

The Tidings

October 2023



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Bible Words – Love

“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” John 15:12-13

There are several words for love in the New Testament. There is “eros” which is physical, romantic love. There is “storge” which is the love for parents and love for children. There is “philia” which is the love in a friendship or brotherly love for someone close to us. The greatest love though is “agape” love. This is the love Jesus speaks of in John 15 and again in John 3:16 “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.”

“Agape” love is a special love. “Agape” love demands our whole self. This Christian love must not only extend to our nearest and our dearest friends, our family, those who loves us but it must also extend to our neighbors, to our enemies, and to all the world. Jesus tells us in Matthew 7:43-44 “You have heard that it was said, Love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I tell you love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.” Too many Christians hold grudges or grievances against fellow Christians. The only way we overcome this terrible situation is by experiencing “agape” love in our hearts for our fellow brothers and sisters. That is the love that allowed God to forgive us through his Son Jesus Christ. Is there anyone you need to give “agape” love to in your life? Do it today and be set free from bitterness and hurt.

October means the church fall party on Sunday October 8th in the Friendship Hall. It is always a wonderful evening of food and fellowship. Please make plans to attend.

Wednesday nights have gotten off to a great start. Good food, good crowds, and great opportunities to grow in our faith through ROK, our choirs, confirmation, and our marriage class that begins on September 27th. Don't forget the Grief-Share class starting on Tuesday October 10th. If you know someone that would benefit from it, let them know and contact the office.

In October we'll finish our "On Mission" sermon series and then do a couple of sermons on the book of Judges. What an interesting book of the Bible which takes place between the patriarchs and the kings. We'll talk about a few names like Gideon and Deborah that might not be that familiar to you. I always enjoy doing a new sermon series.

May God bless you this month with a time of refreshing. It's a time of cooler temps and shorter days. One of my favorite times of the year. Continue to grow in your faith.

Serving Christ Together,
Russ





California United Church of Christ September 11, 2023 – Consistory Meeting Highlights

Consistory President, Laura Burger called the September meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Reverend Cobb opened the meeting with prayer.

A quorum was established with Ellen Ash, Carole Barbour, Jay Bestgen, Laura Burger, Alan Chambers, and Larry Schoeneberg present. Ronnie Kissick and VanDee Miller were absent.

Minutes of the August meeting, minutes of the Congregational Meeting, August 27, 2023, the Treasurer's Report, the Financial Secretary's report, and the Stewardship Snapshot were approved.

When Chuck Crook, our much appreciated former custodian, died, a stepping stone was purchased for the family in his memory.

Larry Schoeneberg, Financial Secretary noted that for the month of August, giving was down around \$17,000.00 and expenses were down approximately \$4,000 compared to last year.

Building Use Requests were noted and approved.

Committee Reports:

Building and Grounds/Safe Church-Jay Bestgen and Ronnie Kissick

Stained Glass Window Archive Picture Update-Ronnie and Michelle Kissick have taken pictures.

Landscape Committee- The project is complete due to the committee's work (Laura Burger, Judy Burger, and Alan Chambers) and Ted Bueker's help. Ted provided expert advice as well as his time, supply of drip line, and use of his truck. His only charge was for the rock. In recognition of and appreciation for his help, it was decided to give him a monetary gift.

SWC (Security Firm) Contract signed. The next step is for their Project Manager to contact Jay.

Weathercraft Update- A torn rubber roof over the elevator was discovered when the chimney cap was being replaced last month. The roof holds water. A bid of \$6,879.00 was approved for Weathercraft to remove the old torn roof, properly dispose of it, build the area up so no water is retained, and replace the damaged roof. On the subject of the roof, a thank you will be sent to the City of California and to Mr. Baker (Shane's Dad) for their support and help when the chimney cap was replaced. Rhonda Elliott will purchase cards and all Consistory members will sign it.

Elevator Inspection Date--No definite date yet.

Air Conditioners (2) H&D repairs- A maintenance bill will be coming for the unit that was recharged. There will be a labor cost on the unit that is being replaced under warranty.

Carpet Cleaning Project—The lower level has been completed at a cost of \$439.25 and looks really good.

Removal of Overhanging Tree Branches in South Parking Lot-The owner is agreeable about having the limbs removed, and the Brotherhood will be contacted about doing it.

Evangelism-Alan Chambers -No float in Ham and Turkey Festival event

Historical-Norman Rohrbach-Planning Veterans Display for November and continuing articles in Tidings.

