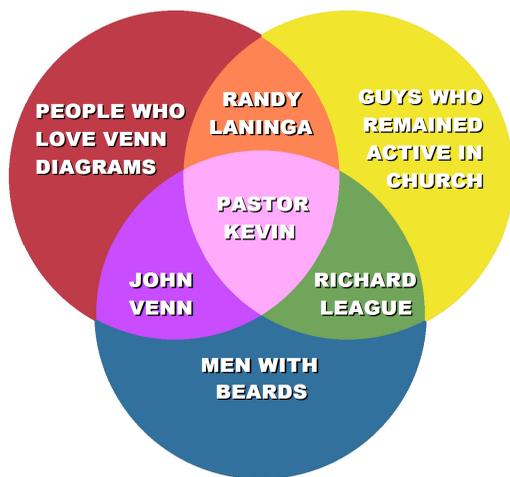


VENN DIAGRAMS EXPLAINED

We've heard from a couple of people who have expressed questions or interest in Venn diagrams since the sermon last month on "Enthusiasm," so here's how they work:

A Venn diagram (invented by logic teacher and Christian pastor John Venn in 1880) makes use of shapes to express conceptual sets (such as "People who like Venn diagrams" or "Men with beards"), and then overlaps those shapes to express examples of how those sets logically overlap or don't overlap in specific areas.



For instance, in the example above, Pastor Kevin and John Venn and Richard League all wear beards, but Randy Laninga keeps shaving his off so that he can get an even tan. Pastor Kevin and Randy Laninga and Richard League have all remained active in church, but John Venn left his pastorate in 1883 in disgust (though he remained a Christian). And Pastor Kevin and Randy Laninga and John Venn appreciate Venn diagrams, but Richard League was apparently hurt by a Venn diagram as a child and fears them greatly. Arguably, we could include a fourth circle about "Men with hair on their heads" that would leave Pastor Kevin out in the cold, but there just isn't enough room on this page for that.

Hopefully, this explains them well enough that we can continue using them in the future. We will try to give Richard advanced warning if and when we ever do...

Covenant Connections February 2015

Operation Christmas Child Update

Thank you for your partnership in collecting 23,761 shoe boxes in the Central Illinois Area. These shoe boxes were received from many churches, groups, and individual throughout our area. They were collected in 11 cities (Peru, Toluca, Goodfield, Pekin, Canton, Macomb, Monmouth, Galesburg, LaFayette and collection centers in Washington and Peoria) and then shipped to the Minneapolis Processing Center.

Our shoe boxes will be sent to India, Uganda, Tanzania, Belize, Trinidad, Tobago, or Ecuador. Those who processed their shipping online will receive an email telling them where their shoe boxes were delivered.

A good way to hear about Operation Christian Child news in Central Illinois is Facebook. Please join our group: search for "OCC Central Illinois." Also, you will find a lot of good information at www.samaritanspurse.org, such as the recent story of 60,000 shoe boxes airlifted to the refugees in Northern Iraq.

Thank you again and we look forward to your partnership again in 2015.

Jeanne Barclay
Area Coordinator of Operation Christmas Child

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Lord's Supper S.S./Church Market Place SupBowl@4:30	2	3 Worship Prac- tice 7:30	4 Intersection Prayer 6:30	5 Elders mtg 5:30	6 6:30 Sojourners & Koinonia	7 Sunday School teacher mtg. 9am @ church
8 Sunday School Worship Service	9	10 Worship Prac- tice 7:30	11 Intersection Prayer 6:30	12	13 MOPS	14 Heddington Oaks 10am Valentine's Din- ner 6:00
15 Sunday School Worship Service Market Place	16	17 Worship Prac- tice 7:30	18 Intersection Prayer 6:30	19 Congregational dinner 6:00 & Meeting 7:00	20 6:30 Sojourners & Koinonia	21
22 Sunday School Worship Service Lord's Supper	23	24 Worship Prac- tice 7:30	25 Intersection Prayer 6:30	26	27 MOPS	28 Covenant Mid- Winter Confer- ence 24th-26th
1 Sunday School Worship Service Market Place	2	3 Hilltoppers 6:30 Worship Prac- tice 7:30	4 Intersection Prayer 6:30	5	6	7

Update on Kelly family

One of the success stories told by the Kelly family of their ministry in Mexico:

In January the Misión DF (Federal District Covenant Church plant) held their first Sunday morning worship service. Miguel Ortíz, church planter and the core group of 15 are renting space that had been used by a small Korean Presbyterian church.

Vero and Oscar, two group members, share the history of a church plant.



