



THE CHIMES NEWSLETTER

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors.



515-576-7586



As winter weather is quickly approaching, just a quick reminder of the cancellation policy at First UMC. If school is cancelled or has an early release due to weather, all activities at the church will also be cancelled.

If the weather is questionable on a Sunday morning, please listen to the radio for cancellation information or you may receive a "robo-call" from the church letting you know of the cancellation.

October Funeral Chairs

Pat Bennett 712-797-8157
Roxanne Morris 576-0083

Vashti Circle

October 4
Hostess: Bettie Heideman

FILLING STATION



October 3: Filling Station Dinner and Service (dinner starts at 5 pm with worship to follow)

October 17: Filling Station Dinner and Service (dinner starts at 5 pm with worship to follow)

October 28: Filling Station Sunday Service (9:45 worship service)



From Pastor Andrea

There are several topics that I grew up hearing that you should not talk to people about. The first was that you should never ask how old people are. To this day I still think that my dad's age is, "none of your business." The second thing I was told is that you should not talk about politics. This one has done me well. Be careful who you talk to because many times it is when the worst part of people comes out. Passion for politics can often come across as a "I am right and you are wrong." Third, I was told to not talk about religion. And well, that is kind of hard to do because I love God so much I want everyone to know about the love and grace of God and I love nothing more than talking about our amazing church!

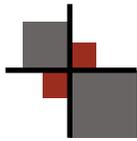
Finally, I was told to never talk about money. It is private and again, "none of your business." This is crazy to think about because Jesus talked about money more than anything else. "Jesus talked much about money. 16 of the 38 parables were concerned with how to handle money and possessions. In the Gospels, an amazing 1 out of 10 verses (288 in all) deal directly with the subject of money. The Bible offers 500 verses on prayer, less than 500 verses on faith, but more than 2,000 verses on money and possessions". (preachingtoday.com). 288 verses about how we are to handle our money. Well if Jesus thought it was more important to talk about money than prayer that we can see that it is just as big of a problem then as it is today.

Our One Board met on Tuesday night and heard our financial report from Jacob Asche our member in charge of finance. He reported to us that our summer giving was the lowest the church had seen in over 4 years. The question was, "What do we attribute this to?" Well we can think of a couple of things.

First, many people are so busy in the summer our attendance declines therefore people are not in church to give. Our average in the summer was 90-110 and our fall attendance is more like 125-150.

Secondly, we only have 35 members of our church doing electronic withdrawal. By doing EFT it guarantees that the ministries of the church will be funded even if you are unable to be in church.

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September/October Helpers

GREETERS			
Date	West Door	East Door	South Door
10/7	Stuart & Julie Andresen	Nick & Heather Cochrane	Laurel Mors
10/14	Connie Boyd	Mike & Jen Cordle	Mike & Beth Sullivant
10/21	Rick & Pat Bennett	Richard Nelson	George & Dee Fawkes
10/28	Marv & Ruth Hulse	Tom & Marilyn Brainerd	Joe & Karen Jackson
11/4	Jane Gibb	Bob & Donna Pearson	Lora Hendrickson
11/11	Jerry & Linda Beck	Jerry & Connie Schnurr	Gary & Joan LeValley
11/18	Ray & Nancy Scharf	Jerry & Beth Schnurr	Tami Habhab
11/25	Iris Jones	Jan & Phyllis Wilson	Betty Heideman

Date	Flowers	Coffee Host	Liturgist	Ushers
10/7		Wilson	Pat Bennett	McQueen/Wilson
10/14	Dallman	Rhiner	Jan Wilson	McQueen/Wilson
10/21	Schmalenberger	J & B Schnurr	Scott Johnston	McQueen/Wilson
10/28		Andresen	Michael Stanley	McQueen/Wilson
11/4	Schmalenberger	J & C Schnurr	Dave Beekman	Finke/E. Pearson
11/11	Beck	Jones	Jan Krass	Finke/E. Pearson
11/18	Waddell	Anderson	Kory Finke	Finke/E. Pearson
11/25	Nelson	Berryhill	John Metier	Finke/E. Pearson

I can't believe I am sitting down to write my October article for the Chimes. It seems like every time I submit an article, it's like the next day and Becky- our wonderful secretary- is asking for the next one! This month I want to tell you about one of my favorite things about my job- the high school youth group.

High school youth group meets every Sunday through the school year from 6:30 -8. We spend the time in fellowship- learning about each other, talking, and laughing. They are such a wonderful group of kids and I am so lucky that I get to spend my Sunday evening with them. Something that I admire about this group is that they are eager to learn about the Lord. They want to make sure we are getting in the Bible every week and learning things that can apply to our daily lives.

We spend our Sundays discussing a Bible study, watching a movie clip and discussing, and they ask very deep questions and give great insight. I love that this group can go from being silly and laughing to an in-depth conversation in the blink of an eye.