Stewardship-Larry Schoeneberg- Meeting scheduled November 28, 2023 with a focus on financial update, benevolent giving, and mission strategy.

Pastor Parish - Larry Schoeneberg--The committee will reactivate this Fall.

Old Business:

Nursery Attendant Update-The ad for nursery attendant ran for two weeks in the local newspaper and there was no response. Some personal contacts and phone calls will perhaps yield some prospects.

Insurance--update from discussion with Church Mutual. The bill has been paid, but there are several questions that are still awaiting answers. (Deductible went from \$5,000 to \$10,000? Actual value of the church-how is it determined? Important to know for 90% co-insurance. Roof now a depreciated item. Is cemetery covered? Damage to tomb stones? Copy machine is covered by Church Mutual at no additional cost.)

St. Paul's Daycare usage request: Laura contacted them and gave them the decision: one hour per day on sweltering or rainy days. They will try to call ahead if they know they might want to use the gym.

New Business:

Assignment of Staff Evaluation (Rhonda Elliott and Reverend Cobb)

Committee: Alan Chambers, VanDee Miller, Carole Barbour, and Ellen Ash

Assignment of Salary Committee for Staff, Nursery Attendant, Cook, and Dishwasher

Committee: Alan Chambers, VanDee Miller, Ellen Ash, and Larry Schoeneberg

Upcoming Communion Dates: October 1 and November 5, 2023

Consistory Announcements: None

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.
The Lord's Prayer was prayed in unison to close the meeting.

E. Carole Barbour, Secretary



STEWARDSHIP SNAPSHOT

	<u>August 2023</u>	<u>August 2022</u>
General Fund		
Balance Brought Forward	\$ 94,035.91	\$ 72,267.54
Receipts	+ 20,186.42	+ \$ 35,028.05
Disbursements	- \$ 21,764.98	- \$ 22,993.34
Balance – August 31	\$ 92,457.35	\$ 84,302.25
 As of August 31, 2023		
Building Fund Balance	\$ 56,831.53	\$ 94,839.89
Local Benevolence Fund Balance	\$ 8,806.89	\$ 8,993.79
Memorial Fund Balance	\$ 4,736.95	\$ 8,276.17
Schnuck Endowment Fund Balance **	\$ 35,615.06	*\$ 28,517.10
Scholarship Fund Balance	\$ 9,796.98	\$ 9,789.63
Youth Fellowship Fund Balance	\$ 4,169.26	\$ 2,670.83
 Total OCWM Received	 \$ 1,975.00	 \$ 3,277.00
Other Benevolent Offerings	\$ 13,160.30	\$15,595.53

Note on 2023 Snapshot regarding Schnuck Endowment

***The C. Schnuck Endowment Checking Fund balance of \$35,615.06 includes \$166.49 that is part of the original restricted gift and is unable to be expended. \$35,448.57 of the fund balance may be expended.*

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.*

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 25, 2023

Refreshments – A delicious meal and dessert were provided by John Osborn to begin the meeting.

Following the meal, the meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM with 16 members and guests present. The meeting was started with a hymn “Gracious Spirit Dwell with Me.” Lashley Rohrbach gave a devotion reflecting on Christ’s temptation in the desert, why He rejected Satan’s temptations and how the experience related to His subsequent ministry.

Program – Paul Kirchoff, Director of the Missouri Veterans Commission, spoke on his background and how he came to be in his position.

Paul grew up part of UCC California, being the son of Rev. M.J. Kirchoff and noted that being part of the church did much to shape the person he became as an adult.

At age 18, Paul enlisted in the United States Army as a Private Grade E1. He spent 33 years in service in a variety of postings including Iraq, Afghanistan, and NORAD. He retired 3 years ago as a Colonel and Brigade Commander. He noted that the military is constantly training their personnel to be more effective and to be better leaders and that he worked with many great leaders and mentors in the military. He used his experiences to develop “Kirchoff’s Rules” for success, including being a problem solver instead of just a problem identifier and disagreeing without being disagreeable.

After retiring from the Army, Paul continued his service, going to work for the Missouri Veterans Commission. After a year on the job, he was promoted to Director of the Commission. The Missouri Veterans Commission is a state agency that provides services to Missouri Veterans in addition to those provided by the United States Veterans Administration (i.e., the VA). Services provided by the Commission include operating affordable long-term care facilities for Missouri Veterans, operating 5 cemeteries across the state free of charge for veterans and their spouses, and helping veterans access all of the VA services to which they are entitled.

