

Reynolds United Methodist Church



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SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2009

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Following the morning Worship Service, we will all meet in Fellowship Hall for hot dogs and Lemonade which will be furnished. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass and their own table service. Afterwards there will be fun and games (outside if the weather permits. !!!!)





Dear Reynolds UMC and Friends,

With two weddings this month, I started thinking about love and Paul's description of love in I Corinthians 13:4-8, 13. Take time to read it before you read my letter and see if we can agree that in times as these if we do not need to share that love and hope. Because if believers would take the time to let this passage of Scripture soak into our hearts, many of the problems of this world would be solved. Our problems at home would be solved and our problems in our churches would be also. That's why Paul encourages us to make love of God and each other our greatest aim in life. Because love never fails! If Christians would make walking in love a priority, they would see the love of God soften any heart. God's love can transform anyone. Now I know that most Christians would say they are walking in love, but it's very easy to tell who does and doesn't. By looking at our love walk in light of I Corinthians 13, we can easily measure it. When we are born again, God's love, one of the fruits of the spirit, was put into our hearts. His love is on the inside of us. But it is up to us to develop that love. Read Galatians 5:22-23. The fruit of love is produced from our born-again human spirit because of life that we receive from Jesus. Jesus tells us how to develop this fruit. Read John 15: 1-5. To grow in love, we need to abide in Christ through communion with Him. Two ways that we can commune with Jesus are through prayer and reading His Word. Then we must exercise the love we have on the inside by acting on that love in the way we treat others. Too often Christians get caught up in the things of this world and dwell there. Instead of exercising love that is already in our hearts, we react to situations according to the flesh. However, if we as Christians would let the love of God dominate us, what a difference it would make in our lives. As we read 13:5 "....it keeps no record of wrong." Many people don't like to hear this verse. When someone does us wrong, do we overlook the offense, or do we try to get even? Some may think it weakness to take no account of wrongs. But it isn't weakness; it's the love of God in action. His love shows us the more we'll forgive and pay no attention to the wrong, the more we show by example that He lives in us. To carry that wrong only hinders my walk with God. Beside, the Bible says love never fails, so it's better to do something good for people who wrong us so that God's love will begin to work in the situation and the life of that other person. I personally would rather the Lord attend to any wrong done against me than get involved myself. I would get into trouble spiritually, and two wrongs are never right. Divine love is a peacemaker, and it will always win out in the end. Besides I never want to contribute to anyone's downfall. I'm going to help that person by praying for them and lifting them up to the Lord. Church, if we walk in love, our faith will continue to work and grow. And I know that God will meet our needs. No matter what anyone does to us, their actions can't cause us to fail because we're walking in God's love, and love never fails. The love of God will work anywhere or place. So before we respond to people—whether in our home, on our jobs, while driving, or in the Church—we need to ask ourselves these simple questions: How would God's love act? What would God's love do? I ask all of us to use the love that God has shown us in First Corinthians, and we will know what to do and say in all situations. God loves you more today than yesterday, and even more tomorrow.

God's Peace and Love,

Pastor Al



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Thanks to Rhonda and Kathy Brown for taking the time to attend the Safe Sanctuary classes. As we look at the Church policy on Safety for all, let us remember everyone needs a safe place to worship and have a personal relationship with God. I ask for you, the Church, to be open and willing to help us assure that Reynolds become that safe place.

In the Safe Sanctuary workbook, page 5-6, "Today, the church may be the only place where some children find unconditional love and care they so desperately need to grow, to thrive, and to become faithful people. As Christians, we must take responsibilities to our children very seriously; always attending to their spiritual growth and nurturing. We fail in our responsibilities if we neglect to take adequate precautions against physical abuse in our church. It is unlikely that we can completely prevent child abuse in every circumstance. Yet, it is possible for us to greatly reduce the risk by following a thorough and practical policy of prevention." Let us work together with the Committee of Safe Sanctuary to ensure that we are taking the precautions that need to be taken for the Reynolds UMC Children and adults.

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Linda and I would like to thank everyone for the wonderful cards and prayers for our family and daughter Kim, on the loss of her husband. Your prayers and support meant a lot to her and us during this time.

Thanks also to Keith Roop for taking care of our lawn and looking out for Linda's flowers.

We also thank everyone for all the corn and vegetables recently delivered to us!

Pastor Al and Linda Meyer

FAVORITE THINGS
by Kathy Brown (age 13)

- Favorite Things,
- Everyone has them,
- A cell phone that rings,
- A bird that sings,
- A conversation,
- Or even just a word or two
- With a celebrity,
- Or even a wish to be a celebrity,
- A special book maybe,
- Or even a pet,
- A new outfit or two,
- An instrument,
- A garden,
- Money,
- Courage,
- A friend,
- Faith,
- Hope,
- Love,
- Or maybe...
- Do they really want Jesus?

BRIEF CLUSTER NEWS & DATES.

All of the Cluster churches are being asked to put flood buckets together again this year and turn in the donated items at the Cluster Picnic. See the bulletin board for details on how to complete a flood bucket.

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.

CHURCH SIGNS:

- Give God what's right- not what's left.
- A lot of kneeling will leave you in good standing.
- Free trip to Heaven! Details inside.!
- This church is prayer conditioned.
- God so loved the world that he did not send a committee!

