



Pastor Dan Powers

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# First United Methodist Church

Third & Kent Sts.  
East Alton, IL 62024

September 4, 2007

Dear Parents/Guardians:

For many years, the congregation of the First United Methodist Church of East Alton has allowed parents and employees of East Alton School District to use the church parking lot. It makes dropping children off in the morning and picking them up at night much easier and safer for all. We feel this is a part of our Christian duty to the community by allowing the use of the lot to all those who need it.

This letter is simply a reminder to all that the church parking lot is private property. If any cars are damaged or broken into, it will not be covered under the church's insurance policy. The use of the lot is at each persons own risk.

**The church property is now a smoke free campus which means no smoking on the parking lot as well.** We ask that each person to be respectful by complying with the no smoking request. We also ask that people respect the church property by not emptying out ashtrays, throwing used cigarettes, coffee cups or soda containers out car windows onto the property. This detracts from the appearance of the church property, makes extra work for the church staff, is disrespectful to the House of God, and is considered littering which is against the law.

Please note that church functions take priority over school functions. When there are "Church Function Only" signs posted in the driveway, please do not ignore them, drive around them, or park in the lot when they are posted. If this continues to happen throughout the year, cars will be towed at the car owner's expense.

First and foremost, the safety of the children is our greatest concern. Please drive slowly when entering the parking lot, do not park in the last space in the row, and do not double park in the fire lanes along the Sunday School wing. All of these things put you, your children, and us in danger.

The congregation is asking for your cooperation in these areas in order to continue making the lot available to the community. It is our earnest prayer that all of the children have a safe and happy school year.

In Christ,

Rev. Daniel Powers  
Pastor

Mrs. Kimberly Allen  
Director of Program Ministries

# Big Wednesday Homework Lab

Grade 1-8

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Homework assistance and tutoring help, a light meal and recreation  
This is all supervised by Christian mentors in a safe environment.

Starts September 12  
Wednesday from 2:40 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Each young person must have a completed form in order to attend.

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## Big Wednesday

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one.

Need transportation home. \_\_\_\_\_

May walk home \_\_\_\_\_

I will pick up my child \_\_\_\_\_



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Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are so excited to have your children registered for our Big Wednesday, for those who have children registering for the first time, thank you for entrusting your children to our care. For those who have children returning, thank you for your continued trust and support. Big Wednesday offers Christian mentoring in a safe environment, a tutoring and homework assistance, scheduled recreation and a light meal.

We want to take this opportunity to inform parents of the policies, procedures, and important transportation rules of the Big Wednesday program.

They are as follows:

- ✓ If you want the church to provide transportation for your child from the Big Wednesday program to home, please fill out and return the Big Wednesday form with the transportation box checked by September 7, 2007.
- ✓ You do not need to call the church for transportation on any other Wednesday during the school year, unless your child will not need transportation any of the following Wednesdays.
- ✓ For insurance purposes, transportation provided by the church must be in authorized vehicles. To guarantee that your child is in an authorized church vehicle, please call the church for transportation arrangements, rather than individuals who work or volunteer at the church. This will guarantee coordination of transportation, guarantee that no one will be left behind, and guarantee the safety of your child.
- ✓ We realize that situations arise that may cause a need for your child to be taken home by someone else. If your child is to be taken home by someone other than the church, you **MUST** send a note. This note **MUST** state who is to take your child home and be signed by you.
- ✓ The Big Wednesday program follows the same discipline policy as the East Alton School district. In order to provide an atmosphere of learning and safety of each child in the program, those who participate in the program must follow the guidelines of behavior for Big Wednesday or they will be removed from the program.

Thank you for your cooperation in providing a quality and safe program for the children. We wish you and your family a blessed school year.

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