

**MAY 2012**

# REYNOLDS NEWS WRAP

**Reynolds United  
Methodist Church**

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**PASTOR ALAN MEYER**

## **MEMORIAL DAY**

Monday, May 28th.



# Memorial DAY

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### NEWSLETTER REPORTS

AND ITEMS DUE

THURSDAY

MAY 17TH

**SUNDAY, MAY 13TH**



### **MAY ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS**

*May 3rd - 8:30 am- Women's Breakfast*

*May 6th -2pm - Mother/Daughter Luncheon*

*May 13th - 11am-2pm- Brunch in the Woods*

*May 15th - Hub Cluster @ Ashton UMC*

*May 26th -8:00 am- Cluster Men's Breakfast*

**PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY EVERY  
WEDNESDAY AT 9:30 AM.**



*There is no medicine like hope, no incentive so great, and no tonic so powerful as expectation of something better tomorrow. Marden*

Dear Members and Friends of Reynolds UMC

Please take the time to read Jeremiah 31:1-6. We all have times in our life when things aren't going so well, in fact we may even have times that we may feel like God has abandoned us or just doesn't care. Those times are hard to take and live through. We may wonder if there is any hope in the midst of our hopelessness. The Israelite people in the reading from Jeremiah were certainly in that same place, hopeless and feeling forsaken when Jeremiah gave them the assurance of God's love and favor found in the reading. These are words meant to bring hope and reassure the people of God's love in the midst of being forcibly removed from their Promised Land into slavery. Jeremiah shows them a loving God who has not abandoned them. God's Words assure us, *"I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you."* These words reveal a loving God who will not break faith with them, even though they and we had failed to follow God. The promise was sure and God did bring them out of slavery, again, back into their Promised Land. God never did forsake them, but they did go through times that were hard in which they did feel abandoned. God was right there, suffering with them and giving them the courage and the hope to continue on. God's love never would fail them. This promise is just as sure for us, actually even more so because in the time between then and now God came to us as the human Jesus to bring us back into a right relationship with God. God's love for us is limitless. God will never abandon us or forsake us. We will go through hard times. We will almost assuredly go through times that feel as if God has forgotten us. Yet God will never forsake us nor will God abandon us. God is right there in the midst of it giving us the comfort and the courage through his gracious love, loving us with that everlasting love and faithfulness to us. Now that's really good news for all of us who have doubted or may have lost hope. Church, God will never leave us or forsake us know matter what we may be facing in our lives.

Hold tight to His Word and remember Psalms 16:8-9, "I have set the LORD always before me; because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will rest in hope."

*Pastor Al*

**"Faith, a gift from God, is one of the most powerful forces governing our universe; just as the unseen power of gravity works to pull all things down, the unseen power of faith works to lift all things up."**

*Gene Griffin - Producer*



**INDIVIDUALS:** 6 yr old Emma; Adam Devine; Baby Molly; Debbie VanDyke; Diane (Heckman) Mammen; Dolores Scott; Family of Harold Cheeseman; Jill Meadows; Jim Steder; Kathy Brown's friend; Linda Meyer's mother & sister (Jill); Marie Kurz's sister and niece; Neil Miller; Pastor Al & Linda; Steve Pfeiffer; Viola Lawrence; and Virgil Page.

**OTHERS:** Tornado victims; Families who have recently lost loved ones; struggling families who are facing life challenges; and Unspoken Requests.

**SERVING IN MAY:**

**Communion Steward: Tina Phipps**

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

**Greeters: May 6th & 13th: Marie Kurz & Jeanne Warner  
May 20th & 27th : Keith & Audrey Roop**

**Flowers: Linda Meyer or Lynnette Lawrence**

**Church Hostess: Linda Meyer**



<u>Date</u>	<u>Children's Moment</u>	<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Media</u>
May 6th	Kathy Clark	Help Needed	Leslie Gittleson
May 13th	Pastor Al Meyer	Help Needed	Kathy Brown
May 20th	Kathy Becker	Help Needed	Brett Heckman
May 27th	Lois Heimbaugh	Help Needed	Payton Lawrence

