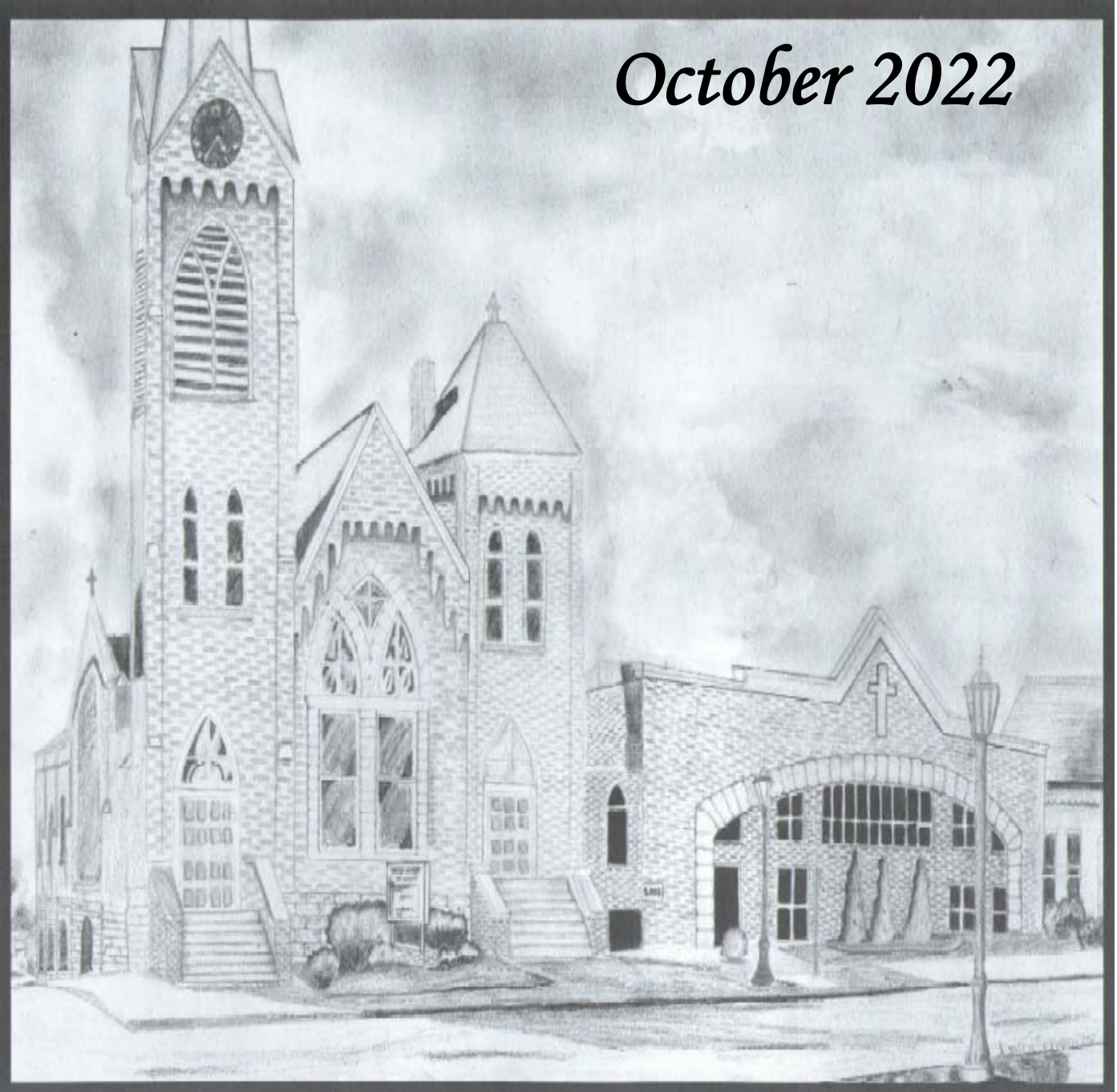


The Tidings

October 2022



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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New Beginnings

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.” Genesis 1:1.31

The first book of the bible, Genesis, answers so many questions about life. It answers where we came from. It answers why life is so hard. It answers why people die. It answers what God is looking for in his followers. In October we will look at the creation story, Abraham, and Joseph. So many great stories in the book of Genesis. I encourage you to read through this book the next couple of months. We'll finish our Simple Church series on October 9th when we look at the final part of the discipleship process, sharing our own story and our faith with others.

On Wednesday night October 5th, we are starting a men's bible study and women's bible study. It will meet after the fellowship meal at 6:30 and last till 7:30. Brett Hall will lead the men's study and Holly Bieri will lead the women's study. These studies are for men and women of all ages. Contact them or the office if you are interested. They will go through the book Core52 that covers the bible from Genesis to Revelation. You can find out more about Core52 at their website, www.core52.org. Everyone that attends will get their own Core52 book. The bible study will go until the Thanksgiving break and then pick back up again after the first of the year.

