



THE PROPHET

Woodside United Methodist Church

3519 Sheffield Rd. Springfield, IL 62703

(217) 529-2736

email: woodsideumc1@peoplepc.com

www.gb-gm-umc.org/woodside-umc

October 2006

FROM THE PASTOR

I Peter 5: 6,7 "Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."

I don't know if you are old enough to remember the television show "I Dream of Jeanie." It was about an Air Force Colonel that had a bottle with a genie in it. All he had to do was wish for something and a pretty little blond girl would give it to him. He didn't have to wait patiently like we do with the Lord. It happened right away.

I can remember thinking how wonderful it would be to wish for something and at the snap of my fingers or a nod of my head my wish would come true. I would change all the sadness in the world with a head bob. Well, if you saw the show, the genie was always getting him in trouble, because what she did wasn't always for the best. Sometimes things turned out just the opposite.

Now that I am older and wiser (Ha!), I am glad I am not God, or able to do things at a snap or nod of a head. I am glad God is God and that he is my God. When I pray I always know he will do what is best, no matter what I pray. He knows I want this and it is his will to always do what is best anyway. I trust

God in this completely. In fact, this is why I pray with confidence and I'm quick to pray, even if I don't

know all the details. God WILL do what is right, and I praise him for it.

The problem I deal with, and you may also, is the waiting. I want God's will, but I would sure like it now! I know that this isn't how God works, and I am glad. Waiting at times builds my perseverance, trust, and later even my appreciation.

God's due time is always the right time. He will not be late. We don't have to worry and be anxious, but rather trust and rejoice, knowing HE never turns a deaf ear to his children. He wants to help us and meet our needs. What we need to remember is that he loves us so much he may make us wait for just the right time.

SO! Sometimes we have to plant both feet down on our solid rock, Jesus, look the devil in the eye, look squarely at our problem, and remind him (and especially ourselves) that **GOD IS GOOD, HE HAS HEARD OUR PRAYER, HE LOVES US, AND HE WILL COME TO MEET OUR NEED!**

We can be confident in this, brothers and sisters, that our God is **THE GOOD GOD**, and his love for us is beyond question!

In Christ,
Bro. Poole



Please continue to pray for Rich Barregarye, Vince & Edna Brackett, William & Gerrie Broadie, Michael Bush, Loraine Byers, Alma Clayton, Barb Caldwell, Evelyn Edwards, Juanita Evans, Mark Hayden, Tom Gagnon Jr., Shirley Gruenenfelder, Don & Gayle Highley's daughter Sara, Evelyn Highley, Hazel Lomelino, Loretta Nutt, Emmie Pinson, LaRue & Dorothy Scott, David Yost, our service men and women and their families.

Praise for Emmie Pinson as she got a good health report.

Praise for Tom Gagnon Jr. as he is doing so well after his surgery.

Prayer for Shirley Gruenenfelder as she broke her foot.

If there is someone you would like added to the prayer list, please call the church office 529-2736 and let us know.

IN LOVING MEMORY

We would like to express our sympathy to everyone who knew and loved Doris Magers. Doris passed on August 31, 2006.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday 3:00 pm Brenden Gardens

BIBLE STUDY

Monday 10:00 am Brenden Gardens

Tuesday 2:15 pm Mary Bryant Home

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The first Sunday of each month all men of the church are invited to join us for breakfast, prayer, fellowship and discussions in Fellowship Hall from 8:00 am – 9:00 am

UMW MEETING

Fellowship Hall
October 12 at 7:00 pm

MARY-MARTHA CIRCLE

will meet in Fellowship Hall
October 17 at 9:30 am

RUTH CIRCLE

will meet at Betty B's
October 25th at 12:30 pm

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- Oct. 2 Saroja Ayappa, J.J. Macklin
- Oct. 5 Jeanette Stratton
- Oct. 6 Dan Shields
- Oct. 7 Bridgette Bailey
- Oct. 9 Brett Bailey
- Oct. 12 Brice Huddleston
- Oct. 19 Rich Stratton
- Oct. 20 William Broadie
- Oct. 21 Vickie Bruce
- Oct. 23 Leda Thorpe
- Oct. 25 Marcia Ross
- Oct. 26 Jennifer Smith
- Oct. 27 Joseph Lowder, Karen Shields
- Oct. 28 Melinda Lowder
- Oct. 29 Marlene Dawe

***BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER
FOR LEDA THORPE
IT'S A SURPRISE***

Leda is in charge of our "Card Ministry", she sends out cards from our Church. She is very dedicated and does a wonderful job. Leda's birthday is October 23, so lets make her a birthday extra special by showering her with cards.



SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: Tom & Jo Gagnon, Bob & Shirley Gruenenfelder, Harriet Osmonson, Wilma Ulak, LaVerda Wenzel.

Ushers: Kristen Ball, Brad Brinkerhoff, Mike Gardner, Conrad Kohlmann, Betty Morse, Blake Scranton, Leda Thorpe, Kelly Walraven, Kirk Yenerall

Liturgist: Phyllis Hunsaker

Communion Stewards:

Acolytes: Falyn & Jim Bruce, Carly & Gabby Gardner, Michael & Victoria Price

Fellowship Time: Rachel Circle

OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

Liturgist:

Fellowship Time: Sarah Elizabeth Circle

October 1

Greeters: Ruth Branham, Judy Wright
Ushers: Bob & Marlene Dawe, Don & Gayle Highley, Dan Shields
Acolytes: Michael & Victoria Price

October 8

Greeters: Kristen Ball, Barb Hale
Ushers: Bob & Marlene Dawe, Don & Gayle Highley, Dan Shields
Acolytes: Carly & Gabby Gardner

October 15

Greeters: Jim Hayden, Donnah Sharp
Ushers: Bob & Marlene Dawe, Don & Gayle Highley, Dan Shields
Acolytes: Carly & Gabby Gardner

October 22

Greeters: Janice Garella, Donna Sharp
Ushers: Bob & Marlene Dawe, Don & Gayle Highley, Dan Shields
Acolytes: Carly & Gabby Gardner

October 29

Greeters: Hilda Blair, Shirley Fisherkeller
Ushers: Bob & Marlene Dawe, Don & Gayle Highley, Dan Shields
Acolytes: Katy Kohlmann

THANK YOU

We want to thank everyone for the prayers, food, cards, and many phone calls for Tom Jr. during his recent heart surgery. Our church family as always was there when we needed them.

Last, but definitely not least, a Big Thank You to Bro. Jim for being at the hospital when Tom Jr. had surgery and for the many visits afterwards.

In Christian Love
Tom & Jo Gagnon

THANKS SO MUCH

I want to thank all of you for your thoughts, prayers & cards during my recent hospitalization, and a special thank you to Brother Poole for all your visits.

Tom Gagnon Jr.

Dear Friends and Bro. Poole:

Thank you so much for painting my house and all who helped buy the paint. It was such a blessing for me that my church would do this. I know others wanted to help, but Tom Hammel & Bro. Poole just went right at it and it was done in no time.

I'll never be able to thank you enough for all your Love and Kindness. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Pauline Tresso

THANK YOU!!!!

Being blessed by cards, calls, prayers, and other church family support was greatly appreciated. More importantly God's love was felt by your outreach to me in love. A special thanks for Brother Jim's visits & support.

In Christ
Roselyn McHatton

Fall Cleaning Day

The Board of Trustees invite the Woodside congregation to join them in a day of fall cleaning and maintenance at the church on Saturday, October 14, from 9:00 am until Noon. Projects to be completed include cleaning of the sanctuary pews, small repairs, light bulb replacement, and grounds cleanup. If you would be interested in helping keep Woodside looking beautiful, please join us!

Kristen Ball

FESTIVAL OF FIRST FRUITS

In the Old Testament book of Leviticus Chapter 23 Verse 9 & 10 “The Lord said to Moses. Speak to the Israelites and say to them: ‘When you enter the land I am going to give you and you reap its first harvest, bring to the priest a sheaf of the first grain you harvest.’

At Woodside we are going to observe such a festival on October 15th following church service to celebrate the many blessings bestowed upon our congregation during the past year. We have much to be thankful for. However, instead of bringing a sheaf of the first grain you harvest to the celebration, you are asked to bring an offering in which we all will share in the form of a vegetable, salad, cake, pudding or other delicacy other than a meat dish. That will be furnished.

The Finance Committee is creating a power point program for presentation in connection with this festival that will depict the accomplishments of the congregation during 2006 and outline some of the goals for 2007.

You will enjoy this event so put that date on your calendar now and plan to attend. Come together for a time of feast and to talk about what God has in store for us.

