

# The Good News

Runnells Christian Church (*Disciples of Christ*)

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## Rally Day—September 11—9:15 a.m.

With another beautiful summer coming to a close, we look forward to our kick off to Sunday School.

Sunday, September 11th is our official Rally Day which starts at 8:30 a.m. with a **light breakfast** in the fellowship hall and then followed by Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. We will have a short skit and then head to meet your Sunday School teacher and see your classroom.



**There is a Sunday School class for all ages – preschool to 99.**

Our lesson on Rally Day will be **Forgiveness**. We'll learn how Joseph forgives his brothers for all the wrong they did to him. Even in times of famine, he shared the grains he had been storing away. To carry out the theme, **please bring an item of "grain" on rally day**. We will share it with those less fortunate via Caring Hands Food Pantry. Some ideas to represent grain: Cereal, oatmeal, flour, cake mixes, muffin mixes, pancake mixes that require you to only add water.

This is always a great time to regroup and socialize with our congregational friends after a long summer. **Be sure to join the fun!**

## Welcome 2011-12 Sunday School Teachers

We are starting another great year of Christian Education at Runnells Christian Church! Our team is full of wonderful volunteers. We are grateful to those Sunday School teachers who are returning and for those that are new. We encourage everyone to join us on Rally Day, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Class starts at 9:15 a.m.; Fellowship and a light breakfast at 8:30.

Preschool - 2,3,4 year olds (*God's Little Lambs*)

Kristin Danley-Greiner, Lisa DeGroot

Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade (*Bee-lievers*)

Tammy Gaudette, Denise Pfister

3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade (*Faithful F.R.O.G.s*)

Jill Simonsen, Heather Goode, Julie Underwood

6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade (*J.A.M. – Jesus and Me*)

Katie Temple, Beth Sagar, Lori Clark

8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Grade (*F.I.S.H. Club –Friends In Service to Him*)

Deb Bracewell, Mike Bracewell

Young Adults (*Faithful Apostles*)

Bill Ingle, Bob Miller

Substitutes – Dorothy Reed, Lynn Phipps, Jen Lessard

Children's Choir Director, Tammy Feeley

Mature Adults (*Kingdom Builders*)

Yvonne Welshhons, Bob Miller



## New Day and Time for Toddler Playgroup!

The toddler playgroup is now meeting on **Wednesday morning from 9:00-11:00**. Our playgroup is open to any and all infants, toddlers and preschoolers who want to make new friends and play. Each parent/guardian will be responsible for supplying snacks and beverages for their respective children, as well as diapers and other basic needs. For more information about this exciting adventure being coordinated by Runnells Christian Church, call the office at 966-2587 or Tammy Gaudette at 957-8324 or 707-3715-cell.



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Fall Worship Times begin  
**September 11**

Coffee Fellowship  
9:00 a.m.

Sunday School for all Ages  
9:15 a.m.

Worship  
10:30 a.m.

Please note!  
**NEW FALL HOURS**

## Music Ministry

We are excited about the beginning of Sunday School and the return of 10:30 worship which means a return of our choirs *and the beginning of something new.*

Our **adult choir** will begin practicing on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> **Thursday** evenings from 7 to 8:30 under the interim leadership of **Tasha Millard**. We are very grateful that Tasha was able to lead us while **Carole Adams** is recovering from surgery. For the fall the choir will sing on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.

Our **children's choir** will practice at the opening of Sunday School each week under the leadership of **Tammy Feeley**. We welcome Tammy to this new ministry and are grateful for her leadership. The Children's choir will sing the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month.

Our **something new is the Bell choir**. **Sheila Aukes** is sharing her talents to lead our new Bell choir. We are excited about this new addition to our music ministry. The Bell choir will have an organizational meeting and bell cleaning on Monday, September 12. We are very grateful for Sheila's leadership on this new adventure.

We encourage all who are interested in singing or playing bells to join. This is the perfect time to begin singing or playing.