Ronda Mortensen and several others have been busy redecorating, updating, painting, and making the nursery look brand new the last couple of weeks. We want to make sure our young families know we are making their children one of our top priorities. Come and check out the nursery in the next week or two and see all the changes. It's exciting to see all of our children up front during children's time or singing a special with God's Singers. We are blessed with an abundance of youth for which we are thankful. We want to continue to invest in youth of all ages.

I love October. I love cool mornings. I love watching the sunrise while fishing with my dad at the lake or watching the sun set from my tree stand while hunting in the fall. It's a wonderful time of year. Our church fall party takes place along with other activities like the high school hayride and pumpkin carving party. When we see the changing leaves and colors of fall we are reminded of our creator and his creation. Spend some time in October outside enjoying his creation and thanking him for all his blessings. I'm thankful for a church that is committed to growing spiritually and fellowshiping with one another. Each one of us is striving to be the disciple that Jesus wants us to be. That is when great things for God take place.

Serving Christ Together,

Russ



California United Church of Christ
September 12, 2022 – Consistory Meeting Highlights

The California UCC Consistory met for its regular monthly meeting Sept 12, 2022. Pastor Cobb opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the August 2022 meeting, Congregational Meeting Minutes on August 28, Treasurer's Report, Financial Secretary's Report, Stewardship Snapshot and Local Benevolence Report were reviewed and approved.

Reports and updates were given by committees and organizations. Evangelism continues working on t-shirt designs. Worship Committee met and named a chair, Lisa Milligan and secretary Mary Beth Deeken. The Committee asked for the backdrop for family photos on special Sundays to be set up on piano side in order to keep the banner viewable. Worship committee is asking for greeters/ushers to hand bulletins out to guests or those who miss picking them up. Advent and poinsettia plans are in place. Dec 25th service time is being reviewed, need to verify with Salem before it is finalized. Memorial, Stewardship, and Schnuck Endowment have nothing to report.

Building and Grounds updates-

Front Doors: hardware is fixed, stain is still not looking great. They will fix with a gel stain this fall.

Andy replaced the burnt-out light on east clock face.

Brady's made paper template of the windows last Friday with Imhoff's lift. There is a 8-10 week lag to get the windows made—looking for replacement in Dec/Jan. We will need to coordinate with Imhoff to get the plexiglass removed and the windows painted, caulked, and window glazing replaced to ensure we do not have to take the window off for quite some time. This is outside of the original painting bid so it will be an additional cost, but should be under \$5,000.

Imhoff finished the painting and plaster job on Wed. Sept 7th. Issues will be addressed (just a couple spots to finish up).

California construction bill for \$145 for storm window replacement.

Boiler install is in progress, but the boiler has not arrived. Estimated install in October.

Landscape design reviewed, committee to be formed to do the work on the flower bed. VanDee Miller moved to approve a budget up to \$4500 for the flower bed in front of the building. Seconded by Alan Chambers. Motion Carried.

Gym RTU install in October.

Brotherhood and Women's Guild continue to meet with good discussions and studies. Sunday School has started a study on Revelation and some will finish "The Story". Youth group is successfully meeting during Sunday school with some additional get togethers outside of church. Pumpkin Carving planned soon.

Pastor's Report – Rev. Cobb—August 2022—4/4 Worship Services. 1 Funeral. 28 DVD deliveries. 26 Days at Office. 4 Prayer Cell meetings. 1 UCC California Consistory Meeting. 4 Recordings of Time of Hope. 6 Office Visits. 4 Signing Birthday Cards. 18 Home/Work/Nursing Home visits. 4 High School VB/SB/FB Games. 1 Salem Ice Cream Social. 2 Ministerial Alliance Meetings/Alan Bailey Ordination Service. 1 Hospital Visit. 1 Men's Brotherhood Meeting. 1 Baptism. 1 High School Youth Group Party. 2 Visits with families to plan funeral. 1 Trip to KC Airport for a church member. 1 Family Pool Night. 1 Summer Block Party in Parking lot. 1 Tidings Article. 2 days off upcoming. Title of discussion during Western Association meeting is "Pursuing Justice and Equity."

Old Business:

Non-Member Funeral Policy and Wedding Policy tabled for a couple months. Office Manager Assistant—Norman Rohrbach and Larry Rohrbach are willing to help as needed.

Sound System, need to get set up for future training—One person has been trained, still need additional volunteers.

Christmas Program & Christmas Day Service-Worship committee recommended 10am, need to verify with Salem. Christmas Program details to be decided by Sunday School.

Wednesday Night Meals – Coordinator- Judy Burger, Thank you to Judy!

Permission given to Letha to utilize the Sam's Card to offset increased food prices.

Andy requested that we start to plan for annual meeting regarding increasing the cost limit for the consistory from \$5,000 to \$15,000.

New Business:

Church Mutual (building insurance) raised rates to nearly \$500/quarter—seemingly subject to the roof claim.

