

The Beacon



UMW NEWS

Eight members attended the District UMW Day Apart at Day Spring Native American UMC in East Peoria. We experienced a wonderful program on the Power of Prayer, good food and great company..

Summer is coming to a close and we have a busy fall ahead of us. **Mark your calendars!**

Important Dates:

September 9 – Fall District Celebration at Crossroads UMC in Washington, IL 8:30am to 2pm. Cost:\$10.00 Please make reservations by Tuesday, September 3.

September 10 – UMW Meeting 9:30am

September 15 – UMW Sunday. Mary Nell Simpson will deliver the message. We will need ushers and greeters. We will also host the coffee bar.

September 16 – UMW Evening Circle at 7pm at church.

September 17 – UMW Morning Circle at 9:30am at the home of Carolyn Stevens.

October 10 – UMW Guest Night. Speaker will be Cathy Brown. Additional details at a later date.

Fall Fair in November will be here before you know it. Do you have your projects ready?

Blessings,
Carol Kemper and Rene' Schulz



**Come celebrate
Wayne Dalton's 79th birthday**

Saturday, September 7
2:00pm – 4:00pm

6623 N. Dogtown Lane
(Jeremy & Denise's house)

Cake & Punch served

Cards welcome – No gifts please.

We look forward to seeing everyone!!



Pastor's Page

Greetings Church, and the name of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

I'm utterly amazed how fast summer seem to flyby this year. As I am preparing for fall and fall activities here at our church, I came across this humorous little story I'd like to share it with you. Walter took his wife Ethel to the state fair every year, and every time he would say to her, "Ethel, you know that I'd love to go for a ride in that helicopter." But Ethel would always reply, "I know that Walter, but that helicopter ride is 50 dollars and 50 dollars is 50 dollars." Finally, they went to the fair, and Walter said to Ethel, "Ethel, you know I'm 87 years old now. If I don't ride that helicopter this year, I may never get another chance." Once again, Ethel replied, "Walter, you know that helicopter is 50 dollars and 50 dollars is 50 dollars." This time the helicopter pilot overheard the couple's conversation and said, "Listen folks, I'll make a deal with you. I'll take both of you for a ride; if you can both stay quiet for the entire ride and not say a word I won't charge you! But if you say just one word, it's \$50." Walter and Ethel agreed and up they went in the helicopter. The pilot performed all kinds of fancy moves and tricks, but not a word was said by either Walter or Ethel. The pilot did his death-defying tricks over and over again, but still there wasn't so much as one word said. When they finally landed, the pilot turned to Walter and said, "Wow! I've got to hand it to you. I did everything I could to get you to scream or shout out, but you didn't. I'm really impressed!" Walter replied, "Well to be honest I almost said something when Ethel fell out but, you know, 50 dollars is 50 dollars!"

I can truly agree that 50 dollars is 50 dollars. Things in life are truly expensive depending upon what you're willing to pay. It kind of confuses me to see people pay such outrageous prices for certain things, but what is valuable to them is worth it in the long run. Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord gave his life for us on the cross. Jesus could see the value of into which he was investing - our eternal souls. It was worth it for him, because we are so valuable to him; he was willing to give his own life. Even he himself says the greatest love that anyone can show someone else is to lay down their life for another.

We are drawing ever closer to the end of the year, the question I would like to ask is: how close have you drawn to Christ over this past year? For many people there has been changes, their health has diminished or there's been a relationship change. Maybe work has changed or you have lost your job altogether. Maybe something has happened with the child or with another family member or friend of the family. Maybe you've experienced the loss of a favorite pet, or you have seen the tragedies happening across our nation. The deep and probing question simply is this. "Are you any closer to Jesus Christ now than you were six months ago?" How this ties into our humorous story between Walter and Ethel is simply this, Walter knew he needed to do what he had to do even if it was going to cost him 50 bucks. Walter was willing to put that money up front, to make time and room for that in his life. How much time are you spending with God each day? How much are you willing to sacrifice for God in order to worship him, fellowship with his followers, serve his calling on your life? I asked this question early because, before you know it, it will be December 31st. Once again, I do not encourage you to make a resolution because resolutions usually wind up just failing us and disappointing us. However, I would encourage you to do is to choose one word for the focus for the next year. I've already begun the process of thinking what word I will use for the next year as a guidance. I promise you, I've never been let down by my one word. Over the next couple of months, I encourage you to be contemplating your one word.

Over the next weeks and couple of months as we prepare for our annual charge conference to be held in Galesburg in November, I would encourage each of you to think of one word that you could share with me that I may share with the district superintendent that describes the Elmwood United Methodist Church. Just one word from each of you. Thank you in advance.

May God's Grace and peace guide you. PD

September Sermon Series

September 1 – The Price of Admission
Matthew 16:21 – 28

September 8 – Peoria Teen Challenge
Group

September 15 – UMW Sunday
Mary Nell Simpson will give the message

September 22 – Together
Ephesians 2:14 – 22

September 29 – What Disciples Do
Luke 14:25 - 33



Sunday School is Starting!

for

6 age-specific classes

Pre-K – Kindergarten

First – Second

Third – Fourth

Fifth – Sixth

Junior High

High School

Bible stories, games, and crafts with kids' real lives in mind

This year's theme: "You Are a Child of God."
Your kids will learn lots of things about the world.

Let them learn about the One Who Made Them.

Classes begin Sept. 1

9 -10 A.M.

