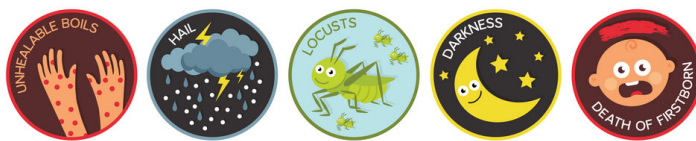


## Fall Festival/Plagues of Egypt



### 10 PLAGUES OF EGYPT



This year in lieu of our regular Fall Festival, we would like the congregation to join us in a “10 plagues of Egypt” walk-through! The church will be set up in stations for visitors to “experience” the plagues like never before. After experiencing all 10 plagues, there will be snacks and drinks in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a self-guided tour, but we will have a few people on hand to help you if you need assistance. Our Growing in God kids (PreK-5) and our Middle School Youth Group will be preparing some of the stations. The stations will be set from 6:00-7:30pm on **Wednesday, October 30th**. You are welcome to come at any time during the event. The walk-through should only take 20 minutes at the most.

## Ignite

Our Middle School Youth Group will be meeting on Wednesday evenings at the First Christian Church for the remainder of the school year. Pastor Mat Bowen will be leading the group. They will start at 6:00pm with a light meal, with the Youth Group portion starting at 6:30pm. All MS age students are invited and encouraged to join in! If you have any questions, please contact April in the office.

## Daylight Savings Time



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



## Looking Ahead

- October 4—Midwest Mission Distribution Center Trip
- October 19/20—Mission Socks Collection (PACT)
- October 20—Paint Party • 1 pm
- October 30th— Family Event..The Plagues! • 6 pm
- November 2/3—All Saints Weekend
- November 9/10—Veteran’s Day Weekend
- November 9—District Wide Charge Conference
- November 16/17—Mission Socks (Giving Tree) & Harvest Sunday (please bring food for food pantry)
- November 24—Bible Sunday

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

*Worship*

## Life In The Temple

*Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?* – Apostle Paul, 1 Cor. 3:16

If you visited San Francisco, what landmark would you want to see? Probably, you would want to cross the most photographed bridge in the world, the Golden Gate Bridge built in 1937. Spanning nearly a mile long, the Golden Gate majestically views the city and the endless Pacific Ocean.

And if you visited New York city, you probably would have on your list to photograph and tour the Statue of Liberty. Dedicated in 1886, it boldly symbolizes humanity's pursuit of freedom.

Likewise, if you traveled abroad to Rome, you would not want to miss seeing the Flavian Amphitheatre, better known as the Colosseum located in Rome. Construction finished in 80 AD, and it was the largest stadium in the world at that time, seating 50,000 people.

But if you could travel to Jerusalem at the time of Jesus, you could not miss the Temple dedicated to Yahweh which dominated the city's hilltop. Herod enlarged the Temple Mount, with east and west wall measuring over 1500 feet, and south and north walls of over 900 feet. How big is that? You can easily place 20 football fields within the Temple Mount. There were no competing buildings of any size to obstruct the dominance of the Temple. It was central to Israel's belief in one God.

At Jesus' death, the veil which covered the innermost part room of the Temple, called the Holy of Holies, was torn in two. The New Testament instructs us that we now are the Temple of God, that the Holy Spirit lives in us.

Temples are a place of worship, a meeting place with our Creator and Redeemer. Psalm 100 rightfully teaches us to "Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise", with joyful noise and singing.

As we measure God's goodness in our lives, let us daily reflect on the beauty of the earth, the marvel of living organisms, and the treasures of the love of family, friends, and the love of God; Always giving thanks.

*~ Pastor John*

## Paint Party



The Connection Team will be hosting another Paint Party on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. The class will last approximately 2 hours.

Spaces are limited, so pre-registration is appreciated. The cost is \$20. Casey Mc Cullough, art teacher at Prarire Central High school, will lead the class. No experience is required and the event is open to all ages! Come join the FUN!!

