

Evangelism Update September 11, 2013

During the summer months, there were two events that demonstrated the outreach that our church displays on a regular basis. First, in July, we provided refreshments at the Ice Cream Social held in conjunction with the Naperville Band Concert. Thanks to all who either participated with their baking, prepping, serving and cleanup and to all of those who attended and supported the event. At the end of the night we were able to donate \$1,500 to our neighborhood partner, DuPage PADS.

In early August, we once again co-hosted National Night Out with ECHO, the neighborhood homeowners association. The weather was great, the kids all got very wet and we enjoyed good food and ice cream. This year the kids and even some questioning adults were entertained by a great magician. This event allows us to not only spend time with one another, but to meet and engage our neighbors as well as city officials and first responders who attend the event. It's an opportunity for us to put CUMC on display.

As we enter the beginning of the fall season and kick-off our educational programs, we must look at how we reach out to and contact the unchurched. Our teams focus will be to provide the tools and training to help us accomplish our mission...to make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

We will be evaluating a NIC program called Who Is My Neighbor? Its emphasis is on re-establishing the presence and importance of the Methodist Church within the neighborhood and the city. It is part of our RETHINK church program. You will be seeing more about this program in the near future.

We continue to be welcoming to those who show up at our doors for the first time. Our challenge is to reach out to those who are waiting for an invitation, whether it be a friend, relative, associate or neighbor.

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