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October 2023 Newsletter

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

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This month's Newsletter is special.

It is a smaller 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.

Liturgists
in October

October 1
Kathy Whitney

October 8
Gene Robinson

October 15
Nancy Beenblossom

October 22
Virginia Robinson

October 29
Sharon Heiser



Ushers
in October

October 1
Brad Ruth

October 8
Dick & Karen Funk

October 15
Dave Beenblossom

October 22
Gary Shaulis

October 29
5th Sunday Volunteer





A Note from the Pastor



The great inventor, Thomas A. Edison, had a keen appreciation of both time and money. Every time he showed his constant stream of visitors the new inventions and gadgets that filled his summer estate, someone was sure to ask, "Mr. Edison, why do you have that preposterous turnstile that we have to push our way through on the way to the garden?"

Edison would invariably reply happily, "My friend, every single soul who pushes his and her way through that turnstile pumps seven gallons of water into the holding tank on the roof."

I read this story I am reminded again how Edison used his creative mind to get some of the work done around his estate, having the people help fill the tank was easier than carrying all the water up to the roof alone.

But, I am also reminded that this is a lesson for each of us in the church, as well. We all have creative ideas that help the church carry out its ministry to one another, but these ideas need to be implemented, not just thought about. Some of these ideas will work and some of them will not, but as we risk trying the ideas, the church will grow.

During this last month, we have seen how several individuals have helped this church do some pretty incredible things. We had a great Vacation Bible School over the summer with 60+ kids. We have an awesome Sunday School starting up again with some new kids. The Youth Group is looking at how to have fun in serving others. The circles are starting back up with their different projects; JUMP is back to making pies, and the quilters are back at it with several new projects.

In the coming days, weeks, and months there will be a rummage sale, a family fun night, church meals, and several other things. All of these things have happened and will happen because different people have had a dream to keep their church active and alive as we make disciples for Jesus Church.

Now the question for each of us is what do we want to see our church do as we continue to make disciples for Jesus Christ? What new ideas do we have that we might risk sharing?

This is an awesome church - let's keep on risking in the name of Jesus Christ as we reach out to the people in our community.

See you in worship

Pastor Laurie

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
Bret Wrage	10/20
Jacob Ruth	10/21
Talere (Sorge) Miller	10/21
Robert Hubbell	10/21
Talan Lafrentz	10/22
Justin Manning	10/23
Joe Kiene	10/26
Nancy Lockett	10/28
Caelan Coffman	10/29
Cassandra Piper	10/31

In Our Prayers

Please pray for our Shepherds and those who are served by them:

Flo Shepard
Marlys Cook
Carol Dix
Georgia Eibey
Marilyn Taylor
Harriet Schares
Lorraine Hallberg
Lolita Huber
Lavonne Dorman
Char Brickman
Sandy Laube
Bev West
Pam MacKay



October Anniversaries

Scott & Angie Destival	10/7
B. J. & Lynnley Barr	10/7
Chris & Jody Charley	10/10
Steve & Cindy Dobbs	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

Please keep them in your prayers:

Colette Ruth
Sandy Laube
Pam MacKay
Tom & Char Brickman
LaVonne Dorman
Esther Folkerds
Flo Shepard
Dan & Wendy Brace
Evelyn Turner

Shepherd News

The Shepherds will be meeting on
Tuesday, October 3, at 9:30 am.

Missions News



Throughout the month of September, we collected donations for the Fire Disaster Recovery in Maui and the Cedar Valley Food Bank Backpack Program.

Your generosity has not gone unappreciated. We will have a final total update in the November Newsletter.
THANK YOU!

The Mitten Tree is coming earlier this year.

It will be located in the Sunday School area of Fellowship Hall during the **month of October**.

We are collecting these items now so they can be donated by early November-hopefully before the winter weather hits.

Help us decorate the tree with hats, scarves, gloves and mittens.

These items will be distributed to school children, Bremwood, and North Star.

