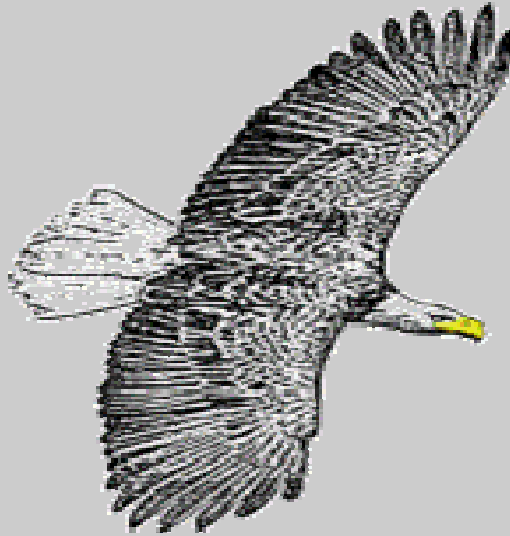


Union Church at Brimfield,

ON EAGLE'S WINGS

April 2015



*“They that wait upon the Lord shall
renew their strength; they shall
mount up with wings as eagles; they
shall run, and not be weary; they
shall walk, and not faint.” Isaiah
40:31*

GOD IS STILL SPEAKING!

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PASTOR'S CORNER

Lent is a time to Trust

As we come to the close of our Lenten season, we see that there is plenty of reason for confidence and trust. That's not the message that we are hearing on the news every morning, but it is true! Yes the economy is in a slump, unemployment is up, and disasters around the world continue to happen daily. The world has always experienced some kind of turmoil, and that hasn't stopped God from blessing his people and giving us reason to trust him.

Many Christians and we too have professed belief in God and in his promises, yet we focus more on the continuous barrage of negative information that confronts us each day through television and the internet. We become overshadowed by feelings of doubt, worry and fear about our present situation. If there was ever a time for believers to worry, it would have been when Christ was crucified. On several occasions Jesus reassured his disciples that he was doing God's will—even when things seemed unbearably bleak.

We all have events in our lives that seem to cause more pain than we can bear. For the disciples it was the crucifixion, for us it could be the loss of a loved one, the loss of a job, or a financial crisis.

The disciples were scared and afraid to go out after Jesus died, but three days later the risen Savior stepped into their presence and proclaimed "Peace be with you!" (John 20:19)

He is always at work—using the circumstances of your life to bring joy out of darkness. Even from the deepest loss. Whatever your situation, God is not only aware of it he is at work to bring a resurrection into your life. YES! There is plenty of reason to Trust God through our desert experiences.

May Your Lenten Journey bring you into the glorious resurrection of the greatest event that ever happened.

May The Lord Bless and Keep You,

Rev. Stephen W. Barch

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From the Moderator 3-26-2015

A BIG Thank You to all who donated, cooked, served, and cleaned up after the Pancake and Sausage Breakfast. Again this year, we had a good turnout for the event. This is a fun event that Mariola and I look forward to each year, especially the fellowship and fun in the kitchen. Many hands make light work, so thanks again to all the volunteers.

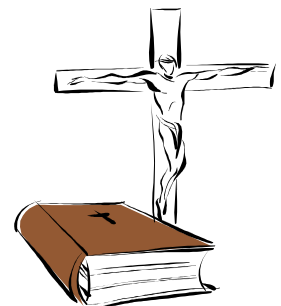
The Quilt drawing brought in over \$800, and congratulations to Shirley Sollenberger who was the lucky winner.

A bid for the steeple repair and new roofing was approved by Trustees, so as soon as the weather is a bit more pleasant, this project will get started.

Spring is in the air, and with that comes increased travel. Please pray for all who will be travelling this spring and summer for their safe return.

Please refer to the newsletter for special Holy Week worship opportunities, and have a Blessed Easter.

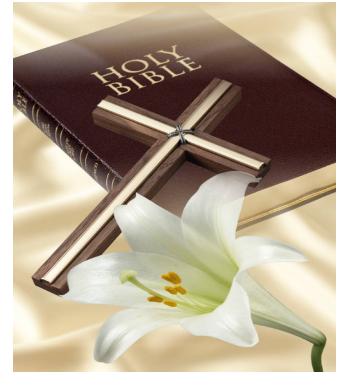
Moderator,
Jeff Barnewolt



The Worship Care Team has not had a meeting in 2015 yet. The team members for this year are Ron Sollenberger, Liz McRae, Ila Wagner, Robin Henry, and we welcome new members Tara Blundy and Mariola Kabat. We want to thank Betty Marlin and Sue Savage for their many years of serving on this team.

