

## “Older Adult Ministry: Senior Social Connections”

Steward UMC has two community outreach programs, a program for the children called ACE (After Class Enrichment) and another program for the older adult called SSC (Senior Social Connections). The SSC begins in May and runs through October providing educational presentations such as stress management for seniors, outreach services and assistance, games, and sing-along with Paluline. We welcome everyone age 60+ to join us the season of social, educational, and spiritual gatherings.

The May gathering, which was held on May 18th, 2015, was wonderful. Pete Pascua came to our first gathering and shared with us his experiences of Rochelle Area Community Emergency Shelter (RACES) which provides a short term shelter for individuals and families in the Rochelle area. He also told us something we, the older adult, can do to help. He expressed his appreciation to Jim Boulton from our congregation who goes to help the shelter by cooking. Jim responded to his appreciation by saying, “I enjoy using my talents to bring joy to the people in the shelter and bring glory to God.”



Pete's Presentation about R.A.C.E.S.

As Jim said, I hope that SSC program will provide the old adult not just a place of social gathering but also a time of finding values in their age. Do you sometimes feel worthless? Or, at times, have you been slighted or treated as though you were of little value? Jim Stinson, who is Consultant on Older Adult Ministries in the New York Conference, UMC, challenges us to find the gift of aging and to hear the gospel message, “you are of more value than these.” What are these things? They can be birds; they can be lambs; they can be fame; and they can be wealth. Again, you're more precious than all of these.

The prophet Joel in the Old Testament expresses the extension of the prophetic gift to the whole community, whether old or young, “I will pour out my spirit on *all* flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your *old* men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.” (Joel 2:28 NRSV, my emphasis, see also Acts 2:17) By means of dream, the Holy Spirit calls *all* flesh to hear from God and recognize God's will for their life.

“May the power of the Holy Spirit transform you with the healing fire that unifies the world!  
Let the wind of that first Pentecost teach you of God's grace, love, hope, and mystery!  
With tongues of flame, may you be marked for Christ! Go out in faith and abiding love”  
(Acts 2, *Ministry matters*).

*Pastor Jin Yang Kim*



## New Steeple Dedication

We are so grateful for all the people from near and far who attended our New Steeple Dedication service on May 10, 2015. We were enormously happy to see each of you! Thank you for celebrating with us! Thank you, too, all who donated toward the Good Neighbor Fund. The vertical line of the steeple reminds us of the vertical line of the cross. It shows God's love for us and our love for God. It calls all to look up and find rest. The horizontal line of the cross reminds us to love neighbor. You have helped us show love of neighbor.

We are steepled.

A big Thank You goes out to all the people who spoke, shared music, planned and served refreshments, pulled weeds, polished floors, supplied old photos, video, carillon music, table decorations, flowers for the sanctuary, set up, cleaned up, greeted, ran the elevator, prepared and ran the projections, and our sister church Creston UMC who presented us with a beautifully framed picture of our church and steeple.



Karen Bonnell

One song our children were taught was "I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together! All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes we're the church together!" We stressed the first verse: "The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple, the church is not a resting place, the church is the people." This is still true and alued. Our steeple is now part of our ministry, but the church is the people who are in relationship with Christ and the people who are around them.

And now that we have a steeple, we will not confuse the little ones, "Here is the church, here is the steeple..."



## Steeple Dedication Service

Steward UMC was filled with people on Mother's Day afternoon, May 10, 2015, for the dedication of new steeple and carillon. Bishop Sally Dyck spoke of the visibility of our new steeple as a sign of hope as it causes people to lift their eyes. The Bishop congratulated us on the new steeple by saying, "You're now the steeple people," but she also challenged us: "What is meant to be the steeple people for the community?" Our neighbors around the tornado damaged areas shall be comforted because you're here. Thanks be to God for the new steeple and carillon!

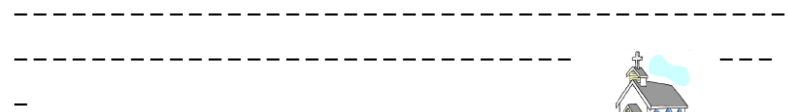


Congratulations! **Natasha Childers**- RTHS Class of 2015- Best of luck in your new journey!

