

The Tidings

November 2023



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Bible Words – Grace

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.” Ephesians 2:8

“Charis” is the Greek word for grace in the New Testament. Grace is a term that demonstrates the absolute freeness of the lovingkindness of God to men. Grace is an attribute of God. In Ephesians 1:7 & 8 Paul writes that we “receive forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that he lavished on us.” It is only because of God’s grace, his free gift of love and forgiveness, that we have any opportunity to have a holy relationship with him. There is nothing we can do receive this free gift, except to come to God through faith in his son Jesus Christ. John 3:16 describes this gift of grace, “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” God’s grace was initiated by God and by God only. Receive his grace today by confessing faith in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. All we have to do is open the gift.

Hard to believe we are only a few days away from November as I write this. It sure hasn’t felt like fall, but the beautiful colors of the trees remind us that it is truly one of the best times of the year. We’ll finish our sermon series “Wild Kingdom” on the books of Joshua and Judges in the Old Testament. We have looked at Caleb and Deborah. We’ll finish with Gideon and Joshua in November. The last two Sundays of November we’ll look at the books of Jeremiah and Lamentations as we will remember those members who have passed away in the last year during our Totenfest Sunday service. The holidays bring on a special time of grief for those who have lost loved ones. We’ll have a one night GriefShare class called “Surviving the Holidays” before Thanksgiving. Watch the bulletin for the specific date of that important time of healing.

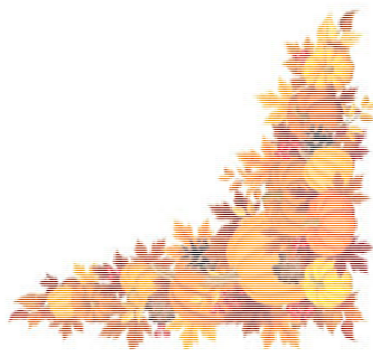


I have said in the past that Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday because of the tradition of being in Taney County with my dad's side of the family. I have spent every Thanksgiving except 5-6 around the tables of my Grandpa and Grandma Cobb, as well as my Aunt Betty and Uncle Frank. This year I will still be in Taney County, but with the declining health of my Uncle Frank, it will be a little bit different type of gathering, but it has the potential to be a very special Thanksgiving. For over 40 years there has been a separation between one of my cousins and the rest of the family. It has been a wound that has affected our family a great deal, but in the last two weeks healing has started to take place. It is something our family has hoped and prayed for. It's never too late to ask for forgiveness and let healing take place in a family. It only takes a first step. One of my cousins took that first step a few weeks ago and now all of us might be together again for Thanksgiving after so many years. It's truly a time of Thanksgiving.

May November be a time of family, of love, and of experiencing God's grace.

Serving Christ Together,
Russ

Saved
BY
Grace
THROUGH
Faith
EPHESIANS 2:8



California United Church of Christ

October 3, 2023 – Consistory Meeting Highlights

Call to Order: by Laura Burger at 6:01pm

Opening Prayer – Rev. Cobb

Establish a Quorum: Present: Laura Burger, VanDee Miller, Alan Chambers, Ellen Ash, Larry Schoeneberg, Jay Bestgen and Rev Russell Cobb

Absent: Ronnie Kissick, Carol Barbour

Minutes of the Last Meeting (*Minutes Tab*): Reviewed and Approved.

Treasurer's Report – Ellen Ash (*Financial/Treasurer Reports Tab*) Reviewed, please note \$8000 transfer to Building Fund. Ellen mentioned she really appreciated that church secretary Rhonda Elliott is really good at balancing the credit card statement, she ensures to have all the receipts matched with the charges. This is very appreciated! Treasurers report approved.

Financial Secretary Report – Larry Schoeneberg Reviewed and approved.

C.D. Activity Report – Larry Schoeneberg Reviewed.

Stewardship Snapshot Report – Larry Schoeneberg Reviewed and approved for publishing in the Tidings.

Nothing to report on Local Benevolence and no new correspondence reported.

Building Use Requests—Reviewed.