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lawn Mowing</u>	<u>Coffee Fellowship</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>
May 6th	Ed Uphoff	Brakes & Heimbaughs	Barb Uphoff
May 13th	Help Needed	TBA	Shannon Brown
May 20th	Help Needed	Rich & Nancy Eggers	Tina Phipps
May 27th	Bill Kirchhofer	TBA	Rhonda Brown

May Mission Project: Mobil Chapel  
Bring Mission Offerings on the 4th Sunday (May 27th )

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## SAFE SANCTUARY

Rhonda Brown, Chair

For this article, I am going to provide information on sexual assault. April is Sexual Assault Awareness month. I obtained all this information from the [www.safepassagedv.org](http://www.safepassagedv.org) website. Safe Passage is the sexual assault agency for DeKalb County.

There are five types of sexual assault.

1. Stranger Rape - was once believed to be the most common form of rape. There is no specific outline of what a stranger rapist looks like. Even though a person can avoid certain situations and take classes in self-defense, there is nothing that can be done to prevent things like this from happening.
2. Acquaintance and Date Rape - Acquaintance Rape is a broad term used to describe sexual assaults in which the victim knows the perpetrator. The perpetrator might be just a passing acquaintance or someone the victim knows well. Date rape is a specific type of acquaintance rape, referring to a perpetrator that assaults the victim while on a date with the victim. Acquaintance rape is the most common form of sexual assault.
3. Marital Rape - In the state of Illinois marital rape is against the law. Marital rape is a sexual assault in the confines of marriage or with long-term partners. Rape is one crime in the continuum of domestic violence. Men who are physically violent toward their partners are also likely to be sexually violent toward their partners and to use violence toward children.
4. Substance Related Rape or substance related rape is a sexual assault where the victim is under the influence of alcohol or other drugs including drugs commonly known as "date rape drugs." Most often substance related sexual assault involves other recreational drugs. Often both parties are voluntarily using substances.
5. Multiple Assailant or Gang Rape - Gang rape is when the same victim is raped by a number of perpetrators as part of the same incident. Group sexual assault is most prevalent within the fraternity system and in intercollegiate athletics, but it also extends into other all-male groupings. Group rape is a way for men to ritually act out their contempt for women and to prove their dominance and superiority over women.

There are many myths regarding sexual assault:

- Rape is a sexual crime, impulsively committed for sexual gratification. The fact is that rape is a crime of violence and aggression. It is intended to overpower, degrade, and humiliate the victim.
- Rape does not happen very often. The fact is that rape is the most frequently committed violent crime in the U.S.
- Most rapes are committed by a stranger in a dark place at night. The fact is that it is estimated that 80% of rapes are committed by someone the victim knows.

- Nearly half of all assaults occur in the victim's home. Many acquaintance rapes occur in the victim's home. Many acquaintance rapes occur in the context of a dating relationship.
- Rape is the victim's fault. The victim provokes rape by the way they dress, behave, or where they choose to go. The fact is that rape is NEVER the victim's fault. If a person wanted to be involved sexually, force or threats of physical violence would not be necessary.
- When a woman or man says "no", she/he really means "yes" or "maybe". The fact is NO means NO, no matter who says it or what the situation may be.
- Women report rapes to get even with men or to protect their reputation. The fact is that according to the FBI, fewer than 2% of reported rapes are false, which is the same percentage for false reporting of other crimes.
- Men cannot be raped. The fact is that men can be raped. Men do not report as often because of fear and embarrassment. It is suggested that 1 in 12 men are raped.
- Men who are raped by other men are homosexual. The fact is that regardless if it is a man raping a man or a woman raping a man, rape is still about power and aggression. Sexual preference has nothing to do with rape.

Here are some common responses to sexual assault. A victim/survivor can experience these symptoms even if they do not identify what happened to her/him as "rape" or "sexual assault". The symptoms are generally most intense immediately following the assault, but some can become chronic, particularly if the survivor lacks support and validation.

-Fear -Anger -Anxiety -Tension -Guilt -Mistrust -Withdrawal  
-Defensiveness -Feelings of Betrayal -Sleep Disturbance  
-Personality Changes -Mental Impairments -Changes in Eating  
-Mood Swings -Difficulty Establishing Boundaries -Suicide  
-Changes in Sexual Activity.

