

THE UNITED METHODIST MESSENGER



Pastor's Pen

Fall and Celebrations

From the hot weather of summer comes the cool, windy feel of fall and I must say it has been a quick adjustment. But in life things seem to move quite quickly and it is October. October is a month known as a season of change. This has also been for us a year of celebration, where for 175 years this congregation has invited change into its ministry and has grown throughout these years. But there are some things that never change, for example weddings, having babies baptized, starting the second year of confirmation, serving WITH JOY! Dinners and simply having *OPEN HEARTS, OPEN DOORS AND OPEN MINDS* as well as the church's acknowledgment and participation in significant happenings within the community.



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Saturday Celebration
5:00 p.m.

Sunday Worship
8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School
10:15 a.m.

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It has been 50 years since Sycamore's Wally Thurow, our "Mr. Pumpkin" began what was to become the Sycamore Pumpkin Festival when he displayed a few decorated pumpkins on his front lawn to turn Halloween into a time of fun and creativity. Through the efforts of "Mr. Pumpkin" and the Sycamore Lions Club, the Sycamore Pumpkin Festival became an official celebration in our community. The Courthouse lawn is the

center of activities including thousands of decorated pumpkins on display, a house walk, pie-eating contest, a race and other activities. The festival concludes with a giant parade, on Sunday afternoon which, this year, will include SUMC and ABC Preschool.

For a combined 225 years, the church and the community have been working together not only to have fun with our neighbors but to also unite to do the work of God. For example, these scheduled events October 26-30th: the Kiwanis Prayer Breakfast will be here at 7 a.m. to 8:30 on Thursday, October 27th; then on Friday and Saturday, October 28 and 29 the SUMC Craft Show will take place throughout the church. I want to encourage everyone to participate in as many activities as possible and remember there will be only one worship service on Sunday, October 30th at 9:00 a.m.

Yes, October may be a season of change, but for this congregation it is a season when we demonstrate how much we care for one another and desire to connect with our friends, loved ones, and neighbors to experience friendship, fellowship and faith.

Pastor Harlene

October 2011 Worship Schedule

October 1 at 5:00 p.m.

“Reluctance To Speak”

Jeremiah 1: 4-10

Pastor Harlene Harden

October 2 at 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

“Tripping Over Trifles”

Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Pastor Bill Landis

October 8 at 5:00 p.m.

Rev. Nkemba and Mbwizu Ndjungu, United Methodist missionaries to Cameroon, Africa, will tell of the wonderful work being done in the name of Christ as a part of UM Mission Initiative. Before serving in Cameroon, the Ndjungus served with Al and Mavis Streffler and Karen Ujereh in Senegal from 1998 to 2007 where God blessed their work in amazing ways. A Love Offering to help with the Ndjungu’s travel expenses will be taken. Holy Baptism and Holy Communion will be celebrated.

October 9 at 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

“Good Intentions”

Matthew 16: 21-28

Pastor Bill Landis

October 15 at 5:00 p.m.

Bruce & Dan in Concert!

October 16 at 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

Laity Sunday

Lay Leaders

October 22 at 5:00 p.m. and

October 23 at 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

“Sermons To See”

1st Thessalonians 2: 1-8

Pastor Harlene Harden

October 29 at **6:00 p.m.** and

October 30 at **9:00 a.m. only!**

The service of drama and music, “Peter and Frances Cartwright”, will be presented by Bill Landis and Kathy Hewitt. Peter Cartwright at age 41 was appointed in 1826 as the District Superintendent of the Illinois District of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His District extended from Cairo to Galena! By the time of his death in 1872, he had established 250 Methodist Churches in Illinois. While Sycamore UMC was not started by Peter Cartwright, surely those who came here in 1835 and ’36 and established this church would eventually come to know of him and his work.

Baptisms:

To schedule a baptism, please call the church office at least 2 months in advance. Baptisms may be scheduled at either the 8:30 or 10:00 a.m. service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

Holy Communion:

Holy Communion is observed the first Sunday, and the second Saturday, of each month. If you are homebound and would like to partake of Holy Communion each month, please contact the Church office.



