



# VOICE Newsletter

## From the Pastor's Desk

I was reading a devotion the other day that told the story about NBC Radio's chime at the top of each hour. I'd like to share that story with you.

A long time ago, when the broadcasting industry was still in its infancy, a letter was sent to the National Broadcasting Company (NBC) from a prospector in the hills of Montana. Written on a piece of paper from a brown paper bag stuffed into an envelope was an unusual request. "I am a regular listener to your programs, and as a friend, I want to ask you for a favor. It gets lonely up here, and besides my radio and my dog I have not much else for company. I do have a violin that I used to play, but now it is badly out of tune. Would you be kind enough at seven o'clock next Sunday night to strike me an "A" so I can put that fiddle back in tune?"

At first the officials smiled at the request. But then the manager of NBC thought about it, and the request took on a bit more perspective. So the following Sunday night, the network interrupted its scheduled programming to sound an "A" and give their friend his pitch.

Well, I sometimes get "out of tune," and I know you do, too. At those times we need to get the "pitch" again. In fact, it would not be a



bad idea to start out each day by getting the "pitch" from God. The notes we receive will be notes of love, forgiveness, patience, and kindness.

This kind of getting "in tune" can be done through worship and prayer. So this summer, if you feel like you are out of "tune," why not have God strike an "A" for you. He will.

If God's own Son needed moments of contact with His Father, there is a good chance we desperately need it, too. Give it a try! Come and worship. Come and pray. Get back in tune so you can live your life in harmony with God and those around you.

Blessings this summer,  
Pastor Benson



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## Council Corner

### Highlights of 06/09/09 Meeting

Recently we were notified that the Carpenters, our neighbors to the east, are wishing to sell some of their property. The Property Committee and other members are currently gathering information. We will need to decide if it would be feasible for Ebenezer

to purchase this property for future use and if so, a special congregation meeting is required before any offer to purchase can be made.

The Council also discussed some ways we could possibly make our worship more contemporary.



# Sunday Education Preschool

## RALLY SUNDAY

Have an enjoyable summer! The September VOICE comes out in August. Check for news about Rally Sunday—the date and planned activities for the 2009-2010 kickoff for our Christian education.



## RECRUITING TEACHERS

We are recruiting teachers for the upcoming year. If you are interested in assisting in this rewarding experience with our wonderful children, please leave word at the church office, 425-334-0421. The Education Committee will call you.

## VBS



This year's VBS theme was Son Treasure Island: Discovering God's Love. We had 75 children registered and 37 staff members performing various tasks throughout the week. We also had many who contributed by donating, preparing crafts, praying, and offering support.

The children learned about God's love through Bible stories, music, games, and crafts and that God's love is giving, kind, caring, forgiving, forever, and for everyone.

Thank you to all the staff who worked hard to make VBS so much fun for the children of Ebenezer and our community. You did an awesome job! The children loved singing songs led by the worship team and some will come back on Sunday, June 28, to sing for the congregation.

The last day of VBS the children will put on a closing program for their families, and then they'll have hot dogs, chips, juice, and a Treasure Island cake. This will be a fun time of fellowship for the children and their families. Thank you to all. You are greatly appreciated. God bless you. —Mary Fish, VBS Director



## Ebenezer Preschool Activities

The Preschool is on summer break. Even though Preschool is out, we have fun, summer activities coming up that are offered to our preschoolers.



Preschoolers and their families have been invited to Arlington Fly-In's 17<sup>th</sup> annual Kids' Day on Wednesday, July 8. They will have a variety of hands-on activities for the children as well as static displays such as simulators, airplanes, and an exciting special Kids' Day aerobatic air show.



They have also added a NASA exhibit to the activities that will allow the children to explore the moon, Mars, and beyond. The Exploration Experience begins with a simulated visit to the moon where explorers will build a lunar outpost and touch an actual moon rock. A second section of the exhibit features a hexagonal, interactive theater that introduces visitors to NASA's plan of returning to the moon in new vehicles.