FCC Recipe —Teriyaki Meatball

1. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Place the ground pork in a large bowl. Peel the ginger and then grate it using a small holed cheese grater into the bowl. Mince the garlic, slice the green onions, and add them to the bowl. Also add the egg, breadcrumbs, soy sauce, and black pepper. Mix these ingredients really well until it is all evenly combined (clean hands work best).
2. Cover a baking sheet with foil. Roll the meatball mixture into small balls, about one table-spoon each. You should yield about 30 meatballs. Place the meatballs on the baking sheet as you roll them. Bake in the preheated oven until golden brown (about 35-40 minutes).
3. While the meatballs are in the oven, begin cooking the rice according to the package directions: Place the rice and water in a medium pot, cover, and bring to a rapid boil over high heat. As soon as it reaches a full boil, turn the heat down to the lowest setting. Allow to simmer on low for 20 minutes, then turn the heat off and let the rice rest, undisturbed, until the rest of the meal is complete. The rice will continue to steam even after the heat is turned off, so don't remove the lid.
4. While the meatballs are in the oven, also prepare the teriyaki glaze. In a medium pot combine the soy sauce, water, brown sugar, rice vinegar, and sesame oil. Peel and grate the ginger into the pot. Heat over a low flame until the brown sugar is dissolved (just a few minutes).
5. Dissolve the cornstarch in just enough water to make it pourable. Pour it into the pot with the glaze ingredients. Turn the heat up to medium high, stir and cook until thickened. It should thicken as soon as it begins to simmer. Once thickened, add the sesame seeds.
6. When the meatballs come out of the oven, baste each meatball with the glaze and place in bowl to serve. Fluff the rice with a fork. Build the bowls by placing one cup of rice in a bowl, add five meatballs and a couple of spoons of extra teriyaki glaze, then sprinkle a few sliced green onions over top.

~Kristi Christianson~

Thank You Notes

Dear Friends at First Covenant Church,
Thank you so much for your generous donation of hats, gloves, and scarves. Please rest assured that the items you so kindly donated will be used by several programs here at the South Side Mission.

It is through the generosity of friends like you that South Side Mission can make a difference in the lives of all that come to the South Side Mission.

In Christ,
Craig Williams
Interim Executive Director

Dear Friends at First Covenant,
Thank you for your Christmas gift. We are always so blessed by your heart of generosity and love. Over the years we have been extremely touched by how thoughtful the church has been to us. We thank the Lord for showing His love through you.

Love,
Anna and Peter Kim

Dear First Covenant Church,
Thank you for your generous partnership again this past year. We deeply appreciate your support! Please continue to pray for us and for renewal on campus.

Sincerely,
Martin and Dana Smith

Servers

A-V

1 David/Loni
8 Steve/Loni
15 Steve/Amy
22 David/Kelvin

Nursery

1 Jane/Randy
8 Peggy/volunteer
15 Sherry/Gweneth
22 SaraU/Kim W.

Hospitality

1 Wenzel family
8 Budzynski family
15 Christiansonfamily
22 Kampa family

Prayer

1 Linda/Donna
8 Randy/Linda
15 Cliff/Donna
22 Bill/Dawna

Offering Counters

1 Ruth/Ross
8 Ruth/Richard
15 Ruth/Randy
22 Ruth/Ken

Children's Church

15 Peggy/Volunteer

INTERSECTION NEWS

By Sara Stewart

February 2015

Just a friendly reminder...

The youth group is still collecting pennies for the penny floor project. So, if you are looking to unload some of those annoying one cent pieces, we'd love to take them off your hands.

We are also still interested in your cans... aluminum cans, that is... or any aluminum that you want to donate. This is an easy way for the youth group to get a few extra dollars, and you can get rid of some trash! Win, win!

If you are looking to save a buck or two, don't forget that the youth group is selling Peoria Dining Tour Books. These are chalk full of great deals, and they can be yours for \$30.

Finally, if you are looking for a way to connect with the youth kids, please consider bringing a meal for a Wednesday night meeting. This is a great way to meet some of our youth that don't normally come on Sundays, and see the fun and mayhem that is our youth group.

In Christ,
Sara Stewart



FCC FAMILY NEWS

Sarah Warren is excited that she gets to go to Sweden as an exchange student this coming school year!

Carol Johnson has gone home to be with the Lord. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Cliff at this time.

Congratulation to the Uhler family on the birth of Jasmine Uhler.

FCC Recipe of the Month

Teriyaki Meatball Bowls

MEATBALLS

1 lb. ground pork
1 large egg
½ cup plain breadcrumbs
1 clove garlic, minced
2 inches fresh ginger
½ tsp soy sauce
2 whole green onions
10-15 cranks freshly cracked black pepper

TERIYAKI GLAZE

½ cup soy sauce
½ cup brown sugar
½ cup water
½ Tbsp toasted sesame oil
1 Tbsp rice vinegar
2 inches fresh ginger
2 Tbsp corn starch
1 Tbsp sesame seeds

RICE BOWLS

2½ cups dry jasmine rice
¾ cups water
2 whole green onions

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