The time of harvest is here. This week the leaves will begin in earnest their work of decorating the world before the darkness of winter. It’s a time of glory. Colors are brilliant. The air is cool and our steps have a quickness. Seasonal festivals and sports get us outside to enjoy creation.

From time’s beginning, people have rejoiced at harvest. The bounty of the earth prepares the world for the time of cold and waiting until planting to begin the cycle of life once again.

We live in a land of amazing plenty and of harvests that feed the whole world. It has been many generations since our land has really known privation. Even in a land of plenty, however, there is want. Cliff’s project for the homeless reminds us that in our own community there are thousands living with only bare necessities. The children of poverty are those most vulnerable. It is they who often feel the most pain. There is little they can do to change the circumstances of their lives. The compassion and alertness of caring neighbors is the great hope of these young ones.

Make note of the Sleep Out Saturday information in the bulletin and ask Cliff about ways you may help.

Another important project of this harvest time is Melissa Massie’s Coats 4Kids. She is collecting coats, boots, hats, and gloves for children. (See page 3) These items will be distributed through the local elementary schools. You can bring good quality clothing items, new things, or you can give money to Melissa, or write a check with Coats 4Kids on the memo line. We are thankful to Melissa for providing the leadership and energy for this great program.

One of the sad ironies of our world is that some of the most affluent live in the greatest poverty. A new movie of the season mocks those who are “foolish enough” to believe in God. Our universities and culturally elite have more and more disdain for faith and for a genuine reverence for the God who gave us the blessings of a powerful and wealthy nation.

But harvest is coming. The Lord will not be mocked, and nations sow what they reap. God’s favor and generous gifts may be turned away. Our “gates” may be given to foreigners and our land may come to know humiliation and what it is like to be surpassed by others.

God’s counsel to Solomon should stir the spirits of the believers of our generation:

“If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins and will heal their land.” 2 Chron. 7:14

Lord, give us a harvest of righteousness.

Chuck Miller
If you are visiting with us, we especially want to welcome you. We pray our time together worshiping our Father in heaven will be uplifting and encouraging.

Bible classes are available for all ages. Babies can be taken to the nursery located at the back of the auditorium. All other children meet in classrooms downstairs. Teens meet in the teen room, which is also located at the back of the auditorium. Adult classes meet in the auditorium and in the fellowship room downstairs.

Our Small Group Fellowship program takes place during the fall, winter and spring months and is on the first and third Sundays of each month and is in lieu of the Sunday evening worship. The Small Group Fellowship schedule does change occasionally due to holidays.

You are an honored guest and we want to thank you for being a part of our worship this morning!

**Sunday Morning Bible Class** .............. 9:30 a.m.
**Sunday Morning Worship** ............... 10:30 a.m.
**Sunday Evening Worship** ................. 6:00 p.m.
**Wednesday Evening Bible Class** .......... 7:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of our elders.

**Elders:**
Don Brewster  
Bob Jett  
Chuck Miller  
Bob Voigts

**Deacons:**
Justin Avey: Benevolence, Fellowship, Stewardship & Leadership  
Jay Hearn: Worship & Pulpit, Communications, Outreach, Education, Benevolence  
Cliff Plummer: Fellowship, Benevolence, Education  
Curt Robinson: Education, Stewardship & Leadership  
Rick Root: Communications, Education, Stewardship & Leadership  
Paul Stirrup: Stewardship & Leadership, Benevolence

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**Birthdays & Anniversaries**
October 5 ............. Jim & Vicki Whitman (anv.)  
October 6 ................. Jay & Sally Hearn (anv.)  
October 8 .................... Nancy Doggett  
October 9 .................... Rob Brewster  
October 10 ................... Roxanne Whitman  
October 11 .................... Cary Gray