Snacks and drinks will be provided. For more information, please contact a member of the Connection Team: Judy Eckhoff, Cathy Walker-Steidinger, Danielle Brown, Carol Steinman, Gail Anliker, Susan Hawthorne, Bonnie Clark, Linda Goltz or Kathy Eagleson.

Sign up sheets will be located in the hallway, just outside of the Sanctuary.

## Confirmation



Congratulations to our 2019 Confirmands. Welcome to the congregation!

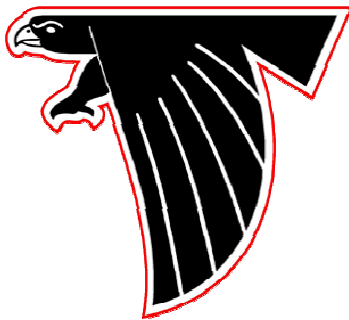
Martise Evans  
Keegan Frashier  
Olivia Hawthorne  
Phillip Littell  
Wrigley Maxey  
Mitchel Quinley  
Katie Steidinger

## Wesleyana Circle

On September 10, 2019, the remnants of Wesleyana Circle met at Hollybrook Villa. After much discussion, debate and soul searching it was decided that the Wesleyana Circle would disband. This was a sad decision as we were the last circle of the Gibson City United Methodist Women. Being unable to gain new members of any age, we have now gone the way or many other organizations with similar problems. We had a treasury balance of \$37, which we sent to Cunningham Children's Home. We would like to thank the congregation for their support over the many years.

~ Christine Hazen, Chairman

## 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' Day

All Saints Sunday is November 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 21st.

*Thank You*

A big Thank You goes out to our congregation for all the donations and support you have given for Pie Night for the past 20 years! The residents at Heritage Manor really look forward to this monthly activity. You are all very special to us.

### Mick & The Pie Gang

Congratulations to Jake & Mariah Hildebrand on the birth of their daughter, Clarke Susan. Clarke was welcomed home by her parents and big brother, Drew.



## Veteran's Day

The weekend of November 9th/10th, 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.

# PRAYERS, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES

*Happy Birthday!*

Kyle Knerr	1
Abby McNutt	1
Don Douglas	2
Cooper Whitehouse	2
Leila Greenlee	3
Janet Davis	5
Connor Main	5
Carl Reum	5
Ty Royal	5
Kaylee Richardson	5
Sam Augspurger	5
Delmar Bedel	6
Pearl Chase	7
Tom Barnes	8
Tammy Lindquist	8
Danielle Eckerty	9
Matthew Ertel	9
Linda Lindelof	9
Jack Willoby	9
Doug Maxey	10
Matt Bell	11
Parker Chase	11
Phillip Littell	13
Zoe Wier	13
Angie Davis	13
Wayne Apperson	14

Abigail Cope	14
Joann Hildenbrand	14
William Dewey	15
Molly Ertel	15
Scott Moody	15
Ryan Strebeck	15
Adam Rosendahl	17
Audrey Maxey	18
Sidney Overman	18
Shelly Overman	20
Kenna McCall	21
Evelyn Patton	21
Timothy Young	21
Donna Eckerty	22
Andy Young	22
Timothy Littell	22
Amia Bennett	23
Ian Rotramel	23
Isaac Rotramel	23
Carly Wilson	23
Jack Wachstetter	24
Rhonda Eckerty	25
Mary Ann Hood	26
Jillian Nagle	26
Leigh Ann Sharp	26
Angela Poe	27
Danielle Tipsord	27
Nora Ehler	27
Linda Goltz	28
Nelda Jordan	29
Mick Kingsley	29
Alex Ward	29
Dwain Parker	29

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

	Day	Years
Cameron & Tracy Richardson	1	
Kolin & Jenna Vogel	4	5
David and Laura Hazen	7	19
Lonnie and Michelle Engel	12	23
Jason and Sarah Peterson	20	12
Bill and Sarah Tubbs	21	63
Russell and Diana Ehlers	26	23
James and Christine Hazen	31	55