Committee Reports

Building & Grounds/Safe Church – Jay Bestgen & Ronnie Kissick

- Oak & North Street Window Covers: Hoping to do in November

- Brady's: Window Templates Completed / Contract Signed

- Imhoff Painting Contract Signed

- Stained Glass Window Bid (*Brady's Glass*): Jay spoke to the Brady's rep and asked for a price per window. They believe repairs can be made with the windows in place except for 5 windows that may be more damaged.

- Stained Glass Window Schedule

- Landscaping Committee: Rock for area by office doors/Ted Bueker: Alan Chambers has spoken to Ted and Ted will address.

- Weathercraft: slate roof-completed (50 tiles adjusted, 30 tiles replaced) stated the roof would likely need to be replaced in the next 3-5 years.

- rubber roof over elevator-completed

- Meeting Room Chairs-Consistory asks that Rhonda look into options. The Consistory approved for Rhonda to purchase a new chair for the office secretary. Motion made for a purchase up to \$500 made by Laura Burger, second by Alan Chambers. Motion passed.

- Gas smell in the gym/kitchen to be investigated

Nothing new to report for Evangelism, Memorial, Worship, Schnuck Endowment, Stewardship, Sound/Video, or Pastor Parish.

Historical – No Consistory Rep/Norman Rohrbach – Chair-Veteran display will be up in November; plans to continue the article in the Tidings.

Organizational Reports

Brotherhood – Alan Chambers/Larry Schoenberg: Paul Kirchoff speaker, very good evening.

Sunday School – Carole Barbour/Rev. Cobb: Fall Party planning, College class starts in Oct for the 1st and 3rd Sundays. Marriage class on Wed evenings going really well (16+ couples)

Woman's Guild – Carole Barbour: Good meeting, very good Bible Study.

Youth Group – Rev. Cobb: Get together close to Halloween scheduled.

Pastor's Report – Rev. Cobb

4/4 Worship services. 28 DVD deliveries. 27 Days in Office. 1 Cookie delivery. 4 Recordings of Time of Hope. 3 Office visits. 12 Home/Work Hospital Nursing visits. 2 Golf Tourn. Planning with Jim Deeken. 1 See you at the Pole (MS). 4 Confirmation Meetings. 2 Funeral Visitations. 1 Sunday School Meeting. 1 Tidings Article. 1-4H Day of Prayer. 1 Ministerial Alliance. 1 Baby Dedication. 1 Hosted Youth Group Gathering. 1 California Care Worship. 1 Consistory Meeting. 4 Breakfast/Lunch/Devotion with Tipton Offenders.

Old Business

Nursery Attendants Update-Motion passed to approve the hire of Regan Cain

Insurance – updates from discussion with Church Mutual. Detailed email sent with inquiries and clarifications. Additional time requested for response from Church Mutual. Will send certified letter if no response.

Pension Information Completed (Larry/Ellen). Reviewed.

Staff and Salary Committee Updates-No updates.

New Business

Nominating Committee Reminder-Plan to meet in October

Western Association Meeting Reports: Reviewed, shared for consistory to read. Also available at uccresolutions.org

Organ: Service schedule. Consistory requesting a contract with the company to ensure prescheduled services completed as stated.

Pastor Cobb requested Josh Mullins to be approved to speak on November 12th. Approved by consistory.

Church Safe Update: Codes will be updated and stored in a secure space known to the consistory.

Adjournment 7:51pm Motion to Adjourn made by Jay Bestgen, second by Alan Chambers. Motion Carried.

