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**OCTOBER NEWSLETTER
REPORTS AND ITEMS DUE
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH**

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

***God doesn't reward
"good intentions".
He rewards
Obedience.***

Joel Osteen

The greatest success stories were created by people who recognized a problem and turned it into an opportunity.

J. Sugarman

Dear Reynolds UMC Members and Friends,

As I look at the world, I am reminded more and more of how we deal with conflict. Conflicts can arise today over anything—from disagreements over responsibilities between employees, roommates, and spouses, to issues involving doctrine, relationships, money, and more. When it arises in our lives, do our tactics lead to debate, and strife? We need to learn how to handle conflict it is important, because conflict that isn't dealt with becomes an opportunity for Satan to take hold of us, our families or our churches. I would like to offer up four ways we can resolve conflict and remain in the love of God. First: Open our hearts. Before a conflict can be resolved, the people involved must be willing to open their hearts and receive one another. Often, the reason it's not resolved is that one or more of the people involved becomes closed-minded. We end up saying things like, "I don't like what so-and-so did, and I'm never going to talk to him again!" "I refuse to go to church because of what so-and-so did to me!" We become people who have no room in our hearts for anyone. We become cut off from all of God's joy and blessing and we live unhappy lives. Making all around us as unhappy as we are and ending up only making room for more conflict, and trouble! Sometimes, Church, we have to be the first one to say, "Hey, look, there's a problem. What can we do to resolve it?" Then, do what we can to encourage openness, and dialog because without it, communication and joy cannot happen. Second we need to: Deal squarely with the issue. Conflict cannot be resolved unless we are willing to face the issues and not dodge them. Why do people hold on to offenses and conflict? One reason is, they are yielding to the flesh, which always motivates a person to insist on his own rights and his own way. They hold on to such thoughts as, "I was mistreated! I have a right to feel this way after all I've suffered!" Yielding to the flesh motivates us to justify our behavior rather than repent. Show me someone who will never admit when they have done wrong, and I'll show you someone who's walking after the flesh - not after the Spirit! How many times have people said they wanted to resolve an issue, but really they were unwilling to face the real issues—especially when those issues meant admitting fault or making some kind of change? If we're involved in a conflict, we need to be accountable for our role in creating the disharmony. Face the issue squarely. Church it is still ok to say, "I'm sorry"! Which leads us to the third way to resolve conflict: Don't condemn. People who "come to the table" to solve a matter want to leave that table saying, "I won!" But if a conflict between people is resolved properly, both should be able to say, "We won!" because a problem was solved and a relationship salvaged. God's love was able to prevail—and that is victory in anyone's book! People don't mind putting forth the effort to resolve a conflict if they go away from the meeting feeling as if they accomplished something and weren't just "walked on." Where a conflict exists between employers and employees, husbands and wives, parents and children, or among friends or co-workers, church members or the community people have feelings. No matter who they are or their age or status in life. No one involved in a conflict should ever criticize or condemn another person so that the person feels worthless and hopeless. Which brings us to the final way we should deal with conflict: Value everyone who is involved. For conflicts to be resolved, the people involved must

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INDIVIDUAL CONCERNS:

6 yr old Emma; Adam Devine, Aaron Yocum; Baby Molly; Carli Roux & family; Carrie Becker’s mother; Chris, Nancy Egger’s daughter and granddaughter (Jill & Jenna); Debbie VanDyke; Denny Bennett; Donald Adams; Duane Truckenbrod; Fran (Lois Heimbaugh’s sister); Jamie Morgan; Jill Cox; Jill Meadows; Jim Steder; Lelia Place; Louie Frye; Louise (Linda Meyer’s mother); Mike (Kristy Murphy’s brother) Neil Miller; Neva Becker; Pastor Al & Linda & their family; Paul Goodman; Steve Pfeiffer; and Vi Lawrence.

OTHERS: All those mentioned in previous weeks including: Cancer patients; Tornado victims; Members of the Armed Forces and their families; Struggling families who are facing life challenges, and all Unspoken Requests.

SERVING IN SEPTEMBER

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

Greeters: Sept. 2- Ed Uphoff Family
 Sept. 9 & 16 - Joe Phipps Family
 Sept. 23 & 30 - Rich & Nancy Eggers

Flowers: Linda Meyer or Lynnette Lawrence

Church Hostess: Audrey Roop

Communion Steward: Steve Headon



<u>Date</u>	<u>Children’s Moment</u>	<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Media</u>
Sept. 2	Kathy Clark	Help Needed	Ed Uphoff
Sept. 9	Pastor Al Meyer	Help Needed	TBA
Sept.16	Kathy Becker	Help Needed	TBA
Sept.23	Lois Heimbaugh	Help Needed	TBA
Sept.30	Rhonda or Kathy Brown	Help Needed	TBA

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lawn Mowing</u>	<u>Coffee Fellowship</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>
Sept. 2	Bob Heimbaugh	TBA	Barb Uphoff
Sept. 9	Help Needed	Browns, Gittleson, Ackland	Rich Eggers
Sept. 16	Help Needed	Uphoff & Yocum	Linda Cheeseman
Sept. 23	Help Needed	Help Needed	Nancy Eggers
Sept. 30	Help Needed	The Edmunds	Nancy Gittleson

September Mission Project: Lee County CASA
Bring Mission Offerings on the 4th Sunday (Sept. 23rd.)

