



First United Methodist Church of Lockport
1000 S. Washington St., Lockport, IL 60441



November
2009

THE METHODIST CHIMES

The Pastor's Message

In the Gospel of **Matthew 6:33-34**, it says, *“But seek ye first God’s kingdom and God’s righteousness, and all these will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.”*

Just like most churches today we worry about our budget needs, it is the time of the year. We hear our church people say, “I want to give to the church, but I don’t always have much in the bank as I’d like to, or I am on fix income, or I am laid off, I can’t increase my pledge or my tithe”.

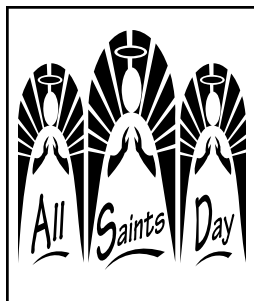
A former parishioner of mine told me that when he got married the question of giving to God thru the church was always a discussion between him and his wife. They were not faithful tithers but always a cheerful giver especially to Missions both local and global. But after hearing one of my sermons using the passage in Matthew 6:33-34, they were challenged and started building their budget which included their offerings to God. Their experience has taught them to have peace in their hearts that comes from seeking God’s Kingdom first and trusting God to help them make both ends meet.

My own personal experience of how God provided for me was when I was a younger pastor. I pledged and tithe to support God’s kingdom building thru the church. One Sunday morning all I have was one hundred pesos (equivalent of \$5.00 during that time 1980s, now its \$2.00), I put it in the offering plate that morning realizing that I will be needing some money for the rest of the week to survive. I thought of borrowing money from my mother and pay her back the following week after payday. After the worship service, there was a couple whose wedding I solemnized a month ago approached me and was thanking me and appreciating me for solemnizing a beautiful wedding for them. Before we parted they handed me an envelope with a card. When I opened the card, lo and behold! It has one thousand pesos cash in between the card and a note that says, “Thank you so much for your ministry”. I was overflowed with joy in my heart that, I received that day more than what I placed in the offering plate, and more than enough for me to survive till next payday. I told my mother about my experience that day, and the thought of borrowing money from her. She said, “son, I am sorry, even if you came to me to borrow some money, I didn’t have anything to loan you”. But God is good, God knows our need. So instead of borrowing from her, I shared what I received that day to her.

I hope this season of **Stewardship**, my prayer is that you take time to prayerfully consider your giving of your **Time, Talent, and Treasure** to God thru the church of our Lord Jesus Christ. Have you started thinking of what you want to give? Is it important for you to support the church? Are you allowing God in Christ to work through your life including your bank accounts? Friends, during this month we will hear testimonies from church members on how God worked in their lives by using their gifts of Time, Talent and Treasure during Sunday worship. Then on **November 22nd Consecration Sunday**, we are going to experience a **miracle**, as we all commit to God all our gifts. I believe that God’s mighty acts is going to move each and everyone of us that day, to seek God’s kingdom first, and to experience that all things will be added to us as well.

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

+Pastor Noah



Saturday, October 31 - Saturday Praise & Worship - 5:00 p.m.

Pastor Noah preaching; Music by: Kristin Price

Sunday, November 1 – 10:15 a.m.; Pastor Noah preaching

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost/in Kingdomtide

Lectionary Readings: Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24 (UMH 755);

Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44

*FISH Pantry Collection; Sacrament of Holy Communion; All Saints Day
Daylight Saving Time ends*



Saturday, November 7 - Saturday Praise & Worship- 5:00 p.m.

Pastor Noah, preaching

Music by: Eric Oberg

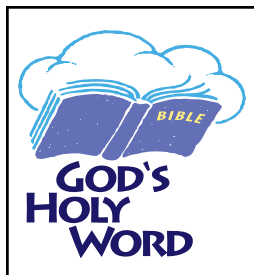
Sunday, November 8 - 10:15 a.m.; Pastor Noah, preaching

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost/in Kingdomtide

Lectionary Readings: Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17; Hebrews 9:24-28;

Psalm 127 or Psalm 42 (UMH 777); Mark 12:38-44

Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Amelia Rose , daughter of April & Derek Doorneweerd



Saturday, November 14 - Saturday Praise & Worship- 5:00 p.m.

