

2011 Festival of Sharing Materials Distributed at Conference

We have the 2011 Festival of Sharing booklet, and while September and our annual Family Food Packs mission seems like a long time from now, it's not!

It has been requested that the information for 2011 Family Food Packs be published in the *Beacon* now so that those wishing to participate have as much time as possible to acquire the foodstuffs needed without causing a financial hardship for the donors. The listing of needed foodstuffs will be published frequently in the *Beacon* and on an insert in the Sunday morning worship bulletin, as we get closer to the actual mission time.

This year, the value of each pack is again at \$37; however, the items and quantities remain the same. This accessed value reflects the current statewide price of the foodstuffs, but is not necessarily indicative of what local prices are.

Last year, we were blessed to exceed our goals in all areas. Our goal had been 30 Family Food Packs, and here is what was contributed by St. Paul:

35 Family Food Packs, valued at \$1,295.00
03 Paper Product Packs, valued at \$42.00
02 Personal Hygiene Packs, valued at \$40.00
02 Readin' & Writin' Packs, valued at \$24.00
03 Student Dental Packs, valued at \$33.00

We will begin accepting donations in mid August (in the barrel outside the Mission/Work Room in the east hallway) for those who want to get started early. The barrel will **only** be used for Family Food Packs from mid August to the end of September.

2011 Family Food Pack

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| 6 cans assorted vegetables | 6 can assorted fruits |
| 6 cans tuna | 2 cans pasta sauce |
| 2 pounds pasta | 2 jars peanut butter |
| 2 cans Spam | 2 pounds rice |
| 2 pounds dried pinto beans | 6 packages macaroni & cheese |

The Festival will be held October 15^h at the Missouri State Fairgrounds in Sedalia; however, if available again this year, we will utilize a drop-off site at Phelps Park ahead of the event and the boxes will be trucked to Sedalia for us.

The purpose of the Festival of Sharing, which is an interfaith celebration and ingathering of mission resources, is to promote and support projects and programs by providing funding and resource goods.

Sandie McIntire, Chairperson

Need Copy Paper Boxes for Family Food Packs

Can you help provide empty copy paper boxes to be used for the Family Food Packs for Festival of Sharing?

These sturdy boxes with lids are the perfect size for packing the foodstuffs for the Family Food Packs. They hold up extremely well during the packing and moving process to reach their final destinations, and all we have to do is label and seal.

The problem is that these boxes are not returnable to us so each year, so we must find new boxes. Truth be told, these boxes are wanted by everyone for storage purposes so they are sometimes quite difficult to find. If we are not able to find sufficient numbers of good, empty copy paper boxes each year, we are forced to purchase cardboard banker's boxes which are the next closest equivalent.

If you have access to these much sought after gems either through your work place or some other source, would you please consider donating them to St. Paul for our Festival of Sharing projects?

I will accept these boxes and their lids (in good shape, please) any time you can access them. Please stack next to the mission barrel in the east hallway and we will put them into storage until needed.

How many am I looking for? As many as I can get because we used more than 40 last year for all the items we sent to Festival.

Thanks in advance for any help you can give us.

Sandie McIntire, Chairperson



RAGAN HOUSE RESTORATION FUND

In Memory of Fran Ayre

By: Jean Turner

Hospitality, Missions & Outreach Committee Report

The Hospitality, Missions & Outreach Committee met on June 14th to handle the following business:

- It was announced that Crosslines would no longer be accepting clothing, as their focus would be on food distribution solely.
- Pastor Ron noted that unless someone else expresses an interest in undertaking the funeral dinner coordinator position, he would appoint Sandie McIntire to handle that job for the remainder of the year. She accepted.
- Plans for the upcoming July 17th Quarterly Fellowship Dinner were finalized.
- A brief overview of this year's Festival of Sharing and the Family Food Packs mission was given by Sandie McIntire.
- Dottie Miller gave an update on CCCO.
- It was announced that the St. Paul Art Guild and any First Friday involvement was on hiatus or on inactive status at this time.
- Finally, it was announced that Bob Johnson has the church web site set up and should be operational shortly.
- The next meeting of this committee is August 9th at 1 p.m. in the church library and is open to anyone who would like to attend.

Worship Committee Report

The Worship Committee met on June 14 at 2 p.m. and reviewed the following business:

- It was noted that the choir was unable to hear Rev. Royal Speidel clearly when he offered the Sunday message several weeks ago. After discussion, it was noted that the choir will move out to the pews whenever feasible when a guest speaker is present.
- A brief update was given on the HCI timeline and what has been accomplished. The Hospitality and Connections Leaders will be chosen and have their team in place by August 1. The part-time Youth and Children's coordinators (two positions) will be hired by August 14th. It was noted that the contemporary worship music director would be interviewed by the SPR Committee in late June and the other two positions somewhat later. Additionally, the team to plan and market the new contemporary service is in place and those team members are: Tim Piland, Lauren Wilson, James Wilson and Dody Harmon.
- Plans for the June 20th Visioning Workshop with Coach Royal Speidel were discussed and finalized.
- The next meeting of this committee will be on August 9th at 2 p.m. in the church library and is open to anyone who would like to attend.

Notice of Church-wide Decluttering

Next month, we will begin fulfilling the Healthy Church Initiative prescription that directed us to get our church cleaned of clutter and unused items that serve no purpose other than taking up space.

Pursuant to the 30-day notice rule adopted by the trustees prior to the cleaning out of any area, such notice is now being given. This notice covers all areas of the church. Persons who have personal items, excess items or unused items need to remove them from the church.

By decluttering our rooms, we are consciously trading accumulated clutter and unused items taking up space in our church so we have more room for bringing new disciples of Jesus Christ into our church to transform the world.

Hospitality and Connections Leaders Introduced

At the July 3 worship service, Pastor Ron introduced Nancy and Mike Phillips as St. Paul's Hospitality and Connections ministry leaders. Part of the fifth prescription we received from the Healthy Church Initiative (HCI) report called for us to identify a person or persons to lead the church's hospitality and connections ministry. Nancy and Mike will partner with the pastor, our coach, and Head Usher Jim Owen to train and equip other church members to function in the roles of greeters, welcome center hosts and hostesses, and connectors. This team will review proven church practices and develop a training program to assist in connecting guests with various persons and groups within the church so we can be more effective in having our guests remain with us as members or regular attenders.

Anyone interested in serving as a greeter, welcome center host or hostess or connector, please let Nancy or Mike Phillips know. If you are interested and willing to serve as an usher, let Jim Owen know of your interest.

Research shows that one of the best ways to grow a church is to conscientiously focus on making guests feel genuinely welcomed and appreciated. Then and only then are they likely to return as second- or third-time guests. Our hospitality and connections ministry will focus on exactly that. We would love to have your help.

Contemporary Worship Planning Team Named

Another part of our HCI prescriptions calls for a team of three people to work with our Contemporary Worship Music Director Dody Harmon and Pastor Ron to plan and market our new Contemporary Worship service, which will begin in early September. Church members appointed to this planning team are Lauren Wilson, James Wilson and Tim Piland. If you have suggestions regarding our upcoming contemporary worship service, feel free to share them with any of the planning team members. Your prayers and support are needed as we embark on this wonderful adventure for Christ!