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The Story of Seven Vans, Three Groups and One Coalmining Town in West Virginia

by Joe Schmidt, Youth Representative to the Vestry and recent participant on the Senior High Mission Trip to Belle, West Virginia

At 9:00 am on July 22nd, seven vans pulled out of the Community Church of Barrington (CCB) parking lot en route to the mountainous region of Belle, West Virginia. At that point, we were essentially three different factions: the St. Michael's group (with two kids from St. Anne's), the CCB group, and the Redeemer group (Church of the Redeemer in Elgin). But this changed as our week of service went by. While the nature around us was beautiful, Belle and the other small coalmining towns that surrounded it were impoverished and in need of our help. From the moment we entered Belle, I was struck with a sense of appreciation for all that I had at home, as well a desire to start the work that was planned for us.

We were all assigned to worksites and crews (crews were groups of 5 teenagers and one adult leader). My crew and I were given the task of painting a two-story house in a nearby town. It was quite the challenge, and everyone had to step outside of their comfort zone at some point, whether that was climbing a tall ladder to reach the upper corners, or sharing personal stories with the crew. The week passed by quickly, and it looked like we weren't going to be able to finish the house. Watching our resident scan his unfinished house was a truly awful feeling, and I wanted more than anything to just

...St. Michael's has just dipped into the waters of Facebook? You might want to "like" us at *St. Michael's Episcopal Church Barrington, IL* and watch as we try to get the hang of this social media stuff! It could be fun! - or funny?

Anniversaries This Week

Birthdays

- 8.5 Derek Fearon, Trevor Fearon
8.6 Ali Pepper, Evan Yerger, Hilary Schultz, Cheri Walter
8.7 Christine Szarzynski, Robert Stoettner
8.8 Jack Maison, Abigail Raynor, Jack Ward
8.9 Jane Eftax, William Poll, Ann LaBarge, Robert Stephenson
8.10 Edward Tilly, Kiley Fletcher, Katja Holtermann
8.11 Benjamin Belcore, Kyle Anetsberger

Anniversaries

- 8.5 Pat & Jim Steed, Deanna & Bill Arms
8.7 Dolly & Richard Curran, Julia & David Racicot
8.8 Patty & David Dattilo, Carolyn & Jack Schaefer
8.11 Leanne & Bernard Tresnowski

paint his house completely. Luckily, we were rescued by two other crews who finished their projects early and came to help us finish up on Friday.

Every night we would have a gathering called *Evening Program*, where the entire work camp of around 360 teenagers would come together to sing worship songs and reflect upon the teachings of God. While this style of worship and study was different and somewhat hard to accept for a lot of us, we found ways to adapt over time. By the end of the week, almost all of us would get up and dance to one of the more popular songs. Throughout our time in Belle, we focused on one particular verse:

"Look, I am making everything new!" (Revelations 21:5)

As the week progressed, we studied every part of that sentence, including the exclamation mark. It taught us that just as Jesus is making new the homes of our residents, he is also making each and every one of us new as well.

After our week of service in West Virginia, we headed back to Illinois. On Sunday afternoon seven vans pulled back into the same CCB parking lot, but we were definitely not the same three groups that left nine days prior. We were now one group who had a new appreciation for our lives and what it means to give service to others; a group united by an amazing mission trip to Belle, West Virginia.



Reminder: please come join us on Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. to hear more stories from our youth about their Mission Trip experiences this summer. *Read more below...*



Rest in Peace
 8.6 Nelson
 Thomasson
 8.7 Daniel Capulli,
 Stephen McClesky
 8.10 Mary Louise
 Lutz

One of our Senior High work crews in Belle, WV

Wednesday Evening Series continues August 8th!

Stories from our Youth's 2012 Mission Trips (6:30 p.m.)

This summer, both Jr. High and Sr. High youth went on mission trips. This will be an opportunity to hear about the trips directly from our young people. Hear about the people they helped, the life skills they learned and the friendships they made. Consider taking this opportunity to learn from the young people in our midst. A simple dinner of pizza and salad will be provided at 6:00 p.m. and our program will begin at 6:30 p.m.

*5:30 p.m. Eucharist (celebrated in chapel) *

6:00pm Dinner (pizza and salad provided)

*6:30pm Conversation *

7:45pm - on your way home



Nicole Savage, Karina Nance, Owen Raymond and Redeemer teen on a well-deserved break during the Junior High Mission Trip this summer.

In the parish family

+Those for whom prayers have been requested:

Ward, Jo Ann, Mary Ann, Erin, Katie, Cynthia, Kevin, Andie, Brianne, Matt, Lee, Mary, Bishop Joseph, Roda, Michele, Grace, Amy, Redeemer Family in Crisis Program, military troops in danger including those from our parish, especially, Silas, Eric, Zane, Robert, Ryan, Michael, Bruce, Arielle, Taylor, Tim and Jake.

+Jackie Krauss asks that the following link be placed in the *Sword* from the Episcopal News Service. To read the article, please click on the link below.

