



# THE LAMPLIGHTER



## SEPTEMBER 2011

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### Musings from Pastor Phred

#### “Please Pray for Me”

As your pastor I hope you are praying for me every day as I represent the Woodruff Grove congregation and work for the Lord in our church and community. Over the next two years I have a special prayer request.

We are at the very beginning stage of planning a Boy Scout mission trip to Africa. This mission trip is being planned by the Scouting Ministry Committee and United Methodist Men of the Indiana Conference, the Pathfinder (Indiana Conference) Chapter of the National Association of United Methodist Scouters (NAUMS), and Friendly Planet Missiology. Our target is to do a week long camporee in Tenge, Democratic Republic of the Congo in the summer of 2013. We will be sending a crew of 12-16 youth (14-21 years old) and adults.

Congolese United Methodists are excited about Scouting Ministry. For young boys in Africa, Scouting provides the most meaningful alternative to being recruited as a boy soldier in the recurrent civil wars plaguing the continent. By giving boys and young men a place to belong and a code to live by, the United Methodist Church is helping to make them disciples of Jesus Christ and fulfilling Lord Baden-Powel’s vision of Scouting as a peace movement. (Lord Baden-Powel is the founder of the Boy Scouts).

Some wonder why we do international mission trips when there is need in this country. Scouting Ministry is alive and

well throughout Indiana. The Scout units sponsored by United Methodist Churches throughout the state both impact the youth in these units as well as impacting the communities they serve. This Scout mission trip to Africa will be an extension of what is already being done in Indiana.

Planning this mission trip is a big job. Therefore, pray for the committee planning this trip that it may be a great experience for the Scouts of Indiana who will go on this trip and the some 200 African Scouts who will participate in this camporee. Thank you.

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!

## Charge Conference



Our Charge Conference is scheduled for Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at First United Methodist Church of LaGrange. Let's plan to have all of your committee's paperwork ready to hand in at this meeting. If we get a good start on these meetings now no one will have to struggle at the last minute!



## Celebration of Life in Christ in a Fallen World, *Remembering 9-11*

All 13 United Methodist churches of LaGrange County will join together for a "Celebration of Life in Christ in a Fallen World" remembering the tragedies of September 11, 2001, on Sunday evening 5:00 p.m. at Woodruff Grove, 4860 S 450 E, Wolcottville, IN. Our guest speaker will be Colonel George Douglas, Chaplain for the LaGrange Sherriff Department. The offering will support the "Strength for Service" project which supplies devotional booklets to military personnel and first responders. A dessert buffet and fellowship time will follow the service.

As host church we will supply the beverages and paper products needed for the buffet and fellowship time. We will need a few volunteers to make this happen. Each church is being asked to supply two deserts. As host church and as one of the larger Methodist churches in the county maybe we could do a few more.

We will also need greeters and ushers. Let us be gracious as we fulfill the honor of hosting this special event. Please let Pastor Phred know how you would like to help today!



## 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*



## PBNJ Concert Update

We had approximately 300 in attendance on August 20<sup>th</sup> at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual PBNJ Concert with the bands "Sodium", "The Matt & Jason Band" and our headlining, nationally-signed band "Ashes Remain" at Prairie Heights High School. Our own Adam Ringler got a chance to speak with Ashes Remains' drummer, Ben Kirk. During the concert Ben threw him one of his drumsticks - Congratulations Adam! (I believe it is autographed as well!)

Pastor Chris Rife, a magnificent speaker, gave his life testimony. He had everyone's attention as he walked through the challenges of his life and his walk with Christ.

The support we received from Woodruff Grove was very appreciated. We ended up with 21 cases of water and over one hundred dollars in donations. We would like to voice our appreciation for all your help and especially all the prayers given to us. Next year's event will feature the band "Reilly" and probably be around the same time of year. God is good, all the time - All the time, God is good!

Some of our youth have been involved with PBNJ (People Believing in Jesus) for several years. PBNJ began 5 years ago as an effort to car-pool area kids to an "Acquire the Fire" concert event. Rod and Kathy Dunafin, the parents of 5 children, realized that many of the kids attending the concert didn't attend church on a regular basis or even really have a home church of their own. That night began an all-consuming passion to help those kids keep their fires burning - to keep Christ in their lives! A week later as the kids were lounging around the Dunafin home they were asked "what would it take to keep you guys interested in the message?" The answer was a comfortable, casual place to gather on a regular basis and to learn about leading a Christ centered life. Rod and Kathy also realized the effort would need to provide an alternative to negative teen activities and give youth dependable adults they could go to with the struggles of temptation and stress in their young lives. Thus began PBNJ's initial group of 15 kids which has turned into at least 30 who meet on a weekly basis.