Pastor Noah, preaching

Music by: Sunday School children will be singing

Sunday, November 15 - 10:15 a.m.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost/in Kingdomtide

Lectionary Readings: 1 Samuel 1:4-20; Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18), 19-25;

1 Samuel 2:1-10 or Psalm 113 (UMH 834); Mark 13:1-8

Circle of Love Collection; Sacrament of Holy Communion



Saturday, November 21 - Saturday Praise & Worship - 5:00 p.m.

Pastor Noah preaching

Music by: Eric Oberg

Sunday, November 22 – 10:15 a.m.; Pastor Noah preaching

Last Sunday after Pentecost/in Kingdomtide; Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday

Lectionary Readings: 2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-12 (UMH 849);

Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

Change for Missions offering; Fourth Sunday Dinner; Consecration of Pledges Sunday



Saturday, November 28 - Saturday Praise & Worship - 5:00 p.m.

Pastor Noah preaching; Music by: Mary Beth Davidson

Sunday, November 29 – 10:15 a.m.; Pastor Noah preaching

First Sunday of Advent

Lectionary Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10 (UMH 756);

1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13; Luke 21:25-36

United Methodist Student Day offering



**UNITED
METHODIST WOMEN**

**Rachel Circle - Tues. Nov. 3,
7:30 p.m.** — Rachel Circle will meet

on Tuesday, Nov. 3 at 7:30 p.m. in Dystrup Study. Betty Shinn & Erin Llewellyn, co-hostesses.

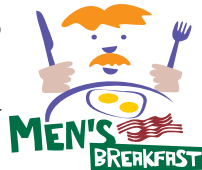
Bykota Circle - Tues. Nov. 10, 1:00 p.m. -

Bykota Circle will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 1 p.m. in Dystrup Study. Joyce Volling will be the hostess. Please bring boxes of tissues for Lamb's Fold.

Sarah Circle - Sarah Circle will not be meeting in November.

The UMW will be holding their annual General Meeting on Thursday, November 19 at 7 p.m. in Yeoman Hall.

All men and their sons are invited to our men's breakfast on **Sunday, November 1 at 7:30 a.m.** Come for a hearty breakfast and fellowship.



The UMM will be holding an afternoon of fun at the Strike and Spare bowling lanes on Sunday, November 8th at 2:00 p.m. ALL MEN AND WOMEN are welcome. The cost for bowling 3 games is \$10.00 and \$1.50 for shoe rental. Please call the church office at 815-838-1017 or Len Chapp at 815-838-0717 if you plan to attend.

Don't forget the Ham Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 7th from 4 to 7 p.m. in Yeoman Hall. Cost for adults will be \$10.00; children ages 4-12 will be \$5.00 and children age 3 and under will be free. Come and enjoy Sandy Jacobson's famous pumpkin roll for dessert. Advance tickets will be sold and will also be available at the door. Carry outs will be available.



Ham Dinner

Book Club News



The FUMC book club enjoys lively discussions and dessert monthly. All are welcome. This month, due to the Thanksgiving holiday we will not meet, as Thanksgiving is the fourth Thursday in November. Christmas Eve is the fourth Thursday in December, so we will meet in between, on December 3rd. We will be sharing an appetizer potluck and meet at the home of Goldie Lorenzen, at 7 pm.

Our book for the combined November/December meeting is "A Christmas Story" by Jean Shepherd.

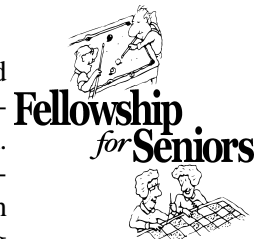
If you enjoy reading a variety of books, along with conversation and dessert, give this group a try. We always have a great time. Questions...call Lynn Farr @815-838-8554 or email @ RaisorFarr@sbcglobal.net



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 or if you are in need to have a meal prepared because of a hospitalization. Call the church office at 815-838-1017.

**FIRST UMC
SENIORS FELLOWSHIP**

All beautiful people 60+ are invited to our Luncheon fellowship on Saturday, November 14 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.



