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August Mission Opportunity! Harvesters Volunteer Food Sort Thursday, August 18 @ 6-8 p.m.

(By Aaron Jamison, Young Adult Ministry)

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Space has been reserved for 14 volunteers to help sort from 6 to 8 PM at the Harvesters warehouse location at 3801 Topping Ave. in Kansas City, MO 64129. The phone number is 816-929-3000.

We will be working in a warehouse, so please dress casual for this event and no open-toed shoes are allowed inside. Also be sure to bring some water, you'll need it. This can be vigorous work, but it is also a very casual atmosphere centered on teamwork.

Please check in at the front desk and they will direct you where to go. There will be someone on staff at the facility to show/instruct us on what they need done for the evening.

Children ages 6 and older are welcome to attend provided they are accompanied by an adult. Harvesters can also accommodate volunteers with special needs if we let them know if advance.

Thanks for considering this opportunity to Serve Kansas City! This is a great way to give back to the community as Harvesters is the area's only food bank. Their network includes over 620 nonprofit agencies including food pantries, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, children's homes, etc. <http://harvesters.org>

You can RSVP by just sending me (Aaron Jamison) an email at aaron@jamisons.net

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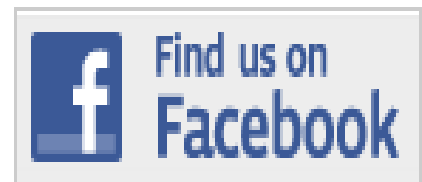


(BY AARON JAMISON, BVCC WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK SITE COORDINATOR)

Check out the blogs and discussions on the Blue Valley Christian Church website and Facebook pages:

Recent BVCC blog articles and post dates include:

- Harvesters Event Fun For All—Doing It Again (8/13/11)
- New Year for Young Adult Ministry (8/6/11)
- The Comforter (8/2/11)
- Thank You From Joplin! (7/12/11)
- Unconditional Love (7/12/11)



The recent “Join the Discussion” questions include:

- Why the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ? What about our faith denomination attracts you? (7/17/11)

The shortcut URL for the BVCC Facebook site is: <http://www.facebook.com/bluevcc>.

SHALOM HOUSE—AUGUST MISSION AT BVCC

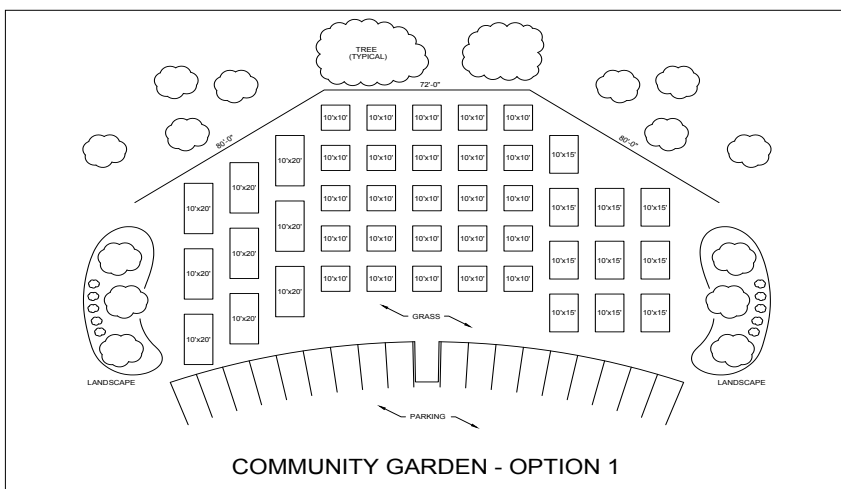
The following basic need items will be collected through August 31 to support the Shalom House ministry. If you don't have time to get out and make these purchases, you may make a financial contribution to BVCC and mark in the memo section, “Shalom” and someone from BVCC will purchase the items for you on your behalf. Thank you.

