

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2012

REYNOLDS NEWS WRAP

**Reynolds United
Methodist Church**

2496 Reynolds Road
Ashton, IL 61006

PASTOR ALAN MEYER

HAM DINNER FUND RAISER!!!

Saturday, March 24th

4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

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MENU:

Ham & Scalloped Potatoes
Green Beans, Salads
Fresh Dinner Rolls
Desserts & Beverages

**NEWSLETTER REPORTS
AND ITEMS DUE
THURSDAY
MARCH 15TH**

*Adults: \$6.50, Children \$4.50,
3 yrs & under are free.*

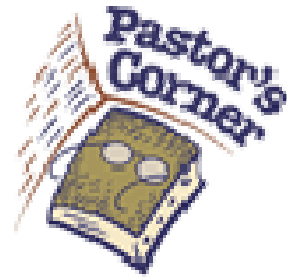


***Strive to be First:
First to Nod,
First to Smile,
First to Compliment,
and
First to forgive.
Anonymous***

**COME ONE- COME ALL
BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS
ENJOY THE FELLOWSHIP AND GREAT FOOD!!
(Proceeds to benefit the new computerized church sign)**



*Turn Your Clocks Ahead One Hour
Daylight Savings Time Begins* **MARCH 11th**



Dear Members and Friends of Reynolds UMC,

2011 has been a tremendous year for our church. We have seen several people added to our number, we have seen others move on. Through both trial and heartache I believe we have grown. There is something about the lessons of time and experience in life that cannot be produced or manufactured. Only through God's refining process of sanctifying us as a church both as individuals and as a congregation have we come to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Looking back at the year in review we have remained faithful to the exposition of God's word, we have not veered off the narrow way, God has kept us. As Church Leaders we have seen incredible growth in the life of the church as it pertains to the unity of our church and personal growth in marriages, families, and ministries. God has also taken us abroad this year with trips to Haiti, and New York. We continue supporting missions in our community, and those of the UMC. Our evangelism remains steady, our prayer meeting has been maintained by a faithful few who come together to lift up the people, preaching, and purity of our church. God has been the ever-constant Provider for our church's needs so that we have never gone without. The Lord has placed us in Ashton for His own good and sovereign pleasure. The women of our church continue to gather and encourage, pray, and challenge one another for the good of our church and the glory of God. The reality of a new year presents many wonderful opportunities to avoid the sins and mistakes of the last year. It also presents many obstacles, hindrances, and weights which can keep us from running the race with endurance. The vision for a new year as a church should involve great zeal to illustrate God's glory through evangelism, one another, ministry, preaching, teaching, and making disciples. We at Reynolds have a great opportunity this year to develop new and fresh vision for our Youth. Families will have a great opportunity to go deep with Christ as we love our children, serve one another, and build up our small groups. Every member of Reynolds UMC can do more for the glory of Christ than they did last year, take time, review the year, ask yourself the hard questions of how you can be more effective for Christ, serve his people more selflessly, and glorify God in this dark world.

Which brings me to the focus for the New Year: One of the things I want us to think about this year is that because God cares for us, that we have nothing to worry about. Many people think about casting their cares on the Lord. They will give it a try. But the Bible doesn't say just give it a try. The Bible says we're to do it. We need to allow ourselves to know that worry is unproductive. Worrying about the circumstances we face never changes them. Worry never makes us taller or shorter. They never make us heavier or thinner. Worry accomplishes nothing productive or gives any value to our lives. I would like to offer some ideas on how we can live a worry-free life for God:

1. Let us view our circumstances with the eye of faith. Let us see our situation the way God would see them according to His Word.
2. Let us train our thoughts to work for us, not against us. Let us fill our minds with God's thoughts and Word.
3. Let us not use our own reasoning to analyze situations that confront us. God's Word is greater than our way of thinking.
4. Let us get rid of the ideas that try to tell us that worries are bigger than God's Word.
5. Let us believe that what God's Word says is true. God cannot break or ever has broken a promise He has made to us.
6. Let us not only speak the Word of God but let us act on those Words.
7. Lastly we need to declare with all of our heart: "I am what the Word says I am. I can do what the Word says I can do. And I can have what the Word says I can have. If we commit ourselves to resting and trusting in God, we will find that the worries of this world are small to the promises of God. Let us this year step out of bondage and into a life. Our prayer for Reynolds UMC is for faithfulness in God's work, peace in God's church, and love for God's people.