Business Meeting-The business meeting was called to order at 8:43 pm.

Treasurer, Tony Barry gave the Treasurer's report. The offering from the July meeting was \$145.00. An additional gift of \$500 was received from the memorial of Richard Meisenheimer, which brings the total gift from the memorial to \$2020.00. A gift of \$150.00 was received from the memorial of Abe Rohrbach. The current account balance is \$3783.35, not including an upcoming \$90.00 expense for the Brotherhood sponsored prison ministry fish fry.

Rob Barbour and Tony Barry spoke about their experiences during the prison ministry held during the week of September 18, during which inmates from Tipton Correctional Center cleaned up and cleared brush from city parks. Both Rob and Tony described the ministry as a very positive experience for both the inmates and the volunteers. Tony mentioned that the breakfast and devotion held each morning before the inmates go to work are open to all, and that greater attendance by members of the community next year would make it an even better experience for the inmates. Dave Meyer mentioned that the First Christian Church has volunteered to conduct the Sunday services for the ministry next year.

Dave Meyer proposed that the Brotherhood consider using Brotherhood funds to upgrade the church Christmas decorations or purchase decorations for Easter. This matter will be discussed further at future meetings.

Steven Burger provided a report on the ongoing parking lot ministry. Additional trimming of trees around the lot is planned for later in the year after leaves fall. Anyone interested in volunteering to help are encouraged to contact Steven for more information.

Upcoming events include decorating the church for Christmas in November and caroling in December. These events will be discussed further at subsequent meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 PM.

Respectfully Submitted – Dave Gattermeir, Secretary



September 5, 2023 Sunday School Teachers & Officers

Carla Clennin called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Pastor Cobb opened with a prayer. Those attending were Carla Clennin, Russell Cobb, Cressida Gattermeir, Dave Gattermeir, Courtney Cassil, Larry Rohrbach, Steven Burger, Peggy Liebi, Roberta Spieler, Kris Ingram, Beth Chambers and Carole Barbour. Roberta made a motion to approve the August minutes. Courtney seconded. Motion carried. Larry made a motion to approve the August Treasurer's report. 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.

Ronda has moved Veggie Tales to Saturday, September 30 from 9:30 -11 AM

Carla stated, she would be happy to complete the vacant 2nd Superintendent position. Carla asked, if anyone had any suggestions for the 3rd Superintendent position.

Beth said that her and Ronda have not started on cleaning up the craft room.

Fall Party- October 8 starting 3:30 PM Games and Crafts; 4:30 PM Hayride; 5:30 PM Chili, Hot Dogs, Chips/crackers, Veggie Tray, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, Sausage and Cheese Tray, drinks. A sign-up sheet for desserts will be posted on bulletin board.

Welcome Peggy Liebi as she will be teaching the Distinguished Adults class. Letters have been sent out to college students asking if they would be coming back home to attend Sunday School if so, this class would be taught by Kendra Hall. Russ said, Kendra is ready just waiting on a start date.

New/ Other Business:

High School Class/Youth Group will now be taught by Kris and Dyan Ingram. Kris gave update on plans for October carving pumpkins, November having a Festive Holiday and December making Gingerbread houses and other events in the Spring. Kris said, they had seven students attend on Sunday, they are expecting more to be joining. It is possible a new room could be needed if class attendance increases.

Larry asked, if Bible Commentary has been purchased for the Wesley Curriculum. Carla will check with Judy if ordered, two will be needed.

Russ said, this Sunday will be Youth Sunday.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM

Next meeting will be Monday, October 2, 2023, at 7 PM

Respectfully submitted, Cressida Gattermeir 3rd Superintendent





UCC Women's Guild

Minutes of the September 20, 2023 meeting

Opening Procedures:

Vice President Linda Schnieders opened the meeting with prayer. 13 members were present.

Carole B. presented the seventh lesson in our Bible Study series, "God with Us as Emmanuel" and shared with us personal instances of God's presence with us. Thank you, Carole.

Lexi H. gave us the Thought for the Day.

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

Members had opportunity to contribute to the Guild's funds for our projects and benevolence contributions.

Business Meeting:

Motion by Laura B., second by Phyllis M. to approve the July 19, 2023 minutes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Carole B., second by Lexi H. to approve the financial report. Motion Carried. A copy is attached to the secretary's copy of the minutes.

Linda S. reported a combination committee served 161 people at the Celebration of Life dinner for Abe Rohrbach. Committee #2 will be responsible for the next dinner.

