

The Heart of Missions:

First Presbyterian Church of Champaign's Missions Magazine

July Missions Events and Meetings

Tuesdays-Thursdays:

English as a Second Language Classes

9-11am on Second Floor of Education Building

July 10: *Compassion Peace and Justice*

4pm in Westminster Hall

July 11: *Mission Team*

Noon in Westminster Hall

July 17: *SAFE House Psychology Class*

1:30 pm in Westminster Hall

July 17: *World Mission*

5:30pm in Westminster Hall

Community Mission Deacons and

Cuba Steering Committee will not be meeting in July.

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Do you want to volunteer this summer?

Here are opportunities for the summer of which the Missions Coordinator as been made aware.

Volunteer for **Jazz Fest for SAFE House** on Sunday, August 27th . They need volunteers for the Prayer Tent.

TIME	PRAYER FOCUS & THEMES
3:00-4:00pm	Salvation through Christ Jesus Life Transitions Senior Living
4:00-5:00pm	Deliverance from Substance Abuse Male Accountability Parental Support
5:00-6:00pm	Salvation and Healing for Families, Communities, and Nation Financial Freedom Deliverance from Strongholds
6:00-7:00pm	God's Grace and Mercy Forgiveness and Love Wisdom and Guidance

Please contact Lori West at [217.721.5337](tel:217.721.5337) or email her at loriwest@illinois.edu to sign up to volunteer in the prayer tent.

Crisis Nursery is in need of summer volunteers willing to put in a few hours per week while many students who normally volunteer are out for the summer. Details for volunteering at the nursery are available here:

<http://www.crisisnursery.net/Volunteers/Opportunities.aspx>

The Canteen Run needs volunteers.

They need sandwiches for July 2nd, 11th, 17th, 30th, and 31st.

They need someone to stock the truck and the supplies (this is an ongoing need).

They need someone to organize their storage unit and their second floor.

Contact **Barb Davies** at cucanteenrun@gmail.com to learn more.

***Thank You for Voting! Kemmerer Village
Will Receive a Horse!***

THANKS everyone for your support in the Gypsy Gift contest. Lexlin Gypsy Ranch in Tennessee will be giving us Oreo in late July!! Oreo is 8 yrs old 13.2 H. She is Philip's half sister. Oreo will be a fantastic addition to our herd.

Amber Miller,
Licensed Clinical Social Worker,
Operator of the Equine Therapy Program
at Kemmerer Village



Please pray for Bob and Kristi Rice, some Mission Co-workers our church supports financially and with prayer. Bob has struggled with complications from a fish bone being stuck in his throat, and has also recently been diagnosed with mononucleosis. Bob and Kristi had planned to be studying a specialized form of Arabic so that they could begin their work in South Sudan. Please pray for a full recovery and for God's blessing on their important ministry in one of the most difficult places on Earth.

Restoration Urban Ministries, one of our partner agencies provides temporary, comprehensive services to individuals, families and single parents to help the most needy and desperate in East Central Illinois rebuild lives and livelihoods.

They are currently in need of:

- Lawnmowers
- weed eaters
- funds to repair roof damage
- New or used refrigerators in good working condition
- paint for the inside of the church
- small carpet shampooer for resident rooms
- New or used microwaves
- New or used crockpots



**Donate July 16th or
July 23rd**

**Your donation
doubles, as the
Junior League of
Champaign Urbana
is matching the
next \$50,000
Courage
Connection
receives.**

**Your donation will
help keep their
doors open after
the State of Illinois
failed to honor its
contract.**

RAINDROP PROJECT 2017

Courage Connection

This year, we are supporting Courage Connection with our dollars raised from the summer Raindrop Project. Courage Connection serves women and children who are survivors of domestic violence.

**COURAGE CONNECTION
PROVIDES A CONTINUUM
OF SERVICES SO THAT
INDIVIDUALS AND
FAMILIES ACHIEVE SAFETY,
STABILITY, AND SELF-
SUFFICIENCY.**

HOW WILL THE MONEY BE SPENT?

First, the funds will be matched by the Junior League of C-U, unless Courage Connection has reached the last \$50,000 goal by then.

If goal has been reached, your donations will sponsor their ongoing needs, providing emergency and transitional housing for survivors of domestic violence, as well as other supportive services (see column to the right). Remember, the large push for fundraising in the community is just filling in the gaps currently left by the lack of payment from the State of Illinois contracts.

Other supportive services provided to residential and non-residential clients include:

Safety planning

Domestic violence counseling

Court advocacy

Assistance in obtaining an order of protection

Family and friends support group

Parenting support

Children's counseling

Life skills counseling

Financial counseling

**RESERVE YOUR SEAT NOW FOR THE 40TH ANNUAL
JESUS IS THE WAY PRISON MINISTRY'S FUND RAISING EVENT**

Submitted by: Steve Gritten

Where and When: Round Barn Banquet Center at 1900 Round Barn Rd, Champaign on Friday, August 25th, from 6:00 to 8:00pm.

