



The Parish Print

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A publication of The Manteno United Methodist Church



United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women will hold a pancake breakfast on August 26. We will be serving before church at 8:15 and after church.

The Swiss Steak Supper will be October 27. Sign up sheets for pies and salads are on the clipboards. We are looking for someone to do publicity for the dinner. Anyone interested in doing this can contact the office.

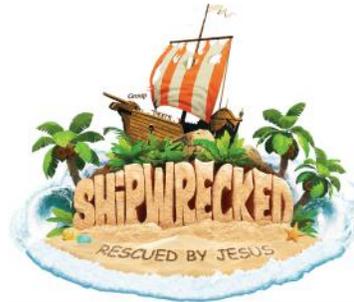
Our next meeting will be September 4th at 7pm in the Narthex. Ladies please come join us.



The Ladies Thursday morning bible study group will resume on September 6, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the church kitchen. All ladies are invited to attend.

We will begin by studying BE Dynamic (Acts 1-12): Experience the Power of God's People by Warren W. Wiersbe. BE Dynamic focuses on Peter's ministry, mostly in Israel and centered in Jerusalem. Through explaining Luke's record of the gospel's advancement and church expansion, Wiersbe opens the door to understanding the work of the church today.

In order to make sure we have enough books for everyone, please call Norma Monk at 815-468-6364 prior to August 31 if you plan to attend this bible study group.



We would like to thank everyone who helped make VBS possible this year, either through donations or volunteering

your time! None of this would have been possible without your help and prayers. Our trunks for the mission project Fortitude are overflowing because of your generosity. VBS was a success because you were our LIFESAVERS! We would have been a WRECK without you! But, we were rescued by Jesus!

Thanks again!

Lale Schram, Terry Daley & Lynn Temme



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To all our church family.

With our hearts full of love and best wishes from all of you we leave Manteno with great peace from all of you and our God. We take all of you with us in our hearts and who knows what God has for us as he opens new doors for us. We may be back, in the mean time, Gods Blessings to all and thanks for loving us.

We Love you all,

Lois & Everett Johnson

*Pancake
Breakfast*



**SAVE THE
DATE**

Sunday, Sept. 9th
at 9:00 AM

Sunday School
Pancake

Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall

All kids and parents are invited for our Sunday School Breakfast Pancake Kickoff!

The kids will get their promotions certificates and meet their teachers, then go to the classrooms.

**CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU ON SUNDAY
SEPT. 9TH AT 9 A.M.!**

Mission Committee News:

The committee would like to thank the congregation for their monetary donations to the food pantry. To date, we have collected close to \$500. Keep those pennies coming!

Coming in October: Put a Sock in It!; We will be collecting socks for Pembroke Elementary School.



The **UMW** will be collecting the following items for the Fall District Meeting to be held at the Momence United Methodist Church:

Lessie Bates Neighborhood House: Blue pens, 3T Pull-ups and baby wipes
Cunningham Children's Home: Walmart, Dollar Tree and McDonald's gift cards



Pecan sales will be back. Look for sales to begin mid September. We still have a few Cinnamon Candies left. For purchases, please contact the office.

Pavers Reminder



Don't miss your chance to order an engraved garden paver. Order forms are available in the narthex. The deadline to place your order is September 15th. Any questions, call Mary Gibson at 815-468-8012.

From the Outreach Team

To all Veterans and Military Personnel,

The Outreach team would like to know about your service! Please let us know about your branch of service and the dates served. Please call the church office at 815-468-3722 or email

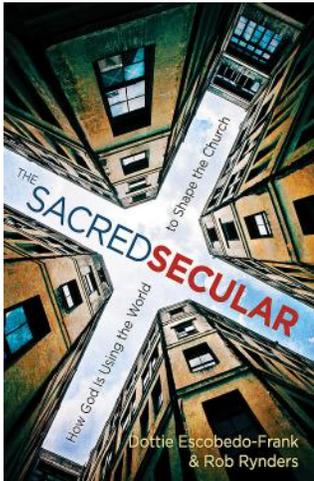
at mantenoumcoffice@yahoo.com. Thanks!

