



The Circuit Rider
September 2018
 The First United Methodist
 Church of Princeton
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Message from Your Pastor:

Many times, we announce that there are many different ministries that are available for you to participate in at the church. It's easy to read about these different ministries without ever really pausing to think about what it means for us to be in ministry. While they may seem like jobs that just need to be done, they are so much more... in short, a ministry is an action taken by Christians to express or spread their faith. Which means, that every action we take within the church: from teaching Sunday School, singing in the Choir, serving on the Trustees, to volunteering in the church office, is a way in which we express and spread our faith with our actions and talents. As Christians, it is our privilege and duty to show others our faith in Christ and spread the love of Jesus in our actions and words. Being in ministry is the essential work of the church and was laid out for us by Jesus in the Great Commission. The month of September brings with it many opportunities to get involved in ministries within our church and community.

You're invited to participate in or lead Sunday School for our children, youth, and adults as we gather together to learn about God. You can be in ministry through music by joining our Choir, Hand Bell Choir, or Praise Team as they begin meeting again this month to lead us in our worshipping life together. You can engage in the ministry of prayer by holding all the children that come to Parents Day Out (and their teachers) in your prayers throughout the week. You can attend or pray for all those who will be attending the Women's Retreat on October 12th and 13th. And we invite you to join us in praying for peace on our Peace Day service on September 18th at 7 pm. All of these, and many more left unmentioned, are ways in which you can express and spread your faith in God as a member of our church.

There are also some upcoming events in September and October that I would like to mention so that you can put them on your calendar and participate. On October 6th at 1:00 pm, our General Conference delegates will be hosting a listening session at Sterling Wesley UMC, 2200 16th

Avenue, Sterling IL. In order to be prepared as possible for the special session of the General Conference in February 2019, we will be having a series of 1-hour classes on Wednesday Nights September 12th, 19th, and 26th, starting at 6 pm. We will be discussing United Methodist Theology, Polity, and the items that will be voted on at the February General Conference. Everyone is welcome to come, learn, and ask questions!

Also, I wanted you all to get your pets bathed and ready for our Church's first pet blessing which will be in October. So, get your pets ready to go out on the town and be prayed over, thanking God for the blessings that they are in our lives.

Thank you for all you do, and I look forward to the many ways in which we can continue to be in ministry together in our church, community, and world!

Grace and peace,
Brian

**Phone Number at the
 Parsonage:
 815-915-8543**

***Check the church office window
 for Lost/Found items***

Report from our Trustees

Trustee Update on 105 Peru Street Demolition Bid has been awarded to MTG Excavating. Demolition should begin in October. The Fire Department has been training periodically during August and will continue through the end of September.

Homecoming Dress Sale

The 2018 PROMise Homecoming Sale was a HUGE success! There was a very long line of young ladies waiting to get into the sale to find the perfect homecoming dress. We were able to sell 50 dresses along with several people buying shoes, purses and jewelry to complete their look. We made \$1,353.05, which will go toward the purchase of the new tents used for dressing rooms and other equipment and supplies needed to run the PROMise Sale in March.

We had people from all over Illinois visit our sale; from El Paso, Dixon, and Kewanee to name a few. They all found dresses, which made it well worth the trip!!

Thank you to all of those who pitched in to help with the set up and tear down of the sale as well as the many volunteers who helped the day of the sale. You are the reason for the sale's success!

Last but not least, to the woman with her random act of kindness, thank you! This angel came up to the desk, paid for a young lady's dress, looked at her and then to us and said, "It's taken care of" and left. We don't know who she is, just a stranger to the young lady. The young lady said it best "I just got goose bumps!" God never ceases to amaze me with all of His working parts in our world, the everyday people He uses to make a difference and to shine His light!

Love In Christ,
Amy Thompson

A New Type of Ministry?

Ever wanted to try a different type of ministry? Do you like studying the Bible? Then have we got the opportunity for you! We've been contacted by Disciple Bible Outreach about starting a Disciple Bible Study at the Kewanee Prison. If you are interesting in helping take the Bible to people wanting to learn God's story of salvation in prison, please contact Pastor Brian.