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## Offering & Attendance

Jan—Aug 2019 Offering for Budget	\$172,923.62
Jan—Aug 2019 Operating Expenses	\$218,770.88

Weekend	Sat 5:30	Sun 8:45	Sun 11:00
<b>August 24th &amp; 25th</b>	18	86	
<b>August 31st &amp; Sept 1</b>	20	90	
<b>September 7th &amp; 8th</b>	20	98	36
<b>September 14th &amp; 15th</b>	15	68	
<b>September 21st &amp; 22nd</b>	19	126	37

### Nursing Home Residents

#### Manor

Delores Brown  
Ruth Fisher  
Edna Goembel  
Carol Hari  
Jane Hill  
Alfred Landau  
Phil Lutz  
Judith Peters

#### Annex

Doug Hager  
Marie Schneck  
Joan Longmire  
Evelyn Wachstetter  
Wayne Apperson

### Paxton Health Care

Bill Dueringer

### Health Concerns

Delmar Bedel  
Heidi Brown  
Edith Christensen  
Nancy Davis  
Ruth Fisher  
Phil Lutz  
Bill Rusher  
Barbie & Bob Thomas

### Servicemen and women

SSG Colton Young  
AB Cody McCoy  
PFC Glenn Mehl III

# October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 1:00 pm Communion Manor/Annex	2 Wednesday Night Fellowship	3 1:30 PM Connection Team	4	5 Communion 5:30 PM Saturday Night Light Worship
6 Communion 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast  8:45 AM Traditional Worship  10:00 AM Sunday School  11:00 AM Contemporary Worship	7 9:00 AM Prayers	8	9 Wednesday Night Fellowship	10	11 OFFICE CLOSED	12 5:30 PM Saturday Night Light Worship
13 8:45 AM Traditional Worship  10:00 AM Sunday School  11:00 AM Contemporary Worship	14 OFFICE CLOSED  9:00 AM Prayers	15 Newsletter Articles Due	16 Wednesday Night Fellowship	17	18	19 Mission Socks 5:30 PM Saturday Night Light Worship
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27 8:45 AM Traditional Worship  10:00 AM Sunday School  11:00 AM Contemporary Worship	28 9:00 AM Prayers	29 10:00 AM Communion/ Holly Brook	<b>30</b> Wednesday Night Fellowship  6:00 PM Family Night— The Plagues!	<b>31</b>	<b>Wednesday Night Fellowship</b> 5:30 PM—Fellowship Meal 6:00 PM—MS Youth (FCC) 6:30 PM—Growing in God 6:30 PM—HS Youth Group 7:30 PM—Sanctuary Choir	



# OCTOBER SERVICE SCHEDULE

	Liturgist	Greeters (West, South, North)	Acolytes	Sound Room (8:45)	Projector (8:45)	Projector (11:00)
<b>Oct 6</b>	Phil Noellsch	Jim Collison & Kim Fisher Rick & Becky Young Linda Goltz & Susan Shields	Isaac Rotramel	Jon Clark	Zander Wier	Katie Steidinger
<b>Oct 13</b>	Sharon Pool	Jim Collison & Kim Fisher Rick & Becky Young Linda Goltz & Susan Shields	Maysen Frashier	Lonnie Engel	Connor Engel	Kearfott Family
<b>Oct 20</b>	Donna Douglas	Glenn & Marsha Riddle Mike & Ann Young Kent & Jean Bielfeldt	Grace Steidinger	Steve Hawthorne	Erin Arsenault	Phillip Littell
<b>Oct 27</b>	Karen Kummerow	Glenn & Marsha Riddle Mike & Ann Young Kent & Jean Bielfeldt	Demi McCullough	Jon Clark	Dani Eckerty	Katie Steidinger

**Head Usher** for October is Jeff Eckhoff.

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Church Custodian—Dave Merritt Nursery Attendants—Melissa Jamison  
 Organist—Beverly Nagle Susan Schultz, Volunteer  
 Choir Director—Ruth Davis



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