Lenten Services:

February 18th----Ash Wednesday 6:30pm
 March 29th-----Palm Sunday 9:00am
 April 2nd-----Maundy Thursday 6:30pm
 April 3rd-----Good Friday 6:30pm
 April 5th---Sunrise Service 6:30AM
 EASTER SERVICE 9:00am



- Linda Williams picked up the Palms for Palm Sunday.
- Union UCC Maundy Thursday & Good Friday services will be at 6:30 pm.
- The Sunrise Easter Service will be at 6:30 am with a breakfast to follow and regular Easter service at 9 am.
- Maundy Thursday service and Easter services at 9am will be Communion Services.

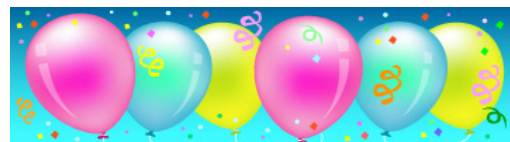
APRIL

BIRTHDAYS

3- KIARA WALKER
 6- BROOKE WAGNER
 7- BOBBI EMERICK
 11- KEN STIEGHORST
 16- MARILEE PORTER
 20- JON STIEGHORST
 26- MARGARET HASSELBACHER
 JOYCE CARLSON
 28- MICHAEL WALKER, JR.

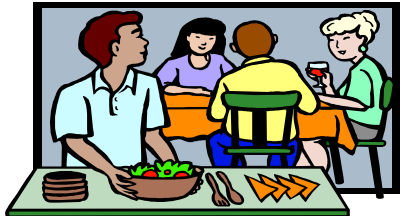
ANNIVERSARIES

1- JERE & MARY KAY BLUNDY
 8- DAVID & PAULINE MEYER



Announcements~

Our next Senior Luncheon will be Tuesday, April 14 at 12:00pm. There are sign up sheets on the Fellowship bulletin board if you would like to donate your time or talent.



~UNION CHURCH WILL BE HAVING A COMMUNION SERVICE FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY @ 6:30PM. GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE WILL BE AT 6:30PM ALSO.

~TRINITY CHURCH WILL BE HAVING THESE SERVICES IN BARTONVILLE AT 9 AM BOTH DAYS.

Donations of cleaning supplies or paper products, for the church, are always greatly appreciated.

- 1. Kitchen cleanser
- 2. Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- 3. Window cleaner
- 4. Toilet paper
- 5. Paper towels



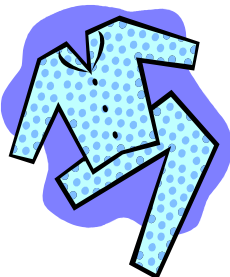
Easter Blessings



SPRING OPEN HOUSE AND REGISTRATION NIGHT THURSDAY, APRIL 30TH 6-7:30 pm

Open enrollment for the current school year and/or for the 2015-2016 school year.

For more info contact Tara Blundy 446-9432



KIDS' CLOTHING, TOYS & EQUIPMENT SALE SPONSORED BY FAITHFUL FRIENDS PRESCHOOL SATURDAY, APRIL 11 @ 8AM

Tables will be available to rent for individuals wishing to sell their own items, or clothing and items may be donated, with the proceeds going to Faithful Friends Preschool.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT TARA BLUNDY @ 446-9432

The Wider Service Team has not had a meeting in 2015 yet. The Team members for this year are: Mary Kay Blundy, Marilyn Lehman, Coleen & Jim Martin, Chris Morgan, Rick Pacey and Julie Barton.

~ THANK YOU ~
TO EVERYONE THAT HELPED
MAKE THE PANCAKE
AND SAUSAGE DAY
A SUCCESS!
WE SERVED OVER 270 MEALS!!



PLEASE JOIN US FOR
EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE @ 6:30
AM
THE YOUTH GROUP WILL BE
SERVING BREAKFAST
IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING WORSHIP.

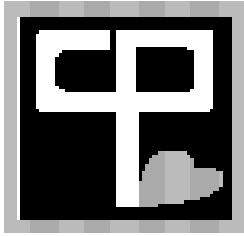


BIBLE FUN NITE
WILL NOT BE IN SESSION
MARCH 31 & APRIL 7 DUE
TO SPRING BREAK.
CLASSES WILL RESUME
APRIL 14 AT 6PM.

VBS
IS IN THE EARLY
PLANNING
STAGES FOR THIS
SUMMER. PLEASE
WATCH THE
BULLETINS AND
NEWSLETTERS
FOR MORE
INFORMATION
COMING SOON.

VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT
BIBLE FUN NITE!! IF YOU ARE INTERESTED
IN DONATING AN HOUR OR SO OF YOUR TIME
TO HELP OUR YOUNG PEOPLE LEARN ABOUT
JESUS, CONTACT PAM PACEY, KELLY WALKER
OR RICK PACEY. DONATIONS OF SINGLE SERVE
SNACKS AND DRINKS ARE ALWAYS
APPRECIATED!

