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- The deadline for the September, 2010 issue of *The Messenger* is Friday, August 21st. Please submit articles to ashaw@mtco.com or send hard copies to the church office.
- Please send address corrections to Amber Johnsen at amberj@mtco.com or call the church office at 444-2381.
- The monthly birthday list is available at the Welcome Desk and on the Crossroads website.

Thank You From Pastor Bob Lawry

I told Pastor Tom I wanted some space in the next *Messenger* to express my appreciation for the special recognition and reception you surprised me with on June 4th. He said, "Take the front page and write the editorial." So with an entire page to myself, allow me to ramble just a little.

When I came home from a month-long mission trip to Dulac, Louisiana, in the summer of 1959, I knew I had been called to be a minister in the Methodist Church. One of the first things I needed to do was to secure my License to Preach. This would allow me to be appointed to a local church and serve as a Student Local Pastor during my college and seminary years.

In those days we earned our license by correspondence. I received a packet (a very intimidating packet!) of material and began to write. The homework was mailed to different seminary professors scattered across the country, who then graded my work and eventually approved me. On December 4, 1959, I was granted my Local Preacher's License by the Olney District of the Southern Illinois Annual Conference. The summer of 1960 was spent filling in for area pastors who were on vacation, so I actually had the experience of writing sermons and leading worship.

In the Fall of 1960 I headed off to Illinois Wesleyan in Bloomington, and within weeks of arriving there I found myself at Ebenezer Methodist Church, a small country church south of Bloomington and west of Funks Grove. That would begin my 50 year journey in the ministry which, to some degree, continues here at Crossroads.

My retirement in 2008 was prompted more by fatigue than lack of passion. I still enjoyed Sunday morning worship but I found that I wasn't able to do the 14 hour days any longer. My body wore out before my soul. I knew that if I continued on I would probably start to cut corners and cheat. So very reluctantly and with great disappointment, I knew I needed to retire.

When it came time to leave University UMC, my staff-parish chairperson asked me, actually pleaded with me, to invite the other churches I'd served to recognize this event. I repeatedly said, "No." I just wasn't in the frame of mind to celebrate anything. And so we didn't. It was my choice, not theirs.

Months later I would second-guess that decision. I, probably selfishly, wished that I had acknowledged the grand sweep of things including all the churches and especially, the

people who had shared this challenging and exciting adventure with me. And then, on Sunday, June 4, Crossroads did that for me in an overwhelming and moving way. I can't put into words how deeply touched I was. The memories you accumulate over the years are never about buildings and statistics; they are always about those moments when your life intersects with the lives of those precious people who are a part of your church family. And by God's grace, you touch and shape, encourage and strengthen each other. So thank you for that special moment. While it took me many minutes to collect myself and regain my composure, none of it was because I was sad about anything. It was just so overwhelming to wrap my heart around all those years and all the people in whose lives I might have made a difference and who most certainly made a difference to me.

Thank you to Pastor Tom for having the idea in the first place and then turning it over to your "Gang of Four": Tammy Miller, Sherry Goodell, LuAnn DeBolt, and my wife, Sue. You guys pulled it off in grand style and please know how much I appreciated being able to share that moment with my Crossroad's family.

Gratefully,
Robert Lawry

Adopt-a-Block



We have all been concerned about the violence and poverty on the south side of Peoria, here is an opportunity to make a difference. We (Crossroads and Bethel) have adopted two residential blocks just south of John Gwynn Park in Peoria. This is a residential neighborhood filled mostly with home-

owners and older people. We will begin walking in our neighborhood on Saturday mornings twice a month in August. Our ministry is simply to get to know our new neighbors, pray with them, and help in any way keep their neighborhood strong and full of faith.

Ready to walk? Contact either Chuck Dixon (chuckdar@mtco.com) or Pastor Tom (pstrtom@mtco.com). You can commit to walking one Saturday a month, or to being a substitute walker.

Disciple Bible Study

DISCIPLE is an adult education program of disciplined Bible study aimed at developing strong Christian discipleship.

DISCIPLE focuses on the disciple as learner, believer, follower, proclaimer, and servant.

DISCIPLE provides the fellowship of the small group for study, prayer, and preparation for servanthood.

