

Fall Festival



Sunday, October 28th is the date of our 8th annual Fall Festival! Activities will be from 3:30-5:00pm. We will have games and other events in the park. Because we have moved the event to Sunday, we need the congregation's help in making this a successful, fun

afternoon for the kids. We encourage everyone who is able to come out and participate either by decorating your car for the trunk or treat, or volunteering to help at one of the activity or snack stations. This is a great event for all ages and will include the following activities:

- Costume Contest*—Prizes will be given for the Cutest Costume and the Most Creative Costume in the following age categories: nursery; preschool; Kindergarten/1st grade, 2nd grade, and 3rd-5th grades.
- Crafts and Games
- “Trunk” or Treat
- Fall Themed Snacks in the Fellowship Hall

Bring your friends and their families!
We hope to see you all there!

* Our goal is to celebrate fun, creativity and fellowship for all ages. No scary costumes please.

Daylight Savings Time



Don't forget to set your clocks back on November 4th at 2am. Better yet, just set them back before you go to bed on Saturday evening, November 3rd!



Looking Ahead

- October 20/21—Mission Socks Collection (PACT)
- October 28th Fall Festival—3:30pm
- November 3/4—All Saints Weekend
- November 10/11—Veteran's Day Weekend
- November 10—District Wide Charge Conference
- November 17/18—Mission Socks (Giving Tree) & Harvest Sunday (please bring food for food pantry)
- November 19—Midwest Mission Distribution Center Trip

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Saturday • 5:30pm—Casual Worship
Sunday • 8:45am—Traditional Worship
Sunday • 11:00am—Contemporary Worship
Sunday School—10:00am

Worship

Special General Conference 2019 in St Louis to consider UMC view on Human Sexuality

The General Conference is the official, global, legislative decision-making body of the United Methodist Church. It is made up of an equal number of clergy and laity from elected representatives from every annual conference around the world. It normally meets every four years.

A special General Conference will be held next February 23-26, 2019 addressing the denominational position on homosexuality. This special General Conference is the result of a mandate from the regular 2016 the General Conference, and the work done by the Commission on a Way Forward proposed by the Council of Bishops.

The Commission has recently completed an examination of every paragraph of the Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality. They have proposed 3 possible legislative actions to be considered at the special General Conference to be held in St. Louis:

- 1) a “Traditional Plan” which preserves the present language of the Discipline, which does not condone the practice of homosexuality and prohibits ordination of homosexuals, and strengthens enforcement for violations.
- 2) a “One Church Plan” which removes the current prohibitive language, allowing conferences, churches and pastors to choose the whether they will perform same-sex marriages and ordain LGBT people as clergy.
- 3) a “Connectional Plan” which will form three new global conferences, allowing churches and pastors to choose theological alignment irregardless of geography.

Let’s be clear, these are proposed pieces of legislation and certainly will be altered either before or during the special General Conference.

Presently the Judicial Council is examining these 3 proposals to consider whether or not they will require constitutional changes in the Book of Discipline. After their ruling, the 3 proposals will be subject to hours of

debate in legislative sessions in St. Louis before a final form goes before the floor for a final vote.

Prayer is the critical action step needed in this hour. May we all pray for God to lead and direct our future as United Methodists.

~ *Pastor John*

Bishop’s General Conference Briefing Sessions

Our Bishop Frank J. Beard will host meeting throughout the Illinois Great Rivers Conference discussing the three plans which have been offered for the Special General Conference with regard to the issues of human sexuality and unity. You can register by visiting:

<https://igrc-reg.brtapp.com/gc2019briefings>

- Sunday Nov 11—Edwardsville ST. Johns UMC 4-6pm
- Monday, Nov 12—Jacksonville Grace UMC 4-6pm
- Thursday, Nov 15—Marion First UMC 7-9pm
- Saturday, Nov 17—Chatsworth UMC 10am-noon
- Sunday, Nov 18—Peoria First UMC 4-6pm

District Wide Church Conferences and Joint Choir

Our District Superintendent invites us all to a unique district wide meeting on **Saturday, November 10th from 10am-2:30pm** at Danville St. James UMC. This first-of-its-kind meeting brings us together from all over our district hoping to fill St. James UMC with people, worship, and sharing of successful ministry. What would that be like if we all set this afternoon together to seek the heart and will of God for the good of the church and our world? Mark your calendars, and more information will be coming. PS—this will also serve as our charge conference, but time devoted to that will be limited.

Wesleyana Circle

Wesleyana Circle will meet on October 9 at 1:30 at the home of Kay Bell.

October Mission Socks



Our October Mission Sock Money will go to PACT (Parents And Children/Community Together). When we provide funds to PACT we are helping to resource several important programs of connection in our GCMS school district including Red Ribbon Week, parent and

grandparent lunches, mentor appreciation, special speakers and more.

NAMES NEEDED FOR ALL SAINTS DAY



All Saints Sunday is November 4th. All church members who have died in the last year will be recognized.

GCUMC extends this day of remembrance to any family who has lost a loved one in the last year. If you

have a deceased loved one which you would like to have honored and remembered, please submit their name to the Church Office no later than Monday, October 22nd.

Thank You

The family of Rosemary Schertz greatly appreciated the wonderful meal provided by Joan Pool and her team after Mom's service. The chance to enjoy a delicious meal while visiting with family and friends was a blessing to us. We also want to thank

Pastor John again for the personal touches he brought to a very memorable and comforting service.

