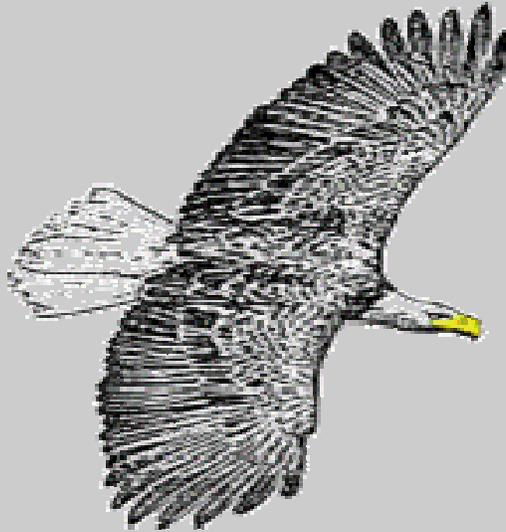


Union Church at Brimfield,

ON EAGLE'S WINGS

August 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

My Church Family

I'd like to give you a little insight into what I have been contemplating the last few months. As you know, I am honored to be your pastor and it is not a role that I take lightly. It is an honor and a privilege, but it is also a huge responsibility. I want to walk with you along your journey of faith and lead you into a deeper and more fulfilling relationship with Jesus Christ. I am continually trying to evaluate how I am doing with this task, as this is the task that Jesus will be judging me on as well. Though we are doing well, we don't want to stand still either. We must continue to grow. Faith can never grow stagnant or it begins to die.

A few months ago during Lent, I said that it was a time to be selfish with our relationship with Jesus, to focus on how we can grow closer to HIM. Now, we need to focus on where we take that faith and use it to show the world that we have something special. We have something that they cannot get anywhere else, an incredible love that surpasses all understanding. We need to show that we have been called to be Christ disciples here in the 21st century. We need to show the world who Jesus is.

Bible Study gives us an opportunity to grow. I am really excited that our summer Bible Study class is in full swing. We meet on Tuesday evening from 6:30 to 7:30. We are learning together and having fun while we gain more insight about our faith. Though your schedules are already busy with activities, I encourage you to add one more for yourself. **As our understanding grows, so will our faith. Guidance will follow.** And to think it all begins with one step! Bring your favorite bible and see what God wants to reveal to you. Each week will be a complete lesson, not built from the last, to allow for those busy summer schedules. So join us when you can – **the more you know, the more you grow!**

This fall I have a program starting called *The Story*. The focus will be reading the bible as a continuum. This program will take us most of next year and allow time for additional events throughout.

We have really grown as a Family. That was very evident when you totally surprised me with the birthday party in May. I will be forever grateful. Thank you to everyone who was part of it. You all mean the world to me and I thank God that he has called me here to Union Church in Brimfield. You are an inspiration to me and inspire me on my faith journey. I look forward to all that we will do in the future together.

In Christ Love,

Rev. Stephen W. Barch
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MODERATOR

Bits and pieces

As you can see, work has started on the street. It will be torn up for several weeks, but will be much better when completed. The church parking on the east side will be much improved. It will be graded to drain the water away so no more big puddles to navigate.

The Adult Bible Study has been slowed down some, with average attendance of 3 to 5 per week. Please don't miss out on this opportunity to grow in the faith, as each week Pastor opens another NT book to read and study. Beginning in September Pastor Steve will begin a more involved and hands on Bible Study group. Watch for more details coming soon.

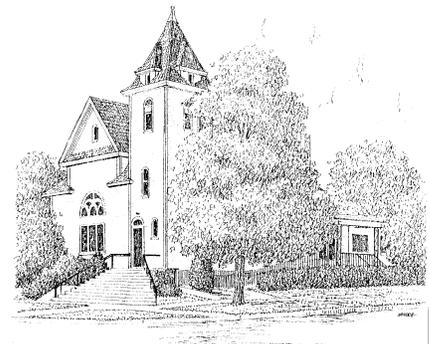
July is almost over and soon it will be back to school time, hard to believe the summer is moving so quickly. So as you plan for your vacation or just a few days off from work please keep the following opportunities in mind:

- Union Church will once again be working the food tent at Old Settler's and you might want to sign up before all of the good spots are taken, please see Shirley Sollenberger or Julie Barton for more info.
- We will also have a float in the parade (last year we were the only church float), so if you have a hour or so of time Saturday morning of the parade please see Tara Blundy. She would like share the float between Union Church and Faithful Friends Preschool.
- The annual school supply/used clothing give-away will be held August 22 & 29, please see Kelly Walker to find out how you can donate or help.