Aquafest is the end of July and Ebenezer Preschool has been invited to have a booth on Sunday, July 26, for Family Fun Fest Day at the North Cove Park. We will welcome new families, see old families, and share fun memories and pictures from our Preschool. Roll up your sleeves and visit us at the booth for some hands-on decorating. You can decorate a cookie with your favorite icing and sprinkles. See you there!

## 2009-2010 Registration

There is still time to register for next fall. Call Lisa Curtis, Director, at 425-397-6374. Parent orientation is August 26 at 7 pm. Have fun in the sun this summer!

# W.A.T.CH.

## WATCH CLOSING PROGRAM

Our closing program was on Wednesday, May 27. We put together 48 health kits and 42 layette kits that will be blessed and sent to Lutheran World Relief this fall. Diana and Amy Cross and Mary Fish put together a fun game of "Ebenezer Feud." Many contestants played. Thank you to the wonderful kitchen crew who cooked the hamburgers and hot dogs and to everyone who brought a delicious salad.



Putting together kits

## KICKOFF SERVICE PROJECT

We will put together school kits for LWR during WATCH Kickoff on Wednesday, September 9. Our goal is 125 completed bags. Several things are needed for each bag: 1 spiral notebook containing 150-200 sheets; 1 blunt pair of scissors; a 30-centimeter ruler; 1 pencil sharpener; 6 new, unsharpened No. 2 pencils with erasers (secured with a rubber band); 1 eraser approximately 2 1/2 inches; 12 sheets of construction paper in assorted colors; and 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons.

Lots of help is needed to put together 125 school bags—more pinning and ironing than sewing! Assembly line dates:

- Wednesday, July 29, 5-8 pm
- Wednesday, August 25, 10 am-2 pm
- Wednesday, August 26, 5-8 pm.

Please bring a potluck dish. Questions? Call JoAnn Cross, 425-334-8540.

## WOW (WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAYS)

We will have Praise & Worship services on Wednesday, July 15 and August 19, at 7 pm. Come to praise our Lord in a contemporary service outdoors (weather permitting). Communion will be celebrated.

# Events Page

## 4TH OF JULY BBQ & AQUASOX GAME BBQ 4:30 PM ~ GAME 7:05 PM



WERE GOING TO A  
BALL GAME!

We will have our annual get-together again this year. The Aquasox are playing the Yakima Bears with fireworks after the game. The last day to purchase tickets at Ebenezer is Sunday, June 28. Tickets cost \$9.50. If you didn't buy a ticket at church, please feel free to come to the BBQ. Call Dave or Irma Gross, 425-334-8391, for info.

## COFFEE STOP ~ AUGUST 10-12



The first Coffee Stop has been successfully completed. With a great amount of donations and time given, we realized \$338.76 in profit.

The second Coffee Stop is on the horizon for Monday-Wednesday, August 10-12. The signup sheets will be available beginning Sunday, July 19. Comments or questions? Please call Dotty Ronnestad, 425-334-4755. A big thank you for participating in June's Centennial Coffee Stop and in advance for an August response.

## 4TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT SATURDAY, AUGUST 15



Golf  
Signup

We will play nine holes of scramble-format golf; cost is \$20. If you want to use a cart, it will be an additional \$11 (whether for one person or two). The signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. You can form your own foursome, or just sign up to play and you will be placed in a foursome. Dinner and prizes will follow; arrangements are still being made so watch for more info in the announcements. Questions? Please contact Jan Lundquist, 425-335-0710.

## AQUAFEST ROOT BEER FLOAT BOOTH JULY 24-26, 2008

We will be selling root beer floats this year. Proceeds will benefit Ebenezer Lutheran, Lake Stevens Community Supper, Lake Stevens Food Bank, and the Lake Stevens Family Center.

Would you like to help in the booth? Check the signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall and pick the times most convenient for you. This is a great way to get acquainted with members of our community and have a fun day.

