachusetts participated in the Festival. Guest conductor was Dr. Mark Patterson, a nationally acclaimed composer, conductor and teacher. Mark is director of Music at Salisbury Presbyterian Church in Midlothian, Virginia and currently has over 200 choral works in print as well as many other musical

pieces, including several volumes of vocal solos.

Following the Festival a reception was held to greet the director and choristers. A wonderful time was had by all.

Grace Riesen, Youth Choir Director

Obituary

Thomas R. Lackman, 89, of Ashford, died on Wednesday April 11, 2012. He was born in Thomaston, CT on June 4, 1922 to the late Edward R. and Rena (Buell) Lackman. He grew up in Thomaston and moved to eastern Connecticut in the 1940's to work at Maple View Farm in Mansfield. He and wife Dorothy settled in Ashford in 1952 where they raised their five children.

Tom was manager of J.J. Mottes Ready Mix Concrete in Stafford Springs, CT for over 40 years. He was a veteran of World War II serving in the European Theater with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. He was actively involved in Ashford town politics for many years giving voice to his conservative views on town spending. Tom took great pride in raising Red Devon cows for many, many years on his small farm in Ashford. He enjoyed vegetable gardening and selling fresh eggs to his "good" customers who took pleasure in bantering with him over eggs.

Tom was predeceased by his wife Dorothy (Gardiner) Lackman, his daughter Susan L. Danahy, two brothers and four sisters. He leaves behind his four children, Deborah Walthert and her husband Bruno of Santa Margarita, CA, Edward Lackman and his wife Irene of Union, Stephan Lackman and his wife Liz of Willington, Nancy Flynn and her hus-

band Lawrence of Storrs; ten grandchildren, Audrey Walthert of San Francisco, CA, Michael Lackman of Unionville, Kate Lackman-Rodriguez of Vernon, Ryan Lackman of Boulder, CO, Tyler Lackman of Ashford, Kristen and Hillary Lackman of Willington, Erin Flynn of Durham, NC, Laura Flynn of Indianapolis, IN and Clare Flynn of Storrs, a great granddaughter, Olivia Lackman-Rodriguez, a sister, Lois Taylor of Pasadena, CA a brother, Roger Lackman of Bessemer, MI, and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, April 16, 2012 at 11:00 at the First Baptist Church of Mansfield, 945 Storrs Road, Route 195, Mansfield. Burial will be private at the convenience of the family at Hillside Cemetery in Storrs. There will be no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church of Mansfield, 945 Storrs Road, Storrs, CT 06268 or to Windham Area Interfaith Ministry (WAIM), P. O. Box 221, Willimantic, CT 06226. For an online memorial guestbook, please visit

www.potterfuneralhome.com

Summer Music

If you would be willing to share your musical talents with us this summer, please sign up on the schedule which is on the bulletin board in the Christian Education wing. Many thanks.



Youth Mission Trip Spaghetti Supper

It was another successful Spaghetti Supper on May 12th. We were able to raise a grand total of \$1,272.00 for this year's Youth Mission Trip to West Virginia. What a great effort!!

Thanks to everyone who donated supper items, put out posters, baked desserts, worked the day of the supper, attended the supper and invited others to attend. We could not have done it without you.

We especially want to thank Big Y, Price Rite and Mountain Dairy for donating gift cards and food items that really helped to make our supper a more successful fundraiser. We also want to thank Nora and Norman Stevens for providing the canned tomatoes and Lena and Phil Barry for supplying the paper products and purchasing an ad in the local paper.

The mission trip in July is coming soon. A group of five youth will be heading to West Virginia with happy hearts and helping hands – thanks to all of you!

Music Ministries Sunday



Music Ministries Sunday: A special Sunday to recognize those who have participated in our music program this past year was held on Sunday, May 13, 2012. Participating in the service was our Youth Choir, Grace Riesen director and organist; Adult Choir, Melissa Rood Director; Allyson Austin, pianist; Guy Myette, trumpet; Bill Rood, saxophone; Andrew Noznick, piano; Gemilath Mama, clarinet; Jessica Figueroa, soloist. Recognition and appreciation was expressed to all those who make our music program possible. We are indeed blessed to have this music ministry in our church. Thank you to everyone for sharing your talents and gifts for God's glory.

