



Henderson United Methodist Church

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Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School on hold

Henderson Happenings

Reflections from Ray: September 2014

September is a special month for many reasons. After summer vacations are over, we focus to regather for our fall programs and activities at church. This year we also have a very special focus that has had a lot of long range planning, prayer, and training. Now it is nearly upon us. I am thinking about Rock the Lakes.

According to recent research, 60 % of adults are missing from our churches. Since the number of adults not participating in a church has risen dramatically, it is not just adults who are missing. Our **YOUTH** are part of the largest unchurched generation in United States history. Our local churches are partnering with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association to hold Rock the Lakes, a two day, exciting evangelistic event for the entire family.

The emphasis on **Saturday, September 27th at 6:00 PM is on YOUTH.**

The emphasis on **Sunday, September 28th at 5:00 PM is on FAMILIES.**

Events on **both days** are being held at the **Erie Insurance Arena.**

All seats are **free.** Tickets are not required.

There will be **high energy music** by Toby Mac, Michael W. Smith, Kari Jobe, Lacey Flame, Nate Feurstein, Amena Brown, D J Opdiggy, and Red

There will be a **message** from **Franklin Graham** each evening.

Concession stands & beverage kiosks will be available during the music programs.

Cameras and recording devices are not allowed.

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**Erie County Crop
 Hungry Walk**

**September 28,
 2014**

**Presque State Park
 1:30 p.m.**

**Beach 1 (off of the Park-
 ing Lot Entrance)**



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One way to prepare is participate in “Bring a Friend ~ Operation Andy.” In John chapter one, verses 41 – 42 describes how Andrew went to find his brother Peter, and he brought him to meet Jesus. We are asking you to pray, and think of some friends who need Jesus and begin to pray for them each day. (You could use this simple prayer: “Dear heavenly Father, thank You for loving us and sending Jesus to die for our sins. Help my friends to understand Your love and ask for Your forgiveness, so they can live with You. I pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.”)

Be a friend to somebody ! And be sure to bring your friends along with you. Invite them to accompany you to Rock the Lakes. Talk with these people about the Festival, and be sure to **bring them** to the event ! Be in prayer daily as we anticipate what God will do through Rock the Lakes, Erie !



Blessings,

Pastor Ray

A Lesson From China by Jane Hackenberg
(your cub reporter on the other side of the world)

He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 18:2-4



“Take three giant steps forward.” “Mother may I?” “Yes you may.” And if we forgot to ask those very important words, “Mother may I?” before we moved- oh oh! Back to the start line and we had to begin all over again. Do you remember this childhood activity? Giant steps, baby steps, kangaroo jumps, and all those other inventive ways to propel ourselves to the finish line. We loved it. Especially in the summer time when the sun went down and it started to cool off. And the more neighbor kids who played it the better.

Well this game has moved from just a memory to a reality in my life again because when I teach the little ones here, they love this game called Mother May I. I was thinking about it today, and I thought about a lesson from this game. Do we ask God before we move, or are we so excited that we just impulsively take our move without consulting our heavenly parent? Do we ask, “Is this what I should do my Lord?” “God, is this the right time for this?”

Be smart and remember to ask or you may have to start over! “Jane, take one baby step forward.” “Father may I?” “Yes you may.”

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sept. 3—Silvana Dine
Sept. 6 - Betty Williams
Sept. 17-Cliff Jewell
Sept. 17-Austin Granger
Sept. 19-Melony Johnson
Sept. 20-Ca'Won Snider
Sept. 29-Breanne Ponder-Drew



Happy Birthday

Things to Remember:

Pastor Ray's regular day off is *Friday*

Your Prayers Are Requested For:

Pastor Jane Myers Danny Bull
Kate Drew Leon Hull Family

Louise Smail
Kathy Fuller
Sandi Williams
Ronnie Drew
John Drew



- ◇ Keep Kate Drew in your prayers as she continues to recover at home after surgery.
- ◇ Pray for Sandi Williams as she begins rehab at Health South.
- ◇ Condolences are extended to the Families of Terrance Ponders and John Drew.

**Let God grant what is in your heart
and fulfill all your plans.**

Psalm 20:4 CEB

He didn't spare his own Son but gave him up for us all. Won't he also freely give us all things with him?

