

# Tidings

## “Developing Followers of Jesus Christ to Serve the World”

Dear church family,

In the past few weeks, I have heard numerous times, “Where has this year gone?” I, too, have wondered.

Then I reflect on the many ministries—the many great events (VBS, church picnic, Journey adding a second worship time, “Godspell, Junior,” etc.). I look back and see many wonderful ministries that are developing followers of Jesus Christ to serve the world. We have made many positive forward movements—and there is still time to accomplish more.

Advent starts November 29 with Pastor Jay preaching. This signals the beginning of a new Christian year and will lead us to the birth of the Christ. Here are some of my challenges to the congregation as we finish up this calendar year:

***Average at least 500 during December (UUMC and Journey)***

***Average at least 65 at New Athens***

***Complete all our 2015 pledges by December 22!***

***Christmas Mission offering to exceed \$6000!***

***Christmas Eve attendance (four at UUMC, two at Journey) 750***

***(We attained 706 in 2014—a new record!)***

***Capital Campaign donations paid in full by December 22.***

With a confirmed membership of over 900, we should exceed every one of those goals.

May our love for God and our covenant with His Church inspire us to be present and to share during this upcoming Advent/Christmas Season. See you in worship!

**Pastor Ed**



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Ministries • Greeters •  
Crosswalk

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Children • Youth •  
Christmas Pageant

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Quilters and Stitchers •  
Journey

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Service • Fellowship •

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Music Tidings • Food Pantry

**Third Wednesdays 5:30 pm**

United Methodist Men  
Krause Room

**Every Thursday 9:00 am**

Ruth Circle Quilters–Stitchers  
Krause Room

**Wed. Nov. 18 9:30 am**

Deborah Circle Krause room

**Wed. Nov. 18 5:15 pm**

MOPs / Moms Next  
McKinley Hall

**Friday, Nov. 20 1:00 pm**

Miriam Circle Krause Room

**Mon. Nov. 30 8:00 am**

Volunteers for Beacon

**Wed. Dec. 2 11:30 am**

Book Club Lunch  
O'Charley's

**Sat. Dec. 5 8:30 am**

Angel Breakfast McKinley Hall

**Sun. Dec. 6 2:00 pm**

Church conference Sanctuary

**Sun. Dec. 13 5:00 pm,**

Traditional Christmas Pageant  
By children and youth  
Reception to follow



### MANY THANKS

This note is to say "many thanks" to those persons who chipped in to help with our fellowship gathering after the 9:00 am service on Sunday, November 8. This service was full of Methodist Christians sharing not only coffee and cookies, but friendship and stories and experiences of the past week.

I could not handle the crowd: nevertheless, others helped to serve coffee and refreshments donated by the Fine Arts Concert Series Committee of Union UMC.

God bless you all,

**Roxann Santanello**

REMEMBER: SUNDAY,  
NOVEMBER 15  
RECOGNITION OF  
SUNDAY SCHOOL  
TEACHERS.

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## CHURCH CONFERENCE WILL BE IN THE SANCTUARY ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 AT 2:00 PM

The "Annual Meeting" of the congregation will be held on Sunday, December 6 at 2:00 pm in the Sanctuary. **EVERY CHURCH MEMBER** is welcome to attend. The meeting will be conducted by our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Roger Grimmett. We will vote on a number of reports required by our Discipline.

Administrative Council members should attend!

Dear Members, who know a lot of other Members,

I've wanted to do this for some time, and this year it will happen! I want to prepare a simple, but traditional Thanksgiving dinner (yes, I'll bring the green bean casserole) in the Krause Room on Thanksgiving Day at 1:00 pm.

I want to invite MEMBERS who may find themselves ALONE over Thanksgiving. Devery will drive the bus and transport those who require a ride.

Please suggest MEMBERS you know that may fit this description. Provide good contact information (we need a new directory already!) and I will call, email or send a note to each one. I'd like to have a final count on Sunday, Nov 22.

Many thanks,

**Bette Miller**  
Co-Lay Leader

### UNION UMC GREETERS SCHEDULE

JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP AFTER WORSHIP IN MCKINLEY HALL.

