

The Beacon

DUNDEE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September

911

**In a week the trees
Changed from green
to yellow, to orange
to reds and browns
As though this is
An ordinary September**

**In a moment the tall trees
Made of steel, of stone, of glass
Changed from vibrant colors
To grey dust
Nothing is ordinary
In this September**

September 20, 2001

Marjorie DeBol DeFazio

A Reflection

For each of us, anniversaries are important. Some are filled with joy as we celebrate birthdays or the day of our marriage. Sometimes, however, anniversaries are times which may be filled with pain, as on the anniversary of the death of a loved one. There are anniversaries when the memory of some traumatic event moves us in ways we do not understand.

Just about everyone can remember where they were the morning of September 11, 2001. It has been ten years since that horrible day. For those who experienced personal loss, the pain still feels as if the event happened yesterday. For others, some emotional distance from the horror of that day has taken place. Yet, there are still reverberations of that event, as the mere mention of the date "September 11th" can churn up feelings and distinct memories.

Sometimes it seems as though we have not left behind the events of that terrible day. We are still bombarded by images of the planes flying into the towers and the Pentagon or have seen a movie of the stories of those on Flight 93.

We cannot go to airports or other public venues without coming face to face with enhanced security measures. Our government is still engaged in military action as part of the "War on Terror," while new terrorist violence is breaking out around the world.

Our wounds of that September 11th may still open because we have not given ourselves the time apart to reflect, to grieve, or to heal. The years that have passed have provided us few, if any, signs of redemption.

Many blame the media for their continuing the barrage of images and reporting of war and violence. Some blame the government for its policies or lack of intelligence information. Others blame the terrorists – those who bombed us then and those who seem to come to take their place. But there is no amount of passing out blame which will deliver us, no assignment of guilt on someone, no meting out of justice that will heal the psyche of our land.

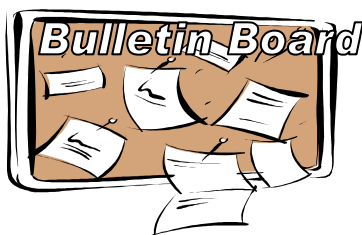
Healing will come as our souls, which need not be destroyed by outward pains, choose love – not fear, not pain, not hate.

This was the persistent word of Jesus: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:14). "I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" (Matthew 5:44). "Be merciful, just as your Father in heaven is merciful" (Luke 6:36).

As we remember the events of 9-11 this year, I pray that we may find ways simply to remember and not be constantly bombarded with images of planes, terrorists or war. I pray that our remembrance might be a beginning of healing, and that our remembrance might call us closer to Christ, in whom alone is our hope.

Pastor Doug





BREAKFAST IS SERVED

Wednesday, September 7, 2011 is the next community breakfast, sponsored by the Dundee Area Senior Center, from 7 to 9 a.m. Want a great breakfast at an "extremely reasonable" price, like \$3? Head on over to the Senior Center and enjoy a great breakfast and fellowship with others in the community.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The 2011 flower calendar is posted on the board, next to the kitchen, in Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$15 per entry and payment can be included in your offering envelope or given to the financial secretary. When paying for the flowers, please indicate "Flowers" on the envelope.

KEEP YOURSELF INFORMED

Are you a subscriber to the weekly "Pastor's Page Update" which is sent out each Monday? If not and you would like to receive this weekly update on church activities and announcements directly to your email in-box, please contact Ron Breitner to be added to the list.

MISS A SUNDAY?

Did you know? – that if you were unable to be in church on a particular Sunday that you can still "hear" the service? Every Sunday, Ed Proctor records the service on a CD. This CD is placed in the church office and you can get a copy and take home, listen to it, pass it along to another, or just return it the next time you are at church. Questions?, contact Pastor Doug.

VIDEO OPERATORS

Are you interested in running the video projector during worship? We are looking for interested persons to run the projector during worship services. Any youth or adult who is interested, please see Ron Breitner or Pastor Doug.