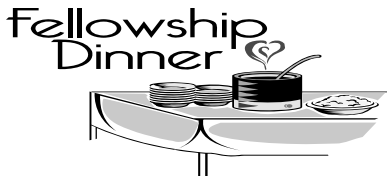
OUR CHURCH'S



**FINANCIAL
HEALTH**

September 2009

Beginning Balance	4,796	
General Fund Income		10,314
General Fund Expenses		14,053
Ending Balance		1,057



Join in Giving Thanks – 4th Sunday Dinner

There will be a 4th Sunday dinner on November 22, after church services. Due to the Thanksgiving weekend, the November calendar doesn't always provide an opportunity for us to gather and enjoy a meal in fellowship, but **thankfully** this year it does! The 4th Sunday dinner is not a potluck so there's nothing to bring, the meal is provided for you, your family, and your friends. Dietary concerns are considered in menu planning and there's something to satisfy all tastes. If you would like to help serve or clean up after the dinner, contact Pattie Piotrowski at 815.838.0435 or piotrowski@iit.edu

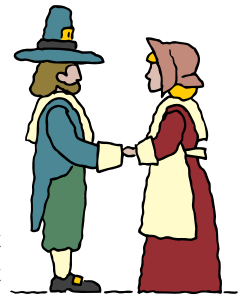
Seeking a Substitute Nursery Attendant

Staff-Pastor Parish Relations Committee is seeking an interested individual or two who would be willing to substitute on a Sunday morning for the Nursery Attendant when she can't make it in due to illness or bad weather. The church has a permanent staff position of Nursery Attendant and it is an important service provided for parents. In order to ensure that our church provides a "Safe Sanctuary" the nursery attendant and anyone interested in substituting for the position undergoes a background check. If you are interested or know someone who would be, contact Pattie Piotrowski at 815.838.0435 or piotrowski@iit.edu for more information.

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



Community Thanksgiving Eve Service



There will be an ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service held at the First United Methodist Church of Lockport on Wednesday, Nov. 25 at 7 p.m. The churches participating will be Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church, First Congregational UCC, St. John's Episcopal Church, Christ UMC and First UMC Lockport.

THANKSGIVING



Lockport Fish Food Pantry

The Food Pantry has seen a great increase in the number of people requesting food. A comparison of the families and people visiting the Pantry for the past 3 months is as follows:

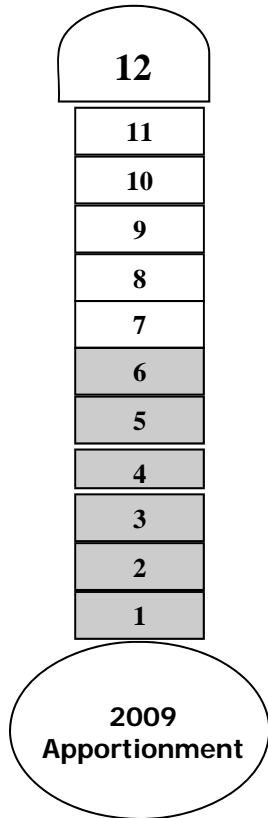
	2008	2009
July	137 families 466 people	240 families 742 people
August	167 families 524 people	237 families 728 people
September	168 families 528 people	249 families 746 people

On October 4th our church collected 19 bags of food and a monetary amount of \$186.00. Thank you for your past support and please continue to help us feed the needy of our community.

Virginia Coffeen,
Pantry Coordinator

Bibles To-Go Aren't Going – Spread the Word

Growth and Outreach Team followed up on a suggestion and created a Bibles To-Go program, which is a ministry to provide Bibles to those who need one. The intention is that church members, or anyone visiting in Yeoman Hall, could take one of the Bibles and share it out into our community, or beyond. The GO Team thought it was a good idea because we knew that every September the church follows a decades-long practice of giving a Bible to our 3rd graders so they will each have their own personal copy to read, study and share over the years. So, maybe it's that you're not used to getting something for free or maybe it's that a good opportunity to share just hasn't come along yet in your life. Nevertheless, the Bible To-Go ministry can be found in Yeoman Hall, with Bibles of all types and age appropriate-ness available, just waiting for a connection between a believer, a Bible, and someone in need of the Word to be made.



Faith and Fun Night will be held on Saturday, November 14 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Yeoman Hall following the 5 p.m. Saturday service. The theme will be Journey to Jerusalem. Food will be provided—Hot Dogs &

Chips—children friendly. So come out for a fun filled evening.

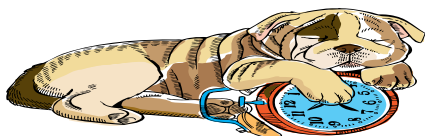


EARN MONEY FOR THE CHURCH WHILE GROCERY SHOPPING

Jewel Shop & Share

It's that time again. The next Shop & Share will be November 16, 17 & 18 . This time proceeds will go to the Circle of

Love. Watch for coupons in upcoming bulletins or email the church for one .



