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Dear friend –

It's time again to ask for your help in creating a great Labor Day picnic in the park!



This picnic, the 18th occurrence of this annual event, takes place on Labor Day, **Monday, September 5th**, in Margate Park, near the fieldhouse north of Lawrence. It honors the memory of Billy Hand Robinson, who knew first-hand what hard work it is just to keep body and soul together when you've no home of your own, and who emerged from prison and homelessness to become a teacher, a poet, a church leader, and a tireless advocate for the poor.

Each year we serve a great picnic meal to a lot of people who can't share this holiday with their families. Last year we served over 600 plates of food. It's a way of reminding people of those good times, making a kind of resonance in their hearts – **BBQ ribs**, chicken, corn, baked beans, lemonade... and a pickup **softball game**... and live **musical entertainment** – last year a talented duo played and sang their own songs and popular Motown hits for the volunteers and the guests.

Want to **be in on the planning**? Come to church any Sunday at 11:30am (or 10am if you want to attend service!): we'll tell you how you can help. Or if you want to **volunteer** on the day of the picnic, call Angie at the church office.

Or you can **provide financial support** to help us with this list: 500 pounds of pork ribs and chicken, seasoning, baked beans, corn, juice, 500 bags of potato chips, plus cookies, plates, cups, napkins, forks, knives and spoons.

We rely on you each year to make this a special day, for people who don't get celebrated very often. **Won't you please help?**

Sincerely,

Rev. Jean Darling, pastor



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