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**NEWSLETTER REPORTS
AND ITEMS DUE
THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 15TH**

**ROCKFORD RESCUE
MISSION
OUTREACH
SUNDAY, SEPT. 4TH**

**Pastor Appreciation
Potluck
Sunday, Sept. 25th**

SUNDAY- SEPT. 18TH



SEPTEMBER 5TH

Jesus said, " 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the other commandments and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments. " *Matthew 22: 37-39. (New Living Translation)*



The greatest victories are the victories of faith. It is not so much what we can do that counts, but what we can trust God to do.

Dear Member's and Friends of Reynolds UMC,

Do you know the person sitting next to you on Sunday morning? Read Proverbs 27:9. In today's world many Christians are too busy with the cares of life to focus on developing friendships and working relationships. I love how Paul said in Ephesians 4, "From him (Jesus) the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work." We need each other. If we are to grow and impact our community in the way God desires, everyone must do his or her part. When that happens the love of God shines through us. Think of it this way: The people sitting next to you need you to encourage them as well as join your faith with theirs to do God's mission for the world. Their success and our success in that mission depend upon the relationships we build and develop with each other. If Christians understood that instead of rushing out of church, they would take the time to be in fellowship, making sure all is well. Besides time, we can build relationships by the words we speak. Words spoken in love can make a tremendous difference in the lives of others. It only takes a minute to share words of encouragement or pray with someone. READ Proverbs 16:24 and Proverbs 25:11. Think back on a time in your life when things were not going right or that you felt low and someone said exactly what you needed to hear. Their words of encouragement changed your perspective and lifted you up. Instead of giving up and quitting, you found the strength to go on. During those hard times, all the money in the world would not have equaled the value of those words. So how are relationships made? They are built on reaching out to others. By enjoying time with each other in worship and community. By being loyal to each other and the church. Being available to worship and pray for each other. By trusting each other in our actions and prayer. By being interested in each other's spiritual and family life. By being open to new ideas and opinions. By needing each other in not only hard times but in good times. By supporting each other's call to serve God in not only our words but actions. By helping each other in achieving not only God's mission but in life. By investing in each other in time and patience. By praying for each other. And by strengthening each other's call to service. Remember that the Bible tells us that two are stronger than one. Developing relationships should be a top priority for all of us at Reynolds. Let us make a decision to walk in love and make relationships a priority in our Church life. As we do, we will form tightly woven cords of friendship that will be hard to break. As we join hands with fellow believers, we will be able to stand strong against the enemy and the storms of life. We will be empowered to accomplish everything that God has destined for us to do.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Al



INDIVIDUALS: 6 yr old Emma, Baby Molly, Bishop Jung, Caitlin Spohn, David Meyer, Debbie VanDyke, Dolores Scott, Ed & Jeanette Riley, Ellen Clark's cousins, Gene & Joyce Brake, Jerry (Cancer treatments), Jim Steder, Karen Harris, Karen Yocum's brother (Jim) , Keith Erwin's mother, Keith Long, Leila Place, Margaret Ann Reif, Mike Olmstead, Neva Becker, Pastor Al & Linda Meyer, School children, Terry Hunley, Tyler Thompson.

ALSO: Families who have recent lost loved ones, The Unemployed, and All Members of the Armed Services, and Families who have lost loved ones in the Armed Services.

SERVING IN September:

Communion Steward: Justin Reuff

Ushers: Bob Heimbaugh, Bob Cheeseman, Jerry Lawrence, Keith Roop

Greeters: September 4th: Dennis & Karen Yocum

September 11th & 18th : Jim & Cindy Knight

September 25th: Steve & Lisa Headon

Flowers: Linda Meyer or Lynnette Lawrence

Church Hostess: Audrey Roop

<u>Date</u>	<u>Children's Moment</u>	<u>Nursery</u>
Sept. 4th	Kathy Clark	Help Needed
Sept. 11th	Pastor Al Meyer	Help Needed
Sept. 18th	Cindy Knight	Help Needed
Sept. 25th	Lois Heimbaugh	Help Needed



<u>Date</u>	<u>Lawn Mowing</u>	<u>Coffee Fellowship</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>
Sept. 4th	Vernon Gittleson	TBA	Joyce Brake
Sept. 11th	Kristy Murphy	TBA	Nancy Eggers
Sept. 18th	Sawyer Murphy	RALLY DAY	Linda Cheeseman
Sept. 25th	Bill Kirchhofer	Pastor Appreciation Potluck	Nancy Gittleson

September Mission Project: Gary & LeAnne Glabe

Bring Mission Offerings on the 4th Sunday (September 25th)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SAFE SANCTUARY

Rhonda Brown, Chair

For this article I was planning to discuss the dynamics of Teen Dating Violence. However I found something that gives a clearer picture of the effects of dating violence than I could. The following two poems are written by teens. I found them in "Creative Expression of Violence Through the Eyes of Youth", a booklet by the Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women's Network.