Nursery Project: Betty Cobb, Ronda Mortenson. Plan and bid made to revamp the nursery with volunteers and a small budget was presented. Motion to approve the plan with a budget of up to \$2500 made by Ronnie Kissick, seconded by Alan Chambers. Motion Carried. Big thank you to Ronda Mortenson for heading up this project!

Second Elevator- A member has commented to a couple of consistory members that there may be a need for an additional elevator in our church. The cost would be very high, however, there was discussion on a chair lift added to the wide stairs closest to the current elevator.

Additional Announcements: Please reach out to Alan Chambers regarding the flower bed project if you have time and energy to assist. Please reach out to Ronnie Kissick or Andy Burger if you would dedicate your time and talents to helping in the sound booth.

Communion Dates – October 2nd.

Respectfully Submitted, VanDee Miller, Secretary, 9/12/22

STEWARDSHIP SNAPSHOT

	<u>August 2022</u>	<u>August 2021</u>
General Fund		
Balance Brought Forward	\$ 72,267.54	\$ 74,373.07
Receipts	+ 35,028.05	+ \$ 25,315.55
Disbursements	- \$ 22,993.34	- \$ 23,281.88
Balance – August 31	\$ 84,302.25	\$ 76,406.74
As of August 31, 2022		
Building Fund Balance	\$ 94,839.89	\$ 30,198.65
Local Benevolence Fund Balance	\$ 8,993.79	\$ 8,768.78
Memorial Fund Balance	\$ 8,276.17	\$ 12,507.82
Schnuck Endowment Fund Balance	\$ 28,517.10	\$ 79,117.81
Scholarship Fund Balance	\$ 9,789.63	\$ 9,838.28
Youth Fellowship Fund Balance	\$ 2,670.83	\$ 3,700.39
 Total OCWM Received	 \$ 3,277.00	 \$ 13,051.77
Other Benevolent Offerings	\$ 15,595.53	\$ 4,343.00

Note on 2022 Snapshot regarding Schnuck Endowment

**The C. Schnuck Endowment Checking Fund balance of \$28,517.10 includes \$1,166.49 that is part of the original restricted gift and is unable to be expended. \$27,350.61 of the fund balance may be expended.*

*I would like to sincerely thank each of you for the cards, visits, meals
and prayers during my recovery from this first surgery!*

Thank you so much for thinking of me!

God bless you all!

Deb McDaniel



Special Benevolence— October

The Salvation Army of Jefferson City, Missouri

The benevolence offering for the month of October is the Salvation Army Center of Hope. The Center of Hope is an emergency shelter for homeless men, women, and parents with children. It is the only shelter in the Jefferson City area that accommodates and can house all these groups, including veterans and senior citizens.

The Center of Hope Emergency Shelter provides social services that include a food pantry, clothing vouchers for the Salvation Army Thrift Store, Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, Christmas assistance for food and toys for families, Christmas and Easter gifts for nursing home residents. Additional services available to help the homeless or near-homeless are the Pathway for Hope Program, rent and utility assistance and a permanent housing program. There are services specifically for children, such as free scouting programs, summer camps, kids choir and Christmas Kids.

The Salvation Army Corps provides Sunday School for all ages on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. and regular worship service on Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Please prayerfully consider giving to this worthy Christian cause.



UCC Brotherhood Minutes – Monday, September 26, 2022

Refreshments – The meeting began with a delicious light meal provided by Dave and Rhonda Meyer.

Program – The program for the evening was provided by Bailey McGill, Registered Nurse with the Moniteau County Health Department. Bailey is one of a staff of eight persons employed by the health department, located on Francis Street here in California. She provided information on the range of services offered at the department. They offer the WIC (women, infants, children) program, various screenings, injections, a well-child clinic, adult wellness clinics, testing programs, health education classes as well as numerous other services. They also offer wellness labs for \$5 each, including CBC (complete blood count), CMP (comprehensive metabolic panel), TSH (thyroid stimulating hormone), PSA (Prostate Specific Antigen), and Hemoglobin A1C – all available without a doctor's order. Bailey noted that this the time of year for getting a flu vaccination and they also have the most recent covid booster available. The covid booster is offered in the clinic on Friday's only, but both vaccinations will be offered in several drive-up clinics this fall. It is permissible to get both the flu vaccination and covid booster at the same time if desired. The health department has home covid test kits available upon request. Bailey noted that there has been one case of monkey pox in Moniteau County. The health department communicates with schools in the county on a weekly basis to monitor flu and other illnesses throughout the year. She also shared that hospitalizations due to covid have dropped dramatically in recent months. The health department is funded with a mix of county, state and federal funds.

Business Meeting – Abe called the meeting to order with approximately 21 members in attendance. The minutes of the August meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was approved with a current balance of \$2491.35. Tony mentioned that we have bills for fish and the prisoner meal pending. He noted that the Women's Guild provided two noon meals for the prison project at no cost to the Brotherhood. Abe took a count of 22 members and guests that will be attending the meal at Central UCC church on Tuesday, October 4. He thanked everyone who helped make this year's prison project a great success.

