

CONGREGATIONAL COLUMNS

June 30, 1996

Golf Outing to Support Service Project for Honduran Mission

Mercedes Richardson recently got a first-hand look at the Emmanuel Congregational Mission in Honduras. As a translator, she accompanied Dr. Mike Halcomb, Secretary of Missions for the National Association of Congregational Churches. Their purpose was to assist with the transition of the mission due to the death of its leader, Edsel Bodden. Rev. Julio Hernandez who was Rev. Bodden's associate is the new minister for the mission.

Mercedes was very impressed with the mission which our church has been a part of for so many years. Emmanuel Congregational Church in Riviera Hernandez has quadrupled in size in eight years and has given birth to seven other churches. The family group ministry and feeding stations are also thriving.

Mercedes noted that the people there have a sense of peace which she believes stems from a solid spiritual foundation. In addition, youth are getting educations in Medicine, Architecture, and Religion. She believes that this generation of the future will be part of changing the nation as a whole!

While FCC has been a major financial supporter of this mission for quite some time, the service project in November will give members the oppor-

tunity for hands-on support. There have already been a number of informational meetings, and members can get involved and provide support through many means.

On **August 23**, a **GOLF OUTING** has been arranged to both raise money for the November service project and provide a great fellowship opportunity. Golfing will begin at noon for those interested in 18 holes, or in the evening for those who would only like to play nine. If you're not a golfer – no problem – come for the dinner! There will also be raffle tickets, the opportunity to sponsor a hole, and donations of needed supplies or money are always welcome.

The costs of the golf outing are:

- \$40.00 for 18 holes and dinner
- \$30.00 for 9 holes and dinner
- \$15.00 for dinner only

All proceeds will go toward supporting the Honduran Mission.

This event will be held at Paganica Golf Course in Oconomowoc. Registration forms will be available in upcoming issues of the *Congregationalist*, or you can register at church. If you have any questions, would like to help with this event, or want to know how you can support this effort, please contact Nancy Harmon, 778-1994. ■



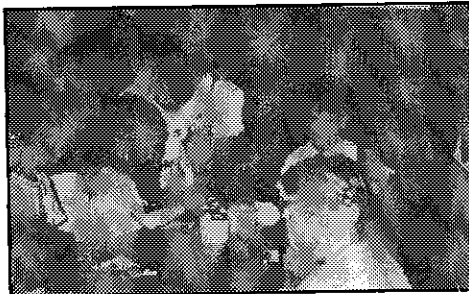
Support the
Honduran Mission

Vacation Bible School Provided a Week of Fun Learning for Many Children

More than 65 children, ages three–eleven, recently participated in Vacation Bible School with the assistance of more than 20 volunteers!

Out of boxes, the children built their version of a 12th century Gothic Cathedral complete with cellophane “stained glass” windows. They also created gargoyles from papier maché, learned a medieval chant, and danced the May Pole—a favorite activity and big accomplishment for children and teachers alike.

They learned about architecture and how cathedrals were the center of



both personal and social/economic life. In the process, they enjoyed games, special presentations and crafts. Rev. Steven



Peay shared Bible stories relating to “We Are the Church.” Other stories were read telling about the building of Solomon’s temple.

Many volunteers worked hard to make VBS such a success again this year. Listed below are many people who we want to thank for their efforts!

Adult Volunteers: Denise O’Meara, Kathy Immel, Sue Rowbottom, Leah Sawnor, Julianna Hayes, Margaret Hetzel, Barb Holtz, Nancy Hoerz, Joan Schultz, Val Blazich, Pamela Coe, Jamie Casey, Julie Anheuser, Carla Cummings, Nancy Quinn, Kathy Kern, Kathy Kebbekus, Carolyn Madeska and Dan Christiansen

Youth Volunteers: Megan Hassett, Melanie Wehr, Melinda VerDuin, Max Idzikowski, Eileen O’Meara, Caitlin O’Meara, Catherine Schultz, Kirsten Sorum, and Amy Dwyer.

Thanks also to Ddg Wakefield who bought all the food for snacks. ■

Moderator’s Remarks

When I attended the Congregational Care Board meeting last month I was utterly amazed with the amount of activities they are involved in and what wonderful things they are doing for our church and our members. This Board has not been in existence very long but they certainly have taken on some very large tasks.

Their four areas of focus are bereavement ministry, ministry to the sick and those recovering at home, a ministry to nursing homes/retirement centers and a prayer ministry. Each one of the ministries is a big job and this board has chosen to do all four. They need our help in all of the programs.