Our Table

Sign-up sheets are out for **Monday, September 2nd**, our next Our Table service day. Please continue to be generous with your time and your donations. We would love to have the youth take over the service line. Your faces and enthusiasm make everyone smile!

C.A.R.E.

C.A.R.E. stands for "Christ's Arms Reaching Everywhere." C.A.R.E. partners are already reaching out to our church members on a one-to-one basis. If you know someone who is a shut in or at a nursing home and can't get to church regularly, let the church office know and we will get one of our C.A.R.E. partners out to meet with them.

Congrats to our Youth!

Congratulations go to some of our Youth members who performed in the Second Story Youth Talent Show and Art Exhibit during the Bureau County Fair at the end of August. Alex and Colin Kniss got 5th place in the talent show. Thomas Makransky (grandson of Frank & Rita Dunlap) won 3rd place. Colin also submitted a drawing for the Art Exhibit.

Congratulations also to all the other youth members of our church who submitted projects for the Bureau County Fair.

NEWS OF THE FLOCK....



IF YOUR LOVED ONE IS IN THE HOSPITAL, PLEASE LET THE CHURCH KNOW WHERE THEY ARE AND THEIR STATUS. MOST HOSPITALS DON'T LET THE CHURCH KNOW WHEN YOUR LOVED ONE IS ADMITTED

MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

We share the grief with our church members, family and friends on the passing of...

Michael Corrigan

Pete Doyle, friends of Cal and Christy Gramer

Brad Wilcoxon, nephew of Anna Roadhouse

Please keep these families in your prayers as they mourn their friends and loved ones.

Notes of thanks:

Many thanks to Linda Breedlove who answered phones in the office for me so that I could attend training for Church Conferences and also to Frank and Rita Dunlap for their help with setting up the September sermon series packets and nametags. And, as always, thanks to Melody Powell for helping to answer phones and stuff the bulletins on Friday morning.

The Prayer Corner...

Remember in your prayers...all of our members in nursing homes and spouses, Shawn Brennan (grandson of Terry McDorman), Josh Bush's family, Sally King (Joyce Bickett's sister), Diane Grafft (daughter of Dorothy Grafft), Tom Kidd (Linda Breedlove's nephew), Robert and Alice Lord, Rhea Chasteen (Janette Chasteen's sister-in-law), Rich & Kay Sire Family (relatives of Bob and Ruth Hayward), Tippy Towne (Carla Towne's brother), Merle Polson (friend of Allyn and Sue May), Daveon Harris, Jessica Kraus (great niece of Bob & Ruth Hayward), Toni Rae Pruitt (Josh Bush's cousin), Dale Chasteen (Janette Chasteen's brother), Evelyn & Jack Rackmyer (Marv Peter's sister & brother-in-law), Age Gerber (PDO Student), Deb (Christy Gramer's friend), friends and family of Pete Doyle (Cal & Christy Gramer's

friend), Helen Bickett, (Joyce Bickett's mother in law), Beverly Larson (friend of Allyn & Sue May), friends and family of Brad Wilcoxson (Anna Roadhouse's nephew), Trent Goodale, Johnnie King, Emmaus and Chrysalis Walks, victims of wild fires and floods, fire fighters and emergency personnel

WELCOME CENTER- NARTHEX

We are always looking for volunteers to provide treats between the services. Thanks *Coffee Hour Committee*



Sunday School

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Rally Day is on the horizon! We will be using the Route 66 Study Guide to help us discover all 66 books of the Bible. Join us for a fun filled Rally Day on September 2nd at 9:15am.



To better provide care for our young children we are going to be starting a Nursery Rotation. Mrs. Chris provides excellent guidance for our young children and we are always so thankful for the care she provides our children. According to our Safe Sanctuary policy two must be present, 2 adults or 1 adult/1 teenager.

