



# Congregational *Connections*

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## TOWARDS A DE-CENTERED OCTOBER

During the month of September, we celebrated a “Season of Creation” each Sunday in worship. We also began a journey of “Sacred Conversations to End Racism” on Tuesday nights. Much to my surprise, the worship services and the class both began back “In the beginning” by taking a look at Genesis. In worship we used Genesis to talk about God’s creation and the incredible, life-giving gifts of God in the natural world. In “Sacred Conversations...” we used the Biblical account (as well as the scientific account) noting how all of humankind emerged out of Africa—we are not so different, after all.

And, in the worship themes and in class conversation, the idea of “De-Centering” ourselves came up. Decentering refers to a person’s ability to set aside their own personal perceptions and to instead see the world from another point of view. We take ourselves as well as our concerns, our perceptions, our experiences out of primary focus, out of the center, to understand things from a different viewpoint. Now it is not an earth-shattering idea. In fact, it reminds me of the old suggestion that before we make any judgements we should, “walk a mile in someone else’s footsteps”.

I’m sure it is something that most of us can do when we are being mindful of it. But we tend to operate out of our own personal perspective most of the time and forget that our worldview is not the only one possible. As we engage the people around us, it is easy to see ourselves as the center of the world and the only person that really matters. It is about “my” wants and desires, about “our” plans hopes and dreams. The world becomes divided into people like “us” and others like “them”, working towards creating “winners” and “losers”.

Decentering ourselves more consistently is an important ingredient in breaking apart the myths of racism and becoming anti-racist. It is also an important part of becoming better stewards of God’s creation.

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## ...DE-CENTERING CONTINUED...

By decentering my experience and really hearing the experience of others, I learn about my privilege and the advantages I receive every day. My perception of the world shifts and some of the assumptions I carry about others who are different than me begin to fall away.

By decentering myself amidst the wonder of God's creation, I see that God's world is not meant for us to dominate and subdue. We are not the center of the world, but one of God's creations out of many. The natural world has its own wisdom and its own voice that we need to listen for amidst the competing voices for our attention. When we move out of the center, our perception of God's world changes and we can begin to work with the world God has created for our mutual health and benefit.

During this month of October, I know I'm going to try and start a new habit of decentering. It is not that "my" perspective is unimportant, it is simply that I need to be mindful that I am truly not the center of the universe. That old advice, that we need to "walk a mile in someone else's footsteps" will be made new again, as I face the needs of the day. I believe we would all be better human beings and better disciples of Jesus Christ if we could keep that advice in mind.

Courage and Peace,

Pastor Scott



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



A warm and official welcome to our new members (left to right): Pastor Scott, Brook (and Jim) Holmes, Adele Richert, and Michelle and Justin Franke. Special thanks to our Moderator, Jeanne Mantsch, for leading the "reception of new members".

## CELEBRATE WITH US!

We celebrate two Sunday morning worship services at 8:00 and 10:00. On the fourth Sunday of every month at 10:00, we celebrate with a Family Service which includes the participation of our children and youth. Nursery care is available at the 10:00 service.

## CLICK AWAY!

Remember to be on the lookout for orange text throughout this e-newsletter. The orange text is linked up to other documents or web pages that you might find helpful and interesting.

## CONTRIBUTE TO OUR NEXT E-NEWSLETTER

If you have any celebrations, concerns/prayer requests or other contributions that you would like us to include in a future e-newsletter, let us know. Please email us 7-10 days before the first day of the month.

