

THE UNITED METHODIST MESSENGER



Pastor's Pen

Where do I begin? It was 4 a.m. on Monday, May 2nd and I was getting dressed to go to Kishwaukee Hospital for my total knee replacement surgery. Needless to say I was somewhat nervous would be an understatement, but I kept remembering all the words of encouragement that you all had given me. Also my son and goddaughter were going to be there and would have the prayers of you, my extended family the church through the Caring Network Ministry with me as well.

It has been 22 days since surgery and a lot has happened. However what is looming most prominent in my mind, is how do I say "thank you" and show my gratitude for the many acts of kindness you have all shown me. Your prayers, the greeting cards, the phone calls, home visits, the service of getting me back and forth to rehab, and most of all the wonderful and beautifully prepared meals. These for me are all indications of **Love In Action**. Thank you hardly seems enough for such a loving, caring extended family, like you at SUMC.

While I have been recovering I have had a chance to reflect on another time that I spent in the hospital. It was my time spent hospitalized and recovering from 1st & 3rd degree burns. I clearly remember thinking if God is really like what we are taught from the bible, then I am in safe hands! The wonderful way in which you as a church family and as a community has responded to me lets me know that God has truly placed me in *good hands*.

I am always looking to see God's work in action and I must say that I have not only seen it but I have experienced it. I have seen it in the transformation and healing of individuals as well as groups here in our church. And, I have experienced the transforming power and healing of God on many levels: body, emotions, relationships, decision making and purpose. Again I say this is what it means to see love in action.

During this time of pain and healing we have all experience a deep connection.

Let us continue to nurture the connection we have with each other. So, it may grow and flow limitless not only to me but to others as we continue to show love in action through our Caring Network Ministry. May God continue to bless all of you.

Sincerely,
Pastor Harlene



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Saturday Celebration
5:00 p.m.

Sunday Worship
8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School
10:15 a.m.

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June 2011 Worship Schedule

June 4– Saturday Celebration at 5:00PM and

June 5– Sunday Worship at 8:30 & 10:00AM

Pastor Bill Landis

7th Sunday of Easter

Message: Bible Lessons From the Old West

Scripture: Acts 1: 6-14

Communion Sunday

June 11– Saturday Celebration at 5:00 PM

we will have a guest speaker

June 12– Sunday Worship at 8:30 & 10:00 AM

Pastor Harlene Harden

Message: Love In Action

Vacation Bible School Kickoff at 10:00 AM–

Shake It Up Café followed by potluck luncheon

June 18– Saturday Celebration at 5:00 PM and

June 19– Sunday Worship at 8:30 & 10:00 AM

Pastor Bill Landis

Trinity Sunday

Father's Day Weekend

Message: A Father's Love

Scripture: Genesis 21: 8-21

June 25– Saturday Celebration at 5:00 PM and

June 26– Sunday Worship at 8:30 & 10:00 AM

Pastor Bill Landis

2nd Sunday of Pentecost

Message: Weird Words From God

Scripture: Genesis 22: 1-14

Baptisms:

To schedule a baptism, please call the church office at least 2 months in advance. Baptisms may be scheduled at either the 8:30 or 10:00 a.m. service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

Holy Communion:

Holy Communion is observed the first Sunday, and the second Saturday, of each month. If you are homebound and would like to partake of Holy Communion each month, please contact the Church office.



Bill Lantz

Carol Bolander

Pastor Harlene Harden

Ann Wilson

Maurice Eickleberry

Carol Jacobsen

Dorothee Aves

Lori Harmon

Donna Blanco

Marybeth Curl

Joe Gibson

Linda McMillan

Marla Ramp

Jim Jacobsen

Alice Kelley



Pray for our Military

Men & Women

PVT Tom Fleenor

*LT Robert Ortman

SPC Scott Maratto

*LCPL Brett Gulke

PVT Ben Bushno

SGT. Neil Smith

*SPC Mitchell Stewart

LCPL Matthew Einhorn

LCPL Kyle Keneway

CPT John C. Whitehead

*PFC John Z. Talmage

*CPL Anthony Dewitz

*SPC Christopher Isabel

*SPC. Matthew "Scott" Stewart

*indicates deployed personnel

*PVT2 Nels Lindgren

MSgt. Bianna Yeager

SPC Timothy Stewart

PFC Derrick R. Wells

SGT Shaune Clark

Jason Abitua

*SGT Dustin Bell

Cpt. Garrett Slack

PFC John Harris

David Whitehead

SGT Andrew Sheehan

Eathon Larson

Congratulations, Acolytes

As this school year comes to an end, I want to thank all of the 4th & 5th graders who served as Acolytes this year! They did a fantastic job of helping in our worship services. They learned a lot in our classes such as being good role models, serving the church, why the church celebrates different seasons and how to “Stomp the Cup” really loud!