Faithfully,

Pastor Al



INDIVIDUALS: 6 yr old Emma; Baby Molly; Bill & Paula Kunkel; David & Lindy Meyer; David Foster; Debbie VanDyke; Ellen Clark's cousin, Butch; Emily, Meyer's granddaughter; Gerald Kaecker; Gladys Linebaugh; Harold Cheeseman; Jerry Ford & family; Jill Meadows; Jim Steder; Josh Smardo's friend(Jerry); Keith Long; Keith Roop; Kevin Kemmerer; Kristy Murphy's father; Leonard Adams; Marie Kurz's Sister(Judy) & Niece (Shonie); Marion Berry; Mike Olmstead; Neil Miller; Paula Vogeler; Pastor Al & Linda Meyer; Riley family; Roops friend-leg being amputated; Teresa Tippy; Terry Hunley; & Virgil Page.

ALSO: Families who have recently lost loved ones, the homeless, the unemployed, All Members of the Armed Services and Families who have lost loved ones while serving in the Armed forces, Struggling & Needy Families, & Unspoken Requests.

SERVING IN MARCH:

Communion Steward: Bob Cheeseman

Ushers: Duane Ackland, Vernon Gittleson, Jeff Winterland, Bill Uphoff

Greeters: February 26th & March 4th - Josh Smardo Family

March 11th & 18th - Gary Brown Family

March 25th & April 1st - Jeff Winterland Family

Flowers: Linda Meyer or Lynnette Lawrence

Church Hostess: Jeanne Warner



| <u>Date</u> | <u>Children's Moment</u> | <u>Nursery</u> | <u>Media</u> |
|-------------|--------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| March 4th | Kathy Clark | Help Needed | Brett Heckman |
| March 11th | Pastor Al Meyer | Kathy Brown | Ed Uphoff |
| March 18th | Kathy Becker | Help Needed | Kathy Brown |
| March 25th | Lois Heimbaugh | Help Needed | Leslie Gittleson |

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Snow Removal</u> | <u>Coffee Fellowship</u> | <u>Liturgist</u> |
|-------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| March 4th | Keith Roop | Josh & Angie Smardo | Bob Cheeseman |
| March 11th | Keith Roop | All Church Lunch | Dolores Scott |
| March 18th | Help Needed | NO COFFEE FELLOWSHIP | Keith Roop |
| March 25th | Help Needed | The Brown Family | Lynnette Lawrence |

March Mission Project: The Children's Fund
 Bring Mission Offerings on the 4th Sunday (March 25th)
 The Easter Offering will be One Great Hour of Sharing

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SAFE SANCTUARY

Rhonda Brown, Chair

I want to continue where I left off in my last article in providing information on Child Sexual Abuse. I will be covering the effects on the victims and the indicators of abuse. I want to caution again that this article may not be suitable for children and/or survivors.

As I said in the last article, any child can become a victim of sexual abuse regardless of their race, culture, or economic status. (www.apa.org). It is estimated that one in four girls and one in six boys will be sexually abused before they reach the age of 18. Some studies suggest that the statistics may be affected by the fact that most boys do not report. I've listed the indicators for all ages below. However, keep in mind that a person can show all the indicators, but it does not mean that he/she is a victim. The child may not show any of the indicators, but that does not mean he/she is not a victim either.

Physical Indicators:

- Unexplained genital injury
- Recurrent vulvovaginitis
- Vaginal or penile discharge
- Bedwetting and fecal soiling beyond the usual age
- Fatigue
- Anal complains (e.g. fissures, pain, bleeding)
- Pain on urination
- Chronic high tummy aches or throat problems
- Difficulty in walking or sitting
- Persistent and unexplained vomiting
- Persistent and unexplained gastro-intestinal symptoms
- Acute startle response
- Body mutilation
- Urinary tract infection
- STD
- Pregnancy
- Presence of sperm
- Suffers from PTSD

Behavioral Indicators:

- States they have been abused
- Regression in behavior, school performance, or attaining development milestones.
- Acute traumatic response such as clingy behavior & irritability in young children
- Sleep disturbances
- Eating disorders
- Problems at school
- Social problems
- Personality change
- Delinquent behavior

- Diminished ability to concentrate
- Depression
- Poor self-esteem
- Wears many layers of clothing regardless of the weather
- Their art work
- Inappropriate sexualized behaviors
- Promiscuity
- Substance abuse
- Runaways
- Diagnosis of a mental disorder
- Prostitution
- Consistent confusion between affection and sexuality
- Poor sense of boundaries
- Fear of trusting
- Uncomfortable with someone formally trusted (fear of going home, visiting babysitter, relative, or friend)
- Withdrawal/isolation and extreme feelings of loneliness
- Need for reassurance ("You're ok")
- Compulsive secrecy or lying
- They abuse someone else.

Sexual abuse can continue to affect a survivor for most of their life, especially if they never seek help in dealing with the abuse. They can also continue to display many of the indicators throughout their life. It can affect their relationships, their education or careers, as well as other areas in their lives.