Daylight-Saving Time Ends

On November 1, so you need to remember to turn your clocks back before you go to bed.



Dear Church Family,

We can not begin to thank you enough for your many prayers and words of comfort with the passing of our Dad, Kenneth. We have found great peace knowing Dad is now with our Father in Heaven and one day we will all be together again. We feel truly blessed to have all of you in our lives and send God's blessings to you. In Christian

Love,
Jim , Jan Koger & Family

THANKS TRUSTEES

We would like to thank Craig Gilkerson for the beautiful new staircase and hand rail that he made for the front stairs of the sanctuary. Craig donated all the materials and labor. Thank you so much for making our church more welcoming and accessible to all who enter.

Also thanks to Darren Stein and Craig Gilkerson for replacing all the burned out light bulbs in the chandeliers in the sanctuary. It is a time consuming job to get the big ladder and move it around to each and every chandelier. Thank you for making the sanctuary brighter for all of us.

Thank you to Jan and Jim Koger for donating the money to buy an automatic defibrillator machine for our church family. We pray it will never have to be used but it is a comfort knowing that one will be available to us if needed.

Grateful thanks to everyone who helped with the Gently Used Clothing Sale. We gave leftover clothes to Lamb's Fold and Treasure Chest II which helps to fund Morning Star Mission.

A note received at the church from Chuck Dimmick:

Mary, I received so many Birthday cards and well wishes from the people at church, I think some kind of thank you note should be put in the newsletter. So, I would like to thank all of those that remembered me on my birthday. All of the people that put the newsletter together are great and I am always glad to hear from them. Best wishes to all and thank you Mary.

Much Love,
Charles



REMEMBER TO KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN OUR PRAYERS: To those that have been hospitalized and are now recuperating; all our homebound; our missionaries in Zimbabwe, Larry & Jane Kies and their four children; Ken Clark; Lois Brown; Carlton and Marilyn Baumgartner; for our Natural Church Development Health Team; people losing jobs or unemployed; homeless and hungry people; Erin Llewellyn's Aunt, Mickey Frett, has cancer in her lung and liver; Gerald, a 2 year old, has been diagnosed with cancer; Sandy, a young girl at Jenny Queeney's school, has been diagnosed with cancer; Jim and Jean Shinn's daughter-in-law, Sue, will be receiving radiation treatments; Eric Cozzi – prayers for better health; Robert Ortiz – prayers for safety; Amy Milligan's father, Thomas is on kidney dialysis; Pastor Noah's friend Jonathan Cortez – Leukemia has returned after 40 years; Pastor Noah's cousin Joel – prayers, brain tumor is terminal; Catherine Eckman had knee surgery on October 22nd;

Prayers for strength for Steve Kabat; Prayers for healing for Dick Burnett's sister Glennas had triple by-pass surgery on Sept. 25th; Prayers for recovery for James Javier, a friend of Pastor Noah's, who was struck by a car while doing a morning jog in Tinley Park; Prayers for Pastor Noah's mother, Filomena, whose house caved in and lost her roof and also for the people of Manila who lost family members or are homeless from the flash floods from a hurricane; Prayers for Amy Milligan's son, who is going through tests; Prayers for better health for Louella Landon; Prayers for healing for Peggy George's nephew Jim; Prayers for Susan Bown's cousin Jerrin Jacobs, who was electrocuted at work and is in serious condition with heart problems; Prayers for Elena Winters; Prayers for healing for Norne Cerven, who fell and broke her hip; Prayers for healing for Pastor Lora; Prayers for better health for Pastor Noah; Prayers for the victims of the recent floods, hurricanes and earthquakes; Prayers for Sue Martin (friend of the Farr's) who had surgery for colon cancer; Prayers for Linda Vruwink, Lynn Farr's cousin, who is going back to Mayo's Clinic on 10/21/09 and hoping for good news; Prayers for Erica's baby, (friend of the Shinn's daughter Becky), who needs a liver transplant – Erica is donating part of her liver for the transplant; Prayers for Gary Marinellie's friend and co-worker, Sue, who has cancer; Prayers for Nicole, cousin of Mike (Sara Farr) Vollmer, sophomore in H.S., who was diagnosed with congenital hearing loss; To the family and friends of Betty Blair, a former member of the First UMC, who passed away this past week in Michigan, Memorial services are being planned; 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.