Aquafest is the Lake Stevens' local street fair. Last year over 32,000 people came for multiple events such as two parades, music, food booths, etc.



## Please bring your root beer donations to Ebenezer by July 5

We are collecting 200 liters (2- or 3-liter bottles) of root beer to be used in the booth. We have a chart displayed so we can all watch as we meet our goal. Thanks for your support!

## \$50 SAILBOAT RACE SUNDAY, JULY 26, JUST AFTER NOON



This REALLY fun event is sponsored by Ebenezer Lutheran Church. The 1<sup>st</sup> place winner will be awarded a \$50 gift card.

Start building your boat or make plans to cheer on the racers. Participants build sailboats out of junk (worth less than \$50) and race them. For information, call Ken Cross, 425-334-8540.

You'll enjoy watching this fun—AND WET—event at the downtown boat launch. Boats will be towed out at noon; the race starts between 12-1 pm.

## REMEMBER YOUR PLEDGE

Offering envelopes are preaddressed for easy mailing. Please contact the church office, 425-334-0421, if you need envelopes. God bless you for your faithful giving.



## WHAT'S UP WITH FELLOWSHIP?

- Pinochle. No pinochle this summer. See you on September 12.
- Cribbage ~ Sundays, July 19 & August 16, 2-5 pm. Bring your cribbage board, a snack to share, family, friends, and neighbors for this fun activity. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall.
- Overnight Hike to Gothic Basin ~ August 29-30. Gothic Basin is one of God's masterpieces. It's a 3.3 mile (each way) hike but gains 2,700 feet in a very short distance. Often Foggy Lake remains frozen through September. We plan to camp at Foggy Lake. This will give us an opportunity to scramble up some of the surrounding mountain peaks. This trail is recommended only for experienced hikers. For more info, contact Arden Olson, 360-568-3939, or Ken Cross, 425-334-8540.
- Church Campout, S'mores, & Picnic ~ Friday-Sunday, August 21-23.



**Friday afternoon:** We're camping at the Pilchuck River on the Lund's property. NO water hookups. NO cost. NO pets.



**Saturday:** Join us at the Lund's fire pit by the Pilchuck River. At 8 pm the Fellowship Committee will provide s'mores for dessert at the evening campfire.



**Sunday:** We'll eat at 12 pm. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and beverages will be provided. Bring a side dish with a labeled utensil, lawn chair, sunscreen, a towel (to play in the water), and friends and neighbors. Many FUN activities are planned. DON'T MISS IT! Directions will be available.



# Ministries of Ebenezer

## SUMMER FUN



Summer fun is something most of us look forward to. We often spend our time outdoors and away from home. It's a well-deserved break which helps to renew and refresh us. Part of our renewal should include worship.

When we're on vacation we have great opportunities for worshipping with other congregations and enjoying other styles of worship. But let's remember our home church with our offerings. Our pledges and offerings may be given in advance, mailed, or given through the Simply Giving program. May God keep all of us safe in our travels this summer.

## FELLOWSHIP NEEDS ~ JULY/AUGUST

Hot and cold paper cups and paper napkins are being collected for fellowship activities (e.g., committee meetings). Mark all donations "fellowship" and leave them in the kitchen. Thank you for providing these supplies!

## COMMUNITY SUPPER NEEDS

We are collecting canned pears, peaches, fruit cocktail, and applesauce. Please leave donated items in the baskets under the signups in the Fellowship Hall. Ebenezer serves on Thursdays, July 23 and August 27. To help, please sign up on the Supper board.

## ORDER A LUTHERAN STUDY BIBLE

Would you like a copy of the new *Lutheran Study Bible*? If we order a minimum of 10 hardback copies from Augsburg Fortress, the price per bible would be \$30.75 (including tax and shipping). If you would like to be included in this order, leave your name and phone number in the office. When we have enough to order 10, we'll contact you and collect the money at that time.