NEWS FROM UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Thank you to all who helped to make our Basement Sale and Christmas Corner a success. Those who donated items, worked on the 27th and 28th, set up all the tables and clothing racks, and packed the leftovers for Goodwill - - - we couldn't have a success without you!!

Our October UMW meeting is planned for Thursday, October 12, at 7:00 pm, in Fellowship Hall. Our Program will be a Book Review by Beth Brinkerhoff, devotions by Leda Thorpe and hostesses for the evening are: Shirley DeBolt, Jo Gagnon and Shirley Gruenenfelder.

Our November UMW meeting is planned for Thursday, November 9, at 7:00 pm. It will be our “craft night”. There will be more information at our October meeting.

UMW officers for 2007 have been installed. Thank you to the Nominating Committee; Roselyn McHatton, Jo Gagnon and Norma Brothers for all the work involved in setting the new slate of officers.

The Midwest Mission Distribution Center is now accepting prescription bottles again --- so bring yours to church and place in the receptacle in Fellowship Hall. Please remember they accept only the clear medicine bottles.

UMW SOCIAL ACTION PROJECT

Since October is “Domestic Violence Awareness Month”, the Woodside United Methodist Women have chosen this issue as the subject of our Social Action project. We will be collecting needed items for Sojourn House, a local shelter for Domestic Abuse victims. Their “Wish Llist” includes Cleaning Supplies, Laundry Detergent, Diapers and Dry Goods. Items to be donated can be placed in the designated plastic bin in the Narthex throughout the month of October. If you prefer to give a monetary contribution, Betty Barregarye will be collecting these gifts to purchase additional supplies for Sojourn. Thank you in advance for everyone's help with this project!

Nancy Minnick
UMW Social Action

Meet Brother Jim

I recently had the honor of sitting down with Brother Jim and learning a little more about him.

Brother Jim started his professional career in 1973 as an Industrial Arts/Math teacher at Hillsboro High School. He also coached football and baseball. That same year, he married his high school sweet heart, Beckie. In 1977 they were blessed with their first child Joshua, and eight years later along came sweet little Mary.

In 1981 Brother Jim heeded the Lord's call and moved his family to Wilmore, KY where he entered Asbury Theological Seminary. During that time he held a two point charge in Beach Fork and Woodlawn KY. After his graduation in 1984 he returned to Illinois and held a three point charge in Bath, Chandlerville, and Fairview until 1989 when he was called to yet another three point charge in Glassford, Kingston Mines and Banner Illinois. In 1993 Brother Jim received his first single charge in Niantic, Illinois. In 2004 the Lord blessed Woodside by sending Brother Jim to be its shepherd.

Brother Jim enjoys cars and motorcycles, we all can attest to that, cameras, fossils/minerals and gardening. He also enjoys casting a line in Lake Springfield in search of that "Big One".

Jim and Beckie's son Josh is married to Angie and in January 2007 their daughter Mary will marry Micah Baird.

Brother Jim states that "he is very happy to be at Woodside". The feeling is mutual Brother Jim. The Lord sends his blessings at just the right time to each of us.

(Pictured) Brother Jim, Beckie, Mary, Josh, Angie, , Reva, (Beckie's mom) and her husband Chuck.

Successful trip to Ronald McDonald House!

On July 8, a group of eager youngsters (plus a few adults) took the soda tabs that our congregation has been collecting to The Ronald McDonald House. There were about 20 pounds collected! We had a quick tour of the building -- it was fun to see the place where the soda tabs help make a difference for people. After the tour, we ate lunch together at (BIG surprise!) McDONALDS! Thanks to Pat Younkin, Cathy Stoddard, and Marissa Stoddard, who helped drive the kids to and from RMH. And thanks to all of you who have been collecting tabs for the kids at home or at work! ~Beth Brinkerhoff



MARY BRYANT HOME
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2006 - 11 AM – 7 PM
CHILI OR BEEF VEGETABLE SOUP, HOT DOG,
DRINK & DESSERT
ADULTS \$7.00
CHILDREN UNDER 5 FREE
CARRY OUTS OR DRIVE UP SERVICE IS
AVAILABLE
CHILI WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE IN PINTS AND
QUARTS
BAKE SALE AND SILENT AUCTION
THEY ARE ALSO GOING TO HAVE A SILENT
AUCTION AND ARE ASKING FOR DONATIONS.
IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING YOU WOULD LIKE
TO PUT IN THE AUCTION THEY ARE
ACCEPTING THE DONATIONS NOW, OR YOU
CAN BRING IT TO THE CHURCH OFFICE AND
WE WILL TAKE IT TO THEM

Administrative Council Report

During its September 19, 2006 meeting the Administrative Council heard the following reports and took the following action.