**Join us for free
popcorn and a
movie!**

Are you looking for a night out, without all the expense and hassle? Look no further! We have just the ticket. Load up the kids and head to the Church for candy, popcorn and a movie - all for free.

Arrive at 6 pm to get your snacks and a good seat. We typically show two or three movies (typically G or PG-rated), starting around 6:15.

Movie night is scheduled for the following Saturday - Nov. 7th. So mark your calendars now and plan to join us for some or all of these dates.

For more information, contact Phil Winters at 815-405-3959.



Partners in Prayer

Blessings to you all...

Just a reminder to continue to pray for your chosen "Partner(s) in Prayer" along with your daily prayers.

Please remember them with a phone call or a thoughtful card to bless their day.



Serving at Daybreak November 18th

The Growth and Outreach Team will be serving breakfast at Daybreak on November 18th. Due to past generosity we are not asking for donations this time, but volunteers are always welcome and needed. We leave the church at approximately 4:40 a.m., start cooking and setting up at 5:00 a.m. and begin serving by 6:00 a.m. Clean-up is a breeze because a lot of it is done by Daybreak residents, so volunteers are on their way home by 7:15 or 7:30 a.m. If you would like to join the group on November 18th, or if you would like to organize a crew of 5-6 people to serve dinner, contact Pattie Piotrowski at 815.838.0435 or piotrowski@iit.edu

THE PANLILIO FAMILY HERITAGE

A Family Immigration Story Project
by Reanna Grace Panlilio

The **PANLILIO** family came from the beautiful country of the **PHILIPPINES**, from the province of **Pampanga**. My dad said the Philippines have 7,000 islands but there are three big groups of islands; they are **Luzon**, **Visayas** and **Mindanao**, and lots of smaller islands. The country has fertile soil in planting produce like rice, corn and other vegetables. The Philippines is surrounded by the **Pacific Ocean** and **China Sea** so they have a lot of fishing waters. The national language is “**Tagalog**”, but everyone speaks and understands **English** and a little of **Spanish**.

The **PANLILIO** family originally came from the countries of **Spain** and **Portugal**. The family name was originally spelled “**Panliho**”. “**Pan**”, which means bread in Spanish. The family name **Panlilio** is a short name for Spanish bread called “*pan de bolilio*”. The **Panlilio** family was first recorded to settle in the Philippines in the early 1800s when the country was under the rule of **Spain**.

My grandfather’s name is **German Lopez Panlilio I**, my dad said he use to be a movie actor in Philippine movies. I never met him, I only saw his picture, he died before my dad came to this country. My beautiful grandmother is **Filomena Reyes Panlilio**; she is a retired grade school teacher. She is living in the Philippines, but once a year she comes to visit. I have sixteen, first cousins living in the Philippines, one in Japan, five in the US, and one in Switzerland. I already met some of them when they visited me here.

My dad’s first name is **NOAH** like in the Noah’s Ark story in the Bible. He is the second to the youngest among seven other brothers and sisters. Two brothers and one sister already died, so now he still has two sisters and two brothers. My dad **immigrated** to the **United States of America** in 1991, as an ordained pastor to **study** and to be a **pastor** of the **United Methodist Church**. He came to this country not by boat or ship, but he took a **777-jet airplane**. My dad and my mom met in Yorkville while my dad was pastor in **Plattville IL**. They got married in 1998 in **Yorkville IL**. When I was born on June 25, 2000, my dad was moved to be the pastor in **Lemont IL**. There I spent my first four years of my life. Then my dad was moved again to be the pastor in **Sandwich IL**. Now he is a pastor in **Lockport IL**. As a pastor’s kid, I get to meet new people and new friends every time my dad is moved to be the pastor of another church.

I feel it is very important for me to learn and understand about my family heritage, its culture and language because it is part of me. I am blessed to have a family heritage coming from two sides of the world, I think it is very unique, and I will keep it as a treasure as I grow up.

Volunteers in Mission Experience

February 23-March 7, 2010

THE PHILIPPINES

THE MISSION PROJECT

The Philippine **VIM** project has two-fold objectives. First, is to **bring the love of Jesus** to the whole people of God. Second, is to **build relationships** in the hearts of the Filipino people, the church and the community.