This is a great opportunity for the high school youth to receive service hours.

If you feel led to volunteer and help with the Staffing the Nursery, please contact Kelly Davis or Mrs. Chris and we will get you added to the rotation.

You can also email us at davis0465@gmail.com
Thank you!



Mission Possible Kids will be starting October 3rd! Please share with families that have children in 1st to 5th grade.

You start registering now at <https://vbspro.events/p/mpk>.

We are very excited about the upcoming missions!



Parent's Day Out had very successful Open House on Aug. 23rd. It was a great time getting to hang out with all the new children who will be joining us and get to see familiar faces. I think it always speaks highly of our program when we have parents returning with the new youngest child. Our first day is September 4th and 6th.

At this time, we only have 1 opening on Tuesday. We are currently building a waitlist for Wednesday morning. We require a minimum of 6 kids to open up a Wednesday session.

You can sign up at vbspro.events/p/pdo



Woodcarvers Group

An ever growing group of Woodcarvers called the *Princeton Chippers* meets **EVERY** Wednesday from 4:30 – 6:00 pm in Cushing Hall. All skill levels and ages are invited. For more information, contact Gary James at 815-915-8628 or by e-mail at ramprat41@gmail.com

In the Service



We honor these men and women in our armed services, who serve to protect our country.

Please update this list for our records!

Major Daniel B. Bolton, U.S. Army, U.S. Pentagon, Washington DC

Gy. Sgt. Brandon Dickinson, US Marine Corp. Camp LeJeune, North Carolina

Lt. Col James Duban, US Air Force.

Capt. Stephan Gallagher & Sgt. Kristy Gallagher, US Air Force in Arizona

Master Sergeant Ryan Lair, US Army EOD, Ft. Lee, Virginia, 17704 Branders Bridge Road, South Chesterfield, VA 23834

Airman 1st Class Jesse McKenzie, Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada

Airman 1st Class Layne Miller, AMN Miller, Layne

PSC62 Box 7198

APO AE 09643-0072

Sgt. Brian Peters, Jr., 1179 West Wilson Street, Apt. A, Batavia, IL 60510

Lt. Comdr. Jo Peterson, US Navy. Currently on assignment

Captain Joshua Smith, US Army, Fort Hood, TX
Col. Kirk B. Stabler, US Air Force (Col. Kirk B. Stabler, USAF, 16715 Ostenbury Ct., Dumfries, VA 22025
Airman 1st Class Tyler Tyne, Dover, DE
Capt. Matt Wesmiller & Capt. Azizi Wesmiller, Army Helicopter Pilots

Rebekah Pickett
 28 Mert McIntosh
 Patti Nelson
 29 Braydyn Kruse
 30 Daniel Brewer
 Peggy Hopper

September Anniversaries

4 Rex and Ann Lasson
 8 Jon and Tara Knipper
 13 Brook and Irene Stanbary
 14 Michael and Suzanne Denton
 16 Scott and Jodee Zelenik
 17 Jay and Lara Schneider
 18 Larry and Deb Lawson
 22 Ivan and Charon Freeberg
 Emmet and Hazel Sims
 25 Stuart and Lynette VandeVenter
 26 Lyle and Brenda Lund

If you are a member or regular attender who has a birthday or anniversary this month and your name does not appear on this list, please contact the office to update our files.



Get Ready for the New Church Year!

Elm City Bells hand bell choir began on August 28th at 5 pm. Chancel Choir began on August 29th at 7 pm. If you love to make music, either with the bells or your voice, please feel free to join us at either rehearsal. No experience necessary.