Don't know how??? No problem. Ron has set up a "trial run" demonstration on the church website: <http://www.umcdundee.org/projector>. A visitor be asked for a User Name and Password to access it.

Give it a try, it's fun and easy.

There is a sign up sheet on the "Opportunities" board in the hallway. Sign up and have some fun while assisting in this ministry.

CHURCH CONFERENCE

The Annual Church for our church will be held on Sunday, November 13 at 4:00 p.m. This annual congregational meeting is to review all the ministry which has taken place during the last year, look forward to the coming year's ministry, elect the leadership which will direct us in our endeavors, along with other church business.

All members are invited to attend. So, plan now to attend.

READ THE BEACON ON-LINE AT OUR NEW ADDRESS

The Beacon newsletter is now available on-line at:

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Giving Thanks for your Service



Acolytes

Allen Haller, Abby Goodridge,
Sierra Churchill, Zac Bellaire,
Jenna Bradley,
Lydia Sandefur, Madison
McAreavy & Patrick Davis

Liturgist

August 7, 14: Tom Obermyer

August 21, 28: Leann Gauss

Coffee Hour

Thank You To All



Thank you!

To all ushers, those who prepare coffee hour and those who help run the projector

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

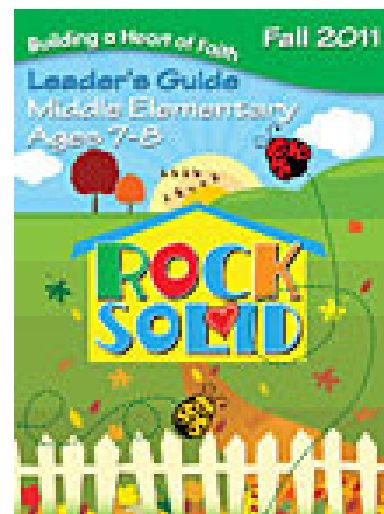
<p><u>Acolytes This Month</u></p> <p>Don't Forget! New Acolytes for this year. All our third grade students are eligible to learn to Acolyte!</p>	<p><u>Coffee Hour This Month</u></p> <p>09/04 09/11 Rally Day 09/18 09/25 Sandefur/Kruse</p>	<p><u>Greeters for this Month</u></p> <hr/> <p><u>Liturgist for this Month</u></p> <p>September 4, 11: Kristen Olsen September 18, 25: Amy Hempel</p>
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Rally Day!

We will kick off our Sunday School year with our Annual Rally Day Potluck. Please Join us after church September 11, 2011 for Food, Fun and Fellowship!
Mostaccioli, Sloppy Joes, Hot Dogs and Drinks will be provided!

Sunday School is for all ages...Preschool to Adult.
Classes begin at 9:00am.
Children also provide special music for the congregation on the 2nd Sunday of every month!

Remember "Noisy Offering" for camp scholarships is collect the 2nd Sunday as well!





Ten Reasons for NOT Attending Football Games

1. The coach never comes to call on me.
 2. They always ask me for money when I go in.
 3. The games last too long. I can't sit for 2 ½ hours.
 4. The games come on Friday nights, Saturdays and Sunday afternoon, and these are the only opportunities I have to be with my family.
 5. The songs they play at half-time are not familiar to me.
 6. Every time I go, I see a lot of hypocrites there.
 7. Most of the people just up and leave when the game is over and don't stop to speak to me.
 8. My dad took me to a lot of games when I was a kid, and I said that when I got on my own, I wouldn't go.
 9. I don't always agree with the officials' decisions.
 10. During the football season, the weather is too often bad, and I might be sick.
- [Anonymous]

Do these excuses sound familiar, in another setting?

Church Leadership

A ship cannot sail without a crew. You cannot make a pie without all of the necessary ingredient. Neither can the church carry out Christ's commission to proclaim the good news of God's and forgiveness and make disciples without its leadership.

During the next several weeks, our Lay Leadership Committee will be seeking persons to consider serving in leadership for 2012. ALL of these leadership positions are important and necessary for our continued fulfillment of our mission and ministry.

