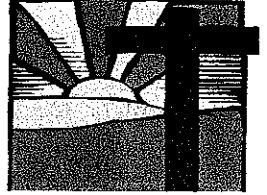


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Daddy's Poem

Birthdays & Anniversaries

8th-Bernie & Lura
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12th-Tim Young
18th-Linda Houtz
28th-Jean Bartel



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Her hair was up in a pony tail, her favorite dress tied with a bow. Today was Daddy's Day at school, and she couldn't wait to go. But her mommy tried to tell her, that she probably should stay home, why the kids might not understand, if she went to school alone...But she was not afraid; she knew just what to say. What to tell her classmates of why he wasn't there today. But still her mother worried, for her to face this day alone. And that was why once again, she tried to keep her daughter home.

But the little girl went to school eager to tell them all. About a dad she never sees, a dad who never calls. There were daddies along the wall in back, for everyone to meet. Children squirming impatiently, anxious in their seats. One by one the teacher called a student from the class. To introduce their daddy, as seconds slowly passed. At last the teacher called her name, every child turned to stare. Each of them was searching, a man who wasn't there.

"Where's her daddy at?" She heard a boy call out. "She probably doesn't have one," another student dared to shout. And from somewhere near the back, she heard a daddy say, "Looks like another deadbeat dad, too busy to waste his day."

The words did not offend her, as she smiled up at her Mom. And looked back at her teacher, who told her to go on. And with hands behind her back, slowly she began to speak. And out from the mouth of a child, came words incredibly unique.

"My Daddy couldn't be here, because he lives so far away. But I know he wishes he could be, since this is such a special day. And though you cannot meet him, I wanted you to know. All about my daddy, and how much he loves me so. He loved to tell me stories he taught me to ride my bike. He surprised me with pink roses, and taught me to fly a kite. We used to share fudge sundaes, and ice cream in a cone. And though you cannot see him. I'm not standing here alone. "Cause my daddy's always with me, even though we are apart I know because he told me, he'll forever be in my heart" With that, her little hand reached up, and lay across her chest. Feeling her own heartbeat, beneath her favorite dress. And from somewhere there in the crowd of dads, her mother stood in tears. Proudly watching her daughter, who was wise beyond her years. For she stood up for the love of a man not in her life. Doing what was best for her, doing what was a right.

And when she dropped her hand back down, staring straight into the crowd. She finished with a voice so soft, but its message clear and loud. "I love my daddy very much, he's my shining star. And if he could, he'd be here, but heaven's just too far.

You see he is an American Soldier and died just this past year when a roadside bomb hit his convoy and taught Americans to fear. But sometimes when I close my eyes, it's like he never went away." And then she closed her eyes, and saw him there that day. And to her mother's amazement, she witnessed with surprise. A room full of daddies and children, all starting to close their eyes. Who knows what they saw before them, who knows what they felt inside. Perhaps for merely a second, they saw him at her side. "I know you're with me Daddy," to the silence she called out. And what happened next made believers, of those once filled with doubt.

Not one in that room could explain it, for each of their eyes had been closed. But there on the desk beside her, was a fragrant long-stemmed pink rose. And a child was blessed, if only for a moment, by the love of her shining star. And given the gift of believing, that heaven is never too far.

August Budget Summary

	August Actual	August Budget	August Variance	Year to date Actual	Year to date Budget	Year to date Variance
TOTAL INCOME	2,526.00	4,076.67	(1,550.67)	30,464.24	32,613.36	(2,149.12)
TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES	3,321.38	4,076.67	755.29	32,407.10	32,613.36	2,929.08
INCOME LESS EXPENSES	(795.38)	0.00		(1,942.86)	0.00	

“Uniondale United Methodist Church's vision is to be a refuge to the surrounding Community from the bombardments of everyday life, by providing a welcoming, friendly, and Christ centered atmosphere along with a back-to-the-basics traditional approach to service, music, fellowship, and community outreach.”



A Note from the Parsonage...

Dear church family,
 What a beautiful time of the year. God is so good to give us wonderful colors before the cold sets in. I received this devotional via email this week and I thought it was so good. I want to share it with you and hope you are encouraged as I was.

Don't try to hurry the harvest

Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. James 5:7

Sometimes the things that count the most seem to take the longest to get there. Some giant sequoias in Califor-

nia are 300 feet tall. That's the height of a 30 story building! Yet each one began with the smallest seeds that began growing and maturing since before the time of Christ! That's a long time. You may say that you're going to serve God. Then you start to do something for Him, but when you don't reap a harvest immediately, you get discouraged. Don't try to hurry the harvest. In due season, you will reap.

