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Notes for the Journey

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Newsletters and Sermons

Would you like to receive our newsletter earlier or did you miss Sunday's message?

Starting this week, we will be posting our newsletters and a recording of the Sunday message on our church website: www.olneyfmc.org. The newsletter will also be available on our facebook page ("Olney, Il. Free Methodist Church").

Our website is currently being updated and revised so please be patient in the process. We are endeavoring to make it a useful tool to plug into the life and ministry of our congregation.

Thought of the Week

Last week we looked at Supt. Lane's questions: Who are we? What has God called us to do? This Sunday's message looked at how God showed Nehemiah the work he had for him.

In Nehemiah 1:3-4 we see that it was reported to him that the exiles who had returned to Jerusalem were "in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down and its gates have been burned with fire."

Upon hearing this he sat down and wept. His heart was broken. His broken heart led to action on behalf of God and his people.

As we seek God's direction for our church, please consider these questions:

- What tugs at or breaks your heart?
- What troubled people do you see?
- What do you see in life that is breaking the heart of God?

Let's live this week with open eyes, watching for God to give us the answers to these questions and direction for our congregation.

Operation Christmas Child

The time for packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child will be upon us before we know it. We have already received some donations!

A gaily decorated container is in the foyer for any donations you wish to make in the next few weeks. Thanks for your continue support of this great ministry.



Middle and High School Sunday School Class Lunch

This Sunday, August 21, the Middle School and High School Sunday School classes will gather at the Parsonage after Sunday School to have lunch together.

Children/Youth Workers Training

A training session conducted by Jim Burns is scheduled for Youth and Children Ministry volunteers on September 18. It will be at Cherry Street School at 5:30pm.

You are highly encouraged to attend. Please see Stacy for more information.

Lectionary Scripture

(for August 21, 2016)

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalms 71:1-6

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17



Mission

A community of believers endeavoring to live and love as Jesus taught. Come—Experience Community!

Church Calendar

Sunday, August 21

Morning Worship 9:30am
 Sunday School 10:40am
 Middle and High School lunch at the Parsonage
 Youth Group 6:00-7:30pm

Monday—Saturday

Men's Coffee

Tuesday, August 23

Elijah Men's Group 6:30pm

Thursday, August 25

Board of Administration Meeting 7:00pm

Friday, August 26

Narcotics Anonymous 7:00pm

Statistics for August 14

Morning Service	108
Offering (weekly need—\$4,050)	\$ 2,910.00
UMC-Kay Stotts Godoy, Michael & Maria Long, Mark & Lena, Russ & Sherrie Cole (goal \$8,000) YTD	\$ 5,413.00
UMC-Home Missions (goal \$6,118) YTD	\$ 2,147.00

Prayer Needs



Edra Creek—health
 Willie Newby—motorcycle accident
 Mae Goodman—RMH
 Clella Rottinghaus—health
 John Means—health
 Please continue to pray for needs previously listed

Happy Birthday



Pam Linder..... August 21
 Becca Zook..... August 23
 Anna-Marie Shultz..... August 23
 Heather Turley..... August 24
 Rex Parnell..... August 25
 Norman Bissey..... August 27

Elijah Men's Group

Elijah Men's Group will meet Tuesday, August 23 at 6:30pm at the Ernst Cabin. Bring a snack to share. We would love to see all you fellows come and join us at our meetings. Lots of fellowship and encouraging one another in our walk with the Lord takes place!

Happy Anniversary



Pastor Mel & Janis Nead.....August 23
 John & Jennifer Kramer.....August 23
 Dan & Marilyn Grove.....August 24
 Austin & Suzanna Ridgely.....August 24
 Daniel & Camille Gaddy.....August 25
 Joe & Teresa Moutray.....August 26

Good Samaritan Work Days

August 31 and September 2 are the next work days for our church. Please contact Kathy Slichenmyer if you can help.

Board of Administration Meeting Thursday, August 25, 7pm

Retreat for 5th and 6th Grades

A special retreat for 5th and 6th graders at the Wabash Park Campgrounds is planned for September 10-11. Stacy has more information and encourages those interested to contact her soon!

Thank You Note

Thank you dear friends for the prayers, phone calls, cards and other acts of kindness shown me while I was recovering from recent surgery. It meant so much to know you were thinking of me.
 Nancy Margraff

Christmas Musical

Singers of all ages will be gathering soon to begin rehearsing a Christmas Musical. This is a simple unison and two-part musical and Pastor Steve is looking for more folks to join in this effort.



We want to celebrate Christmas in a very special way this year. Please contact Pastor Steve if you could be a part of this production.