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## Office Hours

**Mondays thru Thursdays**  
**7:30 am - 10:30 am**

**The Office will be closed**  
**for Thanksgiving**  
**November 24-25**

**Barb will be on vacation**  
**Tuesday, November 29**



I love to attend activities that the kid's of the church take part in, but since I do not have kids in the school or involved in other activities in the community or surrounding areas, I often find out after the event is over, so I have to rely on the families to let me know when things are happening.

So if you have a young person taking part in school or league or some other special activity, please let me know so that I can try and be at the activity. I know I can't make everything but if I know and can get it on my calendar, I will try to be at some of the special events our young people are taking part in.

Pastor Laurie

I have discovered that there are places in my house where the cell phone does not work so I have now got a landline at the house. The number is 319-987-8021.

If you need me during non-office times, or you have called the office and I am not there, try the landline number. If that doesn't get me, then call the cell phone. You are welcome to try the cell phone directly but know I might be in the house and the phone does not work where I am.

Hope this helps you reach me more easily for those who have tried and I didn't know you had tried even though the phone was sitting right beside me.

Pastor Laurie



Be Thankful - it seems this is our focus for the month of November. On Facebook I see many people that list one thing they are thankful for each day of the month. Then, of course, there is the Thanksgiving holiday when many of us gather with family and friends and give thanks for the love and friendship that we have received from one another during the year.

However, when I came across the poem Be Thankful, I had to pause and reflect on it for a time. It seemed that everything that this author listed were things I am usually not willing to be thankful for and yet as I read this, I realized that these things are indeed gifts in their own way.

So as we head into the month of November I share this reading with you and invite you to reflect on what it says.....

### **Be Thankful**

Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire.

If you did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful when you don't know something,  
for it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times,  
during those times you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations,  
because they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for each new challenge,  
because it will build your strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes,  
they will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful when you're tired and weary,  
because it means you've made a difference.

It's easy to be thankful for the good things.

But a life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are also thankful for the setbacks.

Gratitude can turn a negative into a positive.

Find a way to be thankful for your troubles, and they can become your blessings.

**~Anonymous**

If you find that being thankful for those setbacks in life is hard for you - know you are not alone. All of us who gather for worship know that life is full of both positive and negative things and as we gather each week, we remember that this was true even for our Lord and Savior as he walked on this earth.

So, as we enter this season of Thankfulness, if you find you are thankful - join us; and if you find you are having a hard time in life feeling very thankful - join us - for you are not alone.

See you in Worship,  
Pastor Laurie



**Volunteers for November**

**Liturgists  
in November**

November 6  
Brad Ruth

November 13  
Virginia Robinson

November 20  
Margaret Shepard

November 27  
Gary Shaulis

**Ushers  
in November**

November 6  
Brad Ruth

November 13  
Dick & Karen Funk

November 20  
Dave Beenblossom

November 27  
Gary Shaulis

**November Birthdays**

Madaline Schuldt	11/4
Ava Marie Kolaas	11/5
Bill Bloker	11/6
Angela Robinson	11/6
Chelsey Wrage	11/6
Chris Charley	11/7
Roger Heiser	11/7
Rich Borglum	11/8
Charles Immerzeel	11/11
Colin Brocka	11/12
Wendy Brace	11/14
Lorraine Hallberg	11/14
Brooke Jans	11/14
Robin Sorge	11/15
Virginia Robinson	11/16
Will Baker	11/16
Tim Yochum	11/19
Morgan Saunders	11/19
Craig Hansmeier	11/20
Laurie Dilley	11/21
Benjamin Timion	11/21
Willy Haan	11/22
Heath Mills	11/23
Natalie Straw	11/23
Richard DeMott	11/25
Danielle Dilley	11/25
Kyle Johnson	11/26
Ryan Destival	11/29
Paula Wrage	11/30

**Birthday/Anniversary Challenge**

Many years ago, it was suggested that members of the congregation give thanks to God for being able to celebrate another year for birthdays and anniversaries. Since that time, members have chosen to make a donation, in addition to their regular giving. On the month of their birthday and anniversary, they donate \$1 for every year of their age and their time married.

This tradition has declined in the past years, and we are trying to start it up again as a special fund raiser and just another way to Praise God for all the blessings of another year!

