



NOVEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

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Pastor Rosemary Captain

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Many of us struggle with breaking the habit (sin) of judging others. Here's what the late Henri Nouwen, theologian, had to say about the subject.

THE BURDEN OF JUDGMENT

"Imagine having no need at all to judge anybody. Imagine having no desire to decide whether someone is a good or bad person. Imagine being completely free from the feeling that you have to make up your mind about the morality of someone's behavior. Imagine that you could say: "I am judging no one!"

Imagine — wouldn't that be true inner freedom? . . . But we can only let go of the heavy burden of judging others when we don't mind carrying the light burden of being judged!

Can we free ourselves from the need to judge others? Yes, by claiming for ourselves the truth that we are the Beloved Daughters and Sons of God. As long as we continue to live as if we are what we do, what we have, and what other people think about us, we will remain filled with judgments, opinions, evaluations, and condemnations. We will remain addicted to the need to put people and things in their "right" place. To the degree that we embrace the truth that our identity is not rooted in our success, power, or popularity, we can let go of our need to judge. "Do not judge and you will not be judged, because the judgments you give are the judgments you will get" (Matthew 7:1).

If you have never heard of or read anything written by Henri Nouwen, I invite you to peruse your local book store or Amazon. All of his books are inspiring.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:



11/2 Charlie Harris

11/11 Darleen Bax

11/11 Jackie Canterbury

11/12 Cassie Myers

11/12 Edgar Myers

11/15 Jim Eisenhauer

11/17 Jessica (Riess) Kilian

11/22 Ellen Taylor

11/27 Steve Banjavcic

11/27 Chris Brown

11/29 Chris Arbeiter

(no anniversaries)



PRAYER LIST: Urban Baum, Dave Seneczyn, Donna Isselhard, Joe Knapp, Agnes Doctolero, Cathy Ganschietz, Warren Neff, Jack Harris, Wayne Huff, Doris Moody, Lynn Hursey, Casandra Austin.

(If you know of someone's name which can be removed from this list, please let the secretary know.)

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS:

Ardella Morris

1201 Hartman Lane Apt. 235

Belleville, IL 62221

Darlene Bax

220 Fieldcrossing Drive Apt. 40

Highland, IL 62249

Terry Kissel

429 South Main Street Room 228

Shiloh, IL 62269

Jeanette Brown,

5904 Perrin Road,

Fairview Heights, IL 62208



THANK YOU ALL for the cards, phone calls, prayers, and well wishes while I was absent getting my “new” knee. I also thank all those who filled in for me to lead worship. You are all gifts from God. Pastor Rosemary

TOTENFEST:



Sunday, November 21, 2021 is the last Sunday of the Church Year and, in the old German tradition, is the day for remembering those who have passed and whose funeral service was held during the last Church Year. Totenfest, literally, the festival of the Dead, is the time set aside in the service to name our sisters and brothers who no longer answer the call in this life, to commemorate their passing with a rose and a candle, and to offer special prayers of thanksgiving for their journey with us on this earth.

Since we were not worshipping in the sanctuary last year, we will also include those people who died in 2019 and 2020. This year we will remember Barbara Moran, Roger Fox, Robert Feldman (Darlene Bax’s son), Tom Petroff (the father of Janice Petroff, Former Council Member), Andrew Whitaker, Ruth Ogles, Jack Gammon, James Underwood, Betty Hayes, John Skinner.

GREAT MUSIC IN OCTOBER!



We were privileged to welcome two children of St. John back to sing for us in October. On October 3, Gary Voelker sang for us with Riven, a men's gospel quartet. Gary is their bass and he has a beautiful, rich voice. They lead worship with songs familiar and songs new. I spotted some in the congregation “singing” along to familiar hymns.

On October 24, Lisa Slater Cleveland sang a beautiful solo and encouraged us to sing along to an old familiar hymn. She may claim that she can't sing like she used to, but the anthem was rich with Lisa's heartfelt touch to music.

The choir sang on October 17. Again, we recorded on Saturday and played it on Sunday. “Here I Am, Lord” was as beautiful as ever. When the choir sings in November, we will sing live on Sunday morning with masks. All choir members

are vaccinated, but we will have the first few rows of pews roped off for safety. We are trying to see what will work. I prefer live music, but we want to be safe.

Work on December/Christmas music will start soon. You know you want to – join us!

Nancy Eisenhauer – Choir Director

**CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS NOVEMBER 7
FALL BACK ONE HOUR**

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EVENING CIRCLE

Fall is here and cooler weather is arriving! Our next meeting will arrive on November 14th after church in the L-Room.

We have gotten information for our Kindercottage child. Look at the end of this article or bulletin will be in narthex and bulletin board next to church office. Please bring your Thank Offerings for OCWM. Carol will have a (seated) Holiday game for you to enjoy.

From "A Little Dose of Daily Laughter": Thank You for all the good things You've sent to me today.....and for all the bad things you've kept away.