September Birthdays

1 Sally Farrell
 Cheyanne Taylor
 2 Rodger Bruyn
 4 Ed Pakosz
 8 Angela Noble
 9 Katherine Beavers
 Debra Eckberg
 Alyssa Pleasant
 13 Dorothy Denton
 Tom Molitor
 14 Sheryl Noel
 Carol Pakosz
 15 Carolyn Anderson
 Ron Denault
 Pamela Jackson
 Jenah Sims
 17 Lark Fisher
 18 Deanna McCutchan
 20 Bob Hudson
 21 Allyn May
 Chris Rucinski
 23 Sierrah Taylor
 25 David James
 Jeff Lucas
 Riley Lucas
 26 John Damon
 27 Nolan Frank
 Melinda Grimes

Financial Report General Operating Fund July, 2018

Income		
Pledges	24,619.75	
Plate	478.00	
Sunday School	52.00	
VBS Income	355.89	
Interest	8.27	
Pass-thru	1,339.42	
General UMCOR	10.00	
Special Gifts/Ofrg	(304.45)	
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	26,558.88	
Disbursements		<hr/>
		(26,593.04)
General Fund YTD Bal, July 31, 2018		(34.16)

Eight months of apportionments has been paid to date. **Respectively, Fallon Bush, Treasurer**

2018 Pledges

Pledges for 2018 \$232,473.02
 Pledges received thru July 124,543.63
 At 57% of the year completed, we have received
 54% of pledges toward our budget in 2018.
Marcia Peddicord, Financial Secretary



THE POWER OF BOLD

Upcoming Events

- **Sept 19** – 12 UMW Board Meeting; 1 pm UMW General Meeting. Program: Assembly Review
- **Sept 29** – DeKalb District Fall Meeting at Princeton UMC (Celebrate Julie McCutchan's retirement as District UMW President)
- **Oct 17** – 12 pm UMW Board Meeting; 1 pm UMW General Meeting. Program: Eureath Bollivar (District) will be guest speaker
- **Nov 21** – 12 pm UMW Board Meeting; 1 pm UMW General Meeting. Program: Vicki Cabral
- **Dec 5** – 12 pm – UMW Holiday Potluck; Program: PHS Madrigal Choir & installation of officers.

UMW Update by Julie McCutchan

United Methodist Women members are such an inspiration! I was honored to meet Betty Tshala, one of our United Methodist missionaries. The young widow of a missionary, mother of two young sons, she is called to carry on her late husband's work by using her skills and knowledge in the medical field to nurture people of Zambia physically and spiritually. She is a strong, bold woman in a culture where women have not been respected as leaders.

Our units of United Methodist Women have many faces. We may be large, formally organized or small and informal. We may see and carry out the UMW purpose in many different ways. We learn as we read a book from the Reading Program, attend Mission u, read Response and the Prayer Calendar. We may carry a sign in a march for living wages, serve a lunch for a grieving family, lead or attend a Bible study, raise funds for a mission project, feed breakfast to hungry children, preach a sermon, visit a shut-in, bake cookies for VBS, save bottle caps, serve on a district or conference committee, babysit for a young mother, save coins for a thank offering, make a pledge, give to the Legacy fund. The list is endless! Whether we do only a little or more, we all are doing God's work. Individually, we may feel that we don't make a difference, but step back and see what we accomplish - together! We provide necessary support for missionaries such as Betty

Tshala. We have been mentors through the years and are leaving a legacy that will live into generations to come, just as previous UMW members and leaders have done for us. Step up and be bold!

Our next meeting is on **September 19, 2018**, when Julie McCutchan and Jean Gewin will be presenting the amazing journey of Mary and her relevance to our lives as well as the studies from Mission u. We promise to entertain you as best we can.

Fall District Celebration

Saturday, September 29 is the **DeKalb Fall District Meeting @ Princeton FUMC** at which we will celebrate Julie's Second retirement - interim, this time- as District President! We are responsible for a welcoming coffee with fruit and pastries as well as tables for sign in. The program will be in the sanctuary. Lunch, which we will be providing and which those who attend will pay for, will be served in Cushing Hall. We will need some men to help us put the room together after lunch for the service on Sunday. Sign-up sheets to help will be available beginning Sunday, September 2, outside the office and downstairs in Cushing Hall. This is a time when we can serve our sisters throughout the District. Many will drive long distances to attend this gathering. We are asked to open our doors and hearts as a welcoming community to feed their spirits and their bodies and to honor our own amazing servant.