Devotion – Dave Meyer provided a thoughtful devotion based on Leviticus 23:22 "And when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field to its very border, nor shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest; you shall leave them for the poor and for the stranger: I am the Lord your God." Dave noted that even though in today's world, people in need aren't in the habit of walking through crop fields picking up grain leavings, we need to be mindful of the needs of folks less fortunate and provide of our excess as to their needs. The devotion concluded with the singing of "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

*Respectfully,
Norman Rohrbach
Secretary*

September 6, 2022 Sunday School Teachers & Officers

Judy Burger called meeting to order at 7:02 PM with Rev. Cobb opening with a prayer. Those present were Steven Burger, Ronda Mortenson, Courtney Cassil, Larry Rohrbach, Beth Chambers, Lauren Lawson, Carole Barbour, Roberta Spieler, Cinda Scheidt, David and Cressida Gattermeir, Judy Burger, Rev. Russell Cobb and Carla Clennin.

Larry made a motion to accept the August meeting minutes as presented. Carole seconded. Motion carried. Steven made a motion to accept the August treasurer's report as presented. Roberta seconded. Motion carried.

The Festival of Sharing is our local benevolence for September. The Festival of Sharing is a cooperative response to world hunger, poverty, and injustice. These concerns motivate our actions to raise awareness of the causes and generate solutions. Our goal is to promote and support projects and programs by providing funding and resource goods. When people of faith come together and share, we can make a positive and powerful difference in the lives of people in need. They will be hosting seven regional events throughout September-October. These interfaith gatherings of resources connect the state of Missouri with a common goal: providing resources for our neighbors in need. Join us to experience the joy of sharing.



Old Business:

Senior High Curriculum – Russ reported that Beth Dampf will be coordinating different adults to come teach Sunday for the Senior High's to go over Core52 curriculum. Each week the students are asked to read the Bible study then Sunday will discuss. This past Sunday was lead by Kris and Dyan Ingram, Ginnie Medlin will be teaching on September 11, and Ross and Kim Robertson is scheduled for the following Sunday. They had good attendance this past Sunday. Russ also want to express with so many of the students in activities at school it has been hard to meet for youth group, some of the Sunday School time will discuss youth group activities. Russ said, they are planning a hayride in October, a live Nativity on a float during the Christmas parade.

Veggie Tales Carnival – Ronda updated the group on how things are proceeding for the Carnival. Ronda had asked, some of the youth to help with games, walking around with the kids to make sure they go to each station. There is a total of ten stations: Ker plunk, temporary tattoo booth, photo booth, pool noodle raceway, flamingo ring toss, dunk the duck, mini golf, pin the nose on the clown, Jonah bean bag toss and disc drop and a cupcake walk. She asked Rev. Cobb to send out the information to the Ministerial Alliance members. Fliers will be hung up around town. Special thanks to Ronda and Allan for making these games as they will be used for many years.

Reaching Our Kids (ROK) Carole said, everything we needed to know about ROK is in the September Tidings. Please check it out.

Fall party – Judy has asked Norman and Joyce Rohrbach to host the fall party, waiting on a response. Food will be Chili, hot dogs, with all the fixings, talked about a photo shoot booth, bounce house – Judy will contact Ronnie Kissick, Crafts – Mollie Wolford will be asked to coordinate. Steven said, he can coordinate the hay wagons and talk with his class about the tables/chairs.

David and Cressida Gattermeir will be Co-Superintendent's for 2023 starting in January. Thanks to the David & Cressida for accepting this position.

New/other Business:

Vacation Bible School (VBS) offering - Judy announced they brought in \$851 from VBS. She asked, how the group wanted to divide the funds between Buddy Pack (Moniteau Co.) and Heifer International for a water pump project. She said, if the Sunday School would be willing to offer \$49 to make the total donations \$900. Steven made a motion to add the additional \$49 for VBS making the total \$900. Beth seconded. Motion passed. The group said it was up to Judy and Jo Ann how to distribute the funds.

Carla has updated the church's website for the Sunday School. Several changes needed to be made, if anyone sees anything else that needs changed, please let her know.

Steven stated he will be changing the blue SS class placard's now that a couple of classes has switched rooms.

Nursery - it had been asked what time Taylor Ratcliff opens the nursery, since we have some young adults with kids that are not old enough to go to the Pre-K class yet, if a nursery would be available. The nursery will have an attendant from 9:45 am till after church. It was asked that this announcement be made during SS opening and added to the bulletin.

Ronda announced that VBS 2023 will be June 25-29. This year's VBS will be Stellar. Ronda asked for a budget of \$2,000 to purchase the kit, help with decorations and miscellaneous items. Steven made a motion to accept the budget proposed by Ronda for Stellar. Courtney seconded. Motion carried.



Lauren asked if there were 3-4 metal chairs she could use for her classroom. She can find them in Fellowship hall and get as many as she needs.