## 2ND QUARTER STATEMENTS



Your can pick up your statements in the Narthex the week of July 12.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

If you have signed up to provide flowers, you do not need to order them from a florist. You can buy them from a grocery store or Costco or pick them from your garden. The best times to bring them to the church are on Friday when the office is open or on Sunday before the service begins.



## LAWN MAINTENANCE

Please sign up to help maintain the church grounds. In our garden shed is a nice ride-on mower, a string trimmer, and other lawn equipment. For more info, please contact Ken Cross, 425-334-8540, or Betty Bauer, 425-334-6332.



## CALENDAR PLANNING MEETING SEPTEMBER 22 ~ 6 PM

All committees and groups who plan activities at the church are asked to give Roseanne in the office all the dates of your scheduled events from October 1, 2009, to September 30, 2010, by September 13. These dates will be added to the master calendar, and we will work out scheduling conflicts at the meeting.

## THANK YOU, FAST TEAM #6

Led by Don and Sue Wilson, FAST Team #6 did a wonderful job serving in June making our worship enriching, fulfilling, and especially meaningful. Thank you.

## FAST TEAM #9 MEETING

Leaders Lee Albertsen and Irma Gross and the members of FAST Team #9 will help with Sunday morning duties in September. Look for a mailing in August.

## F.A.S.T.

### (Faith And Service Teams)

The **FAST Team #7** leaders for July are **Rex and Debbie Bracht**. The following members will be called to help with Sunday morning duties:

### JULY

**Anderson**, Nona  
**Anderson**, Sandra, Carol  
**Bracht**, Rex & Debbie  
**DeFrang**, Bob & Rainy  
**Franson**, Dale & Barbara  
**Franson**, Mike & Dina, Kara  
**Hallanger**, Pam, Sharron, Mike  
**Holm**, Donna  
**Lundquist**, Don & Janet  
**Marks**, Sandy  
**Martuch**, Paul & Susan, Dominic, Nicolas, Isabella  
**Vickery**, John & Beth, John, Danae, Molly, Emma  
**Werst**, Betsy, Ben

The **FAST Team #8** leaders for August are **Bob and Gretchen Aikman**. The following members will be called to help with Sunday morning duties:

### AUGUST

**Aikman**, Bob & Gretchen, Bobby, Hannah, Mitchell  
**Benko**, Ed & Bette  
**Caulfield**, Dan & Kay, Cory  
**Durden**, Priscilla  
**Fett**, Doug & Carole, Leslie, Trevor  
**Henderson**, Ray & Helen  
**Hendrickson**, Helen J.  
**Hendrickson**, Seth  
**Hendrickson**, Shane  
**Hendrickson**, Sheldon, Shaya  
**Hendrickson**, Sid  
**Ives**, Dennis & Mariann  
**Jacobson**, Shirley  
**Lamont**, Zac & Krissy, Shelby  
**Nesse**, Gunn  
**Piggott**, Doreen  
**Scott**, Ruth



## Our July/August Birthdays

Name	Birth Date (month/day)	Name	Birth Date (month/day)	Name	Birth Date (month/day)
<b>July</b>		Caton, Gregg	7/21	Caulfield, Kay	8/8
Shultz, Grant	7/1	Fett, Douglas	7/21	Freerks, Pat	8/9
Williams, Dee Anne	7/2	Albertsen, Leodyce	7/23	Hamel, Laurie	8/12
Lund, Bill	7/3	Powell, Judith	7/23	Chapman, Loydeen	8/16
Staffenhagen, Leigha	7/3	Schuchard, Caleb	7/23	Lyon, Barb	8/16
Benson, Lewis	7/4	Foster, Bob	7/24	Taylor, Lorna	8/18
Cash, Nathan	7/4	Lowery, Mike	7/26	Vickery, Emma	8/18
Cross, Jeff	7/5	Palmer, Judy	7/28	Vickery, Molly	8/18
Spade, Ariel	7/5	Spade, Kathy	7/29	Durden, Steve	8/19
Miller, Michael	7/7	Butzer, Adeline	7/31	Anderson, Nona	8/22
Rhodes, Zachary	7/9	Caton, Rhonda	7/31	Ronnestad, Harold	8/22
Charlot, Amy	7/13	Jackson, Jim	7/31	Hendrickson, Shaya	8/24
Fish, Elyse	7/13	Qualey, Doris	7/31	Miller, Connie	8/25
Henderson, Ray	7/13			Tomer, Breanna	8/26
Benda, Dave	7/15	<b>August</b>		Severson, Carole	8/30
Dorsey, Allison	7/15	Fish, Anthony	8/1	Smith, Margaret	8/30
Espeseth, Howard	7/16	Hennig, Judy	8/3	Hallanger, Pam	8/31
Beers, Sarah	7/18	Sutton, Kristin	8/4	Lamont, Zac	8/31
Fett, Carole	7/19	Stepp, Janice	8/5		
Burgess, Collin	7/21	Dagastino, Sam	8/7		

