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Notes for the Journey

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Vacation Bible School

As you receive this newsletter, VBS will either be finishing up or done. Thanks to so many of you pitching in, in many ways, we were able to share the love of Christ with children of our congregation and community.

Be with us this Sunday to hear more about the great week!

Playground/Garage/ Picnic Shelter

If you haven't checked out the new playground yet, you will be pleased to see such a nice place ready for children to play and have fun.

Many folks have been working to get the electricity and water connected to the Picnic Shelter and Garage. It won't be long before that work is finished and we will be able to use those facilities as well.

Thanks to the dedicated workers who have put in many hours to finish up these great additions to our church.

Sunday School Class Dinner

The Middle School and High School Sunday School classes will enjoy lunch together on Sunday, August 21 at the parsonage.

Make plans now to attend. More info to come.



Questions to Ponder

This past two Sunday's messages have centered around verses encouraging us to be strong and not give up in ministering to people of our church and community (Galatians 6:9-10, II Chronicles 15:7). Then in II Chronicles 16:9 we see that God is eager to give strength to those seeking Him

with all their hearts.

Our conference Superintendent recently sent a memo to all the pastors reminding us that "with the Holy Spirit's help, every local church can impact its community for Christ in a manner disproportionate to its size. Every local church can be salt and light and honor the Lord Jesus by our witness." He then encouraged us to:

- take a realistic look at where we are,
- what God has called us to do and
- then serve the Lord with excellence and serve the community with love.

By doing those things he says, "I believe God will be pleased."

I want to encourage us to prayerfully look at those questions posed by Supt. Lane and ask God to then give us guidance and strength to continue to minister for Him here in the City of Olney. He has a unique and special plan for us

Lectionary Scripture

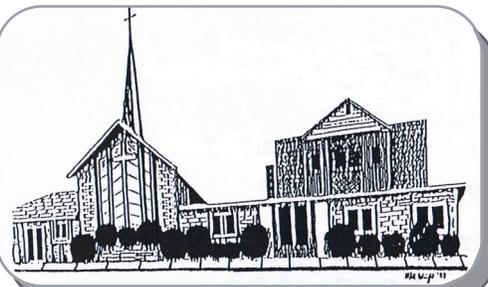
(for August 7, 2016)

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Psalms 50:1-8, 22-23

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Luke 12:32-48



Mission

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, August 7

Morning Worship 9:30am
 Sunday School 10:40am
 Youth Group 6:00-7:30pm

Monday—Saturday

Men's Coffee

Tuesday, August 9

Elijah Men's Group at the Ernst Cabin 6:30pm

Thursday, August 11

Ladies' Bible Study at the Parsonage 6:00pm

Friday, August 12

Narcotics Anonymous 7:00pm

Statistics for July 31

Morning Service	107
Offering (weekly need—\$4,050)	\$ 4,052.00
UMC-Kay Stotts Godoy, Michael & Maria Long, Mark & Lena, Russ & Sherrie Cole (goal \$8,000) YTD	\$ 5,308.00
UMC-Home Missions (goal \$6,118) YTD	\$ 1,609.00
Love Care	\$ 252.80

Prayer Needs

Family of Larry Stillwell
 Willie Newby—motorcycle accident
 Mae Goodman—RMH
 Deb Foster—health
 Ciella Rottinghaus—health
 John Means—health
 Please continue to pray for needs previously listed



Happy Birthday



Diana Hazel..... August 7
 Alma Royse..... August 9
 Teresa Moutray August 9
 Sandy Shryock..... August 10
 George Kurt..... August 11
 Bobbi Tredway..... August 12

Elijah Men's Group Date Change

Due to VBS, Elijah Men's Group will meet Tuesday evening, August 9 at 6:30pm at the Ernst Cabin at the lake. We plan to have a special main course and ask you to bring a side dish/dessert to share.

Our second August meeting will be Tuesday, August 25. Then in September we will be back on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday schedule.

All men are encouraged to come and join us for this time of fellowship and encouraging one another in our walk with

Happy Anniversary



Jim & Paula Sterchi..... August 7
 Doug & Autumn Wilson..... August 8
 Michael & Mary L Van Matre August 9
 Rev Tom & Nora Ryan..... August 12
 Jacob & Rachel Fritschle August 13

— Ladies Bible Study —

Due to Vacation Bible School, the Parsonage Ladies' Bible Study' will meet on Thursday, August 11 at 6:00pm at the Parsonage.

As usual, bring your Bibles, an appetite hungry for God and His word and some snacks to share with others in attendance.

Prayers for Missionaries

Please pray for our missionaries, Mike and Maria Long and Family. Maria's father, Theofilos, passed away earlier this month.

Thank You Note

Thank you for the prayers, cards and visits while I was recovering from my recent surgery. My church family means everything to me! I felt every prayer that went up for me. I love you all!

Kathy Trout

Christmas Musical

Christmas will be here before you know it!! To help us celebrate, Pastor Steve is looking for singers to be a part of a simple unison and two-part musical. Rehearsals will need to start in late August/early September.

If interested, please contact Pastor Steve.