Fundraising Opportunity



We recently purchased window decals for our cars. They are now on sale in the church office at \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00. Be proud of your church and show off your church pride. Funds will go to the Mission Possible Kids' next meal challenge.

Prairie Arts Center

Tickets are now on sale for the Prairie Arts Center's production of "Barefoot in the Park" by Neil Simon. The show will run September 6, 7 & 8 with a curtain of 7:30 p.m. and September 9 with a curtain of 2:00 p.m.

"Barefoot in the Park" is a romantic comedy story of newlyweds, Corie and Paul Bratter, (Rachel Gorenz-Johnson and Eric Johnson of Princeton.) Paul is a strait-laced attorney; Corie has a far more

spontaneous, free spirit. As the young couple contend with lack of heat, a skylight that leaks snow, several long flights of stairs, oddball neighbor Victor Velasco, (Ken Schroeder of Princeton) and Corie's well-meaning mother, (Laurie Innes of Ladd) they must also reconcile their own personal differences in how they approach life's challenges. Adjusting to married life isn't so easy! Gary Talsky of Spring Valley and our own, **Josh Bush of Princeton** rounds out the cast as the scene stealing telephone repairman and the Lord and Taylor deliveryman respectively.

Tickets for "Barefoot in the Park" are \$15. Order tickets www.prairiearts.org and click the theater link. Tickets may also be reserved by calling 815-878-1253.

10th Annual Women's Retreat

Life-Changing Prayer

Jesus has made a way.
The throne room is waiting.
God's heart and arms are open.
Your name is on the guest list.
All you need to do is come.

The Women's Retreat will be October 12 & 13 at Camp Reynoldswood in Dixon. The theme for this retreat is Life-changing Prayer. We will explore how God promises in his Word to always hear you, answer you, and extend his mercy when you come to him in prayer. This study will show how prayer can completely transform your life. It includes video teaching, Bible exploration questions and opportunities to explore different paths to prayer. And don't forget the food, fellowship and FUN that always comes with spending time away with other women.

We will begin with dinner at 6:00 pm on Friday. You can arrive by 5:30 if you wish in order to get settled in. We will finish about 4:00 pm on Saturday. The cost is \$45 per person. This covers meals, materials, activities and lodging. There are partial scholarships available for anyone who needs help covering the cost. Please contact Janet if you need assistance.

To register, look for the registration form in your bulletin or there will be some forms available in the Welcome Center at church.

If you have questions you can contact Janet Becker 815-866-1801 or Jennifer Miller 815-303-5503.








Our own Emma Zelenik won her tennis tournament of Saturday, August 25th.



Firefighter Training at the empty apartment house on Peru Street.



