



# The Methodist Chimes

First United Methodist Church of Lockport

August 2008



## THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

We are already treading half of the season of summer and before you know it, its Fall season, wherein we re-energize our church's ministry. One of the ministry areas we need to be re-energize is our Stewardship commitment. So much so that as early as this summer our **Stewardship Committee** has been meeting and planning on how we could be more effective in our Stewardship commitment to the church of Christ. The committee has lined up in our church calendar several events that would re-educate, and re-vitalize our understanding of our Stewardship spirit, then culminating on **Stewardship Consecration Sunday**. You will be hearing more of these in the following Sundays.

Meanwhile, as we begin our understanding of our Stewardship commitment, do you know the second most frequently addressed topic in the Bible? Right. **Money!** It is second only to the topic of the **Kingdom of God**. Now, do you know which of the four Gospels says the most about money? I bet you're wondering. It is the Gospel of Luke, which is addressed to the gentile outcast and economically poor.

Jesus tells many stories and parables about the kingdom economics in the Gospel of Luke. We hear about the *Rich Young Ruler*, the *Good Samaritan*, the *Widows Mite*, the *Lost Coin*, the *Rich Farmer* who built bigger barns to hoard his wealth, the banquet feast for the poor, the *Rich Man and Lazarus*, and the *Rich Man and the Shrewd Steward*. But Jesus on the one hand in his teachings is radical and uncompromising in his teaching about money and wealth. He says, one cannot serve two masters---- God and Mammon. "*Either you hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other.*" On the other hand Jesus was very practical, realistic and even a bit accommodating about the economic realities of life in this present age, as his parable suggests. Reinhold Niebuhr one of my favorite Christian theologian says, "*Jesus sometimes asks us to get our hands dirty in a sinful world.*" I think he meant that, "let's roll up our sleeves and plunge ourselves in the work of the church to feed the hungry and alleviate poverty in the world by using our wealth and resources God has provided us." That also leads me to a phrase that gets my attention whenever I consider my Stewardship commitment, it says; "*You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving.*"

Friends, I hope this message will provide to us a prelude that would usher us in our understanding of our Stewardship commitment to support the church's mission in the world and program ministry.

**TO GOD BE THE GLORY FOR GREAT THINGS GOD HAS DONE!**

+*Pastor Noah*

P. S.

**Enjoy your summer vacation with care and safety. But please don't forget that the church is still depending on your gifts, tithes and pledges to meet our monthly budget. Thank you.**



# Worship Opportunities

## Communion at the Lord's Table



**Saturday, August 2 - Saturday Praise - 5:00 p.m.**

Pastor Noah preaching

Music by: Eric Oberg

**Sunday, August 3 - 9:30 a.m.;** Pastor Steve Granadosin, preaching with Pastor Noah

*Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*

Lectionary Readings: Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15 (UMH 749)

Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

*FISH Food Pantry Collection; Sacrament of Holy Communion;  
Coffee hour following 9:30 a.m. worship service*



**Saturday, August 9 - Saturday Praise - 5:00 p.m.**

Pastor Noah preaching

Music by: Mary Beth Davidson

**Sunday, August 10 - 9:30 a.m.;** Pastor Noah preaching

*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

*Blackhawk Barbershop Chorus performing during 9:30 a.m. service*

Lectionary Readings: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b (UMH 828);

Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33



**Saturday, August 16 - Open Door Music Fest - 5:00 p.m.**

Music by: Various musicians and singers

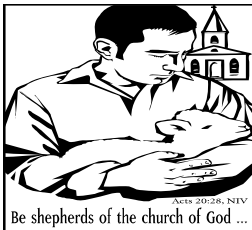
**Sunday, August 17 - 9:30 a.m.;** Pastor Noah preaching

*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Lectionary Readings: Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133 (UMH 850)

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28

*Circle of Love Collection; Sacrament of Holy Communion*



**Saturday, August 23 - Saturday Praise - 5:00 p.m.**

Pastor Noah preaching

Music by: Sharon Marbeth

**Sunday, August 24 - 9:30 a.m.;** Pastor Noah preaching

*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Lectionary Readings: Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124 (UMH 846);

Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

*Change for Missions offering*

*Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Nathan Aaron Marino*



**Saturday, August 30 - Saturday Praise - 5:00 p.m.**

Pastor Noah preaching

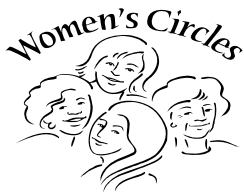
Music by: Kristin Price

**Sunday, August 31 - 9:30 a.m.;** Pastor Noah preaching

*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Lectionary Readings: Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c (UMH 828);

Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28



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**Rachel Circle -**

Rachel Circle does meet during the months of July or August. They will resume their meetings in September.

