



The Messenger

Mogadore United
Methodist Church

October 2017

Faith Notes from Rev. Pam

What exciting days lie ahead for Mogadore United Methodist Church! As I watched the Watts House being taken down, I saw before my eyes, not a growing pile of rubble, but rather, the opening of a blank canvas on which to create something beautiful, meaningful, and good!



After the ground settles (a process which I am told will take about one full year), that open space will represent potential, possibility, and promise! What can we imagine together might take shape there? Might the future unfold for us as a church in some unique way because of this wonderful opportunity to “do a new thing”?

At the September Executive Committee meeting, the dreaming began, seeded by a clear direction set by our Chairman, Russ Hull: Instead of beginning by envisioning a specific “structure” of some type on the property next door, Russ asked that we begin by FIRST imagining what kind of MINISTRY we would like to accomplish that we cannot currently do for lack of appropriate space? Who are the people we might help? What kinds of things can we dream might take place in that space? How can we bless the whole broad community with something lovely, useful, wise, and good? What do we imagine might please GOD as a use of that space?

The Executive Committee wants to include the whole congregation in the dreaming and visioning process. You can participate in several specific ways:

- Pray to imagine how God might desire the property/space to be used to “make disciples for Jesus” and to “transform the world”; let us think in terms of “for us and for others”...
- Begin to talk with others in your small groups and among your friends about what ministries you can envision taking shape there...
- Use the bulletin slips on Sunday morning to jot down dreams, hopes, ideas for development of ministry uses for the property OR send an e-mail with your ideas to mogadoreumc@att.net ...
- Plan to attend a Congregational Meeting after worship on Sunday, November 12, 2017, at which we can hear one another’s dreams and begin to filter through various ideas.
- Remember that sharing our gifts of thoughtful ideas and dreams is an important part of our overall stewardship of what God has given us together.

Taking the “settling time” to dream, imagine, hope, pray, and plan for the ministry use of the now-vacant lot next door will allow God’s Spirit to grow your ideas toward a fruitful and beautiful future! How very, very exciting for all!

In constant hope,

Rev. Pam

Getting Ready to Honor the Lives of Our “Saints”

The first Sunday in November (November 5, 2017) is set aside by the Church to remember beloved family members from the congregation who finished their earthly journey during the past year. In preparing our tribute and remembrance this year, we are inviting ALL of you to remember those you have loved who are no longer present in this life.

You may bring a *framed* picture of someone you would like especially to remember that day to place in the windowsills around the sanctuary. There will also be a photographic tribute to those who entered their rest this year. In this way we will be “surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses”, cheering us on in our continued earthly journey. You may bring pictures any time on or before Sunday, November 6; they will be returned to you that morning.

There will be mementos for each family of our recent departed, an emblem of the “light” they continue to shine through Christ on us.

Please plan to join us for a morning of memory, celebration, and thanksgiving for God’s blessings through these, God’s “saints”!

We are looking for a volunteer to change the front sign each week. The task takes approximately 30-60 minutes each week. Please contact the office for details or if you can volunteer.



Thank you for your generosity!

During the month of September you gave \$1630.00 to hurricane relief! A matching gift has been made from the proceeds of our Summer Festival Booth for a total gift to the work of UMCOR of \$3260.00! WOW!! YOU ARE AMAZING! Now picture help speeding its way to those who need relief because YOU helped make it happen! Bless you!

Summa Health is seeking Pastoral Care Visitor Volunteers. If you are interested in visiting with patients and providing spiritual support we would like to invite you to consider becoming a Pastoral Care Visitor Volunteer. Training will be provided. For more information on Summa’s Pastoral Care Visitor Volunteer program or to apply as a Pastoral Care Visitor Volunteer, please contact Pat Mills at (330)-615-4036 or email at volunteer@summarhealth.org/volunteer.

