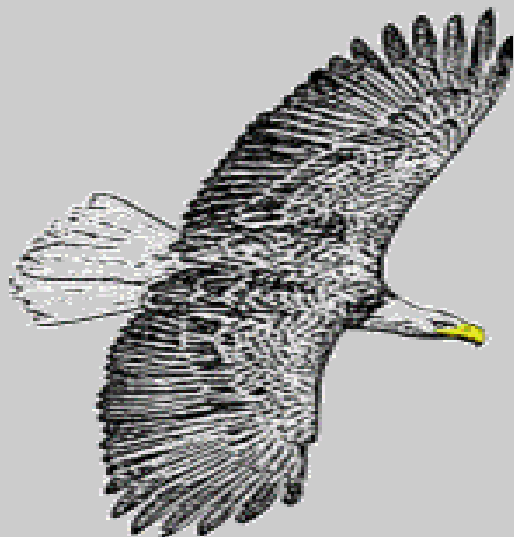


Union Church at Brimfield,

ON EAGLE'S WINGS

August 2024



“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

Discipleship



This Summer, we have been looking at discipleship and what it means for us today. Our faith is a gift from God and as we look at our life and the situations that we find ourselves in we know that God is with us. He has given us everything that we need and for everything that He has in store for us. What an awesome God we have and how much He loves us and cares for us. We never have to worry about Him leaving us or forgetting us. God is our parent and he is always looking out for us and doing what is best for us.

The word used in the New Testament for disciple is *mathetes*. The word means learner or disciple and is a technical term for the followers of Jesus. It is also used for the followers of John the Baptist, Moses, and the pharisees. In the New Testament world, a disciple would join themselves to a rabbi, or teacher, becoming a part of his school. This involved leaving behind the life they had known and spending all of their time with their rabbi. In a sense, it was like going off to college. They wanted to learn everything they could about their rabbi, what he knew, how he thought, how he talked and how he handled different situations.

What you see in Jesus and his disciples was typical of the rabbi/disciple relationship in New Testament Judea. Being a disciple was a full-time occupation. Those disciples were called to leave their home and occupation behind and follow Jesus, learning what he had to teach them.

Being a disciple was not an end in itself. A disciple was ultimately expected to follow in their rabbi's footsteps, becoming a rabbi himself. And, in turn, teaching other disciples what they had learned and were learning.

So through our Baptism, we are called to be disciples of Jesus Christ. We are called to follow after Jesus and to learn from HIM- to do what he would do. If we are going to get to know Him, then we need to spend time with him, and to learn from Him everything that we can.

We read about the disciples and all that they had done and it is easy to think that it was easier to live their faith back then. Then we realize that God has put us right where he needs us and has given us the gifts and talents that we need to accomplish all that he has in store for us. We just need to learn from Him.

Our desire should be to be in church and studying the Bible, so that we can learn all that we can about Him so that we can share it with others. We need to treat everyone as a child of God- To teach them how to have a relationship with Him and to show them God's calling is a gift. We are Jesus's hands and feet and we need to walk the way that He would and treat everyone the way that He treats us.

Discipleship is a big responsibility and an honor. We need not take it lightly and treat the gift with care. God does not make mistakes. He has called YOU for a reason. The more we center our life on Him the greater our discipleship can grow..

Hope to see you all in church every Sunday at 9:00.

God Bless

Rev. Stephen W. Barch

From the Moderator – August 2024

This summer seems to be flying by. Hopefully many of you have taken some nice vacations and enjoyed some great family time. Please join us for worship this summer when you are in town.

Our church is blessed to have some very talented people who help to make everything better. Thanks to Rudy and Jeff for remodeling the basement bathroom. It looks fantastic. Thanks, too, for their work on updating the landscape around the church. The new look really is nice.

Congratulations to our Maude Hasselbacher scholarship winners; Emma Blundy and Addison Barton. Best wishes for you both as you continue your education this fall.

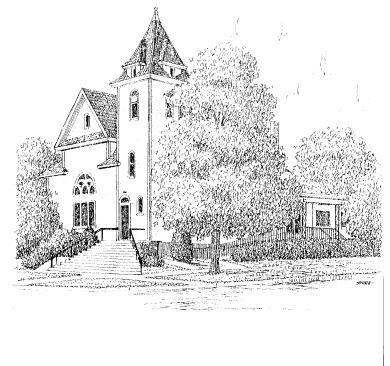
Old Settlers' Days will be here soon. Our church works the Friday night food tent. Please consider signing up to help. The date is Aug. 9. There are 2 shifts. All help is appreciated. Please check the sign-up sheets to see where help is needed.

We will be getting back to our normal committee meetings in August. The Leadership meeting will be August 13th at 5:30 at the church or on Zoom. Please plan on attending if you are head of a committee. Reports are due Monday, Aug. 12th.

Please keep those in our church and community who are struggling right now. Pray for our country and our leaders. Please pray that the truth will be known.

