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October 2021 Newsletter

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This month's Newsletter is special.

It is a shortened version,  
since we are mailing it out,  
along with offering envelopes  
for October, November, and December.  
It's the same great information as usual,  
just fewer pictures (to save space)!

It will still be emailed out  
for those of you who want an online copy.

Congratulations!

Margaret Shepard has  
volunteered to be our new  
Lay Leader.

Thank you, Margaret!!!

## **SPPRC (Circuit Riders) Update**

Greetings JUMC members - from SPPRC. We wanted to share some information on proceedings here at JUMC, as we move forward. Moody Colorado, our District Superintendent, has shared that it will be at least into the new year before we can expect an assignment of a new Pastor. With that said, the Circuit Riders will continue to provide leadership for our weekly services through the end of the year. Currently, we have volunteers for almost all Sundays (the schedule is being reviewed and more Circuit Rider volunteers will fill the open dates).

We will strive to have Communion the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month. If we should be unable to secure a speaker, we will do a Hymn sing that Sunday.

If for any reason you find yourself needing pastoral support, please contact Nancy Beenblossom at 319-230-9658 and she will assist you.

**JUMC Office Hours - Mondays thru Thursdays from 8:00 to 11:00.**

## **No Turkey Dinner Fund Raiser**

The Janesville United Methodist Church Administrative Council voted to sponsor a “No Turkey Dinner” Fund Raiser again this year. As you may recall, last year, due to COVID restrictions, we offered people the opportunity to make a monetary donation in lieu of the cost of purchasing dinner tickets, donating supplies, and working at the dinner.

Since things are still so uncertain, due to COVID, we would like to offer this same opportunity again this year. We have mailed everyone a special envelope, addressed to the church, to use to send in a donation (or put your donation in the offering plate on Sunday). All donations will be greatly appreciated and used for the General Fund of the church to keep things running.

We will also be selling our ever-popular cranberry relish again this year for \$5.00 per pint or \$10.00 per quart. You can contact the church at 319-987-2596 from 8:00 to 11:00 on Monday thru Thursday if you would like to place an order and schedule a pick-up time.

We are so grateful for your continued support, and we pray that COVID will be eliminated so we can continue to gather in the future.

### **“Thank You” “Thank You”**

It has been a long struggle but things are looking up, slightly, for both Johnny and myself. There have been many days and weeks of asking God’s patience, and we need to thank all of our church friends for their caring, prayers, and concerns. Many thanks to all the ladies for the wonderful food and visits at the hospital and home. It was certainly a big help, and it also helped to allow Gary to go to work. His job was patient with him being gone, too. It makes us all believe that God and our friends are with us all the way. We are taking things “one day at a time”.

Thanks to everyone. May God bless all of you!  
Love; Johnny, Esther, and Gary Folkerds

We would also like to add a special thanks to Del and Margaret Shepard for their special cares and concerns and the many many miles of travel to Waterloo, etc. Cindy Spencer has also been very special in managing the food and helping out at our home when I was in the hospital and staying with Johnny. Our thanks to those very special friends.

## Volunteers for October

### Liturgists in October

October 3  
Brad Ruth

October 10  
Margaret Shepard

October 17  
Kathy Whitney

October 24  
Gary Shaulis

October 31  
Barb Hamlyn

### Guest Speakers in October

October 3  
currently open

October 10  
Pat Benda

October 17  
Rev. Jan Burnett

October 24  
Shawna Brimm

October 31  
Rev. Jan Burnett

### Ushers in October

October 3  
Brad Ruth

October 10  
Dick & Karen Funk

October 17  
Dave Beenblossom

October 24  
Gary Shaulis

October 31  
fifth Sunday volunteer

## October Birthdays

Penny Busch	10/2
Kyle Hinz	10/3
Matt Shook	10/9
B. J. Barr	10/10
Amanda Busch	10/10
Darlene Glawe	10/11
Crystal Spencer	10/15
Lilly Habenicht	10/17
Bridget Widner	10/19
Catherine Dierks	10/20
Bret Wrage	10/20
Jacob Ruth	10/21
Talere Sorge	10/21
Robert Hubbell	10/21
Talan Lafrentz	10/22
Joe Kiene	10/26
Nancy Lockett	10/28
Caelan Coffman	10/29
Cassandra Piper	10/31

