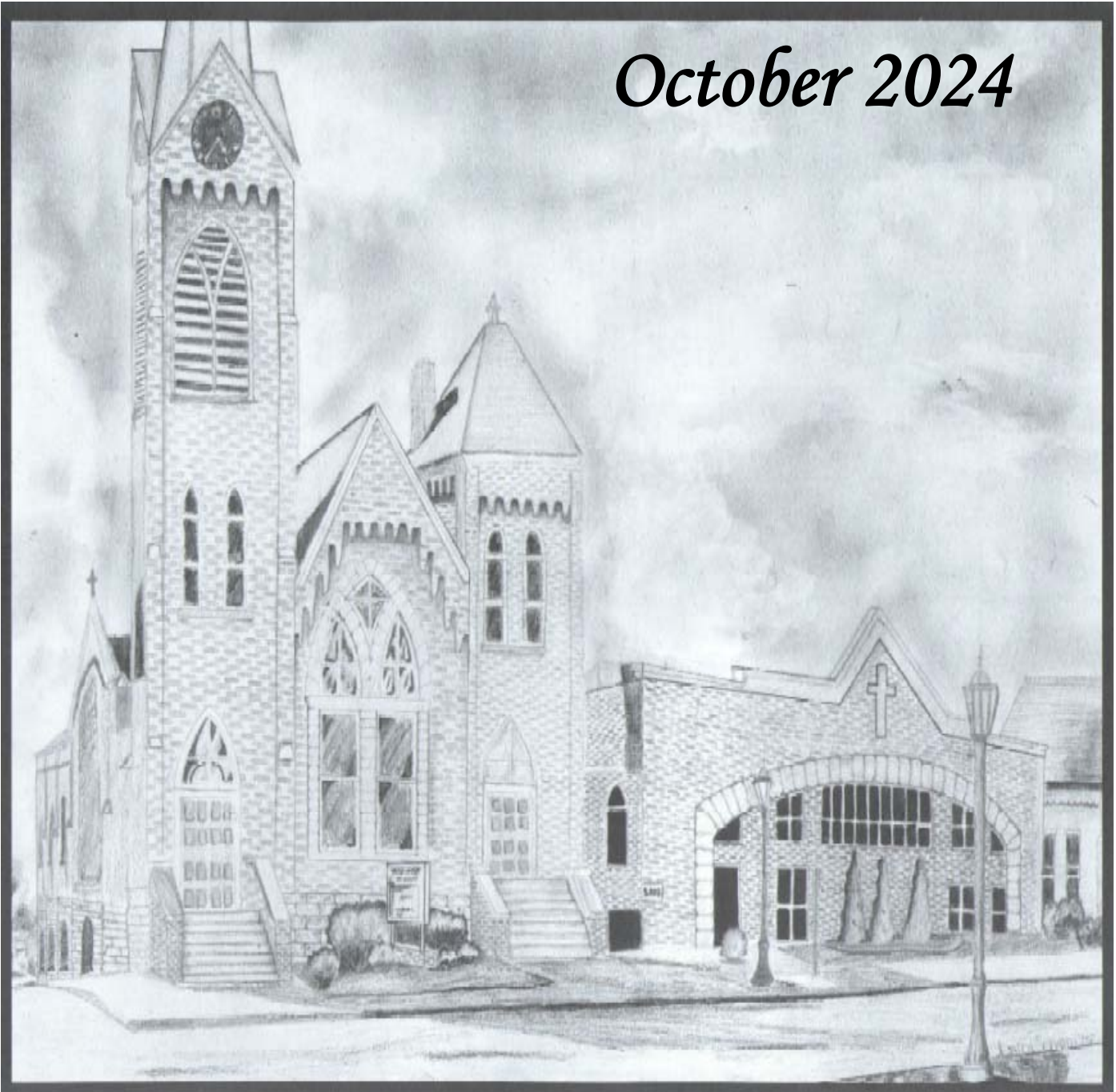


The Tidings

October 2024



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Unsung Heroes

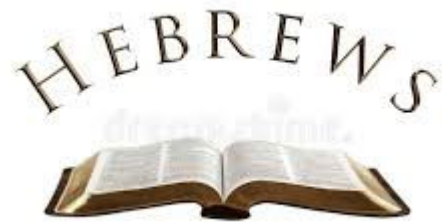
“There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection...These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised.” (Hebrews 11:35,39)