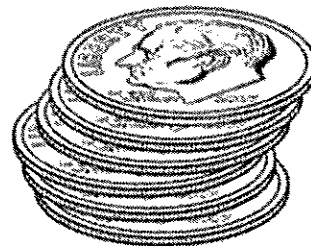
Treasurer's Report

Balance in the General Fund as of January 1, 2017		\$56,629.29
January Offerings	13,258.93	
January Disbursements	16,070.17	(-2,811.24)
February Offerings	10,791.11	
February Disbursements	12,334.47	(-1,543.36)
March Offerings	19,129.23	
March Disbursements	12,189.98	6,939.25
April Offerings	16,575.55	
April Disbursements	14,550.52	2,025.03
May Offerings	15,196.12	
May Disbursements	12,937.91	2,258.21
June Offerings	10,362.64	
June Disbursements	14,958.53	(-4,595.89)
July Offerings	15,960.44	
July Disbursements	13,039.57	2,908.7
August Offerings	12,995.68	
August Disbursements	12,615.61	380.07
Ending Balance on August 31, 2017		\$61,595.19

Our August offerings of \$12,995.68 and our August disbursements of \$12,615.61 were both about normal.

— *Barry Rudy, Treasurer*

Each month on the final Sunday of the month we receive a "Loose Coin Offering" to support Open M, a mission of the United Methodist Church reaching out to people in need in Akron with healing, education, and food. Their mission is feeding body, soul, and mind. We are among local United Methodist "partner churches" who pledge regular support of their mission and ministry throughout the year. Our next offering will be gathered **Sunday, October 29**. Baskets for your offering will be available as you leave the sanctuary. Thank you on behalf of our neighbors in need! So far this year the church has donated **\$917.00!** Keep up the good work!



Serving Us in October

Worship Leaders

October 1 Joyce Hull
October 8 Barry Rudy
October 15 Don Whitmer
October 22 Steve Vargo
October 29 Kathy Lang

Altar Flowers

October 1 Rod & Cindy Shaffer
October 8 The Hulls
October 15 Rev. Pam Gable
October 22 Michele Acord
October 29 The Sawickis

Nursery

October 1 Alex & Gabby Heminger
October 8 Alex & Gabby Heminger
October 15
October 22
October 29

Greeters

Carol Jenkins and Rhett Gable

Hospitality Room

October 1 Rev. Pam Gable
October 8 Sandra Jones
October 15 Carol Jenkins
October 22 Joyce & Tamara Calderwood
October 29

Ushers

Michele Acord, Doug Straight and Barry Rudy

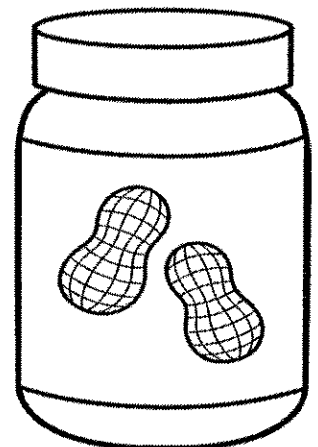
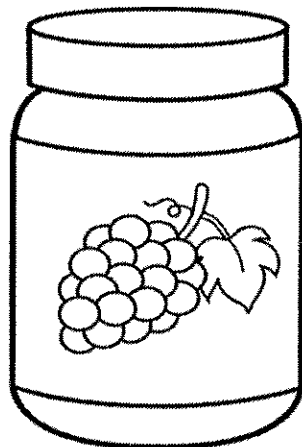
Good Neighbors

October. 1 Peanut butter and jelly
October. 8 Toilet paper
October 15 Tuna fish
October 22 Ramen noodles
October 29 Bar soap

Dear Member of the congregation,

Thank you so much for your generous donations. I am looking for someone to take my place. It's getting harder and harder to drive into Mogadore on Wednesdays. Please let the office know if you are able to do this. I will be praying for someone to step up and take over this position.

God loves you and so do I! — *Judy Huth*





UMW News for October

Greetings ladies,

As I write this, I can't help thinking how lucky we are to have enjoyed so many beautiful, warm, sunny days. A little rain would be nice, but overall, we've had really nice weather. However, the question remains as to whether our climate is changing. We have heard a lot about climate change lately and the fires and hurricanes recently suffered in other parts of the US make me, and a lot of weather predictors, wonder if that has played a part. Did you know United Methodist Women's national office has made climate justice one of its four social justice priorities? It's even one of our studies at Mission U. And what is climate justice? Basically, it means sound stewardship of the earth and environmentally friendly lifestyles that preserve creation for the benefit of present and future generations. Caring for God's creation has been a main focus of United Methodist Women. According to the United Methodist Church's Book of Discipline, "All creation is the Lord's, and we are responsible for the ways in which we use and abuse it. Water, air, soil, minerals, energy resources, plants, animal life, and space are to be valued and conserved because they are God's creation and not solely because they are useful to human beings. God has granted us stewardship of creation. We should meet these stewardship duties through acts of loving care and respect." (Social Principles, ¶ 160)

At our unit meeting on October 24th, the Naomi Circle will be sharing a film dealing with the issue of climate change and how it is affecting one of America's greatest wildernesses, the Yosemite Valley. Record-breaking droughts, massive wildfires, and flash floods have occurred in this area, all within a few years, and all greatly influenced by human-induced climate change. Join us at 7:00 to learn more about this very current subject. Evening devotions will be provided by Joyce Hull, and our hostesses will be Carol Groh and Kelly Rick.

