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REYNOLDS NEWS WRAP

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June 14th

*Remember
To fly
Your Flag!!*

NORTHERN ILLINOIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE
JUNE 8TH THROUGH JUNE 11TH
PRAY FOR ALL WHO ATTEND.
OUR DELEGATE: RHONDA BROWN

Reynolds UM Church will have an ice cream stand at the Ashton Summer Celebration on Saturday evening, June 11th at the Mills & Petrie building during the Little Mr. and Miss Contest and the Open Mic Night concert. We will sell ice cream treats, bottled water and cans of pop and lemonade. If we have anything left, we "go mobile" on Sunday afternoon and sell the remainder downtown during the car show and tractor show. We will need bottles of water, cans of Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Mountain Dew and Lemonade donated to sell. Bring them to the church anytime and put them in the PKD room or kitchen. We will also need workers on Saturday night and possible Sunday afternoon. *Please let Cindy Knight know if you can help.*

We are also entering a float in the parade late Sunday afternoon (June 12, approximately 4:30 pm). The theme is "Reynolds Church: Our Future's So Bright We Gotta Wear Shades!" **EVERYONE** is invited to ride or walk. Wear sunglasses and bright colored shirts. Those who can walk the route can hand out the postcards about VBS and our

church. Riders can throw candy. Just show up at the line-up and be ready to shine! Anyone who would like to donate candy to throw, please put it in the PKD room or the kitchen.

Pastor Al & Linda will be on vacation from June 14th-26th. If you need pastoral care during this time, please call Frances Cappel (815) 562-8206 or the Church Office (815) 453-2513. Or if you are unable to reach either of the above numbers for your needs, you may call Pastor Brett Todd from the Rochelle United Methodist Church.

Please remember that our Worship Service time is changed on June 12th from 10:00 am to 9:00 am to allow our congregation to join the other churches in Ashton in a joint worship service at 10:00. There will also be no Sunday School at Reynolds on the 12th.

Depending on God isn't weakness — it's acknowledging His strength!
(from Our Daily Bread)

THIS YEAR'S GRADUATES

PRESCHOOL:

Zayne Becker
 Lauren Bertenshaw
 Helen Pfeiffer
 Ellie Phipps
 Katrina Underhile
 Ethan Vogeler
 Collin Winterland

GRADE SCHOOL:

Lexi Headon

HIGHSCHOOL:

Paige Gittleson
 Daniel Miller

SAUK VALLEY COLLEGE

NURSING PROGRAM:

Joanna Lawrence.





Thought: The more we think about the problem instead of the Problem Solver, the weaker our faith becomes.

Dear Reynolds UMC Members and Friends,

As I listen to the news and out in the community, I have met more and more people who are under a lot of pressure. I also find that the way we react to those pressures determines a lot about whether we fail or succeed. So it made me wonder, “ What do we do when we are under pressure? ” Do we fold up our tents and stay home, run from the church or just come apart. Church, as long as everything is going fine and Satan isn ’ t putting on much pressure, we ’ re okay. But the minute we encounter problems or things don ’ t fall into place the way we want, we just go to pieces. As Christians we are told to cast ALL (1 Peter 5:7) our cares on the Lord. This is not an easy thing for us to do. But when the pressure is on, and Satan is at work, it is the only way we can walk above all the circumstances and not be overcome. When pressure overcomes us and we are tempted to give up, I want us to think about some wonderful steps to overcoming pressure: we need to first focus on God, we need to focus on our potential in God (we may not be able to do some things in our own strength, but we can accomplish ALL things in God ’ s strength) , we need to focus on what God has to say to us through His Word, and lastly, we need to talk about God (whenever we talk about God, Satan is put in his place by reminding him that God is bigger than ANYTHING he tries to bring into our lives). I know that during times of pressure that we may not feel like talking about God. But it is during those times of pressure that we need to talk about the blessing He has given us, how He has never let us down and saw us through some of our toughest times, but most of all for His Son Jesus who gave His all for you and I so that we may live forever. Church, it doesn ’ t matter how big or bleak your future may look right now, God is bigger. It doesn ’ t matter what others may say, what is important is God is able to see us through. Let us spend time in God ’ s Word, worshiping, praising, and giving thanks to our God.

Pastor Al



6 yr old Emma, Hamilton Family , Heimbaugh's grandson Hunter, 7 yr old Molly & family, Baby Molly, Bill & Paula Kunkel, Bill Uphoff, Brown/Tippy Families, Debbie VanDyke , Gene & Joyce Brake, Jim Steder, Keith Long, Margaret Ann Reif, Mike Olmstead, Neva Becker, Pastor Al & Lina Meyer, Terry Hunley, Tyler Thompson, and Members of the Armed Services, the Unemployed,

If anyone is dealing with Memorials in any way, please contact Dolores Scott, who is Chair of the Memorial Committee.