Romans 8:32 CEB

September Helpers

Announcer Kathy
Scripture Michelle
Greeters Margaret
Counters Mary/Cynthia
Ushers Walter/ Youth

October Helpers

Announcer Mary
Scripture Kathy
Greeter Betty
Counters Carl/Margaret
Ushers Walter/youth



Thank you to all our volunteers

Visit our Church Website at:

www.Hendersonunitedmethodistchurch.com

Random Thoughts

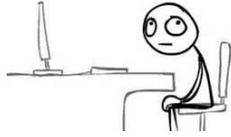
How Strong Is Your Faith

You are a regular church goer, baptized faithful member of a church, and profess to believe in the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. Something bad happens in your circle of friends or family. How do you deal with it? Do you blame God and question how He could let this happen? Do you quit going to church and no longer believe that we serve a good and just God. Do you lose your faith in God? I submit that if you truly had faith in God you would not lose it; shaken maybe, but I don't think you would lose it. Sometimes bad things happen to good people. There are times when good people do bad things. There is nothing wrong with asking God "why?" but give Him a chance to answer you. Wait for it, wait for it and listen patiently for His answer. It will come in His time. Now is the time that you need the church, believe in God and He will restore your FAITH. Don't give up on God and He won't give up on you. After all He gave his only begotten Son for you!

Look, you've instructed many and given strength to drooping hands. Your words have raised up the falling; you've steadied failing knees. But now it comes to you, and you are dismayed; it has struck you, and you are frightened. Isn't your religion the source of your confidence; the integrity of your conduct, the source of your hope? [Job 4:3-6]

Don't hold back

Are there good things that you want to say to someone? Don't hold back. When the opportunity presents itself (better yet seize a moment) tell that someone how you feel. There may come a time when you will have something not so good to relay and it needs to be said; use a little tenderness and seek advice from a trustworthy source if you feel uncomfortable doing it by yourself. Don't hold back but recognize that some things should be left unsaid. That being said, this is just a *random thought*.



As I scramble around Henderson I hear things from time to time (I'm sure you've noticed my big ears). I don't always tell everything I hear because they are for my ears only. But I did hear that 21 children were sent to summer camp this year and that the people involved with this effort were elated. As with anything worthwhile there were some frustrations but all ended well. I also heard that not as many youngsters attended the summer program as last year but the beat went on thanks to the volunteer staff. I won't attempt to name anyone because my ears didn't perk at the right time.

Well the cheese busses are out in force and you know what that means; school is back in session with flashing lights in school zones and on those busses that carry children back and forth to school. Better watch out now and ease up on that gas pedal because I heard there are heavy fines for speeding in school zones. But that's not the worst thing that could happen; a child could be injured by the careless actions of a driver. Perk up, be alert!!

With the beginning of the school year comes the end of another summer. I've heard complaints from upright folks that it wasn't much of a summer but try running around in my feet; always trying to stay ahead of the broom, the traps and I got watch everything I eat (but then you should too). I hear tell the Farmers Almanac is calling for a winter maybe worst than the last one. I know I am not well thought of as an adviser but I suggest you enjoy each day you're given because there is no promise of a next. Take it from me!

I've heard of some sorrows around Henderson lately and decided to mention them here. Terrence Ponders, the father of Breanne and John Drew the eldest of the Drew Family have passed on.

CW told me of some words of wisdom passed on to him by



John almost 49 years ago;
"Don't you hurt my sister".

Heartfelt condolences to those who have lost loved ones.



Girl Scout Troop 30479 will be starting again soon. All girls in 2nd grade to 12th are invited to join us at Henderson UMC Ministry Building on Camphausen Ave. Anyone interested in joining our troop just needs to let Miss Brandy know.

UMW News

OLMSTED RETREAT 2014

The women's retreat at Olmsted is October 17, 18, 19. Any women 18 and older may attend. Cost is \$130. with deposit due by September 1st. We need to have reservations 6 weeks before the retreat. Be in prayer for a fruitful retreat.

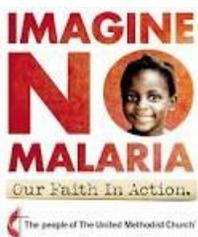
Sunday School resumes at Henderson on September 14th.

Thursday Prayer Time resumes at San Juan UMC on September 18th @ 12:30.

NO Service @ Henderson on September 7th. Join us at Hamot Park for worship at 10:30 AM with picnic afterwards. Bring a dish to share. Hot dog and hamburgers and drink will be provided.

EUMA---Helping those who are homeless - one heart at a time

YOU'RE INVITED – The Board of Directors at EUMA is hosting an event to honor and celebrate Cheryl Davis for serving as the EUMA executive director for the last eight years. This event (scheduled for Sun, Sept. 7th) is open to the public and all who have a connection to Cheryl and EUMA.



An extraordinary effort of the people of The United Methodist Church, putting our faith into action to end preventable deaths by malaria in Africa, especially the death of a child or a mother. The bite of a mosquito carrying malaria doesn't have to kill. You can support our efforts to stop

it!

