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FROM THE VESTRY

I had the good fortune to record the thoughts of our High School students at the Holy Conversations in May. They had a lot of ideas about outreach projects such as helping in a soup kitchen, having a "Giving Tree" all year, participating with Orphans of the Storm, and being a pen pal for a serviceman/servicewoman, and others (yea)! Anyone with a passion for these or other outreach plans will be welcome.

Please think about participating in the Crop Walk and a day with Habitat For Humanity in October. Sign-up sheets will be out at the appropriate time. Anyone with questions see me or Deb Modde.

God Bless,
Dale Sander

SUNRISE MINISTRY

The Sunrise Ministry has a start to a 5th Sunday Team!!! Would anyone care to join Jack Craffey every 5th Sunday at Sunrise Assisted Living in Gurnee to hold a short but impressive worship service? There are actually only 2 more 5th Sundays left this year ... August 30 and November 29. Please let Fr. Elledge or Linda Lutter know if you are interested. Thank you!

FEED A FAMILY OF FOUR 7 MEALS FOR UNDER \$70

Interested in learning how to make your food budget stretch just a little further? Because of today's current economy, the challenge of cooking for a family of four on a tight budget has never been greater.

On June 18th, we will host a cooking demonstration and tasting of seven meals on a budget. A local chef, who has nearly 20 years of experience, will demonstrate using foods and creative techniques to make your dollar go further. Come and get some new ideas, learn fun cooking techniques, and spend time with friends. Recipes and cost estimates for all seven dishes will be provided.

The presentation takes place on Thursday, June 18, from 7 to 9pm. Reservations are recommended, but the \$10.00 payment is not required until the presentation. Please call (847) 336-3730 to reserve your seat.

SOJOURNERS IN SPIRIT

We're still here! Yep – our parish women's group meets for ONE MORE MEETING before the summer hiatus. Now's the *perfect* time to check out this very fun gathering of women. Our primary purpose is fellowship, plain and simple. Everything else – the friendship, the connections, maybe even a little bit of knowledge – is icing on the cake. Join us on June 15th at 6:30 – all women in the parish are warmly invited.

-Maggie Attiyeh and Rev. Kate

IT TAKES A COMMITTEE TO COMMUNICATE?

One of the changes brought about by the Growing Together Initiative was the establishment of a Communications Committee a little more than a year ago. So what does this committee do exactly? We thought that if we described our involvement in a recent event that you would better understand how we work to help the parish.

When Virginia Bosserman began planning the plant sale to benefit the Dustans, she brought the idea to the Communications Committee. We discussed the publicity needs and decided that information about the sale needed to go in the church bulletin and newsletter, the weekly local newspaper, and on the parish web site.

Virginia wrote up bulletin and newsletter announcements and created an order form, and then she sent those to Ruth Chatlien to be copy edited. (We want everything sent out to the public to be copy edited by the same person for consistency.)

Linda Lutter put information in the parish's weekly announcement (copy edited by Ruth) for the *Daily Herald*.

Virginia found images of many of the plants on sale, burned them to a CD, and turned over the sale information, order form, and images so they could go on the Web site.

Susan O'Morchoe realized we needed a flyer to go with the order form so people outside the parish would understand who the sale would benefit. She proactively created a flyer and showed it to Virginia. Virginia gave it to Ruth for a copy edit.

This sequence of events shows that the Communications Committee has three main functions. 1. We will help you brainstorm how to publicize your event. 2. We make sure the event is included in external channels of

publicity, such as the newspaper, Web site, and signs on the church corner. (Generally, the people planning events write announcements for the bulletin and newsletter and do special publicity like creating posters and flyers.) 3. We copy edit to make sure that material going from the parish to the broader community has a consistent style.

Now that you know a little more about us, we hope that you will see us as a resource to help you get your event more widely attended.

U.T.O.

United Thank Offering Spring Ingathering



brought in \$2,130.00 to help the Episcopal Churches in our neighborhood and around the world. That money represents over 3,000

THANKSGIVINGS. UTO money assisted Bakers on Wheels in Moody, Alabama who received a convection oven to help them prepare food for the homeless, friendless, sick, hungry and disabled in two counties, 70% of whom are women and children. It is absolutely AMAZING what those coins of praise and thanksgiving will do. Please pick up a blue box or two today ... put them where you can be reminded to thank God for all your blessings big and small. —Linda Lutter

We keep a pad of paper on our refrigerator door so we can jot things down when we need them. When it is time to go to the grocery store we just tear off the paper from the pad and off we go. Today when I was fixing my breakfast I looked on the pad and there was only one item that we needed ... popcorn. I then thought to myself how lucky I was ... nope we are not millionaires and yes we struggle monthly to pay the bills but I can afford popcorn ... ka chink another coin in my UTO box thanking God for all that we have.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR!

Thanks to Our
Sunday School
Teachers!



Children and teachers celebrated the last day of Sunday school until fall with awards, high spirits and doughnuts, of course! (They would have had pink lemonade too but I forgot to take it out of the fridge, oops!) I want to say a special thank you to all of the teachers for sharing their time and talent with our youngsters. Week after week, our teachers were there for the kids with lessons, games and a craft or two. In addition, each teacher shared kindness and smiles as they helped our children learn and understand a bit about our faith.