Even though all of the Acolytes were recognized on Sunday, May 15th in church, I want to again say congratulations to Morgan Olson. Morgan had PERFECT attendance for both years she was an Acolyte, never missing a class! I also had 7 Acolytes who had perfect attendance for this 2010-2011 year. They are: Jennifer Diemer, Lucas McKay, Morgan Olson, Drew Tronc, Matthew Tronc, Eric Tronc and Kyle Webb. Great job on being at class and setting such a great example! Those of you who are 4th graders can shoot for that 2 year perfect attendance next year!

The Acolytes will have the summer off then a new year will start up at the end of August – open to all incoming 4th & 5th graders. More information will follow over the summer. Thanks to everyone for their support of these wonderful young church leaders!

Amy Munro

Please Remember

Bulletin articles are due the Wednesday of publication. Please keep bulletin articles and announcements short, as we all work together to save resources of both paper and money. Questions? Call Jennifer in the Church Office. Thank you!

2011 Mission Trip to Sager Brown

Tired but renewed spiritually, our 21 mission workers to Sager Brown are back, having completed three weeks (two groups) of a variety of jobs including: packing and shipping disaster kits in the depot; sewing school bags and layette items for worldwide victims of unfortunate circumstances; planting of a garden for the town's Senior Center; trimming bushes and refurbishing first aid kits for use at Sager Brown; replumbing and installing new bathroom fixtures in two mobile homes; and work in Mickey Mouse Head Start program and Chez Hope, a shelter for abused women and their children.

Evenings were spent in devotions, socializing with other workers on campus or relaxing with puzzles, games or television. The weeks went oh so fast and soon it was time for the Vespers service, with Pastor Harlene giving the message by way of a skit we all took part in and a song we all sang, about Sager Brown. If you have never been on a mission trip or have and wish to go again, let Pastor Bill know, as we will be starting next year's list right away.





Open House

The family of Richard & Betty Hall would like you to join them in celebration of their parents 60th Wedding Anniversary and 80th Birthdays.

Sunday, June 26, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Sycamore United Methodist Church

Dinner will be served.

RSVP: 217-692-2582 with number attending by June 15, 2011

No gifts, please

Popcorn Studies

Adult Ministries Studies

Popcorn studies are like popcorn prayers—a study here, a study there, sometimes more, sometimes less. You pick and chose the topics you want to attend. Two long term studies are starting in May!

More With Beth Moore

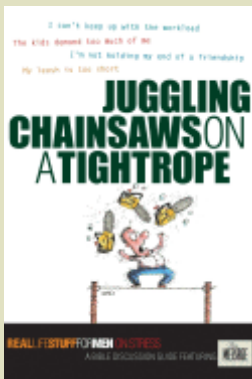
This study is entitled, "Living Beyond Yourself: Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit". The goal of this 11 week journey with **Beth Moore** through what the Bible calls the *Fruit of the Spirit* is genuine freedom that comes only through a life filled with the Holy Spirit. The study will be 10 am to noon on Wednesdays starting June 1st at Sue Richter's house. A softcover workbook will be required which you may purchase on your own or through a group order placed before the study begins. Sign-up in the concourse today! Co-Leaders: Emma Hagemeyer and Sue Richter.

Juggling Chainsaws on a Tightrope (for men)

Men have to juggle dozens of responsibilities all while walking a tightrope demanding spiritual and physical balance. Through this Bible study learn to master the art of life and enjoy doing it. The study will begin May 24th Tuesday evenings 7:00pm, meeting in the Middle School room at the church. Sign-up in the concourse today! Books can be purchased on your own or through a group order placed before the study begins. Led by Dean Curtis.