Stamp Collection continues!

The basket is on the table at the church entrance. Remember there should be ¼ inch around the stamps. Last year the collection of stamps here in Connecticut realized \$505.00. Chaplains Worship Fund at Ct Baptist Homes benefits from this project. Keep up donating all your used stamps of any kind.



Vacation Bible School

Are you ready to "Go Deep with God"? That's the theme of this year's VBS. Mark your calendar now for July 10 – 13th! Kids will plunge into Bible stories of people with deep faith and learn to trust a God whose love is bigger than the sea! Kids will be challenged to discover what it means to have a "deep faith" Have fun with bible stories, great music, science, games and a lively Octopus!

Want to volunteer? We have opportunities throughout the week for a variety of roles, including crew leaders (Grade 6 and up) and storytellers, plus people to help out with crafts, recreation, music and snacks! Set-up day is July 9th with VBS running 4 days – July 10th – 13th.

Want more information? Want to sign up to volunteer? We'll fill you in on all of the details, talk to Joy Erickson or Laura Austin.



Raise the Roof Sign at New Location

After completion of our successful roof fundraising project, the "Raise the Roof" sign with its thermometer showing contributions has been lent to the Congregational Church in Windham Center to help them raise funds for a recently replaced roof and other capital improvements to their sanctuary.



ABCCONN Senior Adults Day

The ABCCONN Senior Adults Day on June 6th was attended by five folks from Mansfield. It was a great day with activities such as music, devotions, sharing life's perspectives, lunch, games, conversation, meeting new and old friends, laughter and a fine presentation by Walter Day of Athletes in Action and former chaplain to the Boston Red Sox, Patriots and Celtics! The planning committee hopes future Senior Adult Days will be planned. We hope more folks can attend in the future.

Lay Ministry Institute 2012

Lay Ministry Institute 2012 is ready to begin in August. We invite you to get your applications in for this wonderful program. Go on the ABCCONN web page to see the you-tube videos from some of our recent graduates. Here what they have to say about what the program meant to them. The teacher for this course is the Rev. Dr. William B. Sutton III, pastor of First Baptist Church in Stratford.

Flower Committee

During the summer months, if you have flowers in your back yard and you could donate a bouquet for the sanctuary on a Sunday, the flower Committee would appreciate this! The sign up chart for is located on a bulletin board in the education wing.



Many thanks from Patty, Charlotte, Sue and Lena

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MANSFIELD

Minutes of the Spring Business Meeting

Sunday, April 29, 2012

Meeting was called to order with 24 members present.

Opening Prayer was made by Pastor Ron Baker.

REPORTS:

Pastor – Focusing on getting more community involvement.

Clerk – 1 death, Thomas Lackman died on April 11, 2012

Financial Secretary – John Riesen noted income for the 1st quarter has increased from 2011, however, compared to the 1st quarter of 2010 we are \$4,000.00 behind.

Special Fund Balances – John Riesen presented a list of all Investments owned by the church with their value as of December 31, 2011.

Treasurer – Meradith McMunn presented expenses for the 1st quarter.

Financial Officer for Missions

Christian Education – Laura Austin reported that since the last business meeting Christian Ed has sponsored a camp coffee hour and invited the new director Tom Hall to promote the new programs at Camp Wightman. All families with children going to Camp Wightman this summer are encouraged to fill out a camper-ship form. Christian Ed organized the breakfast for the Easter Sunrise service this year. The church family picnic will be held on June 10th and Vacation Bible School will be held July 11-13th.

