



# THE LAMPLIGHTER



## AUGUST 2011

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### Musings from Pastor Phred “Planning”

This month’s Musing is about church planning in three areas.

The first area of planning is Charge Conference. Last year we were a day late and a dollar short. We planned on passing our budget and nominations ballot at our November meeting. That ended up being after Charge Conference. This year I want everything we need to vote on to be ready by our September Board Meeting on Sunday, 25 September. So, committees that have Charge Conference forms to fill out will need to start meeting this month.

Second area of planning is paying our Conference and District tithe. We have paid nothing to support Conference and District ministries since May last year. Across the District last year the average worship attendee gave \$1,336 to the church. At Woodruff Grove we gave \$1,260 per average attendance. At the Finance Committee meeting next month I will propose we become an average giving church. Average attendance includes children. I also do not think we should ask more of those who are already tithing (giving 10% or their income) to give more. So, if you have a job and are not tithing, could you increase your giving to support the ministries of our church? Could you do this before the first of the year?

Third is the fun one. August 21<sup>st</sup> will be our “Invite a Friend and Neighbor to Church” day. Last year I challenged you to have 100 in

church and I would shave my beard. Then 122 showed up and I’ve been clean shaven ever since. This year my challenge is 125 in church and I will preach from the church roof. So, bring one or more guest, lawn chairs, pray for good weather, and put me on the roof.

See ya’ Sunday, with the saints, in the Lord’s house.  
Peace, *Pastor Phred Cain*



### Child Protection Guideline Classes and Update Class

Please mark September 11<sup>th</sup> on your calendar for our Child Protection Guideline Class and Renewal Class. We are required by our Insurance carrier and by our United Methodist District Office to update our files each year. The meeting will not take a long time, but is necessary. *EVERYONE* who works with children; in the nursery, Vacation Bible School, Kids Club, Sunday School teacher, or involved with children in any way at Woodruff Grove must take this class or the renewal class each year. Please see Pastor Phred if you have any questions or concerns. He will be our instructor. Please plan to attend so that we can complete and finish this responsibility quickly!

“God has given us two hands: one to receive with and the other to give with. We are not cisterns made for hoarding; we are channels made for sharing.”  
- Billy Graham

## Ladies Evening Bible Study



We are almost finished with our summer Bible study. We have just two lessons left and then will be taking a break for the rest of the summer. We have had a small group this session, but that doesn't mean that the discussion has been lacking! As we have studied the Scriptures in a new way, we have discovered the very personal message that they contain. God is so good!

Look in our September newsletter for information on our fall study.

*Susan Young*

## "80's and Over"



### Birthday Celebration

We will be honoring our "80's and Over" special people on August 14<sup>th</sup> immediately following the Worship Service (no Sunday School this week). These individuals have been so very special to our church family at Woodruff Grove! We want to take this opportunity to thank them for the many years in church they have contributed to our spiritual heritage! *If you are or know of someone who would be new to this group or has not been included in the past, please let Marilyn Grossman or Rosy O'Brian know as soon as possible. (Please don't make us guess!)*



## Administrative Board Meeting

On July 17th, the Administrative Board met in Cunningham Hall. 15 people were present. Glen Patterson opened with prayer. Topics that were discussed included the need for a table to hold the phone tree computer, scholarship applications that were received, organization of a prayer walk in the community, a person needed from each church to be a representative for our Outer Circle Cluster Habitat for Humanity committee, the need to meet our average for tithing, getting the youth involved in the power point presentation for worship services, and the upcoming Christian concert at Prairie Heights on Aug 20th being organized by PB'nJ. Pastor Phred closed in prayer. The next meeting will be held on September 18th.

*Judy Miller*

## August Mission Emphasis



The August mission emphasis is Bashor Children's Home promoted by Judy Miller. As in the past, we will collect school supplies to send to the children at Bashor Home. As you are running errands, why not scout out the school supplies aisles and pick up a few boxes of crayons or some notebooks? Many stores have already started their sales. If we all do a little, together we can do a lot. Please prayerfully consider supporting this ministry.

*Susan Young*

## Prayer Walk



A Prayer Walk through Wolcottville is in the works for August 15<sup>th</sup>, with the time to be announced! What is a Prayer Walk? It is exactly what it sounds like - people joined together to walk throughout a community lifting the families, and businesses in prayer. The group meets as a whole for prayer time, and then divides into several smaller groups for the actual walk. This is not a time to knock on doors - it is simply walking and praying. This is a simple, yet powerful way to bless those who live and work in Wolcottville. There will be a meeting immediately following church for those interested in participating on July 31st.

*Susan Young*

## Library



Have you browsed the library lately? Did you notice that several new books have been added? I hit the sale at My Father's Business (quite by accident) and had a great time choosing some new fiction books, as well as some wonderful books on Christian living and growth.

If there is a particular author you enjoy, or a subject that you would like to have included in our library, please let Susan Young know.

*Susan Young*



## Kids Club is Coming in October!

Please keep Kids' Club in your prayers. Help is needed with this mission. We meet for eight Tuesdays in October and November from 3:30 to 5:00pm.

*Karen Grossman*

## Annual PB'nJ Concert



The 5th annual PB'nJ concert will be held on August 20th at 5:00 p.m. at the Prairie Heights High School. This year is the biggest event yet with the Christian rock band *Ashes Remain* as the headline act. They will be revealing their new CD, which won't be available for purchase in stores until the following Tuesday. Local bands *SODIUM* and the *Matt and Jason Band* will be the opening acts. *The Bucket Brigade* will be there as well, so if you enjoyed them at church and want to hear more, this is your chance!