For more information

For more information contact us by e-mail at adultministries@sycamoreumc.org, or by phone Diane 815-751-4942 or Molly 815-762-2645. Dates and Times will be published on our website www.sycamoreumc.org on the adult ministries page, in our monthly newsletter the Messenger and in the weekly bulletin announcements one month before each event.



Military Ministry News

Military Ministry met in May to discuss some options of local needs of the military personnel and their families. Midge had contacted Hines Veterans Hospital and Rosecrance. Both had indicated that there were possible projects we could participate in that would be directly related to programs for veterans. At the June meeting, a decision will be made as to the resources we have available for either of these programs. Military Ministry will be serving "coffee time" on July 3rd.

We welcome SGT Andrew Sheehan back to the states from Afghanistan. He recently arrived home to marry Madelyn Overby in June. Our "Congratulations and Best Wishes go to Andrew and Madelyn for a long and happy life together!"



Prayer Shawl Ministry

"That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love."

Colossians 2: 2

Our 5th year Anniversary Celebration and lunch will be held on June 6th starting at 10:30 a.m. This will be a time of sharing and fellowship for our Prayer Shawl Ministry Team as we meet with other Prayer Shawl Groups from our local area churches and with the United Methodist Churches

in our cluster, district and conference. The various churches will use display tables for their handmade items.

Helen Maurer, our guest speaker, will share how Prayer Shawls and lap robes are being used and welcomed by Hospice patients. A sharing time open to "one and all" will conclude the day's festivities. RSVP's are requested for the lunch.

June Meeting Dates

Monday, June 5
@ 9:30 a.m.

Monday, June 20
@ 9:30 a.m.

Questions? Call:

Phyllis Anderson
(815) 899-9957
Jeanne Johnson
(815) 895-5594

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Colossians 2: 2

UMCOR Needs Cleaning Bucket Supplies

Reports from UMCOR, as of May 14th cleaning supplies are needed to help those with the rising water from the Mississippi River flooding Louisiana. A request has been sent to Bill Itter, who has generously donated buckets before. Items needed are insect repellent spray(6-14oz), disposable kitchen gloves, sponges, dust masks, laundry soap(25-50oz), etc. For more options check the lists at the Missions Bulletin Board. Items will be shipped to UMCOR after the collection at the Annual Conference in June. If you don't want to go shopping, a financial donation will also be helpful. Thanks to each of you for your support!



June

8:30 AM Sunday Worship 8:45 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Worship 10:00 AM Children's Sunday School	9:15 AM Moms-In-Christ 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry (1st & 3rd) 12:00 PM Sycamore Food Pantry	9:00 AM Christian Conditioning 11:30 AM Clergy Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Spiritwind/Jam Session 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study	6:30 AM Man Code	9:00 AM Christian Conditioning 10:45 AM Worship Staff (1st & 3rd) 12:00 PM Church Staff Meeting (1st & 3rd) 5:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal 6:30 PM Bible Study		7:30 AM UMM Breakfast (2nd & 4th) 4:15 PM Saturday Seek 5:00 PM Saturday Worship Service
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 3:30 PM Children's Christian Conditioning 7:00 PM Adult Choir	2 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study @ Oak Crest 11:00 AM Leadership Meeting	3 5:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal	4 2:00 PM Wedding
5	6 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry 5th Anniversary Celebration 3:30 PM Children's Christian Conditioning 6:00 PM Budget Boosters 6:00 PM Finance Committee 6:00 PM Missions Committee 7:00 PM Church Council	7 9:15 AM ABC Preschool Board Meeting 6:30 PM Rachel Circle	8 Annual Conference 3:30 PM Children's Christian Conditioning 1:30 PM Children's Christian Conditioning 6:00 PM Stewardship Committee 6:15 PM Adult Ministries	9 Annual Conference	10 Annual Conference 5:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal	11 9:30 AM VBS Teacher Training/Decorating 2:00 PM Wedding
12 10:00 AM VBS- Shake It Up Café 12:00 PM VBS Luncheon Hosted by Sr. High Mission Trip	13 9:00 AM VBS- Shake It Up Café	14 9:00 AM VBS- Shake It Up Café 9:30 AM Mary Circle	15 9:00 AM VBS- Shake It Up Café 1:15 PM History & Archives 1:30 PM Children's Christian Conditioning	16 9:00 AM VBS- Shake It Up Café 7:00 PM Trustees	17	18 9:00 AM Memorial Committee
19	20 6:30 PM Caring Ministry Meeting 7:00 PM Ruth Circle	21	22	23	24	25
26 1:00 PM Hall's 60th Anniversary/80th Birthday Celebration	27 6:30 PM Discipleship Committee	28 1:00 PM UIMW Mission Team Meeting 6:00 PM Evangelism Committee 6:30 PM Worship Committee	29 1:30 PM Children's Christian Conditioning	30		