There are people all around us and in our lives that have done and are doing amazing things that no one knows about. They have helped people, they have encouraged people, they have changed people's lives and they receive little to no attention for their great works. Besides my parents, my wife, and my extended family, I have had people all along my journey that have encouraged me, blessed me with advice when I needed it, or have prayed for me all through my life. I think of Russell and Lavonne White who were our neighbors when we lived near Moberly. We were young parents and they provided us love and support during those early years of marriage. Russell's funeral was the first funeral I ever did as the primary pastor. I think of Dean and Nancy, our neighbors in Dallas that shared their life experiences with us. I think of Maggie and Tony, our neighbors in Portland, Indiana, that walked across the street and shared their lives with us. No parades for any of them, but they are unsung heroes in our lives.

In October we will look at some of the unsung heroes of the Bible like Elijah and Elisha, Ezra, Job, Nehemiah, and Barnabas. Important people of faith that lived at difficult times but made a difference with their lives. Hebrews 11 mentions a lot of the big names of faith, but then says there were others that did amazing acts of faith as well, but their names aren't listed. Every church is filled with unsung heroes. They do many of the behind the scenes stuff. They call on fellow church members, they work in the kitchen, they pray for hurting people, they give sacrificially, and they promote their church in the community by the lives they lead. Heaven is going to be full of unsung heroes. I encourage you to keep doing God's work even if it goes unnoticed. God is watching. He knows our good deeds and they will be rewarded.

Hard to believe we are already in October. Wednesday night activities are going strong. Our church Fall party is Sunday, October 20th here at the church. It's a great time of fellowship and fun. Our GriefShare class has started on Monday nights and is led by JoAnn Cantriel. The high school class is watching "The Chosen" on Wednesday nights after dinner. They invite any adults that would like to watch it as well with them. Attendance has been strong in September. The choirs are back and each Sunday is a great worship experience. May God bless all of you with an opportunity to invite someone to church as we lead up to Christmas.

Serving Christ Together,
Russ





California United Church of Christ September 9, 2024 – Consistory Meeting Highlights

The September meeting of the Consistory of the California United Church of Christ was called to order at 6:02 pm by Alan Chambers, Consistory President. The Reverend Russell Cobb opened the meeting with prayer.

A quorum was established with Ellen Ash, Carole Barbour, Jay Bestgen, Holly Bieri, Alan Chambers, and Larry Schoeneberg in attendance. Jim Deeken and VanDee Miller were absent.

The Minutes of the August Meeting, the Treasurer's Report (Ellen Ash), the Financial Secretary's Report (Larry Schoeneberg), and the Stewardship Snapshot were approved. In the check detail Ellen noted that the check for the final payment to SWC (our Security System provider) for \$18,871.58 had been issued and an annual expense for the Church webpage of \$850.00 had been paid. Larry presented the Statement of Financial Position and had reinvested two CD's that matured.

Local Benevolence Chair, Holly Bieri noted that funds from the Local Benevolence account had been used to help the victims of a house fire in our community.

Worship Statistics were discussed with no definite trends noted.

Facility Use Requests were approved.

Committee Reports

Building and Grounds/Safe Church - Jay Bestgen and Jim Deeken

Elevator Valve/Phone- A hydraulic oil holding tank is being made and the valve will be replaced when the tank is installed. The phone will be dealt with then.

Church Mutual Update-There has been no response from Church Mutual concerning the almost 20% increase in Church coverage premiums in spite of Jim's and Jay's numerous calls. We will pay the premium to Church Mutual on October 1, 2024.

Met with New Potential Insurance Company-Insurance representatives toured our Church Facility and we have not heard back from them yet.

