

Carpenters Speak

September 2011

The Voice of Pastor Putney

Greetings!

The month of September is noted for several important events: First, September is National Sickle Cell Anemia Month; the unofficial end of summer; 9/11 Commemoration; annual church picnic and lots of workshops for clergy and laity provided by the Rockford District. You will find more information about these events within the following pages of this newsletter.

In commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, commonly referred to as "9/11", churches across the nation are planning special services and other events. We, the members of Christ the Carpenter United Methodist Church, will observe the day in prayer during the abbreviated worship service on Sunday, September 11, at 11:00 a.m., and again at Rock Cut State Park at the beginning of our Annual Church Picnic. As you know, we are expecting members from Poplar Grove United Methodist Church to our picnic. This is an opportunity for solemn remembrance, thankful celebration, and hope-affirming volunteer action in our area.

By joining heart and hand, we assert that ...Christian social action(s) are reciprocal and mutually reinforcing (¶101, Book of Discipline, Mission and Service). As a sign of unity and hope, we will rededicate our commitment to making our community a better place.



In an excerpt from his monthly letter in the **Reporter**, our UMNIC Newsletter, **Reflections: A Decade Following 9/11**, Bishop Hee-Soo Jung writes, *Christ calls us to embrace those who are different, to welcome the stranger, to advocate for the downtrodden. And so the church must continue to address issues of violence, immigration and reconciliation... We must model Christ's gracious spirit of hospitality.*

I look forward to sharing this special observance with each of you.

Peace,
Pastor Putney



OUR MISSION

We are a church committed to God by celebrating our differences and empowering God's people through evangelism, outreach, community stability and service.

Minister

Pastor Montel Putney

Musicians

Betty Pumphrey
Roberta Gumbrell

Lay Leaders

Wanda Hill
Earnestine Kendall
Schata Henderson
Donna Henderson

Liturgists

Glenn Gibson
Shantay Henderson

Officers

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Delores Owens, Chairman

Staff Parish

Barbara Bacon, Chairman

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Tim Bragg, Treasurer
Stephanie Gibson, Secretary

Trustees

Glenn Gibson
Thomas & Dorothy Jordan

Membership Care

Earnestine Kendall, Chairman

Christian Education

Wanda Hill, Chairman

United Methodist Women

Estella Mathis, Chairman

United Methodist Men

Eddie Bowman, Chairman

Technology

Karen Fuller, Chairman

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James West

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Linda Putney

Head Usher

Donna Henderson