# THIS YEAR'S 8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION CLASS

We have 14 kids in our Confirmation Class this year. We feel so fortunate! Please be thinking of the following individuals on their journey of faith:

**Mia Blum, Katja Cira, Dylan Crain, Amari Daevel, Matthew Dimmer, Grant Eslinger, Graham Garthus, Libby Holmes, Grady Karrels, Drue Nelson, Brooke Peiffer, Avery Roehrig, Benjamin Sanem, and Nicholas Sanem.**

Confirmation parents and the members of the new class met with Pastor Scott on September 13 and told stories of baptism as well as walked through the year's schedule. The first "official" class with the fourteen Confirmands was held September 20. The class will be meeting on the third Monday evening of each month from now until Confirmation Sunday on May 29. Each month they will explore a variety of topics focusing on the Trinity, the life and ministry of Jesus, the ministry of the Church, and the life of faith expressed in discipleship on their way to writing a personal statement of faith. There will also be a monthly "Mission Experience" to encourage the class to put their faith into action. In October they will be working for a day clearing trails and cleaning cabins at Pilgrim Center (now newly named "Daycholah Center") on Green Lake in Ripon. In November the class will be working at the Port Washington Food Pantry and in December they will help with gift baskets at Family Promise of Ozaukee County.

Church members and friends will witness the ministry of the Confirmation Class during the 10:00 a.m. worship on Family Sundays and in the Nursery each week, as well as their participation in the Christmas Tree sale and special services during the year. Depending on the state of Covid infection rates in the new year, they also hope to participate in a "Faith Formation" weekend retreat at Daycholah Center (the formerly named "Pilgrim Center") in February with other UCC confirmands from all over Wisconsin. Special thanks to their parents and families for the support, dedication, and flexibility that are necessary for the confirmands to complete this year-long commitment and affirm their Baptismal vows at the end of May.

## OCTOBER CHURCH SCHOOL - ALL KIDS INVITED!

All children 4K through 7th grade are invited to participate in Church School on Sunday morning, October 10, at 10:00!  
Church School meets the second Sunday of each month.



The focus scripture this month is *Mark 12:28-34*; to love God and love others. In addition to story telling and discussion, there will be activities/projects related to love. Among the projects, the kids will make a Love Wheel with "love languages" showing how they love God and others (acts of service, quality time, etc.).



# FAMILY SERVICES THIS FALL

On the fourth Sunday of every month at 10:00, we conduct a Family Service which includes the participation of our Confirmation Class and our Children's Choir. Please note that in November and December, Family Services will be held on the third Sundays due to the holidays.



## ALL CHOIRS BACK IN ACTION!



### Children's Choir

The Carol and Chapel Choirs will be condensed into one Children's Choir led by Sherri Melichar. The choir will rehearse from 5:45 - 6:30 on Monday evenings, starting on October 4, in the Sanctuary, and performs on the 4th Sunday of every month. All children 4K through middle school are invited to participate!

### Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir sang for the first time in over a year on September 26, under the direction of Brett Dimmer. The choir rehearses for an hour at 6:30 on Monday evenings in the Sanctuary and performs on the second Sunday of every month. The choir is open to anyone 7th/8th grade and up. No experience is necessary, just a desire to sing! You do not need to know how to read music. Come as you are able - no long-term commitment required. Join at any time!



### Handbell Choir



Please help spread the word that our Handbell Choir is also back in action and is now under the direction of Lydia Clough. The choir rehearses for an hour at 7:00 on Wednesday evenings in the Music Room and performs on the third Sunday of every month. The choir will perform for the first time in over a year on Sunday, October 17.

Lydia welcomes anyone to reach out to learn more at [lydialclough@gmail.com](mailto:lydialclough@gmail.com).



## NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING



On Sunday, October 10, we receive our annual Neighbors in Need offering, which supports the outreach work of the United Church of Christ throughout the United States. You may contribute through the end of the month.

In 2021, Neighbors in Need “Unfailing Love” offering is focused on supporting organizations and projects that are serving homeless and immigrant neighbors or communities. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC’s Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to provide funding grants to UCC churches and organizations leading justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects in their communities.



