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Robinson First UMC



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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.



Kids' Club is back, starting Wednesday, September 3. We'll begin at 3:00 pm with some free time, followed by snacks, and then our Bible training time.

Did you know that the bell at the top of this page was drawn by Elliott Veenstra, and is a picture of the church's bell?

Crawford County UMC Gathering

“Old Time Religion” community church
worship & picnic
Sunday, September 14, 11am -4pm
Crawford County Forest Preserve

The Methodist churches are sponsoring this worship/fun day at the Forest Preserve. Bring your family, friends, fishing rods, blankets and lawn chairs. Come join us for a day of worship and fellowship.

Worship will begin at 11:00am, with dinner following. Meats will be provided for the meal. Bring a side dish to share in the meal and bring your family and friends. There will be games from 1:30-3:30, then an evening worship at 4:00pm.

Experience the beauty of God's wonders as we worship together.

Pastor's Pen

A word about worship...I've been with you for a month now, and you've noticed that things are different – a different bulletin, a different order of worship, different music, a different style of preaching. Changes can startle some people, and I recognize that difficulty for some.

We each have our own preferences for worship; some of our preferences have to do with music or worship order or style. I am personally most moved by worship in the Anglican tradition (our Methodist roots come from this tradition, as John and Charles Wesley were Anglican priests), with chanting and incense and organ music and responses and robes and....that's not what we do here.

I have long ago realized that worship is not about me, and I hope that you understand that about yourself. When we gather, we come to worship God, and not ourselves. Personal preference should be left at the door. Frankly, we may not connect with everything in the service, but we should connect with something – a children's moment, the Scripture reading, a prayer, or a song. When our focus is on God and not on ourselves, we stop saying "I didn't like that," or "I didn't get anything out of that" and begin to say "Wow, God spoke to me in through the special music," or "I think God spoke to that person through the Scripture today." Prepare yourself to meet God in worship!



Grace and peace,

Music Notes

Chancel Choir rehearsals have begun on Sundays at 11:00 am. Childcare is going to be provided, so we hope you'll stay after Sunday school and make a joyful noise with us.

Handbell Choir rehearsals are on Thursdays at 6:00 pm. Childcare will also be provided for those who need it.

Children's Choir rehearsals will be on Sundays immediately following worship.



2nd Wednesday Dinner

The dinner will be held on Wednesday, September 10th from 5:30-7pm.

Please bring a main dish, vegetable or fruit, or a dessert and plan to join in an evening of fellowship and good food.

Adult Fall Studies

Run for God: Meets on Sundays (September 7 through November 27) from 5:30-6:30 pm at the church. We will have a half-hour Bible study, followed by some running tips, as we train toward a 5k run. You can run or walk as part of this group, which includes three weekly workouts and an accountability partner. Childcare will be provided. Sign up in the entryway!

Disciple I Fast-Track: Have you always wanted to be a part of Disciple I, but didn't think you could commit to the full 34-weeks? Disciple I now has a fast-track, and we will be part of the Beta testing group. This is a 24-week study (12 weeks in the fall and 12 weeks in the spring), but covers all 34 weeks of materials. There are daily reading assignments. We will have two session times, led by Pastor Jay: Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00 pm, and Thursdays from 10:00-11:30 am. The cost of your materials is \$35.00, and you must register by September 5. The first classes will begin September 23 and 25.



Young Adult Class: We're starting a new class for young adults on Sunday mornings at 10:15 am; geared toward parents with young families, we'll be doing life application Bible study each week!

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September Birthdays

9/1	Allison Lowry, Kent Tedford
9/4	Madison Utterback
9/7	Marilyn Musgrave, Charles Young, Mark DeDoming
9/9	Jack Davis
9/10	Samantha Davis
9/11	Shirley Stephens, Samantha Davis
9/12	John Poland
9/17	Jerry Conner, Marge Pfeiffer
9/18	Ken Truitt
9/20	Gina Colliflower
9/21	Matt Parker
9/27	Judith Adams, Gloria Devonshire
9/28	Lance Seaney
9/29	Krosby Goebel

September Anniversaries

9/1	Max & Debbie Tedford
9/4	Brent & Joyce Owen
9/7	Ron & Becky Veenstra
9/10	Larry & Phuong Quick
9/11	Diane & Darold Crampton
9/12	Tyler & Kristy Veenstra
9/20	Allen & Greta Lowry
9/23	Keith & Kirtina Carter
9/25	Lawrence & Gina Colliflower
9/30	Tim & Betty Thompson

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Committee News

Our committees will be meeting regularly, beginning in September. Please check the calendar page of this newsletter to see when your committee is meeting. If you do not have a committee meeting listed, please check with your chairperson to see if a date has been set.

Building Committee News

We can see a lot of work happening on the structure right now, with outer walls erected, the bell tower's phase I complete, and trusses and sheeting being put into place.

We're working in other ways, though – many of which you cannot see. We have been working with Amber Droste as stained glass windows continue to be designed and materials are purchased. We have been seeking sound and lighting companies to help us prepare the building for those needs, and recently made a trip to a church near Evansville to look at their sound and lighting systems.

We'll continue to work hard to make decisions that are in the best interests of all – both those who are a part of our congregation, as well as future participants.

New Highlights

We will soon begin utilizing a program called MailChimp to send a weekly e-news to the congregation. If you have information you want included, please make sure to send them to the church office by 9:00 am Monday.

Website: we have a website for the church, which just launched this week: www.robinsfumc.org.

We will still be utilizing the bulletin, the message board, Facebook group and the newsletter for announcements and information as well.

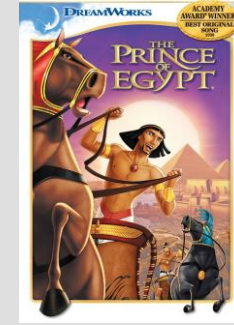
UMYF

United Methodist Youth Fellowship will kick off their year on Sunday, September 21, from 6:30-8:00 pm at the church. If you're a part of *Run for God*, come for your study at 5:30 pm, and then stay afterward for youth ministry. All youth grades 6-2 are invited.

Our first meeting will be a planning meeting for the year. Dinner will be provided – all you need to bring are your ideas and hopes for what you want your ministry to be!

Church members: a sign-up will be available soon to provide dinner for UMYF meetings.

From the Library



Your church library is excited to highlight some of our recent additions. Please check out our Biblical Coins exhibit in the display case! September's addition is the DVD *The Prince of Egypt*. The epic journey of Moses from slave to prince to deliverer has been told and retold for centuries, inspiring generation after generation. Now DreamWorks Animation brings this timeless story to the screen for audiences of every generation to enjoy. Featuring the voice talents of Val Kimer, Ralph Fiennes, Michelle Pfeiffer, Sandra Bullock, and more!

The "Spread the Word" program is still in need of donations to purchase Bibles for students in the *Fellowship of Christian Athletes* club. Bibles are approximately \$18 each. Please earmark donations for the "Spread the Word" program.

