

# GRAPEVINE

August 19, 2009

## Parson to Person

Do you know your CES?

Do you know what a CES is?

If you're in the business world you may have heard about the CES.

First developed by loyalty expert Fred Reicheld who called it the NPS or Net Promoter Score, the CES is becoming a new Golden Rule for businesses. In the future it may even become the one mark of success which all companies will be required to report. The CES is the one statistic that is increasingly being taken seriously by investors.

Have I piqued your attention yet?

The CES is the *Customer Evangelism Score* and while it has little to do with an eternal question and everything to do with temporal matters, it reveals everything about the future of a company or a church here on earth.

So what is this measure of success?

Every business, every Christian, yea every church seeks the answer to one simple question: Would you recommend us to a friend?<sup>1</sup>

Living in the Christian community we call the church, I hope we all realize that we are not in the consumer/customer recruiting business. Rather, we are in the "business" of reaching out to the world around us with the redeeming, reconciling and transforming message of God's love revealed in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ. While we call this evangelism, it grows directly out of our call to discipleship which involves the continual process and our participation with the Holy Spirit to become (or grow into) the people God knows we can become. We are not selling a product (like in the business world). We are however "selling" (as in advertising or promoting) something bigger to the world by sharing how our lives have been transformed by the Good News (or Gospel) of God's grace at work in our lives.

Which brings us back to a slight variation on the original question I asked – *What is your CES?*

Would you – better yet – will you recommend us to someone else?

How will you answer this question?

As one of your pastors, I highly encourage you to give prayerful consideration to this question and make an offer to a friend, colleague or an acquaintance you know who frequents your favorite restaurant to join you in worship, a Sunday school class, Rally Day and the church picnic on September 13<sup>th</sup>. (Read further in this edition of the Grapevine for more information pertaining to Rally Day and the Church Picnic.)

In God's Grace,

### **Inside:**

- SCCAP May Need Our Help
- Rally Day & All-Church Picnic
- New York City Trip
- New Small Group Opportunities

(<sup>1</sup> I learned about the *Customer Evangelism Score* in the book [The Gospel According to Starbucks](#) by Leonard Sweet, pp. 139-140, Waterbook Press, 2007. A book first read by Rev. Candace Veon-Nyiri who highly recom-



# YOU can help!

Given the probability of the South Central Community Action Programs (SCCAP) having to cut back their services or close temporarily due to the state budget impasse, we as a community need to be ready to offer assistance. SCCAP coordinates care for our most vulnerable citizens, including childcare for working poor and our local homeless shelters, which are almost always filled to capacity. Many of our Adams County churches are talking with the SCCAP offices so that we will be ready to help when help is needed most.

The way the process will work is:

When we learn of a need we will send a mass email (which will be followed up by phone calls if needed) explaining the need. If you can help, reply back and we will put you in contact with the person who is coordinating the effort to meet the need. Possible needs could be helping with a food pantry, making extra meals for the soup kitchen, helping with the homeless shelter, or something else.

If you are willing to be part of the team who will be notified when needs are known, please send your name, phone number and email to Rev. Lou Nyiri as soon as possible. The phone number is 334-1235, ext. 4; his email is [gpclou@embarqmail.com](mailto:gpclou@embarqmail.com).

Please pray for those affected by the SCCAP closing and also for your church staff as we anticipate receiving many requests for help in the coming weeks. Also, pray for our governor and representatives, that they would find a way to approve a budget. You might consider contacting them to encourage them to complete the budget soon!

## Adult Nursery Helpers Needed

Each Sunday we need an adult volunteer in the church nursery during the 8:15 a.m. worship service to help the staff member. Sign-up will be held in Fellowship Hall from Aug. 23 - Sept. 6.

Remember the promise you made at all those baptisms? The one about helping to raise God's children? Now is your chance to make good on that promise! You pick the date and enjoy the opportunity to get to know our littlest members!