Some examples of where our help is needed are: supplying a meal for a

family or a person who is recovering at home, calling on ‘homebound’ members, seeing that materials on bereavement in Resource Center are up-to-date, and distributing lists to volunteers for daily prayer. I have picked a variety of activities to show that there is something for everyone to do. It doesn’t matter if you work all day—there is a little job that could be done in the evening. Or come to the church and help with some of their clerical needs, or help make phone calls to get more helpers doing other tasks. If you would like a complete list of their job needs, stop at the church office, and if you’d like to volunteer to help out, sign up at the office—you will get a call from one of the board members. ■

by Marion Petersen, Moderator

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Thank You from Handbell Ringers

FCC's Handbell Ringers thank several people who contributed to this musical year.

The Congregational Home donated several old banquet tables. The tabletops were no longer suited for their needs, but were fine for the bell choir to cover with pads and coverings.

Kathy Collis designed and crafted the new coverings for the tables, making sure they were of the proper material to protect the bells, yet easy to fit, fold and remove when necessary. Kathy is a professional upholsterer who donated her services for this project.

Craig Hahn located the proper size and strength of wheels to go on the legs of the new tables. He installed the special fittings needed to adapt them to these legs. The tables now can be moved easily.

As always, the Handbell Ringers are thankful for director Ken Olson, who gives his patience and persistence to the improving of the group's performance.

The group is also grateful to you, the congregation, for your words of encouragement, support, and praise. You make it a pleasure to add our music to the worship service. ■

Meal Program Continues to Benefit from Kay Millen

Kay Millen a church member who recently passed away left a void in our St. Vincent Meal Program. Since that time, the Congregational Care Board has had an organizational meeting and now has a series of committees and individuals in place to do the job that Kay did on her own.

An endowment from Memorials and Special Gifts from contributions in Kay's memory will eventually subsidize the meal program. Rev. Peay said this is a very fitting tribute to such a great lady who gave so much. If you are interested getting involved with the meal program, contact Steve Peay or someone on the Care Board. More help is always welcomed! ■

Scenes of Summer

Bottom left: Sunday School children board the trolley.

Top to bottom right: Many members enjoy the all-church "Pig Roast" dinner!



Upcoming Events

Sermon Series

In the month of July, Rev. Lonnie Richardson and Rev. Dr. Steve Peay will present "Questions You Ask as a series of dialog sermons.

July 7 A Question of Duty
Is it necessary to join a church?

July 14 A Question of Doubt
Why do I sometimes doubt and feel God is away?

July 21 A Question of Diversity
Why do Christians disagree?

July 28 A Question of Death
What happens when we die?

Don't miss the opportunity to hear the views of Revs. Richardson and Peay on these very interesting topics. The alternative sermon format will prove to be interesting. ■

Consider a Position of Leadership

Why serve on a Church board or committee? In September of 1991 Cindy Payette was a member of the Nominating Committee. She approached Chris Ellis to see if Chris would be interested in serving on the Board of Deacons. Chris had been attending the church as a result of her daughter belonging to PF. What Chris appreciated was that she "had time to think about accepting the nomination." She accepted with the thought that it was important for her to "give back to the church all that it had given her daughter." The surprise for Chris came after starting to serve on the Board of Deacons. What she found was that she met people that she never would have in her normal worship service attendance. She also discovered how the governance of a Congregational church is so very different from other denominations and how important it is for the mem-

bership to be active in the normal planning and decision making. Additionally, Chris was impressed with how "differing opinions were openly accepted" in the board meetings. Eventually Chris became the Chairperson of the Board of Deacons during her last year of a three year term. While she originally accepted the nomination to give back to the church, she found that serving helped her "develop a sense of our Church community."

There are over 35 positions to be filled for 1997. There will be many opportunities for you to volunteer for a number of these openings. If you would like more information please contact the Nominating Committee through the Church office. ■

by Ed Probst

July Calendar

Monday July 1-

8:00: Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesday July 2-

9:30: a.m. Communion

Thursday July 4- 4th of July!!

Building Closed All Day



Sunday July 7-

9:15 & 11:00 a.m.: Coffee Hour
9:40 a.m.: Chapel Communion
10:00 a.m.: Worship Service, Sunday School, Nursery

Monday July 8-

7:00: Bd/Trustees
8:00: Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesday July 9-

9:30 a.m.: Communion
6:30: Eagle Court of Honor

Sunday July 14-

9:10 a.m.: Adult Ed-"Romance and Religion"
9:15 & 11:00 a.m.: Coffee Hour
10:00 am: Worship Service, Sunday School, Nursery

Monday July 15-

5:00: Personnel Meeting
8:00: Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesday July 16-

9:30 a.m.: Communion
7:00: Boy Scouts

Wednesday July 17-

6:30: Evening Women's Group

Sunday July 21-

9:10 a.m.: Adult Ed-"A Less than Civil Experience"
9:15 & 11:00 a.m.: Coffee Hour
10:00 a.m.: Worship Service, Sunday School, Nursery

Monday July 22-

8:00: Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesday July 23-

9:30 a.m.: Communion

Sunday July 28-

9:10 a.m.: Adult Ed-"The Price of Power"
9:15 & 11:00 a.m.: Coffee Hour
10:00 a.m.: Worship Service, Sunday School, Nursery

Monday July 29-

8:00: Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesday July 30-

9:30 a.m.: Communion

A Word From Lonnie...