[Religion playing strong role in background of Olympic Games](#)

+Baptisms on Sunday:

Felicity (CiCi) LeeAnn Caruso (dob 3.5.12)

Parents: Kary & Kevin Caruso

Godparents: Sarah Commes, Theodore Commes, Robert Springate

Samuel Richard Viola (dob 7.14.11)
 Parents: Jill & Joe Viola
 Godparents: Corinne Sigler, Brad Stevens

Please come and welcome the newly baptised!
 Future dates for baptism at St. Michael's include, 26 August, 30 September and 4 November.



Is Haiti calling you....to donate books?

Last call! All donated books must be at St Michael's by **Wednesday, August 8**. Leave your books in the boxes at the Haiti station outside the community room.



Is Haiti calling your....heart, but you are unable to physically go yourself?

Help someone be **YOUR heart and hands** by making a financial donation for travel expenses and much needed school supplies.

Beginning Sunday we are accepting donations towards our mission trip and supplies. Checks can be made payable to St Michaels with "Haiti" in the memo section. Watch this space and the Hands for Haiti signs around church for more information about **Haiti Sunday on August 26**.



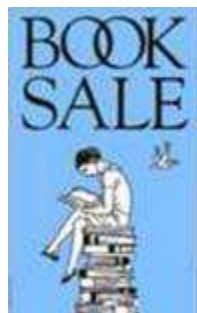
Is Haiti calling you.....to go?

It's time to commit. There will be a mandatory meeting this Sunday, 5 August, following the 9:30 service in the library for all who are planning to go to

Haiti in October. If you are planning to go in October but unable to attend this meeting, email Deacon Laurie by noon on Sunday at travellaurie@hotmail.com Frequently asked questions may be answered by clicking [here](#) and more information may be found at the following website www.haitiproject.org



Little Red Wagon in and August
 Church of the Redeemer's Families in Crisis Program serves the needs of about 25 families - financial, food and



USED BOOK SALE FOR HAITI

St Marks Episcopal Church, 337 Ridge Road in Barrington Hills, will hold a Book Sale to raise funds to help build much needed classrooms in Haiti. The sale will take place on Saturday, August 11 and Sunday, August 12 from 9 am -1pm and will offer a wide variety of books at reasonable prices. Please stop by and expand your library of adult or children's books, fiction and nonfiction.

clothing. No other church donates food to this program; so it is important that we gather an abundance the three times a year that we do it. Clothing (especially children's) is also gladly received. Important foods needed are rice, dried beans, corn, tomatoes, sugar, flour, cereal and canned meats. Personal and household items are also appreciated. Our drive for these things will run July through August. Monetary donations can be dropped into the large can attached to the Little Red Wagon.

Your purchase will go toward supporting the Fan Fan elementary school in Laferonney ,Haiti. For more information about the school, go to www.haiti-fal.org.

Sudan Soiree II - Next Meeting Announced

Our next meeting is Monday night, August 6 at 7:00 p.m. at Lindeens. Please come! Ric Lindeen, riclindeen@yahoo.com or Ellen Lindeen, elindeen@waubonsee.edu



Needed External Painting - Volunteer Call

"Many hands make the work lighter and go faster"

Don't forget, this Saturday, we are asking for your help as faithful stewards of our spiritual home to perform needed maintenance. As with other recent Building & Grounds projects (Mulch Day,

Adopt a Plot), these also hold promise to be good fellowship, meeting others and give a satisfying sense of faithful accomplishment. In this case (vs. applying mulch) experience and neatness are much more important and will proceed until completed as the weather permits.

Two ways to help are available, Project Saturdays & Project in a Box.

Project Saturdays: 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM with lunch and beverages provided. Needed materials, tools and supplies will be on hand.

Project in a Box: on any given work day, contact Kim Lessner for access to organized boxes of supplies for those who prefer a non-Saturday time.

To help us gauge food & beverage and help availability please sign up outside the Community Room or call/email Todd Ross 847-540-0652, tdd.rss@gmail.com

Parish Picnic! Pack your baskets, grab your blankets, don your sunbonnets and leave the ants behind...it is time to go to Cresswood Farms on Sunday, 26 August at 11:00 a.m.



**Bishop's Associates Chicago Northwest Tour 2012,
Saturday, 8 September (*Spoiler alert: St. Michael's is
one of the stops on the tour!*)**

The 2012 Diocese Bishop's Associates tour will target the northwest suburbs. Visit churches in Palatine, Barrington and Barrington Hills and then visit the unforgettable Victorian Palace, estate of nut and snack king Jasper Sanfilippo in Barrington Hills. Cost is \$89.95 all inclusive - lunch at Chessie's/111 Grille. For more details, click [here](#).

Community Meal Wednesday, 15 August

This Month's Meal:

5:00 -7:00 p.m.

St. Paul's United Church of Christ
401 East Main Street
Barrington



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Revised Common Lectionary Year B, The Transfiguration (we are using these readings this Sunday)

Exodus 34:29-35, Psalm 99:5-9, 2 Peter 1:13-21, Luke 9:28-36

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