There will be a guest speaker (TBA) before *Ashes Remain* takes the stage. The event is being sponsored by Pulse FM 96.9/92.1 radio; they will be doing a live remote broadcast from the concert, in addition to promoting it on the radio. The event is free, with food and drink available for purchase. Plan on bringing your lawn chairs and come relax and enjoy some good music.

How can you support this? We need bottled water to sell at our concert. Please bring your donations to Woodruff's fellowship hall if you can help. ALSO we would appreciate your prayers for the lives touched and the success of this concert. THANKS!

We are so excited to be a part of this! The idea of getting a big name band was just a thought and then all of a sudden the band was hired and it has just taken off from there. God's hand is so evident as we plan and talk to people. We never imagined that we would have a radio station excited about sponsoring and offering drastic price cuts for advertising, let alone doing a remote live broadcast.

What an awesome God we serve!

*Jim and Susan Young*

## Habitat for Humanity Auction



Habitat for Humanity Auction will be at Shipshewana Auction Barn, Friday, August 5.

3:30 Auction begins

4:00 Haystack Dinner opens

5:00 Quilt Auction begins

NEEDED: 5 pies and any baked goods for the Auction. Please let Jeanie Park know if you need help delivering your baked items.

Be sure to support Habitat for Humanity by attending the Auction. You may check out their website at: [www.lagrangehabitat.org](http://www.lagrangehabitat.org) for updated auction items.

*Jeanie Park*

## 2011 Church Directories!



The long road to the finished directory is over! Thank you to the many of you who filled out your Contact Information Update Survey! You made our job much easier!

We hope that you find the information in your 2011 directory helpful. IF you find ANY mistakes or IF you have ANY updates in the future, please let Rosy O'Brian know as soon as possible so that we may correct and share this information.



## Prayer Shawl

The Prayer Shawl group will meet on Tuesday, August 2, 9:00 a.m. at the church. Anyone who knits or crochets or is interested in learning is free to join us.

Have you picked up a pocket shawl at the back of the sanctuary? These are for you or to give to someone to remind them you care and God loves them.

*Jeanie Park*

## Prayer Partners



The first Sunday in August will be time to pick new Prayer Partners. Please let me know if you want to be included in this ministry if you aren't already or if you want your name taken out. We all need prayer, and with having one person in our congregation that we particularly think about and pray for six months, it helps us to be concentrated on someone--maybe we even include a few others while we are in prayer. Maybe we help someone feel a little more special. So reveal yourself to your Prayer Partner, if you haven't already, and be ready to draw a new one on August 7.

*Marty Young*



## Public Supper Gift Certificates

Public Supper Gift Certificates are available. You may use these gift certificates as an 'Outreach' to someone, family, friends, neighbors, or as a gift. Any reason! The best part of these certificates is that if they are not used, you do not have to pay for them. Of course if they are used, you do have to pay for them! If you would like to learn more about this opportunity please see any of the United Methodist Women for your gift certificates or for more information about them.



## Public Suppers

Thank you to all who came, helped or gave donated items to our "Blueberry Festival"! Your support means so much - We couldn't have done it without you! The next public supper, our "Peach Festival" will be August 27<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm.

Each Public Supper takes a lot of work. Could you plan to help us? We will be passing around clip boards asking for donations of salads, pies, and help. Plan to join our fun and invite your family, friends and neighbors!



## Scriptures and Sermon Titles August 2011

### Sunday, 7 August 2011

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Romans 10:5-15

Sermon Title: Salvation Is for All

### Sunday, 14 August 2011

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Numbers 6:22-27  
Psalm 67

Sermon Title: Starting with Praise

### Sunday, 21 August 2011

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Matthew 16:13-20  
Romans 12:1-8

Sermon Title: Built Like a Rock

### Sunday, 28 August 2011

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Romans 12:9-21

Sermon Title: Marks of the True Christian



## August Birthdays

1. Amy Tomlison
4. Erin Young
5. Alan Young
6. Laverne Kolin
7. Kyle Penick
9. Judy Miller
10. Nathan Grossman
11. Melvin E. Boyle
12. Ruth Hall
13. Adam Ringler
15. Hunter A. Cassel  
Margaret Cassel  
Josh Young
20. Evelyn Ringler
21. Susan Huguenard
22. Melody Green
23. Bill Eberhard  
Helen Thomas
25. Deb Troyer
28. Nanette Russell
29. Payton Ritchie  
Jennifer Young
30. Whitney Thomas

## August Anniversary

3. John & Judy Fetters
4. Carey & Kim McKibben
5. JR & Jacque Young
13. David & Deb Grossman
14. John & Judy Russell
15. Greg & Marcia Ringler
19. Alan & Jennifer Young
29. Karl & Mildred Prough



## THE RIGHT ROAD

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going.  
I do not see the road ahead of me.

I cannot know for certain where it will end.

Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I actually doing so.

But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact, please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.

I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.

And I know that if I do this, you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it.

Therefore I will trust you always, though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.

I will not fear, for you are ever with me,

and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

- Thomas Merton

If you have any news items you would like to have put in the September 2011 issue of "The Lamplighter" newsletter, please let Rosy O'Brian know. We'd like to include them! The deadline for submissions will be the morning of August 22nd. If you have any address updates or corrections, or if you would like to be taken off our mailing list, please let us know that too! You may contact us by e-mail at [woodruffgrove@yahoo.com](mailto:woodruffgrove@yahoo.com) with this information. Thanks!