Thank you.

SERVING IN JUNE:

Communion Steward: Kathy Clark

Ushers: Lyle Ranken, Gary Brown, Ed Uphoff, Adam Cappel

Greeters: June 5 & 20 Bill Kirchhofer, June 19 & 26 - Jason & Angela Pfeiffer

Flowers: Linda Meyer or Lynnette Lawrence

Church Hostess: Nancy Gittleson

<u>Date</u>	<u>Children's Moment</u>	<u>Special Music</u>	<u>Nursery</u>
Juen 5th	Kathy Clark	Michelle Elmendorf	Help Needed
June 12th	Pastor Al Meyer	TBA	Kathy Brown
June 19th	Kathy Becker	TBA	Help Needed
June 26th	Lois Heimbaugh	TBA	Help Needed

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lawn Mowing</u>	<u>Coffee Fellowship</u>
June 5th	Keith Roop	Help Needed
June 12th	Vernon Gittleson	None (Joint Service in Ashton)
June 19th	Help Needed	Frances Cappel
June 26th	Bill Kirchofer	Help Needed

Worship Leader on June 19th and 26th : Lois Heimbaugh

June Mission Project: Camping Scholarships

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Committee: We will honor the grads on June 12, 2011. The Sunday school attendance and Bring a Friend to Sunday School will also be handed out.

Youth Group meeting on June 12, 2011 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Ruth Carter from HOPE will be leading a discussion and providing information on Teen Dating Violence. All teens 7th grade and up are welcome. Bring a friend. Snacks will be provided. RSVP to Rhonda Brown: 815-757-6234 by June 7, 2011.

Nurture Committee: Assisted with the Easter breakfast and provided Easter Cross cards for the children to share with the congregation. Also provided Mother's Day gifts and special flowers for Mother's and ladies of the church.

The committee shared in celebrating Pastor/Coach Meyer's 60th birthday with a picture cake and ice cream sundaes.

A Memorial Day tribute and Remembrance as well as celebrating Father's Day are planned. The committee will be meeting to plan a summer picnic and other special occasions. Watch your bulletin for dates.

Safe Sanctuary Committee: How much do you know about bullying? Take this quiz to test your knowledge.

1. Bullies are only people who become physical and harm others. T F
2. Being aware of what you say to others and how you say it can keep you from being a bully. T F
3. Friends are never bullies. T F
4. Telling someone how you feel is okay. T F
5. Bullies are always people who are lonely and insecure. T F
6. Bullies can change their behavior. T F
7. Being a bully is cool. T F
8. People should mind their own business when a bully is picking on a victim. T F
9. If you are upset with a friend you should keep your feelings a secret. T F
10. Telling an adult about bullying is tattling and should not be done. T F
11. Bullies are always males. T F

You may feel that this quiz was easy, but there is nothing easy about dealing with a bully. There has been a lot of media coverage on this issue in recent years because of the increase of suicides by some of the victims. It seems that bullying has been around forever, so why now is there so much concern? Although bullying has been around a long time, it is far worse now than it used to be, especially with all the modern technology. Here is a list of some bullying behaviors:

- Verbal bullying including derogatory comments and badnames
- Bullying through social exclusion or isolation.

- Physical bullying such as hitting, kicking, shoving, and spitting.
- Bullying through lies and false rumors.
- Having money or other things taken or damaged by the persons who bully.
- Being threatened or being forced to do things by people who bully.
- Racial bullying
- Sexual bullying
- Cyber bullying (via cell phone or internet)

As I stated in previous articles, bullying is a form of abuse, and it is all about the bully having power and control over his/her victim(s). Like all forms of abuse, it is a learned behavior. A bully can change their behavior, but they have to want to change it, take responsibility for their behavior, and be held accountable. Most people think that bullying only happens in schools. However, bullying can happen anywhere at any time, including but not limited to— in the workplace, in relationships, or even in church. A child that is a bully in school and is allowed to get away with it can (and often does) grow up to be a bully as an adult. The child learns that his/her bullying behavior gets them what they want. They can grow up to be a boss who is a bully, the person who bullies their partner or children, the adult child who bullies his/her elderly parent, or even that person in church who always wants to be in control, so they use bullying behaviors to try and get it. Bullying is not just a school problem, it is a community problem. As I have stated before, since we are a part of the community, we need to become more involved in community issues by raising awareness of the issues and asking what we can do to make a difference. As a parent of a child who was severely bullied for two years, I know what the church has done to help my child without even knowing what was going on. Imagine what we as a church can do if we are aware of the problem. Let's work together so we can make Reynolds a safe place for all!! Rhonda Brown, Chair.

