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The Ghana boys say a big “HELLO”

I recently returned from visiting Terah and Sadick the first part of July. Over all, the boys are doing good. Sadick is in his second year of college and he loves it!! Sadick is very social and loves to be with fellow classmates and loves to study and learn. He is VERY appreciative of the opportunity he is getting to go to the top rate college he is attending. His college is called Accra College of Profession Studies. It is the 3rd highest rated college in Ghana. It has over 12,000 students. Sadick was able to get into this college because of his good grades in his previous college and he had to write an essay on why he wanted to attend this school. Sadick is going to college to major in business and he wants to be an accountant at a bank. Banking is the leading industry in Ghana with tourism second. Sadick says his hardest subject is French. All business students have to take French because at one time Ghana was a French provenance. Sadick loves life. Whenever we walk the streets by their house, everyone knows Sadick and says Hi to him. Sadick is full of life and is always very positive and fun to be with.

Terah had some health issues but is on his way to recovery. He has a bad stomach ulcer but now is on medication and watches his diet. This probably occurred when they were living in the refugee camp and went without food for days. Terah still walks about 10 miles every day looking for construction work – making cement blocks. He is a very prideful person and wants to work to help with expenses.

My trip by the boys this time was more low-keyed. We did not do any far traveling but did a lot of walking, exploring their city and taking in the culture. The weather was perfect. In the high eighties during the day and 80 at night. This is their winter so it was cooler then when I went in February and it was 100 every day!

Terah and Sadick are very, very grateful for all the love and support they get from their Truax UCC friends. To think they were living in refugee camp just 3 years ago. But with the power of God, and many great people at Truax and surrounding businesses, the boys now have their own

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, August 14 - 11 AM (note time!)

Starting with worship service at 11 AM. Potluck meal will follow -- Pastor Les said he would provide meat and buns. We'll finish up with Bingo, organized by Pam Johnson. We'll have “white elephant” prizes contributed by participants.

Wednesday, August 17 - 6 PM (note time change)

- Quarterly Council meeting - Watch your email or “snail mail” for the agenda a few days before that.

Saturday, August 20th - \$3 Banana Splits at Foster Fireside Pizza - 11 AM to 7 PM

Sunday, September 18 - The band Two Rivers, with Sue Orfield and others, will play during the worship service. (They don't charge a fee, but we'll take up a “free will” offering for them.)

Saturday, October 1 - Truax Fall Auction - lunch at noon, selling starts at 1 PM.

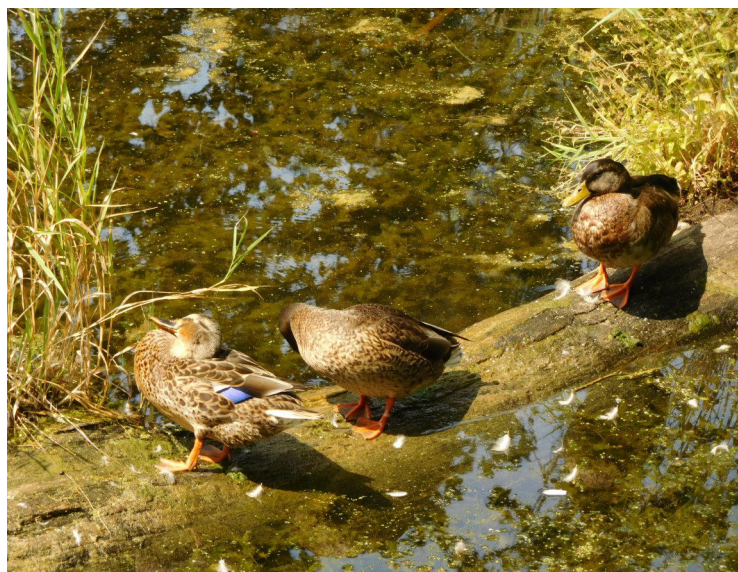
We usually have an assortment of wonderful stuff, including home baked items, handcrafted pieces, and interesting pre-owned items in great condition! Bring your friends, join us for lunch, and support the church. Rod Cooke will be auctioneering again this year, so it's sure to be a great time! (Note: now is a great time to look around and see if you have any suitable things to donate, and make a mental note or two about what you could make or bake for the auction. (For example, pies and candy usually sell well.)