A Young Girl's Struggle This is a message from a Girl who fell in love and fell with a Whirl...A Home and marriage is what I saw, Day after day my love grew stronger...But yet my scars grew even longer. Each hit, each blow, each strike... Hurt me so deep inside. I wanted to leave but was so trapped...Your controlling ways kept me clasped. I was a fool to think that you would change...Everyone knows that this is your case. My eyes couldn't cry but my heart bled fire...Was I lost in my own desire? If love is happiness, where do we stand? The man I once knew has vanished away...So I turned to the Bible and what it might say about love —the passage went... And this is how I knew what really meant.

This is how this girl woke up in life, and stepped out from being his so-called 'wife'

Age 17

Love is truly not...

Love is truly not wanting a person to wait on you
While you sleep around and everything with other women.
Neither is wanting to control a woman
And trying to beat on her either.

Love is truly not when he calls you out of your name or says
things in other ways
to hurt you. It's not when he disrespects you
and mistreats you as well as
neglects y'all children that y'all
have together.

To be very honest with you, I myself don't truly know
What love is anymore.
And I don't think any human
being can really define the
true meaning of it.
No one but God.

Age 19

There were a lot of other poems by teens in this booklet. There were also several pictures drawn by children which show the effects of Domestic Violence on children. It also has a section where children define what love, hate, peace, and

share their stories of the violence in their homes. By having each entry in the children's own words, the booklet gives a better picture of Domestic Violence. Better than statistics, reports, or research I could possibly provide. If you are interested in reading the full booklet, just let me know. I dare you to read it and not be moved by it. I have worked in this field for many years, and I was still blown away by it. Rhonda Brown.

NURTURE COMMITTEE

Kathy Clark, Chair

Joy is Sharing fun with the family. Laughter, fellowship and spending precious times together --Reynolds United Methodist Church! The 'family' had such a good time at the 'All Church Picnic' on Sunday the 14th. There was an abundance of scrumptious food items plus delicious sweet corn, brats and hot dogs. Thanks to all who brought food, helped with the preparation and the cleaning up!

The kids had great fun with the slip and slide water games--and, along with several of the adults, they enjoyed tossing water balloons. There was lots of time for visiting and just sharing fellowship together.

It was exciting to have so many come to join in- both old and new friends. We really missed those who were on vacation or who just couldn't make it. There are many other special events coming up in the next several months, and you will want to be sure to watch you newsletter, bulletins and mailbox for invitations.

There is such an awesome time for the church. The 'family' is growing, and God has given us all a mission to reach out to others. We encourage each one to invite their family, friends, co-workers--all they come in contact with--to come and be 'adopted' into the family! There is always room for more at God's table.

STAFF/PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Frances Cappel, Chair

Meeting: August 22, 2011

There was a presentation from the Finance Committee Chair on the financial condition of the church operating funds. Salaries were discussed.

We worked on the forms required for the Annual Church conference.

NEXT MEETING: September 12th at 6:30 pm.

NO REPORTS AVAILABLE FOR THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, THE MISSION COMMITTEE, NOR THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE.

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TRUSTEE'S COMMITTEE

By Robert Heimbaugh, Secretary

Meeting: August 1, 2011

The church and parsonage water system was flushed. The church siding project is supposed to start on September 1st. Gary Brown will be replacing the new faucet in the parsonage. We have three estimates for parsonage windows. Ed Uphoff will be trimming the bushes. There will be an inventory done in the PKD room by the Paw Paw District Superintendent, and they will sign off on the items in that room.

Grace Fellowship church, Amboy, is going to borrow about 60 chairs for 60 days.

The old piano in the basement will be given away or disposed of.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, September 6th at 7:00 pm.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

NAME: Ellinor Marie Phipps

NICK NAME: Ellie

BIRTHDAY: 9/29/05

HOME TOWN: Lee

PARENTS NAMES: Tina & Joe Phipps

SIBLINGS NAMES AND AGES: Andrew 9

SCHOOL AND GRADE: Shabbona Elementary
Kindergarten

FAVORITE SCHOL SUBJECT: Music

HOBBIES: Coloring, riding bike, playing dolls.

FAVORITE FOOD: Rice with butter, sugar & cinnamon

FAVORITE PLACE TO 'EAT OUT': McDonalds

PETS: Shadow (cat) , 2 goldfish

FAVORITE TIME OF DAY: Lunch time

WHY: Because I like to eat lunch

FOVORITE MOVIE: Charlotte's Web

FAVORITE ADULT IN YOUR LIFE: Grandma Frericks
& Mommy

WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO DI IN YOUR ADULT LIFE?
A Firefighter

ATTENTION: ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRS!