**Dates to Remember**
October 5 .................... Small Groups  
October 8 .................... Magi Boxes Due  
October 9 .................... Preachers Breakfast  
October 10-12 ............. RCC Labor Day Retreat  
October 15 .................... Seniors Breakfast  
October 18 .................... Shults-Lewis Youth Rally  
October 19 .................... Small Groups  
October 25-26 .............. Chicago Celebration  
November 1 ................... Mobile Pantry/Connection Point

**Records You Helped Make**
Sunday Morning Bible Class .................... 85  
Sunday Morning Worship ....................... 108  
Wednesday Evening Bible Class ................ 42  
Contribution .............................. $3,863.17

**Did You Know:** $8,000 is the average annual salary for a family of three living in extreme poverty. There are over 17,000 DuPage county residents living in extreme poverty.
In Our Prayers...

Mary Brent, Joe Kirts’s sister, is doing very well after her kidney and liver transplants. They are very thankful for our prayers.

Harold Carter, the father-in-law of Lynette Root’s sister, is in the hospital for tests.

David Kumer, one of our former deacons, passed away last week. He had been in a health care facility in Kentucky. There will be a memorial service next Saturday, October 11, at 1:00 p.m. at the Hippach Chapel, Chapel Hills Memorial Cemetery in Oakbrook Terrace.

Marie Hayes was in the hospital last week for tests. She is home and recuperating from a kidney infection.

Sandy Jones, Marie Hayes’s daughter, continues to suffer with several health issues.

Laura Mahan, Shirley Rucker’s daughter, and her family are moving to Ohio. Continue to pray for her health and that they have a safe, easy transition.

Judy Phipps, Marion Lake’s sister, is in the hospital with heart problems.

Bob Odum, father of Patrick Odum, will have prostate surgery soon.

Sandy Root, Rick’s mother, had extensive dental work done last week. One of the technicians used latex gloves and Sandy had an allergic reaction. She is on medication and continues to recuperate.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Herman Aultman – Bobbie Whitman’s brother
Sylvia Atten – Dana Howard’s friend
Justin Avey
Irene Barnes – Lynette Root’s aunt
Paul & Judy Bertrand – Lynette Root’s parents
Lisa Beverly – Sandy Boyd’s sister who has MS
Bonnie Bingham
Leona Boston – Lynette Root’s aunt
Jim Brannon – Pat Brewster’s brother-in-law
Nancy Brewster
Jim & Julie Chavez
John Day
Lisa DeVane – Marie Hayes’s daughter
Al Dorsey and his son Doug
Chad Englebach – Marie Hayes’ grandson
Amy Ferguson – a former member from Montana
Sarah Hayden & family – Maria Zeisler’s relative
Mary Henkel – Mike’s mother
Kathy Huml – John Pedersen’s sister
Amy Kalupski – sister-in-law of Julie Chavez’s friend
Joe, Star and Sky Kuhne – Chuck & Bobbye’s foster son
Debbie Lawrence – Bobbie Whitman’s niece
Don Lemley
Anne Librande – Joanne Johnson’s mother
Steve Link
Jack Lockett – the father of Charlie, Mike, Shelley, Julie Chavez, Missy Kissane, & Becky Pedersen
Mike Lockett – Joan’s son
Danielle Nichols – Alyssa Milam’s niece
Josh Orte – Chris Czernik’s nephew and the son of Marion Lake’s cousin
Doug Peterson

Coats 4 Kids

Melissa Massie has started a project to distribute coats, hats, gloves and boots to needy children through local elementary schools – Coats 4 Kids. The goal is for the coats to be delivered by the beginning of November. The schools are requesting new items. Ways you can help:

1. Purchase a coat, hat, gloves and boots for a child. Enclose it in a bag and label it with gender and size. Place it in a box that will be located in the foyer.

2. Give a monetary donation to Melissa Massie or write a check to the church and write “Coats 4 Kids” in the memo line.

Nursery Workers

Bev Day, Carrie Drumheller

Collection Counters

Rick Root, Paul Stirrup
Magi Boxes

The deadline to have your Magi Boxes to the church building is this Wednesday, October 8.

