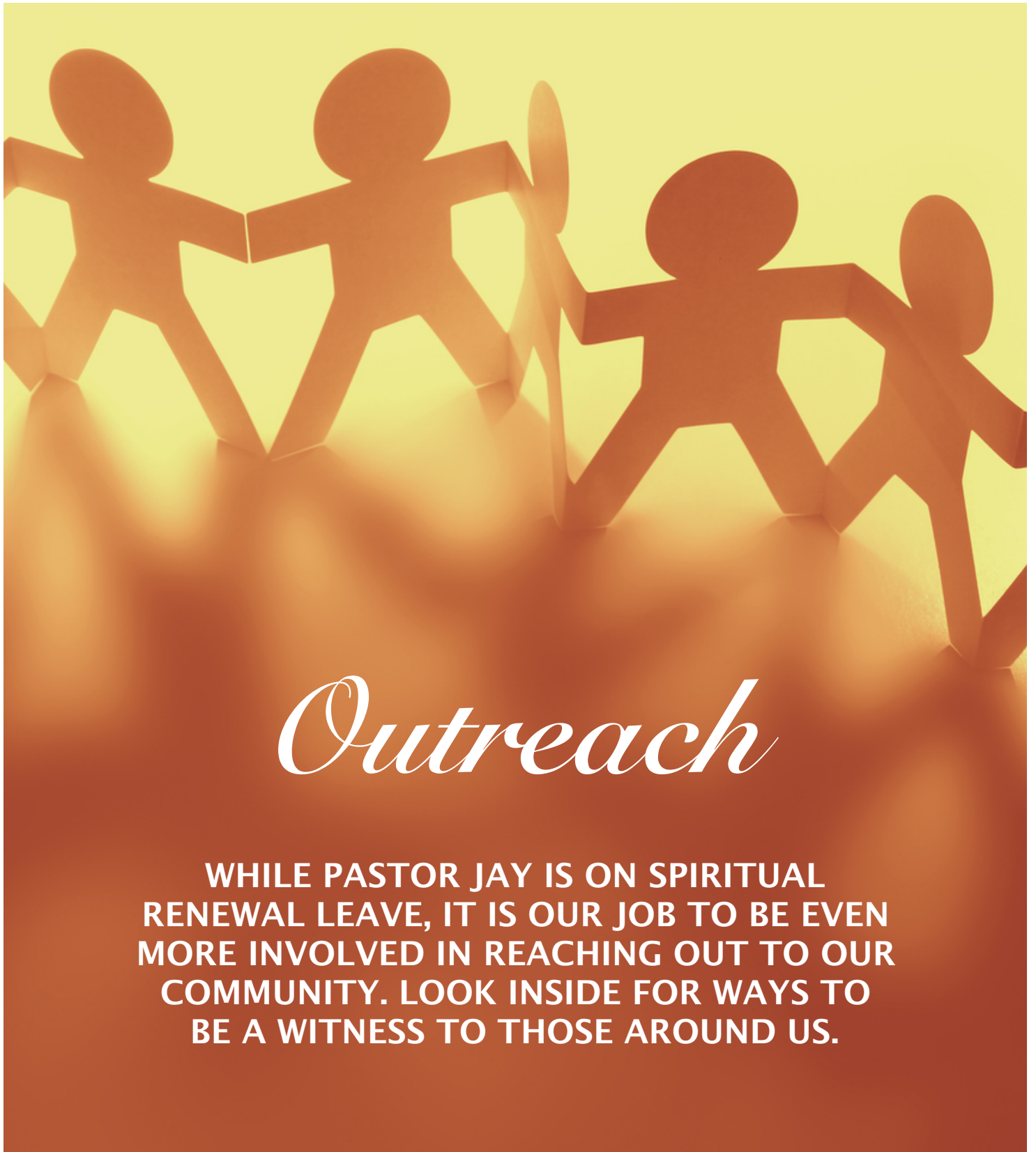


ROBINSON FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

AUGUST 2017

# THE HERALD

LISTENING TO GOD'S HEART FROM THE HEART OF THE CITY



## *Outreach*

WHILE PASTOR JAY IS ON SPIRITUAL RENEWAL LEAVE, IT IS OUR JOB TO BE EVEN MORE INVOLVED IN REACHING OUT TO OUR COMMUNITY. LOOK INSIDE FOR WAYS TO BE A WITNESS TO THOSE AROUND US.

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

By the time you receive this month's edition of The Herald, I will be gone on spiritual formation leave. I'll be gone the entire month of August. We have an excellent lineup of preachers and musicians for both our 9:00 am and 6:00 pm services, so you'll want to try to be present in worship each week to hear their unique perspectives. If you need pastoral care during this month, please contact the church office, and Kirbie will have the on-call pastor get in touch with you.