**Bykota Circle Tuesday, August 12, 12p.m. -**

Bykota Circle will have their Annual Picnic at the home of Doris Hubbs. Bring a dish to pass and white elephant gifts for bingo prizes.

**Sarah Circle - Saturday, August 9, Noon -**

Sarah Circle will be having a cookout at the home of Jan Koger, 538 E. 7th Street, Lockport. Bring your favorite cookout dish to share and bring a friend, too! Anyone is welcome to come. RSVP to Jan at 815-838-9334.

Our summer worship schedule began on Sunday, June 1, with worship beginning at 9:30 a.m. instead of at 10:15 a.m. and this schedule will continue through the summer months. The Praise Service will resume at 5 p.m. on August 2.



**Confirmation Class**



If you are interested in having your child confirmed, please contact the office at 815-838-1017. We will have a confirmation class beginning on September 21, 2008. There will be a parent meeting to kick off the class on that date with the class officially beginning in October.

Junior Church began on June 1, 2008 and will take place during the regular 9:30 a.m. service after the children's sermon. Sunday School will resume on September 7, 2008.



**Hospital Visitation**



Please let Pastor Noah or Mary, our Administrative Assistant, know if you are in need of a pastoral visit in the hospital or at home. Call the church office at 815-838-1017.

**Book Club News**

The FUMC book club enjoys lively discussions and dessert monthly. All are welcome. We meet the fourth Thursday of every month, at 7 p.m. in Dystrup Study.



The book chosen for August is "The Choice", by Nicholas Sparks. We meet on August 28<sup>th</sup>. In September we meet on the 25<sup>th</sup>, we will discuss "Home: A Memoir of My Early Years" by Julie Andrews.

If you enjoy reading a variety of books, along with conversation and dessert, give this group a try. We always have a great time. Questions....call Lynn Farr @815-838-8554 or email @ [RaisorFarr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:RaisorFarr@sbcglobal.net)

**T-Shirts Are Here!**

T-shirts bearing the United Methodist logo and the name of our church are available for sale through the church office or at Sunday morning services. Price is \$10 and there are sizes ranging from youth small to XXX-large. The shirts are a light steel gray color and are great to wear at church events or running errands around town. Remember to wear one to the Open Door Music Fest on August 16. Check out the T-shirt display in the church's breezeway and choose yours!



First United Methodist  
T-Shirts  
**On Sale!**



**FIRST UMC  
SENIORS FELLOWSHIP**

All beautiful people 60+ are invited to our Luncheon fellowship on August 2 at 11:30 a.m. in Yeoman Hall. This will be a potluck luncheon bringing your own table settings. But if you can't bring any dish to share, don't fret, know that you are still welcome and bring along a friend with you.



June 2008

Beginning Balance	(1,095)
General Fund Income	14,775
General Fund Expenses	11,610
Transferred From Savings	- 0 -
Ending Balance	2,609

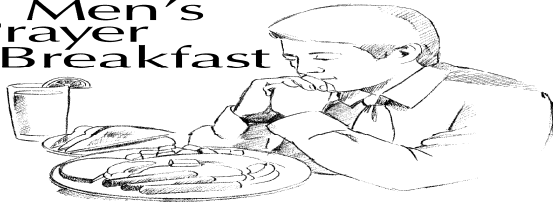


Thank you to everyone who continues to support Circle of Love through their time and financial gifts. Circle of Love is always in need of people to work on Wednesday mornings. We are also in need of products such as baby wipes, shampoo and soap. Thank you for supporting this special ministry. — Jennifer Queeney



All men and their sons are invited to our men's breakfast on Sunday, August 3 at 7:30 a.m. Come for a hearty breakfast and fellowship.