## SACRED CONVERSATIONS SERIES THROUGH NOVEMBER 9

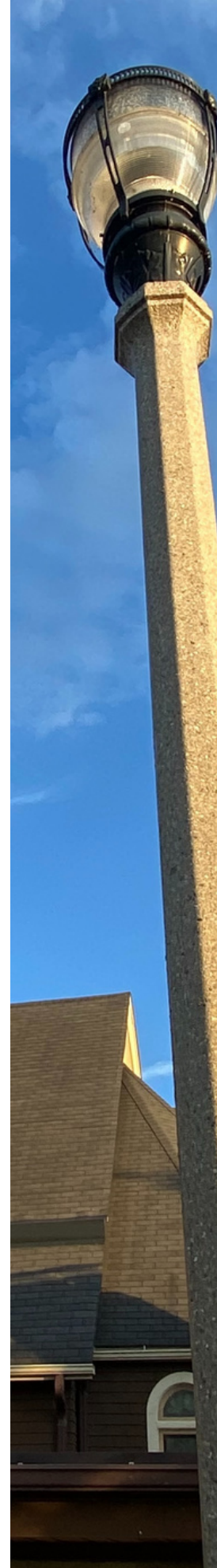
During the month of October, Sacred Conversations to End Racism (SC2ER) will continue to meet on Tuesday evenings in Fellowship Hall from 6:30 to 8:00. There have been about 25 people gathering to learn more about the continuing impact of prejudice and racism in our world. The class began last month discussing the foundations of civilization and has gradually moved into current racial myths that impact our assumptions about ourselves and others. If you are interested in joining the “Sacred Conversations” please talk to Pastor Scott in order to receive materials that can help bring you up to date with the class’s progress: (262) 903-0449 or [pastorscott@portucc.org](mailto:pastorscott@portucc.org)



## NEXT LIGHTHOUSE OUTING TO PUMPKIN PATCH

All middle and high school youth are invited to join Lighthouse Youth Ministry on their next outing to Spieker's Pumpkin Patch on Sunday afternoon, October 31. Spieker’s has a corn maze, hayrides, pumpkin patch, concessions, and an area to pet animals. The corn maze is \$6 a person. Bring some extra cash if you would like a pumpkin or hot chocolate.

Also, save the date for a winter outing, Christmas at the Zoo (Shalom Wildlife Zoo) on Sunday evening, December 19!





## Church Council Team Spotlight

*Pictured in the Brat Fry stand on June 27 are Jason Jacque, Team Chair, Joshua Jacque, Jodi Cowen, and Craig Modahl. (Not pictured, Team Member Bev Mueller)*

### OUR STEWARDSHIP TEAM

After a couple years of inactivity, our Stewardship Team was reformed in June of 2020 with a list of refined roles and responsibilities. With COVID restrictions in full effect, the team met remotely via Zoom video while still having an active role in the community with the placement of two new banners outside of the church, a survey of church members and friends to help understand why we are part of our church, and a Brat Fry on October 3, 2020 to help cover the 2020 loan interest costs for the repairs to our church windows and bell tower. The Brat Fry proceeds and donations brought in \$685.94. A second Brat Fry was held June 27th of this year, raising almost \$700 to go towards the first monthly payment of for window/bell tower loan last month. We thank everyone for their support!

Our team is busy planning the execution of the coming Fall Stewardship Campaign. Please be on the lookout for announcements, testimonials, and mailings coming your way! A kick-off letter is on the next page.

As always, we welcome anyone interested to join our team. Please reach out to Beckie in the church office and she will help connect us.

Respectfully,  
Jason Jacque, Chair  
Jodi Cowen  
Craig Modahl  
Bev Mueller

# FALL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF LETTER



## How are we "rooted" in our church community?

In a few weeks, we will kick off our Annual Stewardship Campaign. While this is primarily a time to consider your financial support for First Congregational Church in the coming year, it is also a time to reflect and be thankful for our church community. This year's campaign theme is "Rooted in Love".

During the campaign, we will hear from members of the church who are willing to share their commitment to our church and why they chose to be a part of our church family. Lifting up these stories celebrates the acts of generosity that "root" a congregation.

We invite you to think about your roots and the ways that our church "grounds you" in your faith. Our church changes lives by answering God's call to love your neighbor, children, and creation. Our congregation welcomes people who've felt estranged from God and the rest of Christianity. We support each other through joys and times of loss and grief. And we come together to serve others outside our congregation: to prepare meals to the most vulnerable people in our area, support programs that speak out against injustice, and strive to be an open and inclusive community of faith.