Phil & Jean Noellsch
John & Anna Schertz

Veteran's Day



The weekend of November 10th/11th, GCUMC will be honoring US Veterans by way of a slide show during all three worship services. If you or a loved one should be included in that slide show, please provide a picture to the office along with their full name, branch of service, and years served. The picture can be submitted electronically via email or can be brought into the office to be scanned.

Parade Floats Wanted

**CHRISTMAS
PARADE**

Is there any group within the church interested in designing and entering a church float in the Gibson City Christmas Parade? The parade is on Saturday, November 17th at 6:30pm.

Recently I received a request from our mayor Daniel Dickey, who asked this same question. Mayor Dickey stated that last year there was no church participation, and he was calling in hopes of seeing a church presence in the city's celebration. He also suggested that possibly a choir or singers could be on the float.

If anyone is interested, please contact Pastor John.

PRAYERS, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday!

Kyle Knerr	1	William Dewey	15
Abby McNutt	1	Molly Ertel	15
Don Douglas	2	Scott Moody	15
Cooper Whitehouse	2	Ryan Strebeck	15
Leila Greenlee	3	Adam Rosendahl	17
Janet Davis	5	Audrey Maxey	18
Connor Main	5	Sidney Overman	18
Carl Reum	5	Kenna McCall	21
Ty Royal	5	Evelyn Patton	21
Kaylee Richardson	5	Timothy Young	21
Delmar Bedel	6	Donna Eckerty	22
Pearl Chase	7	Andy Young	22
Tom Barnes	8	Timothy Littell	22
Tammy Lindquist	8	Amia Bennett	23
Danielle Eckerty	9	Ian Rotramel	23
Matthew Ertel	9	Isaac Rotramel	23
Linda Lindelof	9	Carly Wilson	23
Jack Willoby	9	Rhonda Eckerty	25
Doug Maxey	10	Mary Ann Hood	26
Matt Bell	11	Jillian Nagle	26
Parker Chase	11	Leigh Ann Sharp	26
Phillip Littell	13	Angela Poe	27
Zoe Wier	13	Danielle Tipsord	27
Angie Davis	13	Linda Goltz	28
Wayne Apperson	14	Nelda Jordan	29
Joann Hildenbrand	14	Mick Kingsley	29
		Alex Ward	29
		Dwain Parker	29

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

	Day	Years
Cameron & Tracy Richardson	1	
Kolin & Jenna Vogel	4	4
David and Laura Hazen	7	18
Lonnie and Michelle Engel	12	22
Jason and Sarah Peterson	20	11
Bill and Sarah Tubbs	21	62
Russell and Diana Ehlers	26	22
Carey & Angie Davis	30	
James and Christine Hazen	31	54



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Offering & Attendance

Jan—Aug 2018 Offering for Budget	\$196,857.00
Jan—Aug 2018 Operating Expenses	\$214,274.66

Weekend	Sat 5:30	Sun 8:45	Sun 11:00
August 25th & 26th	17	85	17
September 1st & 2nd	19	92	33
September 8th & 9th	16	113	
September 15th & 16th	21	105	27
September 22nd & 23rd	12	214	31

Nursing Home

Residents

Manor

Ruth Fisher
Judy Peters
Carol Hari
Bob Hill
Jane Hill
Phil Lutz

Annex

Mary Rosebraugh
Doug Hager
Marie Schneck

Paxton Health Care

Bill Dueringer

Health Concerns

Delmar Bedel
Edith Christensen
Nancy Davis
Ruth Fisher
Bob Hill
Phil Lutz

Servicemen and women

SSG Colton Young
AB Cody McCoy
PFC Glenn Mehl III

October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:00 AM Prayers	2 9:00 AM Bible Study (Holly Brook) 1:00 PM Communion Manor/Annex	3 Wednesday Night Fellowship 1:00 PM Connection Team	4	5	6 Communion 5:30 PM Saturday Night Light Worship
7 Communion 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast 8:45 AM Traditional Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship	8 9:00 AM Prayers 5:30 PM SPRC 7:00 PM Covenant Council	9 9:00 AM Bible Study (Holly Brook)	10 Wednesday Night Fellowship 7:00 PM Pie Night / Manor	11	12	13 5:30 PM Saturday Night Light Worship
14 8:45 AM Traditional Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship	15 9:00 AM Prayers	16 Newsletter Articles Due 9:00 AM Bible Study (Holly Brook)	17 Wednesday Night Fellowship	18	19	20 Mission Socks 5:30 PM Saturday Night Light Worship
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OCTOBER SERVICE SCHEDULE

	Liturgist	Greeters (West, South, North)	Acolytes	Sound Room (8:45)	Projector (8:45)	Projector (11:00)
Oct 7	Kent Bielfeldt	Jim Collison & Kim Fisher Virgil Rosendale Jon & Bonnie Clark	Addison Farmer	Jon Clark	Zander Wier	Katie Steidinger
Oct 14	Amy Hood	Jim Collison & Kim Fisher Virgil Rosendale Jon & Bonnie Clark	Grace Steidinger	Lonnie Engel	Connor Engel	Kearfott Family
Oct 21	Mick Kingsley	Glenn & Marsha Riddle Jim & Amy Hood Linda Goltz & Sue Shields	Maci Lindelof	Steve Hawthorne	Erin Arsenault	Phillip Littell
Oct 28	Lisa Farmer	Glenn & Marsha Riddle Jim & Amy Hood Linda Goltz & Sue Shields	Maddox Lindelof	Jon Clark	Dani Eckerty	Katie Steidinger

Head Usher for October is Jeff Eckhoff.

OUR STAFF

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 Organist—Beverly Nagle Susan Schultz, Volunteer
 Choir Director—Ruth Davis



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