Our Mission Focus for the Month of **APRIL**



COMMON PLACE

Where Love Works

COMMON PLACE

Mission Statement

Common Place encourages a life style of love and concern for others that recognizes the dignity and self-worth inherent in each person while striving to eliminate the causes of poverty and other social injustices.

Common Place is a social service agency on Peoria's South Side that helps people overcome poverty and injustice through education. At Common Place, educational programs start with our Youth Programs, grades K-12. Our Youth Programs offer academic assistance, life skills, and cultural enrichment to build self esteem and success in school. Common Place literacy programs help adults learn reading, writing, and math skills and acquire self-esteem and self-confidence needed to obtain employment.

Vision Statement

Working primarily on the South Side of Peoria, COMMON PLACE

- encourages individuals and families to value education and offers educational opportunities;
- promotes training and the development of job skills needed for employment that enables individuals and families to be financially self-sufficient;
- promotes neighborhood leadership and redevelopment, including a safe environment and increased home ownership;
- provides awareness of the needs of others and opportunities for churches, individuals, organizations, and corporations to channel their love and concern through sharing of resources;
- encourages human understanding and inclusiveness of race, culture, age, gender, and economic situations;
- recognizes the needs of others and advocates for those in need.

Since 1967, Common Place Family Learning Center has worked on the center south side of Peoria, Illinois, to eliminate the root causes of poverty, racism, and injustice through education.

Adult Programs

- Began in 1979. First adult literacy program in Peoria.
- The average adult learner who enters Common Place's literacy program has completed 8th grade but has a 4th grade reading level.
- Over 4,000 adults have received help through one-on-one tutoring and small group classes for reading, writing, math and life skills.

Praise be to God !

2015 Mission Giving to Date:

Jan —Blankets+ /TOH : \$200

Feb—NH : \$225

Mar—OGHS : \$ 260

Youth Programs

- Over 1,800 children have received after school homework help and enrichment programs for grades K - 12.
- Each year our Summer Work Study Programs serve 95 area low-income and educationally at-risk children ages 8 - 15 years. Summer Tutoring is provided for grades K - 12.

Community Programs

- Emergency Food Pantry - nearly 1,000 individuals served yearly.

Serving at Union Church April 2015

April 5, 2015

Greeters

Bill & Judie Foust

Margaret Hasselbacher

Usher

Linda Williams

Lay Reader

Shirley Sollenberger

Children's Story

Pastor Steve

Acolytes:

EASTER SUNDAY

April 12, 2015

Greeters

Jere & Mary Kay Blundy

Janet Fishel

Usher

Jana Keyes

Lay Reader

Rick Pacey

Children's Story

Laura Sollenberger

Acolytes:

Mission Moment:

Bev Hopkins

Donuts:

Betty Marlin & Marilee Porter

April 19, 2015

Greeters

Joyce & Rudy Carlson,

Mary Anderson

Usher

Jana Keys

Lay Reader

Jeff Barnewolt

Children's Story

Cheryl Harmison

Acolytes:

Mission Moment:

Shirley Sollenberger

Donuts:

Mariola Kabat & Linda Williams

April 26, 2015

Greeters

Eric & Laura Sollenberger,

Marilee Porter

Usher

Betty Marlin

Lay Reader

Laura Sollenberger

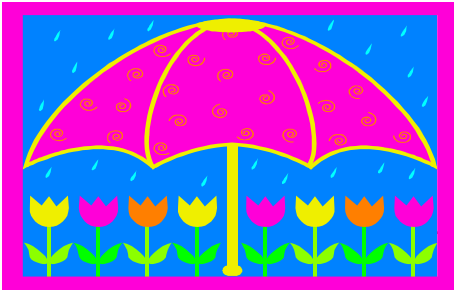
Children's Story

Shirley Sollenberger

Acolytes:

Donuts:

Mary Kay Blundy & Joan Keemle



April 2015

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1	2 Maundy Thursday 6:30 pm	3 Good Friday 6:30pm	4	
5 Sunrise Service 6:30am Worship 9:00 am	6	7	8	9 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">Faithful Friends Clothing Sale Set up</div>	10	11 Faithful Friends Kids' Clothing & Items Sale 8am-1pm
12 Worship 9:00 am Trustees mtg. 6:30pm	13	14 Senior Luncheon 12pm Bible Fun Nite 6pm-7pm Leadership mtg 6:00pm	15	16	17	18
19 Worship 9:00 am	20	21 Bible Fun Nite 6pm-7pm	22	23	24	25
26 Worship 9:00 am	27	28 Bible Fun Nite 6pm-7pm	29	30 Faithful Friends Open House 6-7:30pm		

April 2015

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On Eagle's Wings Newsletter

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Adult Sunday School	
Sunday Worship Service	9:00 AM
Children's Bible School	Tuesday evening 6-7:00pm
Office Hours~	Tuesday 5-7pm Thursday 12:30pm-7pm