



The Methodist Messenger

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First United Methodist Church

McHenry, Illinois

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From the Pastor's Desk

Gary Waters, Pastor

Summer Worship at
9 a.m. until Rally Sunday
September 12.

**Please note:
Bell Choir
rehearsals will
begin on
Tuesday,
September 7
at 7 p.m. in the
Sanctuary.**

I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way – in all your speaking and in all your knowledge – because our testimony about Christ was confirmed in you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.

-1 Corinthians 1:4-7



I want to thank you on behalf of Amy, Winona and Calvin for the gift that you have given us as a family. We truly appreciate the trip that the Leadership Team organized for us. We took the opportunity to go to Oregon, one of my favorite places in the world. It was a blessing to have the chance to share my favorite spot with my family. This is the first time that we have been there together.

In thinking of the gratitude that we feel for the reception that we have received in this congregation, I kept thinking of the thanks that Paul offered to the congregations that showed him love and hospitality. One expression of thanks is the passage from 1 Corinthians that is quoted above. When Paul offered thanks to the congregations he served, he thanked them for what they had done for him personally and he thanked them for what they were doing in ministry for the sake of Jesus Christ.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the work that you do in sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ in the world. In worship, Christian education and service we are reaching the world with the good news of Jesus Christ.

There are times when we consider our contributions and find them to be quite small. But the smallest gift can become a powerful ministry. This is especially true when it is understood to be a gift and when it is offered in that fashion. After worship last week, I watched as two people sat together praying on the couch in the narthex. What a gift – a spontaneous ministry of love and concern!

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Every gift necessary for being the church is present in this congregation. Thank you for your faithfulness in offering your gifts. Thank you for your faithfulness in doing your part, offering your service. As Paul says in Romans, this is our true spiritual worship – that we put ourselves to work in the Kingdom of God.

I am amazed at the love and concern that you show to one another. It is a blessing to me to see you bless one another. More important than me, it is a blessing to God.

Thank you for your faithfulness. Keep the faith. Run the race with perseverance.

In the peace of Christ,

Gary

AREA UNITED METHODISTS RAISE MORE THAN \$500,000 FOR HAITI RELIEF

The Northern Illinois Conference (NIC) of the United Methodist Church (UMC) has now raised well over \$500,000 for Haiti earthquake relief, donated several tons of relief supplies and has committed to long-term assistance with the people of Haiti.

The 7.0 magnitude earthquake that struck Haiti in January killed more than 230,000 people, collapsed more than 225,000 homes and impacted 3 million people.

Among those who lost their lives in this devastating earthquake were the Reverends Sam Dixon and Clint Rabb of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Dixon and Rabb were in Port-au-Prince to meet with members of the Methodist Church of Haiti to talk about ways to improve and develop the country.



At their annual conference in June, members of the Northern Illinois Conference voted overwhelmingly to continue fund raising efforts, to engage in advocacy campaigns that work toward an end to the discriminatory treatment of Haitian refugees and to maintain a presence in solidarity with the Haitian people long after the cameras leave.

Worldwide, the UMC has collected well over \$18 million for Haiti relief work. To donate money or relief supplies to UMCOR, please visit <http://new.gb-gm-umc.org/umcor/>.

The Northern Illinois Conference, led by Bishop Hee-Soo Jung, is one of the United Methodist Church's 63 regions in the United States. There are nearly 400 UM churches in the cities, suburbs and towns of Northern Illinois. Find more information about the NIC at www.umcnic.org.

Book Group to Meet Sept. 19

The FUMC Book Discussion Club is reading "Sarah's Key" by Tatiana de Rosnay for the Sept. 19 meeting, which will be at 11:30 a.m. Bring ideas for future book discussions.



United Methodist Women News

The next UMW luncheon will be held at noon on Thursday, September 9 in the church parlor. Come join us for great food and fellowship. Our program will center around issues confronting women throughout their lives.

