

September Sunday services to be fun filled

A fun-filled month one year ago sparked a decision by Immanuel United Methodist Church of Bird City to hold a second Open House Month. Each Sunday during the month of September, Immanuel United Methodist Church will have a special and unique service designed to be exciting, challenging and inviting.

A rather radical plan has been designed for the first Sunday, being called "Labor of Love Sunday." On Sept. 1, after the normal 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, the congregation will gather at 10:55 a.m. for a short commissioning service and then depart into the community to perform service projects. Everyone attending is to arrive in "work clothes." The idea is to apply Pastor Doug Mason's constant reminder of having "faith with feet."

The annual "Promotion Sunday" is Sept. 8. The children and youth are promoted to the next level in Sunday school and Sunday school teachers are recognized. The twist on this year's Promotion Sunday is that the Sunday school children will run the entire service.

On Sept. 15, the morning worship will highlight a play called, "The Key,"

by Phil Gilbreath and Steve Markovich. The setting is a "spiritual" prison where five people are locked inside when Jesus arrives and offers to unlock the doors. The responses are varied, but the application to our lives is vividly clear.

Sept. 22, will have praise and worship music with a special guest speaker from Camp Lakeside, located just north of Scott City. Camp Lakeside is a United Methodist camp that hosts special retreats for groups of all ages, and is not limited to United Methodist churches.

The last Sunday wraps up Open House Month with a bang. Immanuel United Methodist Church will have "Church In The Park." The Bird City Park will be the place of worship. The service will be followed by a picnic and then softball in the afternoon. The other churches in town have been challenged, by Immanuel United Methodist Church, to a softball game, but to this date, none have been brave enough to accept the challenge.

The church encourages anyone that does not have a church home to visit during the month of September to get acquainted with the people of Immanuel United Methodist Church.

Mourning dove season to open Sunday in Kansas

By Karen Krien

Sunday marks the opening day of mourning dove season and the first of the fall hunting season in the state of Kansas.

There is a daily bag limit of 15. The possession limit is 30 after the first day.

Outside of not having a license, most hunters are ticketed for having failed to put a plug in their shot gun. Since dove is considered a migratory bird, only three shells are allowed in the gun.

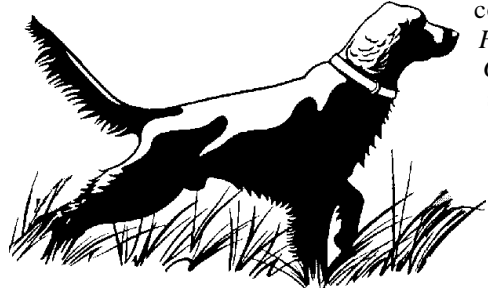
For the fourth year, hunters are required to have in their possession the Harvest Information Program (HIP) stamp if hunting migratory birds including dove, ducks, geese, woodcock, coots,

snipe, raile, gallinules or sandhill cranes. The stamp costs 50 cents and provides valuable information for wildlife management through surveys conducted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

Mourning dove season will end on Oct. 27. It will open again on Nov. 9 and run through Nov. 11.

Hunting licenses can be purchased at Majestic, K-Store and the county clerk's office at the courthouse, all in St. Francis. They can also be purchased at the Country Trader, Vertie Bolyard, Bird City.

The popular sport of pheasant hunting will begin on Nov. 10. Look for more information on pheasant population in upcoming issues of *The St. Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times*. The fourth special area-wide hunting section will also be inserted in these publications before pheasant season arrives.



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CANCER SURVIORS take the first lap at the Relay for Life held in the park Saturday.

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Volunteers raise money for cancer research

Over 250 volunteers walked through the night and toward the dawn on Aug. 24 and 25 to raise money for cancer research.

The third annual St. Francis Relay for Life was held at Sawhill Park from 7 p.m. Saturday to 2 a.m. Sunday when emergency manager Gary Rogers warned walkers of an coming storm. According to participants and observers, the walk was a wonderful experience.

The team of walkers kept someone on the laps around Sawhill Park all during the event. There were 38 cancer survivors walking the first lap, led by a banner held by Bennie and Kathy Weber.

The goal of the Relay Committee was to exceed funds raised in 2001 and the unofficial results on Tuesday showed that the relay effort was over \$13,000, up from 2001 donations of \$10,000.

The band shell and surrounding area was filled to capacity as families enjoyed all the music, dancing and activities surrounding the relay.

A \$10 donation to the American Cancer Society bought a luminary and the names of loved ones who had lost their fight to cancer, or had survived cancer were placed on the luminary sacks, which contained a candle. As Pastor Dennis Livingston read the names, several cancer survivors lit over 400 candles. The glow lit up the entire park and the effect was awesome. Some of the luminaries were still burning all during the relay.

Prizes for the top luminary donation collections went to Suzie Walz, adult; Benjamin Neitzel, student; and the Cheyenne County Hospital "Lifesavers" was the top team.

The St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce sold hamburgers and cheeseburgers with chips and drinks. The Shrine Candy wagon was set up and sold pop, popcorn, rolls, coffee

and cocoa. All proceeds were donated to the Cancer Society. The Candy Wagon stayed open all night, as long as any walker was there.

The firemen brought their fun children's wagon ride and kept the younger generation happy as they took them around and around the park.

Mary Ruth Burkett painted faces and the Cheyenne County Hospital staff gave massages and proceeds were donated to the Cancer Society.

During the evening, Dancing by Dance Ranch students and music by Roy Elfers kept the evening at a lively pace.

Locks of Love

One of the highlights of the evening was the "Locks of Love" ceremony. Paige Gardner, Tiffany Miller and Janae Glidewell had their lovely, long hair cut off by Jennifer Glidewell. Earlier, Kathy O'Brien, Bonnie Doggett, Lacie McArthur, Lacy Kerbs and Sydney Busse had also had their hair cut off.

The locks were placed in bags and will be donated to be made into wigs for cancer patients who have lost their own hair. This is a nationwide program and Mrs. Gardner encouraged more people to do the same as it is such a worthy cause.

"We are already planning next year's Relay for Life, which will be held on the same weekend in 2003," said Kelley Milliken, chairman for the relay.

"Our appreciation is given to every person who helped with this very successful relay. If anyone would like to help or serve on the planning committee or be a sponsor, please get in touch with me or Karla Zweygardt, vice chairman.

"Only together can we be a force to successfully raise funds to fight cancer," said Betty Loudon, a 34-year survivor and member of the committee. "Please come join us."

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