In Christ's love,
 Pastor Troy and Mindy

Confessions of a single girl, living in a small town...

I bought a new treadmill from a friend...and when my dad and I were carrying it up the stairs, (yes, I owe my dad big time) I hurt my back. Apparently, I'm not strong enough to lift the treadmill and go up the stairs at the same time. The next morning came and I could hardly move without crying out a little. I was not very smart. I can be stubborn and I like to do things on my own. My job is very stressful and one of the things that I struggle with at work is trying to be everything to my foster parents. I have a tendency to take on their emotions...and while I'm a very emotional person, I don't always express my emotions, which get me into trouble because I become easily stressed out and can make myself sick. At my last performance evaluation, my supervisor pleaded with me to start taking better care of myself which includes letting some things go and to remember that God is in control and we aren't. Worrying about things will not change them. I sort of compare this to remembering to take care of our selves spiritually and to always make sure that we're growing in our relationship with Jesus. It's very easy to get so busy in life that we forget to make time for God. Make God a priority. Turn the radio off while you're driving and talk to God. The peace you'll feel will make you feel oh so good...

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Prayer Petitions

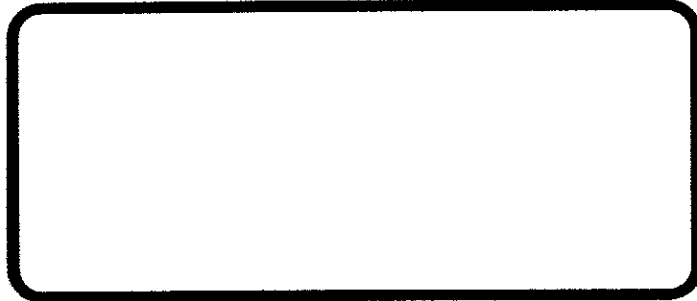
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Our Servicemen Abroad
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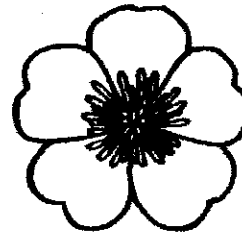
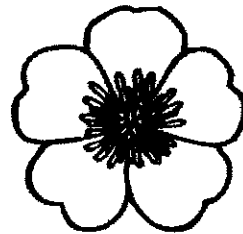
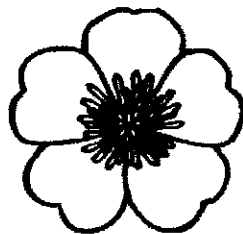
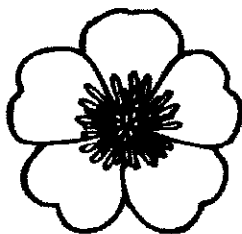
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ITTY BITTY EINSTEINS PRESCHOOL UPDATE

It has been a long process to get to where we are today with itty Bitty Einstein's preschool, with that said we are about to start our 5 week of class. This month is fire safety month and we will be taking a field trip to the fire station. We would like to thank those wonderful people who have helped one of our students in making preschool possible for him. We would also like to thank everyone for their love and support and prayers it was very much appreciated.

With love,
Jennifer and Jessica



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****WE HAVE LOTS OF OPEN SPACES FOR VARIOUS TASKS DURING THE CHURCH SERVICE--PLEASE SIGN UP!!**

SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Ushers - Ernie and Tina Greeters--Tim & Sound board--Tim Jr. Church teachers: Elaine & Acolytes	3	4	5 *Vision mtg. At 7:00pm	6	7 *Garage Sale at Parsonage! 8am --4pm	8*Family Movie Night at Church at 6:00pm light supper at 5:00pm *Garage Sale at Parsonage!! 8am-4pm *Open House for Margie Lloyd - 1pm to 3pm
9 Ushers - Ernie and Tina Greeters--Tim & Sound board--Bill Jr. Church teachers: Elaine & Acolytes--Herstad's	10	11	12	13	14	15 *Women's group Klick-off at the church 10:00am to 11:30am
16 Ushers - Ernie and Tina Greeters--Tim & Ernie Sound board: Tim Jr. Church: Mindi & Connie Acolytes Fellowship breakfast-	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Ushers - Ernie and Tina Greeters--Tim & Sound board--Ernie Jr. Church teachers: Deanna Acolytes: Herstad's	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Ushers - Ernie and Tina Greeters--Tim & Sound board: Tim Jr. Church teachers: Elaine & Acolytes: **Fall Carnival for Kids and Chili carry-in	31 Trunk or Treat! Church Parking lot 6-8pm					