

# Olney Free Methodist Church

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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 school will be from 6:00-8:30pm each evening.



The theme is "CAVE QUEST, Following Jesus, the Light of the World." Kristi Nosek, our VBS Director, has been working very hard 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

- 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,*

### 175th Anniversary of Olney

This is the week that the 175th Anniversary of the founding of the City of Olney celebration begins—Friday, Saturday, Sunday, July 22-24. There are many noteworthy activities that will be going on all three days. Check them out and you will be pleasantly surprised what will be happening each day. A detailed listing of all the action is at [www.olney175.com](http://www.olney175.com) and has recently been published in the "Daily Mail."

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 a community church service led by the Richland County Ministerial Association, featuring a concert by Brian Free and Assurance will take place. 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, historical time for our City.

### Fall Kids Mall

Helping underprivileged children in Richland County get ready for "back-to-school" days is the important ministry of Fall Kids Mall. This year the date for the shopping day for the children is Saturday, August 13. New school clothes, new socks and undies, new shoes, and essential toiletry items will be available for the kids to select.

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 by the end of July.

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

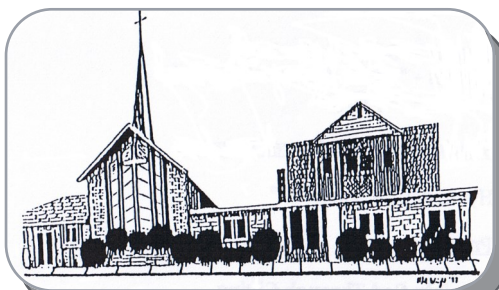
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Hosea 1:2-10

Psalm 85

Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19)

Luke 11:1-13



### Mission

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

# Church Calendar

## Sunday, July 24

Morning Worship 9:30am  
 No Sunday School  
 No Youth Group  
 Community Church Service at the Park 1:00pm

## Monday—Saturday

Men's Coffee

## Friday, July 29

Narcotics Anonymous 7:00pm

## Sunday, July 31 - Thursday, August 4

Vacation Bible School 6:00-8:30pm

# Statistics for July 17

Morning Service	118
Offering (weekly need—\$4,050)	\$ 2,574.75
UMC-Kay Stotts Godoy, Michael & Maria Long, Mark & Lena, Russ & Sherrie Cole (goal \$8,000) YTD	\$ 5,183.00
UMC-Home Missions (goal \$6,118) YTD	\$ 1,546.00

# Prayer Needs

- Deb Foster—health
- Mike Nosek—health
- Trella Clow—health
- Nancy Margraff—recent surgery
- Debbie Legrande—health
- Nelda Ruhr—recent surgery
- Clella Rottinghaus—health
- John Means—health



Please continue to pray for needs previously listed

# Happy Birthday



- Isla Means.....July 24
- Dan Brashear.....July 25
- Carly Houchin.....July 25
- Adam Grimes.....July 26
- Phyllis Slunaker.....July 27
- Hobbs Miller.....July 30

# Happy Anniversary



- Todd & Wendy Arnes.....July 26
- Dave & Amy Murphy.....Jul 29

# Phone Directories

New phone directories are available on the literature tables for you to pick up if you haven't gotten one yet. Please look over the information we have for your family. If there is an error, omission or any mistake, please contact the church office. We would like to keep the directory as current as possible.

# 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.



# Playground is Open!!!

So many people have contributed in so many ways to make it possible for our playground to finally be used.

On our church facebook page: Olney, Il Free Methodist Church, you can see pictures of some of the latest progress and happy faces using the slides.

Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to bringing this about. Now, please pray that it will not only be a blessing to the children of our congregation, but a means of reaching out to the children of our neighborhood.



# Board of Administration Meeting

Tuesday, July 26 at 7:00pm  
 Multi-Purpose Room

# — 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.