



THE PROPHET

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FROM THE PASTOR

Mark 6:1-6 Jesus left there and went to his home town, accompanied by his disciples. When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. "Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given him that he even does miracles! Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" **AND THEY TOOK OFFENSE AT HIM.** Jesus said to them, "Only in his home town, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honor." He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. And he was amazed at their lack of faith.

Not much thanksgiving taking place in Nazareth! I would have thought they would have embraced Jesus as the home town boy that made it big. In all of history, there was never anyone like Jesus, nor would there ever be. How sad they let their pride prevent them from praising the Lord for blessing them with the honor of having Jesus live in their town, and having him do wonderful miracles there. Instead of offering thanksgiving and praise to God, it was the opposite.

Jesus tells us that it is very hard to be able to minister to those we are close to. They tend to see each other in common terms. His neighbors remembered him as the little boy next door that was just like all the other little boys. Even though Jesus showed great wisdom and insight, as well as supernatural power, he was still not special to them. They looked down on his gifts! There were even times when Mary and his brothers questioned him.

We can't imagine the hurt that Jesus must have felt as his very home town rejected him. How could their pride get in the way of letting him glorify his Heavenly Father with signs, wonders, and miracles?

Maybe you're going through a time of experiencing some rejection as you try to minister to some in your family, or close friends. Although it certainly hurts, we must follow Jesus' example and help only when allowed. We can't afford to let bitterness, resentment, or pride to come into our hearts. If we allow Satan the chance, he will take our good intentions and use them as a wedge to divide.

Sometimes our only recourse is to pray for opportunities for others to touch the hearts we love so much, and then we must back off to love them as Jesus does. As we strive for Christ-likeness in our lives, we often forget how much Jesus suffered as he reached out to others.

As Thanksgiving and Christmas come closer, let's not forget to thank Jesus for all the passions he went through for us and the whole world while we were all still in our sin.

Keep praising the Lord and trust the love of the Lord to give you the grace to handle your rejection in Christ-like love. At the same time, have the faith and hope that he will move the hearts of those you love so much. God bless you!

In Christ,
Bro. Poole



Please continue to pray for 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 H ighley's daughter Sara, Evelyn H ighley, Hazel Lomelino, Roselyn McHatton, Loretta Nutt, Emmie Pinson, LaRue & Dorothy Scott, David Yost, our pastor and his family, our church friends, and their families, service men and women and their families.

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

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

November 9 at 7:00 pm

MARY-MARTHA CIRCLE

will meet in Fellowship Hall

November 21 at 9:30 am

RUTH CIRCLE

will meet at Pat Heaton's house

November, 15 at 12:30 pm

The Old Time Gospel Hour

The Saturday night "Old Time Gospel Hour" has been cancelled until next summer

NORTH STAINED GLASS

WINDOW DEDICATION

NOVEMBER 19TH

DURING MORNING WORSHIP

Hanging of the Greens

Hanging of the Greens will be held on Thursday, November 30th, at 5:30 p.m.

A pizza and salad supper will follow.

All are invited to join in the fun and fellowship.

Karen Shields - Worship Chair

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- Nov. 4 Pat Heaton
- Nov. 9 Don Hale
- Nov. 10 Shirley Fisherkeller
- Nov. 11 Kathy Macklin
- Nov. 14 Joe Macklin
- Nov. 16 Kojo Fletcher, Al Murphy
- Nov. 19 Victoria Price
- Nov. 22 Linda Harrod
- Nov. 26 Donna Yost
- Nov. 29 Stephanie Yencer-Price



OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: Kristen Ball, Hilda Blair, Ruth Branham, Shirley Fisherkeller, Janice Garella, Barb Hale, Jim Hayden, Donna Sharp, Judy Wright

Ushers: Bob & Marlene Dawe, Don & Gayle Highley, Dan Shields

Liturgist: Barb Gardner, Phyllis Hunsaker

Communion Stewards: Barb Gardner, Linda Harrod, Karen Shields

Acolytes:

Fellowship Time: Sarah Elizabeth Circle

NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Liturgist:

Fellowship Time: Mary Martha Circle

November 5

Greeters: Jean Cowden, Harriet Osmonson

Ushers: Tom Gagnon, Bob Gruenenfelder, John Morse, Gene Piper, Fran Wenzel

Acolytes:

Communion Stewards:

November 12

Greeters: Phyllis Byers, Loretta Nutt

Ushers: Tom Gagnon, Bob Gruenenfelder, John Morse, Gene Piper, Fran Wenzel

Acolytes:

November 19

Greeters: Wilma Ulak, LaVerda Wenzel

Ushers: Tom Gagnon, Bob Gruenenfelder, John Morse, Gene Piper, Fran Wenzel

Acolytes: Falyn Bruce, Victoria Price

Communion Stewards:

November 26

Greeters: Bob & Marlene Dawe

Ushers: Tom Gagnon, Bob Gruenenfelder, John Morse, Gene Piper, Fran Wenzel

Acolytes:

THANK YOU

Shirley wants to thank everyone who has shown their kindness and concern for her in her recovery from her broken ankle and damaged ligaments. Thanks to everyone who has called, visited, sent cards and has had her in their prayers. The recovery is progressing well and she should be walking only with the assistance of a walker before the end of October.

THANKS, Shirley and Bob Gruenenfelder

NEWS FROM UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Our November meeting will be held on the 9th at 7:00 pm . The program planned is a "craft night" given by Vickie Brothers. We will create a 12 month personal calendar by rubber stamping at the cost of \$2.00 per calendar. To make sure we have supplies for everyone please call the Church office or Betty Barregarye to reserve a calendar for you.

Devotions by Karen Shields and hostesses for the evening are: Vickie Bruce, Pat Heaton and Hazel Lomelino.

Each month we remember our Illinois Great Rivers Missionary of the month with prayer and a card. This month we lift up Adrian Garcia, Cobden, Il.

All ladies of the congregation are welcome to attend our monthly meetings. Come join us for a fun evening on the 9th!

A BRIDAL SHOWER FOR MARY

United Methodist Women will be hosting a Bridal Shower for Mary Poole on Saturday, November 18, at 1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Mary has registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Target.

All ladies of the Church are invited to attend.

Please RSVP to Karen Shields - 585-1756 or the church office - 529-2736, no later than Friday, November 3rd.

Please help us help Mary celebrate this exciting time in her life.

Administrative Council Report

During its October 17, 2006 meeting the Administrative Council heard the following reports and took the following action.

The Worship Committee has set the following dates for activities during Advent:

November 30 at 5:30 p.m. – Hanging of the Greens and Pizza

December 10 at 10:15 a.m. – Children's Christmas Program

December 17 at 10:15 a.m. – March to the Manger

December 24 at 10:15 a.m. – Cantata

The Nurture/Witness Committee is concentrating on the shepherding project through the end of this year. They are planning a Love Feast to be held in February. The date will be set later.

The locks at the church have been rekeyed and new keys are being distributed to those individuals who should have a key. A list is being kept of all individuals who receive a key. The Administrative Council also gave permission for a key to be given to the Election Commission to use on election day.

Helen Huddleston has donated two burial plots at Roselawn Memorial Park. We will be completing the process to allow Roselawn to sell the plots with the proceeds coming to Woodside.

Once we receive the \$2,500 from the insurance claim relating to the theft of the laptop computer and the LCD project, the projector will be replaced. Duke Stoddard will loan the church another laptop until such time as we have the funds to purchase a new laptop.

Approved the September financial report as filed. As of September 30th there was a balance of \$4,547.29 in the Operating Account, and no outstanding bills in Accounts Payable. The Memorial Fund has been reduced due to payment for the new, stained glass window. The value of the building at 3519 Sheffield has increased due to the installation of the new window.

UMW donated four boxes of coats to Kumler Neighborhood Ministries. The coats had been stored in the Ark Room closet for the Basement Sale, but they were overlooked and not included in the sale. Kumler appreciated receiving the coats very much.

UMW will host a wedding shower for Mary Poole on Saturday, November 18th at 1:00.

Envelopes for Student Day will be included in the November 26th bulletin.

NOVEMBER OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING!

World Service. Use the *Missions* offering envelope enclosed in this *Prophet* to donate to 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.

Non-perishable Food products: We continually accept non-perishable food products for Kumler Food Pantry. Please place these items in the "white box" in the Narthex. Periodically we deliver the food to Kumler.