Circles will be gathering this month as follows:

Miriam meets on October 4th at noon in Fellowship Hall. Phyllis Watson will serve as hostess.

Naomi will be at the home of Bette Sawicki on October 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Rebecca will be meeting at Jan Ramsey's at 7:00 p.m. on October 11th.

Not a circle member? Our circles are open to all women of the church. Check one out!

Canal District leadership development will be held on Saturday, October 7th from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Seville UMC. This is a great time to build relationships and share ideas with officers from other units.

We also have a conference event this month. The East Ohio Conference UMW Annual Celebration will be on October 27th and 28th at the Bucyrus UMC. Our new Bishop, Tracy Malone, will be one of the featured speakers.

Looking ahead, I hope you all have May 18 – 20 marked on your calendars for the United Methodist Women Assembly, *The Power of Bold*, which will be in Columbus.

Don't forget Lions Dinners on October 11th and 25th. Help is always welcome!

Joyce Hull

MUMC in Mission: Sharing Christ's love

October Ministries:

****CROP WALK -- Sunday, October 8***

For decades, our church has supported the annual CROP Walk, with amazing results. Most of you are familiar with the fantastic work done by this charity event. A significant portion of the donations stays in the greater Akron area to help eradicate local hunger, but much of it is also distributed throughout the rest of the world to help with farming equipment, farming supplies, and general food and water sustainability programs. Walk with us if you can; if you can't, remember that our church is traditionally at the top of the donor list, far outpacing most of the other 12 or so churches involved, and we rely on your continued prayers and financial support to touch the lives of so many who need us.

**** Mountain of Food:*** Friday, October 20 is the next Open M monthly food distribution. Meet at the church at 7:30 a.m. to carpool.

**** Leaf clean-up is coming***

Once again, we hope to help get rid of leaves for those of you unable to do so yourselves. The dates will be determined by "Mother Nature." If you are able to help be part of the clean-up team, please plan to leave open several Saturday mornings. For those who want the clean-up team, please notify the church office and we will do all in our power to provide the service you need.

****Little Sparrow Mission supply run -- fill the truck***

Our church will be delivering windows from the former Watts house plus a few clothes (already donated) to help these impoverished folks ease the burden of winter. We still need blankets, blankets, blankets, and more blankets. We'd love to have at least 50 (many more are needed) to help give some relief from the bite of winter. Clean, used blankets in good shape are OK; new blankets are also very welcomed. A small sacrifice from each of us will do wonders for their comfort and safety. Bring them to church ASAP.