### Men's Prayer Breakfast



A District wide Prayer Breakfast to benefit PADS and the Aurora District United Methodist Men will be held on Saturday, August 9 at 8 a.m. at Oswego Prairie United Methodist Church, 1217 Wolfs Crossing Road, Oswego. Join your United Methodist brothers for breakfast and a time of prayer. The theme will be—Baptism—and will be led by Prayer Advocate, Ken Timmons. Cost for the full buffet breakfast will be \$10.00 and there will be a free will offering. Checks are to be payable to Aurora District UMM. Registration fee and form are to be mailed to Aurora District Vice President, Jeff Miller, 164 Ashlawn Ave., Oswego, IL 60543 by Sunday, August 3. Jeff may also be called at (630) 554-9708 or by email at [jmiller35@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jmiller35@sbcglobal.net)

### CABLE CHANNEL ADVERTISING

If you need to have something put on the local cable channel, get the details to Paul Farr about 6 weeks in advance of the actual event. He will make an ad and get it published for you on Lockport and Romeoville cable. Email him at [myprayer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:myprayer@sbcglobal.net) or call him at 815 838-8554.

# THANK YOU!

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Thank you for your continued support of the Circle of Love Ministry. Circle of Love continues to serve the Lockport community. We serve an average of 35 families each month. We would especially like to thank Winnie Johnson, Iris Chapp, Gerda Sprague, Barb Stein, Jan Koger, Beth Crane, Lorelei Lorenzen and our Circle of Love coordinators, Sharon Petty and Jennifer Queeney for donating their time to this ministry.

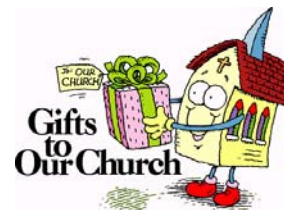
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To my dear friends at First UMC of Lockport,

Thank you so much to everybody for their letters, cards and notes during my recent hospital stay and while I have been recuperating at home. Your loving response has been overwhelming. Your continued prayers mean so much. Thank you again to a wonderful, caring, and loving church family!—Louella Landon

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The Mission Team would like to thank all who donated school supplies for the Will County Back to School Fair. A special thank you to Jean and Jim Shinn for delivering the supplies to Joliet.



### PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

One of the newest blessings for our church is the beautiful new plaque hanging in Fellowship Hall next to Dystrup Study. The inscription reads as follows: The windows, in this building, are dedicated to the Glory of God in memory and in honor of these people. The windows in the Education building were purchased and paid for with donations from the members of the church. There are 31 individual plaques in memory and in honor of those people. You'll have to stop by and see the new plaque. We are truly blessed and honored to have these new and energy efficient windows.



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## Open Door Music Fest

Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>!

Come out and spend a relaxing evening as we enjoy great music and a cookout with family, friends and neighbors.

Entertainment will kick off at 5PM.

Hot dogs, hamburgers and more will be available for purchase during the concert.

See you all there! Visit our website or call 815-838-1017, for more information.



### Got Game?

Join us for a new opportunity for fellowship. If you enjoy playing games, eating, and having a night out, join us at after the 5:00 Worship Service on August 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in Yeoman Hall for games and a Hearty Party Potluck (Fun Appetizers).

We will have Taboo, Scrabble, Cranium and whatever other games you would like to bring with you. Invite a friend, bring some food, your favorite game and come ready for a night of fun!

Hopefully this can become a monthly event!

Please RSVP to the church office. Any questions call Cathy Wagner or Cindy Nelson.

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- We received \$300 from the production company of the new Johnny Depp movie for the use of our parking lot
- Our Natural Church Development coach is Roger Curless.
- Our scholarship winner and nursery aid, Kayla Wagner is headed for Milikin University in Decatur
- Nathan Kamm and Sean Knowles survived a wild week with the United Methodist camp ground staff at Boundary Waters in Minnesota
- Barb Ott and Roseann Wilson volunteered their time at the United Methodist Midwest Mission Distribution Center preparing various disaster response kits. Go to [www.midwestmissiondc.org](http://www.midwestmissiondc.org) to learn more
- We have a celebrity in our midst? Our very own Elena Winters was interviewed on camera in mid July by reporter Allison Rosati of NBC5 News Chicago for a feature story scheduled to run by the end of July. Allison and her news crew followed Elena at school, at home, and on an outing with her sister Sammi to Yorktown Mall to meet up with friends from the Ray Graham Association Service Dog Program. You go girl!



