

The Brooke - October 2016

Experiencing the Joy of Generosity!

In a couple weeks, we will begin a three-week stewardship emphasis titled *Experiencing the Joy of Generosity*. This will be an exciting and beneficial three weeks of sermon messages and lay presentations. We believe this program will be a blessing to those who already are experiencing the joy of being generous with the gifts God has given them, and we hope and pray that this effort will help many more experience the joy that comes from giving faithfully and generously.

When we give to God through giving to our church and others, we experience one of the true joys of being Christians. Jesus said, *"It is more blessed to give than to receive"* (Acts 20:35). God doesn't need our gifts, but he asks us to give them. God accepts and uses them and gives us joy in sharing them. As we respond to God's love for us by giving back to him part of what he's given to us, he reacts by giving us even more. *"Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you"* (Luke 6:38). Although we don't give so that we will receive God's blessings, God's Word promises us that when we give faithfully and willingly, we will receive an abundance of spiritual blessings and, for some, material blessings as well.

Have you ever wondered why you are left with such a joyful feeling when you are able to give a gift to your church or to help a person in need? The answer to that question may be rooted in us as Christians who are being recreated in the image of God. To be made in God's image means we are made to be like him whose nature is to give. Giving helps us feel fulfilled as we reflect God's nature. Although the image of God was lost by sin, as those converted by faith in Jesus, we *"have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator"* (Colossians 3:10). Our Creator empowers us to give joyfully to our church and others according to his will. With this attitude of joyful gratitude, God keeps us close to him, and others see his image through us.

Our pursuit for fulfillment and joy culminates in the discovery that we receive those things when, by God's grace, we respond with eagerness to God's directive to give. Like David, we exclaim, *"But who [are we]...that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we give n you."* (1 Chronicles 29; 14).

We hope and pray that the emphasis *Experiencing the Joy of Generosity* will be a blessing to you and your family!

Pastor Chung Nam Kwak and Stewardship Campaign Team

Advent Study

Thursdays ~ December 1st - December 22nd

Morning class ~ 10:00am ~ led by Pastor Chung Nam Kwak

Evening class ~ 5:30pm ~ led by Leslie Stanford

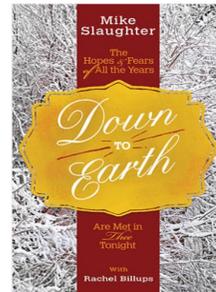
Down to Earth

The Hopes & Fears of All the Years Are Met in Thee Tonight
When Heaven Comes Down to Earth, Greatness Gets Redefined.

A virgin birth. God's son... a helpless baby. Fleeing certain death. Nothing about the Christmas story is ordinary. Mike Slaughter says it's enough to confound the mind and make the heart contrite. In his book, Down to Earth, Slaughter presents a four-week Advent study that opens up God's Christmas surprise to us and examines how it changed everything.

The cost of the book is \$12.00 ~ Scholarships are available.

Please sign up in narthex before October 30th so we can order class material.



United Methodist Women (UMW)

**Note: The October meeting is Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 1 PM;
not the 19th as printed on your program.**

We will meet on the 11th with Roberta Gambrel presenting the program:

The Pledge to Mission, from our UMW Program Resource. Hostess is Mimi Kwak. We will be deciding on the local missions to fund this fall. We will accept nominations for the Vice President and Secretary positions. Come join us! See information below about our Fall Mission Project.

UMW Fall Mission Project

MAYA'S HOUSE

**A Program of Shelter Care Ministries
Court Street UMC, 215 N. Court Street**



MAYA'S House is a drop-in center for children under 5 whose families are homeless. Open 8:30 AM until 12:30 PM so parents can keep appointments. Follows DCFS guidelines for staffing; licensed by WCHD; meets city zoning guidelines for child care programs.

**We will collect 2 Items on their wish list:
Baby Wipes and Diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6)**

The donation barrel will be in the narthex for donations **October 9 thru November 6.**

Diabetes Group

The Diabetes Group got off to a great start for fall. Join us for our next meeting on Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at 10 AM.

Rada Cutlery Fundraiser

The Finance Committee is sponsoring a fund-raiser with Rada Cutlery. Rada Cutlery is quality cutlery, 100% made in the USA. The company offers cutlery, kitchen utensils, serving utensils, cookbooks, mixes and spices, and even cheese balls! There is no shipping charge, and the church receives 40% of the total amount of the order.

