

# Spirit Flyer

Ingleside United Methodist Church - The growing church with a Big Heart

A Monthly Newsletter

Services: Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

September 2011

## Pastors Corner

A monthly update from



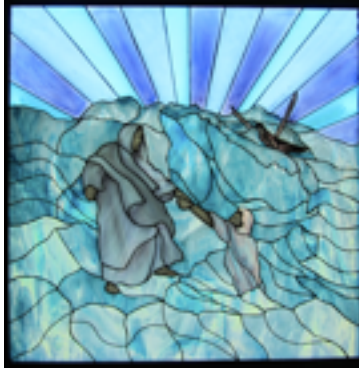
Pastor Sharon Bullmer

Page 1

## Church Family News

- ★Worship Messages Sept.
- ★Birthdays
- ★Prayer Requests
- ★Events
- ★Lots of pictures

Pages 3 and 4



**Our fifth Stained Glass Window is in place!** Many thanks to Fritz Schnoor who has generously donated our latest window in loving memory of his beloved wife, Lee Schnoor. The new window, at the sea, such an important part of Fritz and Lee's life together. Of course the window is meaningful to us all as we see Jesus and Peter as Christ saves Peter in his moment of disbelief. Notice that Peter does reach out to Jesus.

## Pastor's Corner...

*Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." ~Matthew 25.45*

Guilt stabbed my heart and shame washed over my face, but not until I found out that someone else had helped.

I lived in Orangeville at the time where the church and parsonage were so close, it was obvious where the pastor lived and both were right on highway 26 through town. I had many folks stop asking for handouts. I was always grateful for the Salvation Army Fund we had access to in order to supply gas or food and sometimes a place to stay. I had many people willing to help out and merchants willing to take the Salvation Army vouchers. We had given rides, even found tires once and many times I had fed wanderers at my table or front

steps--even loaned my shower a time or two.

I don't even remember what it was that day when I turned that man away from my door. There he stood looking forlorn and hungry, but with some sort of words for some sort of "reason" I said, "Sorry." Was I busy, feeling frazzled, tired, or frustrated because I had had too many other requests lately? The excuse doesn't matter, does it? I had turned him away. To make matters worse, it was not until I saw my parishioners who lived down the street who said, "A homeless man stopped yesterday afternoon around 2:00. We invited him in and fed him a meal," that I felt that stab of guilt because I realized it was the man I had sent away. I could have fed him. I'm glad they did.

Yes, we do need to be careful of who and how we help. So they don't get into questionable situations, I mostly advise people to give through support agencies that are skilled in helping. Still, there are times I have felt there was no good excuse for me not to help. There is a lovely verse in

Hebrews 13. 2 that says, "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it."

I have found our church to be wonderfully open-minded and generous with money, time and energy to help "the least of these" in our community and the world. Each time you give your offering at church, support Heifer Project, buy a gift for an "Angel Tree" child, help at the food pantry or invite a friend to church, you are representing Christ to someone and even...yes, entertaining angels unawares. May God bless you all in your ministries!

Holy God, forgive me for the times I have turned away from reasonable service. Help me see the genuine opportunities where I can serve you. Let me love others with the compassion of Christ and bless them in the same way you have blessed me. Amen.

Always, Pastor Sharon



### **CARDBOARD BOAT RACES!**

*Friends, last year we were the only church, this year our friends at The Edge in Fox Lake were also in the race. Praise God!! They come each year to support the CROP Walk, Pastor Kathy and members of her congregation, it was good to see them at the races this year.*

*The Cardboard Boat Race was such fun - many thanks to **Jeff Wennerstrom** for his leadership on this! **Hannah** did a wonderful job with the Youth Boat and came in 2nd place in her age group! A shout out to the decorators of the winning IUMC boat goes to **Camilla and Hannah**, Way to Go!!*

*Jeff showed everyone how to have fun and not take it too seriously when he popped the bottom out of his boat mid-race and made like Fred Flintstone and began to run through the water with his boat!*

*A great time had by all! (More pictures on last page)*

---

**Local food pantry, please bring canned or dry goods the 3rd Sunday of each month.**

*These items are brought monthly to either Avon, Grant Township or COOL Pantry, based on need.*

---

### **FISH FRY was DELICIOUS!!**

*The Fish Fry was a delicious success...lots of fish, donated food, and fellowship! Very Big Thanks to all, special thanks to our workers; The Wennerstroms: Jeff, Sara & Philip, Lon Schulmeister, and Kristi Petty, and Pastor Sharon for all their work!*

---

### **Rummage Sale a Success!!!**

*Thank you to each and everyone who brought items for this year's rummage sale. And special thanks to Kristi and Howard, Sara, Martha, Pastor Sharon, Marlene, Laura and Bill Grant. Thank you Laura Pearson for heading up the rummage sale event! The proceeds (\$900+) will benefit Heifer!*

*Together we do make a difference!!*



## FALL INTO AUTUMN WORSHIP!

All Services are 9:30am on Sundays.

**September 4 "T.G.I.M." Genesis 1. 1-2, 4a**

In the novel, "Street Lawyer", by John Grisham, it says, "You don't do it for the money, you do it for your soul." When we do everything dedicated to God's glory, including our work, we can truly say, "Thank God it's Monday!"

Holy Communion will be offered.

**September 11 "The Three P's of Peace" Psalm 20. 7-8 and I Peter 2. 19-25**

Ten years. We have gotten used to taking our shoes off at the airport, but the pain of remembrance can still be sharp, just from the mention of the horrors of 9-11-01. The world seems more dangerous, yet our peace and our security still lie solely in God who gives us life.

Come to worship, remember, pray, light a candle for peace and look forward with hope.

**September 18 "Reach Out and REALLY Touch Someone" Psalm 133 and John 1. 1-14**

In these high tech days that promise to keep us in touch, have we lost some of the important personal connection? Perhaps the church can be a bridge to the importance of meaningful relationships with God and each other.

**September 25 "Stepping Out in Faith" Matthew 14. 22-33**

Whatever we need for our fearful and uncertain hearts, Christ comes to us saying, "It is I. Take heart! do not be afraid!"

This sermon is dedicated to our new stained-glass window!

## Fall of 2011 Annual Charge Conference

We'll be having our annual Charge Conference coming up Sunday, October 30th. A reminder to all committee chairpersons that we need you at the meeting.

### Mark Your Calendars

Our Sister Church, Greater St. Paul AME will be at our church on Sunday, September 25th, this is the church we work with on our Angel Tree mission. Be part of this special day!

Saturday, October 15th will be an all-church workday

Saturday, October 22nd will be our Bonfire/Potluck



### September Birthdays!

Hank Elliott & Jeff Schnoor - September 4  
Alexander Fleming - September 5  
Christy Carter-Pennington - September 7  
Hannah Johnson - September 10  
Jennie Wick - September 11  
Walter Malecki - September 23

A very Happy Birthday to each one!

## Prayer Joys and Concerns

The power of prayer is amazing.

Please send all prayer requests to [gamondie@aol.com](mailto:gamondie@aol.com) for inclusion in the newsletter - together we pray for those concerns listed:

### Prayers of/for;

- Thanks - Alex participating in horse show and receiving 3rd place ribbons!
- Healing and comfort; Shari (Terri's Daughter), Terri, Bob Schmarje, Sue (a grade school friend of Gayle's)
- God's hand on those who lost their job at Lake County Health Department and those they serve.
- Ron and the Schulmeister's during this difficult time.
- The Mumford Family, for ongoing strength and guidance during these difficult times.

# CARDBOARD BOAT RACES!!!