We would also like to thank you for once again making Whitney's Walk the "Fifth" Sunday collection. The Union Church team has donated over \$400 to the effort to educate people to signs of depression and suicide prevention in the central Illinois area. We are hoping to bring the amount to over \$1,000,000.00 raised in this the 12th year. You are helping to save lives through education and awareness.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and prayers of safe travel for all of you traveling, may God be with you.

Many Blessings





OPEN HOUSE

and

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT

Wednesday, August 26th 6:00-7:30pm

On the Corner of Clay and Galena

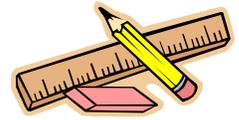
Open to the Public ~ Come and register your preschooler (3, 4, and 5 year olds) in this amazing program! Open enrollment for the 2015-2016 school year. First class date to be announced.

- Refreshments!
- Meet the teacher
- A great chance to check out our facility!
- Call Tara Blundy **446-9432** with any questions

**Old Settler's Days Parade
Saturday August 15 @ 1pm.**

Tara would like put together a float that has Union Church and Faithful Friends Preschool on it.

Please contact Tara Blundy for more information.

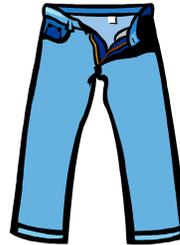


**Kid's Clothing Drive &
School Supply Giveaway**

August 22 & 29 (Saturdays) 8am-10am
Volunteers to help sort are needed and will be greatly appreciated.

Please watch the bulletins for further updates, or contact Kelly Walker for more info.

Our next Senior Luncheon will be Tuesday, August 11 at 12:00pm. The sign up sheets to help serve, or to bring a dessert, are on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.



AUGUST

Birthdays

- 5- Brian Emerick
- 7- Terry Marlin
- 11- Kelly Walker
- Matthew Savage
- Cordt Hicke
- 24- John Rook

Anniversaries

- 3- Steve & Linda Williams
- 5- Fred & Patricia Middleton
- 7- Jerry & Chris Morgan
- 20- Ron & Shirley Sollenberger



**BIBLE FUN NIGHT'S
FALL SESSION
OPENING CLASS
TO BE ANNOUNCED
WATCH FOR MORE
INFO**



Brimfield Old Settlers

This year Shirley Sollenberger and Julie Barton have taken on this community mission for members of Union Church to man the Brimfield Area Men's Club food tent on Friday, Aug 14th. Old Settlers is a great community event and a good time is had by all those who attend. See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board sign in your time! And remember; we are able to wear our Union Church Aprons this year!

School Clothing and Supply Giveaway

August 22 & 29, the Union Church will once again house this wonderful and much needed mission. If you are interesting in donating any school supplies or school age kids clothing (used but nice please) see Kelly Walker for more information.



The Wider Service Team will be mailing College Care Packages again this year to our students away at school. They would like to send the first group out shortly after Labor Day. There is a list of donation suggestions on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. You may also contact anyone on the team with any questions or for more information.

~ PSALM 23 ~

“The Lord is my Shepherd,” *that’s relationship!* “I shall not want.” *that’s supply!*
 “God makes me lie down in green pastures,” *that’s rest!* “God leads me beside still waters.”
that’s refreshment! “God restores my soul” *that’s healing!* “And leads me to paths of
 righteousness” *that’s guidance!* “For the sake of the name of God.” *that’s purpose!*
 “Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,” *that’s testing!* “I will fear no
 evil,” *that’s protection!* “for thou art with me.” *that’s faithfulness!* “God’s rod and staff
 comfort me,” *that’s discipline!* “God prepares a table for me in the presence of my
 enemies,” *that’s hope!* “God anoints my head with oil.” *that’s consecration!* “My cup
 overflows.” *that’s abundance!* “Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow me all my days,”
that’s blessing! “and I will dwell in the house of God...” *that’s security!* “forever ”
that’s eternity!