Stewardship-Larry Schoeneberg- The next meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2024.

Worship-VanDee Miller-No report in VanDee's absence.

Pastor/Parish- Larry Schoeneberg-Reverend Cobb, Alan Mortenson, and Larry Rohrbach meet weekly to assure that contact is maintained between the church and the members. Judy Burger helps with phone calls when that is appropriate

Old Business

EasyTithe migration to Amplify-Follow-up -The procedure is a name change only and no action needs to be taken. It is important that the congregation is informed.

SWC Key Fobs, 79 of 100 have been issued to date. Should we order more now or wait? There is no urgency to act on this matter and it was tabled. Do you have yours????

Nelson Library-Dwight Nelson has offered his extensive and remarkable library to Reverend Cobb's alma mater, Central Christian College of the Bible, as well as to local pastors, and our church. Space for a part of the collection that would be helpful for our church family is being planned.

Church Directory-Plans are in the beginning stage. No action was taken.

Personnel Policy-Consistory members will review the policy before action is taken. Tabled.

New Business

Membership List-The membership list is completed and updated.

An alphabetical membership list is available to California UCC members for use for church related activities upon request at the church office.

Quote/Design from Bee Seen Signs for Electronic Sign in Front of the Church -Alan Chambers-There was not sufficient information for action but thank you to all who have contributed pictures of working signs, Tabled.

Nominating Committee-It is time to set a meeting date and think of filling Consistory and Committee positions. Committee members are Jim Deeken, Holly Bieri, Kendra Hall, Kent Howard, and Kris and Dyan Ingram. Thank you for serving as a Committee. A personal thought from one who has served on this committee--if asked to serve and you are able, please say "yes". The Committee believes you have the knowledge and God will help you find the time when you ask.

Financial Review Committee

Pamela Ives Hill has resigned from the Committee. Thank you for your years of service, Pamela. There is a need for someone to fill that vacancy.

Youth Group Fundraiser-Wednesday, October 9, 2024 (Wednesday night meal)

Upcoming Communion Dates

October 6-Worldwide Communion Sunday

November 3-All Saints Sunday

Consistory Announcements None

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

The Lord's Prayer The Lord's Prayer was prayed in unison to complete the evening.

Spiritual Council Meeting

Reverend Cobb did not request a meeting.



E. Carole Barbour, Secretary

STEWARDSHIP SNAPSHOT

	<u>August 2024</u>	<u>August 2023</u>
General Fund		
Balance Brought Forward	\$ 51,029.80	\$ 94,035.91
Receipts	+ 20,454.63	+ \$ 20,186.42
Disbursements	- \$ 22,844.07	- \$ 21,764.98
Balance – August 31	\$ 48,640.36	\$ 92,457.35
 As of August 31, 2024		
Building Fund Balance	\$ 89,757.35	\$ 56,831.53
Local Benevolence Fund Balance	\$ 11,262.53	\$ 8,806.89
Memorial Fund Balance	\$ 16,927.92	\$ 4,736.95
Schnuck Endowment Fund Balance *	\$ 10,701.75	** \$ 35,615.06
Scholarship Fund Balance	\$ 11,677.39	\$ 9,796.98
Youth Fellowship Fund Balance	\$ 3,205.70	\$ 4,169.26
 Total OCWM Received	 \$ 1,991.75	 \$ 1,975.00
Other Benevolent Offerings	\$ 12,718.47	\$ 13,160.30

Note on 2024 Snapshot regarding Schnuck Endowment

**The C. Schnuck Endowment Checking Fund balance of \$10,701.75 includes \$166.49 that is part of the original restricted gift and is unable to be expended. \$10,535.26 of the fund balance may be expended.*

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.*

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 23, 2024

Refreshments – President Dave Meyer provided pizza to begin the meeting and Pastor Russell Cobb prayed a blessing over the meal.

Following refreshments, President Dave Meyer gave a devotion around Psalm 51:10-12 and 1 John 1:9, remarking that cleansing of the soul is as important as cleansing the body and that we should not forget to pray for forgiveness for our sins.