Lord's Prayer

STEWARDSHIP SNAPSHOT

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>September 2023</u>	<u>September 2022</u>
Balance Brought Forward	\$ 92,457.35	\$ 84,302.25
Receipts	+ 28,576.10	+ 25,963.24
Disbursements	<u>- 36,051.17</u>	<u>- 33,274.25</u>
Balance – September 30, 2023	\$ 84,982.28	\$ 76,991.24
 <u>As of September 30, 2023</u>		
Building Fund Balance	\$ 60,069.04	\$ 95,110.16
Local Benevolence	\$ 8,806.89	\$ 8,993.79
Memorial Fund Balance	\$ 4,740.20	\$ 8,416.31
Schnuck Endowment Checking	* *\$ 35,795.28	* \$ 29,944.60
Scholarship Fund Balance	\$ 10,067.56	\$ 9,794.63
Youth Fellowship Fund Balance	\$ 3,998.48	\$ 2,639.81
Total OCWM Received	\$ 2,090.00	\$ 3,732.00
Other Benevolent Offerings	\$ 13,702.99	\$ 16,298.62

Note on 2023 Snapshot regarding Schnuck Endowment

***The C. Schnuck Endowment Checking Fund balance of \$35,795.28 includes \$166.49 that is part of the original restricted gift and is unable to be expended. \$35,628.79 of the fund balance may be expended.*

Note on 2022 Snapshot regarding Schnuck Endowment

**The C. Schnuck Endowment Checking Fund balance of \$29,944.60 includes \$1,166.49 that is part of the original restricted gift and is unable to be expended. \$28,778.11 of the fund balance may be expended.*

GRIEFSHARE – SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

The Holiday Season is just around the corner and for many this is the first holiday after the loss of a loved one or it might be the second, third or more. During this season you may be facing some tough emotions during family events, social parties, yearly traditions and these can blindsides you. You can lessen these by knowing what to expect and being prepared. Join us for “Surviving the Holidays” on **November 14 6:30 pm**. Please let us know you will be joining us by contacting the church office. This will allow us to have enough survival guides on hand.

Special Benevolence— November



Samaritan's Purse is a nondenominational evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world. Since 1970, Samaritan's Purse has helped meet needs of people who are victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease, and famine with the purpose of sharing God's love through His Son, Jesus Christ. The organization serves the Church worldwide to promote the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Your gift equips Samaritan's Purse with the resources— including personnel, materials, supporting services, buildings, and equipment— to fulfill our mission of relief and evangelism worldwide.



**Daylight Savings Time
ends Sunday,
Nov. 5, 2023**



UCC Brotherhood Minutes – Monday, October 23, 2023

Refreshments – The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with delicious food and dessert provided by Alan and Austin Chambers.

Devotion – Steven Burger provided a devotion summarizing he and Laura's recent trip to Italy and the religious significance of many things they visited and enjoyed in the region. He pointed out that tourism is booming in Italy, since Covid has subsided. Several highlights he noted are as follows:

- they visited Vatican City, headquarters of the Roman Catholic Church. Vatican City hosts more than 30,000 visitors daily.
- St. Peter's Basilica was a highlight. St. Peter's remains (the 1st Pope) are believed to be buried there.
- they were awed by the Sistine Chapel and their beautiful paintings.
- they visited the Roman Coliseum where many executions took place. A number of Christians were tortured and died there.
- there are old ruins in Rome that have remnants of buildings from as old as 500 B.C. The age of things there are inspiring to see.
- they saw Michelangelo's famous statue of David in Florence, Italy. The statue is 17 feet tall and was carved from a single block of white marble.
- in Venice, they saw St. Mark's Basilica where St. Mark's remains are housed.
- the religious significance of the region was an eye opening experience.

Business Meeting – Dave Meyer called the business meeting to order with approximately 20 members and guests in attendance. Tony Barry's treasurer's report showed a current balance of \$3,823.35 after paying several bills and crediting the collection from last month's meeting. Dave noted that we will be decorating the church for Christmas at next month's meeting. Bob Kueffer volunteered to furnish hamburger and Steven Burger agreed to be the chief cook for our meal after the decorating is completed. Dave Meyer will provide some side dishes to make it complete. Tony read a thank you note from Central Church in Jeff City for the August fish fry and also a nice note from Keith and Paula Selk in Abe Rohrbach's memory. The meeting was adjourned.

