

CLINTON TORCH

Share God's Love

MAY 2010

Through Service

I AM WRITING THIS ON APRIL 15TH....OTHERWISE KNOWN AS TAX DAY. DID YOU KNOW THAT EVERY NICKEL YOU EARNED UP TO APRIL 9 HAS GONE TO TAXES? YES SIR, IN THE UNITED STATES. TAX FREEDOM DAY FOR 2010 IS APRIL 9, FOR A TOTAL AVERAGE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE OF 26.9 PER CENT OF YOUR INCOME. THE LATEST THAT TAX FREEDOM DAY HAS OCCURRED WAS MAY 1 IN 2000. IN 1900, TAX FREEDOM DAY ARRIVED JANUARY 22ND, FOR AN EFFECTIVE AVERAGE TOTAL TAX RATE OF 5.9 PER CENT OF THE NATION'S INCOME. AND YOU WONDER WHY YOU FEEL BROKE:

SIGNS YOU ARE BROKE

American Express calls and says: "Leave home without it!"
Your idea of a 7-course meal is taking a deep breath outside a restaurant.
You're formulating a plan to rob the food bank.
You've rolled so many pennies, you've formed a psychic bond with Abe Lincoln.
Long distance companies don't call you to switch.
You rob Peter... and then rob Paul.
You finally clean your house, hoping to find change.
You think of a lottery ticket as an investment.
Your bologna has no first name.
McDonalds supplies you with all your kitchen condiments.
At communion you go back for seconds.

Today's THOT=====

How come it takes more brains and effort to fill out the income tax form than it does to earn the income?

YOU'RE RIGHT. THERE WAS NO GREAT SPIRITUAL THOUGHT HERE THIS MONTH EXCEPT TO SAY I STILL LOVE AMERICA. IT IS SAD TO THINK 26.9% OF YOUR INCOME GOES TO TAXES. HOW MUCH TO YOU GIVE TO THE LORD? MY FEELING IS IF 10% (TITHE) IS WHAT GOD REQUIRES, IT SHOULD BE GOOD ENOUGH FOR UNCLE SAM TOO!!

May 9th – Becky Niles Birthday celebration.

May 27th – Chaplaincy Endorsement Evening with pot luck and speaker from the Chaplaincy.

Sermons for May 2010:

**2nd 'The Super Bowls'
Revelation 16:1-11**

**9th 'Prelude to Armageddon'
Revelation 16:12-21**

**16th 'Mystery of Babylon the Great'
Revelation 17:1-6**

**23rd 'The Final Kingdom'
Revelation 17:7-18**

**30th Don Hall will be speaking on this Sunday.
(only one service at 10:30)**

CCC Book Club

The CCC Book Club's next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 20th at the home of Jim and Linda Proud., 1438 Main Ave. Clinton. The group meets once a month on a Thursday in someone's home. Everyone is free to choose for themselves what they want to read and most of the men have shown a preference for historical novels. So please join in if you like to read and discuss your book.

Creative Memories Scrapbooking

The next crop class will be on Friday, May 14th starting at 3:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. If you like to scrapbook, please join in. Carmen Johnson and Kathy Rehr are hosting this.

Rock River Christian Camp

2010 Spring Work Days

May 15th, Saturday is another workday beginning with breakfast at 8:00 a.m., they break for lunch at 12:00 p.m. and finish at approximately 4:00 p.m. See the flyer on the bulletin board. If you would like to go over to camp to help out, let Ken know, they would like us to RSVP the Wednesday before so they can plan for enough food and projects. They appreciate all the help they can get.

S. A. W.s (Servants at Work)

Do you need help with your camp tuition, you can work at camp for a week or a week-end to help pay for your camp stay. See flyer on bulletin board about this. Fill out an application and have Ken sign it so we can return it to the camp by May 1st.

YOUNG AT HEART

This one day outing is designed for those 55 and over. Our day begins with a hearty breakfast followed by time of fellowship, inspirational sessions, and a tour of the camp. Lunch and snacks will also be provided. The first session this year is May 11th, on a Tuesday. We usually leave the church parking lot at 7:00 a.m., we take the church van if there are enough of us. We get home around 4:00. See Peggy in the office or Ken about going. The cost is \$25 for the day. See flyer on bulletin board.

