

Today: 10-26-14
 9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Kent & Heather McClure)
 10:45 AM Sunday School
 3:00 PM Celebrate Recovery
 6:30 PM Youth Group

Wednesday: 10-29-14
 12:00 PM Senior Luncheon

Sunday: 11-02-14 – ALL SAINTS DAY
 9:30 AM Worship
 10:45 AM Sunday School
 3:00 PM Celebrate Recovery

Financial Update:

Needed Weekly:	\$2,067.00	Needed to Date: \$86,814.00
Rec'd 10-12-14:	\$1,425.00	Rec'd to Date: \$71,098.88

Announcements:

Next Sunday is **All Saints Day**. It is a time to remember loved ones. The ceremony will include a photo and a memorial candle. Please bring a photo to the office.

Veterans' Sunday is November 9. Please let the secretary know if you served in the armed forces!

Please plan to pack a **shoebox** this year for **Operation Christmas Child!** Brochures with labels are available on the vestibule table. Bring your completed boxes to the church by **Sunday, November 23**.

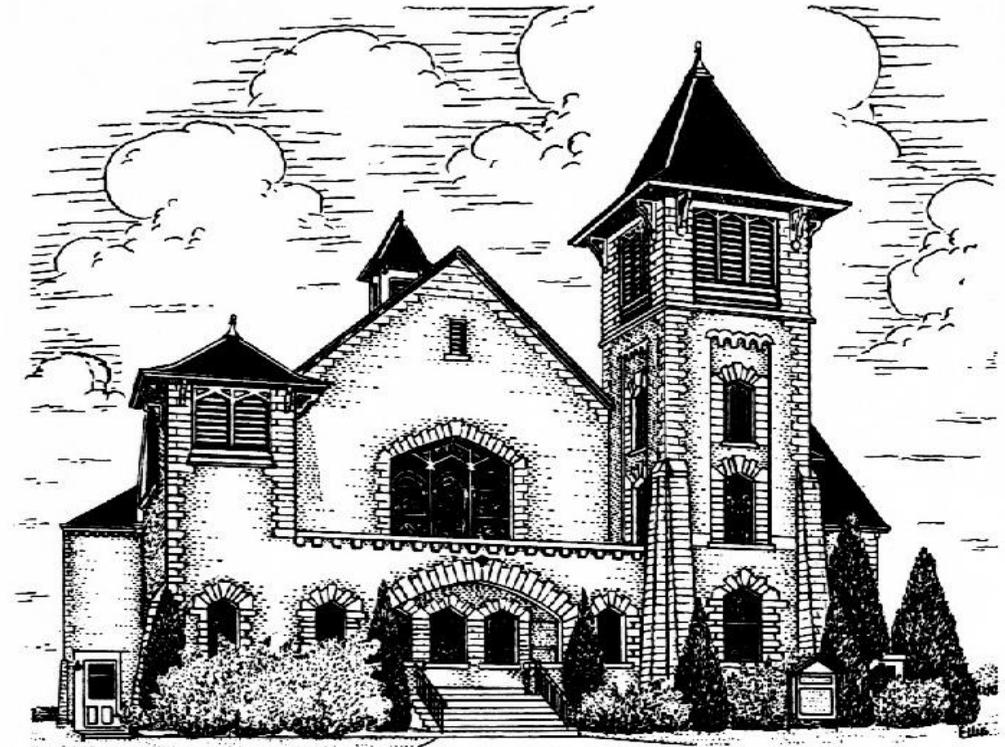
Today's **Adult S.S.** topic is: "Why and How Should I Read the Bible."

This year, the **Salvation Army** has requested that our church to collect 500-600 small cans of **chicken** or **beef broth** for the holiday season meals.

Birthdays This Week:

10/27 Dolores Skanes	10/28 Keaton Adkins	10/29 Nancy Swygart
10/30 Jeff Coil	10/31 Cathy Smith	11/1 Avery Zielke

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Rooted in our heritage and called into God's future, we proclaim in new ways the unchanging Good News of Jesus Christ in a changing world.

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Established 1848, Built 1898

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TEACHING POINTS

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Teaching Point 2: *There is a tragic separation between principle and practice.*

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ACTION POINT

Even though this question was used to test Jesus, it is nonetheless an important question. Perhaps in the life of Israel at that time it was the most important question. Now how in the world do you summarize such a collection of Old Testament laws? Can it really be done? Jesus seems to indicate that it can when he says, “All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments: first, love God with all you heart, soul, and mind; and second, love your neighbor as yourself.” There is no higher teaching in all of literature or human culture than these two commandments. Let us live them out!

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