Program – Dave Meyer introduced Ray Wagner for the program for the evening. Ray lives in West County, St. Louis. Ray started by introducing a guest, Seth York, who is chief of staff for state senator Mary Ann Coleman. Ray is a lawyer and has been involved in state government in a number of ways throughout his career. His wife is U.S. Congresswoman Ann Wagner. Ann has represented her St. Louis district in congress since 2008. Ray grew up in St. Louis, but spent a lot of time visiting his grandparent's farm in Troy, Kansas. His dad and three uncles all served in WW2 and one uncle was a casualty of the war.

His dad spent his career as an engineer for Boeing in St. Louis. Ray grew up in Catholic schools, then earned an undergraduate degree from St. Louis University before getting a law degree from the University of Missouri. He knew Ann growing up, then as a college student with a vocal scholarship at MU. They were eventually married and raised 3 children. Their son graduated from West Point and served the country in Afghanistan. Ray's experiences have included a stint as Missouri Director of Revenue under the John Ashcroft administration, was Director of Revenue for the State of Illinois following that, then worked at the government liaison for Enterprise Rent-A-Car for 27 years, has served on Missouri Attorney General Andrew Bailey's transition team since January and has recently been appointed by Governor Mike Parson to the Missouri Conservation Commission.

His wife Ann, in addition to her service in Congress, has been very active in the pro-life movement, served as ambassador to Luxembourg under President George W. Bush and has been active in politics in a number of different ways.

Ray summarized his talk by sharing the importance of their life of faith as a family and that their Christian faith is central to everything they do.

Submitted by Norman Rohrbach, subbing for Dave Gattermeir, Secretary

Cradle Roll

Taylor Archer

Elliott Baker

Lillie Burger

Baylor Coale

Oakleigh Imhoff

Lottie Juul

Caleb Leverett

Emilie Mouse

Hattie Mouse

Kwincy Opie

Myles Ratcliff

Karsyn Rowles

Raelynn Rowles

Sophie Schoeneberg

Kyler Simmons

Callan Troutman

Brecken Wilson



The Cradle Roll consists of members of our church with a baby from birth to 2 years of age. If you know of someone that is missing from the Cradle Roll please notify the church office or Gerri Howard, the Cradle Roll Coordinator.

October 2, 2023 Sunday School Teachers & Officers

Carla Clennin called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Carla opened with a prayer. Those attending were Carla Clennin, Russell Cobb, Cressida Gattermeir, Cinda Scheidt, Courtney Cassil, Peggy Liebi, Dyan Ingram, Judy Burger, Ronda Mortenson and Beth Chambers. Beth made a motion to approve the September Minutes. Ronda seconded. Motion carried. Cressida made a motion to approve the September Treasurer's report. Beth seconded. Motion carried.



Our October benevolence is Operation Christmas Child/Shoe box. Operation Christmas Child, a project sponsored by Samaritan's Purse, has delivered 157 million gift-filled shoeboxes to boys and girls around the world. Our donation helps for shipping these filled boxes.

Ronda gave an update on VeggieTales with sixteen children attended. The next VeggieTale will be in December 2, featuring The Little Drummer Boy.

Carla is working on filling the 3rd Superintendent position. Ronda and Beth will still be working on clean-up when schedules align. Carla said, everything is set for the Fall Party on Sunday, October 8. Hope to see everyone there.

New College Age Class will be taught by Kendra Hall. They will be meeting on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month starting October 15th. Curriculum: "Mission Possible: Go Create a Life That Counts by Tim Tebow".

New/ Other Business:

Roberta Spieler has decided to step down as Co-Teacher for 1st and 2nd Grade class starting January 2024, if anyone knows a teacher that would be available, please notify Carla.

ROK- Laura Burger has decided to step down from teaching. Kristen Everett will be stepping down as craft coordinator. New teacher and craft coordinator will be needed, if you know of anyone, please notify Carla.

Due to our 2nd Superintendent position open, will need volunteers for Sunday School openings during November.

Pastor Cobb asked who was going to be purchasing the Marriage Class books, currently 20 books were purchased. As this fell under education, the Sunday School will be purchasing. Courtney made a motion for all the curriculum from the Marriage Class be purchased using Sunday School funding. Ronda seconded. Motion carried. Pastor Cobb is also looking into Parenting Classes for next year.