- Items needed:
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| Toilet Paper | Toothpaste | Men's deodorant | Foot Powder |
| Lotion | Comet or Pine Sol | Napkins | Towels |
| Pillowcases | Soap | Twin-sized mattress pads | Clorox or Lysol |
| Laundry soap | Multi-vitamins | Ibuprofen | Cough drops |
| Cold and flu medication | Tums | Mouthwash | Shampoo and/or conditioner |
| Disposable razors | Kleenex | Washcloths | Hand sanitizer |
| Toilet bowl cleaner | Twin-sized sheets | Dish towels | Lysol spray |
| Vitamin C tablets | NyQuil | Advil | Cough medicine |
| Tylenol | | | |

BLUE VALLEY COMMUNITY GARDEN (BY AARON JAMISON)

In June of this year, there was a special Connect service in which participants brainstormed on ways in which BVCC could be a place of mission in the community around us. One idea that came from that session was the creation of a community garden on the BVCC property with the vision of it becoming a source of food, education, and healing for our community.

If you are interested in helping with the planning efforts or just curious about what we're up to, contact Aaron Jamison at aaron@jamisons.net regarding the next community garden planning meeting.



Community Garden—Option 1. Proposal design submitted by Jared McCart.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER (By Rick Butler)

We are delighted to welcome Marie Sheldon into membership. Marie joined by reaffirmation of faith in worship on July 24.



Marie will hold dual membership in BVCC and the first Christian Church, Osawatome, KS. Baptized at FCC in 1938, Marie has a long history of membership and leadership in the Osawatome church. In addition she has been active in leadership at the regional level as well.

Marie has two daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She resides in Grand Court.

If you have not done so already, please look for Marie in worship and welcome her to BVCC.

HARVESTERS EVENT FUN FOR ALL

(BY AARON JAMISON)

Aaron Jamison, Nancy Boyer, Karen Slater, and Harold Zimmerman all volunteered their time on Saturday, July 16th at Harvesters.

The group sorted water, juice, sport's drinks, soda, and other beverages into boxes to be shipped out to the agencies Harvesters supports. There was a washing station, weighing & labeling station, and pallets for the boxes that had completed the process. A lot of teamwork was involved and by the end of their two hour shift the group had everything sorted, just in time for two more enormous bins of beverages to be wheeled in for the next group.

Aaron commented "Watching everyone work together to complete what seemed like a colossal task was fun. The only discouraging thing was seeing all that Margarita mix being thrown away!"

The Saturday volunteer group also included 3 of Aaron's co-workers and 2 other members from the online social group Serve Kansas City.

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"Serve Kansas City" is an online social group that meets to serve the Kansas City community through volunteering their time (<http://www.meetup.com/Serve-Kansas-City>). Aaron serves as an organizer for Serve Kansas City and offered this opportunity to BVCC.

Look for more mission opportunities with the group in the future as noted on page 1 of this issue of the *Valley Voice* newsletter!

Food Wagon Mission Assists Joplin (By Rick Butler)

Part of July's donations to the Food Wagon assisted tornado victims in Joplin, MO. Our thanks to Nancy Boyer for delivering the items to an assistance agency in Joplin.

Toward the year-end goal of 3000 food items we received 249 items in July. At the beginning of August we are 1369 items away from reaching our goal by December 31, 2011.



Thank you for your remembering and donating regularly to the Food Wagon Mission.

(Pictured is Doris Kohl helping to fill the food pantry wagon).

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY FOR 2011-2012

(BY AARON JAMISON)

Since the Leadership Circle was so warmly re-elected during our ice cream social on July 31, and I've retained my position as Overseer of Young Adult Ministry, I thought I would give the congregation an update on my goals for this ministry.

The last year was spent mostly on getting the Connect service up and running as well as "tooling" us with technology such as audio & video upgrades, social media, and an updated website.

While the Connect service hasn't drawn throngs of young adults to our church, I think we have been successful in creating a worship experience that is inviting, multi-sensory, conversational, and in general a friendly and fun atmosphere.

The Connect team always works to keep the service fresh and new while also maintaining our goal of helping us make connections to each other, ourselves, and with God.