## **HEAD START IS MOVING!**

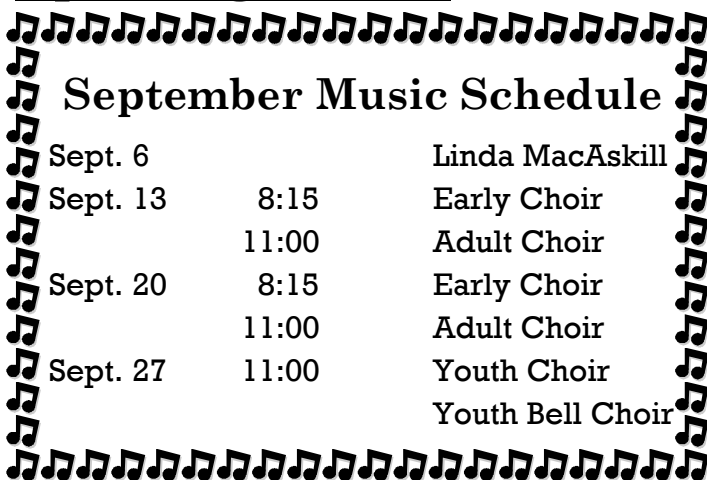
We received a letter from Head Start last month informing us that they have decided to relocate to the old Keefauver School. They would like to expand the size of the program and perhaps run it through the summer, too. They expressed deep gratitude to us for providing space for Head Start for several decades. We wish them well in their new location! Our Session has assigned the former Head Start space to the youth groups.

## Session Update

At its meeting on Aug. 9, the Session

- Spent some time getting acquainted with our new pastor;
- Approved a proposal to move Communion at the Contemporary Service to the first Sunday of the month beginning in September (to coincide with communion at the other services.);
- Approved a proposal to move the youth group to the space recently vacated by the Head Start program. Other resulting moves creating office space for Candace and storage space for AV equipment on the second floor of Calvin House will be worked out with staff;
- Formed a task force to draft a facility-use policy for our building. Ralph Lambert will chair this;
- Approved a request for a Dedication Day program (Nov. 19, 4:00 p.m.) in our sanctuary;
- Elected Jean LeGros, Bill Fitzpatrick, and Linda Thompson as our commissioners for

### Upcoming Events:



**September Music Schedule**

Sept. 6		Linda MacAskill
Sept. 13	8:15	Early Choir
	11:00	Adult Choir
Sept. 20	8:15	Early Choir
	11:00	Adult Choir
Sept. 27	11:00	Youth Choir
		Youth Bell Choir

### An Exploring Membership Class

will be held on the following dates:

Sunday, Sept. 20      4:00—5:00 p.m.  
(Dinner to follow)

Sunday, Oct. 4      4:00—5:00 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 11      4:00—5:00 p.m.  
(brief meeting with the  
Session to follow)

Contact the church office to reserve your place.

(We're skipping Sept. 27, so everyone can attend  
Pastor Dave's Installation Service @ 4:00 p.m.)

### YOUTH CLUB

All children entering grades 3 - 5 recently received Youth Club registration forms in the mail. **These forms need to be returned to the church office by Sunday, Sept. 6.** If you know of any other child who is interested in this afternoon program, please call Phyllis (334-1235 ext. 5) for a registration form.

### SAVE THE DATE:

**Sunday, Sept. 27 @ 4:00 p.m.**

Installation Service for  
Rev. Dr. David C. Wright

Refreshments will follow.

### You are invited!

All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to be a part of the Youth Choir and/or Youth Bell Choir.

Our 1<sup>st</sup> get-together will be on **September 13<sup>th</sup>** at  
**12:00 for Youth Bell Choir and Youth Choir**

If you have questions, you may contact me at [bbwareham@embarqmail.com](mailto:bbwareham@embarqmail.com)

Let me know if you plan to attend so that I can have music for you.

### NEW YORK CITY DAY BUS TRIP

Sponsored by the Fellowship Team

- WHEN: Saturday, December 5, 2009
- TIME: 5:30 a.m. leave from the church parking lot  
7:00 p.m. leave New York City for Gettysburg
- COST: \$40.00 per person
- SIGN-UP: Call the church office to reserve your spot  
(334-1235, ext. 4)

CONTACT PERSON: Diane Weikert—phone #334-0176

Spend the day on your own. See a show, shop, visit museums or see the sights! We only have room for 47 people, so sign up soon!



# Fall Small Group and Study Opportunities

## 1. Mid Week Prayer Group

Wednesdays @ 12:00 in the Library.

A weekly gathering to pray for the needs and concerns of our church and community.

Begins on Sept. 16th .

Please join us anytime

Leader: Candace Veon-Nyiri



## 2. Faith and Fitness Fall Walking Group

A 6-week opportunity to start your day with prayer and some exercise!

We will use the Living Longer, Feeling Better Walking Program of the PC(USA)  
Friday mornings 8:30 a.m. beginning September 18th thru October 23rd.

Did you know that on average, every minute of walking can extend your life by 1.5 to 2 minutes.

That is almost a 2 for 1 trade-off!



