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Musings from Pastor Phred “St. Alban”

Wednesday, 22 June, is the Feast Day of St. Alban. Around 304 - 305 A.D. Alban became the first martyr in England.

Alban was a pagan living in Verulamium, now known as St. Albans, in Hertfordshire, England. Christians were being persecuted in England at this time. Amphibalus, a Christian cleric, was fleeing for his life and sought refuge in Alban's house. After several days, being moved by Amphibalus' example, Alban was baptized. When his house was searched by the authorities, Alban put on his guest's cloak and gave himself up. This way he allowed Amphibalus to escape. Alban was dragged before a judge, scourged, and when he refused to deny his faith, he was beheaded.

St Alban gave his life that St. Amphilabus may live.

I find two lessons in St. Alban's sacrifice. First, I thank God we Christians are not persecuted in the USA. There are places in the world where the Church is persecuted, where Christians are killed simply because they are Christians. Pray for the persecuted church.

Second, when was the last time you sacrificed to save another person? We cannot save another soul; Jesus did that once and for all on the cross. I hope you never need to make the ultimate sacrifice of ending your life that another person may live. Yet, there are lesser sacrifices of life you can make to save

others. If you visit a shut-in you sacrifice a couple of hours of your life to save someone from loneliness and boredom. You could have spent that time shopping, watching TV, or whatever. If you tell your neighbor, friend, co-worker, or relative about the great church we have and all the wonderful things God is doing in Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church, then invite that person to church, you have sacrificed a half hour or so to help someone meet Christ. If you support a ministry or organization that helps the less fortunate you have sacrificed a few dollars to save someone from a state of need. Every day there are opportunities to make a sacrifice to save another person.

Do you walk the path of St. Alban? Do you make sacrifices to save other people?

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

Woodruff Grove Scholarship



The Finance Committee announces there is a Woodruff Grove Scholarship available for students who have completed at least one year of higher education. This is a one-time scholarship for our college students who attend Woodruff Grove and are a part of our Woodruff Grove Church family. The form is on the table in the Gathering Place and must be submitted to our Finance Committee by June 30th, 2011 for consideration. Any questions may be directed to Shane Rasler, our Finance Committee Chairman.



Outer Circle Mission Trip Midwest Mission Distribution Center

A mission trip was planned by Pastor Diana Siegel of Topeka United Methodist Church with our Outer Circle Cluster to go to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center (MMDC) in Chatham, Illinois April 14-15. We had 11 from our cluster, including Marty Young and Jeanie Park of Woodruff Grove. The MMDC requested Health Kits because of the recent response to the US Navy's Operation Handclasp request. The United Methodist Women brought kits to their Spiritual Retreat in March so all of those 103 kits went to Illinois with our cluster.

We stayed in the dormitory, which offered quite comfortable sleeping arrangements, (small rooms that could sleep 4 but we had 2 in a room since they were bunk beds), a large activity room and kitchen. Upon arrival we unloaded all of our sleeping gear and kits.

We toured the facility seeing the many other things they do besides kits. They sew, build desks with benches, repair bicycles, etc. Friday morning we unpackaged all the kits separating all the items, as they had to be inventoried and checked to be sure they met specifications. Once that was completed, we began putting health kits together and packing them in boxes which had to be weighed.

While our team was working in the warehouse, a very large semi was being loaded with bikes, desks and other items to be taken to a *Tree of Life Ministry* in Mission, South Dakota. Three men from the Stockwell United Methodist Church, near Lafayette have made it their ministry to deliver supplies from Midwest to a variety of ministries around the United States. One man started this ministry with a small pickup and this grew until he now drives a semi. We felt honored to be a part of the loading of this semi and then part of the prayer group who sent them on their way.

Our time in Chatham was not all work. Thursday evening we took a walk through a Lincoln Garden, shared evening devotions and meals together. The other members of the team were very pleased with Marty's big breakfast. It was time of building relationships and being in mission.

Jeanie Park

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women meeting was held at the church on 05-18-11 with seven members present. Jacque Young gave us devotions while Karen Grossman was our Hostess. The Secretary and Treasure reports were read and approved. Plans were made to have the carpet cleaned in the fellowship hall and the class rooms. Also plans were made for our upcoming "Strawberry Festival". A letter was read from Lowell and Claudia Wertz.