September 2018 at First United Methodist Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2 8:00 Traditional Worship 9-15 Sunday School for all 10:30 HOPE Worship Communion Rally Sunday <i>Blessing for the SS Teachers</i> <i>Sermon Series-Claim the Name</i> <i>Please wear your name tags</i></p>	<p>3 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>4 8:30 Parent's Day Out Begins 8:30 Morning Glories</p>	<p>5 8 Emmanus Reunion Group 10 Marcia at Liberty Vlg 4:30 Princeton Chippers</p>	<p>6 Red Cross Bloodmobile (FUMC provides 6 workers) 8:30 Parents Day Out 6:30 Education Meeting 6:00 Wahlgren Circle</p>	<p>7 9:30 Prayer Shawl Group</p>	<p>1 Cookout at Sullivan's to benefit Our Table Prairie Arts Center Shadows of the Blue & Grey presents - Meet Grant <i>Marcia on call at Perry</i></p>
<p>9 8:00 Traditional Worship 9-15 Sunday School for all 10:30 HOPE Worship <i>Sermon Series-Claim the Name</i> Reverend Erin Simmons, preaching HELLO my name is <i>Pastor out</i></p>	<p>10 9 Kelly Davis/Pastor Brian featured on WUNT 5-6 Our Table 6 Ecumen Women Study 7 Trustees</p>	<p>11 8:30 Parent's Day Out 8:30 Morning Glories <i>Pastor out</i></p>	<p>12 8 Emmanus Reunion Grp 4:30 Princeton Chippers 6 Praise Team 6 What Does it Mean to be a Methodist? By Pastor Brian 7 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>13 8:30 Parent's Day Out 10:30 Princeton Ministerial Association <i>Pastor out</i></p>	<p>14 9:30 Prayer Shawl Group <i>Pastor out</i></p>	<p>15 <i>Pastor out</i></p>
<p>16 8:00 Traditional Worship 9-15 Sunday School for all 10:30 HOPE Worship <i>Sermon Series-Claim the Name</i> HELLO my name is</p>	<p>17  5-6 Our Table 6 Ecumen Women Study 7 Staff Parish <i>Marcia on call at Perry</i></p>	<p>18 8:30 Parent's Day Out 8:30 Morning Glories 5 Bells 7 Peace Day Worship Service  <i>Marcia on call at Perry</i></p>	<p>19 8 Emmanus Reunion Grp 10 Marcia at Liberty Vlg 12 UMW Board Meeting 1 UMW General Meeting 4:30 Princeton Chippers 6 Praise Team 6 What Does it Mean to be a Methodist? By Pastor Brian 7 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>20 <i>Pastor out all day at meeting</i> 8:30 Parent's Day Out</p>	<p>21 9:30 Prayer Shawl Group 12:30 Band parents in kitchen <i>Pastor Day Off</i></p>	<p>22 <i>Marcia on call at Perry</i></p>
<p>23 8:00 Traditional Worship 9-15 Sunday School for all 10:30 HOPE Worship <i>Sermon Series-Claim the Name</i> HELLO my name is</p>	<p>24 5-6 Our Table 6 Ecumen Women Study 7 Finance <i>Marcia on call at Perry</i></p>	<p>25 8:30 Parent's Day Out 8:30 Morning Glories 5 Bells 6 Wesley Fellowship DeKalb District Listening Session in preparation for Special Gen Conference in February 2019  1:00 pm Saturday, October 6th Steing-Wesley UMC</p>	<p>26 8 Emmanus Reunion Grp 4:30 Princeton Chippers 6 Praise Team 6 What Does it Mean to be a Methodist? By Pastor Brian 7 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>27 8:30 Parent's Day Out 7 Mission Team Meeting</p>	<p>28 9:30 Prayer Shawl Group <i>Pastor Day Off</i></p>	<p>29 UMW Fall Meeting 8:00 am - 1:00 pm </p>
<p>30 8:00 Traditional Worship 9-15 Sunday School for all 10:30 HOPE Worship <i>Sermon Series-Claim the Name</i> HELLO my name is</p>	<p>Help Needed Help is needed when FUMC serves Our Table next on Monday, October 1st</p>	<p>Pet Blessing Coming in October </p>	<p>Trunk or Treat October 28 2-4 pm  Youth Mystery Dinner </p>	<p>MISSION PROFILES New Year....New Missions Coming on Wednesday, October 3rd, 2018</p>		



The First United Methodist Church of Princeton, Illinois
Sunday Worship Services

Traditional Service	8:00 a.m.
Sunday School for All Ages (September-May)	9:15 a.m.
HOPE Service (Cushing Hall)	10:30 a.m.

Reverend Brian Gilbert	Pastor
Fallon Bush	Treasurer
Vicki Cabral	Lay Leader
Kelly Davis	Christian Education Director/Parents Day Out Director
Charles Gebeck	Organist
Pat James	Pianist
Beth Mulcahy	Chancel Choir Accompanist
Karen Newby	Handbell Choirs/Childrens Bells Director
Marcia Peddicord	Administrative Assistant/Financial Secretary
Chris Rucinski	Nursery
Reverend Erin Simmons	Youth Director
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we reap a bounty of love from God
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