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Methodist Church**

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**NEWSLETTER REPORTS
AND ITEMS DUE
WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 15TH**

**REYNOLDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
HARVEST FESTIVAL PROGRAM**

Sunday, November 13th

3:00 pm

**CATHY J REYNOLDS
IN CONCERT**

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
TIME ENDS
SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 6TH
SET YOUR CLOCKS
BACK**

Cathy is a recording artist who has performed in Nashville and throughout the United States. She sings a variety of gospel music that appeals to all of GOD'S people. She will also be sharing some special music with us here at Reynolds UMC during our morning worship service.

Her concert will feature music from her new CD, 'Let It Shine'! You won't want to miss this program! Invite your family and friends to come also and be blessed.

There will be some snacks after the program and a time to visit with Cathy.



I believe that in each generation God has called enough men and women to evangelize all the yet unreached tribes of the earth. It is not God who does not call. It is man who will not respond! - Isobel Kuhn, missionary to China and Thailand.

Dear Members and Friends of Reynolds UMC,

Patience as many as you have all noticed is NOT one of my strong suits. But let us also remember that in this day and age when patience seems to be an elusive virtue and everything around us appears to be getting faster and faster, so much so that even the slightest form of delays manages to detour us from doing God's work. Yet, God's Word teaches us to be patient in all things, no matter how insignificant or important they may be. In fact, the importance of patience can be seen from its listing as one of the fruits of the spirit in Galatians 5. Remember the old saying, "good things come to those who wait." Even so, God knows that most of us may find it difficult at times to remain patient. But let us look at patience as if we were farmers waiting for a field to grow. Before we can harvest our rewards, we must diligently wait for the right season. As I see the harvest in full motion, I am reminded even more of everything it takes for a good harvest. For any harvest to be a good one, not only do seeds have to be sown, but rain has to fall. Just like in our Christian walk, for the seeds of faith to grow some "rain" or troubles have to come into our lives. When God speaks of "rain" in James 5:7, the Early Church would have understood the difference between former and later rain. During the early part of planting, or the first rain, the Israelites would have prepared the ground and planted the seed. Later after the planting the summer rains would fall and the crops would begin to mature so that they were ready for the harvest. In Scriptures, the mentioning of rain was connected with the Holy Spirit. Hosea 6 says "and He shall come to us as the showers or rain..." This shows us the way God's blessings will come. Like the rain it will fall on us. This rain will be a spiritual revival upon the earth. But before that return, there will be an outpouring of rain of His power and Spirit upon us. Is there anything we can do to hurry that along? Zechariah 10 says, "Ask rain from the Lord in the season of spring rain, from the Lord who makes the storm clouds, who gives showers of rain to you, the vegetation in the field to everyone." Why do we have to ask? I like how Wesley said it, "It seems God can do nothing for humanity unless someone asks Him to do it." When we ask for the rain to come we are asking for the harvest. Church, the harvest isn't coming. It is here! And we must be about doing God's work. Even when people say that, "it is only going to get worse, Satan likes us to believe that, store up your food, hide your valuables and yourselves for the worst is coming." But if we are so interested in storing up and saving, we are going to miss the harvest. The harvest is here now!

On the same note, there is also a story of how a farmer grew impatient and tried to 'help' his crops grow by pulling and stretching their stalks. Not only did his crops not grow any faster, they eventually died because of his interference. Therefore, let us trust in God and allow Him to work out things for good in our lives. Let us cast our anxieties on Him, and rest comforted in His love. By doing so, we will have our answers in due season, because God has promised that patience will indeed bring plentiful rewards to our lives. The harvest is great and we have all been called, let us go out and change the world for Jesus.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Al



INDIVIDUALS: 6 yr old Emma, Baby Molly, Bill Kunkel, Debbie VanDyke, Dolores Scott, Donald Adams, Ed & Jeanette Riley, Holly Schier, Jerry Ford & family, Jim Lauer, Jim Steder, Keith Long, Leila Place, Marion Berry, Mike Olmstead, Neil Miller, Pastor Al & Linda Meyer, Terry Hunley, & Tina (niece of Keith Morge).

ALSO: Families who have recent lost loved ones, Farmers who are harvesting, School Children, The Unemployed, and All Members of the Armed Services, and Families who have lost loved ones in the Armed Services, Needy Families & Unspoken Requests.