We will have catalogs and order sheets in the narthex on October 15. Please indicate your name, item, item #, and price. You must pay for your items at the time of the order. Depending on the response, we will determine the frequency of order placement. We will close the fundraiser by December 1, so we will have everything in time for the Christmas Holidays. There are plenty of catalogs, so feel free to take one to show to family or friends!

TRUNK OR TREAT



5:30pm – 7:00pm
Monday, October 31

Sponsored by
Brooke Road UMC



“Trunk or Treat” is a safe alternative for traditional Halloween festivities. We are encouraging participation from the whole church body!!!

We are looking for people willing to:

1. Dress up in a Halloween or Fall costume
2. Bring their decorated cars the night of the event
(Ideas for trunk decoration include: fall harvest theme, pumpkins, corn stalks, hay bales, leaves, crepe paper, balloons, strings of popcorn, strings of lights.)
3. Use their Car trunks to hand out candy, trinkets, other goodies.
(We can also set up tables for you to decorate.)
4. People to help serve food during the event.
5. People to help the days before or the morning of.
(Bake cookies, fill treat bags, set up for the event)

SIGN UP TODAY!

We need to know about how many cars will be there so we have enough candy.

THANKS!

Monthly Finance Update

The Finance Committee has provided the following
Current Fund information:

August income: \$10,694.00 August disbursements: \$11, 200.36

This information is always available by contacting
Linda Johnson (Finance Chair), or Sandy McCallum (Treasurer).

Jean Sautel

Jean Sautel, a former Broadway member, died last month of cancer at the age of 87 in fort Meyers, Florida. She is survived by her daughters, Karen and Julie.

Those of us who remember Jean, remember a wonderful, warm, zany lady who loved the world and just about everyone in it. She had more trials than any family should ever have to bear, yet she met each one head on with strength, courage and faith. She was the kindest, most loving person one could ever know and she was genuine.

Her memorial service will be October 8, 2016 ~ 2:00pm at Centennial Multi-Cultural UMC (former Broadway building).

Wish List

Forever stamps

White Paper (legal and 8 1/2 x 11)

Blue, Yellow, Green Paper (8 1/2 x 11)

Strip & Seal Envelopes
(business size)

White Easy Peel Address Labels
(Avery 8160 or equivalent)

Free Community Dinner

**October 29, 2016
4:30pm - 6:00pm**

Brooke Road
United Methodist Church
1404 Brooke Road
Rockford, IL 61109
815-398-8914

Christian Ed

In our effort to provide continuing learning opportunities, Nancy Wickson will lead a 5 week class that will study Latin American People and Faith. The class will meet Wednesdays, 1:00pm - 2:00pm, November 2 - November 30.

We will study the encounter of two civilizations, the stability and democracy of the area, the historical problems and equality, culture, art and politics, and religions of the countries.

The cost for the book is \$10.00; at least 7-8 people would need to participate. Deadline for ordering material will be October 9th. Please consider this class and contact Nancy Wickson if interested (815-262-5410).

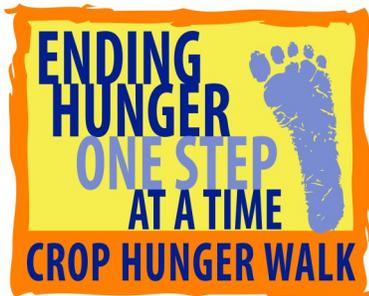
All Saints Sunday

During worship Sunday, November 6, 2016 we will celebrate those saints from The Brooke who have died this past year. A special invitation has been sent to families of those saints. Following this special celebration, the congregation will be invited to bring their own flowers to place in chancel area, remembering saints special to them.

Rockford District Fall Lay Academy

October 29 & 30, 2016 at Grace UMC ~ 3555 McFarland Road ~ Rockford, IL 61114

This Fall's academy will be hosted by Grace UMC. All Laity are welcome. You don't need to participate in the Lay Servant Program to attend. The courses will help you better understand your role as a lay person in your church and assist in developing and nurturing your special gifts within a fellowship of Christian friends. Flyers for this event are available in Narthex. For more information, please speak with Leslie Stanford.



2016 Crop Hunger Walk

Sunday ~ October 16, 2016 ~ 1:00pm
711 North Main Street (Discovery Center)
Registration: 1:00pm Step-Off: 2:00pm

If interested in being a walker or sponsor this year, please speak with Judy Parks.