Priscilla Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Wed. August 4. Abigail circle will meet on Monday, August 16 at 7 p.m. in the church narthex. Jo Hoak will host and lead the discussion on Chapter 2 in our new study book, "A Garden of Friends" by Penny Pierce Rose. In Chapter 2 we will learn how God is our Master Gardener. Please call Lynn Olsen at 815-814 4948 with any questions. Guests are always welcome!

UMW mission team will meet on Friday, August 27 at 9 a.m. in the church parlor.

LOGOS News



LOGOS parent meetings will be held on Sunday, August 15 and Sunday, August 29 at 10:15 a.m. in the church parlor. Parent meetings are an opportunity to find out more about LOGOS and to register youth for the new LOGOS year. They are a very important part of the LOGOS ministry and are mandatory for all parents who wish to register their youth for the new LOGOS year.

LOGOS will begin on Thursday, September 9 at 4:20 p.m. for youth in grades 4-8 and at 5 p.m. for youth in grades 9-12. Costs for this year will remain at \$90 for the first youth in a family, \$80 for the second youth, \$40 for the third youth and free for subsequent youth.

Please contact Kathy Boehmer at 815-347-8935 or Lynn Olsen at 815-814-4948 if you have any questions. We look forward to building relationships with you and your youth this year in LOGOS.

Thanks and News from Missions



Thanks to everyone who helped with Fiesta Days — those who baked for the bake sale, those who helped set up & take down, and those who worked at the stand. This is such an important time of our church year.

The Mission Commission, at its recent meeting, heard a report from Kathy Boehmer, a member, about the Youth Trip to Dunmore, WV, which she attended. The commission voted to give \$250 to help defray the cost of gas on the trip. The Men's Club and the United Methodist Women also contributed.

For August, the Loose Change Offering will be for The Red Bird Mission in Beverly, KY. The Red Bird Missionary Conference has four different outreach centers to serve the Appalachian community. Henderson Settlement in Frakes, KY is right on top of a mountain. It has a library, senior day care, classes for all ages, and more. There is a clinic and Mission center in Beverly and a center in London, KY. This is such a good cause.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, but also keep an eye out for the great sales right now at the stores on school supplies — Operation Christmas Child is not far away.

Preview of Coming Attractions this Fall

Twice a year, you can sign up to be a part of the FAB FOUR FELLOWSHIP DINNERS, a social time to get to know your church peers. We will then put four families together for that season, and those four families will be responsible for calling/emailing each other. Each family will set up and host a dinner/lunch of their choice for one month during that season, and the four families will each take a month.

There will be a new sign-up time for each season, (September and January), so if you can only do it one time, you are not obligated to sign up again, or if you missed signups the first season, you can sign up the second time. We will try to put you with different families each season so you are able to socialize with as many peers as possible. This is a great way to get to know other families that you might not regularly come into contact with. If you have any questions about Fab Four, please feel free to contact Shelley Warner at shelleywarner@msn.com.

Many of our young people are heading off to college or to the military. Is there someone or a group that would like to coordinate efforts to keep in touch with these members?

Do you enjoy planning or preparing a meal? A coordinator is needed to head up this ministry that would provide meals for those in need in our church family.

The Golden Apples program is a mentoring program for the women of the church.

A WOMAN'S HEART: GOD'S DWELLING PLACE by Beth Moore: We will study God's desire to dwell among His people with a Beth Moore study focusing on the Old Testament Tabernacle. This study is for women of all ages who are interested in growing closer to God through Beth's format of individual study, small group discussion and DVD teaching segments. The study will be offered once a week for 21 weeks with breaks to participate in any "all-church" seasonal studies. We will meet one week for small group discussion and the following week for the DVD teaching segment covering the same material. The same class will be offered at two different times each week: Monday 6:30-8 p.m. or Thursday 9:30-11 a.m. A woman can attend one or the other or switch between the two as her schedule dictates.