Every Sunday - Check the sign-up list for “vacancies” for volunteers to bring refreshments each Sunday. You don't need to bring a banquet. An assortment of cookies, some coffee cake, or similar items is fine. Some people choose to bring more, but that's certainly not a requirement! Truax provides the coffee, but you need to make it. (Help is available, if needed). You also need to take the garbage home with you afterward - we no longer have trash pick-up.

A HUGE THANK YOU . . .

To Don Halvorsen and Janet Lee for pressure washing and cleaning the front of the church so it was all "spiffed up" for the Pie and Ice Cream Social!!

THANKS!



**Informational Meeting re: Roof Repairs
July 17, 2022 (following worship service)**

Present: Chris Ambelang, Bill Jackson, Janice Miland, Glenn Ambelang, Don Halvorsen, Cheri Case, Janet Lee, Pastor Les Munnik, Louie Lee, Craig Schultz, Tom Sulzer, Pam Johnson, Diana Stenner

The Council met informally to discuss the roof repair situation. One of the contractors contacted regarding doing roof repairs needed due to windstorm damage suggested we contact our insurance agency to file a claim. The adjuster could not find shingles like the ones we have, so he adjusted for doing the whole roof. Since we had no claims to the insurance in the previous three years, our deductible was reduced from \$1000 to \$750. The settlement amount was \$22,635.93, and we should expect a check for that amount soon. An additional \$17,033.03 was withheld until the work is completed and the insurance agency receives the final bills/invoices for the work completed. We are still looking for a contractor to do the work. One that was contacted was very "high pressure". One question about the reason that there was a drawing of the closet in the adjustment materials. Bill stated that there was some water damage in the closet due to previous, already repaired storm damage on the roof, and that the adjuster was informed of this.

Note: We will have an update on this situation at the next quarterly Council Meeting on August 17.

--- submitted by Diana Stenner, Clerk

ALSO . . . THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

To Roxann Brixen, Louie Lee, and Pam Johnson for organizing and supervising the Pie and Ice Cream Social.

Thank you to all the helpers at the social, all the bakers of pies, makers of other foods, and those who donated other foods, as well as those who came to eat, those who invited friends and neighbors to eat, and those who cleaned up afterward! (Hope I didn't miss anyone!)

WHAT A FUN TIME, AND SUCH DELICIOUS FOOD!!