DISCIPLE assumes that the Bible is key to renewal in the church.

DISCIPLE affirms the Bible was formed as it is in order for God to speak to us today.

DISCIPLE gives Old and New Testament equal time, emphasizing the wholeness of the Bible as the revelation of God.

DISCIPLE draws upon the work of scholars to aid in understanding of the Bible.

The purpose of DISCIPLE is best expressed by Ephesians 4:12: *To equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.*

If you are a graduate of Disciple 1, join us for the *Disciple 3* study this fall! (Once you have completed Disciple 1, the other Disciple studies may be taken in any order.)

DISCIPLE 3:

REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE examines the call to remember; the call to repentance; the need for renewed vision; and the place of community. The driving idea in this study is the connection between memory and identity as the people of God. The word *You* in the title is meant to be heard both in its singular form (the individual) and its plural form (the community). We are a community of memory. Participants in

this 32-week study will read the major and minor Old Testament prophets, with the exception of Daniel, and will read the 13 Letters traditionally attributed to Paul. To establish the historical context in which the prophets spoke for God, daily reading assignments draw also on the books of Deuteronomy through Chronicles.

DISCIPLE 3 will meet on Monday evenings, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. There will be an informational meeting on Monday, August 9th and the study will begin on August 16th.

You may sign up by calling the church office at 444-2381. The study is led by Rebecca Bell (444-2570) and Patty Hatfield (444-4089). Please let us know if you will need child care during the Bible Study.

Real Men Do Stephen Ministry!

Quotes from male Stephen Ministers:

Male Stephen Ministers fill an important need: “For many men, friendships rarely get beyond surface issues. Stephen Ministry gives men who have a need to talk about deep feelings a safe haven to do so. It is gratifying to be able to listen and occasionally share my own personal experiences.” Tom from Minnesota, Information Technology

The rewards of Stephen Ministry: “A friend of mine once told me he had ‘lost his spiritual compass.’ I told him he hadn’t lost it, he had simply misplaced it. As a Stephen Minister, one of my greatest rewards is helping people find their spiritual compass.” Craig from Minnesota, Maintenance worker for city water department.

Stephen Ministers gain life skills: “Men are constantly called on to be fixers. Stephen Ministry has taught me the importance of just listening and caring, allowing God to be the

Fixer!” William from Virginia, Dentist.

“After striving to be results-oriented my whole life, Stephen Ministry has helped me understand the need to be empowered by Christ, to give up my control, and to trust Christ to bring about the results.” Thomas from Ohio, Geophysicist.

Who are Stephen Ministers?

They’re members of Crossroads who have gone through 50 hours of training to provide high-quality Christian care to individuals experiencing a crisis or challenge such as hospitalization, divorce, loss of a job, grief, relocation or loneliness, etc.

How does Stephen Ministry work?

When one of the Pastors or our Parish Nurse refers someone to Stephen Ministry, a Stephen Leader will meet with that person to explain what the ministry offers. After they secure permission from that person, they then match that person with one of our available Stephen Ministers who will get

in touch with them. They begin meeting with their care receiver for about an hour a week. This caring relationship will last for as long as the care receiver needs it. The

Stephen Minister doesn’t try to solve problems; they listen, care, pray and help the care receiver find their own path to healing and wholeness. Most importantly, they keep all information that the care receiver shares with them **CONFIDENTIAL!**

If you’re a “real man” and are interested in caring for others, please contact one of these Stephen Leaders for more information.

Lori Samp, 367-9422 or saved57@gmail.com

Pastor Bob DeBolt, 253-5504 or pstrbob@mtco.com



Communion in the Chapel

Beginning **Sunday, August 8**, the pastors will be offering the sacrament of communion in the chapel between worship services. A pastor and the communion elements will be in the chapel at the conclusion of the 8:30 worship service, about **9:30 a.m.** and at **10:50 a.m.** just prior to the beginning of the 11:00 Praise Service.

This will not be a worship service and there will be no liturgy or preaching. We intend for this to be a ‘come and go’ kind of moment. When you are ready to receive the sacrament, you may simply walk to the front of the chapel and receive it from one of the pastors. Feel free to remain at the altar for as long as you wish.