Lori Harmon

Ed Rosado

Avery Gerdes

Roy Dodson

Patricia Ackers

June Krueger

Sterling Grace

Rhianna Fleetwood

John Smith



Pray for our Military

Men & Women

PVT Tom Fleenor

SGT Matthew “Scott” Stewart

*LT Robert Ortman

MSgt. Bianna Yeager

SPC Timothy Stewart

*PFC John Z. Talmage

*LCPL Brett Gulke

LCPL Derrick R. Wells

PVT Ben Bushno

SGT Shaune Clark

SGT. Neil Smith

*SPC Mitchell Stewart

LCPL Matthew Einhorn

CPT Garrett Slack

*LCPL Kyle Keneway

PFC John Harris

CPT John C. Whitehead

David Whitehead

*SGT Dustin Bell

SGT Andrew Sheehan

Jason Abitua

*PFC Eathon Larson

*SGT Christopher Isabel

*CPL Anthony Dewitz

*indicates deployed personnel

UMW Corner

United Methodist Women have been active this fall with our guest speaker, Karen Ujereh, at the afternoon unit meeting and the Thrift/Bake Sale. Much appreciation goes out to all who participated in these mission events.

Northern IL Conference has two opportunities in Oct. High school girls are invited to a retreat entitled, "What's Your Brand?" on Mon. Oct. 10 from 9-3 at the River Forest UMC. The leaders are Rev. Harriett Cross and NaShari Locke. The registration form is available on the UMW bulletin board or you can email Rita Smith with your questions at RitaLS1430@aol.com. If you're interested please mention your intentions to Becky Brown for more information.

Oct. 22 from 9-3 is the NIC UMW Annual Meeting held at New Lenox UMC. It's more like an annual celebration than a meeting! The special guest speaker is Glory Dharmaraj, PhD. author and executive secretary for Justice Education from Women's Division. "Hand in Hand in Mission- Hope, Love in Action" is the title of her presentation. The \$15 registration fee (due Oct. 14) covers morning coffee, lunch and the program. Feel free to take a registration form from the UMW bulletin board and ask other members about carpooling.

Our World Thank Offering will be collected at the Oct. or Nov. circle meetings. Your phone caller will remind us to return the donation jars so we'll be prepared to participate. This is part of our effort to become a "5-Star" unit again.

Hope Haven

Hope Haven is in need of meals on Mondays to feed 30-35 people in need. We encourage youth groups, families, friends, etc. to work together to make this possible... Information and sign up on the bulletin board in concourse next to washrooms... or call Sandy Roloff at (815) 895-3991.

Gift of the Heart

A Gift of the Heart has been received in memory of Louis & Isabel Thompson, wonderful Grandparents and Great-Grandparents."

10 Projects 1 Click Be Counted

Visit 10-Fold.org daily beginning October 10-19 and register your interest in projects such as Imagine No Malaria, Missions in the US, Missionaries around the World, Church Planting Worldwide, etc. You'll be able to help secure tangible support for each project. With one click, you can trigger a \$1.00 donation each day of 10-Fold, up to \$10,000 for each project. Be counted and be a part of a movement that multiplies God's work, 10-Fold!!!!!!!!!!!!





MDO Back in the Classroom

First, it is so good to be back in the classroom. The staff is having fun creating activities for the children. We have welcomed several new families to the program. There are a few openings and it would be great to fill the spaces!!

We are grateful to serve the children and their families. Watching a parent leave their child with confidence he/she will be safe is an accomplishment from years of experience that I give credit to the MDO staff. The children are having fun learning more about apples, measuring a continuous apple peel so see if the peel is longer or shorter than the child. Charting which apple is their favorite color to eat. The children insist the various colors taste different. Little do they know we are doing math in a fun fashion!!

Thank you to SUMC church members who periodically drop off supplies to our room. We really appreciate your kindness. Blessings to each of you – The MDO Staff



Coat Ministry

Coats wanted! It's that time again. Please donate good, used coats to the coat ministry. Bin for donations is out by the food pantry. Please call the Church Office (815) 895-9113 if you have questions.