The work within and beyond our church can happen because of the generous financial and volunteer support of our community. Because of you, our church shares God's love. While there are many ways to support the congregation, our annual campaign provides a chance to think in a particular and prayerful way about the choices we make with our money in support of the church. Pledges of financial support provide over 82% of our budget as a congregation. Without your gifts to the annual pledge campaign we would not be able to engage in the programs, projects, ministry and worship experiences that define our community life.

More details about the Stewardship Campaign will be shared throughout the coming month, including designated ways to give. We look forward to sharing many stories of how our members find their 'roots' in our church community.

-Your Stewardship Team



# LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR OCTOBER WORSHIP

## **October 3: Job 1:1; 2:1-10 and Mark 10:2-16**

*Communion Sunday, 19th Sunday after Pentecost*

Challenging Questions- God to Satan, Job's wife to Job, Job to his wife, religious leaders to Jesus, Jesus to religious leaders - raise questions and inquiry in us, too, in faith that is active, not passive.

## **October 10: Ruth 1:1-18 and Mark 12:28-34**

*Church School Sunday, 20th Sunday after Pentecost*

In Ruth's pledge to Naomi and Mark's recording of what is "first of all," we encounter love's summons to "give it all we've got". Love of God and love of neighbor continue to be the center of our discipleship.

## **October 17: Job 38:1-7, (34-41) and Mark 10:35-45**

*21st Sunday after Pentecost*

Who Has the Wisdom? The disciples are concerned with attaining power and status based on earthly standards, but Jesus teaches that God's ways are different, and helps us to learn and follow them.

## **October 24: Job 42:1-6, 10-17 and Mark 10:46-52**

*Family Sunday, 22nd Sunday after Pentecost*

What Do We See? We stand still with Jesus as he listens to the voice of Bartimaeus who will not be silenced, hear Bartimaeus' response to Jesus' direct question, and reimagine the way we serve.

## **October 31: Ephesians 2:1-10 and John 8:31-36**

*Reformation Sunday, 23rd Sunday after Pentecost*

Over 500 years ago Martin Luther set off a firestorm of conflict by protesting the beliefs and practices of the church of his day. We continue to live out what it means to be a "reformed and reforming" church in the present.

# SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

OF OUR PASTOR,  
REV. DR. SCOTT MCLEOD

Members and clergy of the Southeast Association and Wisconsin Conference joined together with members and friends of our congregation to celebrate the successful conclusion of a pastoral search process as Rev. Dr. Scott McLeod was installed as our "pastor and teacher".

Rev. Laura McLeod, Senior Pastor of Brookfield Congregational UCC, and Scott's wife, gave a meaningful and humorous "Charge to the Pastor" and Rev. Dr. Tim Perkins, recently retired from Bethel-Bethany UCC in Milwaukee and a close friend and mentor to Scott, used baseball metaphors to talk about our "team" in the "Charge to the Congregation".

Joe Mueller, former Chairperson of the church's Search Committee, Jeanne Mantsch, Moderator, and Phil Stepanski, Associate Moderator, also took part in the ceremony. Refreshments were served in Fellowship Hall following the afternoon service by the Fellowship Team.

It was an uplifting worship service and is available for you to watch by [clicking here](#).



## LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

## WAYS TO SERVE



Please contact Beckie in the church office if you are able to serve in the following ways:

### Counters Needed

Adult volunteers are needed to count our offering plates on Sunday mornings, after the 10:00 service. We need two counters for the first, second, and fourth Sundays and one counter when there happens to be a fifth Sunday.

### Acolytes Needed

If your child is in 5th, 6th or 7th grade, we invite them to Acolyte! Acolytes are responsible for lighting the altar candles at the beginning of our 10:00 service.

Lighting the candles is an important part of our Sunday morning services. We hope your child will consider serving our church in this way.

### Ushers Needed

Ushers are needed at the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Let us know if you would like to be placed on rotation.