Mildred Prough

Duecker Lodge Opening Ceremony

There will be a dedication to the Epworth Forest Conference Center, Duecker Lodge (behind the auditorium) on Saturday, June 4, 10am - 12pm. Bishop Mike Coyner will officiate the Opening Ceremony. There will be lodge tours and refreshments and Dixie Boat Rides. Everyone is invited to join!

Administrative Board Meeting

On Sunday, May 22nd, the Administrative Board met in the fellowship hall after church, 16 members were present. The Finance Committee, Missions Committee, and Fellowship & Outreach Committee gave reports as to what was going on with programs they are working on. New business was approved for the application for the church's scholarship program, a questionnaire concerning the church members and their involvement in the church, and a possible fix with the church's phone tree problems. Pastor Phred discussed what help would be needed with the Blessing of the Animals Day and concluded the meeting with prayer. The next meeting will be July 17.

Judy Miller

Contact Information Update

Please note this month we have an insert to help update our Church Directory and a *gifts & talents* survey. **Please fill out one form, per family and return no later than June 12th** so that we can get our new directories made and in your hands soon. Completed forms may be put in the basket in the back of the sanctuary, on the table in the Gathering Place, or sent to 4860 S - 450 E, Wolcottville, IN 46795.

Thank You!





God Bless Our 2011 Graduates!

Nathan and Natalie Anderson, twins, graduated from Grace College, Both have degrees in Phycology Counseling, Grandchildren of Judy Russell

Paul Beaty, graduated from, Nazarene College, Illinois Has a job as a Forester in CA, Grandson of Jim Neumann

Brooke Durnell, graduates from Prairie Heights High School, Parents: Scott and Dawn Durnell

Nikita Eagleson, graduated from Butler University Pharmacy D, Residency at Wishard Memorial Hospital Granddaughter of John and Judy Russell and the late Myra Russell

Emma Eastwood, graduated from FWHS Assoc. – Home School, Niece of James and Susan Young

Kristopher Edwards, graduates from East Noble High School, Grandson of Bob and Jan Russell

Alex Fruechtenicht, graduates from Tucson High School, AZ, Grandson of Bill and Shirley Thomas

Jenna Henschen, graduates from Prairie Heights High School, Parents: Rob and Donna Henschen

Mony Howe, graduated from Ivy Tech University, Construction Management, Parents: Roger and Susan Howe

Laura Hunnell, graduated from Hope College, Chemistry, Granddaughter of Lawrence and LaVada Grossman

Katie Jordan, graduated from Brown Mackie College, Associates Degree, Daughter-in-law of Beverly Jordan

Scott McKibben, graduates from Lakeland High School, Parents: Carey and Kim McKibben

Cameron Miller, graduates from Leo High School Granddaughter of Larry and Birdeen Sweet

Jeff Morris, graduates from Lakeland High School Parents: Eric and Lisa Morris

Kassi Musick, graduated from Ball State University Major in Elementary Education, Minor in Spanish Granddaughter of Gary and Marilyn Grossman

Matthew Musick, graduates from Snyder High School, Fort Wayne, Grandson of Gary and Marilyn Grossman

Brennen North, graduates from Prairie Heights High School, Grandson of Jack and Betty North

Korey Penick, graduates from Lakeland High School Parents: Bob Penick and Michelle Young

Payton Ritchie, graduates from Lakeland High School Parents: Don Ritchie and Michelle Ritchie

Lindsey Schrock, graduates from Lakeland High School Parents: Julie Schrock and the late Mike Schrock

Danielle Sweet, graduates from Angola High School Granddaughter of Larry and Birdeen Sweet

Amanda Voirol, graduated from Bradley University, Peoria, IL, Planning on going to graduate school, Parents: Terry Voirol and Joyce Kiracofe

John Wainwright, graduated from Indiana Tech, Fort Wayne, Informational Studies, Parents: John and Pam Wainwright

Aaron Young, graduates from Prairie Heights High School, Parents: James and Susan Young

David Young, graduated from Ball State University December 2010, Magna Cum Laude, Bachelor of Science, Parents: Sam and Deb Young

Derek Young, graduates from Prairie Heights High School, Parents: Alan and Jennifer Young

Tyler Young, graduated from Purdue University Associate Degree, Parents: Ryan Young and Stephanie Young

Zach Young, graduates from Lakeland High School Parents: Ryan Young and Stephanie Young



Join our Relay for Life team!