The project site is within the **North Luzon Philippines Annual Conference**. The Mission project site is **ASBURY COLLEGE** a United Methodist institution in the town of Anda, province of Pangasinan. The town of Anda is famous for its beautiful **Hundred Islands** white beach resort, 150 miles north of Manila city. The mission project will focus on repair, and painting the interior of school facilities. In addition to the project itinerary, the **VIM** team will have the opportunity to have exposure visits to different **United Methodist Church** related mission sites and related institutions in Metro Manila.

REGISTRATION FEE – \$2,100 inclusive of airfare from Chicago and vice-versa, food and lodging for 10 days, ground transportation and donation for the project expenses. A down payment of \$500 is requested. Deadline for application is on **December 30, 2009**.

THE VOLUNTEERS WHO SERVE - **Volunteers In Mission** are both lay and clergy people engaged and dedicated in doing the work of Jesus Christ and in fulfilling the work to which God called us, we embody the; **UMVIM motto**: “*Christian Love In Action.*” For Further Information contact: *Philippine VIM Team-Leader: Rev. Noah R. Panlilio 815-838-1017*

ANNIVERSARIES

- Nov.** 1 - Ralph & Helen Cagwin (1990)
 27 - Michael & Pattie Piotrowski (1983)
 28 - Mark & Elizabeth Hollatz (1992)
 Spiro & Andra Voulgaris (1992)

BIRTHDAYS

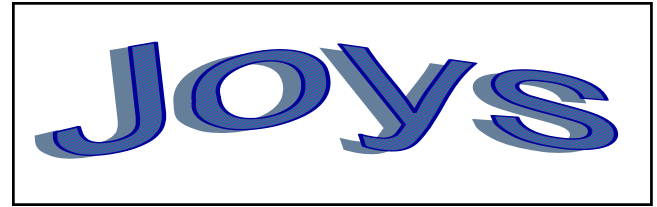
- Nov.** 1 - Caryn Burek
 Patricia Haas
 Ashley Koger
 2 - Don Brown
 Addison Sontag
 3 - Nancy Decker
 5 - Hannah Eberly
 Julia Visser
 7 - Julie Dorion
 Connor Viall
 8 - Wendy Meseth
 9 - Larry Gooding
 11 - Chella Fox
 Ryan Sontag
 12 - Lynn Pluth
 14 - Katie Jacobson
 17 - Joseph Marino
 Sharon Petty
 18 - Beth Crane
 20 - Keith Saginus
 22 - Michael Brown
 Will Weyant
 23 - Sue Knowles
 25 - Peggy George
 26 - Kevin Beavers
 Alison Meseth
 27 - Edward Frayne
 28 - Cindy Nelson
 29 - Earl Meseth
 Marcos Voulgaris
 30 - Sharon Endebak

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

Remember those
 who are less
 fortunate



We will be giving Christmas gifts to Marcy-Newberry youth again this year. Clipboards with names will be going around in church on Nov. 22 and Nov. 29.



- Phil Winters reported that enough money has been donated to purchase a DVD/LCD Projector.
- Rella Sutton was back in church last Sunday and is feeling fine.
- Jim and Jean Shinn's daughter-in-law Sue came through surgery okay.
- Jan Rittenhouse's father is doing much better after a change in medication.
- A BIG THANK YOU to Craig Gilkerson for installing the new brick stairway and handrails in front of the Church!
- Congratulations to April (Biltgen) and Derek Doorneweerd on the birth of Amelia Rose on Sept. 24th.
- We have two new choir members, Sue King and Jill Zarek.
- Louann Revelle was in church and is back home for her 65th LTHS class reunion!
- Virginia Coffeen thanked everyone for donations to the FISH Panty. 250 families have been served in the past 3 months.
- Finance Committee won for the best display during our "It's Happening" Celebration.
- Rosemary's (Ronda Jenkin's friend) cancer is shrinking.
- John Bachelor's (Linda Brown's friend) experimental procedure (5 stents) went very well!
- Congratulations on the baptism of Caleb Joseph Landig on Sunday, October 11. Caleb is the son of Jeremy & Libby Landig and has a big brother, Nathan.
- Joyce Volling reported that the Gently Used Clothing & Bake Sale made over \$1,000.00. Thank you to everyone who helped out or donated to the sale!
- Sunday Oct. 18 was a beautiful day for the Crop Walk!
- Three birthdays are being celebrated at Jim & Jean Shinn's - Jim, his son and his daughter all have birthdays coming up.
- Beth Crane is home from the hospital and feeling much better.
- Congratulations to Mike & Amy Visser on the birth of David Michael on Sunday, Oct. 25. David was born at 4:53 p.m. and weighed in at 3 lbs. 3 oz. David has big sister Julia to welcome him home and proud grandparents are Jim & Jan Koger and proud aunt, Ashley Koger.