There are two key reasons why this is important for you to attend. First, for your benefit, you will be treated to a great meal plus lots of information regarding this very important ministry. Second, for **Jesus is the Way Prison Ministry's** benefit, your financial support is drastically needed to help keep this important prison ministry viable during times when the state is delinquent in paying for services rendered for them.

There is no charge for this banquet, trusting that you will give generously to offset the cost of the meal, but more importantly provide the funds for this primary fundraising program for the year. Incarceration is at an all-time high, as is the recidivism rate [the likelihood of paroled prisoners returning to jail or prison]. In most cases, parolees lack the ability to change their lifestyle or to obtain a job that will provide them with a life in our society.

This ministry is unique in this area in several ways. **Jesus is the Way Prison Ministry** provides Chaplains for correctional facilities in Champaign, Douglas, Ford, Piatt, and Vermilion counties. We also hold regular church services in several Illinois State Prisons. Our New Beginnings Aftercare Program is a residential discipleship program for men who chose to begin a new life based upon the love of Jesus Christ. This unique Christian support network enables men to re-develop basic life skills with support and education in the following areas: Bible study, counseling, corrective thinking/rational thinking, relapse prevention, GED preparation, anger management, money management, employment workshops, leisure skills, stress management, and off-site 12-Step programs. In addition, we help residents enroll in college, obtain driver licenses, library cards, medical care, low income housing applications, and employment opportunities.

NONE OF THE ABOVE HAPPENS WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF INDIVIDUALS SUCH AS YOU. Make this an extra entertaining evening by calling friends and then arranging for a table for all of you. In the past, we have had several church members attend and enjoy this event.

Please contact us as soon as possible at info@jesusisthewayprisonministries.org or 217-892-4044 to reserve your seats. In your correspondence, we need to know how many will be attending with you as well as the names of those people. (This is an adult only event).

**S.A.F.E. House will host the annual Jazz Fest on Sunday, August 27 at
Hessel Park. More details to follow in the August Edition
of the Heart of Missions.**

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June 26, 2017

Missions Board
First Presbyterian Church of Champaign
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Dear Missions Board,

***Romans 10:13-15 – (13) For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.
(14) How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?
(15) And how shall they preach, except they be sent?***

Thank you all for your continued financial help to send us to minister in the jails and prisons, plus your prayers for us so very much as we give our residents housing, clothing, and food along with spiritual help once they become residents. We appreciate your gift and pray for God's continued blessings to flow to you all just as you have blessed us here at Jesus Is the Way Prison Ministry. We appreciate your help so much.

We have four men in the program now with a few more to come in the next couple of months. One of the four that we have right now has completed his first five months and has now moved onto the second phase. He has a job and is saving most of his pay checks so he will have money for an apartment and other needs when he completes the rest of this five month phase. A second resident will complete his first phase in a few more weeks. We have been blessed with several of the factories here in Rantoul willing to hire our men when they have completed the first five months.

Once again, thank you all for your support and prayers.

In the service of our Lord,

Edith Mathes
Jesus Is the Way

New Beginnings Aftercare Center an outreach of Jesus is Way Prison Ministry

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Amateur Preachers: A Place for You?

Amateur Preaching has been quietly going on in our church for over five decades. Many of you are dedicated volunteers for this ministry. Others may have never heard of it. Amateur Preachers fill in for pastors when the pulpit is empty. Perhaps the pastor is on vacation. Perhaps the church is in between pastors. Regardless, Amateur Preachers serve a great need. No, you do not have to be ordained to serve. Yes, you will be equipped and trained to help you along on this journey!

So, have you been studying scripture or attending Bible Study and have a message in your heart? Perhaps you aren't comfortable preaching, but would like to tag along with an experienced Amateur Preacher and be responsible for being a liturgist.

Regardless, if the idea of serving at small churches within easy driving distance pulls at your spirit in any way, please contact John Muirhead. He will partner with you in whatever way you need to help you minister to other churches in this amazing way. John's email is j.muirhead@comcast.net.

From Kelly Hill, Development Director:

Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County ReStore will be changing store hours in July to offer a higher level of customer service to its local shoppers and donors. Beginning Wednesday, July 5th, the ReStore will be open for customer shopping, donation drop-offs & pickups on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10 – 6 pm and Saturdays from 10 – 4 pm. The ReStore will be closed on Sundays, Mondays, and open to receive donations on Tuesdays from 10-6.

"We are receiving more donations than ever before, and closing the store on Mondays and Tuesdays will give us more time to process donations and provide a better overall shopping experience," said ReStore Director, Adam Morrisette. A full staff will still be available on Tuesdays to accept and process community donations at the back door, but the store will not be open for shopping. Tuesdays, staff and volunteers will be cleaning, organizing, and preparing the store to feature new donations.

The ReStore will also begin FREE pre-scheduled donation pickups to make it easier to donate; available Tuesday through Saturday by calling the ReStore at [217-359-0507](tel:217-359-0507).

Top Drawer, Habitat's boutique store, will be closing on June 30th. Items previously featured in Top Drawer will still be available for purchase in the ReStore.

All donations to, and proceeds from the Habitat ReStore are used to support Habitat home building projects in Champaign County. For more information on the new store hours go to <http://cuhabitat.org/re-store/>