Another thing I love about this group is that although they are not all best friends in high school, or hang out in the same crowd, they can gather here on a Sunday evening and really enjoy each other's company. We always end the youth group talking about our prayer requests for the week. We also do service projects throughout the year- lately has been serving supper at the Beacon of Hope on Sunday evenings. These youth are a blessing to this congregation and community and they have huge hearts. It is definitely one of the highlights of my week.

I wanted to tell you about this group because I believe it is one of First UMCs "hidden gems". Nothing is usually happening in the church on Sunday evenings, so many do not know that this group is happening. The next time you see a high schooler in church, or at Filling Station, I encourage you to strike up a conversation. They are involved in so much at school and around the community. They truly are leaders and serve with an open heart. "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity." 1 Timothy 4:12

I am always looking for help Sunday evenings if you feel called to come and chaperone, or donate any sort of snacks/etc. I promise that you will leave Sunday night with your heart full of happiness- these are wonderful youth and we get the amazing opportunity to invest in their lives!

Megan



The Lord's Cupboard



October
The item for the Lord's Cupboard
this month:

**Mixed Vegetables
Canned Carrots
All in One Boxed Meals
(Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper,**

As always, there is a great need for paper products. Items may be placed in the shopping cart in Wesley Parlor or brought to the church office.

If you have grocery or shopping bags that you do not know what to do with—the Lord's Cupboard is now in need of bags again. Spread the word to your family and friends!



10/1	Jerry & Linda Beck	7 Yrs
10/2	Doug & Harriet Adams	47 Yrs
10/15	Harold & Bonnie Messerly	63 Yrs
10/17	Jon & Bridgett Setterdahl	31 Yrs
10/18	Richard & Laura Sanchez	4 Yrs
10/20	Wyman & Cindy Kjolsing	45 Yrs
10/26	Brent & Sara Meyer	

Keep Our Members in Your Prayers

Please keep the following members of First UMC in your prayers: Jennie Riesberg, director of Lord's Cupboard who is battling cancer, Kaye Berry, Bonnie Kersten, those in nursing homes and those men and women in our armed forces. Please let the church office know of anyone who may need prayers.

You are called to **SHINE** for the fall mission sale

Work days: October 10-13; Sale days: October 11-13

- S-** Sharing — Bring items from your home that you no longer need or want and donate them to the rummage sale plus bring baked goods.
- H-** Helping — Volunteer to work at the sale.
- I-** Including — We want to include everyone in some way with this fundraising activity to support our missions.
- N-** Nourishing— Enjoy the wonderful treats for coffee time and the lunches provided for our workers during the week of the sale. Your heart and soul will also be nourished by working with others for a wonderful cause.
- E-** Exalting — Join us when we celebrate the completion of another successful Sale for missions.

It is almost time for our semi-annual fund raising sale for missions. We hope you have found items in your home and garage to donate. Items can be brought to the church beginning Sunday, September 30. If you need help carrying items to the church basement, the Boy Scouts will help on Tuesday, Oct. 9, from 7-8. Your donations are tax deductible with a receipt from our church, so let us know if you want a receipt. Furniture, tools, sporting goods, toys, small appliances, jewelry, household and decorative items usually sell the best. Donate seasonal clothing that is clean and in good shape. We are asking that you do not donate older electronics (tv, computer) as they have limited interest and we often have to pay to dispose of them if no one buys them.

We hope many of you will attend our "sneak peek" sale from 4-6 on Thursday, October 11. You can either donate \$2 or bring two food and/or paper products for the Lord's Cupboard in order to take advantage of this early bird sale. Please encourage all of your friends and neighbors to attend not only the "sneak peek" sale but the sale on Friday and Saturday – we need many "shoppers" to help us raise money for missions.

Place the following dates on your calendar and join us in working and shopping at the sale.

Wed.	Oct. 10—	8 – 4	set out donated items
Thurs.	Oct. 11—	8 – 4	mark items and "early bird" sales from 4-6
Fri.	Oct. 12—	8 - 4:30	sale day
Sat.	Oct. 13—	8 - 12	bag sale (\$2 per bag or half-price on larger items)
		12:30 - ?	pack up items, take them to other organizations, and clean up

If you wish to volunteer, have questions, or need help with your donations, please call Phyllis Wilson 515-576-0296 or 515-570-2502, Deanna Rhiner 515-573-4770 or 515-570-3235, or Pat Bennett 515-570-4368.

Mission Volunteer Trip 2019

Several people have asked if there will be a Mission Volunteer Trip to the United Methodist Life Enrichment Center (LEC) in Fruitland Park, Florida in 2019. John Long, volunteer coordinator, suggested the week of January 14th through 18th. So I selected to leave Des Moines, Saturday, January 12th and return on Saturday, Jan. 19th.