Mary Burger reported a Best Choice Label count of 4020 currently. Those labels will be turned in October 14 for the Festival of Sharing. We are very close to our goal of 5000!

Judy B. had 30 cards available for signing to send for our Card Ministry.

Linda S. shared a thank you note and a generous contribution from Abe's family and thank you notes from Habitat for Humanity, Halo House, and the Rape and Abuse Crisis Center.

Old Business

Linda S. reported that the Kitchen Clean-up meeting in August was very successful. A group of nine finished by 11:30, and the professional cleaners finished the chair cleaning that afternoon. Both kitchen stoves and appliances were cleaned by Kelly Bueker. Thanks to all!

Committee #1 served 24 people on Monday, Sept 18, as part of the Community Service Project. Inmates from Tipton Correctional Facility were very appreciative of the meal and the fellowship.

Donations for the Festival of Sharing are accumulating in the hallway near the library. Mary B. will transport all materials on October 14, 2023. Please have your donations to the church prior to that morning.

New Business

Motion by Carla C., second by Brenda O. to approve the purchase of two roasters for the main kitchen in the amount of \$308.08.

Motion Carried.

Carla C. reported on the Western Association Fall Meeting on September 16th. She will continue to serve as the Central Cluster representative for the next two year term.

For future Bible Study sessions, the group agreed that the Presbyterian Women publications were excellent and that we would select another set of lessons for next year.





Birthday congratulations were extended to Laura Burger and Carmen Ferris

Joys and Concerns: Clarice N. described the generous contributions of several people to the Blankets of Love project that provides small quilts to young children in distress. All expressed thanks for the always-present love and support our Guild members provide for each other.

Linda S. offered the closing prayer and members enjoyed a time of fellowship. Linda S. and Clarice N. provided one most excellent new dessert creation (Apple Crumb Cheesecake) and one old friend appetizer (Vegetable Pizza). Come join us next month!

Clarice Nelson, Secretary

United Church of Christ

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>1</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>7:00 PM Sunday School Teacher and Officers meeting</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:00 AM Prayer Cell 6:00 PM Consistory Meeting</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 3:30 PM Sunday School Fall Party</p> 	<p>9</p>  <p><i>Columbus Day</i></p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:00 AM Prayer Cell 6:30 PM GriefShare</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:00 AM Prayer Cell 6:30 PM GriefShare</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7:00 PM Men's Brotherhood</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:00 AM Prayer Cell 6:30 PM GriefShare</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9:00 AM Prayer Cell 6:30 PM GriefShare</p> 

October 2023

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>4</p> <p>6:00 PM Wenesday Night Meal 6:30 PM Bell Choir Practice 6:30 PM Confirmation 6:30 PM Marriage Class 6:30 PM R.O.K. and God's Singers 7:30 PM Sr. Choir Practice</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
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<p>18</p> <p>1:00 PM Women's Guild 6:00 PM Wenesday Night Meal 6:30 PM Bell Choir Practice 6:30 PM Confirmation 6:30 PM Marriage Class 6:30 PM R.O.K. and God's Singers 7:30 PM Sr. Choir Practice</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
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California UCC Historical Highlight

Rev. F.A. Umbeck

Our longest serving minister has been Rev. Friederich Adolf (F.A.) Umbeck, who served for 47 years from 1866 to 1913. As noted in last month's historical moment, Rev. F.A. Umbeck was also the first minister of the German Evangelical Church of California. He was born in Dabrringhausen, Germany in 1837 and came to America in 1849 when his father, Rev. F.W. Umbeck, emigrated to a farm in Cape Girardeau with his seven children shortly after his wife's death. They moved to this area when F.W. was later called to the Salem Evangelical Church where he served until his death in 1857. Before F.A. served as minister to our Church, it's interesting to note that, while preaching at Maeystown, IL, he was drafted into the Civil War in 1864 and served as a soldier in the 43rd Infantry Regiment of the Union Army until he was discharged in 1865 after recovering from typhoid fever. By his account, when he was drafted his congregation wanted to send a substitute in his place, but the cost would have been \$100-\$600 and he wanted to serve his time as a soldier in the Army. He wrote that he felt if a substitute would have been killed in his place, it would have been his fault. Upon his return, Salem's congregation was without a pastor and called F.A. to California to serve them since his father had previously been their minister and was buried there. He went on to begin preaching for the newly formed German Evangelical Church in California in 1866 and was married to Fredrika Greiner, the daughter of a Swiss missionary, in 1868. They had eight children, and during his time as our minister, it's recounted that he was congenial and well-liked. F.A. served in California until he died in 1913. After his death, his son Rev. Frederick Paul (F.P.) Umbeck served as our pastor from 1914 until 1924.