Date	Narthex	Welcome Center	East Main
Nov. 15	Phyllis Ellett	Tom and Betty Sheeler	Greg Hughes Dawn Feazel
Nov. 22	Terry Schuchman	John and Linda Gray	Gary and Faith Lehr
Nov. 29	Bonnie Holweck	Doug and Sharon Dahm	Don and Connie Stein
Dec. 6	Susan McVety	Thom and Jane Peters	Don and Mary Ann Steinkamp
Dec. 13	Colleen Krause	Jerry and Lisa Koerkenmeier	Bill and Joan Juergens
Dec. 20	Sandy Kuehn	Geoffrey and Pam Taylor	Bob and Dorothy Inman
Dec. 24 7:00 p.m.	Carole Anthony	Dan and Debbie Rosendohl	Rick and Cindy McGlothlin
11:00 p.m.	Bob Dintelmann	Charles and Sophia Treser	Mike Engel



## CROSSWALK

11:15 am  
in the Sanctuary

*“Come now, let us settle the matter,” says the Lord.  
“Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.”* Isaiah 1:18 NIV

This kind of forgiveness and grace deserves our highest praise and worship! Join us at 11:15 am Sunday mornings. Bring family and friends!

See you Sunday!

### November 15

Crosswalk Praise Band “Even So Come”  
Congregational Singing “Step By Step,” “Our God,” “You Are My All In All”

### November 22

Great Day of Music  
All Children’s Choirs singing  
Crosswalk Praise Band “Counting On God” and “Oceans”  
Congregational Singing “Open The Eyes Of My Heart,” “Strong Tower,”  
“Wonderful Merciful Savior”

**Beth**



### MEN OF UNION:

Beacon Ministry needs a show of strength! We need to pick up one hundred queen mattresses and boxsprings Monday, November 30, 8:00 am, at the Drury Inn at Union Station, St. Louis. And yes, we need to unload them at the Beacon warehouse in Belleville. You can’t afford to miss this fun-filled morning. Contact Dick Frette or Jim Eckert to enlist.

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Members **David and Marcia Braswell** were honored with ELITE Awards Sunday, October 27 by Racial Harmony of Belleville. ELITE stands for “Extraordinary Leaders Impacting Today’s Environment.” Also recognized was our UM McKendree University **President James Dennis**. Union UMC offers congratulations to all!

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP WITH A NEW MINISTRY?



Have you wished for help walking, feeding or changing the litter of your dogs, cats or other pets due to recent surgery, back problem, or other temporary setbacks such as flu, broken bones . . . you get the idea. If so, I would like to offer a free in-home service available to members of our church.

If you are an animal lover like me and would be available as an on-call PET BUDDY to other church members, please contact Gail Piersol at home, 618-235-3610) or cell 618-409-9343 or email [gpiersol99@gmail.com](mailto:gpiersol99@gmail.com) so we can get together to discuss this idea.

I haven’t worked out all the details yet and would welcome your input. Let us give our dogs and cats and their owners something more to be thankful for.

**Gail Piersol**



## THANK YOU

When we lost Gary’s brother, John Cunningham, many of you remembered us in prayer, thoughts, words of kindness, concern and beautiful, comforting cards.

We truly appreciate all these kindnesses. Though very few of you met John, he was well thought of in the Danville, Illinois/Perrysville, Indiana area.

In John’s retirement, he became a beekeeper and spoke at school assemblies and garden parties. He bottled and sold the honey, but his appearances at local activities was all volunteer. The newspaper in Danville once ran an article referring to the fact that he “employed millions! He was much loved by family and friends. He was Lutheran and his Pastor conducted a meaningful and personal service for him.

### Gary and Marilyn Cunningham



**Miriam Circle** will meet on Friday, November 20 at 1:00 p.m. in the Krause Room.

A program about the Pilgrims will be presented by Dixie Seibert.

Members are asked to bring individually packaged Kleenex (purse/pocket size), small/travel size deodorant, or small/travel size lotion. These will be used to help fill the hygiene kits which are often requested by people in need.

Visitors are always welcome.



**MOPS/MOMSnext**  
**(Mothers of infants through**  
**Fourth Grade, Mothers of**  
**pre-school children)**

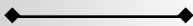
We will meet on Wednesday, November 18 from 5:15 pm until 7:45. Dinner with your children in McKinley Hall will be from 5:15 pm until 5:45. Dinner will be pasta and is \$5.00 per mom. Mom time will start at 5:45 pm until 7:45. The topic for November is Noticing Goodness - Operation Christmas Child. We hope you can join us! Please contact Geri for more information:

Gerri Mueth  
[unionumcmops@gmail.com](mailto:unionumcmops@gmail.com)  
 or Donna Shock  
[donna@unionumc.org](mailto:donna@unionumc.org)  
 for more information.

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**THANK YOU!**

Thank you to everyone who came out to Trunk or Treat and donated candy. We had a great turn out of children and decorated trunks! The children had so much fun trunk or treating. Thank you for supporting our Children's Ministries programs. Blessings,

**Miss Donna**



"MOPS/MOMSnext wants to thank the congregation for their generosity for all of their Operation Christmas Child donations. **The last day to drop off any additional donations is next Sunday, November 15.** Thank you."