Cressida made a motion to adjourn at 8:09 pm. Larry seconded.
Next meeting will be Monday, October 3, 2022, at 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted, Carla Clennin 2nd Superintendent

UCC Women's Guild

Minutes of the September 21, 2022 meeting

Opening Procedures

The September 21, 2022, UCC Women's Guild meeting opened with a prayer from Lamentation's lesson six study guide. Carole B. led this session titled "Lament over the City," focusing on the idea that deconstruction of the constructed environment is cause for lament. The lesson seemed particularly relevant, considering recent events in our country and Ukraine.

Joyce R. gave us the thought for the day, "for our own good," from Psalms 119:33-40.

Members had an opportunity to again share entries from their Blessing Journal.

Benevolence opportunities included the Festival of Sharing and the CWS Blanket Fund.

The offering was collected, and members had an opportunity to sign greeting cards for the card ministry.

Business Meeting

Motion by Carole B., second by Brenda O. to approve the July minutes as presented. Motion Carried.

Motion by Linda S., second by Joyce R. to approve the financial report as presented. Motion Carried. A copy of the report is attached to the secretary's copy of the minutes.

The Celebration of Life committee #2 reported on the sandwich luncheon served at Windmill Ridge to the family and friends of Paul Schacht. Approximately 25 persons were served. Committee #1 will serve the next Celebration of Life meal.

Mary B. reported that we are close to our goal of Best Choice labels with a current total of 4700.

Judy B. had sent 24 cards the past month and has added two more names to the card list.

Correspondence was shared with the group: thank you notes from Renee Clifford, the Paul Schacht family, Habitat for Humanity, and Halo House. In addition, Pamela H. read a lovely note of appreciation from Marjorie Messerli Manning for the service UCC Women's Guild provides to family members upon the loss of a loved one. Marjorie's letter was in memory of her cousin, Jean Messerli Peters Johaningsmeir.

Old Business

August Workday Members discussed the yearly cleaning of the folding chairs and the kitchen. One possibility is to divide the jobs over two days and to recruit and schedule more help for the chair cleaning job. More discussion and planning will follow in the future.

Festival of Sharing Members were reminded that the deadline for contributions is Sunday, Sept 25. Mary B. will be transporting all contributions to the Festival on October 8.

Can Opener Members discussed the difficulty of using the can opener on the cart and its instability. Linda S. will look into the possibility of mounting a heavy-duty opener on a more stable structure. The discussion will continue at the November meeting.

New Business

Tipton Prisoner Community Service Project - Women's Guild had been asked to provide lunch for the group on Monday (Committee #1) and Friday (Committee #2). Motion by Laura B., second by Linda S. to pay for these meal costs from our treasury. Motion Carried. An invitation was extended to the Guild to join the Brotherhood and workers for a catered meal on Sunday.

Western Association Fall Meeting Saturday, October 15, 2022. Carla C. explained that we were hosting the Fall Meeting and would need breakfast and lunch that day. The group decided on a continental breakfast before the 10:00 am start time (coffee, fruit, and breakfast breads beginning around 8:00 am) and our usual lunch menu. (45 minutes is scheduled for lunch.) Clarice N. will provide breakfast breads. More details will be worked out before October 15.

Future Bible Study ideas Carole B. noted that more materials are available for lessons from the same PW/Horizons Bible study series we are currently using. Several members mentioned that they enjoyed this study.

Members had time to share Joys and Concerns.

Carmen F. offered the closing prayer.

All enjoyed a relaxed time visiting and the delightful refreshments Carla C. and Carole B provided.

Clarice Nelson, Secretary

The next UCC Women's Guild meeting will be on October 19, 2022

United Church of Christ

Sunday		Monday	Tuesday
<p>2</p> <p>World Communion Sunday</p> <p>9:30 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 Worship - Sr. Choir</p>		<p>3</p> <p>7:00 PM Sunday School</p> <p>Teachers & Officers</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:00 AM Prayer Cell</p>
<p>9</p> <p>9:30AM Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 Worship Sr. Choir</p> <p>3:30 PM Sunday School Fall Party</p> <p>- at Salem UCC</p>		<p>10</p> <p>6:00 PM Consistory</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:00 AM Prayer Cell</p>
<p>16</p> <p>9:30 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 Worship Bells</p>		<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:00 AM Prayer Cell</p>
<p>23</p> <p>9:30 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 Worship -</p> <p>10:30 AM God's Singers sing</p> <p>during Worship</p>		<p>24</p> <p>7:00 PM Men's Brotherhood</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:00 AM Prayer Cell</p>
<p>30</p> <p>9:30 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 Worship - Sr. Choir</p>		<p>31</p>	

October 2022

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 6:00 PM Fellowship Meal 6:30 PM Bell Choir, Confirmation, ROK and God's Singers, Women's and Men's Bible Study 7:30 PM Sr. Choir Practice	6	7	8
12 6:00 PM Fellowship Meal 6:30 PM Bell Choir, Confirmation, ROK and God's Singers, Women's and Men's Bible Study 7:30 PM Sr. Choir Practice	13	14	15 10:00 AM Western Assoc. Fall Meeting
19 1:00 PM Women's Guild 6:00 PM Fellowship Meal 6:30 PM Bell Choir, Confirmation, ROK and God's Singers, Women's and Men's Bible Study 7:30 PM Sr. Choir Practice	20	21	22
26 6:00 PM Fellowship Meal 6:30 PM Bell Choir, Confirmation, ROK and God's Singers, Women's and Men's Bible Study 7:30 PM Sr. Choir Practice	27	28	29