Henderson UMC will be passing the basket in the month of September in support of INM.

"TNT" (THURSDAY NOON TOGETHER) –Erie: First—Sept 4th First Thursday of the month at 12:05PM at Erie: First, 707 Sassafras, there will be an Organ Concert with guest soloist; the concert is 30 minutes followed by free-will offering lunch. For more information, call 814-452-3300.

"NEW SCHOLARSHIP ON THE BOOK OF RUTH"---Erie: First—Sept 11th

This Fall Educational Lecture Series is sponsored by Inter-Church Ministries of Erie County, presented by Dr. Terry Giles and Dr. William J. Doan at Erie: First, 707 Sassafras, in Oxford Center on Thurs, Sept 11th from 9:30AM to 2:00PM. Doors will open at 9AM. Registration Fee: \$40 includes lunch -- For more information or to register, call 814-454-2411 or E-mail: icm@icmeriecounty.com See attached flyer for more details.

The Ebola outbreak in West Africa has been declared an international health emergency. United Methodist church leaders in Liberia are educating people about prevention, diagnosis and treatment of the disease. Above all they are reminding Liberians that Jesus Christ is a healer. Bloomberg News reported that the Ebola outbreak is also affecting people infected with malaria. Many fail to seek medical attention for fear that they may have Ebola or that they may come in contact with the disease if they go to a hospital. While malaria is curable, Ebola is not. Your gifts to **Imagine No Malaria** are also helping in the fight against Ebola because together, we've improved access to health care. A strong health infrastructure, consisting of trained health care workers and well-equipped facilities, is better able to handle other health threats as well.

What you can do: pray, share and give

Public awareness will be crucial to stopping the spread of Ebola. You can help spread good information by sharing this article with your friends, family and social network. Your gift to **International Disaster Response, Advance #982450**, empowers UMCOR to continue its crucial work in the fight against Ebola and in response to other natural and human-caused disasters.

(information taken from United Methodist News)

**Sept. 1****Shade's Beach Ride for the Refuge**

A charity bicycle ride benefitting The Refuge, an emergency shelter for homeless families operated by the Erie United Methodist Alliance.

Registration 7:30 - 8:30 am Start Time 8:30 am Rider's Picnic 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Pre registration (Aug. 20th) Adults \$20 Age 16 or under (with parents) \$10

General Registration (Aug 21 to day of event) adults \$25 Age 16 and under (with parents) \$12

see more and register online at <http://www.euma-erie.org>

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Sept 3 Pick up of perishables from Second Harvest For food pantry..9 am Help is appreciated. Be at the Ministry Building by 9:30 a.m. 11am – 1 pm Food Pantry Distribution Sign up for Christmas Baskets at food pantry.

Sept 5-6 Ignite Music Festival for more information visit <http://www.theignitefestival.com/>

Sept 6 9am – 2 pm Simpson Cascade Annual Rummage and Bake Sale

Set-up for the sale will be on Thursday (4th) and Friday (5th).

Watch for more details in the bulletins. [2113 Sassafras St Erie Pa 16502](http://www.2113sassafrassteriepa.com)

Sept 7 Combined services at Hamot Park and picnic. Bring a dish to share

Services 10:30 a.m. No service at Henderson Church

Sept 12 Pick up food at Second Harvest 9 am Help is appreciated. Be at the Ministry Building by 9:30 a.m. 11 am Pack bags for distribution on 17th

Sept 14 Sunday School resumes 11: 30 am

Sept 17 Pick up perishables for food pantry at 9am Help is appreciated. Be at the Ministry Building by 9:30 a.m.

11 am – 1 pm distribute food. Sign up for Christmas Basket during Food Pantry

Sept 18 Prayer Time at San Juan UMC with Pastor Ray

At 12:30 on Thursdays Pastor Ray will conduct Prayer Time at San Juan UMC.

All are invited. Lunch is served from 11:30 – 12:30 through City Mission.

Sept 20 Ad Council Meeting 10 am

Sept 25 Prayer Time at San Juan UMC with Pastor Ray

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Sept 26 Food Pick Up 9 am Help is appreciated. Be at the Ministry Building by 9:30 a.m.

11 am pack bags for food distribution on Oct 1st.

Sept 27 - 28 Rock the Lakes Erie Insurance Area FREE Christian Music Festival Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. <http://rockthelakes.org>

Sept 28 1:30 – 5:30 Erie County Crop Walk. Join us at Presque Isle at 1:30 p.m. at Beach 1 (off of the parking lot entrance) For more information visit <http://cropwalker.org/>

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