# PRAISE THE LORD!

## National

### Back to Church Sunday

This year thousands of churches around America have committed to set apart **Sunday, September 18** as a day to encourage people who aren't regularly attending church to participate. Our Evangelism/Membership committee is inviting us to join in this national movement.

We are encouraging everyone to invite friends and family and to either pick them up or meet them at the church to worship on September 18<sup>th</sup>. We are planning a little extra fellowship time for us to meet and greet. We will have name tags ready so people can call each other by name.

There will be small gifts of appreciation for all our guests; so invite, invite, invite!



### It's A Boy!

Congratulations to Cierra Hunt on the birth of her son, **Keaton Alan Walker**, who was born on August 21, 2011, weighing 6lbs. 15 1/2 oz. and 20 1/2" long. Proud grandmother is **Jerrine Sanford** and great grandparents, **Burt and Myrna Hunt**.

## Baby Shower!

The church is invited to a baby shower for Keaton on Sunday, September 18, at Altoona Church of the Cross from 1:00-4:00p.m.

Cierra is registered at Target!

## Pastor Alice's Article

The Apostle Paul wrote to the church at Corinth and said;

***“If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see everything has become new.” (2 Corinthians 5:17)*** The last Sunday in August we talked about how God is constantly creating something new for those of us who live “in Christ.”

We as a congregation have been praying and talking about how God is calling us to “be church” in the future. The Visioning Team met with folks after Brunch on that Sunday to talk about what they had learned about who we are and where we reside. They shared a summary of the congregation’s passions from our Cottage Group meetings. If you were unable to stay, but want to know more please talk to **Tammy Feeley, Lori Freel, Bill Ingle or Bob Miller**.

Here is a little of what we learned. From Percept (a Census group) we learned that the population within a 5 mile radius of Runnells Christian Church is 3,096. That 28% of those households have no faith involvement. The average age is 37.8.

**The average age of those attending Runnells Christian Church is 43.** That actually makes us somewhat unique among Disciples of Christ churches. We learned that we are younger than the average. Where we are like most of our denomination is that a vast majority of our members have been members for more than 5 years. Our average attendance for worship for the past 3 years has been 106.6 and we donated more than **7,000 volunteer hours** to the church last year. That is an amazing figure.

From the Cottage Groups last spring the visioning team identified what the congregation believes are important ministries: **children and youth; Worship and special worship services and ministries that reach out to others both within our congregation and within our area.** They also identified some areas for growth: **Providing inviting activities for those in the area who do not have faith involvement. Others mentioned were: updating of our communication avenues, a possible contemporary worship service and a larger world view.**

From all of that the visioning team unveiled our new Mission statement.

### The Body of Christ:



Building



Growing



Serving

All of the above was discussed at the gathering after Brunch and with the feedback from our table groups the Visioning Team is now ready to put some proposed plans together for how we are going to live into our Mission. We are excited about the “new creation” God is creating for us in Christ.

Home Phone-966-2416  
Cell Phone—201-4582

*Pastor Alice*

## Church Brunch Fundraiser Thank You!

We so appreciate everyone who helped with and donated to the Brunch Fundraiser to replace the windows in both church offices. Since the office staff, Barb, Sherry and Pastor Alice have a vested interest in new windows before the snow flies, they put together this brunch for the Visioning sharing time to raise money for the new windows. Special thanks to **Dorothy Reed** for her “famous and fabulous” cinnamon rolls and to **Tammy Gaudette, Marlene Gulling and Linda Northway** for the delicious fruit salads they provided. We raised \$936.00 that day! We now have a total of \$2391.00 for the six windows. We are in the process of updating the bid we received last spring of \$2580.00. Hopefully the windows can be installed before the first snow!



### **HIPPA LAW**

Under the regulations of the Hippa Law, hospitals are unable to release any patient information. This includes contacting a church or pastor if someone is admitted to the hospital.

If you or a family member is taken to the hospital and would like pastoral care, please contact the church office immediately so that care can be provided.

**Please Remember  
the Food Pantry  
this month!**



## “FREEWAY FRIDAYS”

A friendly gesture  
from your friends and neighbors.

