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Notes for the Journey

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Fall Adult Ministry Opportunities at Olney Free Methodist

Sunday Morning Worship Series—9:30am

"Road to Recovery—Overcoming Hurts, Habits and Hangups." They say time heals all wounds, but we know that isn't necessarily true. This series of messages will help us recover our life by learning how to identify and overcome our hurts and hangups and then live life freely and lightly.

Sunday Evenings—6:00pm

"Finding Happiness—A Look at the Beatitudes." The 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday of each month while kids are involved in Kids Klub, the adults will be learning how to find happiness in life through the promises of the words of Jesus in Matthew 5.

"Chill Time." On the 2nd and 4th Sunday evenings each month Pastor Steve will be available to meet with and lead a time of informal sharing of needs/concerns and prayer for those who gather. Come, relax and breath deep from God's love and assurance.

Study/Encouragement Groups (call the church office for more details.)

- Weekly Ladies' Bible Study—Wednesday 10am in library.
- Monthly Ladies' Bible Study first Wednesday at 6:00pm at the parsonage.
- Men's Group—first and third Tuesday evening at 6:30pm, location varies.

Special Interest Groups

"In This Together." When dealing with anxiety, depression and other forms of mental illness, it is easy to feel as if you are alone and no one understands. "In This Together" will be a confidential encouragement and support group made up of others walking a similar path. Time and date will be determined by those involved. Contact Pastor Steve 843-0860.

"Smoking Cessation." Some habits are hard to break. Liesl Wingert, a trained smoking cessation facilitator will be working with those would like to kick the habit. Time and date will be determined by those involved. Contact Liesl 843-4487 to indicate your interest.

See You At The Pole

The "See You At The Pole" is Wednesday, September 27 at 7:30am at all the schools in Richland County.

This is an annual gathering of thousands of Christian students all over the world who meet at the flag pole at their local schools for prayer.



Registration Forms for Children's Ministry

Registration forms for our Children's Ministry are on the literature tables. Please fill one out for EACH of your children (newborn-5th grade) so we can be aware of all basic information, allergies, and other things about your child.

We want to provide the very best for you and your children.

Lectionary Scripture

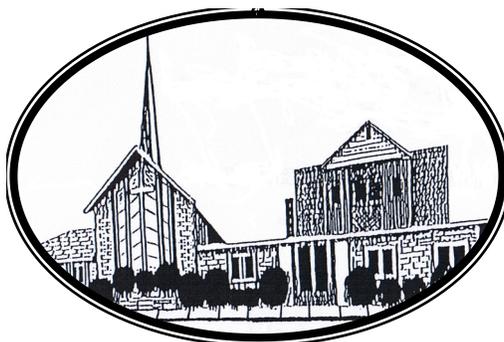
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Exodus 16:2-15

Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45 or Psalm 78

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16



Mission

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, September 24

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| Morning Worship | 9:30am |
| Sunday School | 10:40am |
| Student Ministry Group | 6:00pm |
| Adult Ministry | 6:00pm |

Wednesday, September 27

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| “See You At The Pole” at all RC schools | 7:30am |
| Ladies’ Bible Study in the Library | 10:00am |

Friday, September 29

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| Narcotics Anonymous | 7:00pm |
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Happy Birthday



- David Spillman.....September 24
- Karise Roberson.....September 25
- Kamara Smith.....September 26
- Grover Burkett.....September 26
- Lee Ann Storment.....September 27
- Ruth Thomann.....September 28
- Kristi Nosek.....September 28
- Kendyl Keller.....September 28
- Rita Utz.....September 29
- Kathy Slichenmyer.....September 29
- Jordan Siegel.....September 30
- Jonathan Siegel.....September 30
- Ben Aarnes.....September 30



Happy Anniversary

Bret & Barb Ernst..... September 25

◆ Operation Christmas Child ◆

Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to needy children around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes. Our church has a container in the foyer for donations you may drop off anytime to be packed in the shoe boxes.

Thanks for helping in this wonderful ministry.

Thank You Note

To This Great Church!

Thank you so much for the prayers, phone calls, cards and all the concerns while Larry was in the hospital and the rough time he has had and gone through in the past month. Thanks again.

Larry Runyon and Family

Statistics for September 17

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| Morning Service | 123 |
| Offering (weekly need—\$4,050) | \$ 3,656.72 |
| UMC-Kay Stotts Godoy, Michael & Maria Long, Mark & Lena, Russ & Sherrie Cole (goal \$8,000) YTD | \$ 4,510.00 |
| UMC-Home Missions (goal \$6,118) YTD | \$ 3,291.00 |

Prayer Needs



Unspoken Needs
 Family of Jan Wright
 Toby Purnell—health
 Lisa Parnell—health
 Please continue to pray for needs previously listed

Baptism Service

We are planning a baptism service in the near future. If you have accepted Christ as Savior and Lord and would like to make that commitment public through baptism, please contact Pastor Steve.

WIC Need

As the seasons change, we are needing warmer clothing for the WIC gift bags. Sleepers, onesies, outfits (3-6 months or 6-9 months) and warm blankets are especially needed.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, we will be able to purchase more of these items. See Kathy Trout or call her at 393-6836 or 618-302-1300. Thanks for all the things you have already donated. It is greatly appreciated.

Backpack Program Begins

We will be sharing the responsibility of assembling backpacks for school children again this year. This program provides meals for at-risk children for the weekend.



Our first week to assembly the packs is Wednesday, October 4 at 4:00pm for delivery on Thursday. We will need help with this project. Call the church office if you will be willing to help. It usually takes less than an hour each time. Thanks in advance.