## THANKS FROM THE REOPENING TEAM

The Reopening Team would like to thank everyone who took the time to complete the recent Fall Survey. There were 73 responses. The team will be meeting to go over the results, and plans to provide a report to the Church Council at the next monthly meeting on October 14. A recap will be provided to the congregation after that point.



## SAVE THE DATE - FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Save the date for our annual Fall Congregational Meeting on Sunday morning, November 21, following the 10:00 service. The primary item of business will be the presentation of the Proposed 2022 Church Budget.





## WEDNESDAY LUNCH GROUP

Everyone is invited to join the group as we meet together in Marquardt Fellowship Hall, bring your own beverage and lunch, and discuss the Bible passages that will be used in worship for the coming Sunday morning. You don't need to be a Bible expert to participate! Pastor Scott provides some thought provoking questions and leads the discussion. The conversation is always interesting, there is usually lots of laughter and the sharing of individual opinions and perspectives. We'd love to hear your thoughts! So make the Wednesday Lunch Group a part of your weekly schedule - you'll be glad you did!



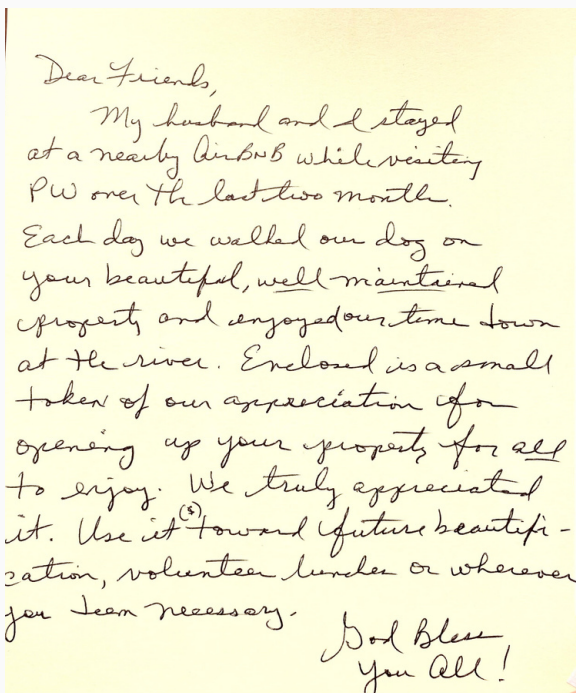
## THURSDAY MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP



Every Thursday morning at 8:00 a.m., a dedicated group of gentlemen from the church gather at The Beacon restaurant, which is located downtown on the first floor of The Harborview hotel. The Thursday Morning Men's Breakfast Group is open to all the men of the church. Everyone places their own order and pays their own bill. It is a great way to spend an hour (or two) and begin your day. You are welcome to join the group at any time!



## ACT OF KINDNESS ARRIVED BY MAIL



Check out this sweet card that we received in the mail, along with a \$100 donation:

"Dear Friends,

My husband and I stayed at a nearby Airbnb while visiting Port Washington over the last two months. Each day we walked our dog on your beautiful, well maintained property and enjoyed our time down at the river. Enclosed is a small token of our appreciation for opening up your property for all to enjoy. We truly appreciated it. Use it toward future beautification, volunteer lunches or wherever you deem necessary.

God Bless You All!"

-Anonymous (from South Carolina)

## SEPTEMBER THANKS

- To Jennifer Dimmer, Sherrie Dimmer, Jane Spalding, and Phil Stepanski and Tracy Bretl for assisting with our Installation Service and providing cake and coffee.
- To Jeanne Mantsch for leading the litany "Reception of New Members" during the 10:00 worship on September 26.
- To Avery Roehrig and her family for providing Nursery Care on Sunday morning, September 26.
- To Sara Packard for giving the church the beautiful fall floral arrangements from Jerry's funeral. They were placed on the altar for our services on Sunday mornings, September 12, 19 and 26!
- To Dave Eslinger and Alice Sanem for helping Pastor Scott with Confirmation Class on Monday evening, September 20.
- To Jane Spalding and Ken Matthews for teaching some First Congregational Church history for our new members class on September 19.
- To Grady Karrels and his family for providing Nursery Care on Sunday morning, September 19.
- To Jennifer Dimmer and the Fellowship Team for hosting Fellowship Hours following the 8:00 and 10:00 services on Sunday morning, September 12, the beginning of a new program year.
- To the Church School Leadership Team for conducting the first Church School Sunday on Sunday morning, September 12: Savannah Anderson, Jennifer Dimmer, Tina Olson, and Shandy Roehrig.
- To Graham Garthus and his family for providing Nursery Care on Sunday morning, September 12.
- To Jane Spalding for creating a beautiful Autumn arrangement for the Altar Table.