For more information or assistance, you can contact one of the following agencies:

- Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault - (217) 753-4117  
[www.icasa.org](http://www.icasa.org).
- Safe Passage (DeKalb) (815) 756-5228 [www.safepassagedv.org](http://www.safepassagedv.org)
- YMCA (Dixon) (815) 288-1232
- Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling (Rochelle) (815) 562-8844  
[www.rsaonline.org](http://www.rsaonline.org).

**GETTING TO KNOW YOU:**

**NAME:** Mason Robert Bertenshaw  
**NICK NAME:** Spud  
**Birthday:** 12/06/2007  
**HOME TOWN:** Creston  
**PARENTS NAMES:** Bob & Sue Bertenshaw  
**SIBLINGS NAMES :** Morgan, Peyton, & Lauren  
**SCHOOL AND GRADE:** Great Beginnings Pre K  
**FAVORITE SCHOOL SUBJECT:** Painting  
**HOBBIES:** Play with noisy trucks.  
**FAVORITE FOOD:** Cookies  
**FAVORITE PLACE TO 'EAT OUT':** Chinese Buffet  
**PETS:** Mya (dog) Cupcake (cat)  
**FAVORITE TIME OF DAY:** Bath/shower time  
**WHY:** I like to play in the water  
**FAVORITE MOVIE:** Sid the Science Kid  
**FAVORITE ADULT(S) IN YOUR LIFE:** Mom  
**WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO DO IN YOUR ADULT LIFE?**  
Stay at home Dad!

**GETTING TO KNOW YOU:**

**NAME:** Katherine Elizabeth Brown  
**NICK NAME:** Kathy or Princess  
**BIRTHDAY:** July 1st  
**HOME TOWN:** Steward  
**PARENTS:** Gary & Rhonda Brown  
**SIBLINGS:** Shannon  
**SCHOOL:** Rochelle Twp. High School - Sophomore  
**FAVORITE SCHOOL SUBJECT:** Horticulture  
**HOBBIES:** Drama, FFA, Babysitting & Reading  
**FAVORITE FOOD:** Ice Cream  
**FAVORITE PLACE TO 'EAT OUT':** Culver's  
**PETS:** Sugar & Sapling (bunnies) Trayne(Dog), Mr. Evil Dr. Pork Chop & Bulbeir (cats), & Marshmellow (Horse)  
**FAVORITE TIME OF DAY:** Lunch-& afternoon & evening  
**WHY:** My favorite classes are all afternoon.  
**FAVORITE MOVIE:** The "Love Comes Softly" Series  
**FAVORITE ADULT IN YOUR LIFE:** My Mommy  
**WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO DO IN YOUR ADULT LIFE?**  
Become a Principal after 6 years of College.

**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.

**TRUSTEE'S COMMITTEE**

Joe Phipps, Chair

Among the topics Discussed:

- Will replace the 4 windows, door and install new carpet on the parsonage porch.
- Will plant new bushes on the east side of the church where the old ones were removed..
- The outside faucet at the parsonage needs to be replaced.
- Com Ed informed us that the pine tree on the Northeast side of the church is leaning toward a electric line, and we will be responsible of it falls on the line.
- Balance left in the siding fund (\$422.60) will be transferred to the Harvest Festival Fund.

**NURTURE COMMITTEE**

Kathy Clark, Chair

***LADIES:***

Plan to come join in for the **Mother-Daughter Salad Luncheon** on **Sunday, May 6th at 2:00 pm**. All ladies- Grandmas, Mothers, Daughters, Aunts, Friends - are invited to come for this very special afternoon.



If you don't have a daughter, there will be some extra to share! Bring a salad to share, your pretty dishes and a special tablecloth. Invite your Family & Friends to be part of this joyous event!