Our intention is to offer the sacrament in the chapel every Sunday except on the Sundays when it is shared in the two worship services, which is consistently the first Sunday of each month.

Vacation Bible School 2010

God is Good! What a wonderful week we had at Heavenly Heroes: To Eternity... and Beyond! Approximately 340 kids and 110 helpers were blessed each day by learning about Jesus and His love for them through music, crafts, story, snack, book, and game time. The kids learned about five unnamed heroes of the Bible that spread God's love through seemingly random acts of kindness.

The kids of our VBS were not the only ones blessed this week. We collected over \$2000 in offerings, which will benefit the kids of Cunningham Children's Home in Urbana, IL, and Shoes for Orphan Souls – a ministry of Buckner International. The sweet reward for the children raising so much money for the offering was seeing Trevor, Pastor Tom, Pastor Bob L., Trish W., and Trish R., get a pie in the face at the carnival! Trevor was a real Hero for challenging the kids to step up and give this year!

The success of this year's VBS week would not have happened without the incredible list of volunteers who gave their time to assist with this program. I was so blessed to have Jenn Blackorby and Sue Husted by my side directing the

VBS program. Many committee members helped plan this past week since early in 2010. Pastor Tom helped our Pre-K kids learn the unnamed heroes by serving as a games teacher, while Pastor Bob DeBolt and Pastor Bob Lawry were available to assist the kids and helpers. Trish Roemer, her music helpers, Jill Tully, Jerry Young, and Rob Bell worked hard all week teaching music time and running the sound/video. Nurse Sally Charlton was available to assist with bumps and boo-boos, Stephanie Wendte and helpers were on hand to help with our youngest VBS attendees, and the Prayer Team was at work every minute of VBS praying for the kids and helpers. The office staff assisted Sue with registration, and Ellen Bachman and her team of snack helpers worked to bring us some very tasty treats through the week. Our craft team designed amazing crafts this year including two outreach projects: cards for our military (our Superheroes in every way!) and Healing kits that will be shared with area schools. The clean up team made sure the church sparkled every morning when we got there. Gloria Dellinger made a beautiful quilt with the 5th and 6th graders showing why they

are each Superheroes for Jesus. The congregation stepped up to sew capes for all of our little superheroes. What a great surprise for them! Finally, we were blessed with an amazing team of teachers, shepherds, and youth helpers who spent each day with these kids teaching and showing God's love to them.

The end of the week was the reward for all the hard work when we saw the kids perform their songs at our VBS program. The sanctuary was filled with joyful noises as they sang! The VBS carnival saw it's biggest crowd to date and was a great success once again. This success was due to the hard work and planning of the carnival committee and their volunteers.

Many thanks to ALL of the volunteers who made our VBS week at Heavenly Heroes possible. These kids are the future of our church and our community, and they have all been blessed by the work you have done! Our hope is that they take what they learned this week and use it to be a Hero for someone else. We are already looking forward to next year's VBS week! See you then!

Trish Wierenga, Director

Just for Kids

ATTENTION THIRD GRADERS

Our mission at Crossroads is to grow disciples. One way we do this is by presenting our incoming 3rd graders with bibles. We are inviting all kids who will be entering 3rd grade this fall **and their parents or grandparents** to join us on Sunday, September 12 from 9:45-12:00. At 9:45 parents/grandparents and 3rd graders will meet for a special class about their bible. Parents/grandparents will play a very important role in presenting the bible to their child, so we highly encourage parents or grandparents to attend. Then at the 11:00 service the parents/grandparents will present their 3rd graders with a personalized bible.

Sunday School Kick-Off

August 22 is our Kick-off Sunday. This is the Sunday when the kids move into the grade they will be in this fall! The kids will go to their new classrooms for a "fun Sunday" with their shepherds or new teachers!

Teacher Appreciation

On Sunday, August 22nd at both services we will be recognizing our Sunday school teachers, shepherds, & subs and any adults that have helped with Children's Church during this past school year. We highly encourage each you to attend one of the services, so we can thank you for your devotion during the past year.