Sunday School News

Sunday School is up and running! Class for ages 2-99+ meet every Sunday from 8:45-10:00.

Our theme for Sunday School is:
"Everybody's a Winner on the J Team!"

We hope to see you there!

Our fall mission project will be: collecting money for the Heifer Project. The Sunday school will be collecting an extra contribution each week to help Heifer International. Heifer has been helping people worldwide since 1944 by providing gifts of livestock and training in their care. But the key is the idea of "passing on the gift" in which recipients agree to share one or more of their animal's offspring to others in need so that the gift of food is never-ending. Their mission is to end hunger and poverty and care for the earth. We have a fish bowl we will be taking the collection in each week and just like guppies we hope the funds increase in number each week.

We are always in need of volunteers to help out in classrooms, substitute or even to teach. If you are interested please call the church office.

Did you know...Prayers should be a part of your daily life—even children should pray to God as often as they can!

Say this prayer everyday through out the coming month:

Dear God,
Thank you for all of my many blessings. Amen.



Sunday School Teachers



2-3 year olds: Ashley Koger and Amy Visser

4 year olds-2nd grade: Jan Koger and Kay Rothlisberger

3rd-5th grade: Holly Carter and Jennie Queeny

6th-8th Grade: Gary Marinelle

High School: Phil Winters and Dawn McNamara

Explorers: Pattie Piotrowski

Roundtable: Self-Led

Mark Your Calendars!



November 14:

Sunday School children singing during the 5:00 PM Praise Service
6:00-8:00 Faith 'n' Fun Night:
Come for fellowship, food and fun!!

December 6:

Practice for the Christmas program during Sunday School

December 12:

Practice for the Christmas program; 9:00-12:00

December 13:

Christmas Program during the 10:15 worship service

Faith and Fun Night

Our theme is:

Journey to Jerusalem

Come to Yeoman Hall and explore Jerusalem with us! We have a lot of fun activities planned!!

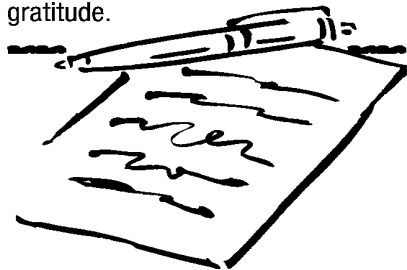
We hope to see you there!



AND FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

Attitude of GRATITUDE

The Thanksgiving holiday reminds us that we should always be grateful for the many blessings God provides. Keep a special gratitude journal, and write in it often to keep an attitude of gratitude.



What you need:

- Paper (8½" x 11" sheets, plain or lined)
- Stapler
- Stickers
- Crayons or markers

What you do:

1. Fold several sheets of paper in half.
2. Staple the pages together on the folded crease.
3. Write "Attitude of Gratitude" on the cover.
4. Decorate your journal with stickers and drawings.
5. On the inside cover, write "Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:18, NIV).
6. Use your journal daily as a reminder of your blessings and as a guide for when you say prayers.

He gave thanks

This Thanksgiving, you may share a special meal with family and friends. Do you remember the time when Jesus shared a meal with thousands of people and gave thanks?

Use the clues to find important words from Matthew 14:19 (NIV).

<p>Across</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. opposite of down 3. opposite of up 4. more than one loaf 6. penniless 8. place where God dwells 9. bass, halibut, salmon and others 10. past tense of give 11. a command you give to a dog 	<p>Down</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. another name for humans 3. twelve of Jesus' closest friends 5. what a lawnmower cuts 7. _____ giving 9. odd number after 4
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Across: 1. up, 3. down, 4. loaves, 6. broke, 8. heaven, 9. fish, 10. gave, 11. sit
 Down: 2. people, 3. people, 5. grass, 7. thanks, 9. five