## 3. PRAYING HANDS

A 6-week small group for knitters, crafters, and scrapbookers beginning September 17 ó Oct 22.

Thursday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the MacAskill Room

An opportunity to gather for prayer and fellowship and the opportunity to work on various projects. Instruction for beginning knitters. A list of supplies will be provided.

Please see the sign up in Fellowship Hall.

õ*May your heart be encouraged. Being knit together in love.*” Col. 2:2

Co-Leaders: Jo Karchner and Beth Fitzpatrick

## 4. The Word-word by word!

A weekly informal Bible study for everyone  
continuing through the book of Mark.

Sunday evenings 6:00-7:00 p.m. beginning October 4th.

Leader- Rev. Chuck Teague

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 9:30 a.m. Sewing Wrkshp	2 12 noon Men's Inter. Lunch. 5:30 p.m. Cont. Music Prac 6:00 p.m. Evangelism Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir	3 6:30 p.m. Worship & Music	4	5
6 <b>Communion Sunday</b>	7 <b>(OFFICE CLOSED)</b>  <b>LABOR DAY</b>	8 7:30 a.m. Habitat Board 5:00 p.m. JMJ Spanish	9 5:30 p.m. Cont. Music Prac 6:30 p.m. Divorce Support Grp. 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir	10 <b>12 p.m. Newsletter Deadline</b> 12 noon Young @ Heart 7:00 p.m. Men's Fellowship 7:15 p.m. Adult Bell Choir	11  <b>12:00 p.m. Set up for Rally Day</b>	12  <b>Fellowship Hall Set up for Rally Day</b>
13 <b>RALLY DAY &amp; BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY</b> 7:40 a.m. Early Choir 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 12:00 p.m. Youth Choir & Youth Bell Choir 1:00 p.m. All-Church Picnic	14 9:30 a.m. Burden Bear Workshop 1:00 p.m. Elizabeth Circle 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Cancer Support Group 7:00 p.m. Mission & Interpretation 7:30 p.m. Mary Martha Cir.	15 5:00 p.m. JMJ Spanish	16 3:15 p.m. Youth Club 5:30 p.m. Cont. Music Prac 5:45 p.m. Chapel Choir 6:15 p.m. Chapel Bells 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir	17 8:00 - 2:00 Library Luncheon 9:30 - Esther Circle 6:15 p.m. Gastric Bypass Support Grp. 7:15 p.m. Adult Bell Choir	18 8:30 a.m. Kindermusic	19
20 <b>Commissioning of Christian Education Leaders</b> 7:40 a.m. Early Choir 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 12:15 p.m. Deacons Mtg. 12:15 p.m. Property Committee 4:00 p.m. Youth Bell Choir 4:00 p.m. Exploring Membership Class #1 5:00 p.m. New Member Dinner 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir 5:00 p.m. Session Meeting 5:30 p.m. SHIP/MidShip	21 9:30 a.m. Burden Bear Workshop 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	22 5:00 p.m. JMJ Spanish	23 3:15 p.m. Youth Club 5:30 p.m. Cont. Music Prac 5:45 p.m. Chapel Choir 6:15 p.m. Chapel Bells 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir	24 <b>12 p.m. Newsletter Deadline</b> 6:30 p.m. Communion Preparation Class 7:15 p.m. Adult Bell Choir	25 8:30 a.m. Kindermusic	26
27 <b>Commissioning Musicians Peacemaking Offering</b> 9:30 a.m. Sunday School <b>4:00 p.m. Pastor Dave's Installation Service</b> 5:30 p.m. NO SHIP/MidSHIP (since we'll all be at Pastor Dave's Installation.)	28 9:30 a.m. Burden Bears Workshop 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	29 5:00 p.m. JMJ Spanish	30 3:15 p.m. Youth Club 5:30 p.m. Cont. Music Prac 5:45 p.m. Chapel Choir 6:15 p.m. Chapel Bells 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir			


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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

 **Next Newsletter Deadline:  
Noon, Thursday, August 27, 2009**

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Join us Sundays at 8:15 & 11:00 a.m. - Traditional services  
and 9:30 a.m. for Contemporary service in the sanctuary.

- Sept. 6 Service of Communion
- Sept. 13 ***Rally Day and Bring A Friend Sunday!***  
New Sermon Series: The Parables of Jesus
- Sept. 20 Sermon Series: The Parables of Jesus
- Sept. 27 Sermon Series: The Parables of Jesus

*“Jesus spoke all these things to the crowds in parables.”*  
*Matthew 13:34*