SEEN ON A CHURCH SIGN: Honk if you love Jesus--Text while driving if you want to meet him.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Vernon Gittleson, Chair

What a wonderful time we had working together at the Brown sale. We need to do more of this. When you total this one and Leila Place's together, we netted more than a Thousand Dollars, and it will all go to the budget. That will make a big difference when working on the 2013 budget. A big THANK YOU to everybody that helped and also to Cindy Knight for her leadership. (I still have not heard from any committee chair for budget requests yet.)

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Frances Cappel, Chair

Meeting: August 13th

Pastor's vacation will be November 17th to December 1st. We will contract pulpit supply for Sunday, November 18th and November 25th.

Reports for the Annual Church conference were revised. A few things will be changed before doing the final draft.

Next meeting: September 17th at 7:00 pm.

TRUSTEE COMMITTEE

Meeting date: August 6th, 2012 @ 7:00 pm.

Among the items discussed were:

- Air conditioning has been fixed.
- Outside faucet at the parsonage has been replaced.
- Discussed about removing the bushes on the East and West side of the Fellowship Hall this fall.
- The tables that we loan out are coming back damaged.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, September 4th at 7:00 pm.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Our ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE will be held on October 18th at 6:30pm . (SPRC will meet at 6:00 pm) Committee Chairs need to start getting their information together to prepare their annual reports. Forms to be completed have been distributed and should be returned to the church office by September 15th.

Episcopal Announcement

Effective September 1, 2012, **Bishop Sally Dyck** of the Minnesota Annual conference has been assigned to the Northern Illinois Conference - Chicago Episcopal area.

She was born in Ritzville WA into a Mennonite family, and joined the United Methodist Church as a young adult.

Sally's personal mission statement is taken from the communion liturgy: "...one in Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to the world." Throughout her ministry in and near the Cleveland, Ohio area, her mission was to reach out to persons who for various reasons did not see themselves as "belonging" to Christ, a worshiping community, or having a witness or ministry of their own. She served the communities and the churches of Faith (1978-1984), Church of the Redeemer (1984-1997), and Garfield Memorial (2003-2004). She also served as a district superintendent (1997-2003) in the Wooster area.

Sally served as a director of the Board of Global Ministries (1999-2004), chairing the Personnel Committee. She was a jurisdictional delegate six times and a General Conference delegate four times. In February 2006, she was elected to the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches. Throughout her service in the wider church, her mission has been to direct and empower the church to transform the world through it's calling and witness. In addition, the spiritual disciplines of the Christian tradition are a vital grounding to her faith.

Sally was elected to the episcopacy in Davenport, IA, in 2004 and assigned to the Minnesota Annual conference. She seeks to be the bishop to the "nones" (those persons who check "none" when asked their religious preference). She begins her day with prayer, Bible study, and a 3-6 mile run through the cathedral of nature.

Ken Ehrman and Sally Dyck met in Boston and were married on May 15, 1976.

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After 8 years of service to the Northern Illinois Conference, Bishop Hee-Soo Jung has been re-assigned to serve the Wisconsin Conference of the United Methodist Church. His passion for making disciples for Christ was instrumental in the NIC's Harvest 2020 movement. Since 2009, nearly 30 new faith communities have launched and grown with more than 2,000 new people attending worship.

SAFE SANCTUARY REPORT

Rhonda Brown

October is Domestic Violence awareness month, so for the next two articles I will be providing information on two different aspects of it. In October I will cover stalking, and this article will be the Lethality/Danger Assessment.

As previously stated in other articles, the statistics for Domestic Violence show that it is predominately males using violence on females. It is the same for the cases which end in a homicide. For every man that is killed in a domestic violence situation, there are 3 females killed. The Lethality/Danger Assessment can be a useful tool in determining the risk factor for the victim. However, there is no way to predict with 100% certainty which abusers will actually kill their partners. None of the risk factors could be present, but that does not guarantee that the abuser will not commit murder. If all the risk factors are present, it doesn't mean he will commit murder. The assessment is a way for the victim to be aware of the danger and to show her how many of the risks factors are present in the situation. Statistics show that the most dangerous times for women in abusive relationships are when they are pregnant or when they leave the relationship. The assessment can be used at any time during the relationship, but is definitely recommended if the victim is pregnant, planning to leave, or has already left the relationship.

