



**Reynolds United Methodist Church**



*Reynolds News Wrap*

**OCTOBER, 2009**

**Pastor Appreciation Sunday**



*Pastor Alan Meyer*

Sunday, October 11th, 2009

*Noon Scrambled Dinner  
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Whatever our situation, The Word of God holds our answer. We can not worry and think at the same time. We can be conquerors by keeping our thoughts on God's Word. To do this we must: Find scriptures that pertain to our situation; Write them down; Read them aloud. We sometimes need to speak louder than our worries.

Dear Reynolds UMC Members and Friends,  
As I have started a series on "Getting Rid of the Past", it came to me that we need to find strength in God and his Word. We need to spend more time in Bible study. Let us remember that as long as we live on this earth we will all have troubles come into our lives. The question is, "How will we react to those troubles?" When we look for help in Scriptures the first that comes to mind is David. David had more than his share of problems. There were those who were jealous of him, those who tried to kill him, kidnap his family, and the list goes on and on. In many ways David was not much different from us. But David constantly looked to God and relied on Him in every situation. (Take time to read 1 Samuel and see his example.) As David directed his thoughts on God, he realized that mere men could not harm him. Read Ps. 56:3-4.

Many people don't want to sing, especially in the morning. But David sang, he reminded himself that God was his safe haven where nobody could harm him. David **REMEMBERED** that God was his fortress-a place he could flee to when he needed protection. So many times today we wait till our lives are completely out of control before we will turn to God. But we have to REMEMBER that God is interested in us, and He wants to help us no matter how big or small the situations of life. He won't barge in where He has not been asked. David trusted (Psalm 63:8) God with every part of his life. This is how come David overcame everything he faced.

Church, If we follow David's example of communing with God and trusting Him, we too will find strength and shelter in the Lord. It's as we fellowship with the Lord that we realize that we don't have to make things work out on our own. We can be sure that God has us in His hands, and will move on our behalf. We will find peace, joy, and happiness in the midst of a storm because we know that God will always take care of us.

Peace rules the day when Christ rules the mind.

Peace and God's love,  
Pastor Al



**Pastor Al and I (at least I) are very thankful to all who helped with the flower beds that we are trying to make at the parsonage. Thanks to Vernon Gittleson for the loads of dirt that he delivered to the parsonage, to Lyle Ranken for moving the dirt around and helping to smooth it out, and to Verle Burhenn for the use of his truck to haul all the brick Also thanks to Verle & Ruth Burhenn for purchasing a dishwasher for the parsonage, and Steve Headon & Jerry Lawrence for working hard to install it and the cabinet. My heart was warmed by the fact that when you all saw a job that needed to be done, you volunteered to do it.**

Linda Meyer

UPCOMING CLUSTER EVENTS

October 8th— Steward UMC Turkey Supper with seating at 5,6,& 7pm.

Oct. 17th 4—7pm— Chana UMC Ham Supper 4:30pm to 7 pm.

Oct. 24th—Ladies Bazaar— Ashton UMC and their famous kuchen 8-30-12:00 Also a Quilt Show.

Dec. 14th—Ashton UMC Ladies Christmas Tea with harpist entertainment. All ladies of the Cluster are invited.

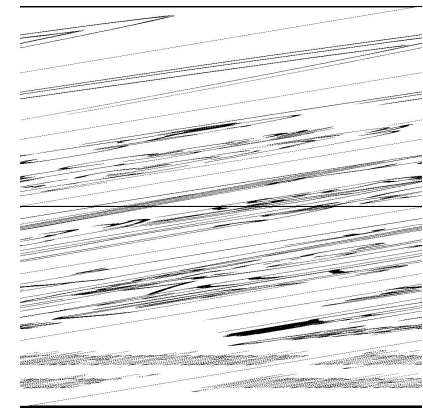
November 22nd—7pm—Reynolds UMC— The Assemblymen of Rockford performing. Free concert.

NEXT MEETING: Oct. 20th @7:00 at Rochelle UMC.

**NEW ADDRESS!!**

Pat Kemmerer has moved to Dixon. Her new address is:

310 Cedar Street, Dixon, IL 61021  
Phone: (815) 288-0595



REAL CHURCH SIGNS

Do not wait for the hearse to take you to church.

If you're headed in the wrong direction, God allows U-turns.

If you don't like the way you were born, try being born again!

Use what you are given to bring more to Christ, but if you don't, you will lose what you clutch in your hand and hang on to— not using it for God's outreach.

Matthew 25:29

**KIDS- They say what they think they hear!!!**

While walking along the sidewalk in front of his church, our minister heard the intoning of a prayer that nearly made his collar wilt. Apparently, his 5-yr old-son and his play-mates had found a dead robin. Feeling that a proper burial should be performed, they had secured a small box and cotton batting, then dug a hole and made ready for the disposal of the deceased. The minister's son was chosen to say the appropriate prayers, and with sonorous dignity, intoned his version of what he thought his father always said,

'Glory to unto the Faaather, and unto the Sonnn, and into the hole he goooes.'

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The next church business meetings will be on October 12th :

6:30pm—Worship

7:00pm— Trustees

7:30pm— SPRC

8:00 pm— Church Council



### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1- Ruth Burhenn
- 2- Kathy Edson
- Vernon Gittleson
- 8- Lelia Place
- 14- D` J Wolf
- 15- Walker Knight
- 19- Sally Ranken
- 25- Gabrielle Troha
- 26- Zane Murphy



### OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 6— Jim & Cindy Knight
- Rich and Stacie Vogeler
- 16- Bob and Lois Heimbaugh

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Nurture Committee:** We supported the PKD Open House and the committee members enjoyed interacting with the families in explaining the activities of the church. 24 out of 32 PKD families were in attendance for more that 100 people.

