

## We are Stewards

**Psalm 24:1** The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

The bible invites us to be stewards. God calls his people to manage their relationships well, to take care of the earth use their possessions in responsible ways, and be generous givers to his work. This is because everything belongs to God. We are simply stewards, managers or administrators acting on his behalf. We do not have the right of control over our property or ourselves.

The word *stewardship* comes from the Greek word *oikonomos* which means somebody who manages a household. That person doesn't own the household but manages it. And stewards in the ancient world, of course were trusted with everything from seeing that the floors were clear to the finances, to the public face of that household. Joseph is a good biblical example of that. The story of Joseph tells of how he as the 12<sup>th</sup> born of Jacob's sons is treated wrongly by his brothers because they are jealous and sell him to Egypt. There, he gets sold to an Egyptian official called Potiphar, who put him in charge of his household and entrusted to his care everything he owned. Joseph was a trustworthy steward.

Equally, God calls us to be trustworthy. Our gifts and talents, money and time belong to God. How do we steward these? We have accountability, responsibility, and opportunity over what we have. As stewards, we are accountable to God for what we do with what he has trusted to us. We all will give an account of what we did with what God gave us. Remember He is the owner of our lives and one day you and I will tell him what we did with it. He is the owner of that which we call our possessions. One day he will want to know how we used that to serve him. Because he is the legit owner, we are simply stewards.

—Pastor Susan Murithi

## Important Dates

October 7 – **Confirmation Classes** begin for those 12 and over who haven't yet been confirmed. Please see the pastor for more information.

October 21 – 5:30 **Community Pig Roast!** Invite friends and neighbors to a free meal and fun times. The meat and drink are provided; all you need to bring is a side dish.

October 28 – 4-6:00 **Trick or Treat for UNICEF.** Our children will trick or treat around Mentor, then enjoy pizza.

November 4 – 5:30-8:00 **JC's Coffeehouse.** Another opportunity to invite friends! It is a wonderful evening of musical entertainment while we enjoy coffee and desserts, with an auction to be held during intermission.

November 11 – **Veterans Recognition** during worship. Give name and branch of service to Rita or add to sign up sheet in entry. Can you share a picture ?

November 25 – 4:00 **Network Church Conference** –Six neighboring UM churches convene here!

November 25, December 2 & December 9 – taking donations to include your name in the **Christmas Greetings.**

December 1 – **Hanging of the Greens**, starting with coffee and doughnuts at 8:30 am.

December 2 – Bring **poinsettias** to church. If they are in memory of a loved one, those names should be turned in by the 16th for publication in the Dec. 23 bulletin.

December 9 – *Children* bring us Christmas music.

December 9 – 3:00 - 6:00 **CHRISTMAS CAROLING**, then soup supper!

December 16 – **Choir Cantata** during worship, and Christmas dinner following worship!

MENTOR UMC

# INFORMER

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Our mission: to be faithful disciples  
who share Christ's love with their  
neighbors and the world.



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# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Oct 10 - Michael Hitchcock (B)

Oct 14 - Rev. Dee Williamston (B)

Oct 15 - Clayton Short (B)

Oct 18 - Dennis & Jamie Hofmeier (Anniv 1980)

Oct 25 - Don Sundgren (B)

Oct 26 - Ethan Wampler (B)

## Special Veterans Recognition – November 11<sup>th</sup>

Give names of servicemen, and the branches they serve(d) to Rita Tinkler, or sign the sheet in the church entry. A picture of your hero would be appropriate and welcome.