Below I have listed questions asked on the Lethality/Danger Assessment. I found 3 different assessments online, but all 3 ask the same general questions. The questions are presented as yes or no questions. The more yes answers there are, the greater the risk.

1. Is the abuser violent outside the home? (This is usually a big red flag, because in the majority of cases, the abuser tries to present himself as a great guy, or even as the victim. He tries to hide who he really is from the outside world. If he becomes violent in public, then he no longer cares about protecting his image. A good example of this is the case involving Chris Brown and Rihanna)
2. Is the abuser violent against the children?
3. Has the abuser made threats of homicide to the victim about the children?
4. Has the abuser made threats of homicide to the children about the mother/victim?
5. Has the abuser made threats of suicide?
6. Are the threats and violence escalating (either in frequency or severity or both)?
7. Is the abuser using/abusing drugs and/or alcohol?
8. Has the abuser abused the victim while she was pregnant?
9. Has the victim attempted to leave or divorce the abuser?
10. Has the abuser sexually assaulted the victim (forced you to have sex when you didn't want to - remember sexual assault can happen within any relationship, including marriage)?
11. Is the abuser obsessed with the victim?
12. Has the abuser seriously injured or choked the victim?
13. Has the abuser threatened family or friends?
14. Are there deadly weapons – guns, knives, or other weapons in the home?
15. Are there other major stressors present (i.e. he is unemployed)
16. Has the abuser avoided being arrested for domestic violence and/or there was a lack of response or inappropriate response by the system (police, social services, or the court system)?
17. Does the victim have a child that isn't his?
18. Does the abuser control most of the victim's daily activities (tells her who she can be friends with, when and if she can have contact with her family, what she can wear, where she can go, how much money she can have and/or if she can use the car)?
19. Is the abuser constantly jealous of the victim (he may say, "If I can't have you, then no one can!")
20. Does the abuser stalk the victim (follows around, spy on her, leave threatening notes/messages, destroy her property, and/or call to check on her constantly)?
21. Has the victim ever threatened or tried to commit suicide?
22. Does the victim fear for her life or believe the abuser is capable of killing her?

If you are in a violent relationship and answered yes to more than half of the questions, then I strongly encourage you to seek help. Here are three numbers you can call:

National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

YWCA of the Sauk Valley at 1-815-626-7277

HOPE of Ogle County 1-815-562-8890

You can also call the police or file an Order of Protection. You do not have to accept being abused. You don't deserve it.

feel as though they are loved and worthwhile. (Read what Paul said in 2nd Corinthians 7:4). Paul is simply saying, "I believe in you." This is exactly the way we need to deal with conflict.

To settle a conflict, we must express confidence in the other party. If someone offended us, we need to say, "No matter what has happened, I still believe in you." Because building a person's feelings of self-worth makes them more eager to resolve a conflict and heal a relationship. Church, know conflict resolution doesn't always happen overnight. This is especially true if there has been long-standing conflict in a relationship. If we've not spoken to a loved one in years, I encourage you to resolve to settle that issue. Even if the other person was the offender, you can take the first step. Begin by forgiving that person if you haven't already done so. Then try to establish communications. Perhaps we can open our heart to that person by writing a letter or sending an email. We need to begin say, "Let's put this issue behind us." Many times, all it takes is one small gesture on the part of one person to begin the process of resolving conflict and reestablishing our family or church relationships. Even though the other person may not respond to our move, do it anyway. The key to conflict resolution is to be willing and ready to resolve conflict as it comes. We can do that by being open, direct, gentle, and noncritical; by desiring restoration and unity; and by valuing all the people in our lives as precious and as those for whom Jesus died. May these four guidelines help us to reach out to the world, our community, and each other in the name of Jesus.

Pastor Al Meyer

BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

- 1 - Paula Vogeler
- 3 - Ed Riley
Tina Phipps
- 6 - Brandon Pfeiffer
- 7 - Cordelia Heng
Audrey Roop
- 12 - John Cheeseman
Olivia Gadson
- 17 - Grace Pfeiffer
Joe Uphoff
- 22 - Chad Murphy
- 23 - Chris Currie
- 27 - Donna Curie
- 28 - Betty Droege
- 29 - Ellinor Phipps

**PRAY FOR EACH ONE ON HIS/HER
BIRTHDAY!**



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN SEPTEMBER

- 1 - Neil & Susie Miller
- 4 - Kyle & Melissa Lawrence
- 17 - Keith & Audrey Roop
- 23 - Roger & Kathy Edson
- 24 - Rick & Janice Danekas
- 30 - Chad & Carrie Becker

CONGRATULATIONS!!

***I'm on a Light Diet - I eat by daylight, lamplight,
and sometimes even refrigerator light!***

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean
not unto your own understanding. In all your
ways acknowledge Him, and he will direct
your paths. Proverbs 3: 5,6*



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday:

9:00 am - Sunday School for all ages

10:00 am - Worship Service

Wednesday:

9:30am - Prayer & Bible Study