Answers: 1)F 2)T 3)F 4)T 5)F 6)T 7)F 8)F 9)F 10)F 11)F
So how did you do??

S.P.R.C.—During Pastor Al's vacation, we will fill the pulpit with the following:

Sunday, June 18th— Speaker will be Randa Noble from the Rockford Rescue Mission. She will update us on the Mission news and bring a Biblical message. Coffee Fellowship will follow the Worship Service to give those who have questions an opportunity to speak with her.

Sunday, June 26th— An all Church Hymn sing. So look up your favorite Hymn and be ready when Favorites are requested. Lois Heimbaugh will be our Worship Leader both Sundays.

Trustees: Committee met on May 2nd. 6 members present. **Old Business discussed:** Leaky faucet still needs to be repaired in the parsonage. The Drinking fountain was checked and did not find any filter on the water line inside of the body of the fountain, but the construction of the fountain does not allow the best flow and the water pressure of the church seems to be part of the problem rather than a clogged filter. The thermostat was moved from the PKD room to the hallway to better control the temperature between the Pastor's office and the church secretarial office. There has been a coat rack put up by the front entrance to the church. And the new organ is in place with the new speakers recessed into the side wall above the overflow room. Siding Project- decided to have the contractor buy siding and materials before the price skyrockets due to oil prices.

New Business:

New projects were discussed- the continuation of the overhangs to the East with a circle drive.

Updating the windows and insulating the windows in the parsonage.

Painting of the sanctuary.

New carpeting and repairing damage to the wood floors of the sanctuary.

Future thoughts:

Well for the Church main building.

Immediate need to increase flow of water over to the church and the decrease of interruption of water flow to the Parsonage.

Meeting was adjourned. Next Meeting: June 6, 2011.

Worship Committee:

- June 26th worship service moved to 9:00 am so that the congregation can attend the joint worship service in Ashton. No Sunday school that Sunday.
- June 5th—Special music will be provided by Michelle Elemen-dorf.
- May 15th—Music Committee meeting cancelled.
- Other items—Pastor thinking about having Praise music start at 9:45am with also one Praise song sung during the worship service. Agreed.
- Song Leaders Needed! We are lost without one. Just need someone to help the congregation keep up with the music.

Talked about the need for a monument/marquee sign in front of the church. Information is being gathered and will take this to the trustees.

You know you have a bad computer when

- Lower corner of screen has the words "etch a sketch" on it.
- You have to pedal it.
- The manual contains one sentence: "good luck"
- Only chip inside is a Dorito
- When you turn it on, the dogs in the neighborhood start howling
- You catch a virus from it.

MISSIONS:

What we learned in Haiti- In last month's newsletter we shared what we did, the things that kept us busy and made us physically weary during the day. This month we invite you to ease drop on our nighttime conversations when we discussed what we learned from the day's events and observations. Sometimes those moments of sharing were done by lantern-light; and sometimes they occurred with a background of faraway praise music and cool evening sea breezes; but they always occurred with a commitment to honesty.

- Value of community
- Unconditional love-great consequences
- Can live without TV, baseball, chocolate malts and hot showers
- Can survive a 3-hour church service in 90+ temperature, spoken in Creole
- Value and appreciation of water
- Humbled by what we have
- Value of teamwork
- Pettiness sucks love from the room
- Authoritative boundary setting mixed with love produces delightful children
- Heart and minds are changed when people build relationships
- Mission work is hard and missionaries need encouragement and validation
- Missions can be at different levels of development and have different needs
- Hard hearts can be softened by a baby's smile
- Can be grateful and joyful even when we have nothing.
- Sharing creates new resources
- Material things aren't important
- Can understand the Word in any language
- Can overcome fear with prayer
- How beautiful the world is when translated by children
- Tolerance is learned by ignoring the small stuff
- Can see Jesus in the faces of the children
- Entrepreneurial spirit is present
- Importance of forgiveness
- Value of accepting gifts when given
- A stiff neck can be loosened by a kiss from an old woman who lost everything to the earthquake.
- Haitians want to work to achieve their goals
- The U.S. is an important resource in the reconstruction of Haiti

One of the greatest lessons that is universal to all first time missionaries to this intriguing island of contrast.we go to change Haiti, but what happens is that Haiti changes us.