Adult sizes are especially needed for older children and teenagers. **PLEASE DO NOT DONATE INFANT SIZES.** Friends of the Family receives a large donation from another church every year so we are no longer donating our items to them. We can use a **FEW** smaller children sizes for our school.



Ingathering Kits

Ingathering kits need to be brought to church by Sunday, October 29th. These will be blessed during the service and packed for delivery afterwards.

If you have any questions, contact Cindy Spencer 319-240-2138

United Women in Faith News

The September UMW meeting was held on Thursday, September 7th at 1:00 PM in Court Chapel with 10 members present.

Prayer concerns were shared for church members and friends.

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. Correspondence was read for Janesville Days 2024, the LSI fall luncheon, and a renewal notice for the Response magazine.

Motion carried to renew the Response Magazine for another year at \$24.00.

The Mission Today report was sent in June and there were no other officer reports. Multiple cards to church members over the summer.

June circle meetings were fun days. Mary Deborah Circle ate out at Cedar Falls Village Inn. Naomi Circle ate out at the Wild Carrot. Rebecca Circle met for a fun day a member's home.

The orca whale and dolphin throw the Piecemakers have finished was displayed. They made and donated 11 baby quilts for the Waverly Hospital birthing center and are now working on Love Quilts (sleep mats) for Ingathering. There are still craft items and cookbooks for sale.

The Circle presidents met and selected the Mission Awards for this year.

The slate of officers for 2024 as follows:

President	Cindy Spencer
Treasurer	Margaret Shepard
Secretary	Janet Destival
Co-chairs Nominations	Cindy Spencer & Esther Folkerds
Spiritual Growth	Naomi Circle (Rita Ruth-contact)
Membership, Nurture & Outreach	All Members
Social Action	Jean Eibey
Education & Interpretation	Gerry Tarter

A motion to accept the slate of officers carried. The officers and committee members were thanked for continuing for another year. A card chairman for April through June is still needed.

Janesville Days for 2024 (175th) was discussed. Members are to bring any suggestions for the event to future meetings.

It was suggested to have a volunteer from AARP do a program on fraud prevention. A date for either the October or November meeting will be confirmed and all members of the congregation will be invited. RSVPs will be needed for seating, snack, and handout needs.

Our next meeting will be October 5th at 1:00 P.M. Mary Deborah Circle will have devotions and Response moment and Naomi Circle will hostess.

Devotions were about a book entitled Women of the Bible Speak. It also has a coordinating adult coloring book. Copies of some of the coloring pages and bookmarks for members to color during the meeting or at home were available. A Bible that has coordinating coloring pages for many verses was also shared.

Z-Team News

JUMC will participate in the Janesville City-Wide Garage Sales. A Rummage Sale and Bake Sale will be coordinated by the Z-Team (with a Big THANKS to Margaret Shepard for coordinating).

Pictures and results from our sales will be in the November Newsletter.

The next Z-Team meeting will be on **Tuesday, October 24, at 1:00 pm.**
ALL ARE WELCOME to attend!



NOTE:
ALL ARE WELCOME!
is an invitation to YOU!
Please join us!

October Dates to Remember

Administrative Council will be meeting on **Tuesday, October 3, at 6:00 pm** to review and finalize forms for Charge Conference.

A 90th Birthday Party for Marlys Cook will be held in Fellowship Hall (church basement) on **Saturday, October 21, from 2:00 pm until 5:00 pm.**
ALL ARE WELCOME!