Trunk or Treat

SUMC is holding their first ever Trunk or Treat event on Sunday, October 23 from 11:30-2:00. Between 11:30 and 12:30 you can enjoy a lunch of hot dogs, chili, chips, and apple cider and take time to decorate your car trunk, your truck, or set up additional tables or tent for your tailgate. From 12:30-1:00 we have games for the children that include pumpkin golf, pumpkin bowling, pumpkin ring toss, and pumpkin penny pitch. At 12:30 we will also award a prize for the best tailgate decoration. Starting at 1:00 children can trick or treat among the cars. Come and join your church family for an afternoon of food, fun, and fantastic tailgate decorations. For more information, contact Ann Elder at 815-541-2695. Decorating cars is not required to participate, but encouraged.

Thank You

A big **THANK YOU** goes out to all those who donated blood on September 10th. There were 7 first time donors. We collected 29 units of blood. Your generosity will save many lives and helped to ease the shortage of blood.

Our next drive will be sometime in February when our goal will be to double the units.



Military Ministry News

SPC Christopher Isabel returned home in time to see his brother, Marc, perform in the "Music Man" the weekend of September 16-18. He was also able to see the Bears Football game. Christopher will return to Afghanistan the first week of October.

We were glad to welcome SPC Nels Lindgren home from Germany the week of September 11-16. He and his wife Andrea are now making their home back here in Illinois.

We have received word that LCPL Kyle Keneway is now stationed in Afghanistan. Please add him to your daily prayer list.

The Military Team participated in the 9/11 Remembrance by placing flags on Johnson Ave. and around the church as the congregation observed the event by holding a service and bell ringing north of the church.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

"May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us— yes, establish the work of our hands." *Psalm 90: 17 (NIV)*

Autumn has arrived and there's a nip in the air! It's a perfect time for our hands, with needles and yarn, to create Prayer Shawls, Prayer Lap Covers (formerly called Lap Robes) and other items to share with others.

Our 5 years of Prayer Shawl history through scrapbooking has been completed by our own Betty Thompson, who will continue to keep it updated.

In September 63 Baby Hats (12 of them pumpkin colored) went to the nursery at Kishwaukee Hospital, making a total of 349 for this year!

Upcoming Events:

- Informational meeting a group at Oakcrest who are interested in this ministry
- Prayer Shawl weekend on Saturday, October 15 and Sunday, October 16, with display tables in the Concourse

October Meeting Dates

Monday, October 3, 9:30 a.m.

Monday, October 17, 9:30 a.m.

Questions? Please call:

Phyllis Anderson (815) 899-9957 or Jeanne Johnson (815) 895-5594

2011 SUMC Craft Show

Friday and Saturday, October 28 and 29

This year's Craft Show will feature many new crafters.

A food court will again be available.

Show hours: Friday - noon to 5:30 p.m.

Saturday - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Come and join the fun event here at the Church.



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Psalm 90: 17 (NIV)