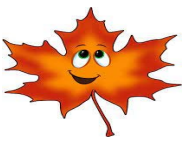
Courtney will be sitting out the Operation Christmas Child/Shoe boxes for those wishing to donate at the end of October. They will be due end of November.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM

Next meeting will be November 6, 2023, at 7 PM

Respectfully submitted, Cressida Gattermeir 3rd Superintendent





UCC Women's Guild

Minutes of the October 18, 2023 Meeting

Opening Procedures

President Pamela Hill opened the meeting with prayer. Joyce Rohrbach gave the thought of the day from a former Vocational Agriculture director's writings entitled "Ray's Top Ten List for Living Joyfully to One Hundred and Beyond." He had based his list on Proverbs 13:14: "A wise man's instruction is a fountain of life. . . .". Carole B. presented the eighth lesson from the God's Promise series, "God with us as the Holy Spirit." Benevolence opportunities for the month include Operation Shoe Box and Salvation Army. Members had opportunity to present their offering.

Business Meeting

- Motion by Linda S., second by Phyllis M. to approve the minutes as presented. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Lexi H., second by Linda S. to approve the financial reports as presented. Motion Carried. A copy is attached to the secretary's copy of the minutes.
- Committee #2 is up for the next Celebration of Life dinner. In the event of a very large group, both committees will combine for the dinner.
- Mary B. reported she delivered 4000 Best Choice labels to Share Fest on October 14 and that we have 300 already for 2024.
- Judy B. will be sending 31 cards this month, and members had opportunity to sign cards for next month. Thanks to Judy for taking care of this valuable ministry.

Pamela H. read a lovely thank-you note from the family of Betty Jean Dummermuth in appreciation of the dinner served in July.

Old Business

1. Mary B. reported on her trip to Tipton to deliver kits, packs, quilts and blankets, labels, and monetary donations to Share Fest. Our donations were valued at \$2331. A donation for a Dream Basket totaling \$1500 was sent to Heifer International. Her detailed report will be available in the Tidings. Women's Guild appreciates the support of church members in this annual effort.

2. Members considered future Bible Study materials. Motion by Clarice N., second by Phyllis M. to order materials from Presbyterian Women/Horizons for the series “Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God’s Gift of Rest and Delight” for 2024 and “What My Grandmother Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew’s Genealogy of Jesus” for 2025. Women’s Guild will pay for 20 copies of each. Motion Carried.

New Business

1. Community Thanksgiving Meal. Sweet Chipotle and Burger Haus will prepare the meal. We need to provide 5 pies and have them delivered to the Senior Citizen’s Center before noon Wednesday of Thanksgiving week. Volunteers are Judy B., Mary B., Barb W., Mary Ann K., and Clarice N.

2. The Nominating Committee has been activated to select candidates for president and vice president for 2024.

3. Guild will plan to have a Christmas lunch at 12:00 in lieu of a December meeting on Dec. 20 and to continue with our Christmas Cards and Gifts to shut-ins. Mary B. and Carmen F. will share plans in November.

4. Carla C. reported on the recent UCC Association Council Meeting with Tim Farley. The council would like help and input at the Nov 11 planning meeting for the Festival of Sharing 2024. The meeting will be held at the Methodist Center in Columbia. Watch for Carla’s report in the Tidings.

5. Birthday Congratulations were extended to Mary Ann Kueffer and Joyce Rohrbach.

6. Members appreciated the opportunity to share joys and concerns and fellowship with a supportive church family.

7. Pamela Hill gave the closing prayer.

8. Most excellent fall-themed décor and refreshments were presented by Cheryl Schoeneberg and Lexi Hall. Thank you for the time and effort for such a lovely afternoon.