"The initial or short-term effects of abuse usually occur within 2 years of the termination of the abuse. These effects vary depending upon the circumstances of the abuse and the child's developmental stage but may include regressive behaviors (such as a return to thumb-sucking or bed-wetting), sleep disturbances, eating problems, behavior and/or performance problems at school, and non participation in school and social activities. But the negative effects of child sexual abuse can affect the victim for many years and into adulthood. Adults who were sexually abused as children commonly experience depression. Additionally, high levels of anxiety in these adults can result in self-destructive behaviors, such as alcoholism or drug abuse, anxiety attacks, situation-specific anxiety disorders, and insomnia. Many victims also encounter problems in their adult relationships and in their adult sexual functioning." (www.apa.org)

It is so important to talk about this issue so the victims and survivors can receive help. If you or someone you know is being abused, tell someone. It is not your fault, and you have done nothing wrong.

In the next article I will provide information on why children don't tell.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU:

NAME: Katrina 7/12/2006
HOME TOWN: Ashton
PARENTS NAMES: Gerri Underhile & Steven Bartlett
SIBLINGS NAMES : Jesse, James & Levi Underhile and Cassie Smith
SCHOOL AND GRADE: AFC Kindergarten
FAVORITE SCHOOL SUBJECT: Reading
HOBBIES: Playing with friends and in the snow
FAVORITE FOOD: P & J sandwiches, Chicken Noodle soup and Mac-N-Cheese
FAVORITE PLACE TO 'EAT OUT': Franklin Grove Restaurant
PETS: None
FAVORITE TIME OF DAY: Morning
WHY: Because it's sunny
FAVORITE MOVIE: Cinderella
FAVORITE ADULT IN YOUR LIFE: Grandma Retta & Grandma Wanda
WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO DO IN YOUR ADULT LIFE?
A ballerina and a dentist.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU:

NAME: Emalie Clarice Vogeler
NICK NAME: Em
BIRTHDAY: 8/22/2002
HOME TOWN: Ashton, Illinois
PARENTS: Rich & Stacie Vogeler
SIBLINGS: Ethan (5)
SCHOOL: AFC Elementary - 4th grade
FAVORITE SCHOOL SUBJECT: Science
HOBBIES: Video games
FAVORITE FOOD: Spaghetti & parmesan cheese
FAVORITE PLACE TO 'EAT OUT': Mc Donalds & Yen Chings
PETS: 2 Cats, Bob & Shelby, 4 fish, and a dog named Saidie.
FAVORITE TIME OF DAY: Night
WHY: Because you can get some rest.
FAVORITE MOVIE: Sponge Bob
FAVORITE ADULT IN YOUR LIFE: Everyone in my family
WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO DO IN YOUR ADULT LIFE?
A Vet

**REYNOLDSWOOD CAMP
BRUNCH IN THE WOODS**
Second Sunday of Each month
through May 2012.
11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Adults (11 & up) \$10.00
Youth (4 - 10) \$5.00 Three & Under - Free.

(continued Committee Reports.)

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

Nancy Eggers, Chair

The featured Mission Project for February, 2012 was Christville Church & School in Haiti. And for March, 2012 the cause is the Rainbow Covenant project 'The Children's fund'.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Rhonda Brown, Chair

Among the items discussed were the following:

- Teacher shortage - Kristy Murphy has volunteered to teach the 1st-2nd grade class. Rhonda Brown is teaching the puppet class. Still in need of available substitutes.
- Started planning the Easter program to be held during the second service on April 8th.
- VBS dates July 9th-July 13th. Planning to start a little earlier and provide a small quick meal to make it easier on the families.
- A follow-up discussion about the 2011 Christmas Program and what if anything needs changed for next year.
- Set some goals (1) Get the puppet ministry up and running; (2) More teachers/volunteers are needed (3) Next Confirmation Class - Names for students for Confirmation class was provided to the Pastor (4) Giving bibles to younger children when they are promoted into the 3rd grade. (plus still giving a Bible when each student is confirmed.)

TRUSTEE'S COMMITTEE

Bob Heimbaugh, Secretary

January Meeting: Election of Officers for 2012:

CHURCH TRUSTEE OFFICERS:

Chairman: Joe Phipps
Vice Chair: Ed Uphoff
Secretary: Robert Heimbaugh
SPRC Liason: Jeff Winterland
Other items Discussed:

- Completed siding project; sign company to check the cross;
- Tiling the Southeast entry way.
- Men's restroom ceiling repair.

WORRY
Worry says I won't make it; Faith says I will.
Worry causes doubt; Faith causes belief.
Worry destroys; Faith builds
Worry brings on stress; Faith give peace that passes all understanding.



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 5th - 7:00 pm - Trustee's Meeting

Sunday, March 11th - Lunch for All after Worship

With Church Council meeting following

Saturday, March 24th - Ham Dinner Fundraiser

Thurs-Sat- April 26-28th - 2012 Rummage & Bake Sale

PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY EACH WEDNESDAY AT 930 am