Sunday School Fall Party

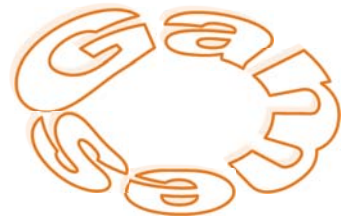
Where: Salem UCC

When: Sunday, October 9th

Gather: 3:30 pm

Hayride: 4:30 pm

Eat: 5:30 pm



Decorate pumpkins

Crafts cards

Fellowship

Fun

Church Offering Envelopes

Planning ahead for 2023, if you no longer prefer to use your church offering envelopes due to online giving or some other payment option, can you please let the church office know. We will be ordering new envelopes soon.

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Rhonda@calmo-ucc.org



Baptism

We rejoice with the family of Megan Carlock on her baptism on August 14, 2022.
Megan is the daughter of Elisha (Pearon) and James Carlock.
Congratulations!

We rejoice with the family of Brandy (Ash) Brockes and her son, Conner Brockes
on their baptism on September 11, 2022.
Congratulations!

In Deep Appreciation,

*Thank you for your heartfelt condolence and the
beautiful arrangement you sent.*

The Family of Walter Paul Schacht

Western Association of the Missouri Mid-South Conference

Our church is a member of the Western Association (WA) of the Missouri Mid-South Conference, United Church of Christ. We are one of 43 congregations. Churches in this area are grouped into four clusters: Kansas City/St. Joseph; Lafayette; Central; and Ozark clusters. Cluster churches often cooperate in special worship celebrations and ministry opportunities.

We currently have two conference delegates (Carla Clennin and Larry Rohrbach) and Rev. Russell Cobb who attend quarterly meetings for the WA and yearly Conference Annual Gathering (CAG) as voting delegate(s). Each of the four clusters has a representative who attends monthly WA Council meetings. Carla is in her second year of three year term as the Central Cluster representatives for churches in central area. These churches are from Billings, Boonville, California, Columbia, Hartsburg, Jefferson City, McGirk, New Franklin, and Sedalia. We gather the second Tuesday each month either in Columbia or Jefferson City for lunch. Carla will then present what was discussed at our luncheons to the WA Council that meets the third Tuesday of each month by zoom.

Saturday, October 15 our church will be hosting the WA Fall Meeting from 10 am – 3 pm. This meeting will be hybrid, meaning congregations can attend in-person or via zoom. The Devotional will be led by Dr. Lisa Davison, Professor of Hebrew Bible at Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa, OK speaking on “Pursuing Justice & Equity”. Our own Women’s Guild will be serving the lunch.



Conference Annual Gathering 2022 will be held October 27-29 at the Capital Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City.

Would you want to get more involved in the Missouri Mid-South conference or the Western Association? Volunteer positions are now open for Moderator and Vice Moderator for the WA.

The “mission statements” are particularly useful as a tool for Association leadership as they seek to nominate one member to each Team and Committee – six people from each Association, both clergy and lay. The Missouri Mid-South Bylaws describe the general purpose of the Teams, applicable to all four: Core Ministries will coordinate and provide oversight to Working Groups that will engage in specific ministries to enact the Core Ministries.

Empowering Congregations

“The ministries we do that help local churches thrive!”

The Empowering Congregations Core Ministry Team energizes and equips clergy and lay members for vision and leadership. We do so by cultivating healthy relationships, providing resources, and creating opportunities for service, spiritual growth, and church vitality. Our work encompasses congregations, agencies, and leaders in: the Missouri Mid-South Conference of the United Church of Christ, unallied and partner churches interested in working with the UCC, emerging congregations and non-traditional communities.

Creating Community

“The ministries we create to engage with one another and the wider church!”

The Creating Community Core Ministry Team’s goal is to bring people together, embrace relationship, recognize commonality and diversity, and grow into the Beloved Community.

We do this through:

Events and activities for fellowship, faith formation, and education such as Conference Annual Gathering, Association meetings, cluster gatherings, Conference youth events, General Synod and CHSM Outdoor Ministries such as Camp MoVal.

Introducing and reinforcing UCC concepts, history and values, particularly with members and clergy from other faith traditions

Age/gender-specific ministries

Pursuing Justice and Equity

“The ministries we do to faithfully impact change in the world around us!”

The Pursuing Justice and Equity Core Ministry Team exists to empower movements of justice and equity at work in the MMSC.

We do so by:

Discerning the Conference's call to impact change toward a more just and equitable world, determining alignment between our values and the work we will empower.