Brought to you by your California UCC Historical Committee



OCTOBER BLESSINGS

Prayers that your month of October is
blessed and that you have.....

Comfort on difficult days,
Smiles when sadness intrudes,
Rainbows to follow the clouds,
Sunsets to warm your heart,
Laughter to kiss your lips,
Friendships that are true,
Beauty for your eyes to see,
Faith so that you can believe,
Confidence for when you doubt,
Patience to wait for the truth,
Courage to know yourself,
Love to complete your life.

HAPPY OCTOBER



Western Association of the Missouri Mid-South Conference

On Saturday, September 16, the Western Association (WA) of the Missouri Mid-South Conference, gathered for our Fall meeting at St. Peter's Evangelical UCC – Billings, MO, I attended via zoom. A report of a quorum was met.

Opening Devotion was present by Brittany Scaringello, Jody Furnas-Wright, Stephanie Scott-Huffman

Our Keynote Speaker was Rev. Dr. Jane Fisler-Hoffman who talked about "The Importance of Covenant in Our Life Together". She asked, do you know your local churches "Covenant" and how has "Covenant" changed in the last few years. Dr. Fisler-Hoffman has also written a book "Covenant: A Study for the United Church of Christ".

After lunch the business meeting convened.

Moderator's Report was given by Rev. Dale Parson:

There are 36 churches in the Western Association (WA) of the Missouri Mid-South Conference of the UCC. Of the 36 churches, 15 are served by authorized, full-time, settled ministers. The other 21 have an assortment of leadership configurations. These vary from part-time to very part-time, supply, and interim settings. Currently, eight to nine churches are in the search process. At least two such settings (four churches) are or planning to share pastoral leadership. The pandemic has been hugely impactful. Committee on Ministry and the Association Council have most of their meetings as virtual or hybrid. We would not have quorum for today's meeting without providing options. The four clusters of the WA have rather different personalities and ways of functioning. The cluster is an organizational structure for programming, mission and fellowship on a more local level. The WA has so many dedicated leaders whose vision, passion and energy inspire others. Many of these are visibly present; many others work behind the scenes in classrooms, kitchens, shelters, and settings, not so visible, but very important. There is so much that can and does give us encouragement. The Association Council is planning a revival in the spring. Columbia UCC has invited us to a "Revival UCC Style" Saturday, April 27, 2024. Our preacher has yet to be confirmed, but watch for more information about this event.

Here, I shall place a comma. The reports and conversation that follow will paint the picture more fully. It has been good to serve this year as Moderator.

Dennis Zeller presented the Meeting minutes of the October 15, 2022 Fall Annual meeting at UCC-California was approved.

Treasurer's report was presented by Stephen Price

Balance on Hand January 1, 2022	\$ 13,919.17
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Donations and Other income	\$ 3,015.38
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Expenses	\$ 2,154.42
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Balance as of December 31, 2022	\$ 14,780.13
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Committee on Ministry report presented by Rev. Andy Mockridge
A General Summary on the Work of Committees on Ministry: The UCC locates authority for the authorization, oversight, and support of its ministers and churches through its Committees on Ministry. Most of the work of the COM is considered confidential.

Nomination Slate was approved as presented:

Moderator (Rev.) Tim Fairley (to fill unexpired term of Dale Parson);

Vice-Moderator (Rev.) Laura Callender (to fill Interim term of Bob Atkinson); Secretary Dennis Zeller (needs to be re-elected for 2nd

Term); Treasurer Stephen Price (needs to be re-elected for 2nd Term)

Conference Reflections presented by Transitional Conference

Minister Rev. Mary W. Nelson: In summary, looking ahead to this fall,

next year: TAMBO town hall Sept 27; CAG October 13-14; 5-week

book study on the Afro-Christian Tradition beginning October 25;

Conference Middle School Event at MoVal November 17-19;

Conference Youth Event (for high schoolers) is February 16-19, 2024;

Clergy retreat April 7-9 at Shannondale for the solar eclipse; CAG

October (date not finalized yet); Synod in Kansas City July 11-15,

2025—need many volunteers! Please let me know if you'd like to be on the Local Arrangements Committee.

Closing worship and Installation of Officers & Committee of Ministry

If anyone would want to see all the handouts please let me know and I would be happy to share.