## October Anniversaries

Scott & Angie Destival	10/7
B. J. & Lynnley Barr	10/7
Chris & Jody Charley	10/10
Steve & Cindy Dobbs	10/12
Delos Jr. & Marilyn Cox	10/12
Dave & Mary Peters	10/14
James & Karla Whitney	10/15
Ethan & Emily Hogle	10/24
Tom & Charlotte Brickman	10/29
Ryan & Katie Johnson	10/29

The Mens' Prayer Breakfast is still "on hold". But if you have an interest in starting it up again, please contact Gary Shaulis.

## **Missions Update**

### **Imagine No Malaria**

During the months of July and August, we collected **\$275.00** for the Imagine No Malaria campaign. This money was sent to help rid the world of malaria. Thank you for your generous donations!

### **Backpack Program**

Through the end of October, we will be collecting donations for the Food Bank's backpack program. Each week, they pack and deliver bags of easy-to-fix, kid-friendly meals and snacks to supplement the diets of children while they are not in school. Last year, they delivered over 127,000 bags throughout the 16 county service area, serving 80 different school sites.

It costs the Food Bank \$3.40 per bag. If you would like to help with a donation, make your check out to the church with "backpack" in the memo part. Watch our recording station in the sanctuary for our donation total to grow!

### **Mission Kits**

Mission kits are due to the church by Sunday, October 31st.

Dear Congregation,

**The Confirmation class** is re-convening, post-COVID. We are looking for male volunteers to mentor the 5 boys in Confirmation. We're asking for a commitment to sit with the confirmands in church and go through a short faith checklist each week. We'd like the boys to make a connection with strong male role-models and men of faith.

Please contact Rachael Coffman at 319-239-3916 or [rachaelcoffman@yahoo.com](mailto:rachaelcoffman@yahoo.com) if you'd like to volunteer.

We're planning to wrap up their confirmation journey around Easter time.

Thank you,  
Nikki Haan &  
Rachael Coffman

## **Shepherds Update**

In the past, our JUMC Shepherds have gone out to visit nursing homes and shut-ins who are members or friends of our congregation. Due to safety protocols and pandemic uncertainty, our Shepherds are not currently doing in-person visits, but they continue to reach out by making phone calls and sending mail to everyone on their list (see following page).

The list of people to visit gets longer all the time, so any volunteers to help would be greatly appreciated. If you would like more information or lists and schedules, contact the church office or Janet Destival.

## In Our Prayers

**Our JUMC Shepherds will not be making in-person visits until further notice, but they will continue to reach out by mailing cards and making phone calls..**

Prayers for our Shepherds and those who are served by them:

Flo Shepard  
Marlys Cook  
De & Carol Dix  
Georgia Eibey  
Marilyn Taylor  
Harriet Schares  
Bill Burman  
Evelyn Wubbena  
Lois Boeck  
Lorraine Hallberg  
Lolita Huber  
Lavonne Dorman  
Char Brickman  
Betty Betsinger

Please keep them in your prayers:

Wendy Brace  
Johnny & Esther Folkerds  
Barry Huber  
Dorla Dutcher  
Lavonne Dorman  
Velma Rice & her family  
Nancy Osborn

Please pray for Bob Hubbell  
(a former member of JUMC  
and the Dilleys' brother-in-law).  
He is in poor health, fighting  
the ongoing affects of Agent Orange.  
If you would like to send him a card,  
his address is:  
Bob Hubbell

Wisconsin Veterans Home Of Chippewa Falls  
2175 East Park Ave, Number 114  
Chippewa Falls, WI, 54729

## **PEC Update**

## **Trustees Update**

The Trustees will be scheduling a Fall Clean-up day in the near future. We will let you know as soon as the date has been set. Any volunteers would be greatly appreciated and make things go easier and smoother.