8:30 AM Sunday Worship 8:45 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Worship 10:00 AM Stewardship Bible Study 10:00 AM Children's Sunday School	9:20 AM ABC Preschool Music 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry (1st & 3rd) 9:00 AM Moms-In-Christ 12:00 PM Sycamore Food Pantry	9:00 AM Christian Conditioning 9:00 AM Craft Group (1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th) 9:00 AM David: Seeking A Life Like His 9:05 AM ABC Preschool Chapel (1st & 3rd) 9:20 AM ABC Preschool Music 10:30 AM Preschool Parables with Mrs. S and MDO 11:30 AM Clergy Staff Meeting 1:00 PM ABC Preschool Music 1:00 PM Craft Group (2nd) 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study: Living Beyond Yourself	6:30 AM Men's Bible Study 9:05 AM ABC Preschool Chapel (1st & 3rd) 9:20 AM ABC Preschool Music 12:50 PM ABC Preschool Chapel (1st & 3rd) 1:00 PM ABC Preschool Music 3:15 PM Christian Kids' Conditioning 5:30 PM With Joy! Dinners 6:00 PM Confirmation: 2012 Confirmands 6:15 PM Children's Choirs 7:00 PM Adult Choir	9:00 AM Christian Conditioning 9:20 AM ABC Preschool Music 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study: The Journey 10:45 AM Worship Staff (1st & 3rd) 12:00 PM Church Staff Meeting (1st & 3rd) 1:00 PM ABC Preschool Music 7:00 PM Adult Handbells 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study: Bad Girls of the Bible	9:20 AM ABC Preschool Music	5:00 PM Saturday Worship Service
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2 10:00 AM Acolytes	3 6:00 PM Budget Boosters 6:00 PM Finance 7:00 PM Church Council	4 6:30 PM Rachel Circle	5 4:00 PM UMCOR Pork Roast Dinner 5:00 PM Sunshine Ring- ers— New Ringers only 6:15 PM The Story: From Adam to Armageddon	6 8:00 AM Breakfast & Devotions (BAD) Sr. High Youth 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study @ Oak Crest 4:00 PM Feed the Foot- ball Team— Youth Group	7 5:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal	8 7:30 AM UMM Breakfast 2:00 PM Wedding
9 11:30 AM Family, Food & Fun 4:30 PM Jr. High Youth 6:30 PM Sr. High Youth	10 7:00 PM Adam Hamilton Study: Why? Making Sense of God's Will	11 9:30 AM Mary Circle 6:00 PM Staff Parish	12 9:30 AM Esther Circle 5:00 PM Sunshine Ringers 6:00 PM Stewardship	13 6:00 PM UMM Dinner	14 5:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal	15 2:00 PM Wedding
16	17 6:30 PM Caring Ministry 6:30 PM Adult Ministries 7:00 PM Ruth Circle	18 7:00 PM Leading Ladies	19 1:15 PM History & Archives 6:15 PM The Story: From Adam to Armageddon	20 8:00 AM Breakfast & Devotions (BAD) Sr. High Youth 6:30 PM Military Ministry 7:00 PM Trustees	21	22
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Open/Lock Team

- October 2 Leroy Greathouse
- October 9 Rich Diehl
- October 16 Lane McMillion
- October 23 Dick Graham
- October 30 Gil Larimer



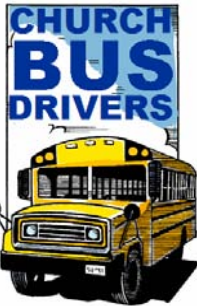
8:30 a.m. Service

- Dave Campbell
- Jim O’Kane
- Jim Hendricks
- Jim Edwards
- Dan Olson
- Edward Poppen



10:00 a.m. Service

- Paul Callighan
- Tom Maurer
- Cheryl Callighan
- Chuck Mason
- Vern Hoerman
- Kathy Hewitt



Church Van

- October 2 Tom & Julie Maurer
- October 9 Mark & Ann Reed
- October 16 Mary & Jordan Kalk
- October 23 Leroy & Peg Greathouse
- October 30 Marty Roush



The deadline to submit articles for the November newsletter is Wednesday, October 19.

Please e-mail all newsletter articles to:

office@sycamoreumc.org to make sure your submissions are received.

Please Remember

Bulletin articles are due the Wednesday of publication. Please keep bulletin articles and announcements short, as we all work together to save resources of both paper and money. Questions? Call Jennifer in the Church Office. Thank you!



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Education News

Dear Church family,

There are many opportunities in Christian Education for all ages. If you did not sign up for a fall study, it is not too late to participate. In some of the courses, you are able to pop in and out of the class depending on your availability. Contact me at 895-9113 ext. 107 for details. My video class on Monday evenings does not require a book and it meets every other week. Challenge yourself to make the time for this intriguing topic of understanding God's Will by Adam Hamilton on October 10th and/or October 24th.

Two new programs for children are on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. Preschool Parables is a spiritual story hour in the sanctuary open to the community at 10:30 to 11:15 on Tuesdays. The children will listen, participate and take home an enrichment activity each week. The MDO children join us for their chapel time from 11:00 to 11:15. Wednesdays, Christian Kids' Connections is for elementary age children. We participate in a variety of spiritual, academic and physical activities while learning to work together as a Christian family. There is no cost for either program.

