



Reynolds United Methodist Church



Reynolds News Wrap

NOVEMBER, 2009



The Assemblymen

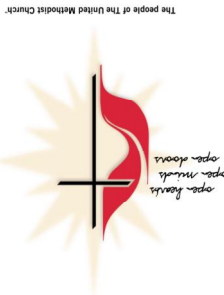
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In Concert
November 22nd, 2009
7:00 pm

Reynolds United Methodist Church is pleased to present The Assemblymen of Rockford as our Harvest Festival Program. The Harvest Festival Meal is at 5:30 pm. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Meat, rolls, and drinks will be furnished. Come and enjoy the food, fellowship, and the music. A free-will offering will be taken to help offset expenses incurred for this music outreach. Dessert will follow the concert.

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Dear Members and Friends of Reynolds UMC,

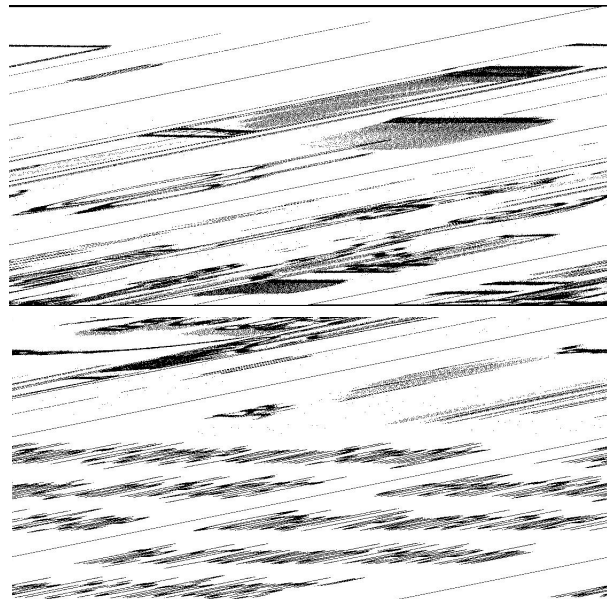
After having celebrated Pastor Appreciation Day here at Reynolds UMC, I realize that Linda and I have so much to be thankful FOR. The vacation you are sending us on is far and away above anything we could have dreamed about. Your graciousness has brought to mind how blessed we are in our community and nation. As we begin the month of November I am reminded of all the holidays and how blessed we are as a nation — Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving leading us into the time of Advent. Our great American Thanksgiving Day and season is essentially an acting out of an attitude. **An attitude of gratitude.** It is a great national recognition that we have been blessed by God. Collectively we are called to humbly recognize His handiwork and to remind us that the Lord of Hosts is with us always. Psalm 46 is a wonderful Psalm to read at all times. It is the psalm that Luther used when penning “A Mighty Fortress”. It is a psalm of assurance and comfort for us in our times of need. The psalm reminds us that we are not God. We are not in control in the world around us. Even if we have responsibilities in our home or at work or with our extended families, we use gifts that God has “instilled” and “installed” into us. We are surrounded by His presence. It thus also reminds us that we are not God-forsaken. There are many things that can threaten us. But God is in the center of our life, has gifted us with eternal life, and gives us peace that this world cannot give. Jesus has not only died and risen, but He is with us always. We are surrounded by the “everlasting arms”. When we think we are going it alone or are afraid of the future, we can be reminded that God knows us by name. As you read the Psalm, realize that He has protected us from so many dangers from the natural world and from the world of those who hate Him. The real battle for our eternal destiny is finished, and the blessings of peace with God are gifted to us by His grace. We can settle down with Him. We can work really hard at telling people about His grace. Take time to read Psalm 46:1-11, and reflect upon it in our ministry.

Our church celebrates this season with many times to worship together and social events. Take the time to worship and thank God for the many blessings He has given to us. May His comforting words help us as individuals and as a congregation.