Some will respond by saying, "I don't have the time"; about 75% of our present leadership is employed full-time. "I can't get out of the house much"; there are several special ministries you can do from the comfort of your own home. "I don't have the ability or skills"; the church can provide training. "I can't make a commitment for that length of time"; there are several one-time tasks that need doing. "I want to spend my free time with my family"; GREAT!, as a family you can become involved in the activities of Sunday (usher, greet, coffee hour, worship together).

You don't have to be a college professor or theologian, a CPA or engineer to share your love and concern for the well-being of the church and others. All you need is yourself and your faith.

Please consider seriously and prayerfully your response when asked to take a position of leadership for our ministry – you are being asked because the committee has prayerfully considered you to be a vital part of the ministry we share. There is no telling what rewards you will reap, and Christ' love will continue to flow from this congregation of God's people.

Better yet – you can volunteer (nasty word to some) to take a position. I have a complete list of positions, tasks and ministries that need to be done. Just give me a call, I'll be glad to talk it over with you. Or, perhaps you can suggest a ministry you can do that is not currently being done.

THINK ABOUT IT!
Pastor Doug

Please join us for a
**MEMORIAL
BLOOD DRIVE**
in loving memory of
Nancy Schafer



Nancy Schafer Memorial BLOOD DRIVE

**Thursday, September 29, 2011
2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

Dundee United Methodist Church
645 Franklin St., Dundee, MI

To schedule an appointment, please call Joan at 734-439-8314.

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Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental permission in some states), meet weight and height requirements (110 pounds or more, depending on their height) and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. Please bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive ID when you come to donate.

UMYF NEWS

Everyone is getting ready for something new, whether it be a new school year or something else. We are about to start a whole new year in MYF and we couldn't be more excited! We have so many fun events, devotions, meetings, community service projects, lock ins, and church retreats planned that we are sure to have a fun-filled year. We invite everyone to join us. You don't have to belong to our church or any church to come. So invite your friends, your relatives, neighbors, any youth you know of that is in 6th to 12th grade that could benefit from making new friends in a safe environment, to worshipping God, to helping out those in need, to making a difference in the community, to just having fun. Everyone is welcome!

We all have such busy lives these days and are going in a million different directions, but one thing we must remember is to go in the direction of the Lord. We are speaking from experience when we say that as busy as you are and your kid's lives are remember that their Faith is going to take them the furthest in life. To get through this tough day and age they are going to need a strong Faith in God and be surrounded by Christian people that love them no matter what! This is what our goal is. We know we wouldn't of made it through the many struggles we have in life without our Faith. So thanks to those of you that share your children with us and those that haven't yet we encourage you to. You will not regret it.

Calendar of events:

August 28th- Fun day at Deb Irwin's with a little work involved. We are planning a cookout, water fun, games, a chance to get to know each other, devotion, and a meeting. After church until 6.

Sept: 17th Putt Putt golf at Old Towne in Monroe. Meet at the church at 6PM to carpool. We will return for devotion time and pick up will be at 9 p.m.

Sept 25th- Family and Friends MYF Pot Luck. 5 p.m. to? Please bring a dish to pass. We encourage all youth to attend with their parents or grandparents or anyone else that supports them in their youth involvement is welcome to attend. Also feel free to invite anyone you know that may wish to join MYF.

Hopefully you were able to attend our Mission Trip presentation on August 28th. We can not thank you enough in supporting us in order to make this Mission Trip possible. It was a life changing experience for everyone. We can guarantee you that we are all walking closer with the Lord after this experience and look forward to having him lead us in more ways to serve him.

