

The Tidings

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"We are living proof that Jesus Christ is our peace who makes strangers into friends, breaks down dividing walls and builds up real persons."

From the Pastor

The Peace Park and the Bridge of Salvation

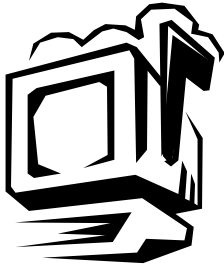
Parque de la Paz y Puente de Salvación

This summer, friends and members of the Underwood Church community will travel to El Salvador to help build a Peace Park. Work has already begun to create a place where children can safely play, women from the local cooperative can work together on their crafts, and church people can gather to worship.

The people living in the community mainly work in agriculture and fish in the nearby Lempa River. The community wants to create a space that fosters peace for children, adults, and nature. They purchased land in 2002 to build the first space of its kind in the area. People of the community hope this will be the beginning of a revitalization of the area.

The area around the park suffered through the earthquakes of the 2001, Hurricane Mitch in 1998, and civil war from 1980-1992. Serving as a silent witness beyond the site, stand the remains of a bridge (Puente de Salvación) destroyed in 1989. Its replacement was shattered by Hurricane Mitch in 1998.

If you are unable to join with us this summer, there are other ways to participate. Join us for a Salvadoran meal and fundraiser, Saturday, May 5th, where you can learn more about the country, the trip, and make contributions to offset trip costs.



BULLETIN BOARD

THANK YOU!

Jessie Merkt is recovering well after appendectomy surgery. Thank you for your prayers and concern.

Thank you for your gift of \$293 to **Hunger Task Force**. Through your generosity, you are not only helping to feed those in most need, but you are also opening a window of opportunity whereby other basic needs can be met. Sincerely, Charles Vestal

SAVE THE DATE!

A dinner to raise funds for the El Salvador Mission Trip will be held on May 5th.

CHOIRFEST MAY 5th 7 PM
1st BAPTIST, WEST ALLIS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Underwood Church welcomes new members, Chaz Holman, Eileen Seeger and Samantha Luckow into our church family.

CAMP TAMARACK

April 30th is the deadline for the early registration discount of \$15. See the bulletin board for times and registration forms for the summer of 2007.

AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING SURPASSES GOAL!

This year's \$1200 goal was exceeded by \$98.54. If you were watching the progress of the little green car on the Mission Board map, you learned that it zoomed past Rock Springs, Wyoming (1242 miles from Milwaukee).

Please turn in your car coin boxes, if you haven't already done so. The coins will boost the total even higher.

THANKS for your generosity.

CALENDAR

- May 6th – Fellowship Offering Underwood's family and friends
- Mother's Day – CWS
- "Blanket the World with Love"
- Father's Day – CWS "Tools of Hope"
- ABC International Ministries, July, One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

BLANKETS & TOOLS OF HOPE

During May and June each year, the Underwood community is offered the opportunity to donate blankets and tools through Church World Service. These gifts are often given in honor or memory of someone special in your life. A total of 78,525 blankets were provided internationally and domestically during 2006. Underwood was a part of that total. For our efforts we received a "blanket award" that is displayed on the Mission Board.

Watch for the Mother's Day opportunity in May to again donate money for these blankets that provide so much comfort to those in times of crisis.

ANNUAL MEETING
SUNDAY, MAY 20



THE LIBRARY CORNER

Greetings from your library!

Several people have already viewed the DVD, ***Not in Our Name***, added to the library last month. The copy we were given was in European format, but Paul Terrien was able to make a copy in a format easy to view on American DVD players. When you check out this DVD, we ask that it be returned the following Sunday so many can have the opportunity to view it.

Last month's new book, ***The Healing Quilt*** by Lauraine Snelling, has proved to be a popular addition to our collection.

Two new Christian novels were recently purchased and are waiting to be processed. Kim Vogel Sawyer is an exceptional storyteller who is sure to please fans of historical fiction. ***Waiting for Summer's Return*** and ***Where the Willows Grow*** should be ready soon. Being the librarian gives me "first dibs" on the new books . . .

We haven't had many new children's books lately. We will gladly accept books in honor of an event in your children's lives, such as a birthday or special achievement.