## IN OUR PRAYERS

Jim and Sherri Melichar. Jim is discontinuing further medical treatment.

Bob Woelfl. Bob took a bad fall preparing for the upcoming cross country ski season and broke his pelvis.

## ONGOING THANKS

To Peter Muehleis for placing the garbage carts at the curb on Thursdays of each and every week.

To Karl Pradel for changing our Christ Candle each and every week.

To Sherrie Dimmer for handwriting greeting cards for our congregation.

To Brenda Shupe for filling our Little Free Library.



# SEPTEMBER ACTION SHOTS





# APPROVED AUGUST CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

(The August Minutes were approved at the September 9, 2021 meeting.)

The August 12, 2021, Church Council meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Jeanne Mantsch, Moderator.

Present: Jeanne Mantsch, Phil Stepanski, Kathy Bretl, Mike Spalding, Savannah Anderson, Pastor Scott, Ric Probst, Bill Bond

Opening Meditation Pastor Scott

Our God is our rock, and God's word/water is our gift.

Approval of the Minutes – June 2021

There was a motion and a second to approve the June Minutes as presented to the Council. Further discussion led to the decision that Council Minutes published in the newsletter would be a month behind, i.e. in the future, June minutes would appear in the August newsletter.

Financial Administrator's Overview of Giving (Presented by Kathy, Treasurer)

Kathy had a very short presentation of "our report of giving" through the month of July. YTD giving was \$113,631.55.

## *Old Business*

Reopening Team report and discussion (Phil)

Phil stated that the Team met to discuss 2 proposals.

- Adding singing
- Full opening

Of the 8 members that attended the "Reopening Team's" meeting, the majority wanted to see full opening. The Council moved and seconded a motion to include fully masked attendance. The motion was passed, after a lot of discussion. Ric had to leave the meeting at this point. Kids and their participation were Jeanne's biggest issue. Scott is planning outdoor Church School.

## *New Business*

Building Maintenance Updates – (Bill)

Our new Property Team Chair had more questions than "updates". His first question was;

- "What am I responsible for?" he was pointed toward our office staff for more clarity as to existing volunteer groups.

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## CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES, continued

- “Is there a budgeted amount that his committee does not need full Council approval to spend on building upkeep?” Kathy gave a short answer of yes there are budgeted amounts for certain upkeep items.
- The Property Chair asked, “whom he should work with to apply for Conference grants for larger building upkeep project work.” Scott recommended Amy and Beckie as the contacts to help with that application work.
- Lastly the Property Chair committed to the Council to have a “Building Bible” established by the end of his term to have a document “the new Property Chair can use as a general guide to the history and on going needs of our little church’s building and it’s upkeep. Scott offered Amy and Beckie as folks who could help identify groups and what their divisions of responsibilities are.

### Funding for Microphone for Fellowship Hall use

Scott brought to the Council a request for funds (\$2,000.00 estimated) for a portable sound system, flat screen TV and a cart to move that equipment around. His vision for the use of this equipment is for meetings and other events primarily in Fellowship Hall, although it could also be used outdoors. Kathy stated that there were funds for such Church needs in the budget.

Mike Spalding asked if there could be an email blast letting the congregation know that masks would be required to attend church until further notice. Scott told the Council he would ask Amy to get the email out ASAP.

The Council Meeting was adjourned around 8:15 p.m.