**KIDS-ON-THE-GO**  
**(Kids from First through Fourth grades)**

On Saturday, December 12, Journey Church in Freeburg will present the *Miracle of Jesus* from 4:30 - 6:00. This is a wonderful event to attend with your family. There are stations you will visit while learning about the birth of Jesus that includes a petting zoo of animals. I am planning to go and would love to meet you all out there and enjoy family time together.

**Miss Donna**

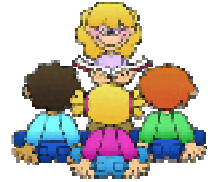
**TEACHERS NEEDED**

I am teaching the third/ fourth graders, but need a teacher helper or a team to teach this class, allowing me to develop a seventh/eighth grade class who are now in a class with high school students. This arrangement is not ideal.

Please call me **235-3804** or email [donna@unionumc.org](mailto:donna@unionumc.org). Even if you feel like you don't know the Bible well, the benefit of teaching is that you learn along with the kids. We have material available that makes teaching easy. These are wonderful students and they deserve our best!

**Jane Peters**

Sunday School Superintendent



**TABS FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE UPDATE**

Approximately 4,000 tabs were donated in October, thanks to a large donation of roughly 2,400 tabs, for the Ronald McDonald House.



Thanks to everyone for your continued support. Tabs raise money to help provide a "home-away-from-home" for families so they can stay close to their hospitalized child at little or no cost.

The collection jar is located on the counter of the Welcome Center and will be picked up on Sunday mornings. If you have questions, contact Steve Smith at 539-5377. Thanks again for your support and donations!

Dear Friends, I am in need of volunteers to acolyte on Sunday morning. If you or your children would be willing to acolyte on any Sunday, please let me know. Now is a good time to teach them how to serve their Lord and contribute to the worship of their church. As always, if you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at [gjone7329@att.net](mailto:gjone7329@att.net) or call 698.4845 With Christian Love,



**Acolytes**

**Ginger Jones**

Junior Youth Group Leader

## JUNIOR YOUTH SCHEDULE

All youth entering the fifth grade are invited to join us at 6:00 pm in McKinley Hall. Schedule subject to change.

### November 2015

- 11.15.15 Discussion and Games
- 11.22.15 Thanksgiving Party; snacks will be provided
- 11.29.15 No Youth Group Thanksgiving Weekend



### December 2015

- 12.06.15 Discussion and Team building games
- \*\*\* 12.13.15 Christmas Pageant
- 12.20.15 Christmas Cookie Night; we will bake cookies and make Christmas cards to be donated.
- 12.27.15 No Youth Group Christmas Weekend
- \*\* Junior Youth will participate in the Christmas Pageant December 13, 2015\*\*

### January 2016

- 01.03.16 Games and Discussion; New Year's Resolutions
- 01.10.16 Movie Night
- 01.17.16 Discussion and Charades
- 01.24.16 Games and Discussion
- 01.31.16 Discussion and Dodge Ball

### February 2016

- 02.07.16 Games and Discussion
- 02.14.16 Valentine's Day Party; snacks will be provided.
- 2.21.16 Discussion and Dodge Ball
- 02.28.16 Kickball and Discussion



## ANNUAL TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT WILL BE PRESENTED BY CHILDREN AND YOUTH ON DECEMBER 13 AT 5:00 PM

Rehearsals for the children's traditional Christmas pageant will be on **Saturday, November 28, December 5, and December 12 at 10:00 am to 11:30**

in the sanctuary. **December 12 will be the final rehearsal** with no scripts and all music. *Rehearsals subject to change.*

We invite all children and youth to participate. We are making memories for children and youth as we celebrate the birth of Jesus and worship Him through our pageant. Please encourage your children to be a part of this Christmas tradition and bring them to our rehearsals and pageant.

**Sunday, December 13, the pageant will begin at 5:00 pm** with a cookies and punch reception to follow. We are asking parents of the children to donate cookies and punch and help serve after the program.

Please contact Julie Petraborg at [julie@petraborglaw.com](mailto:julie@petraborglaw.com) or Ginger at [gjones7329@att.net](mailto:gjones7329@att.net) asap if you are willing to help.

## ANGEL BREAKFAST

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

Children, aged three through twelve, and a special adult are cordially invited to breakfast with the angels in McKinley Hall on Saturday, December 5, at 8:30 am. Activities include a craft, breakfast, singing, and story time.