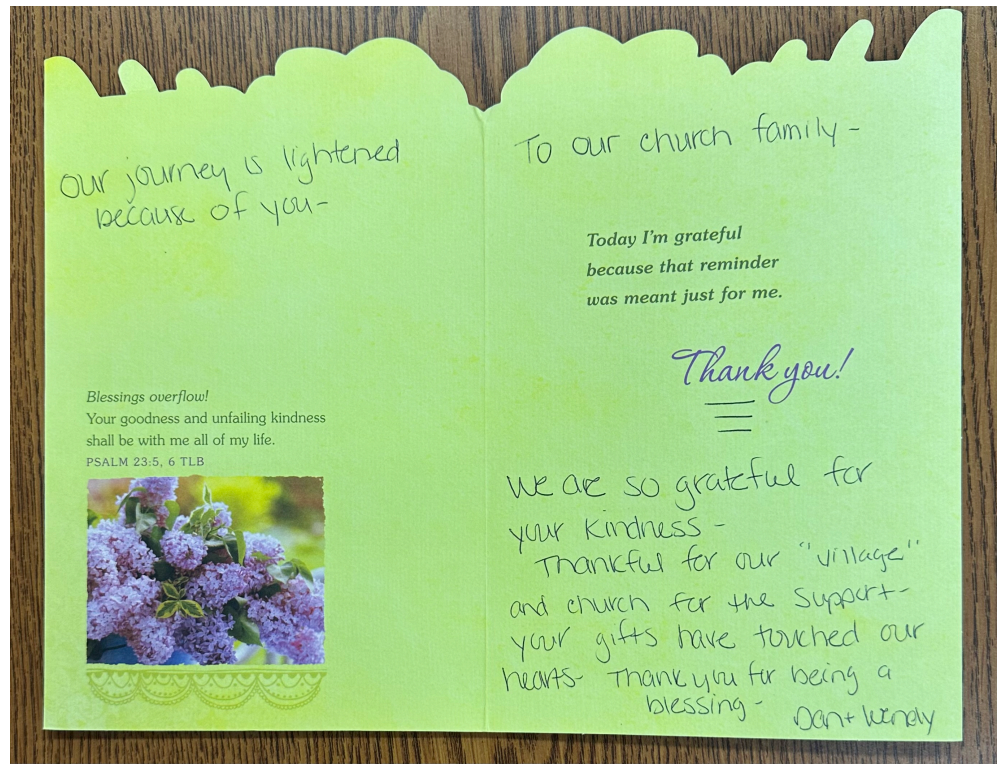
Charge Conference will be held at Cedar Falls First UMC on **Sunday, October 22, at 2:00 pm.**
ALL ARE WELCOME!

We will be hosting another Community Halloween Party at JUMC on **Friday, October 27, from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm.**
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for details





Thank you to Rachael Coffman for providing the beautiful floral arrangements on our altar with memorial funds from her grandmother, Arvylla Fink. They contribute so much to our worship, and we truly appreciate your time and talent!



Thank you to Sharon and Chuck who brought produce from their gardens or "outings" to share with us this Summer!! And to Tonya, who has shared with us the bounty of her hen house! (Those girls must be working overtime!!)



We appreciate you sharing all of these generous gifts from your bounty!♥





Community Halloween Spooktacular

Mark your calendars for
Friday, October 27 (5:00 pm - 7:00 pm)

We are hosting a Community Halloween Family Fun Night in our church again this year! It will be held on Friday October 27th from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm.

We plan on having numerous games, lots of food, a hayride, and Spooktacular fun for all.

We want to invite everyone to come and assist in this fun-filled night.

If you are at all interested in helping,
please contact
Emily Megan @ 939-8564 or
Barb Hamlyn @ 987-2596.

In Loving Memory

FOREVER
in our *Hearts*

Please pray for the families of loved ones who have recently passed away:

Carl Kirkpatrick (Pastor Kerrin Kirkpatrick's husband) - Died 7/31/2023

Marlene Cornelius (Janesville citizen) - Died 8/26/2023

Dorothy McDonald (Janesville citizen) - Died 8/29/2023

Bette Bolt (Janesville citizen) - Died 9/1/2023

Gene Russell (JUMC member) - Died 9/2/2023

David Weinhold (Mike Weinhold's brother) - Died 9/4/2023

Fred West (Tim/Jodi West's father) - Died 9/10/23