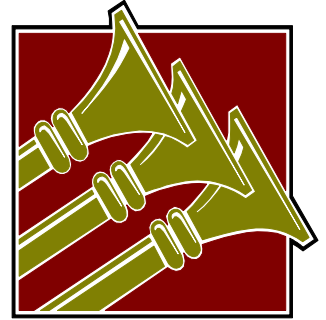


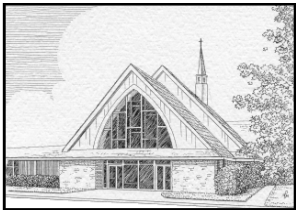
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Worship with us!
Sundays at 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.
Learn with us!
Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.
United Methodist Youth:
Sundays from 4-6 p.m.

**Share food
and fellowship!**
**United Methodist
Men Breakfast**
First and Third Monday
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Wednesdays
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REKINDLING THE FLAME

“Stir up the inner fire, the gift God gave you....”
2 Timothy 1:6

Summer is winding down, but we’ve been gearing up with fellowship and worship. Our recent “Burgers and Bingo” event was a smashing success! There was standing room only, plenty of good food and lots of bingo prize winners. Thanks to the Women’s Ministry group for sponsoring the event. I hear there may something similar coming up again sometime in the near future. We’ve also had great Sunday morning worship attendance with crowds of well over 200 and new faces.

This Sunday I will conclude the Summer Sermon Series on the Parables with “The Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard” (Matthew 20:1-16) – a great parable for the Labor Day holiday weekend. It’s a wonderful word about God’s grace and will be within the context of Holy Communion.

On September 12th I will begin a Fall Sermon Series entitled “The Bible as the Church’s Prayer Book.” We all know that prayer is an important part of the Christian lifestyle. Jesus made a number of spectacular promises in relation to the power of prayer. Most of us would probably admit that we’d like to be more effective at it. A few people have the spiritual gift of intercessory prayer, but the fact is the average Christian has to learn how to pray. To that end, the Bible is the Church’s best prayer book. Scripture offers much helpful insight into what attitudes and habits make up an effective person of prayer. It also gives a number of models for the different kinds of prayers we can use for the different situations that arise from day to day. Here are the sermons for September:

September 12: Part 1 – “Why Pray?” (Luke 6:12-28)

September 19: Part 2 – “When You Don’t Feel like Praying” (Psalm 88)

September 26: Part 3 – “Simple Prayer” (Numbers 11:4-15)

I hope to see you Sunday! Until later....grace and peace, Rik Marion



Student Ministries

September Snack Suppers

The Youth department is recruiting volunteers for Snack Suppers. These small meals, served at 5 p.m. on Sunday afternoons, provide the students and adults a time of fellowship around a common meal. Several dates are available in November and December. Thank you to all who have already signed up. September's schedule:

September 5th - Taco Bell

September 12th - The Neitzels

Parents are encouraged to commit to one Sunday this fall. You may pair up with another parent or family if you prefer. Other people and groups in the church are also invited to provide a meal. This is a great time to get to know the students of Village UMC and for them to get to know you.

Ten Tough Things

Being a Christian is difficult. There are many pressures in our world that distract us from our Christian walk. Beginning September 12th in Sunday School, we will examine ten tough things about Christian life that can actually be joys! Youth Sunday school meets at 9:15 a.m. downstairs in the Youth Room.

Make it Clear

Sometimes it's hard to know exactly what we believe and why. During Youth, beginning September 12th, we will examine our faith and share experiences that will help us better understand God's truths. The Youth Group

meets Sunday from 4-6 p.m. at the church, unless other plans have been made to travel to an event. Watch the Youth Calendar for more details.

Youth Retreat in September

After a month of school, let's get away and spend some time in fellowship and reflection. Meet at the church at 9 a.m. on Saturday, September 25th and we'll travel to our destination. We'll return Sunday, September 26th by 6 p.m. That gives you Friday night to do your homework, or go to the football game. More information will follow, including cost and packing list. All youth in grades six through twelve are invited to attend. Contact Kathryn at kwitzel@villagemethodist.org for more information.

