

Reynolds United Methodist Church



Reynolds News Wrap

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Come join us for this year's
Vacation Bible School.
Date: July 13— July 17
6:00 pm— 8:30 pm
Ages 3 yrs thru 6th grade

Our program will be Camp E.D.G.E.
(Experience and Discover God Everywhere) con-
ducted by students from North Central College.

This year's bible school adventure is not your typical stroll through the woods. It's an action-packed, adrenaline-filled expedition that teaches kids their strength and might come from God. Through rockin', contemporary music, larger-than-life-recreation games, mind-boggling science activities, extreme sports videos, and cool, challenging crafts, you'll show your kids how to live on the E.D.G.E.

Daily Pledges:

- God is with me, I will stay close to God.
- God guides me, I will follow.
- God teaches me, I will learn.
- God loves me, I love God and others
- God sends me, I will go.



Call (815) 453-2513 to register your children.





He who has the Holy Spirit in his heart and the Scripture in his hands has all he needs. Macarena

Dear Reynolds UMC Family and Friends,

As we think about praise and future of the church, I am reminded of the story about the Rock of Gibraltar: Near the Rock of Gibraltar are two pillar-like rocks called the Pillars of Hercules because it is Greek mythology that Hercules placed them there. Carved on one of the pillars are the words "Ne Plus Ultra" (Nothing More Beyond"). But later Columbus sailed through the pillars and discovered the new world. Then someone crossed out the word "Ne". "Plus Ultra" means "More Beyond". Church, there is more beyond what we see that God has planned for us if we will praise him, trust and obey His Word, and step out in faith.

Many Christians have yet to tap into the unlimited power of praise. It is the greatest source of power the world has yet to see demonstrated. Praise makes the power of God available to the believer. This is the same power He used to create the earth, the universe, and mankind.

This awesome power of God can be tapped into by our sincere, heartfelt praise. We cannot even imagine the depths of power that praising God releases on our behalf. For us to experience this power and live in victory, first we need to be obedient to God and His Word. Then learn to consistently praise God from a heart of love and appreciation.

Victory is always assured when we stand in faith on God's Word. Standing on God's Word in absolute faith and confidence, and praising God for our victory, will take us beyond anything we can imagine or thought possible. Let us remember that God's ways and His power are so far and high above our ways or abilities.

So let us continue to let praise become a way of life for us, not just something we do once in a while. With this all in mind, I want us all to take a few moments this month to think of how our ministry has changed and what wonderful things have taken place. I want to say what a joy it has been to be Pastor of Reynolds UMC and see the Holy Spirit alive in all of you as we praise God together. May God continue to bless us as we continue to look to the future together.

Pastor Al

Remember: All things are possible through the power of the Holy Spirit.!

Sunday School Class

A Sunday School teacher was teaching her young students about Noah and the ark. She asked them what they thought Noah may have done to pass the time in the ark for forty years. After waiting for a few moments, the teacher suggested "Maybe he did a lot of fishing. How about that?"

One little boy gave her a funny look and said, "I don't think so. It's kind of hard to fish with just 2 worms!"

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Anyone interested in attending a training session to learn about the operation of the sound system and/or the power point system, please contact Pastor Al at (815) 453-2513 or Bill Kunkel at (815) 748-5590. This is an opportunity to serve, but requires training to have access to the systems.

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INDEPENDENCE DAY

JULY 4TH



We Remember!



Pledge to the American Flag "I pledge allegiance to the Flag Of the United States of America

And to the Republic
for which it stands
One Nation, under god, indivisible,
With liberty and justice for all "



Pledge to the Christian Flag

"I Pledge allegiance to the Christian Flag
And to the Savior
for whose kingdom it stands,
One Savior, crucified,
risen and coming again
With life and liberty to all who believe."



Pledge to the Bible

I Pledge allegiance to the Bible,
God's Holy Word,
I will make it a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path,
And I will hide its words in my heart
That I might not sin against God.

Work like it's all up to you;
pray like it's all up to God

BRIEF CLUSTER NEWS & DATES.
 (Complete Minutes of the May 19th meeting are posted on the Bulletin Board for you to read)

Notable dates:

VBS:

Chana— July 20-24— evenings

Steward—July 14-16, evenings

Reynolds—July 13th-17th, evenings

August 1st— Frankln Grove Harvest Festival.

June 28th—11:15 am—Farewell dinner for Pastor Monica William at Ashton UMC.

July 17th-18th— Reynoldswood Work Weekend.

All of the Cluster chuches are being asked to put flood buckets together as a project again this year and turn in the donated items at the Cluster picnic in September.

The annual Cluster picnic potluck is set for September 13th at the Ashton Park. The picnic will begin at 4pm, and each family is asked to bring 2 dishes for the dinner.

Next meeting for lay communicators and clergy is Tuesday, September 15th at 7:00 pm at REYNOLDS UMC.