The 10th LaGrange County Relay for Life will be held June 25-26, 9am-9am, at Prairie Heights High School. During this fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, teams have a member on the track for the entire 24 hours while we celebrate cancer successes, remember those we have lost, and fight back against this disease. It only takes a glance through our prayer list each week to be reminded how many people are touched by cancer. We think our church needs a team - but we are in danger of not having enough people to help us! We are in urgent need of more team members or we won't be able to have a team that can commit to the full 24 hours. If you can be part of our team, contact Susan Young right away at 351-2828 and sign up at <http://www.relayforlife.org/langrangecountyin>

Signing up is easy and just takes a few minutes. Even if you can't be part of a team, you are still welcome to come to the Relay and participate in the event for whatever amount of time you have available. We hope to see you there! *Melanie Grossman & Susan Young*

Mission Committee



The mission committee has been looking for ways to reach out to our community in a very tangible way. It is so important that we take the love of Christ to people, in a way that they can see and understand. Money is great, but service should not be overlooked! We've had a few ideas that I'd like to share with you.

A decision was made to offer our services, through the Council On Aging, to the elderly who may need small jobs done. This past winter Susan and her kids shoveled snow for people that were not able to. We made sure that they understood that this was a service provided by Woodruff Grove UMC, free of charge, as a way to share the love of Christ.

We have offered to do yard work over the summer months. If this is something you would be interested in helping with, please contact Susan Young. We could help many more people if we had a list of folks willing to serve in this way. On the other hand, if you know someone who could use assistance with some type of job (even if that someone is you!).

The committee has also discussed doing a Prayer Walk through Wolcottville. This is exactly what it sounds like. A group of Woodruff parishioners would gather at a location in Wolcottville and walk through the town praying for the residents, businesses, and general well-being of the town. This is a powerful way to bless our community. Look for information regarding dates and times in a future newsletter/church bulletin.

If you have an idea for a way that we could be more present in the community, please do not hesitate to tell Susan Young or Pastor Phred your ideas. We can bless our communities if we all work together to spread the message of Christ and His love for all people.

Susan Young

Adult Membership Class



Adult membership class will begin on July 13th for anyone who would like to join Woodruff Grove or refresh their understanding of the beliefs of United Methodist Church. We will meet on Wednesday evenings at 7pm in the Gathering Place. Please let Pastor Phred know if you are interested in attending so that we have enough materials for everyone.

Public Suppers



Thank you for your support of our first Public Supper of 2011! We will have our next supper on June 25th with our "Strawberry Festival" from 4-7pm.

Our Public Suppers take 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!



Public Supper Gift Certificates

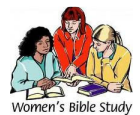
Public Supper Gift Certificates are available. You may use these gift certificates as an 'Outreach' to someone, family, friends, neighbors, or as a gift. Any reason! The best part of these certificates is that if they are not used, you do not have to pay for them. Of course if they are used, you do have 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.



Rummage Sale

Our Rummage Sale was a success! After expenses we made \$3500.00! Thank you to Marilyn Grossman and Jacque Young for their endless hours pricing items and organizing our sale! Thanks also to Linda Patterson and Lois Keck for their skills in the kitchen! Thank you to all of our many contributors, helpers and those who shop at our sale! We had a lot of fun, made and renewed friendships, found great deals and made some money too!

Ladies Evening Bible Study



The ladies have just begun a new study by Ann Graham Lotz entitled "I Saw the Lord". This study teaches us how to hear God speaking through Scripture and how each and every passage applies to our lives today. The technique that Ann teaches will be useful in all our future studies as well. How wonderful to read the Bible and receive a fresh message from God!

Susan Young

Prayer Shawl Ministry



Prayer Shawl group will meet on Tuesday, June 7 at 9:30am. "Pocket Shawls" are a new part of the Prayer Shawl ministry. They are in baskets in the back of the Sanctuary. They are a mini-version of our Prayer Shawls that you can carry in your pocket, wallet, purse, etc... These are not good-luck charms, but simply a reminder of God's goodness and gift of grace. When you hold a pocket shawl you are holding the prayers of others. Knitted into each stitch is the love of God, threaded through the fingers and hearts of His servants in this ministry.