Simply write your check to the church and put "Birthday/Anniversary Challenge" in the memo portion.

Don't forget to set your clocks back 1 hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 5.





For food in a world where many walk in hunger;

For faith in a world where many walk in fear;

For friends in a world where many walk alone;

We give you thanks, O Lord.

Amen.

— author unknown



Community Thanksgiving Worship Service

Sunday, November 20 at JUMC at 7:00 pm.

**Upcoming Holiday Events**

**Thursday, November 3**

UMW meets @1:00 pm

**Sunday, November 6**

Veterans Sunday with kids singing and Fellowship Dinner afterwards

**Wednesday, November 9**

Shepherds meet at 9:30 am

**Tuesday, November 15**

Z-Team meets @1:00 pm

**Sunday, November 20**

Good Samaritan collection Community Thanksgiving Worship Service at JUMC at 7:00 pm

**Thursday, November 24**

Thanksgiving Day Office Closed

**Friday, November 25**

Office Closed

**Sunday, November 27**

1st Sunday of Advent Hanging of the Greens Worship Service and Fellowship Dinner afterwards

**Tuesday, November 29**

Barb - Out of the Office - vacation

**Tuesday, December 6**

Z-Team baking for Jingle on Main

**Wednesday, December 7**

Jingle on Main

**Sunday, December 11**

Sunday School Christmas Worship Yuletide Harvest and Fellowship Dinner afterwards



Jesus, the Light of the World, as we celebrate your birth, may we begin to see the world in the light of understanding you give us.

As you chose the lowly, the outcasts, and the poor to receive the greatest news the world had ever known, so may we worship you in meekness of heart.

May we also remember our brothers and sisters less fortunate than ourselves in this season of giving.

Amen.

— Karen L. Oberst





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

Flo Shepard  
Marlys Cook  
De & Carol Dix  
Georgia Eibey  
Marilyn Taylor  
Harriet Schares  
Lorraine Hallberg  
Lolita Huber  
Lavonne Dorman  
Char Brickman  
Betty Betsinger  
Sylvia Johnson

Please keep them in your prayers:

Tom & Char Brickman  
Dan & Wendy Brace  
Kim Knapp  
Velma Rice & her family  
Sylvia Johnson  
Evelyn Turner  
Nancy Bloker's friend of the family, Will

On Sunday, October 23, we celebrated the baptism of Rooney Rae Kramer.

**The Shepherds will be meeting  
November 9 at 9:30 am.**

If you would like more information or lists and schedules, please come to the meeting, contact the church office, or contact Janet Destival.

Remember - **anyone is welcome to be a Shepherd.** It is truly a very rewarding experience.





### **Backpack Donations**

**\$175.00** was donated to the Food Bank's Backpack Program. Your generous gifts will be used to pack and deliver bags of easy-to-fix, kid-friendly meals and snacks to supplement the diets of children when they are not in school.

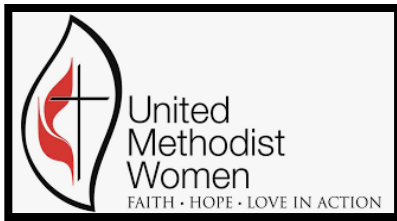
Thank you!

**On Sunday November 20,**  
**we will be collecting donations for**  
**The Good Samaritan Fund**

This is a local ecumenical fund serving our neighbors in Waverly, Shell Rock, and Janesville by assisting with basic necessities such as rent, motel stays, gas money for doctor appointments or job interviews and emergency food. The fund depends on donations from local churches like ours and is administered by St. Mary's Church.

If you would like to donate, either make a check out to the church with "Good Samaritan" in the memo part or put your cash in the envelopes that will be provided, and drop your donations into the offering plate or bring them to the church office at your convenience. **Let's be good Samaritans and help our neighbors!**

As a note, if you are ever approached by someone asking for money, send them to St. Mary's Church located at 2700 Horton Road in Waverly. The phone number there is 352-2493. Dixie Jacobs is the contact person and administers the Good Samaritan Fund where we send our donations. This is exactly the type of situation that the fund is designed for. By having one place for churches in our area to send a person asking for money, the person can also be referred to agencies that can assist with other needs like food, etc. This also helps prevent abuse of the fund.