The deadline to submit articles for the July newsletter is Sunday, June 19.

Please e-mail all newsletter articles to:

office@sycamoreumc.org to make sure your submissions are received.

Open/Lock Team

- 6/5 Gil Larimer
- 6/12 Dick Graham
- 6/19 Marv Wildenradt
- 6/26 Rich Kaler



Ushers

- 8:30 a.m. Service
- Marv Wildenradt
- Gerald Glawe
- Marvin Howe
- Lane McMillion
- Frank Skelton
- Jim Stoddard
- Bret Miller
- 10:00 a.m. Service
- Leroy Greathouse
- Ron Maurer
- Francine Stanbery
- Paul Johnson
- Janet Mundall
- Bill Itter
- Matthew Parks
- Amy Parks

Sunday Greeters

- 6/5 Ashley Compton, Lizzie Compton, Marlin & Phyllis Anderson, Georgina Yeager
- 6/12 Dean & Sue Curtis, Eric Menzer
- 6/19 Jasmine Stipher, Sally Scott, Charlie & Betty Primm
- 6/26 Ann Elder, Marty Roush, Tim Tucci



Saturday Greeters

- 6/4 Nancy Davis, Brent Anderson
- 6/11 Dean & Sue Curtis
- 6/18 George & Kathy Brancato and Family
- 6/25 Marty Roush, Berni Schelkopf

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Christian Ministries



Family Food And Fun

The next event will be June 12th. Lunch will be provided by LIFE missions with a free will offering in the SUMC gym. After lunch, Adult Ministries will be sponsoring Family Feud. Please sign up for this fun game on the concourse bulletin board. Complimentary SUMC t-shirts will be awarded to the winning team.

Vacation Bible School: Shake it Up Café

Children entering Kindergarten through sixth grade learn to carry out God's recipe. June 12 – 16 (9:00 to noon) \$25 per child, \$50 family maximum

We need craft and food donations. Please sign up in the concourse. **We need empty paper towel tubes!** Please bring them to the office.

Summer Bridges

These three hour classes prepare your child for school in the fall with academic, spiritual and physical activities. **June 10 and 17** \$5 per day (9 to noon)

Children's Christian Cardio

Water Aerobics at Mrs. S.'s house at 16450 Shearon Court, Sycamore on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 2:30 **No Charge** Wear a suit & bring a towel. No class June 22

Christian Conditioning for all ages Children are invited if they take class seriously.

Total body conditioning using hand weights on Tuesdays and Thursdays at SUMC from 9 to 10 a.m. **No Charge** No class on June 14, 16, 21 and 23

So much gratitude and warm fuzzies go out to our 2010-2011 Sunday School teachers and Nursery Providers! Thank you so much for your time and love! The children and families of SUMC appreciate all of your efforts!

Pre-School

Gladys Bisco

John Horst

Lora Kenney

Jodi Tyrrell

2-3

Lindsay & Scott Doty

Megan Ericson

Betsy Hull

Robin Larson

David Needham

Natalie Sgarlata

Middle School

Todd Lepien

Barb Massier

Deb & Don Wehr

Nursery

Emily Butler

Bridget Johnson

Kristin, Tyler & Jacob Kimbark

K-1

Alyssa Gregorec

Kennedy Mason

Leanna Menzer

Lori Oestreicher

4-5

Tami & Bob Armstrong

Susan Mizgalski

Amy & Whitney Munro (Acolytes)

Jennifer Tronc

High School

George Brancato

Joe Munro

Specials

Carolyn Acosta– Crafts

Mary Crissman– Bible Breakfast Club

Greg Olson– Recreation

Jenny Slater– Music (before Gabriel)

Jennifer Snow– Music (after Gabriel)



Music Matters

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL TIME OF YEAR! Congrats to DeKalb High School graduate and Adult Choir singer Katie Welch, and Adult Choir and Handbell member Stephanie Maurer, who just graduated from NIU. Blessings to them both!