Please plan on taking the advent study. Adult Ministries is bringing Adam Hamilton's "The Journey" to SUMC. There will be several times to choose from for adults, an after school one during Christian Kids Connections on Wednesdays and a family one offered on Sundays after church. Watch the November newsletter for registration dates.

Due to the four day weekend in October, the annual Family Food and Fun trip to Goebbert's Farm will be on Oct. 16th after second service. The Goebbert's have given us the wonderful opportunity to participate in the fun activities on their farm for free. New to the farm this year is a train for the children. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the concourse. If you don't sign up, your family can still attend, just see me that morning so I know you are following us in our SUMC caravan to Hampshire.

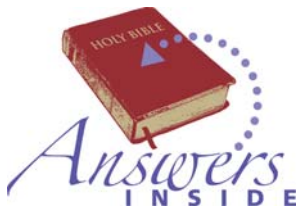
The Discipleship committee is sponsoring a "Trunk or Treat" event in our SUMC parking lot for a safe and fun Halloween experience. Check this newsletter for details. Don't forget there is only one service on Oct. 30th due to Pumpkin Fest at 9:00 am. There will be a combined Sunday School at that time.

Love in Christ,

Julie Sgarlata

Director of Christian Education

815-895-9113 ext. 107



Christian
Ministries



UMCOR Pork Roast Dinner

We are starting to plan for, and raise funds for, our mission to the Sager Brown Depot in Baldwin Louisiana. Our fundraiser dinner is WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 5TH. 4:30--7:00pm Roast Pork, mashed potato, vegetable, Roll and dessert. Tickets will be on sale between and after Sunday services.

Music Matters

You will enjoy **BRUCE AND DAN** in concert on **Saturday, Oct. 15, 5:00 p.m.** Bruce & Dan are a popular duo from Belvidere that were a big hit last year in our concert series. Their harmonies and guitar styles could be compared to Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young and America, and their songs are touching and positive. Many people commented on how worshipful and fun the service was last year. A free-will offering will be taken for them. Invite friends!

While you have your calendar out, we invite you to reserve **December 3 & 4, 6:30 p.m.**, for our annual **CHRISTMAS CHORAL CELEBRATION**. This event brings joy to the hearts of the people in it and those who attend as well. We are starting to prepare for this in Adult Choir, so this would be a great time to come join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Last month we had a farewell party for Jake Landis. We wish him many blessings in his new job out east. We would love to have some more singers, and especially could use some more tenors and basses!

Children's Choirs are always open to new singers, too. There are 3 choirs for 3 year-olds through 6th graders that meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:15 to 6:45 p.m.

We just finished a stewardship campaign, and I pray that you will find ways to serve God that are powerful and passionate for you! I also wanted to share with you how grateful I am for the automatic debit system that is available to everyone in the church. People involved in music are often busy during the offering, and with the automatic debit system you don't have to write any checks. You can choose how much comes out per month, and when it comes out of your checking account.

Here is the October schedule for children & youth:

Oct. 2	Both	Junior Choir	
Oct. 16	Both	Cherubs	<i>Youth Ensemble practice after 10:00 service.</i>
Oct. 23	Both	Kid's Choir, Youth Ensemble	

Blessings,
Bev Rauch

SUMC's 175th Anniversary Celebration

Over 200 people attended the 175th Anniversary celebration of our church on August 28. It was a beautiful day filled with fun, fellowship, music, games, and of course good food. The Discipleship Committee would like to thank all of the many people who helped make it a successful event for the members of our congregation. You can view a display of pictures at the Welcome Center or view more pictures from the celebration on the church's website.

*Bruce & Dan
In Concert
October 15
5:00 p.m.*



Adult Ministries

Time: A Most Priceless Resource. What are you doing with it?

Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.