SERVING IN November:

Communion Steward: Rich Eggers

Ushers: Joe Phipps, Steve Headon, Ed Uphoff, & Jeff Pfeiffer

Greeters: November 6th & 1th - Rich & Nancy Eggers

November 20th & 27th - Chad & Kristy Murphy

Flowers: Linda Meyer or Lynnette Lawrence

Church Hostess: Barb Uphoff & Audrey Roop

Date Children's Moment

Nursery

Nov. 6th Kathy Clark

Help Needed

Nov. 13th Pastor Al Meyer

Kathy & Rhonda Brown

Nov. 20th Cindy Knight

Tina Phipps & Heather Lehnert

Nov. 27th Lois Heimbaugh

Help Needed

Date Snow or Lawn

Coffee Fellowship

Liturgist

Nov. 6th Help Needed

Jeanne Warner & Lynnette Lawrence Jeanne Warner

Nov. 13th Help Needed

Lois Heimbaugh

Rich Eggers

Nov. 20th Help Needed

Help Needed

Bill Kirchhofer

Nov. 27th Help Needed

Help Needed

Bob Cheeseman



November Mission Project: Rockford Rescue Mission

Bring Mission Offerings on the 4th Sunday (November 27th)

Thanksgiving Offering: Support for Local Families

(Envelopes for the Thanksgiving offering will be made available & can be put in the offering plate anytime)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SAFE SANCTUARY

Rhonda Brown, Chair

As mandated reporters in church for elderly abuse it is important to know the risk factors/warning signs of elderly abuse. I obtained the following list from the Administration On Aging.

RISK FACTORS:

Domestic Violence Grown Old – It is important to acknowledge that spouses make up a large percentage of elder abusers. In a substantial proportion of cases are where one member (statistically the male) traditionally tries to exert power and control over the other.

Personal Problems of Abusers – Particularly in the case of adult children, abusers often are dependent on their victim for financial assistance, housing, and other forms of support. Often they need this support because of personal issues such as mental illness, addictions, or other dysfunctional personality characteristics. The risk is especially high when the adult children lives with the elder.

Living with Others & Isolation – Both living with someone else and being socially isolated have been associated with higher elder abuse rates. Many times the abuser, especially when they live with the person, will isolate the victim to exert more control over the victim and to prevent someone else from finding out about the abuse.

OTHER THEORIES – Have been developed, but have not been tested

Caregiver Stress – The caregivers become overwhelmed with the responsibilities of taking care of the elder, they “strike out” or neglect the person.

Personal Characteristics of the Elderly– Dementia, disruptive behavior, problematic personality traits, and significant needs for assistance may all raise an elder’s risk of being abused.

Cycle of Violence – Domestic Violence is a learned problem-solving behavior transmitted from one generation to the next.

WARNING SIGNS –

- Bruises, pressure marks, broken bones, abrasions, and burns may be an indication of physical abuse, neglect, or mistreatment.
- Unexplained withdrawal from normal activities, a sudden change in alertness, and unusual depression may be indicators of emotional abuse.
- Bruises around the breast or genital area can occur from sexual abuse.
- Sudden changes in financial situations may be the result of exploitation.
- Bedsore, unattended medical needs, poor hygiene, and unusual weight loss are indicators of possible neglect.
- Behavior such as belittling, threats, and other uses of power and control by spouse, or caregiver are indicators

of verbal or emotional abuse.

-Strained or tense relationships, frequent arguments between the caregiver and elderly person are also signs.

If you suspect an elderly person is being abused, neglected, or exploited, then call toll-free 1-866-800-1409. If you are a caregiver and need help, there are services you can call for assistance. Contact your local Elderly Care Service agency for a complete listing in your area.

NURTURE COMMITTEE

Kathy Clark, Chair

The Nurture Committee met on Monday, October 10th. Planning was finalized for the Harvest Festival program to be held on November 13th at 3:00 pm. We are excited that Cathy J. Reynolds will be the feature for this program. We know that it will be a blessing to all.

Planning for the Sunday School Christmas program and the Cluster Advent Service was also done. Both of these will be held on Sunday, December 11th. We will be hosting the Cluster Advent Service here at Reynolds UMC, and we look forward to sharing precious time with many community friends.