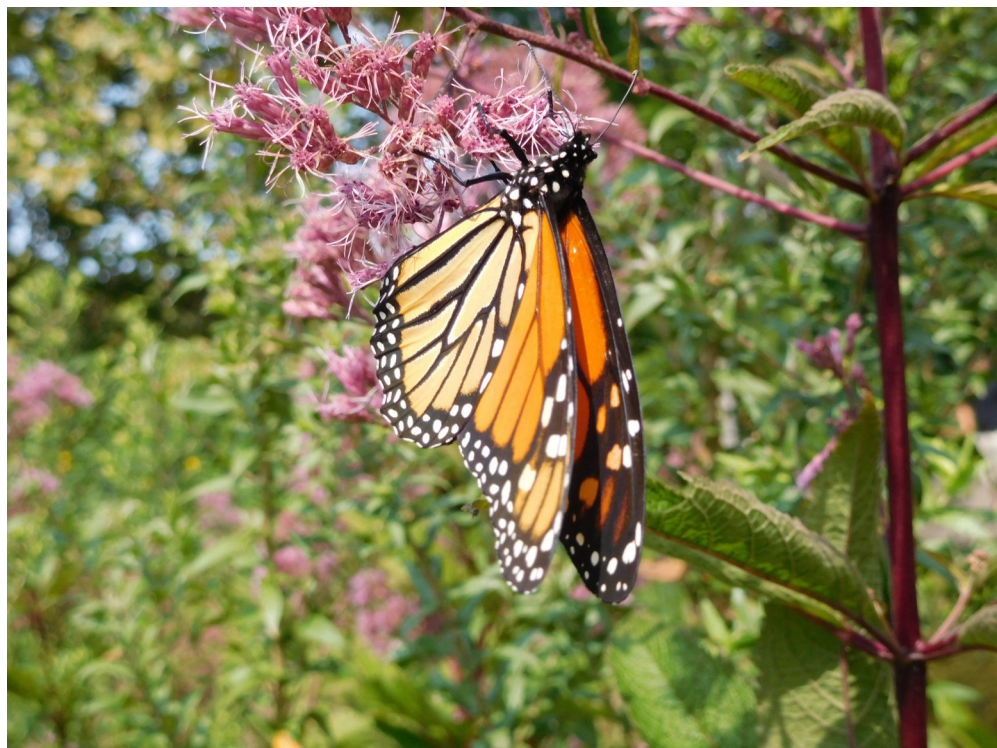


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- TOURISM
- VOLUNTEERS

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July Treasurer's Report

Truax Congregational UCC

July 2022

Checking \$11,679.70
Savings \$74,889.04

MONTHLY INCOME

Item	Amount
Insurance-roof	\$22,635.93
Non Offering	\$321.00
General Fund	\$2,591.00
OCWM	\$140.00
Feed My People	\$30.00
Petty cash back	\$300.00
Interest	\$275.93
Rent-July	\$650.00
Lunch	\$68.00
Social	\$883.00
TOTAL	\$27,894.86

Monthly Deposits \$27,894.86
Monthly Expenses \$3,960.91

DATE/ATTENDANCE	OFFERINGS	MISSIONS	FOOD PANTRY	COMMUNITY TABLE	FEED MY PEOPLE
7/3/2022 18	\$520.00				\$20.00
7/10/2022 29	\$748.00				\$10.00
7/17/2022 23	\$740.00	\$100.00			
7/24/2022 20	\$340.00	\$40.00			
7/31/2022 23	\$243.00				

MONTHLY EXPENSES

Item	Amount
Pastoral Support	\$1,380.00
Xcel Energy	\$89.08
West WiTelcom	\$127.72
Feed My People	\$37.00
OCWM	\$140.00
St. Fr./Comm.Table	\$14.00
Cleaning	\$100.00
Pianist	\$250.00
Office	\$127.63
Prop/Liability Ins.	\$1,183.00
Petty cash-social	\$300.00
Misc.	\$137.48
Fusion	\$75.00
TOTAL	\$3,960.91

Summary

\$27,894.86 Deposits
\$3,960.91 Expenses
\$11,679.70 Checking
\$74,889.04 Savings
\$52,157.71 CD
\$138,726.45 TOTAL

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apartment and Sadick is in college.

Yes, the boys have come a long way with the support from the good people at Truax UCC but we are not done yet. Sadick still has three years of school left. He will graduate in early 2025. When I was there last time, he showed me the building where he will get his diploma and was very proud of it!! So, I will still be doing fundraisers and asking for donations to help pay for Sadick's college, and for just everyday living expenses.

The next big fundraiser will be Saturday August 20th at the Foster Fireside Pizza place. We will be serving banana splits from 11 am to 7 pm for just 3 bucks! So, stop on over see some of your Truax friends and support Terah and Sadick in Ghana Africa.

Les



2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 	4	5 Twins Day! 	6
7 9:30 Worship Lighthouse Day 	8	9 	10	11	12 World Elephant Day 	13
14 11 AM - Church picnic - outside at church (weather permitting) - Worship at 11, followed by potluck picnic followed by BINGO!	15	16	17 B'day: Diana Stenner 6 pm (note change of time) Council meeting	18	19	20 B'days: Craig Schultz & Carol Frase 11AM to 7 PM - \$3 banana splits at Foster Fireside Pizza (Ghana "boys" fundraiser)
21 9:30 Worship 	22	23	24 National Ukraine Day	25	26 B'day: Zoey Pitts	27
28 9:30 Worship	29 B'day: Bonnie Trettin	30	31			

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Banana Split Time!!!

The Friends of Ghana are sponsoring \$3.00 banana splits on Saturday August 20th! This awesome event will take place at Foster Fireside pizza. They will be set up inside and the event will run from 11 am to 7 pm. For just 3 bucks you will get a delicious split banana with vanilla ice cream, chocolate, and strawberries! YUM! Won't this taste super good on a hot August Saturday?! So, mark your calendars and come on down to Foster Fireside for a great-tasting banana split on Saturday August 20th. Foster Fireside is located off the Foster exit on Hy 94 where the big yellow cheese sign is. All proceeds from this event will help with Sadick's college expenses.