Nancy Eggers

Please take time to check out our website!!

www.reynoldsumc.net

It contains current information and is updated frequently during the week. SPECIAL THANKS to Website Specialists :

Bob Bertenshaw, former keeper of the Web Site and his work thereon, and

Carrie Becker who is currently keeping it up to date and entering information during the week as it is known. We are grateful to both these people for their voluntary services. Take time to thank them !

In commemoration of our upcoming 150th anniversary, we are going to put together a new Reynolds Church cookbook! "**Recipes to Remember**" will be a collection of recipes from current members, former members, friends, relatives as well as special recipes from past cookbooks from those who have passed on. It will be a wonderful keepsake, shower gift, wedding gift and a great addition to any kitchen or cookbook collection! A recipe form on which you can submit your favorite recipes is on the table in Fellowship Hall, so dig through your recipe box and share them!

ADDRESS CHANGES:

- **Brian Heimbaugh** *If anyone has any address or phone number changes, please be sure to notify the church office so all records are up to date. Thank you.*
13694 Woods Trail
Granger, IN 46530
- **Jill Pfeiffer**
832 Zuend Court
Dixon, IL 61021

SPECIAL THANKS to Traci Cheeseman who signed up to furnish the dessert brownies for the Hub Cluster Fund Raiser on Thursday, June 2nd . This is their 3rd Annual BBQ Pork Chop Drive Thru Dinner held at Rochelle UM Church parking lot . 4:30 pm to 6:30pm. Take out only.

1 Chop Meal— \$7.50.

2 Chop Meal— \$10.00

All proceeds to UMCOR Alabama Tornado Relief.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU—Jessica LeAnn Townsend

Nick Name: Snuggles

Birthday: 7/04/05

Hometown: Ashton

Parents: Jack & Jamie

Siblings: Walker Jones-11, Daniel-10, Kim-8, Shawn-6

School: AFC Middle School—Kindergarten

Favorite Subject: Gym

Hobbies: Ride Bikes

Favorite Food: Pizza

Favorite Place to 'Eat out': McDonalds

Pets: Dog Baby

Favorite Time of Day: Afternoon

Why: I get to come home.

Favorite Movie: Peter Pan

Favorite Adult in your Life: My Dad

What do you hope to do in your adult life: Vet to take care of animals.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU—Walker Knight

Nick Name: "Walker Texas Ranger"

Birthday: October 15, 1999

Hometown: Ashton

Parents: Jim & Cindy Knight

Siblings: Megan, 16

School: AFC -5th Grace

Favorite Subject: P.E.

Hobbies: Riding my 4-wheeler, Football

Favorite Food: Corn on the Cob

Favorite Place to Pizza Hut

Pets None

Favorite Time of the Day—12:00Noon

Why: Lunch time

Favorite Movie: Rambo 6

Favorite Adults: Mom & Dad

What do you hope to do in your adult life? Truck Pulls & Farm

AFC Student Honors night was held recently, and the following Reynolds Church students received scholastic awards as listed in the Ashton Gazette:

- **Paige Gittleson**—Senior
Editors Award
Honor Roll Award
Educators of Beauty Cosmetology Scholarship
- **Daniel Miller**—Senior
Honor Roll Award
Prairie State Achievement—Exceed Science Award
(Also in Band & Chorus Senior Picture)
- **Megan Knight**—Sophomore
Honor Roll Award
- **Molly Uphoff**—Sophomore
Honor Award
Honor Student
Student of the Month—March
Academic Bowl

(NOTE: If someone has received a scholastic award that was overlooked, please notify the church office.)



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UPCOMING EVENTS

**June 2nd— 8:30 am—Christian Fellowship of Women—Breakfast at The Huddle
4:30 pm-6:30 pm—Hub Cluster Pork Chop Drive Thru-Rochelle UMC**

June 6th— 7:00 pm— Trustee’s Meeting

**June 13th—6:30 pm—Staff-Parrish Relations Committee meeting
7:00 pm— Church Council**

June 14th thru 26th— Pastor Al& Linda on vacation.

JUNE 15TH—Newsletter Items Deadline

June 21st—7:00 pm— Hub Cluster Meeting

June 25th — 8:00 am— Cluster Men’s Breakfast at Olive Branch in Rochelle.

June 26th— 2:00 to 4:00 pm—Retirement Celebration for District Superintendent Larry Hilkemann at Rochelle UMC. Cluster Choir to sing one song- Practices June 15th & 22nd @ 7:00pm