September Birthdays and Anniversaries

1	Bobbi Staples	16	Chris & Shanna Swadinsky Anniversary
1	Bob & Mary Howard Anniversary	17	Karla Kane
2	Pat & Shannon Glover Anniversary	18	Chris Swadinsky
4	Alix Steele	18	Marla Holloway
5	Maddux Provence	19	Marge Haahn
6	Angie Ladd	20	Nathan Adkinson
10	Wayne Dalton	21	Jared Ekstrand
10	Payton Provence	21	Don & Michelle Forrest Anniversary
11	Celene Duley	21	Terry & Rene Schulz Anniversary
12	Jenni Case	23	Addyson Powers
12	Dan Keefer	25	Dean Cantu
13	Kyle Doubet	26	Dixie Marsh
14	Marilyn Bowhay	27	Carolyn Dean
15	Rene Schulz	27	Bill & Michelle Seipel Anniversary
15	Wayne & Connie Dalton Anniversary	30	Logan Seipel

Youth Group News

Our youth had a great time playing wiffle ball and Capture the Flag, and throwing water balloons at our kick-off event on August 25. Fourteen youth and three adults enjoyed games, fellowship, music, giveaways and a devotion.



We look forward to seeing everyone on the first Sunday of the month (on most months). Our September meeting is scheduled for September 8, at 1:00, when we will take trip to Kartville. Bring a friend; all in grades 7-12 are welcome!

Youth Mission Team

Thank you to those who attended our Youth Missions Service on August 18. The participants are very grateful to all of you for your prayers and support of our mission. We hope that you could see how meaningful this trip was for all of us (leaders included). We have grown closer to our Lord and each other.



As we close our 2019 trip, we are kicking off our 2020 trip. This trip will be to the Quad Cities on June 7-12, 2020. All students currently in 8-12 grades are welcome. If you were not able to attend our Informational meeting on August 26, please speak to Lori Johnson or Pastor David for more information.

Our next Mission Team meeting will be on Sunday, September 15 4:00 – 5:00pm.

SERVING ON GOD'S TEAM

9 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

September 1, 2019

GREETERS: Kent/Georgia Stevens
USHERS: Denise Hayes/Gerri Pettit
LITURGIST: Leann Sweeney
ACOLYTES: Ashlyn Brewer/Ashlynn McFarland
COMMUNION: Nancy Davis/Emily Roberts
NURSERY: Emily Roberts/Ellie Claerhout
COFFEE BAR:

September 8, 2019

GREETERS: Lois Hill/Terri German
USHERS: Rusty Koll/Brad Crisco
LITURGIST: Doreen Smith
ACOLYTES: Ty/Brinnley McFarland
VIDEO: Kent Stevens
NURSERY: Melody Glenn/Laurie Leadley
COFFEE BAR:

September 15, 2019

GREETERS: Denise Hayes/Jennifer Wilson
USHERS: Janet Vallas/Laurie Leadley
LITURGIST: Cathy Ekstrand
ACOLYTES: Baron/Cassidy Case
NURSERY: Megan Perryman/Jill Crisco
COFFEE BAR:

September 22, 2019

GREETERS: Gail Sprout/Janet Vallas
USHERS: Kurt Webster/Doug Whitney
LITURGIST: Kurt Webster
ACOLYTES: Katy German/Addi Powers
NURSERY: Bill/Michelle Seipel
COFFEE BAR:

September 29, 2019

GREETERS: Eric/Lisa Doubet
USHERS: Mike/Leann Sweeney
LITURGIST: Curt Smith
ACOLYTES: Alex/Ryan Brunnelson
NURSERY: Cathy Ekstrand/Emily Roberts
COFFEE BAR:

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10:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

September 1, 2019

GREETERS: Karen Prouty/Celene Duley
USHERS: Bob Paige/Lawrence Kane
LITURGIST: Celene Duley
ACOLYTES: Ashlyn Brewer/Ashlynn McFarland
PIANIST: Kris Petermeyer
NURSERY: Celene Duley
COUNTERS: Kanes

September 8, 2019

GREETERS: Chuck/Carolyn Stevens
USHERS: Tom Morse/Chris Stevens
LITURGIST: Karla Kane
ACOLYTES: Ty/Brinnley McFarland
PIANIST: Charlotte Booth
NURSERY: Laurie Leadley
COUNTERS: Celene Duley/Alana Parm

September 15, 2019

GREETERS: Ruth Arnold/Diana Ladd
USHERS: Celene Duley/Chris Stevens
LITURGIST: Nancy Davis
ACOLYTES: Baron/Cassidy Case
PIANIST: Kris Petermeyer
NURSERY: Alana Parm
COUNTERS: Ruth Arnold/Diana Ladd

September 22, 2019

GREETERS: Chris Stevens/Winifred Horney
USHERS: Chuck/Connie Johnston
LITURGIST: Nancy Davis
ACOLYTES: Katy German/Addi Powers
PIANIST: Sandy Cantu
NURSERY: Angie Ladd
COUNTERS: Celene Duley/Alana Parm

September 29, 2019

GREETERS: Dan/Pat Keefer
USHERS: Charlotte Haley/Celene Duley
LITURGIST: Mary Nell Simpson
ACOLYTES: Alex/Ryan Brunnelson
PIANIST: Sandy Cantu
NURSERY: Laurie Leadley
COUNTERS: Kanes