Prayerfully submitted,

Coleen Martin



SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVEAWAY

The Collection Date will be Sunday, August 4th, from 11am—12pm

The Giveaway date is: Monday, Aug. 5th from 5 ~ 6:30pm

ITEMS NEEDED:

- ◆ 5 & 8 Tab Dividers w/pockets

- ◆ Expo Dry Erase Markers

- ◆ Highlighter markers

- ◆ 2 pocket folders/no prongs

- ◆ Clorox Wipes

- ◆ Kleenex
- *Monetary donations are also welcome ~ please make checks payable to Brimfield Area Food Pantry**



We will not be accepting clothing or shoes this year.

~Kelly Walker is the contact person 309-251-6820

~REGISTRATION IS OPEN~

Come and register your preschooler (3, 4, and 5 year olds) in this amazing program! Open enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year.

First class date to be announced.

- Call Tara Blundy **446-9432** with any questions



Birthdays

- 6– Alexis Blodgett
- 11– Kelly Walker
Matthew Savage
Cordt Hicke
- 14– Jakoby Johnson
- 25– Delaney Blodgett
- 29– Tifanie Zehr



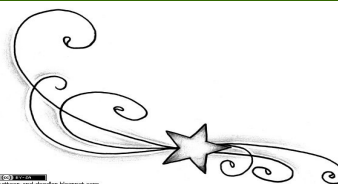
AUGUST

Anniversaries

- 3– Steve & Linda Williams
- 7– Jerry & Chris Morgan
- 8– Rudy & Joyce Carlson
- 28– David & Beth Lane



**UNION CHURCH
LUNCHEON'S WILL BE
RETURNING SOON
WATCH FOR MORE INFO IN
THE BULLETIN &
NEWSLETTER**



**We will be serving in the Food Tent at
Old Settler's Days,
Friday night, August 9th.
Please see sign up sheet
in the fellowship hall.
For more info, contact Coleen Martin.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **TRUSTEES MEETING AUG 4TH @ 10AM**
- **WORSHIP CARE MTG AUG 11TH @ 8AM**
- **LEADERSHIP MTG AUG 13TH @ 5:30PM**

~ SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVEAWAY ~

**⇒ COLLECTION & SORTING ITEMS
SUNDAY, AUGUST 4TH ~ 11am-12pm**

**⇒ HANDING OUT SUPPLIES
MONDAY, AUG 5TH ~ 5-6:30PM**

- **OLD SETTLER'S FOOD TENT
⇒ FRIDAY, AUGUST 9TH**



*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 !

2024 Mission Giving to Date:

Jan —Blankets+/TOH : \$ 325

Feb—NH : \$275

Mar—OGHS : \$ 215

April—CP : \$ 205

May—STC : \$ 235

June—PRM : \$ 205

July—CPA : \$ 180

Companions Journeying Together works with the following correctional institutions:

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



Serving at Union Church August 2024

August 4, 2024

Greeter
Janet Fishel
Usher
Tim Siegel
Lay Reader
Mariola Kabat
Children's Story
Pastor Steve
Sunday School
Communion
Sound System
Rudy Carlson

Donuts: Mariola Kabat



August 11, 2024

Greeter
Coleen Martin
Usher
Jim Martin
Lay Reader
Coleen Martin
Children's Story
Pastor Steve
Sunday School
Tonja Gunter
Mission Moment
Companions Journeying Together
Sound System
Tim Siegel
Donuts: Constance Monk



August 18, 2024

Greeter
Ginny Emerick
Usher
Linda Williams
Lay Reader
Tonja Gunter
Children's Story
Pastor Steve
Sunday School
Kelly Walker
Sound System
Mike Walker

Donuts: Ginny Emerick



August 25, 2024

Greeter
Jeff & Jensen Blundy
Usher
Jere Blundy
Lay Reader
Jane Strevils
Children's Story
Pastor Steve
Sunday School
Emma Blundy
Mission Moment
Companions Journeying Together
Sound System
Dylan Sollenberger
Donuts: Mary Anderson





AUGUST 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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<p>Clothing & School Supply Collection 11am-12pm</p> <p>↓</p>						
<p>4 Trustees Mtg. 10am</p> <p>Worship Service 9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>5 Clothing & School Supply Giveaway 5-6:30pm</p>	<p>6 Grief & Loss 3-4:30</p> <p>Bible Study 630-745 pm</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 Food Tent 4:30-9pm</p>	<p>10 Parade 1pm</p>
Old Settler's Days						
<p>11 Worship Care mtg 8am</p> <p>Worship Service 9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 Leadership mtg 5:30-6:30</p> <p>Grief & Loss 3-4:30</p> <p>Bible Study 630-745 pm</p>	<p>14 Brimfield School Starts</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 Worship Service 9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 Grief & Loss 3-4:30</p> <p>Bible Study 630-745 pm</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 Worship Service 9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 Grief & Loss 3-4:30</p> <p>Bible Study 630-745 pm</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>

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On Eagle's Wings Newsletter

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

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Pastor	Rev. Stephen Barch
Sunday Worship Service	9:00 AM
Grief & Loss Group	Tuesday Afternoon 3-4:30pm
Adult Bible Study	Tuesday Evenings 6:30-7:45pm
Children's Bible School	During Sunday Worship
Church Office Hours~	Tuesday 12-6pm
	Friday 12pm-5pm
	Or by appointment