Toiletries and disposable cameras for our service men and women in Iraq. Toiletries that are needed are: wet wipes, hand lotion, sunscreen, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hand sanitizer, lip balm with sunscreen, 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.

Aluminum cans: Bring used aluminum cans to the 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 white 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.

Prescription containers: Please remove labels and place containers in the receptacle in Fellowship Hall. Prescription containers will be delivered to Midwest Distribution

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.

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 December Prophet will be Wednesday, November 22, @ 9:00 am. Articles must be submitted in writing or e-mail.

It is with pleasure I introduce the congregation to our Church Secretary, Vickie Brothers.

She has been employed at Woodside for over 4 years and has lived in Springfield all her life. She attended Southeast High School, Lincoln Land Community College and Sangamon State University, graduating with a degree in Social Justice.

Vickie worked for the State of Illinois, Department of Mental Health, currently called the Department of Human Services, from June 1970 – July 2002 at

which time she took the early retirement incentive that was offered, and hasn't regretted it for a second. "I really thought I was too young to retire and not work at least part time. Along came the opportunity to work at Woodside 3 days a week."

Vickie has one brother, Steve who lives in Kenner, LA. Her mother, Norma Brothers, Aunt Jo and Uncle Tom Gagnon are members of Woodside. Her grandparents Cecil & Margaret Cox were also members of Woodside as was her father, Paul Brothers.

Friendship is very important to Vickie – she keeps up with childhood friends, friends she made while working at the State and friends she has made while working at Woodside.

Vickie enjoys the outdoors and animals. A few years ago she took little runt pigs in and bottle fed them until they were ready to go back and live on the farm. Some of her runt pigs went to visit schools. It was a wonderful experience especially for a group of special needs children. The little pigs were so tired when they got home they slept through the night.

Vickie is an active member of the FitClub, enjoys rubber stamping and belongs to the Pig Collector Club.

If you would like to do a rubber stamping project she will be teaching a class, Thursday, November 9, 7:00 pm at the United Methodist Women's meeting in Fellowship Hall. Call Betty Barregarye or Vickie if you would like to have a space reserved for you.

Thank you, Vickie, for the great job you are doing in the church office!!

ALTAR FLOWERS

Just to let you know we have been advised by the florist that, like everything else, there has been a \$1.00 increase for the altar flowers we order for our Sunday worship service. Cost for flowers will now be \$14.00

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE BIBLE

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Last winter/spring these questions were in the Prophet. Here are the verses that will give you the answers. This is the last section of questions.

Where does the New Testament prophesy that Satan shall be bruised? **Romans 16:20**

What was the name of King David's uncle? **1 Chron. 27:32**

What was the name of Aaron's uncle? **Lev. 10:4**

Where are the Gentiles bidden to beat their ploughshares into swords and their pruning hooks into spears? **Joel:39**

Which book in the Bible ends with two verses which are repeated at the beginning of the first chapter in the next book? **2 Chron 36:22-23**

Only one woman in scripture is said to have laughed – who? **Gen. 18:12-15**

Name the only man who is described as short. **Luke 19:3**

Which Epistle condemns idle gossiping women? **1 Tim. 5:13**

Which angels are mentioned by name in the New Testament? **Luke 1:19, Jude 9, Rev. 9:11**

What solemn act did Moses perform on New Year's Day? **Ex. 40:17-18**

Where were Christian preachers mistaken for pagan gods? **Acts 14:11-13**

Where are we told that the end of a thing is better than the beginning? **Eccles. 7:8**

Which prophet describes Eden as "the garden of God"? **Ezek. 28:13 & 31:9**

Which Hebrew King was smitten with leprosy? **2 Chron. 26:19-23**

Which verse in scripture speaks of Palestine as the holy land? **Zech 2:12**

What was the name of David's great-grandmother? **Ruth 4:13-17**

Why did the law of Moses decree that a criminal worthy of death must always be buried on the day of his execution? **Deut. 21:22-23**

Which prophet was allowed a daily ration of bread out of the bakers' street in Jerusalem?

Jer. 37:21

Which apostles are said to have wept? **Luke 22:62, Phil. 3:18, Rev. 5:4**

Which heathen goddesses are mentioned by name in Scripture? **1 Kings 11:5, Acts 19:27**

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