Deacons – Terry Yanaway reported that new member, Charlotte Hebert received the right hand of fellowship in January, Brian and Lisa Reas have requested a letter of transfer to Central Baptist Church in Norwich. Pastor Ron will be meeting with Will and Judy Bigl regarding membership. The Deacons have used their discretionary fund to make donations to WAIM and to the Somers Congregational United Church of Christ which burned down on January 1st.

Trustees – John Riesen reported that a successful Spring Work Day was held on March 31st. A railing has been installed next to the choir loft in the sanctuary. Annual Fire Inspections have been instituted by the Town of Mansfield along with a fire alarm inspection. The Trustees wish to thank Nils Setterberg for stepping forward and taking over mowing the church lawn. A Sanctuary Maintenance Fund has been established to paint the ceiling and make any necessary repairs in the sanctuary.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Church Heritage – no report

Communications – Nancy Flynn reported that committee members will be contacting board and committee members 2 weeks prior to the newsletter deadline to encourage article submissions.

Flower – Lena Barry reported that 32 friends and neighbors received Easter Flowers this year. Thank you to Sue and Bob Bauer for taking care of the planters on the steps of the church and the garden.

Memorial Gifts – Patty Geissler is looking for the Memorial Gifts binder, it is missing from the office.

Missions – Denise Keane reported that the committee is focusing on Local Missions in an effort to involve the community. A sign will be placed out front to encourage community members to donate to our regular monthly collections for the Soup Kitchen and the No Freeze Shelter. We are responsible for a work day at WAIM on Saturday, May 5th.

Music – Denise Keane reported that the piano in the sanctuary needs to be protected. The committee will purchase a cover for it.

Nominating – no report

Social – no report

Financial Examining – met on March 25, 2012 and found the financial records were in satisfactory order. Report filed.

OTHER COMMITTEES AND GROUPS:

ABCCONN History Committee – Bill McMunn reported that the committee is working on expanding the ABCCONN History web-site to include histories of member churches.

Computer

Ladies Aid Society – Patty Geissler reported that the Ladies Aid purchased an office chair for Pastor Ron. We are looking for a new refrigerator. Fundraising efforts this year will go toward replacing some of the older 8 foot tables.

Pierce Memorial Baptist Home and Creamery Brook – Bill McMunn gave an overview of the services offered and reported that a building expansion is being planned for the dining, therapy and entrance areas.

Safety Committee – Tricia Baker reported that the committee is reviewing the policy. Safety standards are being emphasized in the Friday night Youth Group.

Sound System – John Riesen reported that projector and mounting systems have been ordered and are on site. They will be installed as time permits.

Windham Area Interfaith Ministry and Covenant Soup Kitchen – Tricia Baker reported that congregational giving is down.

Youth Choir – Grace Riesen reported on the activities of the Youth Choir this year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion to amend the constitution under Music Committee made by Denise Keane as follows: The Music Committee shall consist of five (5) or more elected members. **It shall include all church music directors and designated church organists/pianists as ex-officio members of the Music Committee with full voting rights, except on matters that involve their own position.** It shall be responsible for engaging of the director(s) and the organist(s) on an annual basis. It shall aid them in choir recruitment and in the planning of music for the church services. It shall also be

responsible for any other matters which pertain to the musical part of the church's program. The Committee shall elect a chairperson from its own membership, shall meet as needed during the year, and shall present an annual report.

Laura Austin seconded. There was ample discussion regarding the intent and proper wording. **The motion was amended by Terry Yanaway to: It may include all current church music directors and designated church organists/pianists as ex-officio members of the Music Committee with full voting rights if the wish to serve in this capacity. They will be recused from voting on matters that involve their own position.** Motion was tabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion to amend the 2012 budget, category A. Pastoral Ministry, item 7 Continuing Education made by Meradith McMunn to increase from \$200 to \$500. Laura Austin seconded. Motion carried.

Motion made by the Deacons (Patty Geissler) to send a letter of transfer for Lisa and Brian Reas to Central Baptist Church in Norwich. Terry Yanaway seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion on the Church Library.