**REMEMBER TO KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN OUR PRAYERS:** To those that have been hospitalized and are now recuperating; all our homebound; Ken Clark; Jim Sutton, (Rella's son, Jim's address, P.O. Box 32985, Juneau, Alaska 99803); Michael Jobin; Filomena Panlilio (for good health); Norbert Schenck (had liver transplant, Kim Kelly's cousin); Lois Brown; Don Brown Sr.; L/Cpl. Jeff Endebak, (who is a US Marine Reservist in H & S Co. 2/24 and his Battalion has been activated and is now in Iraq; Jeff's address is: Lcpl. Endebak, J. A., 2/24 H&S Co. P.S.D.B., Unit 43495, FPO AP 96426-3495, Jeff's unit should be returning to the states August 2008); Jack Queeney, esophageal cancer, is doing better (father-in-law of Jen Queeney); Becky Goltermann (burned in a home fire); Jillian Meseth (better health); for our Natural Church Development Team; Vickie Kelly (herniated disk); our missionaries in Zimbabwe, Larry & Jane Kies and their four children; Ben Worsham (born 4/29, had aggressive malignant brain tumor, has been removed & starting chemo-family friend of the Czako family); Chris Wagner (recuperating from surgery); Lois Gatlin; Louella Landon; Mickey Bown; Hazel Revels, Sam Crane; Eric Oberg & family on the death of Eric's aunt, Myrna Cooper in Lake Forest, IL; Gene Bogdan (prayers for health, relative of the Dystrup family); Nancy (cancer, friend of Cindy Nelson); Pastor Sharon Engert's brother was killed; Ray Hostert (cancer, father of a friend of Jan Koger); Dr. Lily Chan (cancer); Terry Burke passed away (friend of Deb Chapp); and for all the men & women serving our country in the military. May we keep all in need in our prayers - those who are grieving, those taking care of the aged/sick/dying, and our own special intentions that we hold dear in our hearts.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Tell your friends and neighbors that on Saturday, September 20 from 4 to 7 p.m. we will have our silent auction.

There will be hot sandwiches, chips, drinks and dessert for purchase and lots of items up for bid. There will be gift baskets, a wall hanging, garage door tune-ups, a golf foursome to Broken Arrow with cart and much more.

We still need more items to auction. If you have a special talent—baking a pie a month, cooking a special meal, tickets to a sporting event, putting a gift basket together, an antique or special dish you would like to donate, please let Mary know by calling the church office at 815-838-1017. We would like to involve the whole church in this event.



Pastor Noah will be offering a midweek Bible Study on "World Religion" beginning on Wednesday, August 27 at 6:30 p.m in Dystrup Study. This will be an orientation meeting with a light supper preceding the study.



There is a new web site for the FISH Food Pantry. They have made it very easy for people to make donations on it using paypal. Of course with summer here donations are on the light side. The site address is [www.LockportFoodPantry.org](http://www.LockportFoodPantry.org)

**ANNIVERSARIES**

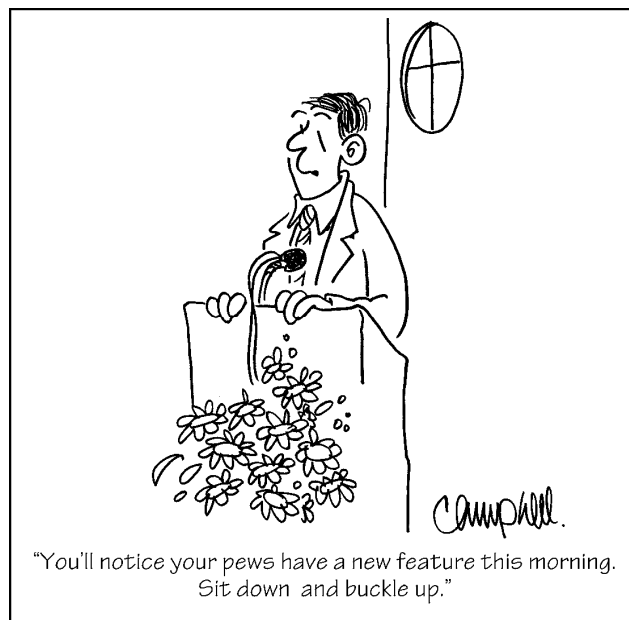
- August** 2 - Brian & Lori Smith (1986)  
 3 - Michael & Angela Brown (2002)  
 - Jeffrey & Jennifer Hill (2001)  
 5 - Robert & Rosemary Thompson (1972)  
 6 - Clyde & Marilyn Odle (1966)  
 - Michael & Amy Visser (2005)  
 7 - Tom & Joan Biltgen (1971)  
 15 - James & Carolyn Brauch (1970)  
 17 - Earl & Wendy Meseth (1981)  
 20 - Jim & Jan Koger (1977)