May God Continue to Bless You,
Keri Secor and Andrea Hickey





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Andy Rakebrand	9/1
Austin Wickwire	9/5
Sara Buhl	9/6
Mallory Leslie	9/6
Anne Buhl	9/7
Jay Hickey	9/8
David Short, Sr.	9/8
Veda Tyler	9/9
Lynne Warren	9/9
Alan Elmes	9/11
Alexa Roach	9/12
Bonnie Wilcox	9/12
Paul Wittkop	9/12
Valerie Juckette	9/13
Martha Bird	9/14
Alex Lenz	9/14
Caroline Moore	9/17
Elwood Meehling	9/18
Tari Wyse	9/19
Lonnie Spoering	9/20
John Juckette	9/21
Payton Hamilton-Fleming	9/22
Michelle Sargent	9/22
Ashley Seyfried	9/22
Harriet Parsons	9/25
Noah Gardner	9/26
Jared Williams	9/27
Mary Hana	9/28
Joseph Poley	9/28
Lila Sortor	9/28
Sandra Wenburg	9/29
Keith Moore	9/30

IN OUR PRAYERS

Dorthea Musgrove. Paula. Peggy Northrup. Cindi. Amy Pappart. Ray Leach. Dave Lowell. Bud Navarre. Alice Harris. Rhonda Secor. Richard Brown. Janet Schuler. Wanda Snyder. Brenda Kern. Julie Schwartz. Mike Breitner.

Prayer requests from **Sunday, August 21**: Ruth McCully to have surgery on Thursday. Congratulations to Deanna Swan and Sean Parkinson on their engagement. Karleigh Haller was back in church, and Rich thanked everyone for their support during the past month following Karleigh's surgery. Alisa Kruse's father is in ICU. Nancy Clark announced the engagement of Bob's son, Mark. Paul Wittkop's girlfriend, Alicia is doing some better. Rob Sandefur's mother had major surgery. Keri Secor requested prayers for her mother-in-law. Zora Spewock requested prayers for her sister. Deanna Swan requested prayers for Sean's two cousin who is in a coma and another cousin who experienced a death in his family. Darrell Powell requested prayers for daughter's, Audra and Amy (Amy is returning to MI). Donna Jennings has been readmitted to the hospital. Continued prayers for Arnie Missler, Tom and Grace Dennison (Marge said that Tom will be returning home following a lengthy stay in the hospital



Thank You!

TO: those who provided special music during the summer for our worship services; the services were truly enhanced by your gifts of time and talent.

Pastor Doug

I thank all of you who sign the prayer notes or send cards and call or visit. All of those mean so much.

***My Love and Thanks,
Virginia Mominee***

Pr. Doug and Friends and DUMC,
Thank You for your many prayers, touch letters, cards and phone calls when I was in the hospital and after I returned home. Especially to Pr. Doug for his many visits and prayers. It was always heartwarming to see his smiling face coming in the door and hear his positive and uplifting conversations.

***Very Sincerely,
Elwyn Labert***

Pastor and Everybody,
Thank you for your visits and for my letter signed by everybody. It means a lot to me.

***Sincerely,
Ella Henning***

Our Church Family

Congratulations

Addison Jean Ringbloom, born June 8; parents: Emily and Craig; grandparents: Linda and Vern Wells.
Carter Kunkel, born August 22; parents: Stephanie and Chris Kunkel; grandparents: Bob and Lisa Crist.

Our Newest Members

Addison Jean Ringbloom, July 17, daughter of Emily and Craig Ringbloom; granddaughter of Linda and Vern Wells.
Craig Ringbloom, July 17.

In Sympathy

Dorothy Mitchell, June 1; sister of Joan Coldwell
LeRoy Perry, July 3; brother of George Perry
Bill Pappert, July 7, husband of Amy (Powell) Pappert
Gladys Smith, July 24, mother of Pam Romano

Bible Study – Cruising Through the Old Testament

Have you ever wished to read and understand the Old Testament and how it guides your faith?; and how it guided Jesus' life and faith? Here is your opportunity! The only materials you will need are your Bible and an open mind willing to learn.

Two identical sessions (one on Tuesday morning and the other on Wednesday evening) will explore this topic. This series will last for nine weeks.

