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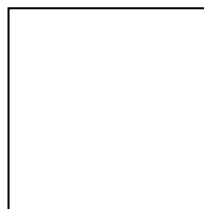
Schedule of Services

Sundays, Holy Eucharist – 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School and Childcare

Rev. Susan S. York - Vicar

Rev. Charleen Crean – Deacon



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Christian Education:

Pre School to young teens begin at 9:45 a.m.
Nursery: beginning at 9:00 a.m.
Adult Forum 9 – 9:45 a.m.

Katherine York, Parish Secretary/Music Director
Office Hours – Monday & Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Also by appointment

Advisory Committee

Amy Zimmerman – Bishop's Warden
Todd Rugg – People's Warden
Rob Wagley-Secretary
Marcia Duvall
Brenda Benham
Brian Macomber
Jim Finkler
Jean Dibell-Treasurer

Mission Statement

Holy Spirit is a faith community that celebrates and brings God's love to the world through our children, our people and our lives.

Prayer List

Hazel Trampler
Mother Pam Breakey
Jack & Steven
Larry Britton
Bradley Patten
James Melendez
Jim Winchell
Nellie Osband
Carrie LaFond
Edwin Oliver
Decotah
Adam White
Jennifer Parzych
Nicole Nessen
Andy Bsharah
Del & Hazel
Ashley Hendricks
Phyllis & Chris
Ed Peede

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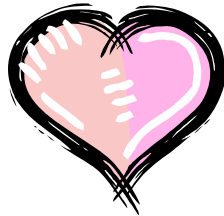
Happy Birthday!

Tucker York – 11/1
Cassandra Aben – 11/11
Caleb Singleton – 11/11
Rev. John Crean – 11/15
Brenda Benham – 11/18
Marsha Hirt – 11/26
Ted Gerrard – 11/29



Happy Anniversary!

Rob & Judy Wagley – 11/7
Amy Rinck – 11/23



My apologies if I have missed your birthday or anniversary. Please call the office to update my list, 616-784-1111 or e-mail us.

Habitat for Humanity Happenings



I made it home safe and sound on Saturday, November 4. My trip was truly life-changing as I met so many people and learned the Indian culture. We put up 100 houses in five days. There were over 40 countries represented at this build and somehow, we managed to understand each other as to what needed to be done and how to do it. Safety was of primary concern and luckily, there were no major accidents the whole week. We drank plenty of water everyday, as the temperature would reach over 100 degrees at times and by the middle of the week, it was estimated that we had reached our projected consumption of bottled water.

It was exhausting and invigorating, hard manual work, but yet energizing just to be there in the middle of India, helping people that literally have nothing. I look forward to sharing my stories and pictures in Sundays to come.

Thank you for all your thoughts and prayers, they were truly felt everyday!

Dhaanyvaad (thank you in Hindu),

Katy

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IMPORTANT FALL DATES

November 4	Apple Country Bazaar
November 7	First rehearsal of Children's Choir
November 11	ECW Meet at Jody's, 9am
November 11	Stewardship's Chili Cook-Off
November 23	THANKSGIVING DAY
December 3	First Sunday of Advent
December 17	Children's Choir to sing during service
December 24	Christmas Pageant, 10:00am Christmas Eve Music 9:30pm Candlelight Eucharist 10:00pm

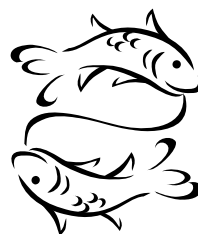
Homework Help

Homework help is a new ministry at Holy Spirit. Certified teachers and volunteers spend time tutoring school children grades 2-8. Thursday Evenings, 6pm -7:30pm.

At

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Computers for word processing and spreadsheets are available, as well as printers.



PANTRY PAGE

We are excited about the opening of our food pantry, "Loaves and Fishes."

Since opening on August 29, and as of November 1, we have fed just under 200 people! The pantry will continue to be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00-7:30p.m. "Loaves and Fishes" will serve families each week as referred to us by ACCESS, and will also welcome walk-ins. If you know someone who could use our pantry, please feel free to let them know about us.

Special thanks to our friends and partners at Assumption Church for generously donating items and supplying us with 10 new trained volunteers to help staff the pantry!

Each Tuesday and Thursday, we will need 3-4 volunteers to work as "Crew Leaders," "Greeters" and "Shoppers' Assistants." Please sign up to help—a calendar is posted on the kiosk. YOU are welcome to be part of this important and rewarding outreach effort. Remember, your dollars go a long, long way: we can purchase many items from Second Harvest Gleaners for 15 cents per pound. Special envelopes are available for monetary donations.

Special needs this month include:

Spaghetti sauce
Kids School Snacks
Puddings
Snack bars

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Fruit Juice gummy snacks

Meats: 1 lb packages of hamburger

Whole Chickens

Small hams or slices

Beef or Pork roasts

Hot dogs

Don't forget to empty your piggy-banks and fill your pockets on the last Sunday of the month—our "Noisy Collection" will benefit "Loaves and Fishes."

Thank you to all who have helped so far. The Holy Spirit is truly moving us once again to "feed my sheep."

Judy Wagley

Enjoy an Advent Retreat at Grace Church in Holland. Saturday, December 9, 9am to 4pm.

Fr. Patrick W. Collins will speak about
Thomas Merton: Man, Monk, Myth with
Music.

Please register by Dec. 6th at 616-396-7459.
A suggested free will offering of \$10.00.



Children's Choir

Our children's choir will be beginning on Tuesday, November 7 from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. Our first session will be very fun learning how to play rhythm instruments and play as a group. We will also be learning advent songs to play at the December 17th service at Holy Spirit. I am excited to get started and look forward to teaching your children about music!

If you would like to sign up your child even after November 7, please contact Holy Spirit at 616-784-1111. There are two more sessions to plug in after Christmas too.

Session I November 7-December 12th 2006

Singing at CHS on Dec. 17th

Session II February 20th – April 10th 2007

Singing at St. Andrew's on April 15th

Session III April 17th – May 15th 2007

Singing at St. Andrew's on May 17th for Confirmation

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Katy in India Habitat for Humanity Oct. 26 – Nov. 4				Homework Help & Pantry 6-7:30pm	No Office Hours	Apple Country Bazaar 9am-3pm
Nov. 5 10:00am Holy Eucharist Choir Sing	6 EFM	7 Election Day! Pantry 6-7:30 Children's Choir Session One (1) 6:30 – 7:30pm	8	9 Homework Help & Pantry 6-7:30pm	10	11 Chili Cook-Off sponsored by the Stewardship Comm. ECW Meeting at Jody's In Rockford, 9am
Nov. 12 10:00 am Holy Eucharist	13 EFM	14 Pantry 6-7:30 Children's Choir Session One (2) 6:30 – 7:30pm	15	16 Homework Help & Pantry 6-7:30pm	17	18 Thanksgiving Service at Holy Family 6pm
Nov. 19 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Choir sing	20 EFM	21 Pantry 6-7:30 Children's Choir Session One (3) 6:30 – 7:30pm	22	23 Happy Thanksgiving Homework Help & Pantry 6-7:30pm	24	25
26 10:00 am Holy Eucharist	27 EFM	28 Pantry 6-7:30 Children's Choir Session One (4) 6:30 – 7:30pm	29	30 Homework Help & Pantry 6-7:30pm		