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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](http://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

Two thoughts from Sunday: When thinking of how our story fits into the story of God and life throughout the ages, we are reminded by author Kenneth Boa that the story already has a star and it's not me or you, it's God. "God is God, and I am not . . ."

Paul in Colossians 1:16-17 says, "For in Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible . . . all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things and in Him all things hold together." We were created through and for God and His Son Jesus.

Jonathan Cahn's newest book paints the picture in this way " . . . His existence is first and your existence flows forth from His. . . That's the secret of life—not only to live *for* Him, but to live your life *from* Him, to live from His living, to move from His moving, to act from His actions, to feel from His heart, to be from His being and to become who we are from who He is. . . I am."

Life is not about me, it's about God. You will find peace and purpose when your life flows from His.

### »» Youth Group News

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

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

### 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. See Stacy to register for this unique session soon.

### Ladies' Bible Study

at the Parsonage

Thursday, September 1 at 6:00pm



### \*\*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

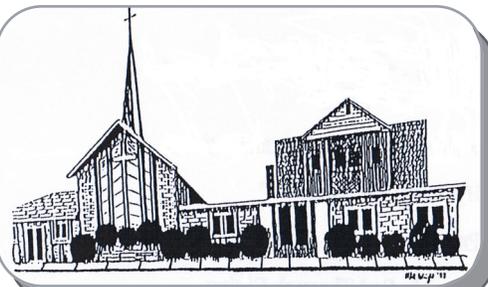
(for September 4, 2016)

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14:25-33



### Mission

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

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, September 4

Morning Worship 9:30am  
 Sunday School 10:40am  
 No Youth Group

### Monday—Saturday

Men's Coffee

### Tuesday, September 6

Elijah Men's Group at the Parsonage 6:30pm

### Wednesday, September 7

Ladies' Bible Study in the Library 10:00am

### Friday, September 9

Narcotics Anonymous 7:00pm

### Saturday and Sunday, September 10-11

5th and 6th Grade Retreat at the Campgrounds

## Statistics for August 28

Morning Service	122
Offering (weekly need—\$4,050)	\$ 2,680.00
UMC-Kay Stotts Godoy, Michael & Maria Long, Mark & Lena, Russ & Sherrie Cole (goal \$8,000) YTD	\$ 5,503.00
UMC-Home Missions (goal \$6,118) YTD	\$ 2,210.00

## Prayer Needs

Lisa Nixon—health  
 Debbie Le Grande—Burgin Manor  
 Camille Gaddy—health  
 Family of Woodrow Hinkle  
 Millie Parnell—health  
 Jerry Harriss—health  
 Willie Newby—motorcycle accident  
 Ciella Rottinghaus—health  
 John Means—health  
 Please continue to pray for needs previously listed



## Happy Birthday



Don Margraff..... September 6  
 Nora Ryan..... September 6  
 Marj Shinkle..... September 7  
 Baylie Combs ..... September 8  
 Darlene Dickerson ..... September 8  
 Joyce Wilson..... September 9  
 Gary Linder ..... September 9

## Happy Anniversary



Pastor Burl & Marj Shinkle..... September 6  
 Jim & Bobbi Tredway ..... September 9  
 Perry & Donna Balding ..... September 10  
 Josh & Lee Ann Storment..... September 10

## Welcome to the World

A precious little girl, Harper Morghan Wingert, came into this world on August 23, 2016. She weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. and was 19 inches long. Josh and Hannah Wingert are the proud parents.



Pastor Steve and Liesl Wingert are delighted grandparents!

## WIC Needs

I would like to thank everyone for their donations to the WIC program. At this time we are in **GREAT** need of the following items: blankets, boy's and girl's *Infant* outfits, sleepers or onesies. We also need gift bags and tissue paper.

I was recently told that there are mothers that are so excited to receive our small gift because it's the only thing "new" they get for their baby.

If you have any questions, please call me.

Kathy Trout  
 393-6836 or  
 (cell) 618-302-1300

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

The Elijah Men's Group will meet Tuesday, September 6 at 6:30pm at the Parsonage. Please note location change. The main course will be provided; please bring sides to share.

Men, please come and join us and enjoy this special group.

## 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 would like to be a part of this production.