The next church business meetings will be on September 14th:
6:30pm—Worship
7:00pm— Trustees
7:30pm— SPRC
8:00 pm— Church Council



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1— Kathleen Holmes
Paula Vogeler
- 3- Ed Riley
Tina Phipps
- 7- Cordelia Heng
Audrey Roop
- 15-Angela Pfeiffer
- 17-Grace Pfeiffer
Joe Uphoff
- 22-Chad Murphy
- 28-Betty Droege
- 29-Ellinor Phipps



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1- Neil & Susie Miller
- 17-Duane & Marie Ackland
Keith & Audrey Roop
- 23-Roger & Kathy Edson

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nurture Committee: Met on August 17th— They discussed scheduled activities for the next few months.

- Rally Day (meal & drinks) Sept. 13th
 - PKD Open House (refreshments, socialization, displays) Sept. 11th – 6:30 pm to 8:30pm
 - Heifer Project (soup dinner). Oct. 4th
- Everything is furnished– All are welcome.
- The Rockford Rescue Mission trip was discussed and referred to the Mission & Outreach Committee. Next meeting, **September 28th at 6:30 pm.**

Worship Committee: Met Aug. 10th. No Report was given. Next meeting on **Sept. 14th at 6:30 p m.**

Missions Committee: Letter of thanks received from the Abigail Women's Clinic for our 'baby bottle' donations of \$276.33. **Sept. 20th**– Rockford Rescue Mission– Nancy Gittleson, chair. Sack lunches will be prepared on Saturday, Sept. 19th with some help from the Free To Be class.

Trustees Committee: The South vestibule and the Media Room are completed with new lights installed and new railings yet to be installed. Thanks to the Lawrence family for their work to complete this project.

Also, Gary Brown & Joe Phipps reset the parsonage patio blocks to allow more door clearance.

Staff/Parish Relations Committee: Met on August 10th—Reviewed and discussed the short term and long term goals previously submitted by the various church committees. Some had been completed and some were yet to be completed.

The forms for the Annual Church Conference were reviewed including Pastor' compensation package. Next Meeting: **September 14th. @ 7:30 pm.**

Youth: No Report.

Education Committee: Met August 24th. We have an URGENT need for Sunday School teachers and assistants. There is an immediate opening for the Early Elementary class (1st-3rd gr.) and Pre-Teen class (4th-7th gr.) If you could help even part-time, please contact Pastor Al or Jeanne Warner. Also discussed was next year's VBS and the need to find a director and the "Safe Sanctuary". Rhonda explained the many ways we need to comply with the guidelines to make our church a place where not only children, but adults too feel safe and loved.

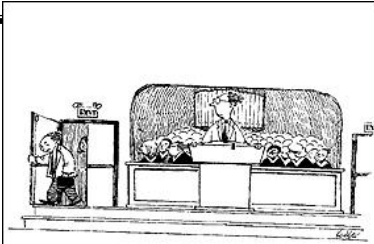
Finance Committee: No Report received. Next meeting date: Unknown.

Memorial Committee: Sufficient funds are now in receipt to pay for the new pew cushions which will be

The Financial Freedom continues to meet on Thursdays at 6:00 pm. There are 11 enrolled. (Lots of credit cards have been cut up!!!)

Please plan to attend our annual Church Charge Conference. All 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.

Volunteers are the Heart of HOSPICE. Can you read a book, write a letter, sit and hold someone's hand, listen, or just be there? Then you could be a Hospice Volunteer. Fall Volunteer Training begins Wednesday, September 9th at Hospice of the Rock River Valley. See bulletin board for more details.



"You'd think they would have put the doors somewhere toward the back!"



"Pastor, I think we can stop praying for rain now."

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- September 13th**—Rally Day Picnic and 4pm— Hub Cluster Picnic
- September 20th**—Rockford Rescue Mission Trip and Area Crop Walk
- SEPTEMBER 21ST**— NEWSLETTER ITEMS DEADLINE
- October 4th** - Potluck after church and William Hare speaking about the Heifer program.
- November 8th** @1:30 pm— Annual Church (Charge) Conference
- November 22nd**—Harvest Festival—Program is The Assemblymen.



RECENT REQUESTS:

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| Matthew Hogue & his family. | Liz Erdmann |
| Pastor Al and Linda | Verle Burhenn |
| Carrie Cappel | Family of Tom Cone |
| Iola Droege | Kathy Clark's friend (Chad) |
| Marie Ackland | Neil Scott |
| Don Foster | George Curtis |
| Kathleen Holmes | Family of Dale Bennett |
| Diane (Kathy Clark's friend) | Those serving in Armed Forces. |
| Bill & Paula Kunkel | Jennie's friend, Stacy |
| Ellen Clark's daughter (Dawn) | Pat Forrester |
| Dolores Scott | Son of Christian Book Store Owner |
| Jim Hanson, Audrey Roop's friend | Janelle Kann & family |

SERVING IN SEPTEMBER :

- Communion Steward : Nancy Eggers
- Ushers: Robert Heimbaugh, Steve Headon, Jerry Lawrence, Adam Cappel
- Song Leader: Cindy Knight
- Greeters: 6 & 13—Jerry & Lynnette Lawrence 20 & 27—Nancy Eggers
- Flowers: Kathy Brown
- Church Hostess: Ruth Burhenn

Date	Children's Moment	Lawn Mowing	Nursery
6th	Kathy Clark	Keith Roop	Kristy Murphy & Riley Jensky
13th	Lois Heimbaugh	Help Needed	Jane Rueff & Kathy Brown
20th	Linda Meyer	Help Needed	Tina Phipps & Lexi Headon
27th	Paula Kunkel	Bill Kirchhofer	Angela Pfeiffer & Jenni Winterland