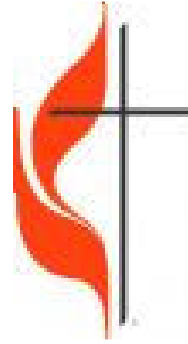


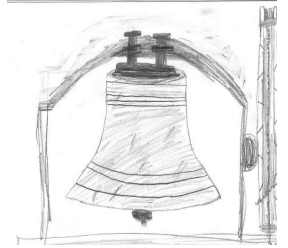
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Prayer Requests

If you have any prayer requests, please contact Shirley Treadway at gwtsea@hotmail.com, so that request can be shared with the prayer chain.

Did You Know?

Cub Scout Pack 901 and Boy Scout Troop 901 (from First UMC), along with Boy Scout Troop 305 collected 3,735 items for the Robinson Food Pantry on April 18.

This was part of the Scouting for Food service project. Thank you to anyone who donated food.

GOOD NEWS GROUP



The Good News! quartet from Sycamore UMC will be leading us in worship on June 21.

Jim McCue sings bass and is the business director at Sycamore UMC. Joel Maurer sings baritone and is the retired city engineer for the city of DeKalb. Since retiring, Joel has taken over the duties of managing the food pantry based at Sycamore UMC. Larry Sanner sings tenor and is a retired manufacturing and quality engineer. Doug Elder sings lead, and is the Finance Director for the village of Elburn. Doug is also Brenda Graham's cousin.

Good News! will be bringing CDs with them for sale. Invite your family and friends to experience a great morning of music, worship, and testimony!

Pastor's Pen

Friends,

The 2015 Session of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference is June 10-13 in Peoria. Janis Daugherty and I are privileged to represent First UMC as we determine delegates for general and jurisdictional conference, worship, and consider proposed legislation for our annual conference.

Now, you may be 3 ½ hours away from Peoria, and not feel connected to what's happening at the annual conference level, but please be assured that you can participate! If you visit our conference website, www.igrc.org, you can watch a livestream of the conference while events unfold! Worship with us; listen to legislation; hear reports of what's happening in our conference. You may even see and hear from people you know (a certain pastor may even be organist!).

You'll be hearing from Janis and I soon regarding the happenings of this Annual Conference Session. Please pray for us as we seek to be faithful in decision-making.

I will see you in worship!

Grace and peace,



Thank you so much to everyone who has provided "Just One" item each month to help out our students in local schools. As we approach the last couple of months until Kids' Shopping Day in August, we are still collecting some school supplies.

For the month of June, please bring a package of 8-count wide-tip markers (any brand) and place them in the "Just One" bin outside the church office. Thank you!

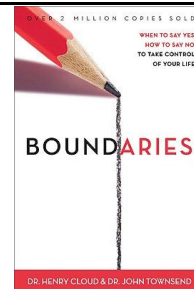
2nd Wednesday Dinner

Join us for a catered meal June 10 at 5:30 pm. Sparks Catering will provide the meal, and you will have an opportunity to sign up the next two Sundays during worship.

Library News

The Church Library would like to highlight its April addition.

Boundaries: When to Say YES, When to Say NO, To Take Control of Your Life



Worship Update

Thanks to everyone who has been able to help us live in our new worship space! We are grateful for our extra greeters who have volunteered this year to help us. With extra entrances, having a friendly face at each entrance to the sanctuary makes people feel more welcome.

One of the other areas we are looking to try to fill in servant leadership is our usher ministry. With additional aisles, we are in need of five ushers each week. Ushers primarily assist with collecting the offering, guiding people for communion, and ringing the bell at the beginning and end of the service, as well as trying to assist people with wheelchairs, walkers, etc. We are trying to form teams, much like our greeter teams, so that ushers will only serve one month at a time. If you are willing to help, please sign up at the welcome center.

Finally, we want you to know that plans are progressing for our sanctuary dedication service on October 4. The worship committee has begun to plan worship for this special occasion, which will include a variety of artistic expressions (including a newly composed hymn for the occasion), preaching, communion, a balloon launch, and a reception. Please make sure you have that date and time (2:00 pm) on your calendars, and join us in celebrating what God is doing here at First UMC!

NOW Summer Feeding

The NOW program is offering summer lunches for students at the City Park each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10:30am-noon, beginning June 9. If you are able to help (even one day a week), please contact Michele Elliott. Thank you!

Save The Date!

First UMC will team up with St. Elizabeth Catholic Church to offer VBS this summer. Our *Camp Discovery* will take us to Robinson City Park on July 8, 15, 22, 29, and August 5 from 9:00-11:00 am. Enjoy food, crafts, games, lessons, and more as we journey together. Sign-ups for volunteers are available now at the welcome center!



Nursery Volunteers

Nursery Help

6/7 – Becky Veenstra
6/14 – Shannon Goebel
6/21 –
6/28 –

Children's Church

6/7 – Gary Oxford
6/14 – Kurtis Goebel
6/21 –
6/28 –

Thank you for your service!

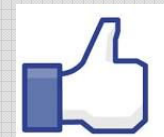
Youth Mission Trip

Will you join us in praying for our youth mission trip June 15-21? Twelve middle school and high school youth, along with five adult chaperones, will be heading to Washington DC, where we will spend much of our time working with hunger, homelessness, and poverty. We'll also have a day to tour the US Capitol building and the museums and monuments on the mall. We appreciate your prayers as we go to serve!

News...about News

Beginning with our July edition of the Herald, Brennan Tracy will be putting together the newsletter. The newsletter will have a new look and focus. If you have items that could be included, please e-mail them to Brennan at brennansethtracy@gmail.com.

Also, the church now has a Facebook page! Find us on Facebook at Robinson First United Methodist Church. Make sure you "like" our page. While we have had a Facebook group in the past, that group has been closed, so it has been mostly sharing information with group members. Our Facebook page will allow us to share information with a wider audience. When you see information posted there, whether it be a website update, information about an upcoming event, the posting of e-news, or more, either like that post, or share it. The more you like and share, the more your friends see that information and find out about our church!



June Birthdays

6/1 Peggy Dart
 6/2 Debbie Goff
 6/3 Jon Anderson
 6/12 Gideon Regennitter
 6/14 Doris Prier
 6/15 Larry Bonnell
 6/16 Susan Neely, Shirley Treadway,
 Pam Bell
 6/20 Don Taylor, Tyler Veenstra
 6/21 Steve Diel, Tahnee Mefford
 6/22 Martha Markello, Nancy Young
 6/23 Alice Taylor, Guy Treadway,
 Alice Holtzouser
 6/25 David McGahey, Kay Bonnell,
 Sandy Roberson
 6/26 Steve Lycan
 6/28 Matthew Elliott
 6/29 Edna Frakes



June Anniversaries

6/3 Jay & Tricia Anderson
 6/6 Gary & Linda Null
 6/13 Greg & Janis Daugherty
 6/15 Greg & Jackie Still
 6/25 Bob & Jeanette Berty
 6/26 Elmer & Beverly Harness
 6/28 Leonard & Debbie Goff



Barbershop

Doug Finkbiner is a member of the Coles County Barbershop Chorus. Their annual Spring Concert is Saturday, June 13, 2015 at 4 pm: Eastern Illinois University, Dvorak Concert Hall. The Mixed Quartet World Champions, Double Date, will be featured during this Event. Tickets may be purchased by calling 217.276.3312. Contact Tancy for further information: 586-2064 or finkbiner@hotmail.com.

June 2015

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