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



Our Mission and Vision

Companions Journeying Together, Inc., provides a forum to personally impact the emotional, spiritual, and social lives of the incarcerated and their families. Our vision is for a society that lives by the principles of restorative justice.

For over 20 years Companions Journeying Together Inc. has lived out the mission of Jesus by valuing all people as members of the kingdom of God.

We seek out opportunities to reach incarcerated women and men through a variety of programs designed to build healthy relationships and foster positive communication. Those programs include Aunt Mary's Storybook Project, Fathers Read, Family Stories, and Mother Love Parenting classes. Additional services we organize and either provide or facilitate include special holiday communication projects, provision of re-entry materials and referrals, community education/training, and advocacy. Our goal is to be a link between resources and needs. We have a history of working successfully with officials from the Department of Corrections, as well as with individuals, churches and community organizations committed to serving the imprisoned and their families.

Praise be to God !

2015 Mission Giving to Date:

Jan —Blankets+ /TOH : \$200

Feb—NH : \$225

Mar—OGHS : \$ 295

April—CP : \$ 200

May—STC : \$ 200

June—PRM : \$ 185

July—CPA : \$ 125

Companions Journeying Together works with the following correctional institutions:

- * Dwight Correctional Center
- * Sheridan Correctional Center
- * Stateville Correctional Center (Joliet)
- * DuPage County Jail
- * Kane County Jail



Serving at Union Church August 2015

August 2, 2015

Greeters

**Ron & Shirley Sollenberger,
Janet Fishel**

Usher

Jeff Barnewolt

Lay Reader

Rick Pacey

Children's Story

Pam Pacey

Acolytes:

Mission Moment:

Bev Hopkins

Donuts:

Ginny Emerick & Mariola Kabat

August 9, 2015

Greeters

Eric & Laura Sollenberger

Mary Anderson

Usher

Bill Foust

Lay Reader

Shirley Sollenberger

Children's Story:

Kelly Walker

Acolytes:

Donuts:

Robin Henry & Joyce Carlson

August 16, 2015

Greeters

Jim & Coleen Martin

Joan Keemle

Usher

Betty Marlin

Lay Reader

Emma Blundy

Children's Story

Judie Foust

Acolytes:

Mission Moment:

Shirley Sollenberger

Donuts:

Bev Hopkins & Betty Marlin

August 23, 2015

Greeters

Jeff Barnewolt, Mariola Kabat,

Ginny Emerick

Usher

Ron Sollenberger

Lay Reader

Laura Sollenberger

Children's Story

Pastor Steve

Acolytes:

Donuts:

Pam Pacey & Linda Williams

August 30, 2015

Greeters

Bill & Judie Foust

Pam Pacey

Usher

Rick Pacey

Lay Reader

Jeff Barnewolt

Children's Story

Shirley Sollenberger

Acolytes:

Donuts:

Janet Fishel & Joan Keemle



AUGUST 2015

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Worship Service 9:00 a.m.		Adult Bible Study 5:30-6:30pm			Food Tent 4:30-9pm	Parade 1pm
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Worship Service 9:00 a.m. Trustees mtg. 6:30pm		Senior Luncheon 12pm Adult Bible Study 5:30-6:30pm			Food Tent 4:30-9pm	Parade 1pm
OLD SETTLER'S DAYS						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Worship Service 9:00 a.m.		Leadership mtg. 5:30 pm Adult Bible Study 5:30-6:30pm				Clothing & School Supply Giveaway 8am-10am
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Worship Service 9:00 a.m.		Adult Bible Study 5:30-6:30pm				Clothing & School Supply Giveaway 8am-10am
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Worship Service 9:00 a.m.						

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Pastor	Rev. Stephen Barch
Adult Bible School	Tuesday evening 6:30-7:30pm
Sunday Worship Service	9:00 AM
Children's Bible School	Tuesday evening 6-7pm
Office Hours~	Tuesday evening 5-7pm Thursday 1-7pm