

September 2009

Can it possibly be September already?? I never did an August newsletter!!! But there was good reason!

We enjoyed 2 wonderful weeks in August with three of our granddaughters. Of course their parents were here, too. But, oh those granddaughters!!!! First, Addison and Evelyn, 10 months old, were just a joy. We love that 8 to 18 month period of life, when so much is happening, and these babies proved us right on that feeling. They are laughing and babbling and even tried to sing along at the church service at Reeds Mill Church. Addison is anxious to get around – it's kind of tough to hold her back! And Evelyn tries so hard to imitate things you do with your mouth – shapes, like “O”, and sticking out your tongue, and sounds. Now, this may not impress many people much, but OMG, it was just so much fun. And then there is Kaya, age 10 and ½. She is such a blessing. She is intelligent and funny and a wonderful helper. She was amazing with the babies but also enjoyed some non-baby time with her friend, Katherine. There were a couple of trips to Webb Lake, just one of the most beautiful places around here to enjoy the water; and we enjoyed a few dinners out. We sang lots of silly songs and read books and gobbled up Smores. What a great time we all had.

August was also busy with guests in the barn. Some just visiting the area. One weekend was buzzing with a group here to attend a wedding. It is really nice to have people who know each other sitting around the breakfast table chatting it up!

Phillips, the neighboring town and “sister” to Madrid, celebrated 51 years of Old Home Days. Lots of fun activities for kids and adults. Frog jumping contest, tub races, a Fly-In breakfast at the airport (David helps with that each year); quilt, flower and art shows. And of course the BIG PARADE! This year the theme was “Things You Can Do With Duct Tape.” Lots of clever ideas. Unfortunately, the weather did NOT cooperate and shortly after the parade started, there was a downpour. Folks got drenched! But some reported feeling like a kid again, dancing in the rain.

Reeds Mill Church, right next door, was also busy. Besides the regular weekly service on Sunday afternoon, there was a wedding on August 8, which Ginni had the pleasure of officiating at. And Old Home Sunday, on the 30, drew about 40 people to picnic and worship together. It is sad to have the last service each summer, but we do look forward to an evening hymn sing on Sept. 13, a service on Thanksgiving morning, and a Christmas Candlelight Service the Sunday after Christmas.

Star Barn Yoga is hosting its second Yoga Retreat September 25-27. We are happy to report we are full for that and looking forward to a wonderfully relaxing time. The barn is really the perfect location for small retreats, and not just yoga. Any small group can enjoy what Star Barn has to offer.

The moose are beginning to move around, the Eastern Finches are not quite as bright yellow, and the apples are beginning to fall from the trees. There are even a few patches of reds and yellows in the trees now. With all the rain we had this summer, fall promises to be pretty spectacular. Consider a trip to the mountains in Maine this fall, and be sure to make your reservation at Star Barn!

Ginni and David