*Jim Young*

## Calling all Voices!!



I have ordered Christmas music today! I know, it's still in the 80's outside but we must plan ahead. Time flies these days. It is going to be hard to beat last year's Cantata but we will give it our best shot. We are in need of some additional voices in the Choir. Please, if you have ever even thought about trying choir, come and see what Wednesday nights are all about. We probably won't get started until the end of September. Hope to see you there! Blessings from the Choir Loft, *Sandy Ringler*

## Blessing of the Hunt



On Friday, September 30, at 7:00 p.m. we will have a "Blessing of the Hunt" for anyone who plans to hunt this fall. This worship service will be open to the public. Everyone is encouraged to bring their hunting buddies and their (unloaded) shotguns, rifles, bows, or other hunting implements into the church. This is also an opportunity to display the proper indoor handling of guns.

Anyone wanting to help with this service (liturgist, pianist, putting the service together) is more than welcome. Please contact Pastor Phred as soon as possible.

## Light the Night Walk



Pam Riley plans to participate in the "Light the Night Walk" on September 27<sup>th</sup> from 5-8 p.m. starting at East Noble High School in Kendallville and invites you to be a walker on her team! You may carry a balloon if you are a cancer survivor or walking in the memory of someone who battled cancer. This is sponsored by the Lymphoma & Leukemia Society. This is the blood cancer that she has and is currently going through chemo for once again.

Please think about donating with a check made out to Lymphoma & Leukemia Society or cash which can be given to her brother Dennis Hodge or Marty Young by September 20. You can also contact her at 343-8600 or visit her web site to make a donation or register to walk at

<http://pages.lightthenight.org/in/NEInd11/PRiley>

## Free Devotionals Available



The Upper Room Devotionals are available for September and October in the back of the sanctuary. We also have Large Print available. These are free and we welcome you to take one for your family to use. You may recycle your outdated Upper Rooms too. LaVada Grossman has a box on the table in the Gathering Place for this. They will be used again and continue to shower God's blessings.



## Administrative Board Meeting

Our upcoming meeting in September will not be held on its regular day. Please make sure to put on your calendar Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> after Sunday School for our next Administrative Board Meeting. If you have anything to put on the meeting's agenda, please contact Glen Patterson at 854-3638, or his cell phone at 312-2678 or e-mail him at [patter32003embarqmail.com](mailto:patter32003embarqmail.com). We hope to see you at our next meeting!

## Update: Invitation Sunday



Thank you to the Evangelism Committee and especially Bev Jordan for their hard work and preparations for our Invitation Sunday on August 21<sup>st</sup>. Thank you to all of those in attendance! We had 105...which alas was not the 125 it would take to get Pastor Phred Cain to preach from the roof...so we didn't get to go outside.

Thank you again for your efforts and we all enjoyed a great afternoon meal of "Stack Your Own Sandwich!" with good fellowship.

*Remember: Every Sunday is a good Sunday to invite someone to join you at church!*



## 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 "Peach Festival"! Your support means so much - We couldn't have done it without you! The next public supper, our "Ham Loaf or Roast Beef" will be September 24<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!

**PUBLIC SUPPER**  
**HAM LOAF OR**  
**ROAST BEEF**  
**SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>, 4 - 7PM**



*Church Dinner*



## Scriptures and Sermon Titles September 2011

### Sunday, 4 September 2011

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Romans 13:8-10

Sermon Title: What is Love?

### Sunday, 11 September 2011

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Exodus 15:1-18

Sermon Title: The Psalm of Moses

### Sunday, 18 September 2011

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Phred will be on vacation.

### Sunday, 25 September 2011

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Matthew 21:28-32

Philippians 2:1-13

Sermon Title: Helping, Together



## September Birthdays

1. Aaron Eberhard
4. Pam Wainwright  
Keith Thompson
6. Donna Henschen
7. Ryan Thomas
8. Mary Alice Gatton  
Bruce Eagleson
11. Barb Cassel  
Gary Grossman  
Jim Neumann
13. Anna Ruth Miller  
Shane Rasler
15. LaDonna Whetzel
16. Joan Zigler
19. Kenzie Garretson  
Pam Green
20. Lindsey Schrock  
Karen Ottersen
22. Dennis Hodge
26. Jenna Casper  
Lawrence Grossman
28. Sarah Young  
Brooke Gray
29. Deb Grossman



## September Anniversaries

9. Shane & Stacie Rasler
11. Glen & Linda Patterson
16. Eric & Lisa Morris

*"Always be in a state of expectancy, and see that you leave room for God to come in as He likes."*

~ Oswald Chambers

*"The best part of life is not just surviving, but thriving with passion and compassion and humor and style and generosity and kindness."*

--Maya Angelou

*"Faith, a gift from God, is one of the most powerful forces governing our universe, just as the unseen power of gravity works to pull all things down, the unseen power of faith works to lift all things up."*

--Gene Griffin - Producer

*"Thousands of candles can be lit from a single candle, and the life of the candle will never be shortened. Happiness never ceases by being shared."*

-- Chinese Proverb

If you have any news items you would like to have put in the October 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 September 19<sup>th</sup>. 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!