The Adult Choir party will be held Wednesday, June 8, 6:30 p.m., at Larry Welch's home. Thanks to Welch's for hosting, and to the entire Adult Choir for a wonderful year! We are also thankful for our awesome accompanist Craig Fritz, and our very organized music librarian Carol Keneway.

The Adult Choir was honored to be asked to sing for the funeral of Mary McCue. We will miss her faithful and friendly presence in the choir and at our church.

SUMMER CHOIR for freshmen in high school and up will be on **Wednesday, July 13, 7 p.m.** Ice cream will follow! We will sing at the 10:00 service on July 17. Please feel free to join us whether or not you have sung with us before!

I am also thankful to our incredible VOLUNTEER DIRECTORS for a great year. Here's a list of these talented and hard-working individuals:

Mary Thomas, Adult Handbells
Peggy Carey, Junior Choir Director
Phyllis Horst and Cris Woodin, Kid's Choir Directors
Kitty Hagendorn, Cherub Choir Director
Helen Maurer, Cherub Choir Pianist
Deb Loitz, Sonshine Ringers Director
Stephanie Maurer, Assistant Sonshine Director

Check out the photos by the choir room door from REVIVE: TWENTY-ELEVEN. Thanks to Brye Davis for his good work. If you ordered a DVD of the production, please see Bev Rauch or Jim McCue for pick-up.

Our next concert event will be a RICH CRISS and family concert on Saturday, August 13, 5:00 p.m

Blessings on your summer, and enjoy our special groups and soloists in summer worship.

Bev Rauch

Food Drive Thank You

A big thank you goes out to the following volunteers who helped sort and put away over 33 hundred pounds of food that were brought in during the postal food drive.

They were Jennifer Link, Jennifer Stevens, Julie Sgarlata, John Beck, Joe Villa, Dewey Anderson, Sue Richter, Ed Poppen, Lowell Akers, Juanita Lemeraud, Bill Fraedrich and Jim Fisher.

*What a
beautiful
time of year!*



Summer Choir:
July 13
@ 7:00 p.m.





Thank You...

I would like to extend my deepest thanks to the congregation, to my choir family, and especially my co-workers, for your understanding, your words, your thoughts and your prayers during my mother's battle with cancer, her short reprieve, and most recently the start of her new life with our Father. You are the strength that continues to encourage me. I am truly humbled by your continued support for Sue and me.

Jim McCue

ABC Preschool Ministry News

It's hard to believe that our school year is over. I thank all the families for sharing their children with us here at ABC Preschool. Please allow us to thank all families at Sycamore United Methodist Church for your support and kindness during this past school year. It's wonderful to be an outreach and ministry of such a caring church.

ABC Preschool has completed following mission projects this year:

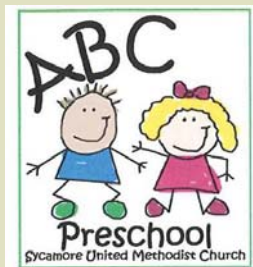
- Salvation Army Toys for Tots
- Safe Passage clothing donation
- Thanksgiving Baskets for local families
- Pack the Pantry food collection
- Mitten Tree Collection
- Change for Children

It has been wonderful to see how the community has come together to support these various missions along with the preschool. It was a great opportunity to encourage the sharing and caring for others with our children.

The program has grown here at ABC Preschool. We now have a website page, a new five-day-program, the children have bi-monthly Chapel time, Preschool Graduation Night and many other changes have taken place this year. If you or someone you know is looking for a quality early childhood education for their child, have them call to schedule a tour!

Once again I thank you for all you have done to make this such an incredibly successful year and I look forward to working together with everyone in the coming year. Our parent night will be held on August 29th. Have a wonderful and safe summer!