**BIRTHDAYS**

- August** 1 - Larry Gooding  
 Barbara Ott  
 4 - Sarah Vollmer  
 5 - Tristan Batson  
 Elizabeth Hollatz  
 6 - Paul Berard  
 Donald Grady  
 8 - Elicia Bown  
 Brooke Marinellie  
 Emma Nunley  
 Madeline Stein  
 10 - Mason Smith  
 12 - Gerda Sprague  
 13 - David Meseth  
 Lois Stevenson  
 15 - Diane Endebak  
 Kenneth Frayne  
 John George III  
 Amy Visser  
 16 - Sean McNamara  
 17 - Barbara Ritchey  
 Heather Viall  
 20 - James Endebak  
 Tom Jenkins  
 21 - Kathryn Endebak  
 Lori Smith  
 23 - Debbie Dorion  
 Catherine Eckman  
 Kim Kelly  
 24 - Marguerite Stelling  
 25 - Kaylynn Bown  
 Wendy Covelli  
 26 - Kevin Brauch  
 Gayle Glover  
 28 - Debra Jerrick  
 29 - Robert Gilkerson  
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 Mark Seiler  
 31 - Julie Goshorn

**JOYS**

- Baptism of Graydon Francis Czako, son of Marcos and Beth Czako on Sunday, June 22
- Baptism of Samantha Raven Meade, daughter of Richard and Susan Meade on Sunday, June 22
- For our 18 brave souls that walked in the rain for our church for the Canal Days Parade - Pastor Noah; Ruth Stevens (Pastor Noah's sister); Clyde & Marilyn Odle; Dick Burnett; Jim, Jan & Ashley Koger; Mady & Kris Stein; Jim Endebak; Jim Shinn; Mary Schehr, Maxine Smith; Bob Thompson; Mike & Amy Visser, and even our littlest parade participant, Julia Visser.
- Adam Brown is engaged to be married.
- Sam Crane is now on the pump for his juvenile diabetes and is doing much better and he does not have Celiac disease.
- Reanna Panlilio celebrated her "8th" birthday in June.
- A great time was had by all at the outdoor worship and picnic at Dellwood Park. We also invited Christ UMC to join us on that day.
- Catherine Eckman's grandson, Ronnie Robison and his wife will be having a baby on July 30 by c-section.
- Sharon Marbeth will be trying out for the show American Idol
- Jeff Endebak is now a Corporal and his unit should be returning to the states from Iraq in August 2008
- What a joy it is to have Pastor Steve Granadosin visiting with us from the state of Washington.



If you have any additions or corrections, please notify the church office, 815-838-1017.

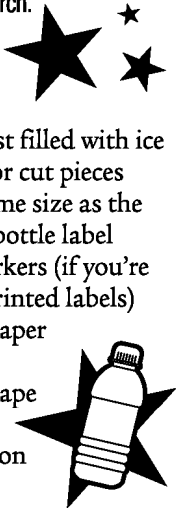


# REFRESHING ★ SUMMER ★ ACTIVITY

Try this activity with your Sunday school. It's a fun way to give people more than just a cold drink. It helps them learn about the Bible and your church.

### What you need:

- Bottled water
- Tubs or ice chest filled with ice
- Printed labels or cut pieces of paper the same size as the existing water-bottle label
- Permanent markers (if you're not using preprinted labels)
- Clear contact paper
- Scissors
- Clear packing tape
- Poster board
- Adult supervision



### What to do:

1. On labels or pieces of paper, write a verse about the living water Jesus gives us (for example, John 4:13-14; John 6:35; Revelation 22:17). Also include your church's name and contact information, as well as an invitation to worship or to an activity.
2. Either laminate the new labels or cover them in clear contact paper (to keep them from getting soggy).
3. Tape the labels to the back of the bottles.
4. Make a "FREE Water!" poster.
5. Find a park, local festival or corner where people pass by needing a cold drink. Be sure to have adult supervision.

## The Water of Life

To beat the summer heat, we're often refreshed by a cold drink. Complete the puzzle below for a reminder of what Jesus offers us when we thirst.

KEY:  
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$\overline{5+7}$	$\overline{12-3}$	$\overline{9-3}$	$\overline{6-1}$	" <i>Revelation 22:17, NIV</i>					

Answer: "Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life." Revelation 22:17, NIV