Respectfully submitted, Carla Clennin, Central Cluster Rep.

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



ALL WELCOME
Sunday School Fall Party



October 8 at UCC-California

3:30 pm Gathering – games - crafts

4:30 pm Hayride – Small Town Style

5:30 pm Chili – Hot Dogs – with all the fixins'



R.O.K. and God's Singers October and November

October 04	R.O.K. / God's Singers	6:30 p.m to 7:20 p.m.
October 11	R.O.K. / God's Singers	6:30 p.m to 7:20 p.m.
October 18	R.O.K. / God's Singers	6:30 p.m to 7:20 p.m.
October 22	SING DURING WORSHIP	10:30 A.M.
October 25	R.O.K. / God's Singers	6:30 p.m to 7:20 p.m.
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.
	No School / No R.O.K. -	
November 22	No God's Singers	Happy Thanksgiving
November 26	SING DURING WORSHIP	10:30 A.M.
	God's Singers / Christmas	
November 29	Eve Program Practice	6:30 p.m to 7:20 p.m.



Historical Committee Request

The UCC Historical Committee is planning to display pictures of veterans from our church families in our display case during the month of November. Please bring pictures of your families veterans (5 x 7 or larger preferred, but smaller is ok if that's what you have) and leave them with Rhonda in the office or give them to a committee member during the month of October. We will return them after November. Thanks.

Your Historical Committee,
Norman Rohrbach, Brett Hall and Phyllis Miller

We want to thank our Church family for the many cards, gifts of food, memorial gifts, and your thoughts and prayers. You treated Mom like family and made her feel at home here. She really enjoyed being a part of the services and activities of the Church. Thank you so much!

The Mortenson family

*Thank
you*

2023-2024 Confirmation Class

Kalyn Carlock
Aubrey Davis
Emma Kissick
Khloe Mortenson
Brooks Nichols



October Choir Schedule

01 Senior Choir
08 Senior Choir
15 Bells
22 God's Singers
29 Senior Choir



Nursery Volunteers

01 Holly Bieri
08 Julie Medlin
15 Hadley Milligan
22 Betty Cobb
29 Courtney Cassil

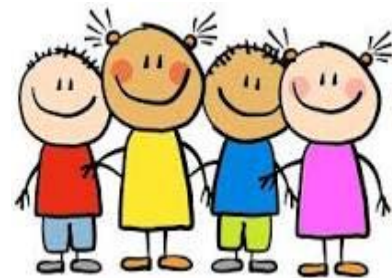


Children's Time

01 Anny Roll
08 JoAnn Cantriel
15 Holly Bieri
22 Pastor Russ
29 Carla Clennin

Acolytes

01 Brynna Hall & Jess Medlin
08 Emily King & Logan Milligan
15 Amelia Howard & Royce Everett
22 Sophie Miller & Rylan Robertson
29 Conner Brockes & Camden Lawson



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Lay Readers

01 Alan Chambers
08 David Gattermeir
15 Beth Dampf
22 Mary Burger
29 Judy Burger

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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:
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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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MONTEAU CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES CENTER

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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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
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
08 Bill Schacht
08 Tom Liebi
08 Austin Mouse
08 Aaron Burger
09 Blayke Wilson
09 Kya Peck
09 Kathy Bueker
09 Weston Brandes
11 Ross Robertson
11 Bennett Gatlin
12 Bronson Coale
13 Lois Daniel
15 Trisha Meisenheimer
15 Lauren Spillars
16 Lena Bieri

18 Anny Roll
20 Sandra Ratcliff
21 Jim Kueffer
25 Joyce Rohrbach
25 Alison Peters
25 Chad Bell
25 Robbie Coleman
25 Olivia Brancato
26 Kendall Gratz
26 Sherry Leonard
26 Lana Wong
26 Kara Zuidervaart

27 Julie Medlin
27 Andy Burger
28 Amy Mouse
28 Kristen Allred
29 Jessica Connelly
30 Darryl Elliott
30 Bruce Miller
30 Mollie Spencer
31 Tammy Roberts
31 Jacob Adams
31 Brynn Phoenix
31 Fallon Lawson



October Baptisms

Shane Baker—Oct. 13, 2018
David Barry—Oct. 1, 1951
Courtney Cassil—Oct. 24, 1991
Renee` Clifford—Oct. 27, 1957
MaryBeth Deeken- Oct. 23, 1966
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



The Tidings

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