Blessings,
The ABC Preschool Staff



UMW Corner

United Methodist Women have a dinner celebration on June 10 during Annual Conference at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles. You are invited to this event even if you are not attending the conference as a member. Beth Galbreath, Biblical Storyteller, will be the featured guest with stories of "Wonder-Working Women." Reservations are required and due June 3.

See the UMW bulletin board for the form with details on this opportunity.

Sycamore UMW are hosting the DeKalb District Day of Renewal on Sat. July 9 from 9 to 1pm. Besides enjoying the program we will be serving morning coffee and refreshments as well as a delicious lunch. Your circle caller will be contacting members on how you can be involved.

Plan on attending since this activity is right in our community!

The School of Christian Mission is July 21-24 at Judson University in Elgin. There is a Mission Sampler Day on Thurs. July 21 which provides a "taste" of all the mission topics. The early registration deadline is June 30 so don't delay. Look for forms on the UMW bulletin board.



Sycamore United Methodist Youth Ministry

UMY ministry is open to all those youth 6th grade through 12th grade. Youth from a variety of school districts attend our group. You do not need to be a member at SUMC and friends are always welcome to attend! **Please check the schedule and meeting times carefully. Updates will be in the church worship bulletin announcements. Also see the youth page at our website www.sycamoreumc.org Financial aid is available for any event.**

Well the Summer is here I hope the school year went great for all of you. We are now moving into

our summer schedule so please be looking in the bulletin for changes and special events. So far we have a Laser Tag Lock-in for the high school youth for June 24th. If you would like to be one of the thirty youth that can go ,please contact me to get on the list. The cost will be \$35 and that will get you games from 12am-6am. On July 16th we will be going to Great America, this will be junior high and high school together. The cost for that will be \$60. This will include entry and two meals with drink while there. I will need some adult parents to help on both these events. On August 14th we will be doing a laser tag

event for the middle school kids as our get together. For all these events please contact me ASAP to be put on the list as things fill up quickly. We are also talking with Oregon Methodist church about doing a camp out/canoe trip this summer details to follow.

Text or call Joe at 630-774-8167

Jr. High Youth (6-8th grades)

Summer time nothing this month

Sr. High Youth (9-12th grades)

June 24th Laser tag lock-in

Sr. High Mission Trip (8-12th grades)

June 12th Fund raiser cooking for the church 10:00-





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WE'RE ON THE WEB

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Well, the Spring Banquet of Sycamore UMW 2011 has come and gone. This the June Messenger but I just had to write this article anyway. You have heard the say "it takes a village to raise a child." I tell you it takes a "church" to have a gala event such as the UMW Spring Banquet. This idea was started 2 years ago to find out when the program "Decades of Dresses" would be available.

Then you have your dedicated committee, Mary B, Patti H (circle leader), Camilla M (circle leader), Sherry R (treasurer), Julie S (circle leader), Marla W, Karla W (circle leader), Leora L, Georgina Y (secretary). These ladies are from the four circle of UMW. They start meeting months before the banquet for ideas. They dedicate their time for planning, selling tickets, and final preparations.

The committee needs room reservations for meetings. Jennifer S (administrative assistant) comes into the picture for reserving rooms, as well as printing tickets and programs. She is also UMW Year Book chair person. We need advertising so that is up to our UMW Publicity chairperson, Sue R. Our President Becky B is involved. Our Treasurer Kathy H is involved with paying bills.

Now we need a menu for the Banquet. Our very own Jim M (business director) offer to be our chef. He needs help so other volunteered: Lanny S and Jim H were sous-chefs. Jim's wife Sue M is our pastry chef. The meal was exquisite. Music for dinner was performed by Craig F (organist). We always need our Craft Group, led by Bonnie F, to donate a center piece. What would we do without our Youth Mission Team and Joe M (youth director). They set up, served, dressed up and cleaned up afterward. Great "kids". We used our beautiful Sanctuary for the program with all modern effects. Jim M again had the sound system and Kim N ran the large screen video. Our opening and closing prayers were by our UMW Spiritual Growth Coordinator, Jean F.

As you can see, it takes "a church" to turn an idea into a Spring Banquet. I am writing the article thank my church, Sycamore United Methodist Church.

Juanita Lemerand, Vice President, SUMW