Empowering the working groups to access the resources needed to do their work (i.e., budget needs, communication support)

Serving as continued support, communication, and accountability partners to various stake holders in the work (Board, staff, Associations, working groups)

Advocating for the values of justice and equity to guide us in all that we do as a Conference and across expressions of the Church

Inviting and engaging our members in the work of justice and equity

Visioning the Future

“The ministries we do to provide governance oversight and make our world look as God created!”

The Visioning the Future Core Ministry Team listens, assesses, and evaluates the Conference today, in order to imagine and engage the Conference of tomorrow. We do this through:

Working toward common goals across the MMS Conference

Asking churches where they want to be in 10 years

Planning for General Synod in 2025

Looking at the Constitution and Bylaws every 2 years

Understanding online membership/community as the Church emerges from the Covid-19 pandemic

Attending to financial development in order to sustain and enable thriving ministry in the MMS Conference.

For additional information visit: www.missourimidsouth.org. Conference eCourier is sent out two times a month. Visit www.missourimidsouth.org/ecourier to sign up.

Respectfully submitted, Carla Clennin, Central Cluster Representative

Wednesday Evening Activities

6:00 p.m.—Fellowship Meal

6:30 p.m.—Confirmation, Bell Choir

ROK & God's Singers, Bible Study

7:30 p.m.—Sr. Choir



Taylor (Geiser) Ratcliff has decided to step down from the Nursery Attendant position. We appreciate Taylor's willingness to be the nursery attendant for the past 6 years!! Her last Sunday will be Sunday, October 2.

At this time, the Consistory has decided to ask for volunteers to fill the duty of Nursery Attendant. We are blessed to have a schedule of Nursery volunteers, but realize those that volunteer may not want to volunteer from 9:45 to 11:45 each Sunday as Taylor was hired to do. Therefore, if you are on the schedule to volunteer and are willing to volunteer from 9:45 to 11:45 please let Rhonda in the church office know. If you are not on the schedule to volunteer and would like to do so, also please let Rhonda know. The nursery is an important service to young parents so please consider being a nursery volunteer. If you have questions or concerns, please see any of the Consistory members.



R.O.K. and God's Singers 2022-23 Schedule

October 05	R.O.K. / God's Singers	6:30 p.m to 7:20 p.m.
October 12	R.O.K. / God's Singers	6:30 p.m to 7:20 p.m.
October 19	R.O.K. / God's Singers	6:30 p.m to 7:20 p.m.
October 23	SING DURING WORSHIP	10:30 A.M.
October 26	R.O.K. / God's Singers	6:30 p.m to 7:20 p.m.
November 02	R.O.K. / God's Singers	6:30 p.m to 7:20 p.m.
November 09	R.O.K. / God's Singers	6:30 p.m to 7:20 p.m.
November 16	R.O.K. / God's Singers	6:30 p.m to 7:20 p.m.
	No School / No R.O.K. -	
November 23	No God's Singers	Happy Thanksgiving
November 27	SING DURING WORSHIP	10:30 A.M.
	God's Singers / Christmas	
November 30	Eve Program Practice	6:30 p.m to 7:20 p.m.



Vacation Bible School Update

The VBS Offering total was \$851 and the Sunday School contributed to make it \$900. A \$750 gift was sent to Heifer International providing Water for Life for an entire community. The Buddy Pack program was given \$150.
A Big Thank You to all who contributed!!!



To Our Wonderful Church Family,

Thank you for all your prayers, cards and concern for Ralph since returning to Missouri and at the time of his passing. They meant so much to him and our family. The love and support of a church family is invaluable.

With love and gratitude,

*Mary, Fred, John
and Family of Ralph Edwin Stegner*

*Thank
You*

2022-2023 Confirmation Class

Cooper Brandes
Ella Burger
Emily Burger
Bella Fulks
Hunter Hall
Caleb Howard
Hadley Milligan



October Choir Schedule

02 Senior Choir
09 Senior Choir
16 Bells
23 God's Singers
30 Senior Choir



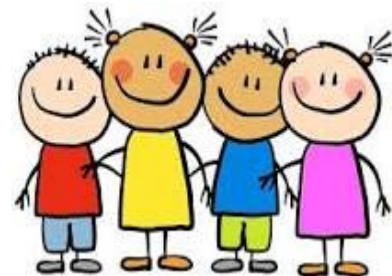
Nursery Volunteers

02 Sue Tuttle
09 Amy Howard
16 Staci Nichols
23 Betty Cobb
30 Maggie Morris



Children's Time

02 Ginnie Medlin
09 Jo Ann Cantriel
16 Kendra Hall
23 Carla Clennin
30 Puppets



Acolytes

02 Brenyn Robertson & Sophie Miller
09 Jess Medlin & Camden Lawson
16 Meredith & Hazel Wolford
23 Carson Kruger & Logan Milligan
30 Lena & Lee Bieri