## The Prayer Corner

If you have an urgent need, call Alice Werner, 425-334-6845, or Margaret Ren, 425-334-3843, the prayer chain leaders, who will contact members of the prayer



chain to begin praying. We encourage all members of our congregation to pray regularly for the following members to strengthen and bind the Body of Christ:

### Members of the Congregation:

Ellen Bersas - recovering from hip surgery  
Tyler Caulfield - life's issues  
Anya Hennig - healing from car accident  
Marilyn Peterson - medical issues  
Margaret Ren - healing for stress fracture  
Lee Turcotte - continued healing  
Bill Wilson - health concerns

### Homebound or Special Care Residents:

Waleene Gardner Louise Hoefter  
Allan Patchett Charlotte Petty

Lucille Smith Maggie Smith  
Pat Tastad Lorna Taylor

### Extended Family with Needs:

Michael Anderson (Terri Bookey's brother) - terminal cancer  
Jim Bruins (Eileen Bruins' son) - leukemia  
Kayla Gay (Helen J. Hendrickson's niece)  
Delmar Jorgensen (Shirley Jorgensen's husband) - comfort & peace for family  
Ron & Margie Kickert (Cheryl Nelson's parents)  
Roger Koepsell (Betty Bauer's father)  
Brady McGee (Kathy Huber's nephew) - at home & waiting for a new kidney  
Buzzy McGee (Kathy Huber's brother)  
Pat Morgan (Pat Jackson's friend) - heart aneurism  
Malia Osborne (Anna Lee Kirtley's granddaughter)  
Marilee Payne (Waleene Gardner's sister-in-law) - rare blood disorder

Linda Perry (Carol Perry's daughter-in-law) - critical care

Sam Peterson (Marilyn Peterson's son) - recovering from brain injury  
Vina Phelps (Kathy Parzyk & Debbie May's aunt) - cancer  
Mark Rice (Alice Werner's nephew)  
John Schuchard (Pam Schuchard's husband) - ongoing medical problems  
Sherri Silcox (Annetta Silcox's daughter)  
Esther Stephens (Pat Jackson's aunt) - broken arm & blood clots  
Meggi Ward (Susan Shephard's friend)

### For All Our Military and Their Families:

Jason Parzyk  
Afghanistan: Joshua Main  
Iraq: Charlie Pugsley  
Kuwait: Karlin Swearingen

### For Those Who Grieve:

Jacobs Family - Judy Palmer & Gail Lowery's friend, Jerry Jacobs, passed away



# YOE News

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Event</u>
TBD	TBD	Ebenezer/Centennial Trail	MS/HS Bike Ride
July 19	6:00 pm	Ebenezer	Come As You Are Praise & Worship/Fellowship
August 12	8:00 am-8:00 pm	Birch Bay	Birch Bay Waterslides Trip



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### **THANK YOU, EBENEZER!**



Thank YOU!

On behalf of the Youth Of Ebenezer, the EYC would like to thank everyone who made the 2008-2009 school year a success.