**Worship Committee:** No Meeting in September. Next meeting is on **October 12th at 6:30 p.m.**

**Missions Committee:** Rockford Rescue Mission report- served approximately 160 people. Thanks to all who contributed food, funds or time in this outreach to the homeless.

**Trustees Committee:** Steve Headon will work on installing a hand rail for the South vestibule wall of the church. We are also updating the Cemetery files to keep them current.

**Staff/Parish Relations Committee:** Met on Sept. 14th . We discussed the Pastor's salary for 2010 as well as some other miscellaneous matters which included the upcoming Pastor Appreciation Sunday on October 11th with a noon lunch. Everyone is to bring a dish to pass and their own table service. If anyone wishes to participate in an appreciation gift, they should see Bob Heimbaugh. Next meeting: October 12th. @ 7:30 pm.

**Youth:** The Youth are meeting monthly. October's meeting is on the 18th at 6:00 pm.

### **Education Committee:**

The Education committee has not met since last month. Sunday School started again on September 6th. Attendance is good. Our need remains the same: Teachers for grades 1st-3rd and 4th-7th. Even if some can help only part-time, please contact Jeanne Warner. Substitute teachers are also needed.

**Finance Committee:** September & October was and will be a very trying time for the committee as it is time to work on the 2010 Budget. We are going to have to make some cuts to make up for the \$2,000 a month shortfall over the past 9 months. We need approximately \$1,900 per week to balance our 2009 budget , and we have been unable to receive that in these difficult times. We don't blame the Congregation; they just don't have enough to go around. We will have to put all new major projects on hold for another year.

### **Memorial Committee:**

Our new pew cushions have been installed! Thanks to the following for providing the funds for them:

*Don Kemmerer Memorial, Jim Clark Memorial, William Henert Memorial, Laurence Vogeler Memorial, Sally Vogeler Memorial, & Gurtis Rogde Memorial. ALSO The Bicyclists, Ruth and Verle Burhenn and 6 other anonymous donors donated towards their purchase & installation. We are very grateful for these generous donations.*

**IMPORTANT DATES!!!**

**October 4th—12:00 Noon-**

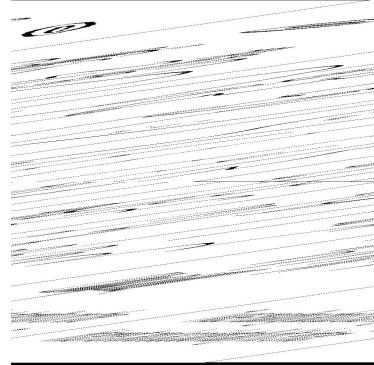
Soup luncheon after church. Everything is furnished. All are welcome to stay for the lunch and hear our speaker, William Hare, Representative for the Heifer Project.

**October 11th**—Pastor Appreciation Day.

**October 19th**— **NEWLETTER ITEMS DEADLINE.** (e-mail—galloyd@oglecom.com)

**November 22nd**—Harvest Festival—  
5:30 pm— Meal  
7:00 pm—Program—  
The Assemblymen from Rockford.

Please plan to attend our annual Church Charge Conference. All members are welcome to come. It will be on Sunday, **November 8th at 1:30 pm at the Rochelle United Methodist Church.** Church leaders, if you have been given a form to be completed for this Church Conference, please turn it in as soon as possible. Thank you.



*God loves everyone, but probably prefers “fruits of the spirit’ over “religious nuts!”*



**RECENT REQUESTS:**

Pastor Al and Linda  
Jim Hanson, Audrey Roop’s friend  
Iola Droege  
Marie Ackland  
Sterling Cone  
Kathleen Holmes  
3 yr old girl with leukemia & family  
Paula Kunkel’s mother  
Depression Victims  
Ellen Clark’s brother, Larry  
Pastor & Linda’s daughter, Kim  
Mandi Oltman’s Grandfather

Ellen Clark’s daughter  
Unspoken Requests  
Verle Burhenn  
Mike with a brain tumor  
Janelle Kann & her family.  
Family of Lois Ford  
Bill & Paula Kunkel  
14 yr old bicycle accident victim  
Matthew Hogue & his family  
Liz Erdmann  
George Curtis  
Gideon Association

**SERVING IN OCTOBER :**

Communion Steward : Stacie Vogeler  
Ushers: Verle Burhenn, Roger Edson, Keith roop, Richard Vogeler  
Song Leader: Lois Heimbaugh  
Greeters: Rich & Stacie Vogeler  
Flowers: Kathy Brown  
Church Hostess: Linda Meyer

<u>Date</u>	<u>Children’s Moment</u>	<u>Lawn Mowing</u>	<u>Nursery</u>
4th	Kathy Clark	Keith Roop	Sue Bertenshaw & Jennelle Mork
11th	Kathy Becker	Bob Heimbaugh	Rhonda & Kathy Brown
18th	Linda Meyer	Help Needed	Tina Phipps & Lexi Headon
25th	Lois Heimbaugh	Bill Kirchofer	Stacie Vogeler & Paige Gittleson