Please remember to get your Church/charge Conference forms completed and handed in to the church secretary for typing no later than November 1st. Time is needed to type the forms, copy and assemble the packets and have them ready for our Dec. 4th Annual Church Conference. ALSO please be reminded to choose 2 or 3 long term goals that the committee would like the church to meet. Later these goals will be presented to the church body, and the group will choose from the list the ones they deem to be most important.

THANK YOU'S

By Pastor Al

What a wonderful and memorable softball season we had this year. I want to give a **big** thank you to Adam Cappel for again, leading our Reynolds UMC Softball Team to a second place finish. I know he put in extra time and effort to make this a great season, and for getting all the players playing time. I also want to thank all the fans that came out to support the players. Our fans never fell asleep at our games because they might miss one of our stellar Cub plays! I have to admit—I miss our Thursday games and our wonderful time at Culvers after a game. Thanks also for Matt and his All Star consistent batting average and fielding.

Thank you again, Adam, for all the time and effort that you put into coaching our team this year. It was only due to your patience, persistence, and your never giving up on us that our team came through.

Big thank U's go out to Cindy Knight also for leading a power packed Kickball Team to a fourth place finish in Franklin Grove. She led an all-star team of Reynolds families to a great time and a lot of fun. I also thank those fans who battled the heat to support and encourage the families on to victory. It was a wonderful and fun time for all.

I also thank Cindy and the Becker's for their work at getting our float to the local parades. I thank all those who were there handing out candy and information about our Church. It was wonderful to see all the families that were there. Fun was had by all. **Thank You All!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR NEXT GARAGE SALE will be on April 27th & 28th of 2012. Please start saving reusable items you no longer need as you clean your closets, cupboards & basement!!

T-SHIRT ORDERS: Reynolds Church T-shirts are available for ordering! Cost: \$13.00 each. Order forms are on the bulletin table. Contact Cindy Knight for questions or to order.

ON SUNDAY, September 4th, several from our church will be traveling to the Rockford Rescue Mission to present the Evening Vesper Service and to distribute sack lunches to the homeless for the evening meal. If anyone has an interest in participating in this Outreach, please contact Nancy Gittleson or just be at the church at 3:30 pm to carpool.

As a Church leader, did you know that The United Methodist Book of Discipline contained document which summarize and elaborate on our beliefs, the organization, government and functions of the Church? The Book of Discipline can only be changed by the combined actions of the General Conference, which is the highest governing body of the denomination and meets every four years, and Annual Conference. No part of this book can be changed by individual congregations, or by any other body of the United Methodist Church (Annual Conference, Jurisdictional Conference, House of Bishops, or District, etc.) acting on their own. Part I of the Book is the Constitution of the United Methodist Church (foundational documents adopted to consummate the union of the Evangelical United Brethren and the Methodist in 1968). Parts II, III and IV deals mainly with the historic beliefs and principles of the Church. Part V deals with the church Organization and Administration. Not only is it important to know the history of the Church and its organization, but also what it means to be a good leader.

Being a Church Leader means continually studying in order to acquire an increasing knowledge of the purpose of God for not only your life, but the life of the Church. We need to set aside time for study and prayer. There are three main subjects we will need to concentrate our studies on:

- First the Bible. The Bible contains a vast treasure of knowledge, insight and inspiration, and specific guidelines for our work as church Leaders.
- The second is the people of your Church and community. Make a point to learn their names and faces, their relationship and circumstances, the personalities and needs, of the people whom you serve.
- And the third is your office and it's place in the over-all structure of the Church. Learn what the responsibilities of your office are, according to the Book of Discipline. Learn what traditions exist in your Church. Of course traditions can, and often should, be changed form time to time.

Next month I will look at our call to prayer as Church leader .

(submitted by Pastor Alan Meyer)

CHILDREN and THEIR COMMENTS.

NUDITY

I was driving with my three young children one warm summer evening when a woman in the convertible ahead of us stood up and waived. She was stark naked! As I was reeling from the shock, I heard my 5-year-old shout from the back seat, 'Mom, that lady isn't wearing a seat belt!'

ELDERLY

While working for an organization that delivers lunches to elderly shut-ins, I used to take my 4-year-old daughter on my afternoon rounds. She was very intrigues by the various appliances of old age, particularly the canes, walkers and wheelchairs. One day I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass. As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely turned and whispered, 'The tooth fairy will never believe this!'

THE BIBLE

A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible...He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages. 'Mama, look what I found,' the boy called out. 'What have you got there, dear,?' His mother asked. He answered, 'I think it's Adam's underwear!'





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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 4th— Rockford Rescue Mission Outreach
September 6th (Tuesday) - Trustee's Meeting
September 12th—SPRC & Church Council
September 18th—Rally Day
September 25th— Pastor Appreciation Potluck