**Free Coffee**

**Free Treats**

**Free Smiles**

**Free Curb-Side Service**

Between 6:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.,  
pull up to the curb in front of  
Runnells Christian Church  
309 Brown Street  
for a **free** cup of **coffee**  
or **juice** and a **treat**.

**“Freeway Fridays”**

**every Friday from September 9 thru 30**



## School Supplies

We want to thank everyone who donated School Supplies for the Christmas in July. So far Central Place has distributed backpacks filled with supplies to 550 children who qualified for free or reduced lunches. Requests are still coming in. Thank you for helping children get a good start to their school year.



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August 1,  
Jordan Pfister,  
Cora Jane Sly,  
Alex Gaudette,  
Rosie Bracewell,  
Pastor Alice  
and Deb Bracewell  
helped at Central Place  
packing backpacks  
to be distributed  
to those in need.

It was a little confusing with all the different schools and the different supplies, but we got a pretty good system going and packed a lot of backpacks that day.

*Submitted by Deb Bracewell*

**Dear Alice, Deb, Jordan, Alex, Cora & Rosie,** So far this year we have provided school supplies for 560 students, ranging from preschoolers to high school. As one of the volunteers for our 16th annual School Supply Giveaway, you clearly recognize the importance of providing the tools needed to start the year on a good note. We were fortunate to have a sizeable donation from Cargill, Inc., which allowed us to purchase school supplies at a discount from various vendors. We also received monetary donations and lots of bags and boxes of school supplies from local families, churches and other groups. As the Children selected their backpacks, we hoped to create a bit of excitement about returning to school. YOU were a part of that! We could not have stuffed the hundreds of backpacks, nor provided them in an orderly manner on distribution day, without your help. In fact, our volunteers this year contributed 222.50 hours toward this project!

**Thank you so much for being a part of Central Place. Cathy Beck-Cross, Judy Hamlin and Angela Porath**

## Do you shop at Staples?

You can help Runnells Christian Church reduce the cost of our office supplies! When you make a purchase at Staples, please ask them to add it to our Rewards Program. All you need to do is give the church phone number—515-966-2587. Also used ink cartridges can be recycled and the church will receive \$2.00 per cartridge. Thanks for helping the church save while you shop at Staples!



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(Please use our P.O. Box 30 address when addressing all mail to the Church)

Thank you for your thoughtfulness! Your kindness and sympathy at this time are deeply appreciated. Thanks for all your support. So many of you came and your presence was very helpful. Also thanks for your gifts. **Clint Wolf**

Dear Pastor Bolen, My husband and I recently rode RAGBRAI. We camped with a charter service each night, in big open fields with no shade. When we rode into Altoona on Wednesday evening, we hadn't slept, because of the intense heat, since we left Davenport on Saturday. We were not on the list to sleep in your church but at 7:45pm we were told that space had opened up and if we could get on the bus in 10 minutes, we would be able to ride to Runnells. (*Thanks to Tammy Gaudette and John Bolen for the extra transportation space.*) Your church was a God-send! We were welcomed with loving arms, offered pie and coffee, given access to the bathrooms and found space on the floor in much needed air conditioning! In the morning we were offered sweet rolls & coffee before heading back out onto the road. I honestly don't believe we would have made it to the end of the ride if your church had not been there to get us out of the heat and able to sleep well for the first time in 5 nights. Thank you so much for your hospitality & for being so welcoming. This was a real example of our call from Jesus to welcome strangers. **Sincerely Kimberly & Robert Richer**



The church is invited to a baby shower for Kaity Danley on Saturday, September 10, in our fellowship hall from 1:00-4:00p.m. Kaity is registered at Target, Wal-Mart and Babies R Us! Couples are welcome!