PEC will be hosting an informative meeting on our Endowment to be held on **Tuesday October 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am** in Court Chapel. Katharine Yarnell, a representative from the Iowa United Methodist Foundation, will speak to us on our Endowment. It is anticipated that the meeting will last about an hour, depending on questions. **This meeting is open to ALL.**

## **UMW October Bible Verse**

**Rebecca Circle will meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.**

October's meeting will be on October 20 at 7:00 at Janet Destival's.

## **Psalm 121:1 (NIV)**

"I lift up my eyes to the hills --where does my help come from?"

## UMW News

UMW met on Thursday, September 2nd at 1:00 P.M. 12 members were present. This was our first meeting since March 2020 due to the Covid virus cancellations. Interim financial and business matters were conducted by emails and phone calls.

Members recited the purpose. Naomi Circle members presented a skit written by Mary Burkes about Bold Women and what we already do and can do to make the world a better place. A Prayer and Self Denial offering was taken.

Prayer concerns were shared for members and from the Prayer Calendar.

Officer and circle reports were given. Our Mission Today Report was turned and Rebecca Circle has plans for a Veteran's Day dinner on November 14th.

The quilters finished the Paper Doll quilt and it was sold at Christmas. They received a donation of 50 totes of fabric, partially completed projects, and sewing supplies. These have been sorted and organized in their room plus supplies were given to Sue Stapleton for baptism quilts, fleece to the Youth Group for throws, and felt to the Sunday School. Materials that were not usable by the group were donated to Goodwill or saved for a future church garage sale.

Cookbooks and craft items are still available in the booth for sale.

We received our 5 Star certificate for 2020.

A motion was made and carried to donate \$40 to the four UMW missions and \$1 to the Magazine Fund.

It was decided to wait until 2022 to print a new yearbook. Members requested that addresses for honorary members be included in the yearbooks again.

UMW was awarded a \$1,000 Be Bold Grant again this year for the community center's free meal program. PEC awarded UMW \$500 for year-end giving and \$200 for fundraising events which could be used for the Veteran's Dinner expenses.

The Nominating Committee report. The ballot for 2022 officers is as follows: President-Cindy Spencer, Treasurer-Margaret Shepard, Secretary-Janet Destival, Nominating-Cindy Spencer and Esther Folkerds, Past President-Rita Ruth, Spiritual Growth-Naomi Circle with Rita Ruth as contact person, Membership and Nurture-Sharon Barr, Social Action-Jean Eibey, and Education and Interpretation-Gerry Tarter. A motion was made and carried to accept the slate of officers.

Turkey Dinner has been cancelled. Rebecca Circle will be making cranberry relish again and pies will be available to order. Turkeys have been reserved and will be offered for sale to church members. A letter will go out to church members for donations to offset costs of the lost income.

Mission kits are due to church by October 31st to be packed and delivered to Ingathering on November 6th.

A motion was made and carried to use the PEC grant to donate \$40 each to Janesville After Prom, Dollars for Scholars, First Responders, and Fire Department: Friends of the Family; Camp Courageous; Cedar Valley Hospice; Habitat for Humanity; Hillcrest Family Services, Food Bank; and North Star Community Services; and \$30 each to Sunday School and Youth Group.

Note: Prior to the meeting, the circle chairs met with Cindy and Mission award recipients were selected. Margaret will order the awards.

Our next meeting will be October 7th at 1:00 P.M. Hostesses will be Esther Circle and Devotions will be Mary Deborah Circle. Response Moment and program to be announced.

After the meeting the quilters displayed multiple projects that have been completed and a large number of quilted items donated by Lolita Huber. Photos of the items will be taken to be placed on Facebook Marketplace for sale.