Awana Helpers Needed

We're already halfway through the summer and very soon it will be time for Awana to begin again! Last year we reached 115 children! Wouldn't it be great if we could reach even more kids this year? To do that we will need many more helpers, including leaders, directors, LIT (leaders in training), listeners (who listen to the kids recite their memory verses), secretaries, and commanders. Serving the Savior in this way is very rewarding, and we need you even if you can only commit to once or twice a month. If you are ready to "Step Out of the Boat", contact Julie Puckett at jewels8595@comcast.net or

678-7142, or Kris Ross at kross529@comcast.net. Planning meetings and training sessions will begin very soon.

Kids for Christ

A Kids Club for 3rd, 4th, & 5th graders

Bible time, Games, Music, and Snacks

Beginning September 10
6:00 – 8:00pm

2010-2011 dates:

September 10
September 24
October 8
October 22
November 12
December 3
January 14
January 28
February 11
February 25
March 25
April 8
April 29

Fundraiser for Threads of Love and the Threads of Love Emergency Center

We will have a general store with samples of Nikki Hudson's specialty items. We will be selling her trail and snack mixes, Honey Mustard and Ranch dressings, chocolate covered popcorn and Turtles.

Sales Dates

Sunday, August 8

Sunday, August 22

Fellowship Hall



Senior News

M and M's trip to "Leesville Garden Railroad" Then to Maria's Restaurant August 19th

Very few of us living in Washington know that a first class garden railroad exists here. Robert and Linda Lee on Avon Court, have built a City named "Leesville" in their backyard that sports a total of 540 ft. of "G" scale track. The train includes 15 locomotives and about 40 cars. The trains can run at 50 to 60 scale miles per

hour. It has several businesses with familiar names and "Leesville" prominently displayed on the water tower. The Lee's Railroad project is the largest in Washington. Others exist in Morton, Hudson, Bloomington and Peoria.

Following our visit to the railroad, which will take approximately one hour, we will have supper at Maria's here in Washington. The bus will leave the church at 5 p.m. Please call the church (444-2381) to register before August 16th. We should return to the

church by 8 p.m. Please let it be known that you need a ride to the church when registering. There is no charge to visit the railroad. Please call Sally at the church with questions.

Senior Meal

Our Senior Meal will be Tuesday, August 10, at 12:00 in the Fellowship area. Sally is all rested up after our July break and she is planning a delicious meal. Please call the church office (444-2381) for a reservation.

UMW Rummage Sale

The annual Rummage Sale sponsored by UMW will be held on **Thursday, August 19th from 9am-4pm and Friday, August 20th from 9:00am-noon.** Friday will be bag day.

You may bring your donations of household

goods, sporting equipment, books, games, clothing, etc. Aug. 16, 17, from 9am-4pm and Aug. 18, from 9am-noon.

Clothing not sold will be offered to Threads of Love.

If you can help set-up or

during the sale please contact Nancy Bullard 444-5140.

Proceeds from the sale go to UMW mission work for women and children locally and globally.

Tender Loving Cooks

Tender Loving Cooks is a ministry that delivers a meal to families with newborns and others in need.

All you great Methodist cooks out there...here is your chance to "step out of the boat" and use your great culinary skills! Please call

Jean Kirk at 444-8519 if you would like to be a part of this important ministry. (If you are currently on the team and would like to continue, please let Jean know. Thanks!)

Nurse Sally's Tip of the Month

Facts About Falls

Contrary to popular belief, falling is not a normal part of the aging process. While it is true our physical bodies may weaken and our senses may not be as sharp as we age, the majority of falls are preventable. On average, 5% of falls will result in a fracture, usually of the hip or wrist. 10% of falls require some type of medical care and over 15 billion dollars are spent each year on fall related injuries.

Diabetes, dementia, heart conditions, and urinary incontinence are some medical conditions that increase your risk of falling. Muscle weakness, sensory deficits (neuropathy), poor vision, hearing difficulties (if you startle easily), walking or balance problems, and delayed reflexes also increase your risk of falling. If you have

osteoporosis, the risk of fracturing a bone is greatly increased. People who are afraid of falling may begin to walk with guarded posture in a shuffle-style gait. This unnatural walking pattern actually increases their chance of falling.