A direct Frontier flight from Des Moines on Saturday, January 12th at 10:10 a.m. and arriving in Orlando at 2:15 p.m. with a return flight leaving Orlando on January 19th at 3:05 p.m., arriving in Des Moines at 5:17 p.m. has a basic cost of \$187 (currently lower cost and better times, but more congested Airport)

The second option is a direct flight through Allegiant leaving Des Moines on Saturday, January 12th at 5:46 p.m., arriving in Orlando/Sanford at 9:26 p.m. The return flight would leave Saturday, January 19th at 1:41 p.m., and arrive in Des Moines at 3:39 p.m., with a basic cost of \$203!

Groups from our church have had some amazing experiences and look forward to next year. We cherish the "special bonding" with each other which continues on our return to Fort Dodge. The experiences are so significant, several of the volunteers will be returning for their 2nd, 3rd and 4th times! See the LEC website for more information: www.lecretreats.org or LEC Facebook.

We again will be staying in one of LEC lodges, similar to a motel, two twin beds, shower/bath and A/C. Our meals will be in the dining room. The LEC will provide transportation to and from the airport.

We feel \$525 per person will cover all the expenses for the week, including the flight, ground transportation, excursions, meals and housing and a financial gift to LEC. We hope you will consider going!

If you are interested in going, please send a note or call.

Jan and Phyllis (576-0296 or 570-2502) jpwilson@frontiernet.net

Lectionary Reading



October 7

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Job 1:1,2:1-10

Psalm 26

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

Mark 10:2-16

October 14

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Psalm 22:1-15

Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 10:17-31

October 21

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Job 38:1-7

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c

Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10:35-45

October 28

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Psalm 34:1-8

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 10:46-52

*Happy
Birthday*

10/3 Curt Johnson
Ronald Jones
10/4 Dave Lohff
10/6 Andrea Hanson
10/7 Roland Johnson
10/9 Bobbi Dallman
10/11 Nancy Scharf
10/12 Thomas Schmoker
Dyann Peterson
10/15 Darcy Becker
Jan Messerly
Kevin Thompson
Aspen Stephan
10/16 Judy Waddell
10/18 Don Wakeman
Julie Hambleton
10/19 Marta Kramer
10/19 Carol Lennon
10/21 Marilyn Peterson
10/23 Michael Scacci
10/23 Paula Gawtry
Cassandra Willer
Alex Beekman
10/24 Eric Pearson
10/27 Todd Stephan
10/29 Thomas Woodruff
Baylie Stephan
Zach Popp
10/39 Gail Linde
10/31 Phyllis Wilson

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Finally, we all have a fear of trust. We have to trust God that we will have enough money for the entire month if we give to God and our church from the top and not the bottom. What does this mean? It means that one of the commitments we make as a member of our church is that we will give. Give of our "prayers, presence, our gifts (financial gifts), and our service." (UM hymnal pg. 48) We often times fear that if we give to God at the same time as our other commitments (bills) we may not have enough at the end of the month. But if we trust that God will provide then giving should be at the top of our giving list and not when we see if we have any left-overs.

As of September 1st we are in a deficit of \$69,000. I hope you will pray about this. I hope you will consider signing up for EFT. I hope you will make a new financial commitment to the church. I hope you will continue your generous giving. I hope that you will commit like my family will to give a little more.

We have a great excitement for the ministries of this church. We have amazing staff here at the church who give of their time and talents to the church. We have so many volunteers who share their gifts of singing, playing bells, teaching our kids and adults, cooking, cleaning, helping in the office, and so many more. I am excited for the ministries that have started this fall and the ones that will come. But all this is done because of your generosity and your giving. Please be in prayer with me as we continue this fall in contemplating your current giving and how you might step up your giving or to sign up for EFT so your giving is on a monthly basis.

Thank you so much for all that you do and give to the church. I feel so blessed to be in ministry with you. And if there is anything I can do to support you better, please don't hesitate to stop in the office. The coffee pot is always on!

Pastor Andrea

The First United Methodist Church Chimes

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Amy Champagne, Children's Choirs Director
Gretchen Stanley, Chancel Choir
Brian Robison, Wesley Ringers
Amy Champagne & Gretchen Stanley
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Jon Schuman, Chief Financial Officer
Anna Jones, Laney Jones & Lyndsey Bennett,
and Jenna Lee, Nursery Assistants
Carol Schwarz & Linda Wakeman, Custodians
Josh Goebel, Maintenance

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Worship Schedule

Sunday

8:30 am Sunday School
9:45 am Worship Service

Office Hours

Mon—Thur 8:00 am-4:30 pm
Fri—8:00 am-Noon

**The mission of First United
Methodist Church is to Love,
Grow and Serve in Jesus
Christ**

Loving: Loving God and
neighbors in all we say, do and
live.

Growing: Growing faith through
worship, prayer, and the study of
God's word.

Serving: Serving others and
sharing God's message.