

Union Church at Brimfield,

ON EAGLE'S WINGS

July 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

A Summer Blessing

As we are now into our summer schedules, (Even though with all the rain we have been having it doesn't feel like it). We can become lax in outdoors and go on vacations and just relax. None of these things are bad. Just remember that faith is not a job or something that we have to do, rather it is a gift from God, it allows us to turn our "have tos" into "get tos". We get to serve with our God and participate in Gods revelation to the world. What an awesome responsibility. We, each one of us have been called By God to be his disciple here and now - to live out the message that he has given to us and to show others that God loves us and them in a very personal way. That God is with us every day and in every moment, just like he was 2000 years ago. This is a favorite prayer of mine that is a good reminder to each of us:

May you walk with God this summer, in whatever you do

Wherever you go, Walking with God means...

Walking with honesty and courage, Walking with love and respect

And concern for the feelings of others.

May you talk to God this summer and everyday, in every situation.

Talking with God means...

Praying words of praise for the beauty of creation saying prayers of thanks for friends and good times,

Asking God's help in all your decisions expressing sorrow when you have failed.

May you talk with God Everyday, May you look for God's presence in every situation.

He is there sharing all your joys and carrying you through all your sorrows.

Wanting you to talk to him whenever you can.

He loves you very much.

May your summer truly be a blessing to you and all those you love and serve.

Amen .

In Christ's Love,

Rev. Stephen W. Barch

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Greetings to all,

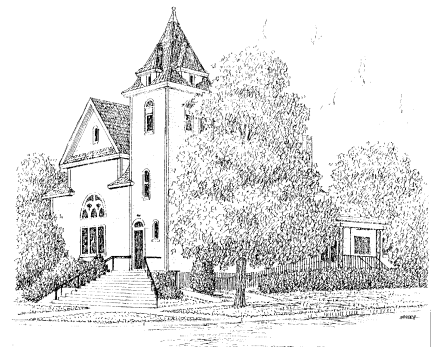
As you can see, work has started on the street. It will be torn up for several weeks, but will be much better when completed. The church parking on the east side will be much improved. It will be graded to drain the water away so no more big puddles to navigate.

While suspended this week to accommodate VBS, the Adult Bible Study has been going well, with average attendance of 12 to 14 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.

July is usually a busy month for vacations, so no Leadership meeting for July, and as far as I know, no Trustees meeting. Check with your committees for additional July cancellations.

VBS is in full swing this week, and I know that my twin granddaughters who are attending are having lots of fun. No firm numbers on attendance, but an estimate from a couple of sources is around 25. Hard to get a head count when they're all moving!! A huge thank you to Pam, Cheryl, and Kelly for all their hard work, and to everyone that donated or volunteered to make this a great program again this year.

Blessings,
Jeff Barnewolt, Moderator





Whitney's Walk For Life 2015 will be:

Saturday, July 25, 2015
5K Run - 7:55 am
5K Walk - 8 am
Jubilee College State Park
Quail Meadow
Brimfield, Illinois

T-SHIRT PICK UP

Brimfield Fire Department T-Shirt Pick-Up

Friday July 17 4:00 pm - 6:00pm

Shoppes at Grand Prairie T-Shirt Pick-Up
(center court area)

Saturday July 18 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Help Us Raise Over \$ 1,000,000.00

Walk Day Registration & T-Shirt Pick-Up for **Runners** 7/25/15 6:45 am - 7:30 am

Walk Day Registration & T-Shirt Pick-Up for **Walkers** 7/25/15 7:00 am - 7:45 am

Founded by the family and friends of Whitney Grotts, following her death by suicide in 2004, Whitney's Walk For Life was created to increase the awareness about the tragedy of teen suicide. Working with local survivors, schools and mental health advocates, Whitney's Walk For Life takes proactive steps for increasing depression awareness and suicide prevention programs in the Central Illinois area.

Our community has come together in order to better understand the most effective way to reduce the incidence of suicide. Since Whitney's Walk For Life began in 2004, over **\$ 917,000** has been raised for depression awareness and suicide prevention efforts. Numerous community organizations, local school districts, as well as thousands of individuals have walked, donated or sponsored these efforts.

Money from Whitney's Walk for Life is donated to the Hult Center for Healthy Living which is a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit. Hult combats suicide through community based education, awareness and advocacy programs. These include:

Signs of Suicide (S.O.S.) - Suicide Prevention Skills Training for Youth **Hope Project**— The project uses local theater talent in one person/one act monologues which tell real life stories relating to mental illness.

Mental Health Screening— Hult Center for Healthy Living offers an online mental health screening program.

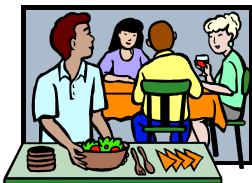
- The Worship Care Team had their meeting Sunday, May 3. Liz McRae, Ila Wagner, Robin Henry, Mariola Kabat, Tara Blundy, Ron & Shirley Sollenberger were present.
- The next meeting for the Worship Care Team will be July 5 at 8am, to be followed by one in September.