**Olivia Childers**- Rochelle Middle School Class of 2015-Congrats on “movin’ on up”!

### Hub Cluster News

- The Cluster has become involved with the Ogle County Tornado Long Term Recovery Committee. Bill VanStone will serve in the volunteer management area to assist in coordination of volunteer groups wishing to work in our area. Ed Baylor is also a Cluster representative. The LTRC’s function is to assist those affected by the tornado with reconstruction efforts, monetary needs, and spiritual assistance during this recovery process. Watch for opportunities to serve.
- Each church in our conference is asked to provide one flood bucket or funding for a bucket (value-\$55) for the annual conference in June. These buckets will go to Church World Service for distribution in needy areas.
- Thanks to all who participated as a worker, baker, or diner at the recent Pork Chop Drive-thru. You are **all** vital to the success of this fund raiser. Funds will be used for local mission opportunities.
- Steward UMC will host the June 16 Cluster meeting at 7pm. All are invited to attend and be a part of the planning and fellowship.



Best wishes on relocations for:



Pastor Cindy Marino, Rochelle UMC

### Senior Social Connection



Pauline Barnes-Cultra has invited the SSC to her “Crib” for good old-fashioned fellowship on June 15, 11:30am. Lunch from Country School will be provided, followed by a sing-along with Pauline on the piano. Desserts to share are welcomed.

Join us at the “Crib”-  
2078 US Route 251,  
Rochelle, (just south of the “airport curve”).

Pastor Al Meyer, Reynolds UMC  
Pastor Javier Martinez, Chana and Lighthouse UMC

Romans 10:15

<sup>15</sup> And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”

## The Bishop's Appeal- Justice For Our Neighbors

Northern Illinois Justice For Our Neighbors (NIJFON) provides free, high quality immigration legal services at its three clinic locations - Aurora, Chicago, and Rockford. This story is from NIJFON Board member Shalley Wakeman:



Northern Illinois Conference

*"I was able to visit the Aurora Clinic and sit in on an intake interview and heard the story of Susana (name changed). In 2012 Susana, then a high school student, sat with her parents and filled out the DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) forms that would allow her to not be deported for two years. She would also be able to work legally in the country for those two years. (She came to this country as an infant). She graduated from high school and enrolled in a local community college. She was studying a two year program to be certified in the medical field. In December 2014, her DACA papers expired. At that time all of her money was going to college costs to complete her certification. She did not have the \$495 for the application fee, or the additional \$500 a lawyer would charge to review her paperwork. She graduated in Dec. 2014, but because her work permit had expired, she was unable to be employed in a higher paying job, the job which she had studied for! She came to the Aurora NIJFON Clinic in early 2015. She was able to obtain free legal services and save on the application fee. This extension will allow her to live and work in the U.S. for another three years. I was happy to see how NIJFON had been able to assist her in reaching her goal of staying in the U.S. (the only country she has known) and making a positive contribution to the community through her work. Susanna was also, happy and thankful to the NIJFON volunteers and staff for their welcoming assistance"*

Susana's story is one of many of our young people, and of our neighbors of all ages who are living in fear of deportation because they have been caught in the complexities of our broken immigration system. She is specifically referring to the Executive Action that was announced by President Obama over two years ago.

Once that appeal happens, there will be millions more like Susana who will seek help. Through NIJFON, The United Methodist Church has been able to be with those like Susana through this process. Without that witness, they would be vulnerable to unscrupulous practitioners called "notarios" (notaries) who pretend to offer legal services without a license to practice law. Your church's contribution to the Bishop's Appeal will allow NIJFON to continue to work with local congregations and many other partners to offer information sessions and legal services for those eligible for executive action.



Volunteers at the Aurora clinic walk through a client's paperwork before she meets with the attorney. With one attorney and one paralegal, NIJFON relies on volunteers to experience life-changing welcome with clients.

### About JFON

**Justice for Our Neighbors (JFON)** is a faith-driven, United Methodist ministry, welcoming immigrants into our churches and communities by providing. Free, high-quality immigration legal services, education and advocacy. For more information, visit [jfonnic.org](http://jfonnic.org).



# **College Scholarship Fund of Steward United Methodist Church**

## **Introduction to the Fund:**

The Scholarship Fund of the Steward United Methodist Church was first established in Spring of 2002 by action of the church's Administrative Board. Its first recipient, for the 2002-2003 academic year was Beth Arne (now Beth Metelko), an undergraduate student attending Anderson University in Indiana. With some modifications in early 2003, the Fund was reaffirmed and continued by vote of the Administrative Board in April 2003.

The purpose of this Scholarship Fund is to tangibly support youth and adults of our church community in their pursuit of education and vocational or professional training beyond high school graduation. It is our prayer that this Fund will continue to grow in available monies through the generosity of our church community, so that a growing number of students may benefit from it. Recipients are encouraged to give back to the Fund, when and as they are able, and as they feel called by God to do so.

## **The following are the eligibility requirements for consideration for this award:**

1. Applicant must be a full member of the Steward United Methodist Church.
2. Applicant must have officially applied for admission to an accredited degree program at time application is made. If an award is offered, recipient must present proof of acceptance for admission in order to receive awarded monies.