September Elders

Date	Offering	Comm.
Sept 4	Kathi	Dorothy
Sept 11	Tammy	Bill
Sept 18	Bob	Katie
Sept 25	Dorothy	Sheila

September Diaconate

Todd Buck  
Marti Ingle  
Dave Kern  
Mike Bracewell  
Ben Merkle  
Communion Prep.  
Jack Merkle

Prayer Concerns:

Carole Adams  
Claudia Akin  
Phil Akin  
Leland Allison  
**Missy Arnold**  
**Von & Carolyn Bell**  
**Hana Brown**  
Doug Eshelman  
Louise Gulling  
Lois Howard  
Amanda Hultman  
Donald Kain  
Christopher Mason  
Janey McCammon  
Bob Merkle  
Dale Miller

Herb Miller  
Mark O'Donnell  
Martha Pamulak  
Bill Reed  
Josh Rowe  
Donnie Sanford  
Jerry Stodden  
Ned Stout  
Ed Thomas  
Lilith Thomas  
Phoukham Tran  
Don Turner  
Bill Vail  
Mia Vaske  
Robert Walker  
Randy Waltz

\* added this month

Carlisle Care Center:  
Herb Miller  
Courtyard-Pleasant Hill:  
Dwain DeReus  
Prairie Hills  
Maxine Phipps  
Mill Pond:  
Margy Hering  
Phyllis Person  
Mitchellville:  
Eva Carpenter  
Blanche Gulling  
Parkridge Manor:  
DeAnn Tingle  
Alta Wallace  
Norwalk Rehab  
Randy Waltz

Red Oak Nursing Home:  
Ed Thomas

All Military Personnel

Including:  
Jason Adkins  
Michael Bailey  
Greg Bartelma  
Troy Bunch  
Emily Elam  
Patrick Feeley  
David Funk  
Corbin Hays  
Aimee Wells  
Michael Waltz

Lectionary Text

- September 4**
- Exodus 12:1-14
  - Psalm 149
  - Romans 13:8-14
  - Matthew 18:15-20
- September 11**
- Exodus 14:19-31
  - Psalm 114
  - Romans 14:1-12
  - Matthew 18:21-35
- September 18**
- Exodus 16:2-15
  - Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
  - Philippians 1:21-30
  - Matthew 20:1-16
- September 25**
- Exodus 17:1-7
  - Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
  - Philippians 2:1-13
  - Matthew 21:23-32

August 2011 Attendance & Income

Date (Fiscal Year— 6-1-2010 thru 5-31-2011)	Sunday School	Worship	Tithes & Offerings
August 7		98	\$2527.00
August 14		68	\$1338.00
August 21		72	\$1493.00
August 28		101	\$2628.00
<b>AVERAGES:</b>			
August:		85	\$1996.50
Fiscal Year to Date:		87	\$2003.89

Building Loans—Church Extension-15-Year Loans

<b>1) Amount of Loan:</b>	<b>\$340,000.00</b>
New (May 2011) Percentage rate:	5.75%
New (May 2011) Monthly payment:	\$2113.00
<b>7/5/2011 Loan Balance:</b>	<b>\$204,886.54</b>
<u>Pay It Forward Total Paid on Principal</u>	<u>\$37,884.58</u>
<b>2) Handicap Access Loan Amt:</b>	<b>\$35,000.00</b>
Percentage rate:	3%
Monthly payment:	\$242.00
<b>6/27/2011 Loan Balance:</b>	<b>\$28,309.95</b>

## **RCC Youth Groups — Come Out and Join the Fun!** *Submitted by Deb Bracewell*

**Deb Bracewell** will be keeping the overall youth calendar. Some mission projects and recreational activities may be scheduled on dates and times other than the regular youth meeting time. Please check your monthly newsletter for youth announcements. If you are new to the church or haven't been to a youth group meeting, now is a great time to get involved. Come join the fun! If you have a suggestion for a youth mission project, meeting, lesson, recreational activity or just a general suggestion—let one of the youth leaders know!

### **Fall Youth Kickoff—September 18!**

All 6th through 12th grade youth are invited to a cookout, bonfire and hayrack ride on September 18 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Bracewell's house, 2155 SE 82nd Street. Dinner will be furnished.