SERVING FROM THE HEART: Discovering your Spiritual Gifts: Due to continued interest, we are excited to offer our Serving from the Heart class again this fall. This small group class meets for five weeks and helps individuals examine the special way God has created each of us to serve with JOY to accomplish His goals in this world. Day and time TBD. The class will also be repeated each quarter.

Sign-up for these opportunities will be held during Rally Sunday, September 12. If you are interested in any of these ministries, contact Char Mowery at 815-344-2410 or capemowery@comcast.net or the church office at 815-385-0931 or fumc-office@sbcglobal.net.

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Summer Worship Hours (Thru Sep 5) : Sunday Mornings at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:00a.m. Age 5 through 6th grade, meet downstairs at 9:00 a.m.

Office Hours: Mon: 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m., Tues - Fri: 9:00 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 1:00 Eagle Court of Honor	2 7:00 AA 7:30 Alanon	3	4 9:30 Priscilla Circle 7:00 Administrative Team	5	6 7:30 AA men	7
8 10:00 Flower Bed Weeding	9 7:00 AA 7:30 Alanon	10	11 6:30 Mission Commission	12	13 9:00 Benefit Rummage Sale 7:30 AA men	14 9:00-5:00 Benefit Rummage Sale-Contact Maria Smith
15 10:15 LOGOS Parent Meeting Newsletter Deadline	16 7:00 AA, Troop 131 Meeting, Abigail Circle 7:30 Alanon	17	18	19	20 7:30 AA men 5:30 Rehearsal	21 11:30 Foszcz/Prickett Wedding
22 10:15 LOGOS Parent Meeting	23 7:00 AA 7:30 Alanon	24	25	26	27 9:00 UMWV Mission Team 7:30 AA men	28
29	30 7:00 AA 7:30 Alanon	31				

Rally Day-September 12

Beth not in office, Aug 17 - 20



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August Birthdays

Jennifer Olsen, August 1
Larry Meek, August 3
Samantha Lowrey, Jim Mowery, August 4
Lauren Deuchert, Rick Flynn, Cameron Warner, August 5
Jody Pohlman, August 7
Frances Blosser, Lisa Connell, August 8
Frank Basler, Mackenzie Knaack, August 9
Pam Gagliana, Jan Park, Candy Spasojevich, August 10
Jennifer Finch, Pam Naylor, August 11
Caitline Deuchert, Calvin Waters, August 14
Christopher Justin, August 15
Lisa Floden, August 17
Linda Burdette, James Rudolph, August 18
Chris Nobbe, Don Zamastil, August 19
Julia Hoak, Melissa Ragusin, August 20
Trish Eiserman, August 21
Lynn Olsen, August 22
Leah Brewbaker, Bill Hoak, August 23
Judy Koontz, Kate Schnelker-Parks, Scott Waltmire, August 24
Jennilee Rinehart, August 25
Dean Arnoldussen, August 26
Joe Bauml, Dennis Conway, August 27
Addie Bacon, Ray Parnell, Bonnie Rudolph, Megan Wiesemann, August 28
Kathy Hughes, August 29
Barb Pefley, Ethan Ritter, Chris Wittrock, August 30
Deanna Carstens, Sara Nobbe, Amanda Ours, August 31

August Anniversaries

Jody & Jim Pohlman, August 1
Trish & Jerry Eiserman, August 3
Judy & Dale Williams, August 7
Coralie Par & Dean Arnoldussen,
Stephanie & Kurt Ritter, August 9
Lisa & John Connell, August 13
Kori & Bob Hart, August 15
Sabine & Alfred Kurz, August 16
Barb & Bill Dodds, Linda & El Parten-
heimer, August 17
Esther & Frank Basler, August 20
Char & Jim Mowery, August 23
Kelli & Rodney Brossart, August 23
Jenny & Rob Copenharve, Bev & Gary
Doud, August 30