Outreach Ministries

United Methodist Women

September 7th -

A potluck supper at 6:00 p.m. for the General Meeting. Julie & Kelli Hayes share their experience from the General Conference in May. All women are invited to hear what UMW is doing in the world.

September 14 -

Brambles at 1:00 p.m. at the church

Wesleyan Women at 6:30 p.m. at the church

September 18 -

Annual UMW meeting at Quayle UMC at 8:30 a.m.

Cinnamon Rolls prepared at Village UMC

September 21 -

Martha Circle at 9:30 a.m. at the church

Susannah Wesley at 10:00 a.m. at

the home of Maxine Graff
Ruth Circle at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Nancy Selby

Send a Freedom Package to Our Soldiers

Our soldiers risk their lives every day to protect our freedoms. If you would like to support the troops by contributing to a care package for the soldiers, please pick up a list at the church. Sandy Soli is working with Blue Star Mothers to organize, pack and ship these items. Marcella Young is the church contact person. The list is quite extensive and you may donate one item, or many. A donation box is available in the church lobby.

Suggested items include: beef jerky (no pork), tea bags, coffee bags, Crystal Lite, Gatorade

and Kool-Aid mix, Cider mix, hot chocolate mix, Trail mix, nuts, granola bars, canned chips, popcorn, pretzels, cracker jacks, cereal, oatmeal, Twizzlers, hard candy, gum, breath mints, canned fruit, fruit bars, soup, Ramen noodles, chili, canned chicken, stew, tuna, and cheese/peanut butter crackers.

Small games, cards, sports magazines are popular, even old issues. Personal care items such as handwipes, Kleenex packets, disposable razors, chapstick, nail clippers, foot powder, q-tips, facial cleansing pads, hand/body lotion, sunscreen, bug spray and deodorant (no aerosol), eye drops, dental floss, socks, and washcloths are needed. Please do not send soap as it ruins the food items. Thank you for your gifts and your prayers for all our service men and women.

Adult Ministries

Fall Bible Studies for All

Jesus in the Gospels: led by Julie Hayes. This 32 week study focuses on the portraits of Jesus found in the four Gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Orientation will be Thursday, September 16th at 6:00 p.m. Cost of study book is \$32.00. Room 103

A Spiritual Formation: led by Valarie Robertson. The Wednesday Night Ladies Group will begin a new Fall study. The goal of this 9 week study is to gain an understanding of the aspects of Jesus' life and incorporate them into our lives daily. By doing so, we will grow more and more Christ like. This study will begin Wednesday, September 22, 2010 at 6:15 p.m. Cost of study book is \$10.00. Room 103

Disciple I: led by Pastor Rik Marion. The first of the Disciple Bible Study Series, this 34-week study will move through the biblical story from Creation to the New Jerusalem. The principal Scripture for each session follows the chronological movement of the biblical story. This study will be held on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. and Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. beginning September 14th. Cost of the study book is \$30.00. Room 103

Prayer, Stress, & Our Inner Wounds: led by Rev. Chester Phyffer. This book offers practical ways by which prayer can help us experience inner healing. The reader learns how to cooperate with God. The emphasis is upon the grace of God's love rather than rigid discipline and techniques. This study will be held on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. beginning Sep-

tember 21st. Cost of book is \$12.00. Conference Room

Body, Mind & Spirit: co-led by Rev. Chester Phyffer and Judy Horne. A unique time together as a "circle of trust". This is not a study, but rather a journey if you've ever asked the question, "Is this all there is?" We are not gathered together to fix, save, or "set each other straight"...but rather as fellow souls on a journey together as we look to the Holy Spirit for direction. We find what it means to be "present in the moment", and not distracted by fleeting interruptions. The essence of it all is learning greater intimacy and freedom in our relationship with God. There is a hunger and thirst for the Spirit, when "religion" falls short and "spirituality" carries us forward. Wednesday evenings at 4:00 p.m. beginning September 15th. Cost of book is \$10.00. Conf. Room

"Letters From Dad": led by Steve Muns. Would you like to be a part of this fellowship of men? We will be studying the Bible and putting God's word into action. We will also confront issues in our spiritual walks and the challenges we face in our personal and professional endeavors. Class has already begun to meet in room 104, on Wednesday evenings at 5:45 p.m. The class is still open to all men who would like to join us on this exciting adventure.