It is extremely important to assess your home for hazards, which include:

- Slippery surfaces, poor lighting and clutter make walking through your home difficult.
- It is a good idea to have grab bars in your bathroom and non-skid strips or a mat in the shower or tub.
- Make sure hallways are brightly lit and keep a flashlight beside the bed in case of power outage.
- Carpet should be firmly attached to the floor and throw rugs removed.
- Make sure telephone and

electrical cords are out of your walking path.

- Make sure footwear has adequate support and slip-resistant tread.
- Telephone and light switches should be in easy to reach locations.
- Stairs should be equipped with sturdy handrails.
- During the winter, keep all entrances to your home free of ice and snow.

If you find yourself with any of the above risk factors, speak with your family doctor about ways to lessen the chance of falling. Personal call systems are strongly encouraged for those living alone. You are always in contact with someone who can get help for you, not only with falls but all kinds of medical emergencies. Contact the parish nurse if you want more information.

GriefShare

Beginning Tuesday, September 14th, 7 - 9 p.m., a new session of GriefShare will begin.

GriefShare is designed to help those suffering a deep hurt that comes with the loss of someone close.

Scott and Kathy Deatherage, trained and experienced leaders, will be facilitating the group. Anyone who has experienced a painful loss is invited to attend. The loss need not be recent.

Please call the church, 444-2381 if you have questions or to register. If you have a friend or family member who would benefit from this program, please invite him/her to attend. Griefshare is open to the public and is ecumenical. Please direct questions to Sally Charlton or Scott and Kathy.

Sermon Series focusing on Marriage

Join us in worship August 15, 22, and 29 as we think about God's plan for marriage. Pastor Tom will lead a sermon series on marriage and relationships. We will study Paul's teaching in Ephesians 5: 22-33 on marriage as a ministry and how this shapes our understanding of serving one another.

- August 15 will introduce marriage as a ministry
- August 22 will focus on how husbands are called to minister to their wives
- August 29 will focus on how wives are called to minister to their husbands.

Fellowship Opportunities

Sewing Circle

The Dorcas Sewing Circle meets *weekly* on Wednesdays from 9:00am to noon.

Even if you are not an experienced sewer, you are welcome to join us for some great fellowship and to share ideas.

Men's Fellowship

Guys, join us at the Men's Fellowship Group, which meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month in the chapel.

The next meetings are Tuesday July 27th and August 24th at 6:00pm.

Join us for supper, a testimony, a Bible study, and prayer. We encourage all men to come, and invite your friends. This is a great opportunity to see what God is doing among us.

Spirited Book Discussion Group

The Spirited Book Discussion Group will not meet during the summer. Our next discussion will be on Sept. 21 at 1 pm in the church library. We will discuss Her Mother's Hope by Francine Rivers. The new reading list for fall is posted in the church library or you may get a copy from Nancy Bullard. The books are also in the special display and are available for check-out. Have a happy reading summer.

2nd Sunday Meals

August 8:
Menu: Hamburgers, brats and hot dogs on the grill.

Proceeds will go to Threads of Love



Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary Scholarship Motorcycle Ride

August 14, 2010

Riders will meet at Crossroads parking lot at 7:30AM and leave by 8:00AM

Stops will be at:

- Wesley UMC, Bloomington
- Ebenezer UMC, McLean
- Decatur Grace UMC,

Walk to Emmaus

Women's Walk
September 9-12

Men's Walk
August 26-29

For more information, contact Val Kruzan at 745-3321 or visit the Emmaus website at ilheartlandemmaus.com.



Both walks will be held at the Cursillo Center.

St Jude Run Saturday, August 7 3:00PM

Come out and cheer for the St Jude Bloomington to Peoria runners as they proceed through Washington. The runners will be coming from Eureka on Business 24 and should arrive at the square around 3:00PM. From there, the runners will continue west through Washington on Business 24. Keep an eye out for the Crossroads bus and cheer on the runners as they pass through town.!

Music, Sound and Video Opportunities

The Chancel Choir needs your voice!