Parable of Talents

Jesus told a story. One servant was given five talents, one was given two talents, and the last was given one. A talent was equivalent to fifteen years of daily wages. It was a great amount of wealth. The servants were entrusted with the master's money while he was away. When the master returned, the servants were asked to give an account of their handling of the money. The servant given five talents traded them and made five more. The servant who was given two talents traded as well and made two more. The third servant, the one given one talent, hid the money in fear of his master. When the third servant returned the money, the master was not happy and told him that he should have at least put it in the bank to gain interest.

Matthew 25:14-30

God has given us many blessings – spiritual and financial – and the resources to put them to good use. The lesson of this living parable is to take the seed money given today and increase it for the support of mission. Some ideas: making crafts, investing the money, doing a special job using the seed money, using your earnings..... the ideas are endless! Tables will be set up each Sunday morning (October 9 – November 20) in the lobby as a "Parables Marketplace" to provide a venue for sharing your wares. On **November 27th** we will bring back our multiplied gifts and return them in offering for the mission of Christ's Church. The point is not to see who can do the most, but to help us concentrate on doing something wonderful and creative for God between now and December 14th.

Thank you for participating in Parable of Talents ~ 2016

October Birthdays and Anniversaries

1st

Sue Myles

5th

Zachary Cowan
Greg Campbell

7th

Don Doyle

10th

JoAnne Carlson

14th

Jackie Parod

17th

Ardene Friest

18th

Yavonne Lockwood

22nd

Amy Harvel

5th

Greg & Kim Campbell

8th

Tom & Doreen Boese

13th

Rick & Terri Pomeroy
James & Pat Tucker

20th

Joe & Joella Warner

22nd

Cal & Sandy McCallum

29th

Jerry & Nancy Wickson

Our Military

Matt Cowan, Matt Crabtree, Scott Dickson, Thomas Helser, Will Hoyum, Ian Long, Joshua Mattson, Jonathan Modler, Jerry Nettles, Stacy Huser, Christine Tornow, Tommy Turnure, Ryan & Kate (Vowles) Levack

Our Homebound

Pauline Arnsmeier, June Durham, Jean Nimz, John Pippel, John Sauer, Doug Skrinkski, Mildred Skrinkski, Charlene Taylor

Family and Friends

Chris Beebe, Dorothy Benjamin, Rick Bried, Marion Carlson, Dorothy Carpenter, Mike McClanahan, Rick Pomeroy, Josh Rosenbaum, Heather Millam & Faith, Family of Jean Sautel Dean Smith, Laurece Thompson, Shirley Walker, Barb Williams

October 2016

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
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<u>2</u> 9:00am Fruitful Living 10:00am Worship	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u> 11:00am Pray for Nation	<u>5</u> 6:00pm Celebration Choir 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir	<u>6</u> 5:00pm "Enough" Bible Study	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u> 9:30am SPRC
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<u>16</u> 9:00am Fruitful Living 10:00am Worship Following Worship Parable Marketplace 11:30am Senior Ministries	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u> 10:30am Paper Angel Closet 5:30pm Outreach 6:30pm Council	<u>19</u> 10:00am Diabetes Group 6:00pm Celebration Choir 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir	<u>20</u> 5:00pm "Enough" Bible Study	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>
<u>23</u> 9:00am Fruitful Living 10:00am Worship Following Worship Parable Marketplace 6:00pm Book Group at Warners'	<u>24</u> 12:30pm Serve lunch at Carpenter's Place	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u> 9:00am Breakfast Club at Alpine View	<u>27</u> 5:00pm "Enough" Bible Study	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u> 4:30pm - 6:00pm Free Dinner
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Church Office Hours

Monday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Tuesday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Wednesday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Friday **CLOSED**

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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ROCKFORD, IL 61109

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

At The Brooke



Our Mission

to transform lives
through faith, love and service

Our Vision

to be a transforming congregation of
believers to serve the community,
renew lives, and build faith.



Fruitful Living ~ 9:00am

Worship ~ 10:00am

Children's Sunday School ~ 10:00am
(Nursery available for NB - 4 years)

Fellowship ~ Following Worship

Sermons and Scripture

October 2

Increase Our Faith
Scripture: Luke 17:5-10

October 9

Your Faith has Made You Well
Scripture: Luke 17:11-19

October 16

We Should Always Pray and Not Give Up
Scripture: Luke 18:1-8

October 23

O God, Our Vows Will Be Fulfilled
Scripture: Psalms 65:1-4

October 30

Zacchaeus, Come Down
Luke 19:1-10