Union Church at Brimfield, UCC

On Eagle's Wings

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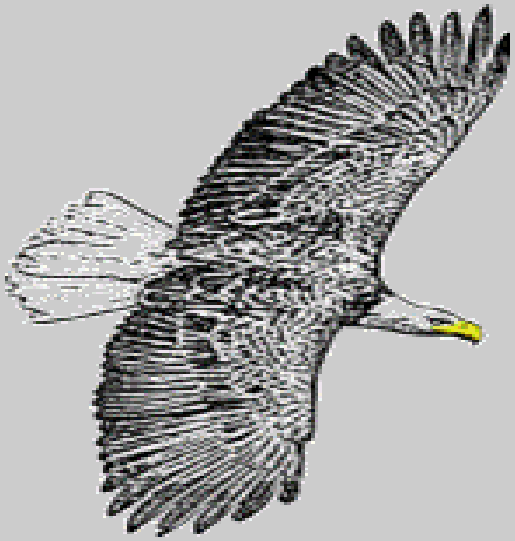

"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint." Isaiah 40:31

GOD IS STILL SPEAKING!

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PASTOR'S CORNER

Christians in 2026

What does it mean to be a Christian mean in our day and age? How does going to church on Sunday change who I am or what I do the rest of the week? Does Christianity change us, or do we change Christianity to fit our schedules today? These are all questions that lead to us really looking at who we are and what we are about. Christianity calls us into the body of Christ and what does that mean? We say that God has given each of us different gifts and those gifts were given to share – the way we do that is up to us and God.

Our Church needs you and your gifts – Belonging to a family means that we need to do things to help that family stay strong and active. Our church committees and council have room for more voices and ideas.

Our committees and council are for the congregation. They are volunteers from our church family to help make decisions and vote on the direction that the church will go. As a committee member you will help to direct the future of our church. As our congregation continues to change, we need people to step up and help out. We are asking that you prayerfully consider where and how you can help us. Union Church is a wonderful congregation that is called by Christ to serve the community in Brimfield, Illinois.

As we look forward to another program year, we really need you to join us in serving in whatever capacity that you are able. We are blessed to have you as a part of our family and we thank God for you.

May The Lord Bless and Keep You,

Rev. Stephen W. Barch

From the Moderator – Aug. 2026

We are in the middle of summer and hopefully everyone is enjoying time outdoors with their families. Summertime offers us a time to relax and enjoy the beautiful world God has given us. Don't forget to come to our Sunday services to thank God for all he has given us.

Pastor Steve's wife, Lisa, had double bypass heart surgery. Please keep Lisa and Pastor Steve in your prayers as she heals.

August brings us Old Settlers' Days. Our church helps with the food tent on Friday night. We will be in need of lots of help. This volunteer event gives our church a presence in the community. I hope to see you there helping wherever you can. Please look for the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board.

The sanctuary is getting a new remodel. Thanks to the Trustees for getting the pews refinished. The carpet and upholstery will also be updated as well.

The Sollenberger family has made a generous donation to our church. These funds will help with the remodel and other areas of our church that need attention.

Kelly is heading up the school supply giveaway. Many thanks to her organization and all the donations and volunteers who helped to make this happen.

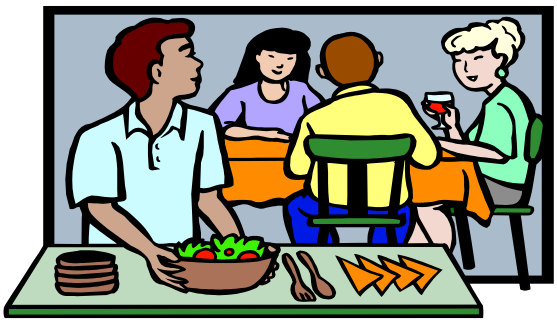
As always, keep anyone suffering in any way in your prayers. Pray for our country and our leaders and pray that the truth will be known.

Prayerfully submitted,

Coleen Martin-moderator

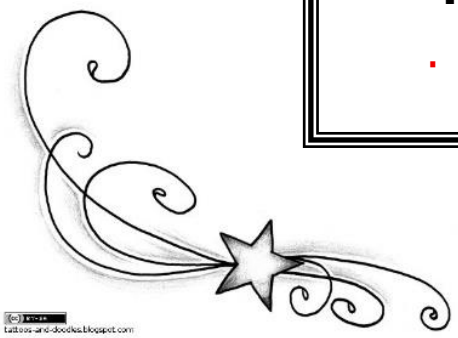
UNION CHURCH LUNCHEONS WILL RESUME ON SEPTEMBER 8TH

WATCH FOR MORE INFO IN THE BULLETIN & NEWSLETTER



UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **WORSHIP CARE MTG AUG 9TH @ 8AM**
- **TRUSTEES MEETING AUG 9TH @ 10AM**
- **LEADERSHIP MTG AUG 16TH @ 8AM**



~ Tara will be mailing Care Packages again this year to our **Shut-Ins** & our **Students** away at school. There is a list of donation suggestions on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. If you know of a shut-in or have a college student to add to the list, or would like more info, please contact Tara.