Lots of cookies will be needed, and we re requesting donations for both of these programs. A sign-up sheet will be in the Fellowship area. If you would like to bake some cookies, there are donated cookie mixes available to use.

There is always an opportunity to share snacks for fellowship time after church. There are muffin mixes, brownies and other dessert mixes in the kitchen that have been donated for this use. If you don’t want to make anything but would like to help provide for snacks, the Nurture committee would be grateful for donations, and they can purchase the snacks. We are thankful to all who help provide for this ministry.

Planning for the next year was also done as well as reviewing this year. We explored our goal setting for 2012. As we look for new ideas for the coming year, we invite anyone who has any suggestions to contact Kathy Clark, or any Nurture committee member, with your input. We would be grateful, and our church would be blessed.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 14th at 6:00 pm.

STAFF/PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Frances Cappel, Chair

Meeting: October 10th - 6:30 pm.

All the SPRC reports for our Church conference have been completed and given to Grace Ann. Discussion was held on how our committee can help Pastor Al out. Skipping some Sundays of having power point will be happening. A time limit for the Children’s Moment will be discussed at the next Worship committee meeting. We will work on the short and long term goals at the next meeting on November 14th at 6:30

(CONTINUED COMMITTEE REPORTS)

TRUSTEE'S COMMITTEE

By Robert Heimbaugh, Secretary

Meeting: October 3rd, 2011

The water was tested and is satisfactory. The church siding project started on September 21st. The new East church door was ordered. Four shrubs on the East side of the church were taken out. Shakes for the bell tower were selected. The cross has been temporarily taken down and will be repaired before returning it to the bell tower after siding project is completed. The idea of putting the name of our church and the cross & flame on the Southeast church doors was discussed.

There was discussion about replacing 4 porch windows in the parsonage. The Parsonage carpet has been cleaned.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 7th at 7:00 pm .

GETTING TO KNOW YOU:

NAME: Zane Michael Murphy

NICK NAME: None

BIRTHDAY: October 26th

HOME TOWN: Franklin Grove

PARENTS NAMES: Chad & Kristy Murphy

SIBLINGS NAMES AND AGES: Sawyer - age 11

SCHOOL AND GRADE: AFC Elementary

FAVORITE SCHOL SUBJECT: Art

HOBBIES: Climb trees.

FAVORITE FOOD: Chicken

FAVORITE PLACE TO 'EAT OUT': Red Robin

PETS: None

FAVORITE TIME OF DAY: Morning

WHY: Because I like to get up and play

FAVORITE MOVIE: Rio

FAVORITE ADULT IN YOUR LIFE: My Mom

WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO DO IN YOUR ADULT LIFE?

I don't know.

THANK YOU

Dear Reynolds UMC Members and Friends,

Linda and I have been so blessed here at Reynolds. Without a doubt, we feel extremely blessed to be part of a church family which takes time out of a busy schedule to say words of appreciation to us for our ministry here at Reynolds UMC. We never take this time for granted, yet it is certainly one of the "highlight moments" of our year, as you can imagine. We want to take the time to say thank you for the wonderful Pastoral Appreciation Day that you shared with us. The meal and gifts were more than Linda and I could have ever dreamed of.

Pastor Al and Linda

GETTING TO KNOW YOU:

NAME: Carson Douglas Rueff

NICK NAME: C Dog

BIRTHDAY: January 19, 2005

HOME TOWN: Franklin Grove

PARENTS: Justin and Jane Rueff

SIBLINGS: Olivia- 9; and Nolan-4.

SCHOOL: AFC Elementary 1st grade

FAVORITE SCHOOL SUBJECT: Art

HOBBIES: Swim, sports, fishing

FAVORITE FOOD: Pizza

FAVORITE PLACE TO 'EAT OUT': Red Lobster

PETS: Lucy

FAVORITE TIME OF DAY: Night

WHY: You can see bats flying at night and fireflies.

FAVORITE MOVIE: Harry Potter

FAVORITE ADULT IN YOUR LIFE: Mom

WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO DO IN YOUR ADULT LIFE?

Scientist or play baseball.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

We cannot choose how many years we will live, but we can choose how much life those years will have. We cannot control the beauty of our face, but we can control the expression on it. We cannot control life's difficult moments, but we can choose to make life less difficult. We cannot control the negative atmosphere of the world, but we can control the atmosphere of our minds. Too often we try to choose and control things we cannot. Too seldom we choose to control what we can ...our attitude.