**PLEASE FEEL FREE TO BRING A FRIEND!** This event is open to anyone, not just church members.

In case of rain, we will meet inside at the Bracewell's.

*Please call Mike or Deb Bracewell, 222-0820 or 669-8739 with any questions.*

### **CYF (Christian Youth Fellowship) Grades 8-12**

Beginning September 18, the CYF youth group will meet *weekly* on Sunday evenings from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Each meeting will begin with dinner. Meetings will be held at the church unless otherwise stated.

**CYF Leaders are Mike and Deb Bracewell, 222-0820 or 669-8739.**

- September 18 5:30-7:30 Hayrack & Bonfire at the Bracewell's house
- September 25 5:30-7:30 Meet at church to plan the year, games inside and out



### **Chi-Rho Youth — Grades 6-7**

The Chi-Rho youth group will meet on the *first and third Sunday of every month* from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

They will end each meeting by having dinner with the CYF youth group. Meetings will be held at the church unless otherwise stated. Leader for the 6th grade youth group will be **Katie Temple**, with help from parent volunteers.

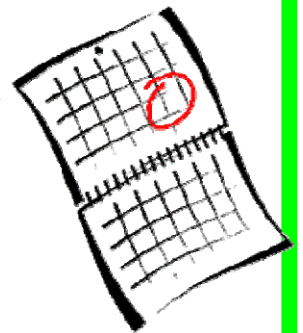
**Katie can be reached at 966-2580 or 975-7125.**

- September 18 5:30-7:30 Hayrack & Bonfire at the Bracewell's
- October 2 4:00-6:00 pm Meet at church



### **Meals for Youth Group**

**Tammy Gaudette** has graciously volunteered to coordinate meals for the youth groups again this year. *Thank you Tammy!* This makes life so much easier for Katie and Deb. On the first and third Sundays the youth groups will be eating together from 5:30-6:00 pm. On all other Sundays the CYF will be eating at 5:30 pm. *Thank you to everyone who furnished or helped with meals last year.* It truly is a blessing to have so many wonderful volunteers to help us with our youth. **Please contact Tammy if you are willing to help with a youth group meal this year. 957-8324**



**Do you Facebook? Check out Runnells Christian Church on Facebook!**

## **School for Congregational Learning Report**

Eight people from our church joined about 400 other Disciples at the "Great Awakening" at West Des Moines Christian Church the last Saturday in August. Our Keynote speaker, Christian Piatt, a new church planter and speaker challenged us with the story of the disciples in the boat when Jesus came walking across the water. He talked about how Jesus calls us to get out of the boat (the church) and walk with Jesus into ministry.

We also attended a very interesting collection of informative workshops. We were introduced to new Christian Education curriculum and VBS materials; information on the role of the Elder, ways to reach young adults in the community, being church in the future, ministering to those with Dementia and many more.

It was a very inspiring and worthwhile day.





## Disciples of Christ Day of Service Saturday, October 1

Mark your calendar now, and save Saturday, October 1, 2011 to help Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity *Rock the Block* in the Drake Neighborhood.

You are invited to volunteer for a neighborhood revitalization workday that may include landscaping, exterior home maintenance and repair, accessibility projects such as wheelchair ramps and more. These projects will benefit hard-working, low-income residents that need a 'hand-up' to keep their homes safe, decent places to live. This fun, hands-on volunteer opportunity is a great way to put your faith into action by meeting needs identified by area homeowners.

### Volunteer roles include:

#### Rock the Block Project Leader

- 10 needed
  - All day commitment (8 a.m.-4 p.m.) required
- Helps transform and revitalize neighborhoods by leading a group of semi-skilled or unskilled volunteers to safely complete a specific list of home repair, maintenance or improvement projects at a single family residence or community space such as a local park.

#### Rock the Block General Volunteer

- 100 people/10 groups of 10
- All day commitment (8 a.m.-4 p.m. preferred)
- Some morning (8 a.m.-12 p.m.) and afternoon (12 p.m.-4 p.m.) shifts available

Taking instruction from a skilled Project Leader, a General Volunteer serves local residents by working on neighborhood revitalization projects. Unless otherwise specified, volunteers must be at least 16, and all youth must be accompanied by their parent or guardian. We will offer a very limited number of opportunities for 14 & 15-year-old volunteers to work with their parents or guardians.