2 John 1:9

Attention all families! Save the date to start your Christmas *Journey*! Join us for *The Journey, Walking on the Road to Bethlehem* starting on November 20, 2011 at 11:30am for family style lunch and bring your family closer together as we all join Adam Hamilton as he travels from Nazareth to Bethlehem in this fascinating look at the birth of Jesus Christ. Using historical information, archaeological data, and a personal look at some of the stories surrounding the birth, the most amazing moment in history will become more real and heart-felt as you walk along this road.

“If you think you know the story of Jesus’ birth, think again! This wonderful book sets us on a journey to the times and characters of Christmas so that we experience the birth of Christ in our lives in a new way.”

Joel C. Hunter, author of *Church Distributed*

Following the luncheon, one hour age appropriate sections of *The Journey* will be available for children, teens, and adults. Spend this advent in quality time with family and God! Classes will meet November 20, December 4, 11, and 18th for the family tailored sections. The Monday evening section will begin November 28 and a Wednesday evening section will begin November 30.

Sign ups for pre-purchasing the books for \$10 will be in the concourse on October 30, November 6 and 13.

In addition, unused study books from prior years will be available for purchase for individual study and contemplation of the Christmas season.

Caring Ministries

Caring Ministry Network needs more volunteers willing to make monthly visits to our churchfolk located in eight nursing facilities throughout the area. They need to know they have a continuing connection to other churchfolk, our church and the Lord. Our pastors are doing a tremendous job with visitation, but they appreciate our volunteer visiting teams so not one of these folk who can no longer come to church regularly feels left out. We have need of three more teams of two at this time for regular coverage of all our folks in nursing facilities.

If you would like to help us out, please call Midge Hartsuch, 815-784-5216 or email, mhartsuch@tbc.net, who will get you started.



Leading Ladies

Have a hectic schedule? Need some time to recharge? Come join this fellowship of Christian women. We enjoy food, fun, and faith. If you would like to join us, be placed on our email list, or have any other questions, call Cheryl Callighan at 815 748-5714

Upcoming Events

October 18th - Minute to Win It

November 15th - Praying in Color



Sycamore United Methodist Youth Ministry

UMY ministry is open to all those youth 6th grade through 12th grade. Youth from a variety of school districts attend our group. You do not need to be a member at SUMC and friends are always welcome to attend! Please check the schedule and meeting times carefully. Updates will be in the church worship bulletin announcements. Also see our website www.sycamoreumc.org. Financial aid is available for any event.

I hope school is treating everyone well and you have adjusted to the start. We will be starting our youth programs this month so come join us. The junior high group will be playing games and then we will end with a snack and devotion at the end. For the high school kids we will hang out, talk about what is going on and on your mind. Then we will also be doing a bible study on JOSEPH: the Hard Life. This will go through many of the things you guys are going through. Both groups are always welcome to bring friends, the more there are the better a group we are building to stay strong. If any adults would like to join in and help please contact me at joe-munro@sycamoreumc.org Thanks and hope to see you soon.

Junior High Youth (6-8th grades)

Oct. 9 Youth Group 430-600pm (bring a friend)

Oct.23 Youth Group 430-600pm (bring a friend)

Senior High Youth (9-12th grades)

Oct. 6 BAD Breakfast and Devotion 800 am

Oct. 9 Youth Group 630-800 time to hang out talk and bible study on Joseph

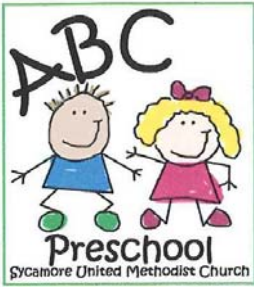
Oct. 20 BAD Breakfast and Devotion 800 am

Oct. 23 Youth Group 630-800 time to hang out talk and bible study on Joseph

LIFE Mission Trip (8-12th grades)

Life Mission has been filled up and we have a waiting list going





ABC Preschool Ministry News

September was a very busy month with Phase In, School Pictures and Open House! We are geared up and ready to jump into October!