Yes, I'll be away this month, but you won't be far from my heart. I'm taking the time to write some new tunes and some new lyrics for congregational singing...and when I get back from this month of renewal leave, I expect to be on fire for sharing the Gospel! In the meantime, my absence does not excuse you from getting fired up to share the good news and serve the community. In fact, my absence requires you to be even more engaged - and provide an even stronger witness to our community.

You'll have a substantial number of opportunities to reach out this month, to serve a community that is ours. Don't just read through the opportunities that are presented on the next few pages. Instead, choose one (or more), and make a commitment to follow through to serve in one of many areas. I don't know about you, but every time I participate in an outreach or mission, I receive far more than I give, and my heart grows.

So, let's take this month to grow together in service, and to fan the embers in our hearts for mission and ministry. I am already looking forward to returning to be with you in September, so that we can get back into serving together.

Grace and peace,

**PASTOR JAY**



### **Kids' Club**

Kids' Club will kick off again on September 6 (the Wednesday after Labor Day), but it's not too early to begin thinking about this vital and important spiritual growth and outreach ministry. As you may recall, we served several dozen children (K-5) each week during the school year. This ministry continues to grow. One of the ways you can serve is by committing ½ hour of time each week (4:00-4:30 pm) to help our youngest (K-2) students during chapel. Since many of them are not reading at a high level yet, it's important to have helpers who can assist them in finding books, chapters, and verses in their Bibles. Imagine what an impact you can make in a young child's life. Please contact the church office this month and let Kirbie know if you can help.

### **Kids' Shopping Day**

NOW Kids' Shopping Days are upon us! We will be setting up at noon on Monday, August 7. Shopping that day is from 4:00-7:00 pm, and shopping on Tuesday, August 8 is from 9:00 am-noon. Sign-up sheets are available to help with registration, personal shopping, set-up and tear-down. Many hands make light work, and we appreciate your willingness to help these at-risk students to have a positive start to their school year.

### **Praisefest**

We are hosting our annual Praisefest on Saturday, August 19!

We are needing help with set-up, tear-down, cooking and kitchen, supervising games, working with music groups, and overall hospitality. Please stop by the welcome center sometime in the next two weeks, and sign up to serve - even an hour makes a difference!

### **NOW Food Order**

Before the end of August, our weekend feeding program will begin again! We are needing 2-3 people to drive to Olney on Monday, August 14, to pick up the food order. We will also need people available that day to help unload. Please contact Kirbie in the church office if you can help, and she'll get you all of the information you need!

### **2nd Wednesday Dinner**

A few weeks ago in worship, Connie Carter, who was our liturgist that Sunday, lifted up the Scouting program as a ministry of our church. About 20 Boy Scouts went to camp this summer, and there are many other activities that they participate in throughout the year. Connie invited you to pray for the Scouting ministry, but we now have an opportunity to financially support them as well. The Scouts will be hosting 2nd Wednesday Dinner on August 9th. Their menu includes smoked pork sandwiches (with toppings), baked beans, cole slaw, potato salad, cake, homemade ice cream, and beverages. There will be a freewill offering taken.

We encourage you to sign up at the welcome center by August 6th, so that they will know how much food to prepare.

### **Feed My Starving Children**

Highland Church of Christ is hosting a Feed My Starving Children mobilepack event on September 16-17, 2017. The event is held at the Lincoln Trail College gymnasium, and is a perfect opportunity to volunteer. If you want to find out more about the organization and its mission, visit [www.fmsc.org](http://www.fmsc.org). To sign up, please visit <https://give.fmsc.org/events/1709-004au-robinson-il-highland-church-christ/e111188>.





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# COINS FOR CLEANING

By Michele Elliott

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## **Welcome to AUGUST!!**

"Coins for Cleaning" is a new outreach program available at FUMC. "Coins for Cleaning" will supply buckets filled with cleaning supplies to the local Department of Child and Family Services office (DCFS) located in Olney.

The DCFS caseworkers work with many families in Crawford and surrounding counties. Many of the homes they enter lack basic cleaning supplies. *Why is that?* A high percentage of families that DCFS caseworkers are involved with receive forms of government assistance such as a SNAP card, which is another term for food stamps. While this assistance program can purchase many food related items for the home, there is no allowance for basic cleaning supplies. There are many ways for these families to get assistance with paying bills such as electricity or water, but there aren't resources available to them to help clean up their living environment. This is where we have an opportunity to be a blessing to these families! DCFS caseworkers were overjoyed when this program was presented to them. The caseworkers will take the cleaning buckets to the homes of the families they feel will benefit from them.

