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Notes for the Journey

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Newsletters and Sermons

You are now able to read our current newsletter and listen to the Sunday message on our church website: www.olneyfmc.org. The newsletter is also available on our facebook page ("Olney, IL Free Methodist Church").

If you missed the sermon on Sunday or want to read the newsletter sooner than the mailed copy, this is for you.

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

Who are we? What has God called us to do?

Part of the answer to those questions comes by embracing the fact that all we do on this earth is part of a much larger plan and eternity.

Sunday I shared that I once walked ten steps on the Appalachian Trail. Yes, ten steps of a trail that is 2,200 miles long. Our time on earth is much like those ten steps. We have a short time here that will have a direct impact on eternity for us, our families and neighbors.

Will we embrace the call and destination of the trail?

Will we get sidetracked and wander off the trail?

Will we get discouraged and quit?

Will we encourage others to join us and press on?

To stay on the trail and bring others with us is not easy, but it is the best way to live.

"So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." II Corinthians 4:18. Embrace and order your life around pursuit of the unseen eternal.

Ladies' Bible Study
at the Parsonage
Thursday, September 1
6:00pm

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.

This will be a very informative session and great opportunity for those working with our youth. You are encouraged to see Stacy and register for this unique session soon.

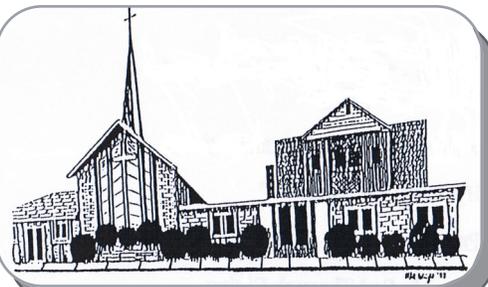
Retreat for 5th and 6th Grades

A special retreat for 5th and 6th graders at the Wabash Park Campgrounds is planned for September 10-11. There will be a fun-filled activities all weekend.

Stacy has registration forms, schedule of events, etc. and encourages those interested to contact her soon!

Lectionary Scripture

(for August 28, 2016)
Jeremiah 2:4-13
Psalm 81:1, 10-16
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14



Mission

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, August 28

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| Morning Worship | 9:30am |
| Sunday School | 10:40am |
| Parent/Youth Missions Meeting | 5:00pm |
| Youth Group | 6:00-7:30pm |

Monday—Saturday

Men's Coffee

Wednesday, August 31

Good Samaritan Work Day 9:00-11:00am

Thursday, September 1

Ladies' Bible Study at the Parsonage 6:00pm

Friday, September 2

Good Samaritan Work Day 9:00-11:00am

Friday, September 2

Narcotics Anonymous 7:00pm



Happy Birthday

Lisa Benson August 29
 Aimee Clodfelter August 30
 Donna Runyon August 31
 Tiffany Grove September 1
 Ron Trout September 1
 Eric Ernst September 1
 Blake Matthews September 2
 Joe Moutray September 2
 Jack Thomann September 3
 Bryan Payne September 3



Happy Anniversary

Jim & Sandy Sager August 31
 Ron & Kathy Trout September 3
 Scot & Christy Matthews September 3

»» Youth Group Activities

Sunday, August 28 at 5:00pm—Parent-Youth Meeting in the fellowship hall regarding the Mission Trip.

Sunday, September 4—deadline to sign up for the Mission Trip.

Thursday, October 13, 6:30pm—“Painting Party” Fundraiser for Mission Trip. Cost is \$40 (half will go for the trip). Will need to reserve a spot and pay in advance. See Stacy for more information.

◆ Good Samaritan Work Days ◆

Our turn to work at the Good Samaritan store is Wednesday, August 31 and Friday, September 2 from 9:00am to 11:00am each day. If you can help this time, please contact Kathy Slichenmyer.

Statistics for August 21

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| Morning Service | 118 |
| Offering (weekly need—\$4,050) | \$ 3,771.65 |
| UMC-Kay Stotts Godoy, Michael & Maria Long, Mark & Lena, Russ & Sherrie Cole (goal \$8,000) YTD | \$ 5,483.00 |
| UMC-Home Missions (goal \$6,118) YTD | \$ 2,205.00 |

Prayer Needs

Millie Parnell—health
 Sandy Sager—health
 Jerry Harriss—health
 Willie Newby—motorcycle accident
 Mae Goodman—RMH
 Clella Rottinghaus—health
 John Means—health



Please continue to pray for needs previously listed

Operation Christmas Child

The time for packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child will be upon us before we know it.

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.



 * Ladies' Bible Study in the Library *
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 * The Ladies' Bible Study that meets in the Li- *
 * brary will resume our weekly schedule on *
 * Wednesday, September 7 at 10:00am. *
 * Ladies, come join us in our study!! *
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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.