**Oct 21**



**5:30**

**Y'all come! And invite your friends & neighbors. The meat is being donated, but with the stipulation that we invite everyone within 5 miles. So, let's meet this challenge! Invite! Invite! Invite! And all you have to contribute for the meal is a side dish! Looking forward to seeing you!**

## September Attendance and Offering

	Attendance Sunday Sch	Attendance Worship	Offering Received	Offering Needed
Sept 2	10	34	1569	1346.15
Sept 9	16	58	1056	1346.15
Sept 16	7	36	215	1346.15
Sept 23	13	44	1064	1346.15
Sept 30	17	53	1387	1346.15
Month total			5,291	6,730.75
2018 Year to date			49,941.81	54,675
2017 Year to date			46,709.96	58,650
2016 Year to date			56,616.14	58,650
2015 Year to date			55,048.23	57,750

## Bible Quiz

After Cain killed Abel, their parents, Adam and Eve, had another son. What did they name the baby?

A. Seth   B. Enoch   C. Shem   D. Lamech

(Answer below)



Wow! What made my 90th so special were all the cards and seeing so many of my church families. It was wonderful. Rain or shine it was great. I miss you all!

Thanks again, — Vaughn Melander

Answer to Bible Quiz above: A (See Genesis 4:25)

## -A prayer for pumpkin people-

After Liz Curtis Higgs wrote the popular children's book *The Pumpkin Patch Parable*, people began using her analogies to say a prayer while carving their Halloween pumpkins. The pumpkin prayer, a Christian alternative to Halloween traditions, reminds people of all ages what God has done for us. Use it this fall when your family makes jack-o'-lanterns.

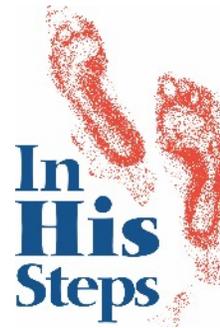
- While cutting off the top of the pumpkin, pray, "Lord, open my mind so I can learn new things about you." (See Proverbs 1:7.)
- While removing the seeds and pulp, pray, "Remove the things in my life that don't please you. Forgive the wrong things I do, and help me forgive others." (See Matthew 6:14-15.)
- While making eyes, pray, "Open my eyes to see the beauty you've made in the world around me." (See Psalm 104:24.)
- While making the nose, pray, "I'm sorry for the times I've turned up my nose at your many gifts." (See James 1:17.)
- While making the mouth, pray, "Let everything I say please you." (See Psalm 19:14.)
- While lighting the candle, pray, "Lord, help me show your light to others through the things I do." (See Matthew 5:16.)

After carving your pumpkins, display them as examples of how God's love transforms us into new creations. (See 2 Corinthians 5:17.)

## JC's Coffeehouse!

**Nov. 2 starting at 5:30.**

**Entertainers on stage, coffee and desserts from the kitchen, what more could you ask for? An auction? OK, we've got that too. So bring the whole family, and invite your friends too.**



## Mentor UMC's Vision Statement:

**To be faithful disciples who share Christ's love with our neighbors and the whole world.**

Now how can we go about this? We invite our friends and neighbors to the **Pig Roast Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>**, to **JC's Coffeehouse Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>**, or to any of our events or to Sunday worship.

## *Mentor Ladies* –

Mentor Ladies met September 18, 2018 at McCall Manor at 1:30 pm. Kendra Carlin read an article "Subject God" that Dorothy Delker brought. The minutes of the last meeting were read. It was reported that the first Wednesday after school program had 4 students attend. Mike Garretson, Barbara Hofmeier, Susan Mueller, and Kendra Carlin helped with the activities. Barbara Hofmeier moved we buy new knives for the church kitchen. Seconded by DeEtta Larsen. Motion carried. Kendra Carlin volunteered to shop for new knives. Barbara Hofmeier read "What Are Your Gifts?" based on scripture from Corinthians. Diane Russell volunteered to bring snacks for the next meeting on October 16, 2018. Those present were Rene Morrow, Dorothy Delker, Susan Mueller, Virginia Lilly, Helen Nichols, Kendra Carlin, Diane Russell, DeEtta Larsen, Barbara Hofmeier, and Barbara Archer. – *Barbara Archer, Secretary*



Practices will be starting Wed's 6:30 for our community choir! We have so much fun and camaraderie, you'll want to join us! All this will culminate in a Cantata presented Dec. 16 during worship.