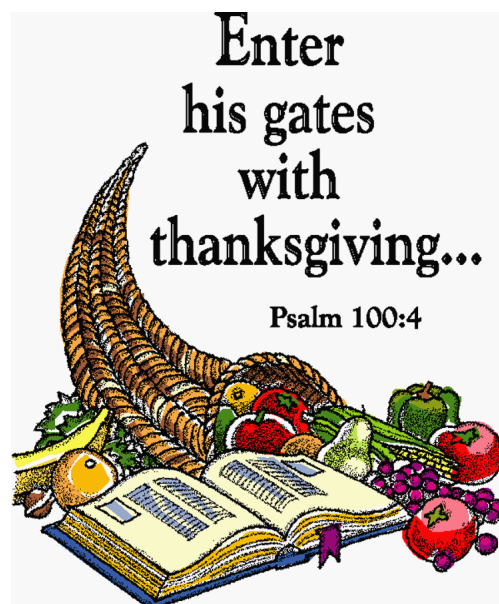
(-John Maxwell (Developing the Leader Within You.)



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
NOVEMBER 6TH, 2011.**

As we continue to look at our Church and its committees I would like to lift up the Staff-Parish Relations Committee. As with other boards and committees of the local church, the broad purpose of this committee is to achieve and maintain effective pastoral and professional staff ministry in the local church context, based on healthy and harmonious relations between the pastor(s) and other professional staff and the members and constituents of the church. One of the major elements required for a healthy relationship is **communication**, so that is one of the major priorities of the Staff-Parish. The duties of the Staff-Parish are described in 258.2 of The Book of Discipline. As we read this part of The Book of Discipline notice words such as "confer," "counsel," "advise," and "consult." This provides the pastor and staff with a very valuable channel of feedback concerning the effectiveness of their ministry. For this purpose, the members must strive to be truly perceptive, objective, balanced and unbiased. Notice also that the Committee is a channel of two-way communication; first a flow of communication from the people to the pastor and staff; and second from the pastor and staff to the people, to be sure the people have an accurate, Biblical, constitutional understanding of the goals and work of the pastor and staff. To do so the Staff-Parish shall engage in prayer, Biblical, and theological reflections on the mission of the church, the primary task, and ministries of the local church. One specific topic of communication for which this staff is responsible for deals with the terms of the arrangements between the local church and the pastor and staff is concerning salaries, allowances, and other benefits such as medical insurance, pension, housing, vacation, financial assistance, and time for continuing education. The committee shall assist the pastor and staff in assessing their gifts and setting priorities for leadership and service. The committee shall be composed of not fewer than five nor more than nine persons representative of the total charge. One of the members shall be a young adult and one member may be a youth. In addition, the lay leader and lay member of the annual conference shall be members. No staff member or immediate family member of the pastor or staff member may serve on the committee. Only one person from an immediate family residing in the same household shall serve on the committee. In order to secure experience and stability, the membership shall be divided into three classes, one of which shall be elected each year for a three-year term. The lay member of the annual conference and the lay leader are exempt from the three-year term. Members shall not be able to succeed themselves for one three-year term. The committee shall meet at least quarterly. It shall meet additionally at the request of the bishop, the district superintendent, or the chairperson of the committee. The committee shall only meet with the knowledge of the pastor and/or the district superintendent. The pastor shall be present at each meeting of the committee except where he or she voluntarily excuses himself or herself. The committee may meet with the district superintendent without the pastor or appointed staff under consideration being present. However, the pastor or appointed staff under consideration shall be notified prior to such meeting with the district superintendent and be brought into consultation immediately thereafter. The committee shall meet in closed session, and information shared in the committee shall be confidential. The duties of the committee shall include the following: to encourage, strengthen, nurture, support, and respect the pastor and staff and their families. The committee shall promote unity in the church. Next month we will look at duties of this committee.

Submitted by Pastor AI





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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 7th - Trustee's Meeting**
- November 14th - Nurture Committee, SPRC & Church Council**
- November 13th - Cathy J. Reynolds Concert**
- November 23rd - Thanksgiving Eve**
- December 11th - Cluster Advent Service at Reynolds UMC**