Clarice Nelson, Secretary



United Church of Christ

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday



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All Saint's Sunday-Communion
9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship



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7:00 PM Sunday School
Teacher and Officer Meeting

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9:00 AM Prayer Cell
6:30 PM GriefShare

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9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship

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6:00 PM Consistory

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9:00 AM Prayer Cell
6:30 PM GriefShare

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9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship

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9:00 AM Prayer Cell
6:00 PM Bell Choir Practice
6:30 PM GriefShare

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Totenfest-Reign of Christ Sunday
9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship




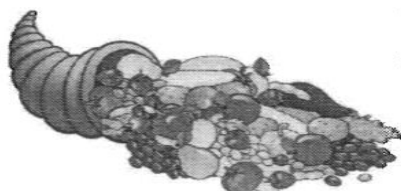
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7:00 PM Men's Brotherhood

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9:00 AM Prayer Cell
6:30 PM GriefShare

November 2023

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Festival of Sharing Report

The ShareFest for the Central Region was held Saturday, October 14th at the Tipton United Methodist Church. Because of the generosity of our congregation, we were able to deliver the following:

9 Family Food Packs (\$207),

8 Missouri Paper Products Packs (\$144),

10 Personal Hygiene Packs (\$280), (*2 of which were ethnically appropriate*)

4000 Best Choice labels (\$240),

70 Quilts of Love for Backpacks (\$1750), (*25 were made by Tammy Meisenheimer, Clarice Brown, and Judy Burger and 45 by Clarice Nelson. These incredible ladies, every year, piece and put together beautiful, 36" x 45" quilts to be used in Backpacks of Love for children in distress. What a blessing it is for them to share their special talents with others.*)

\$471 was given to "Where Needed Most." (*\$371 were donations and \$100 was the September Benevolence from the Women's Guild.*)

Donations of \$1500 were also given for Dream Baskets and that has been sent to Heifer International.

The total of our gifts this year was \$2,802. Good Job!!

(Not included in this figure is the \$1500 for Dream Baskets or the Birthday and Anniversary offerings.)

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Festival of Sharing, and to Judy Burger for helping to load the truck.

Mary Burger



Church Offering Envelopes

If you no longer prefer to use your church offering envelopes for 2024 due to online giving or some other payment option, please let the church office know. Thanks.



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Births

Sophie Joan Schoeneberg, daughter of
Derek and Abby Schoeneberg born September 20, 2023.



Baylor Lee Coale, son of *Bryson and Brianna Coale* born
September 26, 2023



Elliott Marie Baker, daughter of *Shane and Kayla Baker*
born September 26, 2023



Kwincy Elayne Opie, daughter of *Bryce and Morgan Opie*
born October 16, 2023



Oakleigh Louise Imhoff, daughter of *Isaac and Madison*
Imhoff born October 16, 2023

*Congratulations to parents, siblings, grandparents
and great grandparents!*



Missouri Conference Meeting Report

The Missouri Mid-South Annual Gathering was held on October 13 and 14 at the Capitol Plaza in Jefferson City. Unable to attend in person as our congregation's delegate, I attended on-line by Zoom.

This report is not a comprehensive summary of the gathering, but an attempt to share some information gleaned. Quite a few documents presented at the meeting are on the conference website, as is a link to the video of Opening Worship.

The theme was "Authenticity". Transitional Conference Minister Mary Nelson kicked the meeting off introducing the keynote speaker for our opening worship, Rev. Ann Kanfield. Nelson noted that Kanfield is the first woman and first openly-LGBTQ person to be a chaplain for the New York City Fire Department. She also pastors a small congregation. Kanfield shared a number of interesting stories about her fire department experiences, always coming back to the theme of authenticity.

There was a brief time of remembering the pastors in our conference that died in the past year, as well as noting the death of two congregations; 1st Congregational of Bonne Terre and Friedens in New Melle.

In State of the Conference remarks, Rev. Nelson mentioned that as we discuss our origins as a family of churches, we leave out churches that have joined the UCC since 1957 that were neither E&R or Congregational. She also mentioned that they are meeting on land that belonged to the Osage tribe; a subject that came up again later in the business meeting. She mentioned a difficulty in congregations finding ministers because of a shortage of pastors.