AUGUST

Birthdays

4— Gabriel Cecil

6– Eli Smith

Alexis Blodgett

11– Kelly Walker

Matthew Savage

Cordt Hicke

14– Jakoby Johnson

20-- Vanessa Hartley

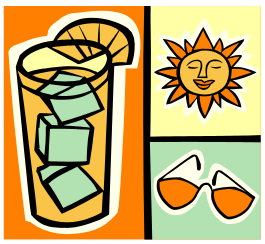
Anniversaries

3– Steve & Linda Williams

7– Jerry & Chris Morgan

8– Rudy & Joyce Carlson

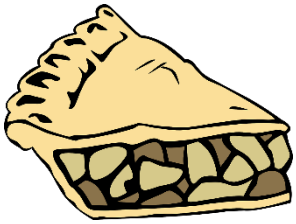
28– David & Beth Lane



We will be serving in the Food Tent at Old Settler's Days, Friday night, August 14th.

Please see sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall.

For more info, contact Coleen Martin or Allison Porter.



Wider Service Team

• Old Settlers food tent - Friday, August 14th. 1st shift is 4:30-7pm. 2nd shift is 7-9:30pm.

~ Please check out the sign- up sheets for this wonderful Fellowship Event. Please contact Coleen Martin or Allison Savage for more info.

• **The next Wider Service, meeting is to be announced.**

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Worship Care Team

The Worship Care Team did not meet in July.

♦ Our next meeting will be **August 9th at 8am.**

♦ As always we welcome any suggestions you may have for the Sunday Morning Worship.

♦ And a Reminder—If you or someone you know would like to do a solo or special music for the worship service, please contact someone from the Worship Care Team or Connie.

OUR 5TH SUNDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR AUGUST 30, WILL BENEFIT FAITH COMES BY HEARING BIBLE STICKS.

GOD'S WORD TRANSFORMS LIVES.

Since its inception, Faith Comes By Hearing has been partnering to provide God's Word to every person.

We record reliable translations of God's Word in the languages of the world in collaboration with heart-language speakers and have initiated Oral Bible Translation projects.

We freely provide Bible recordings to communities around the world and equip local believers to host Audio Bible listening programs.

We partner with like-minded ministries to share God's Word and engage the last, least, and forgotten like never before.

Millions of people in remote areas of the world have no Bible translation started, many of these do not have a writing system in place at all.

Today, Faith Comes By Hearing provides God's audible Word in 2,379 languages, and we press on to ensure that every translated language has Scripture by the year 2033.

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.

Companions Journeying Together works with the following correctional institutions:

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

Praise be to God !

2026 Mission Giving to Date:

Jan —Blankets+/TOH : $ 235

Feb—NH : $155

Mar—OGHS : $ 225

April—CASA : $ 185

May—STC : $ 213

June—PM : $ 165

July—CPA : $ 115

Serving at Union Church **August 2026**

August 2, 2026

Greeter

Constance Monk

Usher

Linda Williams

Lay Reader

Kelly Walker

Children's Story

Pastor Steve

Sunday School

Communion

Sound System

Rudy Carlson

Donuts: Janet Fishel

August 9, 2026

Greeter

Janet Fishel

Usher

Tonja Siegel

Lay Reader

Jeff Barnewolt

Children's Story

Pastor Steve

Sunday School

Emma Blundy

Sound System

Tim Siegel

Donuts: Mariola Kabat

August 16, 2026

Greeter

Coleen Martin

Usher

Jim Martin

Lay Reader

Janet Fishel

Children's Story

Pastor Steve

Sunday School

Coleen Martin

Sound System

Rudy Carlson

Donuts: Tonja Siegel

August 23, 2026

Greeter

Joyce Carlson

Usher

Rudy Carlson

Lay Reader

Coleen Martin

Children's Story

Pastor Steve

Sunday School

Tonja Siegel

Sound System

Tim Siegel

Donuts: Linda Williams

August 30, 2026

Greeter

Linda Williams

Usher

Tim Siegel

Lay Reader

Tonja Siegel

Children's Story

Pastor Steve

Sunday School

Kelly Walker

Sound System

Rudy Carlson

Donuts: Constance Monk

AUGUST 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Super Cruise In for Diabetes @ Rookies
2 Worship Service 9:00 a.m.	3	4 Grief & Loss 3-4:30	5	6	7	8
9 Worship Care mtg 8am Worship Service 9:00 a.m. Trustees 10am	10	11 Grief & Loss 3-4:30	12	13	14 Food Tent 4:30-9pm	15 Parade 1pm Old Settler's Days
16 Leadership 8am Worship Service 9:00 a.m.	17	18 Grief & Loss 3-4:30	19	20	21	22
23 Worship Service 9:00 a.m. 30 Worship Service 9:00 a.m.	24 31	25 Grief & Loss 3-4:30	26	27	28	29

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Pastor	**Rev. Stephen Barch**
Sunday Worship Service	**9:00 AM**
Pastor's Office Hours	**Tuesdays 1pm-7pm**
Grief & Loss Group	**Tuesday Afternoon 3-4:30pm**
Adult Bible Study	**Tuesday Evenings 6:15-7:30pm ~On summer hiatus. Resumes in September**
Children's Bible School	**During Sunday Worship**
Office Hours~	**Tuesday 1-6pm**
	Friday 1pm-5pm
	Or by appointment