

The Messenger

**World
Communion
Sunday**
October 5, 2008



On World Communion Sunday we join with Christians around the world in receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion. As a community of faith in the Church universal, may our prayer include the hope for unity among all brothers and sisters in Christ as we live out our mission to the world.

October Memory Verse:

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and
today and forever." Hebrews 13:8

Concrete Steps Update

The Board of Trustees would like to thank you for making donations to the concrete step project. The balance remains at **\$4,193.65**. Although we borrowed from the Foundation, the Trustees' goal is to have the project completely paid for by the end of the year. Please help us meet our goal!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

CHICKEN/BEEF NOODLE DINNER

Sunday, October 19TH following the 10:30 service

The women will make noodles on Tuesday the 7th and Wednesday the 8th from 8:30am until noon each day. Several people have already signed up to help but we can always use more. We will also need help serving dinner on Sunday. If you are available please call Linda, Joyce, Hyllis or the church office. This is a special mission fund raising project to support our Christmas giving.

Tickets will be on sale October 5th and 12th. Adult \$6.50; children 8 & under \$3.50; children 3 and under free.

We want to thank everybody for their donations to Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House, Cunningham Children's Home and to the Midwest Distribution Center. Five women attended the Iroquois River District Annual meeting at St. James Methodist Church. The items for flood buckets were taken to the Midwest Distribution Center by Pat Wright. We appreciated her speaking on United Methodist Women Sunday.

Martha Circle

October 20, 7 p.m.

Hostess: Judy Ozier

Co-Hostess: Charlene Black

Devotions: Susan Connor

Lesson: Linda Grose

Mary Circle

October 15, 1:30 p.m.

Hostess: Bernice Obrecht

Lesson: Nellie Lehman



Thank you to Tony Feeler for helping Mike strip and wax the Fellowship Hall floor. It looks great!



The deadline for the November Newsletter is Monday, October 20.



We would like to thank the church family for the cards and prayers during Helen's recent illness and hospital stay.

We will celebrate our 69th wedding anniversary on October 16 and Woodrow will celebrate his 96th birthday on November 25 .

Thank you,
Helen and Woodrow Spaugh

There aren't enough words to express my thanks and gratitude to Pastor Garry and this church family for the love and support shown to me and my children upon the loss of our beloved husband and father.

Pastor Garry, you were the "rock" during those trying hours at the hospital and afterwards, too. You performed a beautiful memorial service for Don, and we thank you. The church ladies fed us a delicious meal of which we're grateful. I fell very fortunate to be a part of such a caring and loving church. Please continue to pray for us. God bless you all.

Delores Weishaupt & family

I would like to thank everyone who helped to make this year's "Christmas in July" a success again.

To the faithful ones who came to the craft classes and helped set up and tear down, and to those who donated items, it could not have been done without your help and support.

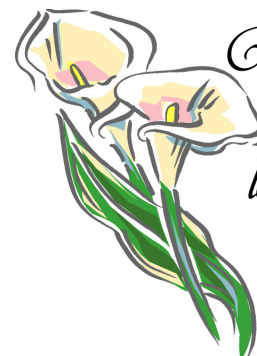
And a big "thank you" to the women who served the great lunches each day.

Mary White

We have received your gift for the Ronald McDonald House. On behalf of the families who make our house their "home away from home" while their child is hospitalized, we thank you for your support. Your gift of pop tabs was received on August 9, 2008. Thanks again for your help. Sincerely,
Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois

"Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth" (Psalm 124:8)

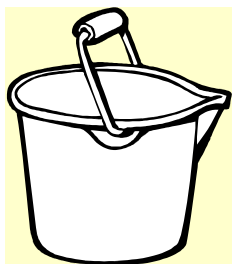
May the Lord's comfort and blessings be with the families and friends who mourn the deaths of Shirley Taylor and Don Weishaupt



Remember these lost loved ones

50th Wedding Anniversary Reception

Gene & Sandi Wirth will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on October 16, but will celebrate on October 11 from 3 to 6pm with a reception at the Senior Center . The reception is being given in Gene & Sandi's honor by their daughters; Theresa Clarkson and Julia McFarland. All are welcome to come and see Gene & Sandi. Cake and punch will be served.



The Yellow Bucket offering for October will go to DOVE.

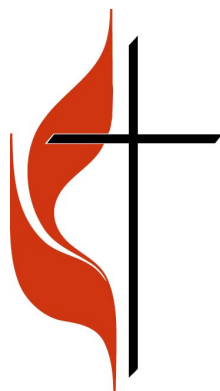
The Yellow Bucket offering for August was \$293.53 and went to support the Moultrie County Food Pantry.



Church Conference

Our Church Conference will be held on Sunday, November 2, at 2pm at Arcola United Methodist Church. Other congregations holding their conferences at the same session will be Arcola, Arthur, Bement, Camargo/Newman/Murdock, Hindsboro/Mt. Gilead, and Villa Grove United Methodist Churches.

If you have any questions about the Church Conference or if you need directions to Arcola United Methodist Church, please call the Church Office.



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