Woodside's Charge Conference has been set for Sunday, October 29th at 1:00 p.m. here at the church.

The Administrative Council reviewed our current membership list and created a list of members to be placed on a Cultivation Report to be submitted at the Charge Conference. Two individuals were removed from the membership list having been contacted after being placed on the Cultivation Report last year.

Permission was given for Beth Brinkerhoff to organize a Book Sale to be held on Saturday, October 21. Half of the proceeds from the Book Sale will go to Richard Thorpe for his missionary ministry and half of the proceeds will go to Kumler Neighborhood Ministries.

The Administrative Council approved the following lay speakers for another year:

Barbara Gardner – Local Lay Speaker
Roselyn McHatton – Certified Lay Speaker
Peggy Milhouse – Local Lay Speaker
Kirk Yenerall – Local Lay Speaker

The pastor's housing allowance exclusion for parsonage expenses was set at \$8,000 for 2007. This is the amount the Poole's can claim on their 2007 tax return for monies they spend on the parsonage.

Approved the August financial report as filed. As of August 31st the Operating Account had a positive balance of \$1,553.08. There are no outstanding bills in the Accounts Payable account. The Good Samaritan account had a balance of \$1,084.01 due to a special collection taken on August 6. The building Fund increased in August as another Bond matured and some contributions have been received for the restoration of the downstairs bathrooms.

The second stained glass window has been installed and the money for this window was paid out of the Memorial Fund. The remaining \$12,000 in the Memorial Fund is now unrestricted.

The Administrative Council reviewed and approved the proposed Budget for 2007. The 2007 Budget is \$10,000 more than the 2006 Budget. One of the largest increases in expenses is the almost 4.5% increase in utilities for 2007. The projected income from pledges was raised 12% for 2007 based upon the amount of pledges being received in 2006. The Finance Committee requests that we be better stewards of our resources and be very conscientious about setting thermostats!

The Finance Committee is looking for Woodside's Articles of Incorporation. They are requesting anyone who knows of the whereabouts of the Articles of Incorporation please contact Fran Wenzel.

UMW will conduct a social action project in October by collecting items for Sojourn Center. October is Domestic Violence Awareness month and Sojourn Center runs a shelter for battered women and children. Sojourn's wish list will be printed in the October Prophet and people can contribute as they wish.

UMW held a workday at the Midwest Distribution Center on September 14. Six women from Woodside attended. The Distribution Center advised UMW that they have found a need for prescription containers and we will begin to collect them again.

Four Woodside UMW members attended the Fall District Meeting in Taylorville on September 12.

OCTOBER OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING!

Each month we take donations for **World Service**. Enclosed in this *Prophet* you will find an offering envelope for World Service. World Service provides the basic financial resources for the core ministries of our denomination. The essential mission and program ministries of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference are also partially funded through the World Service.

Toiletries and disposable cameras to ship to our service men and women in Iraq. Toiletries that are needed are: wet wipes, hand lotion, sun screen, tooth paste, tooth brushes, hand sanitizer, lip balm with sun screen, and deodorant. Items should NOT BE large sizes to make shipping easier. Please mark these items "Iraq" and place them in the white box in the Narthex where we collect food for Kumler. The Mission Committee will deliver these items to the Family Readiness Group.

Remember to bring your aluminum cans to church the first Sunday of each month. Please rinse out and smash cans if possible. Cans can be placed in Dan and Karen Shield's truck, which will be parked in the lot with the tailgate down. We receive \$.68 per pound for all of the cans we recycle, and proceeds go to the Kumler Food Pantry.

We are again collecting prescription containers. Please remove the labels and place in the container in Fellowship Hall. Midwest Distribution Center has found another need for the containers and is again accepting them.

As always, your contributions to the many projects conducted at Woodside are appreciated by the many people that are served. Please continue God's work by supporting those projects that interest you in whatever way you can – prayer, service, and/or gifts

FINAL Book Sale!! EVERYTHING MUST GO!