KINDERCOTTAGE CHRISTMAS CHILD

Carlei Moore---3 years old and wears 4T clothes, size 8 shoes, and underwear 4T. Age appropriate toys welcomed.

Presents should be prewrapped this year and sticky memo on package so Evening Circle knows what was bought for Carlei. Please bring gifts to church by Sunday Dec. 5th. Thank you in advance. You can see her picture posted on the bulletin boards in church

Eileen Gammon, Co-Chair

USHERS FOR NOVEMBER

- 11/ 7 – Tom & Jan Miller
- 11/14 – Tom & Jan Miller
- 11/21 – Sue Williams & Chuck Kistler
- 11/28 – Ginny Ganschietz, Judy Hartmann, & Vicki Hartman

ILLINOIS SOUTH CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING

On October 16, the Illinois South Conference had their annual meeting via Zoom. It was very efficiently run and we were finished by noon! Pastor Rosemary, Sharon Banjavcic and Nancy Eisenhauer were delegates. A couple of points may be of interest to you.

DuBois 6.0

DuBois Camp is 60 years old. It is time for some updating! On other pages in this newsletter you will see the projects the camp director, along with a camp committee, have decided upon for the next couple of years. They are broken down into individual projects to which churches and/or individuals may contribute. Please take a look at these and see where you can help.

WISE Conference and churches

WISE stands for Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive and Engaged. This program is designed to remove shame from mental health challenges and to find and maintain mental health for all in the church and community. Here is why we need this:

- 2/3 of adults who have depression, anxiety or substance abuse do not receive treatment.
- People 85 and over have the highest suicide rate

Stay tuned for more information to come as we become a WISE conference with WISE churches.



DuBois 6.0

Building Faith, Building Capacity,

Building For The Next 60 Years

Oct. 2021-Dec. 2022

DuBois Center will turn 60 in 2022, marking the year we took ownership of the land. While the first 60 years have been great, she needs some maintenance and expansion to get her ready for the next 60.

This treasure is the heart of the Illinois South Conference, where thousands of campers have experienced God and creation over the past six decades. Some found their calling to ministry there. Others found summer after summer of fun and friendship. Think of the retreats, the worship, the secrets shared and the children's laughter. So much life has occurred under the rustling leaves at DuBois Center. Now it's time for us to prepare for the next 60 years, by improving what we have and getting ready for the future.

Here's what we've done since 2020

- Repaired the spillway- Hooray!
- Replaced the septic system on the Rustic side of camp
- Replaced camp office flooring
- Fixed foundation leaks at office, Oak & Hickory Lodges
- Solved plumbing leaks in Oak and Hickory Lodges
- Remediated mold in the office, Oak and Hickory Lodges
- Added commercial dehumidifiers to Office basement and Hickory Lodge
- Repaired/updated at Director's House, and corrected drainage.
 - Rebuilt and repaired the stage
- Brought the Deer Run Cabins back to life, with the help of volunteers and Green DuBois, including adding 3 ramps

Here's what we're doing next

Estimates as of Aug. 2021

Oak Lodge Windows; replace 35 original windows with double-pane, insulated glass. This prepares us to finally install AC in Oak Lodge. *Improves energy efficiency. \$17,650*

Camp Office Windows; replace 10 original windows with double-pane, insulated glass. *Improves energy efficiency. \$4,500*

Oak Lodge Completion Projects: After addressing leaks in 2021 we need to seal the basement walls and install a professional dehumidifier. Kitchen also needs a stackable washer/dryer. *Keeps the central building in camp functional and in good repair. \$6,000*

New Hillside Cottage: built behind Coveside; larger than current cabins, with two bathrooms with private toilets/showers and a larger middle meeting room. ADA accessible and solar powered. Approx. 1400 sq. ft. *Adds camper capacity, particularly for small retreat groups. \$77,000*

Temporary Infirmary: to be reaccredited by the American Camping Association, we need a multi-bed infirmary. We can do this by temporarily repurposing half of Roadside Cottage, giving up a few camper beds now while we also build Hillside Cottage. Future plans are to build a small stand-alone infirmary in main camp and return this space to camper beds. *Aids accreditation and expands reach to potential campers. \$3,000*

Program Director's House Updates and Improvements: rodent-proof under the house, align doors and fix locks, replace appliances, light fixtures, flooring, furniture, and molding and trim. *Provides respectable living quarters for a professional staff member. \$7,000*

Oak Lodge Air Conditioning: Estimated at \$53,866, but this project has \$38,126 remaining from Operation Shimmer and prior donations already earmarked, which reduces the cost now. *Improves camp comfort for all guests and campers. \$15,740*

New Fisherman's Hill Cabin on Rustic Side of Camp: Volunteers are ready to build this cabin after we purchase materials. *Adds camper capacity. \$10,400*