The Minutes of this meeting were read. Motion made by Terry Yanaway to accept the minutes as read. Patty Geissler seconded. Motion carried.

Motion made by Terry Yanaway to adjourn the meeting. Patty Geissler seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Flynn

Coming Events in June and July of 2012

June 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 Youth Car Wash
3 CE Sunday Missions Mtg	4	5 EGMS luncheon 12pm	6	7	8	9
10 Newsletter Deadline Church Picnic	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 CE Brd Mtg 7pm	19	20	21	22	23
24 Trustees Mtg.	25	26	27	28	29	30

July 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 VBS setup	10 VBS	11 VBS	12 VBS	13 VBS	14 Youth Mission Trip
15 Youth Mission Trip	16 Youth Mission Trip	17 Youth Mission Trip	18 Youth Mission Trip	19 Youth Mission Trip	20 Youth Mission Trip	21 Youth Mission Trip
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 CE Mtg. 7pm Ron Vacation	31 Pastor Ron Vacation				

Coming Events in August of 2012

August 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Pastor Ron Vacation	2 Pastor Ron Vacation	3 Pastor Ron Vacation	4 Pastor Ron Vacation
5 Pastor Ron Vacation	6 Pastor Ron Vacation	7 Pastor Ron Vacation	8 Pastor Ron Vacation	9 Pastor Ron Vacation	10 Pastor Ron Vacation	11 Pastor Ron Vacation
12 Pastor Ron Vacation	13 Pastor Ron is back	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Communica- tions mtg	27 CE mtg 7pm	28	29	30	31	

June Birthdays

June 1—Pete Bradshaw
 June 2—Evan Fulton
 June 2—Aishlinn Bradshaw
 June 4—Ethel Larkin
 June 4—Jennifer Whittemore
 June 7—Lyrica Yanaway
 June 8—James Kloss
 June 10—Karen Hocking
 June 11—Bonnie Buscaglia
 June 11—Millie Larkins
 June 12—Frank Whitehead
 June 15—Meradith McMunn
 June 16—Faith Austin
 June 16—Guy Myette
 June 18—Lee Salina
 June 19—Karen Watson
 June 22—Pastor Ron Baker
 June 23—Quinn Yanaway
 June 25—Wendy Edwards
 June 28—Ryan Quigley

July Birthdays

July 1—Andrew Gardiner
 July 2—Karen Peters
 July 4—Martha Davis
 July 7—Dana Yanaway
 July 8—Ellie Trainor
 July 15—Kendall Barry
 July 16—Joy Erickson
 July 18—Erin Flynn
 July 19—Jill Stedman-Myette
 July 20—Karley Haggan
 July 22—Nicholas Donato
 July 25—Warren Austin
 July 27—Stephen Donato
 July 29—David Barry



August Birthdays

August 1—Kathryn Haggan
 August 4—Rachel Sherman
 August 6—Sam Shepardson
 August 10—Emily Grace Bigl
 August 17—Elizabeth Hocking
 August 18—Ethan Fulton
 August 18—John Riesen
 August 21—Olivia Baker
 August 21—Julie Nicholson
 August 21—Dick Smith
 August 23—David Stevens
 August 23—Emily Whitehead
 August 24—Susan Bauer
 August 25—Wendy Parker
 August 25—Sandy Stevens
 August 26—Rahim Samuel Mama
 August 26—Raman Emanuel Mama
 August 27—Jenette Kloss
 August 29—Bob Gardiner
 August 30—Kim Setterberg
 August 31—Ashley Ault



Dates to Remember

July 9—VBS Setup

July 10 through July 13—VBS (evening program)

July 14 through July 21—Youth Mission Trip

July 30—Christian Ed Mtg. 7pm

July 30 through August 12—Pastor Ron vacation

August 13—Pastor Ron returns to work

August 26—Communications Mtg. 7pm

August 27—Christian Ed Mtg. 7pm



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Youth Group, Fri. 6:30-9:00 p.m.



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