1. **Buy** items for a boy or girl following these age brackets: 
   - Baby-2 years, 3-6 years, 7-10 years, and 11-14 years
2. **Wrap** a shoe box with Christmas wrapping. Wrap the lid separate from the bottom so it can be opened.
3. **Place** items in the box and, if possible, include $7 to cover the cost of shipping from Nashville to Honduras. Please note: this fee has increased since last year.
4. **Cover** the box with the lid and wrap with a rubber band to keep the lid and bottom together.
5. **Complete** a boy/girl label available on the bulletin board and tape it onto the end of the box. You may make a monetary donation for boxes to be prepared or for shipping fees. Questions, see Jay or Sally.

Teacher Needed

Joan Avey is teaching the Preschool through Kindergarten class on Sunday mornings. Contact her if you can fill in for her a few Sundays this quarter.

Mobile Market

We’re hosting a Mobile Market on Saturday, November 1, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. This is a large truck of food purchased from the Northern Illinois Food Bank, that we’ll distribute to our community. Sign-up to help on the sheet in the foyer. (Volunteers should plan to be here between 3:00 and 3:30 pm.)

Chicago Celebration

The 2nd Annual Gathering of Chicago Area Churches of Christ will be Saturday, October 25, and Sunday, October 26 at the UIC Forum in Chicago. **Saturday events** include a leadership breakfast for men, a women’s program and a teen event. Bobbye Miller will be leading a prayer for the women’s program. **Worship will begin at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday** and will be followed by food and fellowship at 4:30 and a song fest at 5:30. Tim Boyd will be leading some of the singing at the worship.

**Planning to attend? Follow these instructions:**

1. Please make sure your family fills out the survey located in the foyer.
2. Register on-line at www.chicagocelebration.org before October 10th. If you need assistance registering, see Chuck, Cliff or Sally.

Youth & Family News

**TEENS:** The last camp session of the year is next weekend! Registration forms for the **Columbus Day Retreat**, October 10 - 12, are available in the Teen Room and downstairs class area.

There’s a special program for Teens on Saturday night of **Chicago Celebration**, October 25. We’ll leave from the building at 4:00 and return about 10:30. Sign-up in the downstairs class area if you plan to go. We’re also looking for some guys to help serve communion in the Sunday afternoon service. Sign-up on the sheet being passed around in class today.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 1. Help distribute food from the **NIFB Mobile Market**, then plan to experience a night of homelessness at **Sleep Out Saturday**. Watch for details.

Sleep Out Saturday

Based in Glen Ellyn, Bridge Communities offers housing and support services to homeless families living in DuPage County. Working with local faith-based and community groups, they provide mentors, educational and vocational training, and financial support to homeless families.

**Sleep Out Saturday** is an awareness and fundraising event of Bridge Communities. Our teens, and other area teens, will participate in activities intended to help them experience a night of homelessness.

**We Need Your Help!**

1. We’ll need a couple of adult volunteers willing to spend the night outdoors with our teens.
2. We need tents, tarps, large appliance boxes or similar materials that can be used for building shelters.
3. We need clothing following several criteria:
   - a) men and women adult sizes;
   - b) warm, long sleeves, long pants, coats, hats, scarves;
   - c) freshly laundered;
   - d) the clothing will be donated to Rockford Church of Christ following this event.

If you have any questions about this event, see Cliff Plummer. If you have questions regarding the clothing see Marianne Stirrup or Theresa Link. Questions about the shelter materials can be directed to Paul Stirrup.

Small Group Fellowships

Today is our first Small Group Sunday! You may still sign up in the foyer to be a part of a group. Each group should include 12-14 adults. **Remember there is NO evening worship on Small Group Sundays.** There is a small group meeting at the building Sunday evenings at 5:30. Please see Don Brewster, Cliff Plummer or Bob Voigts with any questions.