For the next year of this ministry my focus is going to be on continuing the development of the Connect service and our technology but with an added focus of mission and fun. The mission aspect will come from our work with the community garden, involvement in Mission Connection Center activities, and continued volunteer offerings through Serve Kansas City. The fun aspect will be added with future game nights and movie nights that I would like to start hosting at our church, as well as other events held in the community.

In case you're wondering, my definition of "young adult" is pretty loose too. As long as you feel like a young adult, you are one! Whether 18 or 80, we are all part of the family of God and I cherish fellowship time with everyone in our congregation. So even though some events may be targeted toward young adults and/or young families, all are welcome! I'm looking forward to an exciting 2011 and 2012, and I hope you are too!

God Bless,

Aaron Jamison



WOMEN OF FAITH—AUGUST MEETING

(BY JAN HARRIS)

The Women of Faith will meet Tuesday, August 30, for a potluck salad lunch and movie at 12:30 PM at the home of Jan Harris.

Vision is a movie about the life of Hildegard von Bingen, a 12th century Benedictine nun in Germany. The movie was filmed at convent in Germany and uses English subtitles. The writer gathered information about Hildegard, who lived at a time when the history of women was not well documented, through Hildegard’s writings and correspondence. The experiences of a woman in the church 1000 years ago are fascinating.

Hildegard had many talents. She was a visionary, herbalist, environmentalist, playwright, composer and administrator. The music in the movie was composed by Hildegard. An aspect of her religious life was that she wanted to draw happiness from religion. How did she create a rich environment for herself at a time when church life was austere and women were marginalized?

All women of the church are invited to this event. Please RSVP via email to (jeharris@everestkc.net) so seating and lunch arrangements can be made. The address is 20508 W. 98th Place, Lenexa, KS 66220. Jan will have maps in church on August 28.



Thank you Mark Holcomb for taking time to help remove spots from the sanctuary carpet.

Thank you also to Linda Kesler who provided the cleaning solution for this carpet project.

Thank you Jan Harris who captured this “Kodak” moment of Mark on her cell phone.

FINALLY COMPLETED

Volunteers have spent countless minutes and hours putting together a unique 750 piece puzzle in the BVCC education wing.

As of the end of July (approximately 7 months from start to finish), the puzzle is now completed.

The challenge of the entire project was a decorative border cut pattern.



Thank you Cynthia Heller for sharing your puzzle with members of the church.

FALL FESTIVAL
 FOXWOOD SPRINGS
 SEPTEMBER 16-17
 9:00-4:00 PM

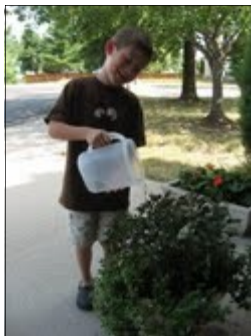
(See attached .pdf for more info)

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all the individuals who have helped to serve others during communion during our Sunday morning worship in 2011. We have taken a new approach to asking for your volunteer help on Sunday morning as you come to participate in worship. Your willingness to sign up for this in-house mission work as you enter the sanctuary is very much appreciated. In addition, your assistance with cleaning up the communion elements following worship is priceless. It is hoped we have not left anyone off of this list, but if we have, please contact the church office as we do want to "thank YOU".

Nancy Boyer	Mark Dobbels	Aaron Jamison	Kirby Fuller
John Steinmetz	Linda Kesler	Kathy Dobbels	Larry Graham
Karen Slater	Katheryn Graham	Dixie Fuller	Cathy Kayser

The landscape volunteers have been ever vigilant throughout the summer months tending to the landscaped areas around the church building and signage, and trying to keep the plants looking good despite the high temperatures during July and August. Thank you to all our landscape volunteers: Ray Alderson, Diane Ahern, John Ahern, Jill Bryant, Kathy Dobbels, Mark Dobbels, Bart Holcomb, Anne Ingersoll, Kelly Ingersoll, and pictured below are Amy Jo Jamison (C), Andrew Jamison (R), and Austin Jamison (L).



Thank you to our mystery volunteer who has taken time to spray the weeks in the church parking lot. BVCC would like to acknowledge your help with keeping the church parking lot looking so clean.