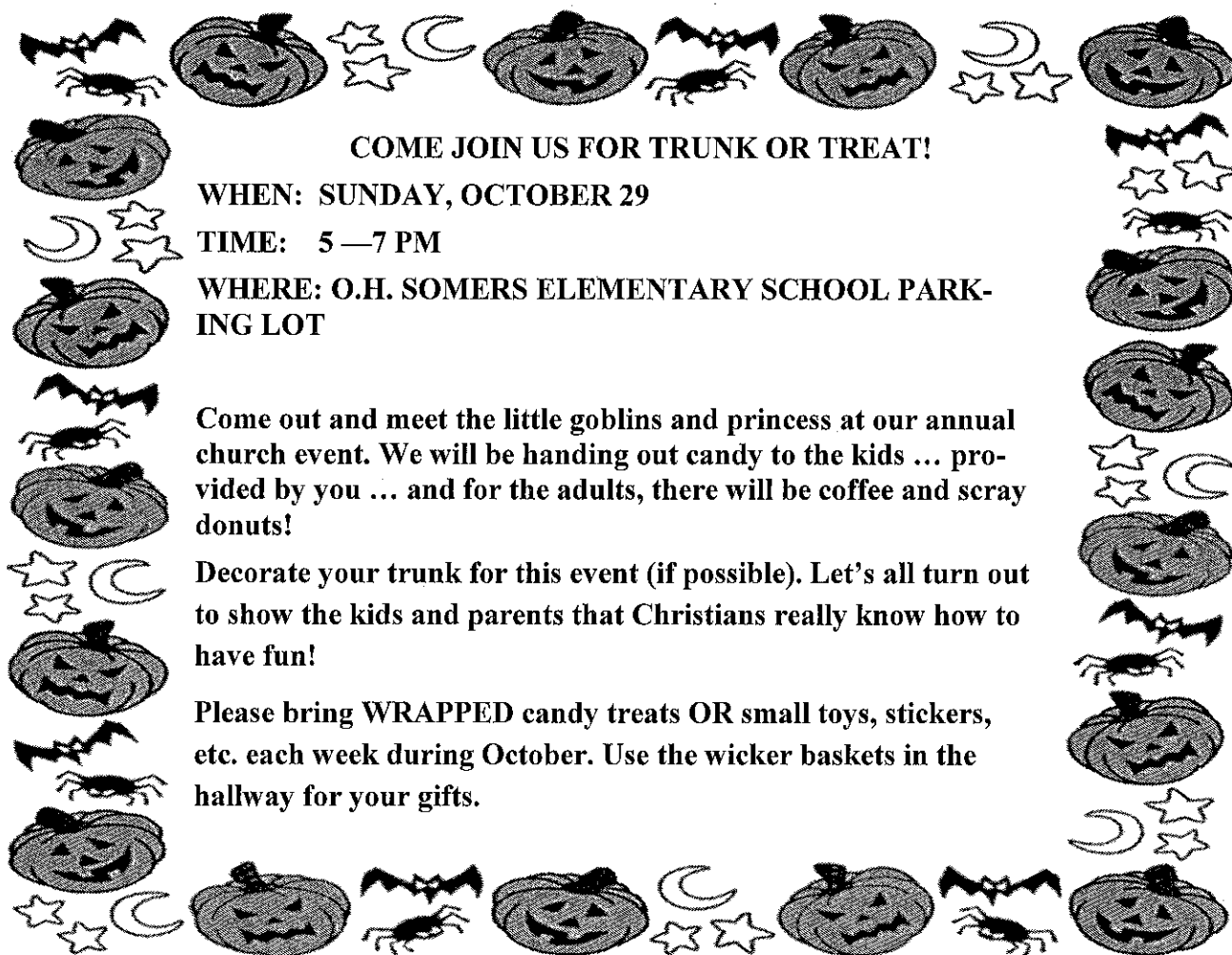
Ongoing Ministries

****Remember Good Neighbors.*** Food and household items like paper-goods and cleaners are always needed. Clothing and coats in good condition are also needed, especially as winter approaches. Small donations add up to big help.

**** Adopt a School Program:***

The more examples we can give students of supportive, positive, uplifting, compassionate behavior, the better their school experience will be. As part of our effort to provide additional positive role-modeling, we hope to add a number of "school visitors" to help students in a variety of ways. From something as simple as helping open beverages at lunch to something as challenging as being a personal tutor or mentor, the school needs us as adult role-models to help reinforce the positive qualities they are endeavoring to instill. LOTS of small tasks, appealing to a wide variety of interests, are available. For those unable to physically go to the school, sending notes of encouragement or becoming prayer partners are also good options. Whatever we can do to improve the future for these children will bear much positive fruit for the future of our community. Please contact Russ Hull, Pastor Pam, or the church office for more information.

Thanks for your prayerful support of these important ministries.



COME JOIN US FOR TRUNK OR TREAT!

WHEN: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

TIME: 5 — 7 PM

WHERE: O.H. SOMERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARKING LOT

Come out and meet the little goblins and princess at our annual church event. We will be handing out candy to the kids ... provided by you ... and for the adults, there will be coffee and scray donuts!

Decorate your trunk for this event (if possible). Let's all turn out to show the kids and parents that Christians really know how to have fun!

Please bring WRAPPED candy treats OR small toys, stickers, etc. each week during October. Use the wicker baskets in the hallway for your gifts.