GOLF BENEFIT

May 22nd, Saturday is a one day outing of golf, teams of four compete for various prizes throughout the day. The day concludes with a lunch at the course.

FAMILY CAMP

May 28th – 31st is family camp, this four day fun filled camp is for everyone. Come spend your Memorial Day weekend getting away from the stress, relaxing by the pool, playing capture the flag, or just having tons of fun with your family. Housing is available in the Main Camp cabins, in one of our lodges (for an extra fee) or you can bring your own tent or camper.

The actual camping season for youth begins June 18th and 19th with the Teddy Bear Camp 1. See one of the brochures for more information and registration forms. The church will help with a \$50 voucher for youth camps.

MAY BIRTHDAYS:

- 2 – Dennis Remrey
- 3 – Kerry Widener
- 4 – Megan Calderon
- 8 – Amy McCallister
- 8 – Glenn Hull
- 8 – Bob Smith
- 10 – Becky Niles
- 12 – Bailey Claussen
- 13 – Zachery Drury
- 17 – Sydney Heppner
- 18 – Ray Schumacher
- 18 – Tracia Lesniewski
- 19 – Billy Holton
- 19 – Gordon Jefferyes
- 21 – Dawn Leonard & Danielle Leonard
- 21 – Payton Claussen
- 21 – Robin Burkhart
- 22 – Amber Hogan
- 23 – Furman Doty
- 23 – Paul Roy
- 23 – Wayne Johnson
- 26 – Thomas Thiessen, Jr.
- 26 – John Hodge
- 27 – Peg Wolf
- 28 – Linda Johnson
- 29 – Leah Marie McCallister
- 30 – Alice Fulton
- 30 – Brian Finnicum

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

- 6 – Ken & Monica Clarke
- 9 – Gordon & Nichole Jefferyes
- 21 – Mike & Peg Wolf
- 26 – Todd & Robin Burkhart
- 27 – Ryan & Rebekah Baker
- 28 – Stacy & Karen Sagar
- 29 – Jim & Linda Proud
- 30 – Burt & Louise Melvin

Congratulations Everyone!!

MAY KITCHEN COMMITTEE:

Joan Sander
Bernice Sander
Monica Clarke
Tracia Lesniewski
Angie Coppess

GREETERS FOR MAY:

- 2 – Linda Johnson, Gen Sager, Sharon Johnson
- 9 – Bernice Sander, Joan Sander, Tom Manning
- 16 – Bob & Alice Fulton, John & Laura Dawson
- 23 – Ray & June Schumacher, Caroline Nelson
- 30 – Ken & Monica Clarke, Gordon & Nichole Jefferyes

NOTICE NOTICE

Women's Fellowship.

Women's Fellowship will be on Thursday, May 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Jean Greeley is hosting.

Missions Meeting

Missions committee will be meeting on Thursday, May 13th at 5:15 p.m. before the Women's Fellowship meet.

Special Events this month

May 8th, Saturday - Andy Green will be graduating from University of Northern Iowa.

May 9th, Sunday – Becky Niles 80th birthday celebration here in the Fellowship hall 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Gifts to be omitted please! Everyone is invited, see invitation on bulletin board.

May 9th, Sunday – Sarah Behrens will be graduating from Coe College with a degree of Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics with minors in Music and Physics. 10:00 a.m. See announcement on the bulletin board.

May 14th, Friday – Adam Hogan will be graduating from Missouri State University with the degree of Master of Science in Education with a major in Educational Administration/Elementary Principal. 5:00 p.m. Announcement & address on bulletin board.

May 15th, Saturday – Stacy Stuhldryer will be graduating from Lincoln Christian University, Lincoln, Il. at 10:00 a.m. There will be a reception at 12:00 noon at the Elkhart Christian Church, Elkhart, Il. which will be for her graduating plus her engagement to Tracy Crook. See announcements on bulletin board.