In Christ our Lord and Savior,
Pastor Al

NOTICE: LOST AT REYNOLDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH — All former families who have not been present recently for Sunday School or Worship Service. If found, please return to the church at 9:00 am on Sunday. Heavenly Reward !!!
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**CAUTION:
Non-exposure to the sun will cause burning!!!**



A Thanksgiving Day Prayer

Lord, so often times, as any other day
When we sit down to our meal and pray
We hurry along and make fast the blessing
Thanks, amen. Now please pass the dressing.

We're slaves to the olfactory overload
We must rush our prayer before the food gets cold.
But Lord, I'd like to take a few minutes more
To really give thanks to what I'm thankful for.

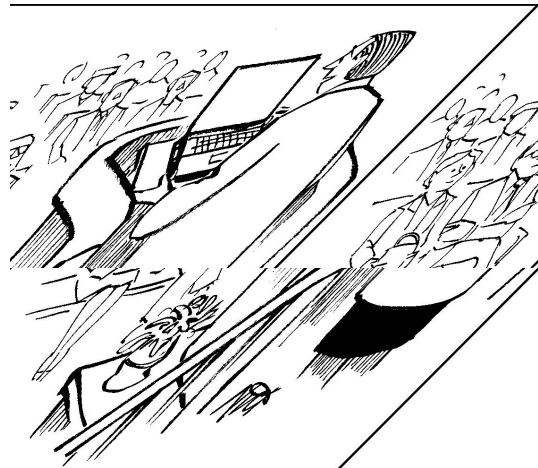
For my family, my health, a nice soft bed!
My friends, my freedom, a roof over my head
I'm thankful right now to be surrounded by those
Whose lives touch me more than they'll ever possibly know.

Thankful Lord, that You've blessed me beyond measure
Thankful that in my heart lives life's greatest treasure.

That's You, dear Jesus, reside in that place
And I'm ever so grateful for Your unending grace.
So please, heavenly Father, bless this food You've provided
And bless each and every person invited.!

Exercise Plan

A visiting speaker was impressed by the enthusiasm our Christian school students showed in their physical education class. "I exercise too," he sighed, faintly smiling at our pastor. "Every morning I awaken to the alarm, jump from bed, and run around the block six times." As our pastor expressed surprise and offered hearty praise, the man continued. "then I kick the block under the bed and go back to sleep."



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The next church business meetings will be on November 9th :
6:30pm—Worship Committee
7:00pm— Trustees
7:30pm— SPRC
8:00 pm— Church Council



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1- Paula Kunkel
- 3- Keith Roop
- 4- Gene Brake
- 8- Wayne Kurz
- 12- Jamie Gittleson
- 14- Tyler Acton
- 15- Carol Hansen
Marie Kurz
- 16- Kathy Becker
- 17- Sawyer Murphy
- 26- Duane Ackland
- 28- Pat Kemmerer
- 29- Robert Heimbaugh
- 30- Allena Gittleson



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2- Jeff & Jenni Winterland
- 8- Justin & Jane Rueff
- 21- Wayne & Marie Kurz
- 27- Randy & Vonnie
Gittleson

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nurture Committee: The Nurture committee did not schedule a meeting during October. Approximately 50 people participated in the Heifer Presentation and soup Luncheon on October 4th. Feedback from those present was that the soup was delicious. Plans are underway for the last two events of the year—the Harvest Festival on November 22nd and the Picture Directory with pictures being taken on December 6th, 8th, & 9th. Volunteers to assist with hosting and phoning would be greatly appreciated to ensure that all who want to participate get scheduled.

Worship Committee: Met on October 12th— Items discussed were Safe Sanctuary, budgeted amount for this committee, and the First Aid Boxes placement and the consideration for adding another one. Next meeting is Nov. 9th at 6:30 pm.

Missions Committee: No Report.

Trustees Committee: Bob Becker, as Chairman, Gary Brown, Jason Pfeiffer, and Joe Phipps were named to a committee to check out the burial plots at the Reynolds Cemetery South of the Church. There are grave stones that have fallen over and been placed in the corner of the cemetery. They will look into forming an association. Joe Phipps reported that a window well is need on the basement window on the East side of the parsonage, that he will put plastic over several windows in the parsonage, and he will also trim the bushes on the West side of the church.