Friend, Family and Relative

There is a difference in the words family and relative. Someone may have several relatives and not know them very well. You may know their name and something about their background and how they relate to you but this does not automatically make them a part of your closest feelings and relationships. On the other hand, there are those who are not related but may be our closest friends who may take on other roles as brother, sister, parent or child.

To be a friend is a very significant and I would suggest sacred trust. I believe it is through the commitment of friends to be friendly that the word family can have another significant meaning and extend itself beyond biological lines.

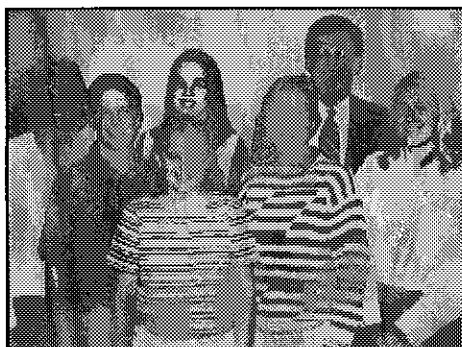
In Luke 15:15 Jesus tells his disciples *No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my father I have made known to you.*

For the hundreds of us at First Congregational we cannot be relatives but we can be family. This is one of the important functions of the church in today's mobile society. It is at this our "other home" where we are family together. May our commitments to Christ and friendship enable us to be a stronger family. ■

In Him,
Lonnie

Welcome New Members

Maurie and Susie Daigneau and children **Becky, Jenny, Margaret, John and Laura**, recently became members of FCC. Maurie is the president of Affinity Inc., a long distance reseller, and Susie is a homemaker. Becky is a senior at Wakeforest, majoring in math with a minor in religion. Jenny, one year younger, is a junior at Miami of Ohio as a zoology major. Margaret, John and Laura are all at Brookfield Academy as a junior, 8th grader, and 6th grader, respectively. Susie grew up in this church and it is where she and Maurie were married. They felt that Lonnie and Steve have a lot to offer as new ministers and said they are glad to be back among many friends and family.



(Back from L): Becky, John, Margaret, Maurie
(Front from L): Laura, Susie and Jenny Daigneau

Jennifer and Kevin Breitzmann are also new members. Jennifer is an accounting manager and Kevin is an auditor for M&I Northern. Kevin also has a tax/accounting practice.



Jennifer and Kevin Breitzmann

Both are involved in masonic groups, Jennifer as an adult leader for Job's Daughters and Kevin as a member of McKinley Lodge and an adult leader of DeMolay. Jennifer said that they are still trying to get to know some people at this large church, but found Lonnie to be very personable which helped to make them comfortable here.



Victoria Webster and Christopher Vitense plan to get married at FCC on October 19th. Christopher is a mechanic for Steidl and Young and Victoria is a customer service representative for Fleet Mortgage Group. They're expecting their first child right around the time of this publication - and the experts say it's going to be a boy! They both enjoy waterskiing and snowmobiling and Christopher also enjoys hunting, riding motorcycles, and working on cars.

The couple said they were very impressed with the preaching of both ministers and felt very welcomed at the church. ■

Information not currently available.



Amy Hofmeister with daughter, Laura

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In Brief

Trolley Cancelled

No More Trolley Rides Beginning June 30

Not enough people took advantage of riding the trolley to church from the Wauwatosa municipal parking lot, so we have canceled this service to and from church on Sunday mornings. The cost of the trolley and the small number of riders has made it prohibitive to continue.

Contributions were made to carry us through the first four weeks of June. We thank all who contributed toward this program and we hope that you will not be inconvenienced by not having the trolley available. You may still park in the municipal lot and on the parkway, but you will have to walk or make arrangements to carpool to church with friends. Thank you to all of you who have made the effort to carpool and park further down the parkway.

The Editor Thanks:

Ed Probst for an article; Mercedes Richardson and Nancy Harmon for article information; and the office staff for their assistance.

Our Church Family

Mural Completed!

The mural on the wall opposite the lounge has been completed. It features work by the Sunday School children.



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