May 27th, Thursday – John Craycraft of the Chaplaincy Endorsement will be coming here to speak. The Chaplaincy is one of our missions we support on a monthly basis. The missions committee would like to take up a special love offering the Sunday before he comes to talk so we can give him the love offering for the military chaplains, since the following week-end is Memorial day week-end. The missions committee also thought it would be nice if we had a pot luck on that Thursday evening, more information will be coming as to the time.

May 30th, Sunday – Ken will be out of town, so Don Hall will be doing the service (one service only at 10:30) Marlynn will be leading music and Lilli on the piano, there will be a special video to honor veterans.

A letter from Harold Gardner: April 24, 2010:

To Whom it may concern:

Do you know anyone that goes by the name of “Anonymous”?

When I came back from the post office the other afternoon, there was a note from the assistant apartment manager taped to my storm door. The contents notified me that “Anonymous” had paid my rent for the month of May.

I do not know how to say “Thank You” to such people!

I do know how to say “Thank You” to the couple that bought my dinner last Sunday as a Birthday gift, and did that promptly. “Anonymous”, whoever you are or where ever you are, Thank You! I realize that is a weak way to say it, and it is going to take a long time to pay this back, but I won’t soon forget it.

May Christ bless you all!

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Cans of pie filling is what Rock River Christian Camp is asking our church to donate for this camping season. We have 64 cans so far, so bring your cans by May 16th and the fellows will take them over to camp.

IN HIS SERVICE -- MAY 2010

8:15 a.m. service:

Devotions	May 2	Bill Holton	May 23	Ken Greeley
	May 9	Eldo Krebs	May 30	No early service.
	May 16	Jim Proud		

10:30 a.m. service:

Devotions	May 2	Paul Reed	Shut-in communion:	
	May 9	Mike Wolf		Eldo Krebs
	May 16	Todd Burkhart		Dale Teachout
	May 23	Matt Johnson		Mike Wolf
	May 30	Dale Teachout		Ken Merritt
				Todd Burkhart

Ken Greeley will do communion to hospitals and nursing homes.
If you cannot serve, please find someone to take your place.

Communion and offering servers 10:30 a.m. service:

- May 2** – P. Kibler, T. Manning, D. Heppner, E. Green, M. Oestreich, M. Johnson, D. Teachout, R. Brandt
May 9 – B. Holton, G. Tubbs, S. Burmeister, J. Faulkner, M. Wolf, E. Krebs, K. Merritt, B. Melvin
May 16 – E. Green, A. Green, D. Heppner, M. Johnson, K. Merritt, P. Kibler, K. Clarke, M. Wolf
May 23 – G. Tubbs, B. Holton, E. Krebs, J. Faulkner, S. Burmeister, R. Brandt, K. Clarke, M. Johnson
May 30 – M. Wolf, A. Green, M. Oestreich, B. Holton, E. Krebs, B. Melvin, G. Tubbs, T. Manning
 Servers meet in the fellowship hall before worship time.

Elders: Paul Reed, Todd Burkhart, Mike Wolf, Bill Holton

Deacons: Matt Johnson, Ken Merritt, Dale Teachout, Eldo Krebs, Gary Tubbs, Steve Burmeister

Achievement in Figures: Budget is \$2461.14 weekly

	<u>Gen. Fund</u>	<u>Design.</u>	<u>Attend</u>
April 4	\$3105.30	\$40.00	191
April 11	\$3064.00	\$75.00	21/141
April 18	\$2593.38	\$49.00	19/143
April 25	\$1861.05	\$85.00	24/133

We got an e-mail from camp on Thursday saying they are in need of some S.A.W. (Servants at Work) youth for a week or week-end helping out in the kitchen and dining hall, at the canteen, or where every help is needed. When not working, S.A.W.'s have the opportunity for Bible studies, recreation like swimming or capture the flag, and making new friends. You can earn \$92.50 towards a week tuition or \$45 for a week-end. Must be between 13 to 18 years of age.

Our church will also give a \$50 voucher towards your tuition. See Peggy or Ken about this. May 15th, Saturday is a work day to get the camp ready for camping season, everything from general cleaning to construction and everything in between, so please bring the entire family out to help. They provide breakfast and lunch and they will give a \$5 discount to any youth working on Saturday. RSVP by May 12th.

May 2010

Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																				
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