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Leadership Development: *The Sacred Secular* by Dottie Escobedo-Frank and Rob Rynders.

This book examines the cultural spaces where people are experiencing something sacred, places that are not in the church. Dottie Escobedo-Frank and Rob Rynders see lessons for the church in these places. They see new ways we can convey



to people that the church is uniquely sacred and significant and that Jesus is for them. These glimpses into the sacred-secular will inspire creative church leaders to set aside assumptions about what church looks like and nurture empowerment,

creativity, spiritual movement and the courage to embody the sacredness and substance of faith.

Youth Group News:

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, September 16th**, at **10:30**, all 6th through 12th graders! The Youth Group from Mackinaw United Methodist Church in Mackinaw, Illinois, will be our guests, and we will take Pizza to the Park after church for some eating and some fun games. Stay tuned and RSVP to Ed or Pastor Joy, for more information.

Choirs to Resume Rehearsals



The Adult Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, September 19 at 6:30 pm in the Choir Room, located in the

lower level of the Education wing. All are welcome.

The Bell Choir will also resume the same evening at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary. Please contact me if you are planning to return. In order for bells to play, two more new members are needed. Susan Turner: sing51@comcast.net or cell: 815-351-6894



Sermons for August and September

Aug. 19: "Are You a Wise Guy?" [1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14](#), [Ephesians 5:15-20](#)

Aug. 26: "Get Your Armor On!" [Psalm 84](#); [Ephesians 6:10-20](#)

Sept. 2: "Don't be perfect, just do something!" [James 1:1-27](#); [Mark 7:1-8](#)

Sept. 9: [Worship Services at 9 and 10:30] "Jesus on the Move" [Mark 7:24-37](#); [James 2:1-17](#); [Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23](#)

September 16: "Who Do You Say that I Am?" [Mark 8:27-38](#); [James 3:1-12](#); [Proverbs 1:20-33](#)

Sept. 23: "Me First!" [Mark 9:30-37](#); [Proverbs 31:10-31](#)

Sept. 30: "Are You Salty?" [Mark 9:38-50](#); [Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22](#)

Pastor's Page

I'm a list-maker. No, not the good kind of list that helps you accomplish something every day. That would be much better—and I really am trying to do that more often. No, the lists I sometimes make are lists of what went wrong, lists of why I was late, lists of why I forgot to do something, and, one of my favorites, lists of the parts of my body that appear to be deteriorating with age! Yikes! Oh, yes, and the list of what costs too much (can you say medical expenses and health insurance?!)

So, let me just apologize to all of you who have had to listen to one of my lists—and invite you to stop me. Please remind me that the faithful Christian needs to make a list like you find in Psalm 105, which opens with this invitation:

“O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples... Tell of all his wonderful works.”

I should be making a long list like that Psalm, which is 45 verses long, of the things that I have been able to observe that God has done. That writer remembers how God delivered the Hebrew people out of slavery, “when they were few in number, wandering from nation to nation.” The psalm lists the 10 plagues that God sent on the land of Egypt before the Pharaoh finally let them go.

Then, of course, we are invited by a good old favorite hymn, “Count Your Blessings,” to “Count your many blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the

Lord has done.” Those words were written by Johnson Oatman, Jr. (1856-1922), who could have pitied himself for not having the beautiful singing voice of his father. Instead, he discovered his talent for song-writing at the age of 36, and for 30 years he wrote four or five gospel songs a week! And when he refused to be paid for his work, his publisher finally talked him into being paid one dollar a song.

Next time you hear me making a list, ask me how's my list of what the Lord has done! Listen to this verse from Oatman's song:

“When you look at others with their lands and gold,

Thank that Christ has promised you His wealth untold;

Count your many blessings, money cannot buy

Your reward in Heaven, nor your home on high.”