New Archery Range and Bouldering Wall: expands archery for older kids and adults, replacing aging equipment with new and better bows/arrows. Adds behind archery a 20ft long bouldering wall that's climbed horizontally, with safe landing area at the base. New Kevlar sheeting goes between them, installed in a new main camp area. We buy materials, with volunteer labor building the bouldering wall. *Adds camper programming options for all ages. \$10,000*

Deep Water Solar Lake Aerator: For the main lake, cleans algae to 35ft deep, installed between beach and watermat. Uses solar to power compressors, with battery backup. Will reduce the need for chemical treatment. *Improves swimmer and aquatic health and saves money. \$6,000*

Boat House Solar Power: the boat house is far from electrical sources but has a constant need for lights and the ability to charge radios. Adding solar panels and batteries at the same time as the dedicated aerator solar panels makes installation more efficient. *Adds safety and convenience to a heavily used building. \$1,200*

Deer Run Lodge: repair deck, update kitchen appliances, electric, lighting; replace doors, screens and roof soffit; reseal metal roof.

Adds camper capacity, especially for Scout tent camping groups. \$4,500

Deer Run Shower House: replace water heater, adds doors to toilet stalls, adds stainless shower stalls, improve electric and lighting, and new roof with extended overhang. *Adds camper capacity, especially for Scout tent camping groups. \$10,300*

New Hay Barn: adds weather-safe capacity to store hay we grow, which is eaten by our horses. Excess could be sold at a profit. *Adds both money savings and possible income stream. \$30,000*

Lumber Shed Roof: The metal roof can no longer be patched. Includes roofing and trusses, using volunteer labor to install. *Protects our investment in supplies we use for camp maintenance. \$3,000*

Road Repairs: needed particularly in a 15 x 70 area North of Natures Classroom. Includes resurfacing one mile of roadway, which hasn't been done in at least 15 years. *Maintains good, safe access to all parts of camp. \$18,500*

Fence Painting: all 8000 feet of wood fencing needs painting. *Adds aesthetic value, maintains property lines and keeps our horses safe. \$500*

Note: Project order will be determined by availability of materials and funds.

How You Can Contribute

- **Sponsor**- Individuals, families, groups and congregations can pick an item to sponsor, and raise money for that project. Watch for more information on how to sponsor portions of these projects.
- **Share**- If you receive mandatory IRA distributions and have enough to share, please donate a portion in 2022 to this campaign.
- **Stock**- If you own stock that has appreciated in value, please consider donating shares in 2021 or 2022. You receive the full value of the donation in the tax year of your donation, and we receive the full value at the sale of the stock.
- **Tax Refund**- If you typically receive a tax refund, please consider donating a portion of your 2022 refund.
- **Dinners**- Plan to attend two special Taste of DuBois Dinners
 - Camp Fare Dinner, Aug, 2022- all the special camp foods in one dinner.
 - Foraged Dinner, Sept, 2022- a once in a lifetime experience, with accompanying auction.
- **Sweat Equity**- we need many volunteers to make this happen. Volunteer labor makes many of these projects attainable. Skills needed range from basic construction, flooring and roofing to washing new windows, painting and general clean up. Contact DuBois6.0@iscucc.org to receive emails about upcoming project workdays and needs.
- **Cash** - Give a cash donation at any time by mailing or visiting the Conference office at 1312 Broadway, Highland, IL. 62249. Please call to confirm hours if visiting in person, as staff may be working from home, 618-654-2125.
- **Online**- Give an online donation from the home pages of either the Conference or DuBois Center websites: www.iscucc.org and www.DuBoisCenter.org. You can also donate by scanning here:
 - **Prayers welcome.** We're doing something different than a lot of other organizations- we're stepping out in faith and going all in for DuBois.



Contact the Highland office to receive an information sheet explaining how to donate IRA distributions and stock to DuBois 6.0. Dates and more information on the Taste of DuBois dinners will be coming in early 2022.

DuBois 6.0 begins Oct. 2021 at Annual Meeting 2021 and will continue until Dec. 31, 2022. There are no professional fundraisers, it's just us, the Illinois South Conference. There's no luxury of spreading this out over a number of years, either. If we're going to capitalize on the momentum of 2021 with our new Acting Director and Program Director, we need to move now.

Even as other camps close, there is still a market for camping experiences for church and scouting groups, particularly in the COVID era. DuBois 6.0 is an investment in our camp that positions us to expand our programming and bring greater numbers of campers through our gate. We are grateful for your donation toward the next 60 years of our outdoor ministry center.

November

2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 AA Meeting	5	6
7 Service of Word & Sacrament 10 am	8	9	10 Church Council 7 pm Via Zoom	11 AA Meeting	12	13
14 Worship at 10 am Evening	15	16	17	18 AA Meeting	19	20
21 Worship at 10 am Totenfest Celebration	22	23	24	25 AA Meeting	26	27
28 Worship at 10 am First Sunday in Advent	29	30				