The book sales that we have had in the past have been very successful and have helped to fund our general budget and to refurbish our handbells. There are still enough boxes of books left from these sales to have one last sale. The sale will be Saturday, October 21, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 pm. The proceeds from the sale will be split between Kumler Neighborhood Ministries and Richards Thorpe's Mission to Mexico, "Shepherd's Heart"

Since this is the FINAL book sale – prices will be marked VERY reasonably, so that we can clear out our book inventory and clear up some storage space. Anything left will be donated to charity.

If you would like to help with set-up or on the day of the sale, please call Beth Brinkerhoff at 629-9386. Or, if you would like to donate books, calendars, movies, etc., please bring them to the church basement by Thursday, October 19. If you have books and/or boxes to donate, but need help lifting or hauling them to the church, PLEASE call the church office, and we will arrange for someone to help you!

In addition, if any of you have access to paper boxes (the kind that copier and printer paper reams come in) through your work, please bring them to the church. The lids are great for displaying books, and the boxes are good for transporting books when the sale is over.

If you have any other questions, please contact Beth. Thanks!

PROPHET & BULLETIN DEADLINES

The deadline for submitting articles for the Sunday bulletin is Wednesday by 9:00 am. Articles should be submitted in writing or e-mail.

The deadline for submitting articles for the November Prophet will be Thursday, October 19, @ 9:00 am. Articles must be submitted in writing or e-mail.

Rise or Fall

Man stumbles not on mountains tall,
But molehills cause us all to fall.
We miss the boulders and the rocks
But grains of sand are stumbling blocks.
A thoughtless word – a tiny thing –
Can often cause a mighty sting.
A seed of kindness, if livingly sown,
Though small, can be a stepping stone,
Then here's the lesson for all us all,
On the little things we rise or fall.

Frank L. Adams

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE BIBLE

(continued)

Last winter/spring these questions were in the Prophet. Here are the verses that will give you the answers.

- Where is it recorded that iron became lighter than water? **2 Kings 6:6**
- Where is cheese first mentioned in Scripture? **1 Sam. 17:18**
- Where do we read of a disobedient prophet who was killed by a lion? **1 Kings 13:24-26**
- What little prince died just as his mother was entering the palace where he laid sick? **1 Kings 14:1-17**
- When was a mother paid for nursing her own baby? **Ex. 2:9**
- Which four little creatures are said to be exceedingly wise? **Proverbs 30:24-28**
- Which King installed waterworks in Jerusalem? **2 Kings 20:20**
- Who lost his liberty because he lost his hair? **Judges 16:19-21**
- Who was the earliest missionary to the heathen? **Jonah 3:1-3**
- When did an earthquake open the doors of a prison? **Acts 16:26**
- When were ten people lidded by a tornado while they feasted together? **Job 1:1, 18-19**
-

- Which two kings were driven out by hornets? **Josh 24:12**
- Whose prayer added fifteen years to his life? **2 Kings 20:1-6**
- Before which mountain were flocks and herds forbidden to graze? **Ex. 34:2-3**
- Where do we read that a father and his son were both embalmed? **Gen. 50:2, 26**
- When was a spring of bad water healed by means of salt? **2 Kings 2:19-22**
- Whose lives were saved by means of a red line? **Josh 2:19-21 and 6:22-25**
- Whose friends sat with him for seven days and nights without speaking? **Job 2:13**
- Name two brothers who were both octogenarians before they began their real mission in life? **Ex. 7-7**
- Who is the only woman that scripture bids us remember? **Luke 17:32**
- How many times is it recorded that our Lord was hungry? **Matt. 4:2 and 21:18**
- What words were engraved on a plate of pure gold? **Ex. 28:36 and 39:30**
- Where did St. Paul preach his first sermon? **Acts 9:19-20**
- Which two grandmothers have honorable mention in the Bible? **Ruth 4:14-17, 2 Tim. 1:5**
- Which is the only wild beast that the Bible describes as yelling? **Jer. 2:15-and 51:38**
- When did a present consist of balm, honey, myrrh, spices, nuts and almonds? **Gen 43:11**
- What feast of the Jews was reestablished after it had been neglected for nearly a thousand years? **Neh. 8:14,17**
- Where does the Bible mention India? **Esther 1:1 and 8:9**

Father, God bless all my friends in whatever it is that You know they may be needing this day! And may their life be full of your peace, prosperity and power as he/she seeks to have a closer relationship with you. Amen