In the business meeting, we elected members to the Board of Directors. The nominating committee chair noted that the by-law goals of membership diversity on the board were met; those being equal numbers of women and men, 20% minority, a youth, one from each association and 20% from other marginalized groups.

The Personnel Committee reported that Transitional Conference Minister Nelson's contract has been extended to 2025. They are currently discerning with Nelson whether to nominate her for the permanent position.

The conference ran a \$300,000 deficit in 2022, and appears headed to over \$500,000 in deficit spending this year. Money is anticipated from the sale of carbon credits at Shannondale, a 4000 acre tree farm near Eminence owned by the conference. Tambo, a former camp for inner city youth that adjoined Camp MoVal, is also for sale, around 100 acres being listed for \$1.2 million. Much of that funding would be used for capital expenses at MoVal, and to repay the conference for deficit spending on camp improvements. A capital campaign for MoVal hasn't gotten off the ground nor has a planned MoVal board been filled. It was noted that Tambo was also originally Osage land.

The general operating budget proposal of \$730,000 includes money for adding a part time fundraiser. The total budget approved including Camp MoVal and Shannondale is \$1.2 million with an estimated deficit of \$180,000.

Two of four Core Ministries Teams created by last year's by-law changes reported to the conference. Empowering Congregations Ministry is working to establish new minister mentoring, lay leadership development courses, etc. Pursuing Justice and Equity Ministry has created two book studies and is discussing how to "address the issue of Osage Headrights, which the conference 'owns'". The other Core Ministries, Envisioning the Future and Creating Community, apparently haven't gotten off the ground.

Two workshops were available by Zoom. One was on our denominational push for media justice, including working for universal, affordable internet. Another was led by a person from the denominational Cornerstone Fund, discussing various ways church properties can be more fully used for mission or income generating purposes.

Overall, the straightforward discussion of finances and conference operations was good. Perhaps in future annual gatherings there will also be reports on congregational membership, attendance and outreach with the Good News.

Larry Rohrbach, Conference Delegate



Wednesday Evening Activities

6:00 p.m.—Fellowship Meal

6:30 p.m.—Confirmation, Bell Choir

ROK & God's Singers, Marriage Class

7:30 p.m.—Sr. Choir



We have a new Nursery Attendant! The Consistory recently approved Reagan Cain as the Nursery Attendant. Reagan is a Junior at California R-1 High School. She is active in Volleyball, Choir, FFA, Student Council, National Honor Society and Fellowship Christian Athletes. She is CPR certified and is a lifeguard at the City and California Country Club pools. She is the daughter of Randy and Monica Cain and attends the Annunciation Catholic Church. Reagan will be available in the nursery from 9:30 to 11:45 each Sunday. If you see her, please make her feel welcome!



R.O.K. and God's Singers Schedule

November 01	R.O.K. / God's Singers	6:30 p.m to 7:20 p.m.
November 08	R.O.K. / God's Singers	6:30 p.m to 7:20 p.m.
November 15	R.O.K. / God's Singers	6:30 p.m to 7:20 p.m.
November 22	No School / No R.O.K. - No God's Singers	Happy Thanksgiving
November 26	SING DURING WORSHIP	10:30 A.M.
November 29	God's Singers / Christmas Eve Program Practice	6:30 p.m to 7:20 p.m.
December 06	God's Singers / Christmas Eve Program Practice	6:30 p.m to 7:20 p.m.
December 10	SING DURING WORSHIP	10:30 A.M.
December 13	Christmas Eve Program Practice	To Be Determined
December 20	Christmas Eve Program Practice	To Be Determined
December 24	Christmas Eve Program	7:00 P.M.
December 27	No School / No R.O.K. - No God's Singers	Happy New Year

NOTE: CANCELLATIONS

Wednesday, Nov. 22 –No School
No Meal, Confirmation Class
ROK / God's Singers / Sr. Choir/Bell Choir
Check Sunday bulletins for other cancellations



The Christmas Eve Program will be on Sunday, December 24, 2023. The program will be for all youth from the Nursery class through Grade 12. We will be working on music on Wednesday nights during God's Singers in November. We will have practices on the following Wednesdays for everyone December 6th, December 13th, and December 20th and also on Sunday mornings during December beginning at 9:30 a.m.