WE LOVE OUR



Lay Readers

02 Carla Clennin
09 David Gattermeir
16 Beth Dampf
23 Judy Burger
30 Mary Burger

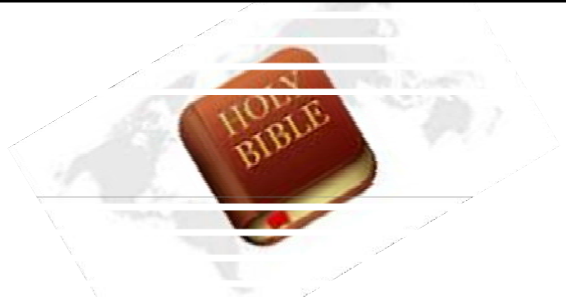
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Custom Registration Link - <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/CALUCC>

Text Registration Code – UCOC to 49775

*Read the Bible on your phone.
YouVersion Bible app. You can
download this app for free at*



*There is an **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** meeting at the
Annunciation Catholic Church, 414 Patrick St., on Mondays at 8
p.m. Contact number: 660-621-2271.*

Giving Made Easy Online giving is available!

Follow the E-Giving link on our website:
calmo-ucc.org to give today or set recurring gifts

Note: Sunday School offering can now
be done through EasyTithe.

For your viewing and listening opportunities of the weekly worship services, there are two ways of being part of the weekly services. You may request a cd or dvd from the church office. Please let Rhonda know if you are interested in obtaining one of these versions of the worship service. (796-4885)

Notes & News

A Time of Hope
8:15 a.m. Sunday
KRLL Radio ~1420 AM

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the SHAREFEST
Gathering



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*Please save your extra plastic shopping
bags to use at the Food Bank.
Drop your bags off at the church. Thanks!*

USED TONER & INK CARTRIDGES

Please save all of your used toner and ink cartridges! The church office collects used toner and ink cartridges in order to get a \$2 In-store credit per cartridge at Staples toward purchases of office supplies. Please turn in your cartridges to the church office. Thanks!

To Watch California UCC Worship Services Online:

Go to <http://www.calmo-ucc.org>.

Scroll down and click on the

“Online Services” link. (The bulletin is also available)

Or: Go to youtube.com & search



October Birthdays



01 Alan Chambers

01 Aaron Bolinger

01 Alyssa Graczyk

02 Layton Morris

03 Brody Vernon

04 Ronda Mortenson

05 Bryan Ratcliff

05 Jackie Howard

05 McKenzie Reed

05 Gary Morris

06 Mary Ann Kueffer

06 Lesley Gerhart

07 McKenzie Lohse

07 Ellie Williams

08 Bill Schacht

08 Tom Liebi

08 Austin Mouse

08 Aaron Burger

09 Kya Peck

09 Kathy Bueker

09 Weston Brandes

10 Natalie Smith

11 Ross Robertson

11 Bennett Gatlin

12 Aaron Scrivner

12 Bronson Coale

13 Lois Daniel

13 Mary Rohrbach

15 Trisha Meisenheimer

15 Lauren Spillars

16 Lena Bieri

18 Anny Roll

18 Parker Ramsdell

20 Sandra Ratcliff

21 Cora Ashley

21 Jim Kueffer

23 Rhys Scrivner

25 Joyce Rohrbach

25 Alison Peters

25 Chad Bell

25 Shane Meyer

25 Robbie Coleman

25 Olivia Brancato

26 Lana Wong

26 Kendall Gratz

26 Sherry Leonard

27 Julie Medlin

27 Andy Burger

28 Amy Mouse

28 Kristen Allred

29 Jessica Connelly

30 Darryl Elliott

30 Bruce Miller

30 Mollie Wolford

31 Tammy Roberts

31 Jacob Adams

31 Brynn Phoenix

31 Fallon Lawson

October Baptisms

Nathaniel Ahart—Oct. 13, 2002
Shane Baker—Oct. 13, 2018
David Barry—Oct. 1, 1951
Courtney Cassil—Oct. 24, 1991
Renee` Clifford—Oct. 27, 1957
Tyler Elliott—Oct. 15, 1995
Dave Gattermeir—Oct. 20, 2016
Norris Gerhart—Oct. 20, 1968
Samantha Gerhart—Oct. 1, 1995
Kathy Grant—Oct. 11, 1942
Kendra Hall—Oct., 1985
Trystan Hees—Oct. 22, 2000
Rylee Hees—Oct. 12, 2003

*Through the grace of our
Lord Jesus Christ,
we have been received into the
family of Jesus Christ
through the
sacrament of Baptism.*

Cameron Meyer—Oct. 25, 1998
James Milligan—Oct. 24, 2010
Hadley Milligan—Oct. 24, 2010
Lisa Milligan—Oct. 20, 1985
Landon Mouse—Oct. 19, 1997
Mary Oesterly—Oct., 1942
Alyssa Sabartinelli—Oct. 14, 2001
Jesse Schulte—Oct. 30, 1988
Michelle Sedgwick—Oct. 6, 2013
Tanner Weis—Oct. 15, 2000
Caleb Weis—Oct. 15, 2000



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