Make reservations by Monday, November 30. Call 233-6375 or register at [unionumc.org](http://unionumc.org). If you have questions, call Jane Peters: 235-3804. The cost is \$5.00/child-\$15.00/family.

## RECOGNITION OF BABIES

On Sunday, December 13, we will recognize babies born to UUMC members this year with a special ornament from their church family at the 9:00 and 11:15 services.

Please email Sheri Hill by December 1 at [sheri@unionumc.org](mailto:sheri@unionumc.org) with the babies' full names, parent's names, birth dates and which service you will be attending.



## RECESS FOR BOOK CLUB UNTIL JANUARY

The Book Club will not meet in November and December because of the holidays. We will meet again in January 2016. The Book Club is meeting for lunch on Wednesday, 2 December 2015, at 1130 at O'Charley's.

### Bonnie Holweck



I appreciate all the prayers and cards they sent me. Believe it or not, I could feel the love and prayers, without which I do not believe I would have progressed so well.

Again, thank you. God Bless!

### Carol

*(Food Pantry continued from p.8)*

Sandie Nobus, Gerrie Farmer, Geraldine Thomas and Sue Davis. In October, we received donations from Sandie Nobus, the Barrons, the Inmans, Jerry Sauerwein, Virginia Voelkel, Linda Moyer, the Lehrs, Geraldine Thomas, Lindsey Lester-Brutscher, the Heidenreichs, Barbara Kern, Hester Vessel, Gerri Farmer and The Seekers Sunday school class! Thanks so much!

Sarah Lanxon couldn't buy what is needed without your donations. Thanks to everyone for the canned goods that were donated. It all helps to feed the hungry!



## RUTH CIRCLE NEWS ARE YOU EXPECTING?

Is someone in your family or an acquaintance having a baby soon? What better gift could you find than one of the sweet quilts the "stitchers" and quilters of Union have made. Come any Thursday to view the tops ready to be quilted or arrange another day to see them.

The quilters and stitchers of the Ruth Circle had a busy summer. The stitchers continued to embroider beautiful baby quilt tops while the quilters have finished several baby and full sized quilts.

We made twenty-five fleece with crocheted edging wheel chair lap blankets which have been delivered to Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House. We have sent many flannel receiving blankets to Red Bird Mission in Kentucky. Our parish nurse, the visitors to shut-ins and others have given out "pocket" prayer shawls. These are small crocheted pieces with a cross pattern in the center. The shawl reminds the recipient that we are praying for them and that God is always with them. Thanks to Mary Ann Steinkamp for making these. She will teach you how to make them if you are interested.

Some of our group went to Four Fountains in October and gave each resident a colorful fabric pumpkin, all made by Claudette Hines. The residents enjoyed snacks we provided and our visiting with them. Our current project is to make fleece lap blankets for wheel chair patients at Four Fountains. We hope to have them finished in time for Christmas. If you would like to crochet the edging, talk to a Ruth Circle member.

Ruth Circle donated \$500. to a mission in Honduras and paid a pledge to UMW of \$1,000.

Our circle was hostess for the November UMW meeting and since it was Veterans Day, Judy Brindley and helpers decorated the tables with a patriotic theme. The kitchen crew led by Claudette Hines, served shepherd's pie soup and red, white and blue Jell-O salad.

Some of our members loaned eighteen of their own quilts to St. Paul Apartments for their quilt show in October. Judy Brindley received Best of Show for her beautiful pieced quilt. Congratulations, Judy!

Remember, all of you are welcome to join us to quilt or stitch any Thursday between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm.

**Joyce Dintelmann**

530-0383

## THE NEXT TIDINGS DEADLINES

DEAD LINE FOR THE FIRST DECEMBER ISSUE IS  
November 30; deadline for the second December issue  
is December 14



**JOURNEY UMC CHURCH**  
**PASTOR HOLLY WOOD**  
**900 NORTH STATE STREET**  
**FREEBURG, ILLINOIS 618-971-7382**

### WHAT'S HAPPENING AT JOURNEY IN FREEBURG?

I want to talk to you about the expectations we sometimes put on other people.

I don't know about you but I don't usually remember my dreams. I wake up knowing I was dreaming, but am usually unable to piece much together. But God recently gave me a dream that taught me a lesson with His sense of humor.

Scene 1: So I belong to a group in which there are various positions. For awhile, I've been a bit annoyed with a couple of ladies in higher positions. *They should be more friendly and welcoming*, I thought. *Why do they ignore me? I know I'm not in their little group of friends, but they could at least say hello.* (Do you ever catch yourself thinking ugly thoughts?)