Carolyn Sanders, Librarian

ALTAR FLOWERS

Please consider signing up on the Altar Flowers Chart on the bulletin board (located outside the church office) to donate a flower arrangement in honor of or in memory of someone or for a special event. Ordering is quite simple. Call Alfa Florists at 414-475-7080 and order for Underwood. They will deliver on Saturday.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Members: Tifuh Amba, Jim Christenson, Bette Day, Marge Gaeth, Joyce Johnson, Jack Kearnan, Janice Melcher, Pat Ransom, Virginia Reiningger, Charlyn-Mai Roberts, Carolyn and Joe Sanders, Shari West Schmit, Dee Schowalter, Carol Schultz; Sadie Sleik, Shirley Tupper, Llew Walker, Lisa Wilkening, Tim Wilkening.

Friends and Others Known to the Church

Family: Tifuh Amba's mother, aunt, Anne Marie, sister, Mourine Amba; Chausiku Abedi's and Mukubi Sikisi's children; Judy Chan and her co-workers; Pam Clark's mom, Wilma Clark; Nancy Fritter's mother, Jean Thomas; Kathie Hanold's friends, Jimmy & Faith Givings; Steve Heimerl's brother-in-law, Frank Slayton; Margaret Jeske's Cousin, Erwin Zapf; Robin Jeske's friend, Jeanne; Joyce Johnson's niece, Jean Kate Moten; Chad & Sarah Kafka's friends, Brian & Anita; Diana Lemke; Janice Melcher's friend, Kali; Grace Morgan's son, David; Sei Pramenko's sister, Masa; Julie Sander's friend, Lilli's daughter, Amelia; Carolyn & Joe Sanders' daughter, Jenneane; Shari West Schmit's father, Owen West; friends, little Shannon and brother Danny, Stacey, Crystal, Sarah, Jessica, Jess, Sharon, David, Bob, Sammie & William, Sandy, Mary, Al and Nancy; Rhonda; PFC. Mario S. Vasquez, friend of Shari, serving in Baghdad; and all soldiers in active duty; Earl and Carol Schultz' daughter-in-law, Gayle Schultz; Keith and Virginia Wick's nephew, Leo; Wendy Whitaker.

Sympathy: The Underwood Church family extends love and sympathy to family and friends, upon the death of daughter, wife, mother and friend, Nancy Heimerl. The service was held March 24, 2007.

THANKS FOR A SUCCESSFUL RUMMAGE SALE!!

The April 21st RUMMAGE SALE was awesome. Thanks to all who donated items and/or helped in some way. We appreciated everyone's efforts. The total amount received for missions will be announced in the future.

WANTED: GRADUATES

Are you aware of someone graduating this year, from high school, college, tech school, etc.? Please contact the church office. We plan to recognize these students and their achievements.

VIVATeen Corner

We are **VIVATeen**, the teen group at Underwood Memorial Baptist Church!

You may have seen us at the bake sale a few Sundays ago, fundraising for our upcoming **May 18th bowling expedition**. We raised over \$150.00, and we thank everyone who bought the baked goods! Also a special thanks to the church for donating the left-over baked goods from the funeral the day before.

All Teens are welcome to join us...

Before we go bowling, we will meet at 5:30 PM in the Stable House (enter at east end of church parking lot, 1916 N.76th St.) for a pizza dinner. Then we will travel to the **Elks Lodge, 5555 W. Brown Deer Road**. The cost to attend is **only \$5.00** which includes the cost of pizza, soda, bowling and shoes. We expect to return to the Stable House at 10:30 PM. People wishing to bowl may want to bring along tennis shoes in case there is a shoe shortage. If you are interested in attending, **RSVP 414-257-9367**.

The VIVATeens will also be selling tickets to **Six Flags Great America** to raise funds for the Great Lakes Hemophilia Foundation. The tickets are **\$26.00**, and are only valid for **May 19th**. We have a goal to sell 100 tickets, and the person with highest sales will win a \$25 iTunes gift card. The VIVATeens are planning to go to Six Flags as a group, so buy your tickets and join us! Talk to a VIVATeen or email peacemongerwi@wi.rr.com for more information. If you have any questions regarding the Great Lakes Hemophilia Foundation, feel free to contact Maripat Monahan at **414-257-9367**.

Another May VIVATeen Activity: We will be participating in the **30-Hour Famine** on **May 12th** along with Pastor Jamie. The famine will be done in prayerful respect for the more than **1 billion** people who live on **\$1.00 a day**. The famine will begin on your own at **6:00AM** on **Saturday, May 12th**. We will gather at Underwood Memorial Baptist Church at **1:00PM** that day and begin group discussion and activities. Remember to bring your sleeping bags and other over-night gear. After service on the 13th, we will break the famine at noon as we share a meal together.

By Allison Hochmuth