The Tuesday sessions will begin on September 20th at 10:30 a.m. and will conclude on November 15th. The Wednesday sessions will begin on September 21st at 7:30 p.m. and will conclude on November 16th.

You will be reading, word-for-word, the entire Old Testament, about 12 to 15 pages a day, depending on your copy of The Bible.

Read the scriptures, attend the class – be enlightened.

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE

Join the choir this year! Rehearsals are Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. All skill levels are welcome to come work together, learn beautiful music, and have fun being in service to God's people. If you are interested, or have any questions, contact Betsy Rothrock, Choir Director, at church, phone, Facebook, or email .



UMW NEWS

Save the Date

Saturday, October 8, 2011
UMW Breakfast



Saturday, October 15, 2011
Annual Swiss Steak Dinner



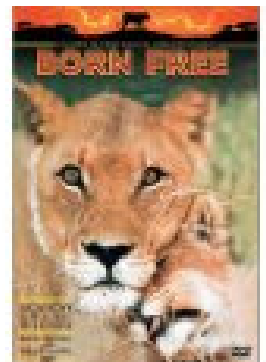
Movie Club

The Movie Club kicks off its 10th and final season on Saturday, September 10 at the “Rothrock Theatre” (Rich & Betsy’s Rothrock’s house) with a classic true story.

“Born Free” (1966) tells the true story of Joy and George Adamson who forsake sending their pet lion Elsa to a zoo and choose instead to teach her how to survive in the African wild. Facing long odds and the fact this had never been done before, the Adamson’s find both their relationship and their belief tested to the point of breaking. Based on the best-selling book, this heartwarming box office success features real wild lions, beautiful African scenery, and one of the greatest movie scores of all time.

Doors open at 6:00 pm and the movie will start at 6:30 pm. Please bring a snack to share and the beverage of your choice. If you have any questions, please see Rich or Betsy.

Hope To See You There!



Pastor's Notes

Pastoral Pondering

I hope and pray and your summer was a time of rest, recuperation and a time of “re-creation.” It seems as if the summer season began just a few days ago, and here we are at the beginning of September. Already, there is a hint of fall in the air – cool nights, that “golden-glow” of fall to the sun in the late afternoon and evening. Before you know it, school will be in session and the rush of the many activities of school, clubs and church will be in full swing.

I have missed seeing a number of you this summer. I don't say this to scold, for that would do little good. I say this from a sense of personal loss – loss of relationship and connection with those who are not here.

Life situations indeed put a tremendous amount of tension, pressure and time demands upon us. It is easy to become physically and mentally exhausted. Just as we need to eat and rest to regain physical strength, so too, we need to constantly renew and regain our spiritual resources that enable us to stand firm in the midst of life's pressures.

Our faith is tough to turn on and off like a water faucet. It may not automatically spring to full force in September or October. It needs to be constantly nourished and cared for, just as our bodies need to be cared for and nourished.

Make worship on Sunday morning a regular habit and a high priority in your life. Yes, I know there are many “other” demands on your schedules. But set aside some time daily for devotion and prayer. Give some serious thought to your role as one of God's children. God needs your talents, and your regular attendance. Re new your faithfulness to God and Christ, participate and attend worship and the other activities of the ministry we share.

Make the most of YOUR faith.

*Blessings,
Pastor Doug*



September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 LABOR DAY	6 Choir Practice 7:00	7 Senior Breakfast 7-9 Dundee Care and Share distribution	8 UMW 7 pm London Care and Share distribution	9	10 Movie Club 6pm
11 Rally Day!	12  Chime Practice 6:45	13 Choir Practice 7:00 Ad Board Meeting	14	15	16	17 UMYF Putt-Putt 6pm
18	19 Chime Practice 6:45	20 Bible Study 10:30 Choir Practice 7:00	21 Bible Study 7:30	22	23	24
25 UMYF Family Potluck 5pm Parish Nurse	26 Chime Practice 6:45	27 Bible Study 10:30 Choir Practice 7:00	28 Bible Study 7:30	29	30	