Back to Prime Timers!

Prime Timers will meet Thursday, September 9 at noon to kick off our new year of fun, fellow-

ship, food, and interesting programs to keep you informed and entertained. If you are new to Village, our Prime Timers program is for anyone 55 and over. We have a pot-luck lunch, followed by a speaker from the community. All you need to bring is a favorite dish to share with others, a friend or two, and \$1 to cover the cost of paper goods. We meet in the Fellowship Hall, and many people stay following the program to play cards, dominoes, etc.

Join us on September 9 to hear Terri Smith, Executive Director of HALO – Human Animal Link of Oklahoma. HALO is a non-profit foundation that believes in the health and wellness our pets deliver to those who find themselves in times of transition, trauma, or crisis. We believe they are a driving force leading human beings of all ages, maybe for the first time ever, into experiencing a calm, no strings attached, sincere relationship. Come and learn about these therapy animals and how they are chosen and the services they deliver!

Don't miss this excellent opportunity to spend time with friends and enjoy a September afternoon!

Journey Class Begins New Path in September

The Journey Class will resume meeting in the Conference Room beginning Sunday, September 12th. This class is for active, college age through 30's eager for Christian support. Rev. Rik Marion will lead a devotion each week. Class begins at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday.

September 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:00 a Mobile Meals 4:45 p Village Café 5:15 p Adult Education Meeting 6:00 p LHK Singers 6:30 p Oasis Worship 6:45 p Chancel Choir	2 Happy Birthday Sally Langer	3 6:30 a Friday Breakfast ALL INVITED!	4
5 8:15/10:30 a Worship 9:15 a Sunday School 11:30 a Trustees Meeting 4:00 p Youth 6:00 p Support Group	6 No U.M.M Breakfast Labor Day Church Offices Closed	7 8:45 a Worship Planning 6:00 p UMW Potluck Dinner & General Meeting 7:00 p Support Group	8 9:00 a Mobile Meals 4:00 Mind, Body, Spirit 4:45 p Village Café 6:00 p LHK Singers 6:30 p Oasis Worship 6:45 p Chancel Choir	9 11:00 a Village Connections 12:00 Noon Prime Timers Luncheon	10 6:30 a Friday Breakfast ALL INVITED!	11
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19 Cinnamon Rolls 8:15/10:30 a Worship 9:15 a Sunday School 11:30 a Handbells 11:30 a Church Council 4:00 p Youth 6:00 p Support Grp	20 7:00 a U.M.M Pancake Breakfast 7:00 p Support Group	21 8:45 a Worship Planning 9:30 a Martha Circle 10:00 a Disciple I 10:00 a Susannah Wesley 1:00 p Ruth Circle 6:00 p Holy Spirit & Stress 6:30 p Disciple I 7:00 p Support Grp	22 9:00 a Mobile Meals 4:00 Mind, Body, Spirit 4:45 p Village Café 6:00 p LHK Singers 6:15 p Ladies Bible Study 6:30 p Oasis Worship 6:45 p Chancel Choir	23 11:00 a Village Connections 5:30—8:00 p Retired Clergy In Fellowship Hall 6:00 p Jesus in the Gospel Study	24 6:30 a Friday Breakfast ALL INVITED!	25
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Celebrations and Prayer Concerns

Happy Birthday to:

September 3

George Velotta

September 4

Ken Tucker

September 6

Leigh Culbreath

September 7

Chris Farrill

September 11

Carolyn Sandusky-Williams

Drake Street

September 12

Hannah Sloup

September 13

Aven Bull

Erin Cavin

September 15

Norma McDaniel

September 16

Brian Schechter

Happy Anniversary to:

September 4

Chuck and Helen Reid

Herb and Margaret Kennicutt

September 8

Jeff and Susan Lee

September 11

Don and Dorothy Hendrie

Jim and Johnna Kienholz

Prayer Concerns

Bill Akeman Howard Barkey

Michael Basore Mary Ellen Brown

Shirley Brummett Bill Bullard

Art Byers Dorothy Finnell

Dr. Andy Gin Maxine Graff

Wallace Hoyt Patti Hudson

Elsie Huffman Jeff Marrs

Jeannie McGee Shelly Mobley

Lois Pate Chester Phyffer

Roy Self Glen Slater

J.J. Stone Dorothy Walling

Addis Ward Gene Witzel

Brian & Stephanie Woodford

Christie Worley

In the Middle East

Tom Soli Ben Wilhelm

10:30 Ushers for September

Punk Bonner, Crystal Self, Joe

Dewey, Ken Kendrick

Nursery Workers:

September 5: Jamie Brooks, Jamie McCormack, Kelli Hayes

September 12: Jamie Brooks, Jamie McCormack, Abbey Elliott

Deadline for next newspaper:

Wednesday, September 8. Please bring articles to Kathryn or e-mail to kwitzel@villagemethodist.org.

Joys!

We welcome Kimber Rae Smith to our church family. She is the daughter of Abby and Joey Smith and the granddaughter of Bill and Martha Smith.

Congratulations to Jim and Judy Horne on the birth of their new granddaughter, Lea Belle Heilaman. Parents are Stacey and Brandi Heilaman.

Worship Ministries

Flower Ministry

Thank you to Joann Fair for Sunday worship flowers on August 15 and Joann Wilbanks for worship flowers on August 22 in memory of her husband, Harry. Many thanks to Jan Schechter for providing worship flowers for monthly communion services, the Women's Ministry for providing flowers once a month, and to Joann Wilbanks for the beautiful flowers the rest of the month! We do appreciate all who have come forward to provide this important part of our worship services each Sunday. If you would like to provide flowers for worship, please contact Joann Wilbanks.

Could You be a Ding-a-ling?

Handbell rehearsals will begin on September 12 following the 10:30 worship. You are invited to join a friendly, fun group who enjoys playing and sharing beautiful music. Being able to read music is helpful but not required. If you would like to join the handbell choir, contact Martha Pendleton at mpendleton@villagemethodist.org

Third Graders Receive Bibles

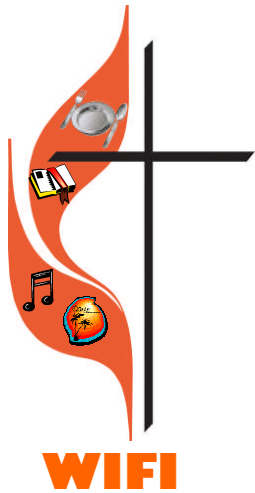
Each September our church presents Bibles to 3rd graders. At this age, their reading skills enable them to be more independent in studying Bible teachings and we want them to have their own Bibles. The children will be asked to

bring their Bibles to Amazing Voyage each Sunday so they can be used in class. Those receiving Bibles on September 12 are Zach Cassady, Hannah Jones, Will Jones and Malcolm Patterson.

Wee Worship Learns about Joseph

Children who are in child care (infant through age 5) during the 10:30 worship have their own age-appropriate worship experience each Sunday. Jamie Brooks, Nursery Supervisor, plans a craft, game or other activity each week so even our youngest members learn Bible stories. They will be learning about Joseph for the next several weeks.

Wednesdays in Faithful Interaction



Come to Village UMC on Wednesday night for a good meal and time of fellowship. WIFI meets weekly beginning in September.

4:00 p.m. Mind, Body, Soul

Quiet reflection and prayer.

4:45 p.m. Village Café

Free, homemade community meal.

5:45 p.m. Letters from Dad

Men's Ministry

6:00 p.m. Lighthouse Kidz Singers

Choir for children 3 years-old through fifth grade

6:30 p.m. Oasis Worship

Casual, Contemporary Worship

6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir

Prepare music for Sunday morning worship

FALL SCHEDULE



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