Without your support, the youth would not have attended many of the events and retreats that were offered this past year.

Many of you volunteered to be teachers, planners, chaperones, chefs, servers, and many other duties. For this, we thank you. The youth program could not run without your help.

YOE would also like to thank everyone who contributed to our fundraising efforts which included Easter Breakfast, Norwegian Pancake Breakfast, Spaghetti Dinner, M&Ms for Holden Village, Yakama Mission Trip Rock-A-Thon, etc.

Thanks to your generous donations, YOE was able to keep our event and retreat costs for the students at an affordable price. In addition, this money makes sure that EYC can provide scholarships so EVERY student can attend. Thank you!

Why do we say "amen" instead of "awomen"? Because we sing "hymns," not "hers."

### **WORSHIP SERVICE/FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY, JULY 19, STARTING AT 6 PM**



Join us as we lift up our voices (and maybe our hands) in worship to our risen Lord, Jesus Christ. **EVERYONE** is welcome!

The theme for July is "Wise Choices." In a world hungry for power, Christians have been given the ability to make Wise Choices in another way: We have been given a wisdom that leads to peace. It will cost us our lives. To the world this sounds very foolish, but the world doesn't believe in resurrection. Paul said, "The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God" (I Corinthians 1:18). The MS and HS youth will have a time of fellowship following the service.

### **LET'S GO FOR A RIDE**

Last year we had a great time riding north, so this year let's ride south on the Centennial Trail. Brian plans to lead a group of MS/HS youth (whoever wants to go) from the church to the Trail, south to the end of the trail in Snohomish, have lunch, and then head back. Look for the signup sheet on the Youth Board, and watch the announcements for date and time.

### **BIRCH BAY WATERSLIDES WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12**

We are going to the Birch Bay waterslides this year because it is half of what Wild Waves costs and the lines are equally as short. BUT ... the waterslides are just as fun. The cost is \$16 plus tax. We will leave the church at 8 am and return at approximately 8 pm. This event is open to all ages, but children 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger must have an adult with them.



What to bring: swimsuit, beach towel, sunscreen, clear water bottle, and lunch or lunch money. Since the lines are shorter, buying lunch is alright. Plus, food prices are lower! Check the Youth Board for signup and permission sheets.

### **FREEDOMFEST—CANCELLED? SATURDAY, AUGUST 15**

The FreedomFest website is not working, but it looks like this awesome event is being cancelled due to lack of attendance last year. If so, it will be sorely missed.

FreedomFest is a Christian rock festival held at Stocker Farms in Snohomish. The bands all have good messages and the youth enjoy "moshing" in the pit. If the event happens, Brian will make sure everyone is informed of date and prices.