October happenings will include Sycamore Fire Department Visit, Hearing and Vision Testing, Pumpkin Parties and ABC Preschool will have a float in the Sycamore Pumpkin Day Parade again this year. Look for ABC Preschool children as they celebrate 50 Years of Pumpkins! You can also visit our classroom pumpkin entries on the Court-house lawn. We wish to thank Erica Snodgrass for a great job designing the official "50th Anniversary Pumpkin Festival Flag." ABC Preschool and SUMC office have been busy filling orders for the flags as they come in.

Please note that we are still collecting Campbell's labels for our Labels for Education Program. The Campbell's Company has a wonderful program that allows us to clip and turn in labels from their products and redeem them for points to spend in their education catalog. Please cut out the UPC code on the acceptable products and drop them off in the Campbell's Label Collection box located at the south end of the Con-course. We will also be collecting the pop tops off of pop cans. Did you know that these can be turned in to help people who are in need of dialysis? Please turn these into the preschool office.

ABC recycles! Give us your trash for us to make into treasures! We are collecting empty toilet paper tubes, plastic milk jug caps and the metal ends of frozen juice containers until the end of October. There are boxes under the coat areas down by the Preschool hallway for you to drop them into.

We thank Sycamore United Methodist Church for all your support of ABC Preschool. We look forward to working together on many projects during the year.

Blessings,

The ABC Preschool Staff



UMCOR Projects

Thanks to everyone who contributed supplies for the school kits! We are now collecting supplies for Health Kits. The lists of needed items are on the table near the mission bulletin board. Also for those of you who sew, Lois Richard has cut out 100 school bags that need sewing. They are a simple sewing project. Please call her at 815.784.6500 and she will arrange to get the material to you.

Thank You

Just wanted to let you know that I arrived to the states for good last weekend, and thank you for all your help and support over the years of my service. Looking forward to becoming more involved with the church, and my wife may have some questions as well. Thanks again, see you all soon.

Nels Lindgren

SPC US Army



Live A God-Pleasing Life

The official stewardship program – **LIVE A GOD- PLEASING LIFE** concluded on September 28 with a Celebration Potluck where the congregation gathered together to share the many blessing we have received. But that doesn't mean we can forget about stewardship. Each and every one of us needs to strive towards increasing our commitment with our time, our talents, and our money. If you have not already done so, please complete the Commitment Form to the **right** and return it to the church office.

Sycamore UMC offers electronic giving, which allows you to make donations on a scheduled, automatic basis. If you already embrace the use of debit cards, on-line bill pay, or direct deposit, you will especially appreciate electronic giving. It is convenient for you and provides much-needed donation consistency for our church. You can find more information about electronic giving on our On-line Giving tab at our website www.sycamoreumc.org or pick up a brochure from the church office.

A Day To Remember

By Whitney Munro

The sirens surround them
 Blaring alerts through the city
 Filling the fireman and policeman's heads
 Swarming their panicked thoughts
 A plane
 Who could have imagined?
 The debris fills their lunch
 Each exaggerated breath
 Yearn for fresh air
 As fire licks the smoking buildings
 Wet warm tears fill the faces of America
 Utter shock tears through us
 Shaking hands fold together with rigid breaths,
 Eyes turn to the sky in prayer.
 The towers call twins collapse.
 As a nation pulls together
 We stand strong through the dark
 And a light is seen
 A voice is heard
 I'm here God whispers,
 Take my hand.

Live a God-pleasing life! Commitments to Christ and our church

I commit to be faithful with my time:

I will spend an average of _____ minutes per day in personal Bible reading over the next year.

I will faithfully worship _____ times per month.

I will attend _____ group Bible study(ies) per year.

I commit to be faithful with my talent:

I will do the following: read scripture, serve on a committee, join a mission team, teach Sunday School or Bible Study, or

I commit to be faithful with my money:

As a steward of God's resources, my/our commitment of my/our income to Him will be \$_____ per week for the Operating Budget to support the ministries of Sycamore United Methodist Church.

(Prayerfully consider the faith goal of tithing)

I/we also commit to the future of this congregation by supporting the Building Fund/Mortgage Fund in the amount of \$_____ per week.

Name(s) _____





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