Accredited degree program includes the following: undergraduate academic degree program at a community college or a traditional, four-year college; vocational or professional degree programs (ie. Culinary arts degree); and college/university graduate program.

3. Application must be completed, with required signature, and submitted (either in person; or if by mail, according to postmark date) by the deadline state below:

**For the academic year of 2015-2016, the deadline is July 1, 2015.**

## Scholarship Fund of the Steward UMC – Procedure for Application

1. Obtain information/application form from Pastor, Church Secretary, Committee Member, newsletter, or however.
2. Complete application, including signature. Any questions about the application should be addressed to a Scholarship Committee Member or the Pastor. (Scholarship Committee Members are: Pat Arne, Karen Bonnell, Pastor.)
3. Submit application by published deadline to a Scholarship Committee Member, Pastor, or by mail to the church (PO Box 80, Steward, IL 60553).
4. Scholarship Committee meets no later than one week after the application deadline to review allowing some time for asking any questions which may arise from application information submitted.
5. Scholarship Committee makes recommendation of recipients(s) and amount(s) to be awarded to Administrative Council for approval at the next scheduled Council meeting.
6. Any changes recommended by Administrative Council are considered by Scholarship Committee at the Council meeting, and final recipient and amount decisions are made thereafter.
7. Recipients are immediately notified (by letter) by Scholarship Committee members. Monies to be disbursed after the beginning of the academic year by the church treasurer.
8. If a recipient declines a Scholarship Fund award, monies will be carried over in the Fund for the following year's applicants.
9. If no one applies to the Fund in a given year, monies will be carried over for the following year's applicants.
10. Application procedure and eligibility requirements should be reviewed, revised if necessary, and re-affirmed by Administrative Council every four years.

# Scholarship Fund of the Steward United Methodist Church Application Form

To be returned to Pastor, Committee Member, or mailed to the Church (PO Box 80, Steward, IL 60553)

no later than July 1.

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ and/or Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address while at school (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

School phone: \_\_\_\_\_

For traditional (dependent) undergraduate applicants:

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ and/or Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

For all applicants:

Academic/Program year for which funds are being requested: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

College/University/School student will attend during above year (name of school, city/state):

\_\_\_\_\_

What is your chosen area of study/training? \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided \_\_\_\_\_

What degree/certificate are you seeking? \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied for admission yet? Yes/No Anticipated application date: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you received notice of acceptance yet? Yes/No

Please explain why you are applying for this Scholarship Fund:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\*(Required for minor/dependent applicants only.)

Pastor or Lay Leader signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* (This signature provides verification of applicant's church membership and is required.)

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Date application was received (or postmark date) \_\_\_\_\_. (To be completed by pastor or recipient.)





*Humor for the hard times*

*During a funeral, as the casket was carried out of the church, the organist played Bach's "Sheep May Safely Graze."*

*After the service, the pastor complimented the organist, adding, "By the way, do you know what the deceased did for a living?"*

*"No idea," the organist said.*

*"He was a butcher," the pastor said.*

**June 21 is Father's Day. We will be celebrating at 11:00 Worship. Bring your father and come! (There may be cookies for all the dads!)**

There's a direct correlation between one's proximity to Christ and the freedom of one's laughter. Christians laugh easily because they don't have to be God anymore. Christians laugh easily because they have a secret. Christians laugh easily because in His service there is joy."  
Steve Brown

**A.C.E.- After Class Enrichment**

Watch for changes as our ACE program enters the fall term. Best wishes to Cheryl Marzuki who is leaving the area and will no longer head up the program. We are happy to welcome Tonica Smith (last year's co-leader) into that position and the addition of Lisa Swift as co-leader. We are excited for the updates they have planned, including a Lending Library for the children, which is already being assembled. Stop by the Lemonade Stand at Stewardfest on August 1<sup>st</sup> to meet them and quench your thirst.

An Ice Cream night is also being planned to kick off the 2015-16 school year. Watch for details.



**The Good Neighbor Fund**

The offering from the steeple dedication event served as the seed money for our newly instituted Good Neighbor Fund. This fund will serve as a resource to be used for specific personal needs within the community as they arise. This is a concrete demonstration of "love of neighbor." Thanks to all who helped make this fund a reality. We will continue to find ways to grow the fund

# June 2015



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Ashton UMC Kuchen Breakfast at Ashtonfest
14	15 Senior Social Connections- Pauline Cultra's Crib	16 Hub Cluster Meeting at Steward 7pm	17	18	19	20
21 Father's Day	22 Multiple VBS events at Cluster churches this week.	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	July 1 Deadline for Steward UMC scholarship			