

September 2, 2019 Huntley UMC weekly email

Dear friends,

Happy Labor Day! Happy unofficial end to summer, although I suspect that most of us will not easily let go of our summer season until we absolutely have to. I don't know about you, but summer just sort of disappeared before it hardly got started for me. I certainly didn't get everything in this summer that I wanted to, but hopefully you did. Now September is here, and school is back in session, and we are moving back toward our fall season and all that brings to our lives whether we are ready or not.

As such, Sunday school for children and youth resumes on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. We will celebrate with a balloon launch next Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Please join us. Also remember that worship has returned to our fall schedule and is now at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday. Adult Sunday school will be resuming as well, but not until Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, since I will be out of area on a mission trip to St. Croix, Virgin Islands for hurricane recovery work. This is recovery work for the hurricane two years ago, not the one presently headed toward the east coast of the U.S.

My mission trip to St. Croix is scheduled for September 7<sup>th</sup> until September 21<sup>st</sup>, but you can't get from Billings to St. Croix in one day, so I have to tack on one day to each end of my trip. In my absence, please contact Pastor Angie Dornisch of Billings Hope United Methodist Church for any pastoral emergencies (259-4673). She will be pleased to help you with any pastoral need that might arise. We also have capable preachers to fill in on the three Sundays I miss, so don't skip church. You never know what you might miss.

Huntley UMC Administrative Council will meet this Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. (Please note the time change for this meeting only!)

Companions in Christ group will meet on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. and begin a new Study with the book "Vanishing Grace" by Philip Yancey.

Dave and Pat Beddes will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on September 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Shepherd Community Hall. A potluck meal will be shared.

Please check the Huntley United Methodist Facebook page in the coming couple of weeks as I will be posting about my mission trip to St. Croix.

See you in worship,  
Pastor Gary Geiman