# rock the block



make a difference

volunteer

donate

For more information or to volunteer, contact Katie Temple at 966-2580

## CROP WALK: Ending Hunger One Step at a Time

Over 1 billion people are hungry worldwide. That's one out of every seven people in the world. Estimates are that 36 million of those hungry people live right here in the United States.

On **Sunday, October 9**, we have the opportunity to take a step to end hunger. Caring Hands Outreach is sponsoring their second Crop Walk. CROP is an ecumenical organization dedicated to hunger issues. Twenty-five percent of all money raised is given to our local Caring Hands Food Pantry with the rest being distributed to causes throughout the United States and the world.

There are two ways you can help.

1. You can sign up to walk and recruit people to pledge to your walk.
2. You can pledge to someone who is walking.

Either way you can make a huge difference in the walk to stop hunger.



## Kid's Café Report & Thank You!

We want to thank those from Runnells who helped with the Kids' Café. In all, sixty-six volunteers gave 367 volunteer hours to provide lunch, story time, crafts and games.



If you would like to help **prepare bags of food for Meals from the Heartland**, they are looking for volunteers for a variety of shifts on September 1-2-3 at HyVee Hall. Talk with Pastor Alice if you would like to help.

## Bell Choir



When Grant Park Christian Church closed, they generously donated their bell collection to us. We are now in the process of forming a bell choir at Runnells Christian Church. Youths and adults are encouraged to join! You do not need to know how to read music to play bells. We will have an organizational meeting at 7:00p.m. on Monday, September 12. We will clean the bells that night as well. Questions? Please contact **Sheila Aukes** — **966-0224**. Hope to see you on the 12!

## Book Group

The Book Group will meet Tuesday, September 27.



September's book is **"One True Thing"** by Anne Quindlen.

**Everyone is welcome!**





At Shake-It-Up Café Vacation Bible School, we were able to reach 62 children from the community. We had 45 children pre register and every night the registration table was busy with new children



coming to join in the fun. Thanks to **Bernie Mills, Dorothy Reed and Tammy Gaudette** for welcoming the children at the beginning of each night. During Shake It Up Café, the children gathered nightly in one of six groups named after a fruit or vegetable paired with a biblical action (Potato Praisers, Orange Worshippers, Grape Disciples, Celery Celebrators, Strawberry Believers and Corn Commanders).

**Pastor Alice** opened with a prayer and then **Chef Basil (Tristan Bracewell)** and his assistant, **Scraps, the Raccoon (Cora Jane Sly)** performed a skit about the theme of the evening in their kitchen on stage. The children then started rotating through various activity centers.

The kids enjoyed snacks at the Takeout Treatery to go along with the bible story every night. Thanks to **Kristin Danley-Greiner, Teena Grove, Jen Lessard, Sharon and Don Danley**. The menu included Cookie Faces, Harvest Trail Mix, Festival Fruit, Remembrance Squares and Shake It Up Sicles. Each night's snack ties in with the daily theme and bible story. They especially loved the snacks where assembly *was* required!

**Kristi and Cora Jane Sly** led our music each evening, along with **Devin Gaudette and Mike Miller's** assistance running the sound system. The kids enjoyed rocking out to several fun songs.

We really appreciate the talent of **Barb Miller** for all her publishing and printing skills, she also took each child's picture for the picture frames they created in crafts. Our gratitude to the **set up crew and clean up crew** for their wonderful help.

**A huge thank you to our VBS Director this year, Denise Pfister**. Our VBS wouldn't have been possible without over **50 excellent volunteers**. Thanks for giving all your time and talents!