To Mary Oesterlein, Doreen Lemke, Beth Hagan, Susie Kooyenga, Denise Riemer, Laura Peterson and daughter Liz, Chris and Angel Harold, Maggie Attiyeh and Molly Shumate, thank you, thank you, thank you! I am grateful for all that you did and all that you are.

If you and your child have not had the opportunity to personally thank his/her Sunday school teacher, please consider sending a thank you note or email. If you need addresses of either kind, please email me, and I will get you the information that you need.

Happy Summer!
Karen Kelley
Sunday school coordinator

[Editor's note: A HUGE thank you to Karen Kelley, who worked tirelessly all year, without fanfare, for all our children. Thank you!!!]

FLOWERS!

Remember that old Beatles song "I Get By With A Little Help From My Friends"? I think that applies to everyone at Annunciation and Our Lady of Guadalupe! I love spring and flowers, and wanted to do something to help the Dustans (in addition to prayer).



I asked if we could sell flowers as a fundraiser at one of our parish planning meetings and got the "Yes you can". I then asked Steve Kooyenga if he would help me and he certainly did! We had a wonderful collection of perennials and annuals with descriptions to use as a guide. And then the orders started coming in - 57 in all. We also got some cash donations - including \$300 from Our Lady of Guadalupe.



And we raised \$2,282.36 for the Dustan family fund! We also have some beautiful flowers! Thanks again to everyone who shared the order forms with friends, family and co-workers.

DANCING... SINGING... PLAYING AN INSTRUMENT... ANYTHING GOES!

A Star is born ... or perhaps many stars. On October 3rd there will be an Entertainment Extravaganza at our church. Start thinking about what you can do to entertain the people of Annunciation, family, and friends. It would be great for the different ministries and teams of the parish to present something. If anyone needs ideas please let me know: I will be happy to help. Building and Grounds – I have a great act for you all if you would like to participate. I need a couple soloists to help out with a couple numbers, a pianist to accompany some of the acts, and perhaps the choir and/or vestry could help me with another group number.

If anyone would like to be on the committee to help orchestrate this event please let me know.

Linda Lutter
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Our mission is to know God and to make God known. Our office is open Monday – Thursday from 9-1. The vestry members who guide our church are:

Maggie Attiyeh, Senior Warden
Rich Ringhofer, Junior Warden
Deb Gallinger
Bill Hagan
Laura O'Connor
Greg Percival
Deb Rakestraw
Gary Riemer
Dale Sander



Thanks to all the men who pitched in and created a fantastic Mother's Day Men's Choir!

LET'S CELEBRATE!

June Birthdays:

Bill Attiyeh	6/4
Kristy Gallaher	6/4
Deborah Bill	6/5
Lesley Duffy	6/5
John Anderson	6/6
Clara Celebuski	6/6
Liam Mellen	6/8
Kim Fulton	6/10
Sid Bordelon	6/11
Marsha Dent	6/11
Stephen Dent	6/11
Taylor Haevers	6/11
Cindy Pullinger	6/12
Bob Coates	6/13
Corey Jennings	6/16
Erin West	6/18
Teddy West	6/18
Christopher Galardi	6/20
Nick Unda	6/20
Justine Palisbo	6/21
Charlie Lukas	6/22
Alison Potochnik	6/23
Penny Kreutziger	6/24
Brendan O'Morchoe	6/25
Betty Comerford	6/25
Giulio Turturro	6/29
Kyle Haevers	6/29

June Anniversaries:

Deb & Stan Gallinger	6/2
Claire & Giulio Turturro	6/7
JeEllen & Mick Siver	6/10
Fr. Clyde & Rev. Kate Elledge	6/10
Maggie & Bill Attiyeh	6/13
Carol & John Anderson	6/14
Deborah & Mike Bill	6/17
Carol & Bob Nitsche	6/21
Kim & Dave Fulton	6/22
Lisa & Rich Unda	6/27
Betsy & Pat Donegan	6/30

July Birthdays:

Cindy Mellen	7/1
Sean Delaney	7/2
Bill Kline	7/6
Marian Hauschild	7/7
Ron Lemke	7/8
Bob Prinzing	7/9
Jeff Wolcott	7/10
Chris Jennings	7/12
Tim Grant	7/13
Dennis Lehmann	7/14
Michael Chatlien	7/14
Ricki West	7/15
Marge Hocking	7/17
Allison Patz	7/19
Monica Nilsen	7/19
Jennifer Braun	7/21
Stan Gallinger	7/25
Ethan Pocklington	7/26
Beth Hagan	7/26
Linda Lutter	7/27
Susie Kooyenga	7/27
Christina Johnson	7/29
Rich Unda	7/28
Linda Waynick	7/31
Geoff Pullinger	7/31

July Anniversaries:

Kathleen & Alex McKinnie	7/2
Judy & Don Braun	7/7
Susan & Charles O'Morchoe	7/11
Clarissa & Tom Mellen	7/16
Cindy & Scott Hart	7/17
Carol & Dan Sluga	7/27
Jennifer & Steve Haworth	7/28