*How do I help?* In the Narthex, there will be colorful tubes available for you to take. Take a couple of tubes and fill it with your spare change. (Quarters fit perfectly in these tubes!) When your tube is full, just return it to FUMC. The coins will be used to purchase supplies for the cleaning buckets. If you would like to purchase supplies and fill a bucket, please follow this general list of items: 2 dish cloths, 2 scrubber sponges, 1 can bug/ant spray, 1 small dish soap, 1 multi purpose liquid cleaner (40 oz.), 1 liquid laundry detergent (45 oz.). The total cost \$10-\$12 for supplies

Before the buckets are delivered to the Olney office, a note of hope, love, and prayer will be inserted in each bucket. "Coins for Cleaning" is another way for FUMC to be a LIGHT in Crawford and surrounding counties and LIGHT to some families that may need it the most.



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/3 Alice Holtzhouser, Jay Holtzhouser  
8/4 Mike Parker  
8/7 Tyler Carter, Ellen Wilson,  
Nancy Mattsey  
8/8 Brian Wilson  
8/9 Janis Brigham  
8/10 Phoung Quick, Kevin Harness,  
Daphine Devonshire, Hannah Britton  
8/12 Matthew Schmidlin  
8/13 Kirbie Ackman  
8/14 Don Heleine  
8/15 Janet Clark  
8/16 Leslee Thomas  
8/17 Emmanuel Regennitter  
8/19 Paula Summers  
8/22 Myra Jones, Joyce Owen,  
Janelle Oxford  
8/24 Lois McConnell  
8/25 Lucille Hedges  
8/26 Doris Stanley  
8/27 Brent Owen  
8/29 Margaret Dement, Antje Pippin  
8/31 Jason Holtzhouser, Walker Odom

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

8/3 Brandon & Melinda Harmon  
8/4 Jim & Suzanna Wallace  
8/10 John & Thelma Gifford  
08/14 Jason & Amy Hartke  
8/15 Brian & Julie Wilson  
8/28 Gerald & Karen Gordy  
08/30 Amy Hartke

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Peg, John, Jeremy, and Greg  
Markello; Ken Martin; Carol Wolf;  
Lois McConnell; Carl and Helen  
Blanton; Judy Wilson Wall; Michael  
Brady; Elaine Siler; Gary Albin;  
Donna Reed; Charley Clark; Patty  
Steele; Marty Attaway; Cathy  
Thomas; The women in the  
Crawford County jail; Judson  
Richardson; Jerry Adkins; Richard  
Youngs; Susan Polgar; Shirley  
Allison; Jay Holtzhouser; Janna  
Coonce; Jennifer Newlin; Kaye  
Parrott Weger; Jennifer Null; Julie  
Zhang; Bill Thompson; Bob Duzan;  
Janey Branson; Kate Dale; Shirley  
Treadway; Bev Turkal; Bob Berty;  
Neema Mutayoba; Duke  
Thompson; our children's ministry;  
Mary Kay Jurcin; Jon and Laurette  
Roales; Barb Myers; Dan Hatfield;  
Michael Keene; Strength and  
peace for all who are going  
through cancer treatments; John  
Poland; Sidney Iubelt; Dick Drake;  
Glynn Legg; John Larrabee; Ron  
McCord and family; Bev Arrington  
Campbell; Myrtle Garrard; Larry  
Nichol; Siler, McGahey and Garrett  
families; Floyd Brinkman Sr; family  
of Linda Holubek Shaffer; First  
responders; families affected by  
the storms

# AUGUST 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <b>10:30 am</b> NOW Lunches in parks	2 <b>10:30 am</b> NOW Lunches in parks	3 <b>10:30 am</b> NOW Lunches in parks	4	5
6 <b>9:00 am</b> Worship <b>10:00 am</b> Sunday School <b>3:00 pm</b> Youth Mission Trip Shareholders Meeting <b>6:00 pm</b> Evening Worship	7 <b>12:00 pm</b> NOW Shopping Day Set-Up <b>4:00 pm</b> NOW Shopping Day	8 <b>9:00 am</b> NOW Shopping Day <b>12:00 pm</b> NOW Shopping Day Tear-Down	9 <b>5:30 pm</b> Second Wednesday Dinner	10 <b>6:00 pm</b> Jail Ministry	11	12
13 <b>9:00 am</b> Worship <b>10:00 am</b> Sunday School <b>2:30 pm</b> Heritage Health service <b>6:00 pm</b> Evening Worship	14	15	16 <b>6:00 pm</b> Committee Meetings <b>7:00 pm</b> Church Council	17 <b>6:00 pm</b> Jail Ministry	18	19 <b>2:00 pm</b> Praisefest
20 <b>9:00 am</b> Worship <b>10:00 am</b> Sunday School <b>6:00 pm</b> Evening Worship	21	22	23	24 <b>4:30 pm</b> NOW Bagging <b>6:00 pm</b> Jail Ministry	25	26
27 <b>9:00 am</b> Worship <b>10:00 am</b> Sunday School <b>6:00 pm</b> Evening Worship	28	28	29	30 <b>4:30 pm</b> NOW Bagging <b>6:00 pm</b> Jail Ministry <b>6:00 pm</b> Glory Handbell Rehearsal	31	



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