We look forward to seeing your kids on November 8!

Thank You!

Christmas Program Committee



Children's
Program

Thank you to all who attended the Sunday School Fall Party



Over 90 people were in attendance. Thanks to Ronda Mortenson and Courtney Cassil for all the games and crafts. Special thanks to Steven Burger, Philip Burger, Tony Barry and Wyatt Bestgen for arranging and driving the three hay wagons. Thanks to Judy Burger, Courtney, and Ronda for helping in the kitchen with food items. Thanks to all those who brought desserts.

See you all in 2024!!



Carla Clennin, Sunday School Superintendent

November Choir Schedule

05 Senior Choir
12 Senior Choir
19 Bells
26 God's Singers



Nursery Attendant

Reagan Cain

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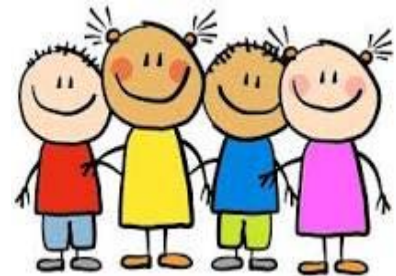


Children's Time

05 Carla Clennin
12 Kendra Hall
19 Hadley Milligan
26 Anny Roll

Acolytes

05 Lena & Lee Bieri
12 Hazel & Meredith Wolford
19 Grayden Gatlin & Brenyn Robertson
26 Brynna Hall & Jess Medlin



For our Volunteers



Lay Readers

05 Carole Barbour
12 Becky Schneider
19 Peter Dampf
26 Susan Burger

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Text Registration Code – UCOC to 49775

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YouVersion Bible app. You can
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*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
KRLI Radio ~1420 AM

Please continue to save the Best Choice label bar codes for 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!

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Scroll down and click on the

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

Or: Go to youtube.com & search



November Birthdays



02 Judy Kilmer
03 Krystal Davis
03 Hazel Wolford
04 Donald Clutter
04 David Meyer
04 Travis Peck
04 Callie Simmons
05 Clyde Dummermuth
05 Calen Kruger
07 David Ratcliff
08 Kevin Gillilan
09 Jenine Baker
10 Brenda Hofstetter
10 Lillie Burger
11 Camden Lawson
12 Harriet Bryant
12 Richard Schroeder
12 Larry Rohrbach
12 Renee Elliott
13 Carla Clennin
15 Charley Medlin
16 Macie Trimble
17 Patty Hartman
17 Jaelea Hall
17 Rynley Gatlin
18 Mandy Burger
19 Spenser Deeken
20 Javan Grover
21 Adam Jenkins

22 Lanny Ash
22 Stephen Hill
23 LeEtta Dampf
23 Carolyn Twardowski
24 Duane Barbour
24 Judy Silver
24 David Hall
24 Julie Thomas
24 Luke Tuttle
25 Earl Medlin
25 Lisa Robertson
26 Ethan Hughes
27 Lou Howard
28 Megan Crider
29 Becky Elliott
29 Todd Gabert
29 Kimberly Robertson
29 Walker Borghardt
30 Doug Dampf
30 Robert Weis



November Baptisms

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

David Cook—November, 1971
Shyla Cornwell—Nov. 16, 2014
Grace Dampf—November 28, 2004
Peter Dampf—November 28, 2004
Seth Everett—November 18, 2012
Craig Hall—November 13, 1983
Adler Koestner—November 18, 2007
Austin Mouse—November 3, 1991
Collin Mouse—November 3, 1991
Travis Peck—Nov. 16, 2014
Kya Peck—Nov. 16, 2014
Preston Peters—November 23, 1997
Sandra Ratcliff—Nov. 13, 1949
Brock Wilson—November 3, 1991
Lisa Wilson—November 6, 1966



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