

Pastor Anne's Message, July 2021

"Your Children Make Vacation Bible School THE BEST!"

What do you get when you take 23 wonderful kids, 7 incredible youth helpers, 17 dedicated volunteers, a powerful Biblical message of "**Rocky Railway: Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through;**" add in energizing songs, dances, and choreography; hands-on science lessons; healthy snacks; scriptures; KidsVid conversations; and lessons about Jesus' power? **So glad you asked!** You get THE MOST awesome and exciting VBS experience for all 47 people involved! Thank you to all the parents and families who supported the 2021 Vacation Bible School with their children's attendance and presence.

What a tremendous joy to learn about and celebrate Jesus' power to pull us through! We learned that Jesus' power helps us to do hard things, give us hope, and be good friends. The memory scriptures were Philippians 4:13; Psalm 31:24, and John 15:12. The lessons included learning about Ananias, Paul, and the first Christians.

The Opening and Closing sessions were filled with singing, dancing, and learning about the need for clean water and wells in South Sudan. In fact, our Mission Offering this year for VBS was the mission to provide funds and resources to dig wells in South Sudan! We learned that children there spend the majority of their days walking miles and miles to get water that is not even clean. Once wells are dug and built, schools are also built, and kids can go to school instead of spending all their days walking for water. We are proud of the total money raised for this offering during the noisy offering earlier this year (\$105.00), plus the offering during Vacation Bible School (\$329.43) for a generous total of \$434.43. What a difference a little knowledge, generosity, and love can make in 2021!!



Thank you to Youth Helpers Liberty Bellotti, Ashli Jo Hittle, Alyssa White, Hunter White, Lanae White, Kaelyn West, and Ailis Yanez.

Thank you to Volunteers Suzanne Bellotti, Cheryl Bryant, Becky Cornett, Julia Cox, Anne Djokic, Tilda Evans, Charli Gaddy, Debbie Hamm, Rachael Jennings, Nancy Karlson, Monica Klingler, Cyndi Leinberger, Beverly Loftus, Cindy Price, Becky Schowalter, Sylvia Spangler, and Berenice Yanez.

On Sunday, June 27 the VBS children gave their Rocky Railway Music, Dance, and Scripture Presentation during the Worship Service. Congratulations to everyone who made Collbran Congregational, U.C.C. VBS 2021 so successful for all.

See you at next year's Vacation Bible School 2022!

In His love,

Pastor Anne

Images from VBS

Activities



Friendships



Volunteers



Smiles



Trustees' Report

The Trustees met with the Ford Construction representative to visit about the beginning of the remodeling of the bathrooms for the church. Plans were made to begin work early in July. The representative also felt it would take about 4 weeks rather than the extended period of time suggested in the first contract.

Decisions were made to purchase new toilets and sinks. This keeps everything under warranty with the installers rather than piecemealing the equipment being installed.

Plans were made for storing some tools in the basement during the construction. There will be times

the water will be turned off. They will have their plumber install a second shut off so that the whole building will not be without water at any one time.

He did not feel it would be necessary to bring up a large dumpster as they think they can bring their own trash trailer up and take down the refuse more frequently. There will not be a large amount to be removed.

The basement area will be closed while being worked on. If there is need by the 4-H, Cattlewomen, or Lion's Club to reach their storage in the old library room it will be necessary to make contact with the workers before entering the building to be sure it is safe. Please do not enter the basement area without first contacting someone outside the building. This is for your own safety.



The lawns are looking better. They have received a treatment of Grub Killer and fertilizer. It will take some time to return the park to a nice green lawn. This treatment may need to be repeated.

Sveto Djokic has pruned the Spirea bushes at the church. This is such an attractive face for this old building. Thank you, Sveto, for your generous donation of time and skills. He also repainted the structure over the ramp into the dining room in an effort to keep it in good shape.

There are still so many jobs to be done around the building. The other entrance porches need a new coat of stain, the cross in the park needs a new coat of paint. There are repairs needed to some of the windows in the overflow room.

The care of this big building is never ending. The Stewardship Letter went out at the end of June. The funds raised from the congregants and community are much appreciated and will be used to help keep the large church and community building in good repair. Thank you to all who choose to help us with the structural upkeep.

Trustees: S Bellotti, C Price, B Yanez, and J Cox

Moderator's Report

The open-air setting at Mothers Park has been enjoyed by multiple Library activities, Farmers Market, and 4-H.

The greeting message on the church phone is updated as needed.

Popcorn machine was scheduled to Joyce Chicos representing Plateau Valley Cancer Fund to use on July 4.

An additional Story Walk may be offered by the library in June or July. Be sure to check out the story pages on the Collbran Congregational Church, UCC Dining room door at the end of the handicap ramp for the beginning of the new Story Walk.

The Council approved setting up the Safety Committee as a new Standing Committee. A congregation vote to include this committee in the church bylaws will be July 11. Your presence will be greatly appreciated for this vote. The meeting will be held right after Worship in the sanctuary.

Kudos and thanks to everyone who helped make Vacation Bible School a success! The enthusiasm expressed by the children, Pastor Anne, and all the volunteers was obvious. Thank you AGAIN!

Cindy Price, Moderator
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Church Meeting

July 11, 2021 to vote on new Safety Committee.

**Meeting will be held immediately after church
service**