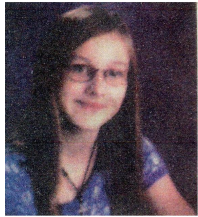
Staff/Parish Relations Committee:

Met on October 12th . Discussed and set Pastor Al's salary, Accountable Reimbursement amount for the coming year, and discussed the feasibility of being able to continue to employ a secretary. It was decided that Grace Ann would be retained for the first three months of 2010, at which time the financial giving of the church would be reviewed and maintaining the position of an employed secretary will be re-evaluated.

Youth: Plans for the youth this summer include a mission trip, and several are going to attend camps. We will be assisting the Mission Committee with "Operation Christmas Child" project. Any suggestions or new ideas for the Youth are always welcome—call Lisa Headon, Youth Leader (815) 593-0174 or the church at (815) 453-2513. .

Education Committee: We are still in need of 2 Sunday School teachers. One of our current ones will be leaving after December. Please prayerfully consider helping.

Finance Committee: After many hours and many adjustments of line items, the Finance Committee presented the 2010 Budget to the Church Council on October 12th for the first reading, and it was approved as presented. The Second reading for the final approval will be on November 1st after Worship service. This budget is greater than last year because of rising costs, therefore \$1,979.00 is needed each week to meet all our expenses. Our weekly average is below that number right now. Friends, we need your help to keep the church growing and to be able to continue our current programs and fund new outreach projects.



Our very own Kathy Brown recently participated in the Miss Jr. Teen Chicago pageant competition. Although not placing in the first 10, she stated it was a wonderful experience.



Dr. Angela Pfeiffer, PT, DPT received a doctorate degree in Physical Therapy from Shenandoah University in Winchester, VA. She has a special interest in orthopedic women's health, sacroiliac (SI) dysfunction, vestibular rehabilitation, and sports medicine. We're proud of your accomplishments, Angela!! Congratulations.!



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NOTABLE DATES TO REMEMBER:

November 22nd—5:30 pm—Harvest Festival Meal—Bring a dish or two to pass and your own table service. Meat and drinks will be furnished.

Program: 7:00 pm— the Assemblymen from Rockford in concert.

December 6th—2:00pm— Hub Cluster Christmas Program at Reynolds UMC. Featuring the Hub Cluster Choir and puppeteers from Rockford Court Street UMC. Refreshments to follow!. Volunteers to sing in the choir are still being accepted!



RECENT REQUESTS:

- Pastor Al and Linda
- Iola Droege
- Marie Ackland
- Sterling Cone
- Kathleen Holmes
- 3 yr old girl with leukemia & family
- Bill & Paula Kunkel
- Paula Kunkel's mother
- Gary Brown's Mother
- Steve & Lisa Headon & family
- Families of those grieving.
- Bob Heimbaugh
- Kathy Edson's friend who lost a daughter due to cancer.
- Ellen Clark's daughter
- Verle Burhenn
- Mike with a brain tumor
- Janelle Kahn & her family.
- Those sick with flu.
- Matthew Hogue & his family
- Neva Becker's sister
- Jim & Bonnie Steder
- Farmers during harvest season
- Men & women in the Military Service
- Family who had a home fire
- Allison Cole

SERVING IN NOVEMBER:

- Communion Steward : Kathy Edson
 - Ushers: Robert Heimbaugh, Steve Headon, Jerry Lawrence, Adam Cappel
 - Song Leader: Gene Brake
 - Greeters: Steve & Lisa Headon
 - Flowers: Ruth Burhenn
 - Church Hostesses: Joyce Brake & Jeanne Warner
- | Date | Children's Moment | Lawn Mowing or Snow Removal | Nursery |
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| 1st | Lois Heimbaugh | Help Needed | Help Needed |
| 8th | Kathy Becker | Help Needed | Help Needed |
| 15th | Linda Meyer | Help Needed | Help Needed |
| 22nd | Help Needed | Help Needed | Help Needed |
| 29th | Rhonda Brown | Help Needed | Help Needed |