The Chancel Choir

will begin rehearsing on Wednesday, August 26th at 7:45 -8:45PM for the fall year. The group is open to anyone high school aged and older that is willing to share their singing talent with the congregation. They perform twice a month at the 8:30 service and practice every Wednesday during the school year. Anyone can participate and you can join for even just one month at a time. This is a great way to serve on Sunday mornings. Come earn brownie points and learn what goes on in the sanctuary at 7:52AM on Sunday mornings. Step out of the boat and sing with us. Contact Will Meachum at wmeach@mtco.com.

The Chapel Choir and Bell choir will begin rehearsals for the fall year starting in September. The Chapel choir is open to anyone ages 2nd grade - 6th grade, and the Chapel Bells are for anyone in 3rd grade through middle school. Please contact Will Meachum (wmeach@mtco.com) or Kathy Palmer (palmer312@comcast.net) if you are interested in learning more.

Video Production team.

Crossroads is going to be starting a video production team. This will be a group that works through the week developing videos for various Sunday themes and purposes. If you have experience operating camera equipment, sound equipment, editing videos or acting on video, this is a great

opportunity for you. If you would like to learn how to do any of these different things, we will train you. The more people involved, the more limited the time commitment will be as we hope to organize different teams for each production need. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Will Meachum at wmeach@mtco.com

Sound guys or gals needed.

The Sound team is in need of technicians to learn how to operate the sound system for Sunday mornings and special events. If you are interested in training for this once a month time commitment, please contact Will Meachum at wmeach@mtco.com.

Prayer Challenge

Unanswered prayers from “Our Daily Bread”

An explanation we often hear for “unanswered” prayers is that we don’t have enough faith. But Jesus said in [Luke 17:6](#) that if we have faith the size of a mustard seed, we can command a mulberry tree to be uprooted and planted in the sea and it will obey us. In other words, the effectiveness of our prayers depends not on how much faith we have but on whether we even have faith.

Luke tells of a Roman centurion with “great faith” (7:9). His

faith was expressed first as an appeal to Jesus to heal his dying servant. Then it was expressed as an acknowledgment that Jesus could heal his servant anytime, anywhere. The centurion did not ask Jesus to do things his way. Faith has been described as “trusting God’s heart and trusting God’s power.” Some prayers that seem to go unanswered are simply instances in which God has lovingly overruled our wishes. He knows that what we have asked for is not best. Or it may be that our timing is not His timing, or He has some far

greater purpose in mind. Let us remember, even Jesus prayed to His heavenly Father, “Nevertheless not My will, but Yours” ([Luke 22:42](#)). Do we have the centurion’s great faith—a faith that trusts God to do His work, in His way?

Unanswered prayers are answered still
As part of God’s great master plan;
They help to carry out His will
To demonstrate God’s love for man. —D. De Haan

God’s answers are wiser than our prayers.

Pastoral Notes



Congratulations to our newest members. Greg Jenkins was baptized and received into membership on June 20th. Rick and Lisa Raczak were received by profession of faith on June 27. Shawna Roe Wendte was received by profession of faith on July 18. Janelle Provine was received by profession of faith on July 25.

We also celebrated the baptisms of Greg Jenkins on June 19, Cassidy Faith, the daughter of Rick and Lisa Raczak, on June 27, and Sadie Elizabeth Roe, the daughter of Eric and Shawna Roe Wendte, on July 18.

And we remember in our prayers Fred and Caren Beach on the passing of Fred's mother, Hazel Beach, on June 14; John and Beulah Addler on the passing of their son-in-law, David Swigart, on July 5; and the Rogers and Johnson family on the passing of Nick Rogers, on June 22.

United Methodist Women

UMW Connections

Fannie McCoy remembers UMW Rummage Sales from earlier years...

In years past our Rummage Sale was held in May and also in September. Now we just have one in the fall.

We began our rummage sales while in the church on Elm Street. People were lined up to the parking lot doors waiting for us to open. We opened at 9 am and closed at 2:30 pm.

In preparation for the sale every item had to be tagged or attached with a straight pin. There are probably still pins hiding in the carpet.

We have taken our leftovers to several different places. For several years a group from Tremont came to help us pack and took the items to Appalachia. Once the leaders were sick so our men took the items to a storage shed in Tremont, It was locked! One of our men climbed on the roof and went in a window. Since

then we have donated locally.