Scene 2: Slumber Land . . . I kid you not – I had a dream that one of those exact ladies said to ME that I am not very friendly!

Scene 3: I'm awake now, and I get the point loud and clear. I realized I've been feeling inferior. But it's not their job to make me feel special. I need to speak to THEM, welcome THEM, make THEM feel special. After all, they are just human like me. If I want them to talk to me, I need to BE the kind of person they would want to talk to. And be the kind of person I think they should be.

Thanks, God, for nudging us gently and reminding us to get our own selves together.

**CATHY O.**

Looking Ahead: **November 29:** decorate, dinner, and a movie – help us decorate for Christmas at 5:00 pm and then enjoy dinner and an animated family movie at 6:30. **December 12:** Miracle of Jesus

#### UNION UMC FIRST TIME VISITOR LIST FOR NOV/DEC

##### *Primary Team*

November 15 Kent and Susan McVety

November 22 Dan and Laura Nollman

November 29 Barb Edwards and Marlene Frazer

December 6 Mike and Julie Callaghan

December 13 Don and Connie Stein

December 20 Jerry and Lisa Koerkenmeier

##### *Alternate Team*

Jerry and Lisa Koerkenmeier

John and Linda Gray

Don and Connie Stein

John and Linda Gray

Dick Frette

Kent and Susan McVety



Every Sunday:

**8:45 am**

Worship;

Gospel Project for Children

**9:30 am;**

*Fellowship Time*

*in the Garden of Eatin';*

**10:00 am**

Worship;

Gospel Project for Children;

**6:30 pm**

Junior and Senior High Youth

Groups (meeting separately)

**7:30 pm**

#### RUTH CIRCLE QUILTERS

The Eleventh Annual Quilt Show was held Friday, October 23, at St. Paul's Senior Community Apartments. The Union United Methodist Church Ruth Circle Quilters and Stitchers displayed fourteen of their hand-made quilts during the show. Judy Brindley's quilt was chosen by popular vote for the "Best of Show" award.

**Marcie Altman,**

Ruth Circle

#### BOOK CLUB MEETING FOR LUNCH ON DECEMBER 2

#### RECESS FOR BOOK CLUB UNTIL JANUARY

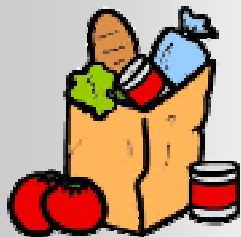
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**Bonnie Holweck**



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### FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

We received monetary donations for the food pan-

try in August from Ralph Crago, the Barrons, The Inmans, the Turners, the Bloomers, Barbara Kern, Jerry Sauerwein, Sandie Nobus, Linda Moyer, Geraldine Thomas, the Heidenreichs, Donald Eltrich, the Lehrs, Mrs. Mary Louise McCabe, Virginia Voelkel, Joann Ebel, Lindsey Lester-Brutscher, Gerri Farmer and the Seekers Class! Thanks to all.

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## MUSIC TIDINGS

*"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord is God! It is he that made us and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him, bless his name!*

Psalm 100:1-4

### 9:00 am Sunday, November 15

Sanctuary Choir Anthem, "Ascription of Praise" — Schwoebel  
Rev. Weston's sermon: "The Lure of the Easy Way" Matthew 16:21-28  
10:15 am Pastor Jay Krumeich in the Chapel; Natalie Gravois, music  
11:15 am Crosswalk in the Sanctuary

### 9:00 am Sunday, November 22

## Great Day of Music

With all our choirs, handbells, and brass ensemble!  
Kings Kids, Joyful Noise, Youth Choir and Jubilation Handbells  
Sanctuary Choir Anthems: "We Praise You, O God, - Page;  
"Now Thank We All Our God" - Scott  
Rev. Weston's sermon: "With Thankful Hearts" Psalm 98  
10:15 am Rev. Krumeich in the Chapel; Natalie Gravois, music  
11:15 am Crosswalk in the Sanctuary

### 9:00 am Sunday, November 29

## First Sunday in Advent

Sanctuary Choir Anthem: "Praise Ye The Lord" - Saint-Saëns  
Pastor Jay Krumeich preaching: "The Day Is Coming" Jeremiah 33:14-16  
10:15 am Rev. Krumeich in the Chapel; Natalie Gravois, music  
11:15 am Crosswalk in the Sanctuary



Our thanks to everyone who helped with the SIU-E Steel Band Fine Arts concert and reception. It was a very enjoyable evening!

**The Fine Arts Committee**