# OCTOBER CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>3 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>  Service of Word and Sacrament 8am Fellowship Hour 9am Service of Word and Sacrament 10am  AA 3pm	<b>4</b>  Rehearsals-Children's Choir 5:45pm, Chancel Choir 6:30pm	<b>5</b>  Sacred Conversations to End Racism 6:30pm	<b>6</b>  Companions in Ministry 1pm  Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7pm	<b>7</b>  Men's Breakfast The Beacon 8am	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost</b> <i>Neighbors in Need Offering</i>  Worship Service 8am Worship Service 10am Brunner Baptism Chancel Choir Church School 10am Fellowship Hour 11am  AA 3pm	<b>11</b>  Rehearsals-Children's Choir 5:45pm, Chancel Choir 6:30pm	<b>12</b>  Sacred Conversations to End Racism 6:30pm	<b>13</b>  Wednesday Lunch Group 12pm  Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7pm  Stewardship Team 7pm	<b>14</b>  Men's Breakfast The Beacon 8am  Church Council 7pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  Confirmation Class Workday at Daycholah Camp
<b>17 Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost</b>  Worship Service 8am Worship Service 10am Handbell Choir  AA 3pm	<b>18</b>  Rehearsals-Children's Choir 5:45pm, Chancel Choir 6:30pm  Confirmation Class 6:30pm	<b>19</b>  Sacred Conversations to End Racism 6:30pm	<b>20</b>  Wednesday Lunch Group 12pm  Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7pm	<b>21</b>  Men's Breakfast The Beacon 8am	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24 Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost</b>  Worship Service 8am Family Service 10am Confirmation Class Assisting, Children's Choir Fellowship Hour 11am  AA 3pm	<b>25</b>  Rehearsals-Children's Choir 5:45pm, Chancel Choir 6:30pm	<b>26</b>  Sacred Conversations to End Racism 6:30pm	<b>27</b>  Wednesday Lunch Group 12pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7pm	<b>28</b>  Men's Breakfast The Beacon 8am	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31 Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost</b>  Worship Service 8am Worship Service 10am  AA 3pm						



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

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|------|-----------------|------|---------------------|
| 1 -  | Maile Thompson  | 14 - | Sue Kierzek         |
|      | Aaron White     | 15 - | Allen Cottrell      |
| 2 -  | Ellie Modahl    |      | Cathy Jones         |
| 3 -  | Brad Bertler    |      | Max Gilhooly        |
|      | Sarah Riemer    |      | Randy Zeman         |
|      | D'Angelo Lopez  | 19 - | Craig Heatwole      |
| 4 -  | Abbey Proctor   |      | Noah Roehrig        |
| 5 -  | Don Niederfrank | 20 - | Jana Zimmerman      |
| 6 -  | Susan Skowbo    |      | Grant Eslinger      |
| 7 -  | Perry Lieuallen |      | David Franks        |
| 8 -  | Nancy Walle     |      | Tyler Umhoefer      |
| 11 - | Troy Bretl      | 21 - | Ginny Laubenstein   |
|      | Tracy Bretl     |      | Miriam Mitchell     |
|      | Janet Maechtle  | 24 - | Scott Symes         |
|      | Sandy Snook     | 28 - | Miranda Laabs       |
|      | Daniel Oftedahl |      | Ruby Hoffmann       |
|      | Kerry O'Brien   | 30 - | Madeline Schlehlein |
| 13 - | Eric Ternes     |      | Dianne Taylor       |
|      | Lu Keagy        | 31 - | Carter Melichar     |
|      | Don Sorlie      |      |                     |

## OCTOBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- |      |                               |
|------|-------------------------------|
| 3 -  | Shane and Annette Stimac      |
|      | Dave and Julie Eslinger       |
| 4 -  | Ray and Brenda Shupe          |
| 7 -  | John and Christy Claerbaut    |
| 8 -  | Kurt and Kelly Blum           |
| 13 - | Paul and Sally Schirk-Ehrlich |
|      | Don and Marion Cooper         |
| 24 - | Gary and Meg Tackes           |

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Fall Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday mornings from 8:30 - 11:30

Pastor Scott's Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays, and by appointment

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