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Notes for the Journey

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Vacation Bible School 2016

Vacation Bible School will begin on Sunday evening, July 31 and run through Thursday, August 5 here at our church. The VBS will follow the theme "CAVE QUEST, Following Jesus, the Light of the World." Kristi Nosek, our VBS Director, has been working a lot of hours to get plans in place.

For us to be successful in introducing our children to Christ and encouraging them to grow closer to him, we need lots of help. There are many ways you can get involved.

- Assisting with decorating and transforming our church into a "Cave."
- Helping prepare and serve snacks
- Serving as a group leader or assistant—guiding children from station to station
- Helping with crafts
- Helping with games
- Teaching a Bible lesson
- Being available to help where needed, encouraging, loving and being a friend
- Running our sound or video
- Photographing our VBS
- Helping lead music
- and much more

Please consider what you can do to make this a great week. A volunteer sign-up sheet is available on the literature table or call Kristi at 843-6599.

This is one of the most important things we do all year, investing in the lives of our young people. Thanks for your help.



175th Anniversary of Olney

A BIG celebration is planned for the 175th anniversary of the City of Olney July 22-24 and you will want to be a part of it. There are a variety of events going on Friday and Saturday (for more information, go to www.olney175.com.)

On Sunday, July 24 from 10:30pm—2:00pm, a community picnic (catered by Niemergs of Effingham) will be held. Get tickets for \$3.00 each at City Hall, Chamber of Commerce and the main branches of the banks.

At 1:00pm there will be a community church service led by the Richland County Ministerial Association, featuring a concert by Brian Free and Assurance. The concert is free. Bring lawn chairs/blankets for the picnic and the community service.

We hope you will take advantage of all the special activities and be a part of this exciting time for our City.

Fall Kids Mall

Shopping day for underprivileged children in Richland County at the "Fall Kids Mall" will be on Saturday, August 13. Children will receive new school clothes, new socks and underwear, new shoes, essential toiletry items and even dental check-ups by the Dental Safari.

We will continue to accept donations of new children's underwear or socks along with toiletry items until shopping day. Please drop items in the containers available in the foyer at any time.

You can get involved with Fall Kids Mall by donating underwear and/or socks, toiletries, volunteering on shopping day, financial support and especially praying for the program.

Lectionary Scripture

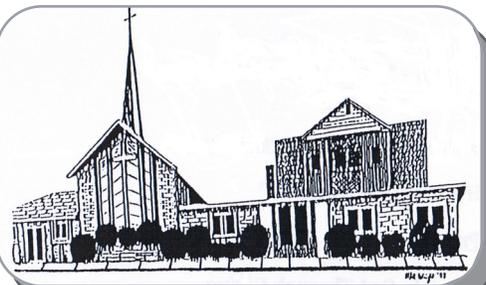
(for July 17, 2016)

Amos 8:1-12

Psalm 52

Colossians 1:15-28

Luke 10:38-42



Mission

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, July 17

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

Monday—Saturday

Men's Coffee

Tuesday, July 19

Ladies' Afternoon Out at the Holiday 1:30pm
 Elijah Men's Group 6:30pm

Friday, July 22

Narcotics Anonymous 7:00pm

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, July 22, 23, 24

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Statistics for July 3

Morning Service	115
Offering (weekly need—\$4,050)	\$ 5,134.00
UMC-Kay Stotts Godoy, Michael & Maria Long, Mark & Lena, Russ & Sherrie Cole (goal \$8,000) YTD	\$ 5,113.00
UMC-Home Missions (goal \$6,118) YTD	\$ 1,546.00

Prayer Needs

Debbie Legrande—health
 Nelda Ruhr—recent surgery
 Woodrow Hinkle—health
 Clella Rottinghaus—health
 John Means—health
 Please continue to pray for needs previously listed



Happy Birthday



Amy Taylor.....July 17
 Reeve Franklin.....July 17
 Caleb Warren.....July 17
 Trent Hosselton.....July 18
 Amy Murphy.....July 18
 Lila Balding.....July 18
 Alexandra Forester.....July 18

Bryan Grimes.....July 19
 James English.....July 19
 Gabriel Guzman.....July 20
 Jim Hicks.....July 21
 Camden Cowger.....July 22
 Rae Rose.....July 22
 Josh Shoulders.....July 23
 Celeste Spillman.....July 23

Family Camp—Children's Church Helpers Needed

Our church has been given the opportunity to serve at Family Camp this year working on Tuesday evening with the kids Grade 1 through 5. We are in need of 10 adults to staff the children's church.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Kim Ahlfield at 618-843-0249. If you have never been to the campground, please come and have some fun and help out.

Your earthly reward will be homemade ice cream and dessert. Your heavenly reward, priceless!

Family Camp 2016

Wabash Conference Family Camp—2016 begins this Sunday, July 17. John Lane, our new superintendent, will be teaching during the morning seminars. Wally Fleming is our Camp Pastor and Bible teacher for the week. The brochures on the literature tables in the foyer lists all Fellowship events, WMI activities, Youth activities, Children's activities, seminars, etc. Pick one up and look it over.

Why not consider going over for a day if you are unable to go for the whole week. You will be pleasantly surprised at all the great activities going on.

Van Drivers Still Needed



We are still in need of a couple more van drivers. Please contact Pastor Steve or Jim Hicks to find out more details.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

Christmas will be here before 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, contact Pastor Steve.