Sometimes I do make a list of what I am grateful for, and I start with the letters of the alphabet. I'm thankful for Apples and Art, Beauty and Broccoli, Creation and Chocolate, Driving safely and drums...

Thank you, God, for our church family, for good friends, my husband, the many opportunities and resources available in this terrific community, and thank you God for young people and old people, and everyone in between! Looks like I might be up all night adding to my list. How about you?

Bless you—you have richly blessed me!

Rev. Joy

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Moments With Miles

Well, it's been pretty quiet here in Manteno, Illinois, my hometown, out there amidst the rather parched corn and bean fields. We need rain, that's all there is to it. In one of my forays out into back roads of the county, I stopped and crossed the crunchy grass ditch to check out the corn, which I've noticed is already starting to dry up at the bottom. With a fleeting feeling of guilt I pulled off an ear and shucked it just to see how it was doing. Sadly, only about the bottom two thirds of the ear had developed kernels, and they were small.

I'm also concerned about the soybean crop with this lack of rain. As dry as it has been for so long, the beans will be small and without some moisture soon, it could really cut down on the yield. It might be a good thing to remember the farmers in your prayers. After all, they feed all of us, and the world too. My prayer is that we do not end up like Jeremiah 14:4 – "The ground is cracked because there is no rain in the land; the farmers are dismayed and cover their heads."

I have no doubt by the time you read this, you will have noticed a change in my appearance. It seems that age is beginning to catch up with me, at least according to my Optometrist. I now am the dubiously proud owner of trifocals. The interesting thing is, I

never realized just how blurry I was seeing the world around me. While I am still adjusting to the head tilting necessary to take full advantage of my new glasses, I'm marveling just how amazing it is to see everything in focus. I guess it's a case of you really don't know what your missing until you suddenly can see clearly again.

It got me to thinking. Unlike myself and those of us who sport glasses, God always sees things clearly. His vision is far better than a mere mortal 20/20. He not only sees how we look and act, but who we really are. His sight penetrates the darkest night and into our very hearts and minds. Nothing is hidden from God. He knows us to our very core.

And that is a comfort. For even in those times when we may stumble in our Christian walk, God knows in our hearts that we are trying and he loves us in spite of our failings. For as Peter said in Acts 15: 8-9 – "God, who knows the heart, showed that he accepted them by giving the Holy Spirit to them, just as he did to us. He did not discriminate between us and them, for he purified their hearts by faith." It is by faith we are saved. And God doesn't need glasses to see our faith in Him. That's a good thing!

So that's Moments with Miles from Manteno, Illinois. Where you can see from horizon to horizon, and all of our hills are called overpasses.

Please pray for rain.

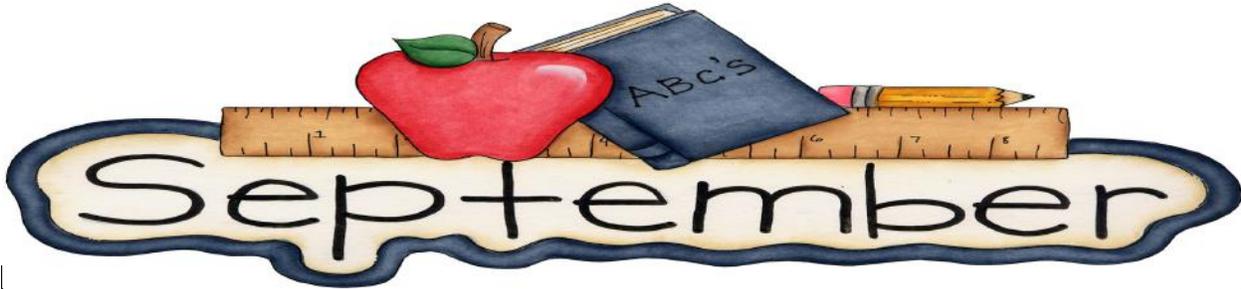
Till next time, my friends.

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