Jeanie Park

Baptism or Child Dedication

If you are interested in being Baptized or having your child Dedicated, please share this with Pastor Phred or call him at: 854-2067 or at revfgcain@yahoo.com



Scriptures and Sermon Titles June 2011

Sunday, 5 June 2011

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Luke 24:44-53

Acts 1:1-11

Sermon Title: The Ascension

Sunday, 12 June 2011

Pentecost

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21

Sermon Title: Pentecost

Sunday, 19 June 2011

Trinity Sunday

Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20

II Corinthians 13:16-20

Sermon Title: Three or One?

Sunday, 26 June 2011

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Romans 6:15-23

Sermon Title: Sin, Law, and Grace



Vacation Bible School

We will have a western theme this year at Vacation Bible School on Saturday, June 18th from 9am to 2pm. Invite your children and the friends of your children! Invite your neighborhood children! And better still - offer them a ride to and from Vacation Bible School!

Please let Molly Grossman (463-3044) know if are willing to make a one day commitment to help at Vacation Bible School.



June Birthdays

2. Donnie Ritchie
3. Kevin Bloom
Troy Blake
4. Judy Fetters
Shirley Thomas
7. Mildred Prough
8. Kade Garretson
Allen Green
9. Pam Riley
13. Larry Bruner
14. Lois Keck
15. Faith Miller
20. Dee Frederick
22. Donna Huston
23. David Grossman
24. Noah Miller
26. Kim Goss
30. Phyllis Foltz
Alivia Rasler



June Anniversary

7. Greg & Laurie Bloom
James & Helen Thomas
12. Terry & Deb Miller
15. Brad & Angie Murphy
Brian & Molly Grossman
17. Greg & Sandie Rasler
19. Larry & Judy Bruner
20. Pastor Dick & Dee Frederick
24. Nick & Melanie Grossman
29. Lynn & Janet Uffelmann

PUBLIC SUPPER STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

JUNE 25TH , 4 - 7PM



Public Service Jobs



Has your group, school or club asked that you do some Public Service jobs or activities? We would like to remind you that you could do this at Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church! We have a list of many small jobs that you can choose from to do around our church. This not only will help you - BUT it also will help us!!! Please contact Pastor Phred if you are interested in this project.

Blessing of the Animals



Sunday, June 26th from 2-4pm we will have a time for "Blessing of the Animals" outside at Woodruff Grove. We welcome all animals and their owners to come! Please remember to have leashes and crates and other restraining devices so that the chaos is kept minimal for our animals and their owners! We will have a small registration table to keep tabs on what animals have visited. We welcome your support in getting this information out and helping with this event!

We currently have three needs in our church:

- 👉 Someone to take recyclable items to the recycle bins in town (once a month or so).
- 👉 Someone to water the outdoor plants once a week. We would like two people to do this job so that it can be done twice a week, easily sharing the job. (We have one volunteer!) Also this extra person would be a back-up for the other person if they went on vacation - or vise-versa.
- 👉 Someone to be a Prayer Chain substitute. This person would call a list of 4 - 5 people if our Prayer Chain leader went on vacation.

Please let Pastor Phred know if you can help with any of the above mentioned items

Pianist Team Saints



Thank you to those who bring beautiful music to us during our Worship Services and Kids' Club! Karen Ottersen and Betty Runkle share their wonderful talents with us each week and we appreciate them! Thank you Ladies!

June Mission Emphasis



The Mission Emphasis for the month of June is "Church World Service and will be promoted by Sheri Ringler. Church World Service responds to disasters immediately providing livelihood training, basic health care, sanitation, wells and water systems - basic tools for a better tomorrow! Thank you for your generosity!



REMINDE YOUR PRAYER PARTNER THAT YOU'RE PRAYING FOR THEM!

Please make this a commitment to your prayers each day. Remember them and try to make a difference. This can be a lot of fun with cards or small gifts - or any way to make your prayer partner feel special!



Lakeland School Corporation Summer Food Program

Free Summer Meals for Kids

June 20 through July 29 (except July 1, 4 & 5)

Lakeland High School - Breakfast 8:30-9 * Lunch 11:45-12:15

Howe Park, La Grange Town Park, Ontario Park & Taylor Park - LUNCH ONLY - 11:30-12:00

Open to anyone age 18 and under

For more information contact Lakeland Schools at 260-499-2400 or visit their website at www.lakeland.k12.in.us

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If you have any news items you would like to have put in the July 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 June 20th. 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 with this information. Thanks!