## UMW News

UMW met on Thursday, October 6th at 1:00 PM in Court Chapel with 10 members present.

Prayer concerns were shared for church members. A mission and two missionaries from the Prayer Calendar were shared.

There were no officer reports and multiple cards were sent to church members.

Circle Reports were given. Mary Deborah meet at church with six members and planned devotions for the meeting. Naomi Circle met after the September UMW meeting to plan lunch for the meeting and are packing twelve health kits for Ingathering. Rebecca met with eight members and Pastor Laurie. They planned three meals for church family over the month of October. They are also making plans for the Veteran's Dinner in November.

The Piecemakers are still working on the train throw. They are still featuring a quilting item in each newsletter but are advertising them as a "make an offer" for pricing. Several of their items sold at the garage sale.

The second reading of the Nominating Committee Report was as follows: President-Cindy Spencer; Treasurer-Margaret Shepard; Secretary-Janet Destival; Nominating-Cindy Spencer and Esther Folkerds; Spiritual Growth-Naomi Circle with Rita Ruth as contact; Membership, Nurture, and Outreach-all members; Social Action-Jean Eibey; Education and Interpretation-Gerry Tarter. Motion to accept slate of officers carried.

Ingathering kits are due by Sunday, October 30th to be consecrated and packed.

Naomi Circle has not finalized the plans for the Angel Tree. North Star and Bremwood will be getting items but they are searching for another place in need of younger children's toys.

It was decided not to invite the Union Carolers to our December meeting as our meeting attendance is so small. We will discuss plans for the meeting next month.

Mary Deborah Circle gave devotions on "Cloud of Witnesses" about living our lives with faith and being good ancestors. It was based on All Saints Day. The Response Moment was taken from the September/October issue about 2022 Assembly. They closed with a prayer from the Response magazine.

Our next meeting will be November 3rd at 1:00 PM. Mary Deborah Circle will be Hostess and Margaret Shepard will share devotions and the Response Moment. Special business will be Year End Mission Giving and planning for our December meeting.



## Z-Team Sewing/Harvest Update

### Jingle on Main - Wednesday, December 7

The Z-Team will have a table/space available for anyone from our congregation to display and sell their items - crafts, food, etc. This is available even to those who did not accept "sowing money" but have items they'd like to donate with proceeds going to the church's "Yuletide Harvest" (on December 11 in conjunction with the Children's Christmas Worship Service).

If there is anyone who would like to participate but did not receive "sowing" money, there is still a limited amount available, just contact Barb in the church office.

### Quilt of the Month

Look at this delightful,  
hand quilted  
25 in. X 34 in.

Christmas  
wall hanging

What a wonderful addition  
to your decorations!

It is on display in Court Chapel,  
along with several others.

Have a look and see if you are  
interested.

Prices are negotiable.







If anyone would be able,  
or knows someone who would be able,  
to shovel the church sidewalks this  
winter,  
we would like to hire you!!!!

Please contact the church office  
at 319-987-2596 for details.

This holiday season, the Sunday School Children are hosting a Holiday Food Drive for the Food Bank. They will collect donations of food items (or monetary donations) through the month of November and then deliver them to the Food Bank to give to families for Christmas dinners.

Below is a guide to donate an item each day in November, thru Thanksgiving, then all the donations will be given to the Food Bank at the beginning of December.

- November 1 - box of cereal
- November 2 - peanut butter
- November 3 - stuffing mix
- November 4 - boxed potatoes
- November 5 - macaroni and cheese
- November 6 - canned fruit
- November 7 - canned tomatoes
- November 8 - canned tuna
- November 9 - dessert mix
- November 10 - jar of applesauce
- November 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- November 12 - cranberry sauce
- November 13 - canned beans
- November 14 - box of crackers
- November 15 - package of rice
- November 16 - package of oatmeal
- November 17 - package of pasta
- November 18 - spaghetti sauce
- November 19 - chicken noodle soup
- November 20 - tomato soup
- November 21 - canned corn
- November 22 - canned mixed vegetables
- November 23 - canned carrots
- November 24 - canned green beans



On Sunday, October 16,  
4 of our Sunday School students  
were presented their very own bibles:

**Owen Manning  
Weston Manning  
Harper Cavanaugh  
Hunter Megan**

Here are a few pictures of the  
celebration.