New Business-

- Discussed a replacement for Sue Savage's position for Old Settler's food tent. We will be finding out the Health Department procedures for food handling.
- Adult Bible Study started Tuesday, June 2 at 6:30pm. This is an informal session for the summer months. We will have a more structured program beginning in September.
- Robin Henry would like to find a replacement for her spot on this Team. It is difficult for her to get from Canton to Brimfield by 8am.
- We are still working to perfect dispensing the Gluten Free Communion. Thank you to Mariola for all of your help and patience!



Our next Senior Luncheon will be Tuesday, July 14 at 12:00pm. The sign up sheets to help serve, or to bring a dessert, are on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.



There are information packets in the Fellowship Hall for the Hasselbacher Scholarship. This Scholarship is available to anyone who is taking college classes, and has not received the Scholarship in the past.

We will be awarding the Scholarship in July. Please contact the Church office for more information.



Birthdays

JULY

Anniversaries

- 5- Judie Foust
- 6- Ruby Andrews
- 13- Ila Wagner
- 15- Joan Keemle
- 16- Tom Powers
- 17- Sharon Dunbar
- 21- Rudy Carlson
- 22- Bev Hopkins

- 24- Andrea Keys
Mary Ann Reinhart
- 25- Jeff Blundy
Jim Martin

- 10- Ron & Mary Anderson
- 14- Aven & Becky Friday



**Faithful Friends
Preschool**
Union Church of Brimfield

Registrations are being taken for the 2015-2016 school year. Please contact Tara Blundy for more info. 446-9432

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

~The ducks are coming~
 August 29, 2015



This is the largest fundraiser for the CPA



OUR MISSION:

To help all people-women, men and children-live free from violence and abuse.

For more than thirty years, the CENTER for PREVENTION of ABUSE has been a state-wide leader to end abuse and make our homes, schools, and communities safer.

Our pledge to those we serve~ We will work every day to provide confidential and compassion-ated service in a safe environment with one goal in mind-empowering people in our community to live free from violence and abuse.

Our pledge to our community~ We will continue to educated and advocate for positive changes in the way those living in violent situations are treated and the way that our commu-nity values and works toward peace.

The CENTER, its staff, and volunteers believe that everyone deserves peace.

The CENTER for PREVENTION of ABUSE is the only agency in the state of Illinois to provide free combined services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault/abuse, and elder abuse.

CPA focuses its work on four major areas:

Praise be to God !
2015 Mission Giving to Date:
Jan —Blankets+ : \$200
Feb—CWS/TOH : \$225
Mar—OGHS : \$ 295
April—CP : \$ 200
May—STC : \$ 200
June—PRM : \$ 150

1. Domestic violence-through work with both survivors and perpetrators of domestic violence.
2. Sexual assault/abuse
3. Elder abuse
- 4.Keeping kids safe

Serving at Union Church July 2015

July 5, 2015

Greeters

**Tonja Gunter, Rick Pacey
Marilee Porter**

Usher

Liz McRae

Lay Reader

Bev Hopkins

Children's Story

Judie Foust

Acolytes:

Mission Moment:

Judie Foust

Donuts:

Ginny Emerick & Janet Fishel

July 12, 2015

Greeters

**Bill & Judie Foust,
Robin Henry**

Usher

Shirley Sollenberger

Lay Reader

Pam Pacey

Children's Story

Cheryl Harmison

Acolytes:

Donuts:

Pam Pacey & Betty Marlin

July 19, 2015

Greeters

**Jim & Coleen Martin,
Linda Williams**

Usher

Marilee Porter

Lay Reader

Janet Fishel

Children's Story

Pastor Steve

Acolytes:

Mission Moment:

Joan Keemle

Donuts:

Joan Keemle & Linda Williams

July 26, 2015

Greeters

**Liz McRae, Mary Ann Reinhart
Margaret Hasselbacher**

Usher

Judie Foust

Lay Reader

Tonja Gunter

Children's Story

Shirley Sollenberger

Acolytes:

Donuts:

Mary Anderson & Marilee Porter



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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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5 Worship Service 9:00 a.m.	6	7 Bible Study 6:30-7:30p	8	9	10	11
12 Worship Service 9:00 a.m.	13	14 Senior Luncheon 12p Bible Study 6:30-7:30p	15	16	17 Whitney's Walk T-Shirt pick-up	18
19 Worship Service 9:00 a.m.	20	21 Bible Study 6:30-7:30p	22	23	24	25 Whitney's Walk 8 a.m. Jubilee Park
26 Worship Service 9:00 a.m.	27	28 Bible Study 6:30-7:30p	29	30	31	

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On Eagle's Wings Newsletter

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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