The men have been very helpful through the years.

Upcoming Events

Day Apart

All women are invited to join us as we journey to Lewistown, IL on Tuesday, August 24th for the UMW District "Day Apart" at Livings Springs Camp, a beautiful United Methodist camp in our conference. "Praying Under the Shadow of the Cross" will be presented by Rev. Joy Schlosselman.

8:30am Registration & continental breakfast at the Fellheimer Lodge.
12:00pm Lunch (baked potato/salad bar)
Dismissal in early afternoon.
Cost: \$9.50 per person

Please call Nancy Bullard at 444-5140 for questions, reservation, and carpooling

information. Reservations must be called in by Tuesday, August 10th. Don't miss this special annual event.

Recipe Potluck September 2nd At 12:00pm Fellowship Hall

All women are invited to join us for a Recipe Potluck. Table service and drinks will be provided. Be sure to bring the recipe for your delicious dish. Our D.O.L.L. (District Office Liaison to the Local Unit), Johnnie Locker, is planning to join us.

Visiting Day

On Thursday, October 7th at 2:00pm, we will again be visiting some of our church folks who reside in nursing homes or assisted living settings. Please join us. The more the merrier!

UMW is a group of caring, supportive, praying, and loving women of all ages who are interested in mission, Bible Study, and friendship with other women.

Notes from our Congregation

We would like to thank many people for helping us during our recent surgeries. Pastor Tom and Pastor Bob for their visits, prayers, and calls. Sally for her calls and prayers. Gloria McNett, Georgia Koch, Anne Roberts, Melody Wiseman, and Peggy King for providing meals and desserts. We also

appreciate all those who have prayed for us and encouraged us. We are blessed to have such a wonderful church family.

Dave & Nancy Quinn

Need folding chairs?

We are giving away the metal folding chairs that are stored in the garage. If you would like

some of them, please contact Tod Anderson at 256-4556 or Russ Petri at 369-8005 **BEFORE AUGUST 1st.**

FREE ORGAN:

Sears Galaxy 2000 with rhythm, double keyboard, pedals, and manual included. Call Mary Arn at 444-9739.

Christmas Drama Auditions

This year's Christmas drama will be "The Rented Christmas".

John Dale hasn't enjoyed a "real Christmas" for years. So, on the spur of the moment, he decides to "rent" a Christmas from Anne Weston, who owns the local rent shop. Anne is at first flustered with the requirements: a tree with presents, Christmas carols and also a wife and five children. Anne feels she has solved the problem of a

Christmas family by calling the actors' guild. But the young actors come down with the measles so she turns to the local orphanage. When the guild can't locate a "mother", Anne steps in to play the role herself.

"The Rented Christmas"

Performance: December 10th

Auditions: Friday, August 27, 5:30-7:00pm and Saturday,

August 28, 1:00-4:00pm

Characters:

Female- age 30-40

Male- age 18-20

Male- age 35-45

2 Females- ages 35+

Orphans- ages 16,13,8,6

Female- age 40+

Male- age 40+

Questions regarding auditions, contact Debbie Royer 444-2381.

Precept Bible Study

**14-week study on Isaiah
Thursday mornings from
9:00-11:30
Beginning August 26th**

Contact Sue Husted with any questions. Contact the office to sign up.

*Isaiah Part 1-The Word of the Holy One to Israel, the Remnant, and the Nations
... and the Promise of the Child*

to Be Born (Chapters 1-39)
(14 lessons)

Isaiah is the crown jewel of Old Testament prophets, a book that strikes awe in the heart of its reader, especially when its poetry is read in the Hebrew. Prophecies from Isaiah are mentioned in twenty-two places in the Gospels, Acts, and Romans. The words of Isaiah were often found on the lips of the Christ, the Messiah

prophesied in Isaiah. If Jesus, God incarnate, honored this grand and glorious book so highly, then you and I ought to do the same. In Isaiah Part 1, we'll meet the Holy One of Israel, and learn how He deals with those who claim Him as God but don't honor Him as God in the way that they live. And we'll find the destiny of nations, the future of all mankind ... including ours.

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