RSVP's appreciated. Barb Uphoff 456-2440  
Joyce Brake 562-7298

**HUB CLUSTER NEWS**

- July 7th & 8th is set for the Camp Reynoldswood workday and campout with Worship on Sunday. Everyone is welcome and guaranteed to have a good time and great worship together.
- Pork Chop dinner fundraiser- The drive-through fundraiser will be Thursday, May 31st at Rochelle UMC. Pork chops will be seasoned on Wednesday, May 20th. Cookies/bars will be needed from each church as well as workers. More details will be available at the next meeting on May 15th at 7:00 pm at the Ashton UMC.
- May 12th - Super Duper Garage Sale at Rochelle UMC in Hicks Hall.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT -** When I woke up this morning I asked myself, "what is life about?" I found the answer in my room ...the fan said, "Be cool." The roof said "Aim high". The window said, "See the world." the clock said "Every minute is precious." The mirror said "Reflect before you act." the calendar said "Be up to date". The door said "Push hard for your goals". The floor said "KNEEL DOWN AND PRAY" .....

**EXTRA!! EXTRA!!** The Third Annual Scalloped Potatoes and Ham Dinner was a SUCCESS!

On March 24th, the Congregation of the Reynolds United Methodist Church under the outstanding leadership of “Miss Linda” (*Everything’s Been donated*) Meyers and “Miss Kathy” (*Just Get Out of Our Way*) Becker and with capable physical and mental support of the Free To Be Me Group, the dinner went off without a hitch. Approximately 125 hungry folks showed up at our church doors asking to be fed, and Miss Linda allowed all those who could show a ticket pass the Ticket Guards (*the Brown Gang*) into the Fellowship Hall where they feasted on honey-kissed ham, tantalizing ‘tators, mystery Jell-Os and delicious desserts. The hit of the night was reported to be the Fresh Like green beans. One grateful mother even declared that her child, who detested vegetables, had actually asked for seconds. Praise God!

The dinner was held both to promote community fellowship and to provide financial support (aka fundraiser) for the proposed electronic sign for the front of the church. Approximately \$1,200 was raised from the dinner, and in addition, an anonymous donor contributed \$1,500 for the cause. Boy, that person must have really like the green beans!. Thank you very much.

Miss Linda and Miss Kathy would like to thank all those folks who sold tickets, made cakes and Jell-O salads, worked in the kitchen, sold tickets, served our guests, or just smoozed with folks (*Pastor*). Like Pastor Al always says, “Thank you, God, for this food; for those who donated it, prepared it and ate.”

Put the Ham and Scalloped Potatoes dinner on your calendar for next year. Just write it in on March, 2013, and we’ll get back to you with the details!!

I’ve learned . . . . .

- Opportunites are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.
- When you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.
- I wish I could have told my Mom that I love her one more time before she passed away.
- One should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them.
- A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.
- When your newly born grandchild holds your little finger in its tiny fist, you’re hooked for life!
- Everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you’re climbing it.
- The less time I have to work with, the more things I get done!

It was our second anniversary, and my husband sent me flowers at the office. He told the florist to write “Happy Anniversary, Year Number 2” on the card. I was thrilled with the flowers, but not so pleased about the card. It read,,**“Happy Anniversary. You’re Number 2.”**

We will be honoring this year’s graduates near the end of May. They are:

1. Atticus Horner - Preschool
2. Lucas Smardo - Preschool
3. Nolan Rueff - Preschool
4. Kourtney Ranken - 8th Grade (Middle school)
5. Kristen Riley - High School
6. Nicole Riley - College.

**Congratulations to all on your achievements!!!**

Remember, the devil may be stokin’ the fire, but God has His hand on the thermostat!!

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The Stately Oak Tree is an acorn that stood its ground!

**EXERCISE????**

**If walking/cycling is good for your health, the postman would be Immortal. A whale swims all day, only eats fish, drinks water and is fat. A rabbit runs and hops and only lives 15 years. A tortoise doesn’t run, does nothing .....yet lives for 450 years. Don’t tell me to exercise!!!**



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2:00 PM May 6th Mother/Daughter Salad Luncheon
- May 7th - 7:00 pm - Trustee's Meeting
- May 14th - 7:00 pm - SPRC  
8:00 pm - Church Council

**PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY ON WEDNESDAYS AT 9:30 am**