# Readings for Worship

## July 5 (Communion)

**1st Lesson:** Ezekiel 2:1-5

**Psalm:** Psalm 123

**2nd Lesson:** II Corinthians 12:2-10

**Gospel:** Mark 6:1-13

## July 12

**1st Lesson:** Amos 7:7-15

**Psalm:** Psalm 85:8-13

**2nd Lesson:** Ephesians 1:3-14

**Gospel:** Mark 6:14-29

## July 19 (Communion)

**1st Lesson:** Jeremiah 23:1-6

**Psalm:** Psalm 23

**2nd Lesson:** Ephesians 2:11-22

**Gospel:** Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

## July 26

**1st Lesson:** II Kings 4:42-44

**Psalm:** Psalm 145:10-18

**2nd Lesson:** Ephesians 3:14-21

**Gospel:** John 6:1-21



**Bible Readings for the Month**

## August 2 (Communion)

**1st Lesson:** Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

**Psalm:** Psalm 78:23-29

**2nd Lesson:** Ephesians 4:1-16

**Gospel:** John 6:24-35

## August 9

**1st Lesson:** I Kings 19:4-8

**Psalm:** Psalm 34:1-8

**2nd Lesson:** Ephesians 4:25—5:2

**Gospel:** John 6:35, 41-51

## August 16 (Communion)

**1st Lesson:** Proverbs 9:1-6

**Psalm:** Psalm 34:9-14

**2nd Lesson:** Ephesians 5:15-20

**Gospel:** John 6:51-58

## August 23

**1st Lesson:** Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

**Psalm:** Psalm 34:15-22

**2nd Lesson:** Ephesians 6:10-20

**Gospel:** John 6:56-69

## August 30

**1st Lesson:** Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

**Psalm:** Psalm 15

**2nd Lesson:** James 1:17-27

**Gospel:** Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



July 5	9:30 am
July 12	9:30 am
July 15 - Praise & Worship	7:00 pm
July 19	9:30 am
Come As You Are Praise	6:00 pm
July 26	9:30 am
August 2	9:30 am
August 9	9:30 am
August 16	9:30 am
August 19 - Praise & Worship	7:00 pm
August 23	9:30 am
August 30	9:30 am



*Family Devotionals*

**July-September devotionals are on the counter in the Narthex**

## Church Office Hours

Monday	Office Closed
Tuesday	9-12 & 1-5
Wednesday	9-12 & 1-4
Thursday	9-12 & 1-4
Friday	9-12 & 1-4

# Special Thanks

## Thank You!

Thank you for the prayers, plus the nice cards, visits, and the many phone calls. The friends who gave me rides to Church are so appreciated. God bless all of you. —Hazel Johnson

## Welcome Home

Thanks to everyone at Ebenezer who

remembers our military families in prayer. On Memorial Day we were blessed with the safe return of my son, Arie McSherry, to Fort Campbell, KY, after his second tour of duty in Afghanistan. Arie will now return to the Pentagon where he will continue his service to our country. With God's blessings we welcome Col. McSherry home. —Marlene McSherry

## Thank You, Quilters!

The quilts given to Ebenezer's nine HS graduates were hand made and designed especially for each individual grad with their favorite colors and themes. Shelly Benda and Betty Bauer made the tops; all the quilters worked together to finish them. The graduates will cherish the quilts and remember how much God loves them.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Remember to post your calendar!

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## In the News

### 2009 Confirmands



On Sunday, May 31, at the 10:30 am service,

our Confirmands were received as workers with us in the Kingdom of God. Congratulations and God's blessings to Kara Franson and Ben Werst.

### Champion Rowers!



Bobby Aikman, son of Bob and Gretchen Aikman, has

been rowing for 3 years. On Sunday, June 14, Bobby and his crew team won the National Championship in Cincinnati, OH, for the lightweight four rowing. They were surprised, but very excited, to take the trophy for this event! Great job, Bobby!

### 2009 Graduates



Left-Right: Mark Hansen, Steven Galioto, Kevin Cash, Eric Shephard, Kate Palmer, Amanda Iffrig, Lindsey Hurt, Leslie Fett, & Kathryn Benson

Congratulations! The reception was on Sunday, June 14, for all our graduates including college grads, Meredith Brandstetter, Amy Cross, Sharron Hallanger, and Andrew Olson. We pray God's blessing on you as you start your new careers/vocations.

Brian Tomer introduced each HS graduate as a quilt made by Ebenezer's quilting ladies was presented to them. Pastor gave all the graduates a blessing. Seven HS graduates also received a scholarship from the Foundation Board.

### JrROTC Award

On Friday, May 29, Steven Galioto, son of Andy and Monika Galioto, was presented with an award from the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for scholastic excellence, demonstration of Americanism, and outstanding leadership which includes dependability, good character, self discipline, good citizenship, and patriotism. We're proud of you, Steven!



### 50+ Anniversaries

In June Allan and Waleene Gardner celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Five couples will celebrate 50+ years in July and August. God bless you!



- Don & Betty Brown 50
- Forrest & Helen Jean Brown 62
- Bill & Donna Iffrig 55
- Allan & Donna Patchett 62
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