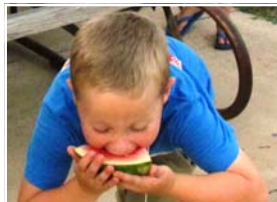
Foodology Factory is the science station where the children were led through a variety of experiments. **Katie Temple** along with her helpers, **Julie Underwood, Amy Simonsen, Dakota St.Pierre, Alex Gaudette, Josh Rowe and Luke Greiner** made Foodology Factory an exciting place to go every evening.

**Deb and Mike Bracewell** shared the evening's Bible story with the children at Kitchen a la King. **Tristan Bracewell and Dorothy Reed** helped bring the stories to life.



The children also spent time at Tangy & Tarts Arts where they made wonderful crafts as a remembrance from VBS, under the direction of **Heather Goode** and her crew: **Lynn Phipps, Jordan Pfister, Sue Howard, Amanda Hosier, Sarah Hawkins and Mary Rowe**.





The groups were lead to each activity center by these guides:

- Angie Miller
- Brenda Freel
- Christine Simonsen
- Dee Simonsen
- Jeri Bell
- Jill Simonsen
- Lacey Nelson
- Lindsay Kain
- Lisa DeGroot
- Pastor Alice Bolen
- Seth Reeve
- Shannon St.Pierre
- Sheila Aukes
- Tammy Feeley
- Tammy Gaudette
- Taylor Hawkins

THANK YOU!

## MISSION PROJECT— Fill the Pantry!

Our Vacation Bible School Mission this year was the Food Pantry division of Caring Hands Outreach Center. We tried to fill the pantry shelves at the front of the Church by the end of VBS! We gathered **\$238.31** and **295 lbs.** of food items!

**We thank you for all your generosity.**



**Jack Merkle, Ben Merkle, Clara Hays and Jon Gaudette** kept the kids active outside playing games at Spork Sports. The kids loved any and all of the games involving water.

# Caring hands Food Pantry

Two hundred thirty-five families were seen at the Caring Hands Food Pantry in July of 2011 totaling 775 individuals. 6,374 pounds of food and 234 Fareway vouchers were given for perishable items. Also, bags of personal items such as shampoo, toilet tissue, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes and diapers were handed out. This amount of 235 families compares to 186 families who used the pantry in July of 2010. Utility assistance checks for \$676.52 were written as well as checks for \$450.00 to help with rent in July.

There is a shelf at the pantry with food for those needing sugarless items. Also, this month, a lot of garden produce has been available for our clients.

**Items especially needed in the pantry this month are shampoo, laundry soap and toothbrushes** however any items will be greatly appreciated.

Please note that the official name of the food pantry has been changed to **Caring Hands Food Pantry**.

Any monetary gifts should be made out to the pantry in that way.

On the last Monday of each month, a Simple Supper is provided for our food pantry clients. This supper is free of charge, and is provided by the various churches and organizations in the Southeast Polk area. An

average of 80 – 90 persons come to enjoy this meal each month.

Please remember to pick up some extra food when you are grocery shopping and share with those less fortunate. **You are making a difference** in many lives through your Caring Hands Food Pantry.



By Federal Law the Food Pantry is unable to accept expired food.

## The Clothes Hanger

The Clothes Hanger is housed in the same building as the Caring Hands Outreach Food Pantry. Residents of the SE Polk area who are also clients of the Food Pantry are eligible to receive free clothing from the Clothes Hanger. The Clothes Hanger was originally started by Central Place and will now be overseen by Caring Hands Outreach Center. Hours are **4 to 7 Monday and Wednesday** evenings and the **first and third Saturday morning from 9 to 11**.

### August Contributions

10 jelly  
3 beans  
4 pasta  
1 veggie  
3 soup  
2 shampoo  
15 deodorant  
1 cake mix  
5 fruit  
10 potatoes  
4 laundry soap  
\$75.00

# Runnells Christian Church

"... is a thriving community of caring Christians whose mission is to nurture faith in God through Jesus Christ to the unchurched, our church family and the world."



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*(Disciples of Christ)*

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Church Secretaries: Barb Miller/Sherry Johnson  
Music Director: Carole Adams  
Pianist: Tammy Feeley  
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