JULY

- 1st- Dorothy Sorrenson
- Kathy Brown
- 4th— Zane Becker
- 5th— Randi Gittleson
- 8th— Lois Heimbaugh
- 10th—Helen Pfeiffer
- 12th—Katrina Underhile
- 13th—Harold Cheeseman
- 17th—Jake Scott
- Sue Bertenshaw
- 19th—Peyton Bertenshaw
- 22nd—Bill Kirchhofer
- 23rd—Lyle Ranken
- 24th—David Lloyd
- Marie Ackland
- 28th—Neil Miller
- 31st—Jim Knight



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 8th— Kyle & Lindsy Stumpenhorst
- 12th—Hugh & Beverly Darsie
- 14th—Jeff & Laura Pfeiffer
- 19th—Jeff & Annette Cappel
- 21st—Bill & Barb Uphoff
- 24th—Jake & Dolores Scott
- 26th—Bob & Sue Bertenshaw

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nurture Committee:

- The Blood Drive resulted in 18 potential donors giving 11 pints. Thanks to Bob Bertenshaw and the committee for their coordination effort.
 - The Nurture committee decided to assist with the meal preceding the first Financial Freedom seminar.
 - A Rally Day Picnic in August will replace the fall celebrating originally scheduled in October.
 - There will be participation in the PKD Open House with displays and refreshments.
- No Meeting in July. Next Meeting is August 17th.

Worship Committee:

Items discussed:

- Review of Committee Duties
- VBS Program on 7/19 by North Central College teachers— There is still a need for volunteers to be monitors/assistants during the time of the classes 7/13—7/17. Registration is during the last week of June.
- New Hymnals have been published. The Faith We Sing songs have been incorporated in them.
- A training class is being planned for anyone interested in helping to operate the power point/sound systems.

Missions Committee:

Abigail Clinic Outreach Project was completed in June.

Trustees Committee: The Memorial Committee Chair explained that new pew cushions are being considered – partial payment would come from a Memorial Fund, but additional donations are needed. It was suggested that a notice be put in the bulletin explaining this need and asking if anyone would like to help. The Trustee's approved this update to the sanctuary.

Next Meeting—July 6th at 7:00 pm. .

Staff/Parish Relations Committee:
 Next Meeting—July 6th at 6:30 pm.

Youth: Plans to go th Six Flags are being made for August 23rd.

Education Committee:

- VBS July 13-17th—6:00 pm—8:30 pm. For ages 3 yrs thru 6th grade. Registration will be during the last week in June. Plans are completed and everyone is anxiously looking forward to it. There is still a need for additional help during the class time for monitors/assistants;helpers./chaperones.
- All graduates from gradeshool through PHD were honored during the worship service on June 14th.

WEB SITE!!

Reynolds UMC now has a Web site under construction. Please check it out- www.reynoldsumc.net. This will be one way for members and friends to keep aware of the church schedule and announcements, prayer requests etc. List it in your 'Favorites' to make access easy!

VACATION PLANS???

As we make our plans for vacation this year. Let's not forget that the church and God's work does *not* take a vacation. So be sure to include in your plans provisions for your tithes and offerings to the Lord. God will bless you for your consideration.

GROWTH MEANS CHANGE, AND CHANGE INVOLVES RISK, STEPPING FROM THE KNOWN TO THE UNKNOWN.

MISS SOMETHING??

On Palm Sunday and, because of a sore throat, five-year-old Johnny stayed home from church with a sitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm branches. The boy asked what they were for. "People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by" his parents said. "Wouldn't you know it," the boy fumed, "the one Sunday I don't go, He shows up!"

A man is incomplete until his is married. After that, he is finished!

The church's business meetings, i.e. Worship Committee, Trustees, SPRC, and Administrative Council, have been moved up to the first Monday in July (July 6th) due to VBS during the second week in the month. All meetings are at their usual time of the day.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- July 18th @ 5:00 pm** —Financial Freedom Kickoff meeting and potluck
- JULY 20th** — NEWSLETTER ITEMS DEADLINE
- July 26th**—Trip to Fireside Theater to see "The Witnesses".
- August 2nd**— **Friendship Day**- Bring a friend to church with you!
- September 20th**—Rockford Rescue Mission Trip and Area Crop Walk
- October 4th** - Potluck after church and William Hare speaking about the Heifer program.
- November 22nd**—Harvest Festival—Program is The Assemblymen.



RECENT REQUESTS:

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| Matthew Hogue & family | Marie Ackland |
| Dolores Scott | Carrie Cappel |
| Jim Hanson | Ed Riley & Jeanette Riley |
| Kathy Clark's frined , Dianna. | Kristy's cousins– Steven & Trish |
| Jenny Thompson | Cory Reidl |
| Jenni's friend, Staci | Stella Maronde |
| Don Foster | Melissa Greenlee |
| Family of Linda Meyer's brother-in-law– Clayton | Those searching for employment |
| Pat Forrester | Members of the Armed Forces |
| Pastor Al & Linda | Yocum's son leaving for Korea |
| Bill Kunkel & Paul Kunkel | Unspoken requests. |
| Men and Women in the Service. | |

SERVING IN JULY:

- Communion Steward : Stacie Vogeler
 - Ushers: Lyle Ranken, Gary Brown, Kourtney Ranken, & Shannon Brown
 - Song Leader: Lois Heimbaugh
 - Greeters: Bill Kirchhofer
 - Flowers: Laura Pfeiffer
 - Church Hostess: Sterling Cone
- | Date | Children's Moment | Lawn Mowing | Nursery |
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| July 5th | Kathy Clark | Needed | Sue Bertenshaw & Jenelle Mork |
| July 12th | Lois Heimbaugh | Needed | Kathy & Rhonda Brown |
| July 19th | Linda Meyer | Needed | Lexi Headon & Tina Phipps |
| July 26th | Paula Kunkel | Bill Kirchhofer | Stacie Vogeler & Jenni Winterland |