InReach Helping Hands

As a reminder, the InReach Committee (chaired by Kelly Rick) has come up with a list of individuals to volunteer their help to you, such as picking up prescriptions, grocery shopping, doctor appointments, etc. Please call anyone on the following list when you have any needs:

Michele Acord: (330) 628-9577 (Cell: 330-607-4387)

Vi Carpenter: (330) 628-1251

Judy Daniels: (330) 628-1200 (after 5 p.m.)

Russ Hull: (330) 628-1552

Tom McClary: (330) 628-4265

John Sawicki: (330) 699-5902 (Cell: 330-715-2151)

Bette Sawicki: (330) 699-5902 (Cell: 330-575-4877)

Harry Smith: (330) 794-9032

Forest Thorn: (330) 628-1894

JoAnn Wolonsky: (330) 628-1540 (Cell: 330-400-1438)

Worship Together in October

October worship begins with a reminder that we are part of a family that reaches to every corner of the globe. Worldwide Communion Sunday offers an opportunity to grow in our awareness of the connection with brother and sister Christians everywhere as we gather at the table meant to point toward the “heavenly banquet”. October is also a time to celebrate the indispensable role of laity in the total life of the church. October 15 is “Laity Sunday” in the United Methodist Church and in our conference is also celebrated as United Methodist Volunteer in Mission (UMVIM) Sunday, showing how crucial laity are to the overall worldwide mission of the church. Our guest for the day will be a dynamic, compelling lay speaker with a great deal of Volunteer Missionary experience in Africa, Kathy Dickriede. In addition, October is “Disabilities Awareness Month”, a time to examine our ability and efforts as a church to reach all people and to make a safe and comfortable place for all people. Look around your community and see who might be missing in our faith family because of the invisible barriers they may encounter here... May you each be blessed in some way by the spirit of worship in this busy and beautiful month!

October 1, 2017 (Worldwide Communion Sunday)

Theme: We are united in God’s love with Christians everywhere.
Scripture: Ephesians 4:4-6; Ephesians 2:14-22
Message: No Walls!

October 8, 2017

Theme: The Christian life is a marathon, not a sprint.
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Luke 14:25-33
Series: Lessons from the Running Trail for the Christian Life – P.E.P.
Message: Preparation...

October 15, 2017 (Laity Sunday; UMVIM Sunday)

[We will also be receiving NEW MEMBERS into our Faith Family today!]

Theme: Methodist Christians offer hospitality and hope in a world of division and need.
Scripture: Matthew 22:1-14; Philippians 4:1-9
Message: (Guest: Kathy Dickriede – UMVIM: Hospitality & Hope)

October 22, 2017

Theme: Living the Christian life requires steady effort.
Scripture: Philippians 2:12-18; 3:12-; 2 Timothy 4:7; Hebrews 12:1-3
Series: Lessons from the Running Trail for the Christian Life: PEP
Message: Effort

October 29, 2017

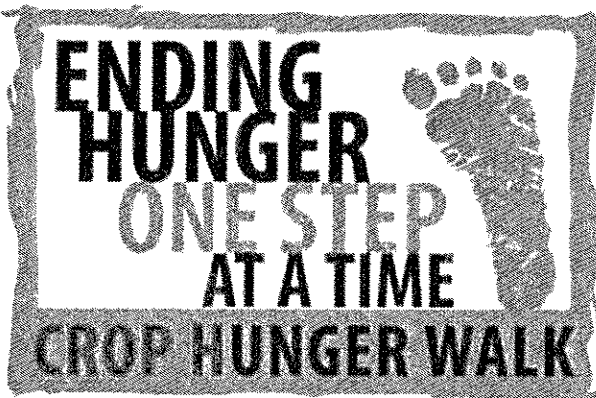
Theme: The Christian life requires perseverance.
Scripture: Isaiah 40:28-31; Romans 5:1-5; 1 Thessalonians 1:3
 2 Corinthians 4:7-18; Hebrews 12:18-29; Hebrews 12:12-14
Series: Lessons from the Running Trail for the Christian Life: PEP
Message: Perseverance

New Members!

We will receive new members into our family of faith **Sunday, October 15**. If you've been worshipping with us for a while and feel that it's time to take a step forward on your journey of faith, please consider making a commitment as a full member of the United Methodist Church! Mark the bulletin slip or contact the church office at 330-628-1232 or mogadoreumc@att.net and Rev. Pam will follow up to see if you have questions or need further information. It is a joy to celebrate our growth in faith together!

In-Reach Needs Your Help!

We need your support in filling dates for the Hospitality Room. **The first open date is October 22**. Please stop by the bulletin board and sign up for a Sunday or speak with Kelly Rick and she'll fill in your name.



ANNUAL CROP WALK

This year's CROP Walk is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, October 8. It will be held at the Goodyear Heights Metropolitan Park on Newton Street with registration starting at 1:30 p.m. If you would like to participate in the walk, please see Barry Rudy for your sponsor sheet. The walk is approximately four miles long, but there are shorter trails of one or two miles. If you are able to participate in the walk, you will need to get friends, neighbors, or church members to sponsor your walk by

pledging whatever amount they would like.

Monies are then collected, and turned in to the CROP Walk committee to be used for various world, nation, and local hunger projects. If you are unable to walk but would like to support our walkers, donations will be accepted at the next couple of Sunday worship services, or you can mail your check to the church directing it to the CROP Walk. If you have any questions regarding the walk, please contact Barry at (330) 699-4052. Thanks in advance for your support of this great fundraiser.

October Anniversaries

- October 9 *Lisa & Tony Seibel*
- October 17 *Rita & Serge Ostrovsky*
- October 26 *Sue & George Thomas*
- October 28 *Bette & John Sawicki*



From My Devotional

I recently shared the following prayer poem with the Executive Committee. It is a homey, old-fashioned, sweet, yet pointed reminder of our need to face God each and every day with our short-comings and receive God's grace to live into the next day with hope, determination, and love. Enjoy (and take to heart!):

Evening Prayer (C. Maud Battersby)

If I have wounded any soul today,
If I have caused one foot to go astray,
If I have walked in my own willful way –
 Good Lord, forgive!

If I have uttered idle words, or vain,
If I have turned aside from want or pain,
Lest I myself should suffer through the strain –
 Good Lord, forgive!

If I have craved for joys that are not mine,
If I have let my wayward heart repine,
Dwelling on things of earth, not things divine –
 Good Lord, forgive!

If I have been perverse, or hard, or cold,
If I have longed for shelter in Thy fold
When Thou hast given me some part to hold –
 Good Lord, forgive!

Forgive the sins I have confessed to Thee,
Forgive the secret sins I do not see,
That which I know not, Father, teach Thou me –
 Help me to live!

October Birthdays

October 1 Jason Penix
October 6 Rita Ostrovsky
James Stockett
October 8 Kathryn Roepke
October 10 Gene Spade
Don Whitmer
October 13 Joe Smith
October 15 Duane Doss
Tabitha Rinehart
October 16 Seth Seibel

October 18 Linda Penix
Gavin Thomas
October 23 Cheryl Rudy
October 25 Sam Short
October 27 Kevin Thompson
October 30 Zoey Straight



October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>World Communion Sunday 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Youth Group</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7 p.m. Cub Scouts</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Bible Study Noon Miriam Circle 7 p.m. Bible Study</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6 p.m. SPRC Consultation @ S. Arlington UMC</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Choir</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>CROP WALK 1:30 p.m. Registration 2 p.m. Walk</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7 p.m. Cub Scouts 7 p.m. Executive Board</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Lions Dinner 7 p.m. Bible Study 7 p.m. Rebecca Circle</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Worship Committee 7:30 p.m. Choir</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Laity Sunday New Members Received</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7 p.m. Cub Scouts 7 p.m. Naomi Circle</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Portage Patchers 7 p.m. Bible Study</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Choir</p>	<p>20</p> <p>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 7:30 a.m. Meet at the Church for Open M Mountain of Food</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Fellowship Hall in use in the Afternoon 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Youth Group</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7 p.m. Cub Scouts</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7 p.m. UMW</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Lions Dinner 7 p.m. Bible Study</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Choir</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Loose Coin Offering for Open M 5 to 7 p.m. Trunk or Treat</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7 p.m. Cub Scouts</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Halloween</p>				

**Church Staff:**

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Guest Accompanist: Robin Graham

Choir Director: Clay East

Custodian: David Smith

Secretary: Joyce Selzer

Sunday Hours:

Adult Sunday School @ 9 a.m.

(September through May)

Children's Sunday School @ 9:15 a.m.

(September through May)

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Non Profit Organization

Permit #1

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We Invite You

- to join together in worship, outreach, fellowship, and spiritual growth ...
- to strive together to follow the example of Jesus Christ ...
- to grow together to demonstrate Christ's love and service to others.