Business Meeting – President Dave Meyer called the business meeting to order at 7:38 PM with 12 members and guests present.

Members present were given the opportunity to sign up to RSVP for dinner and fellowship at Central Church in Jefferson City on October 1.

Rob Barbour provided an update on the inmate ministry ongoing this week. Inmate and volunteers spent the day power washing structures and clearing branches at Proctor Park. Meals and devotions have been provided by local churches, but desserts have been requested. A pork steak lunch will be provided on Wednesday and a fish fry on Thursday. The program will conclude with a service on Sunday at First Christian Church.

The date for the next Brotherhood Family Night was confirmed to be November 17.

Betty Cobb and Joyce Rohrbach will provide the meal for the October 28 meeting. The program will be presented by Richard and Iva Presberry, who will speak on the Hope for Caribbean Kids ministry. A volunteer to provide the devotion is being sought.

The business meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.



Program – Marty Ramsdell, Moniteau County Coroner, spoke about the functions of the Coroner's Office.

Marty is married with 3 children, who were confirmed at UCC California. Marty has worked with Mid-MO ambulance service for 30 years and was involved with the Fire Department for more than 25 years.

The County Coroner is an elected office. Marty is currently serving his third term as coroner and is running unopposed in November. There are no specific requirements for the office, but training is mandated and conducted by the Missouri Coroners' and Medical Examiners' Association. Marty also employs a Deputy Coroner (Brad Friedmeyer, the California Fire Chief) who can perform his duties when he is unable or at another call. Larger counties may employ several Deputy Coroners and possibly a Medical Examiner (a medical doctor who also performs the duties of the Coroner). Smaller counties may contract with a larger county for these services.

Among the duties of the Coroner are to:

Investigate certain types of deaths including homicide, suicide, unforeseen sudden deaths (not seen by a physician in the 36 hours before death), child deaths, deaths in home hospice, and unusual or suspicious deaths. In Moniteau County, he goes out on calls for about 50 deaths per year.

Administer the procurement of donated organs

Certify cause and manner of death (issue death certificates).

Order autopsies (which are performed by the Boone County Medical Examiner at the University Hospital in Columbia). The State of Missouri pays for autopsies, which cost approximately \$2600. The coroner may also draw blood for analysis by the Missouri State Highway Patrol investigation laboratory if the death may involve drugs or alcohol.

Perform the duties of the Sheriff when the Sheriff is absent, unable to perform his duty, or is disqualified (meaning the Sheriff is a party involved in a crime or death). The Coroner is the only person in the county who can arrest the Sheriff.

The Coroner may also hold a Coroner's inquest, including issuing warrants, the subpoena of witnesses, and calling juries.

Marty has never been involved in such an inquest.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted – Dave Gattermeir, Secretary



September 3, 2024 Sunday School Teachers & Officers

Carla Clennin called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Those present were Carla Clennin, Lauren Lawson, Austin Chambers, Courtney Cassil, Dyan Ingram, Carole Barbour, and Cressida Gattermeir.

Carla opened the meeting with a quick prayer.

Lauren motioned for the August minutes to be approved, Carole seconded, motion approved.

A motion was made to increase Sunday School's monetary donation for Sharefest to \$1,500. The motion carried unanimously.

Courtney motioned for the approval of the Treasurer's report, Lauren seconded, motioned approved.

Old Business:

Carla and Ellen have volunteered to direct the Christmas Eve program. Lauren will once again help with the pre-K children. Carla will organize the candlelight service following the youth program. Notice for the Christmas Eve program will go out by October 20th. Carla will put together letter to send to parents.

Carla called Ronda to get an update on Veggie Tales. Ronda provided an update for those in attendance and informed us that there were currently 32 signed up to attend.

Officers will continue to reach out for interest in the 3rd Superintendent.

New Business:

Kendra requested to have her college class through the school months only as there was no attendance during the summer months.

Those attending had a discussion on the details concerning watching The Chosen on Wednesday nights and having discussions during Sunday School. It was agreed that everyone is welcome to come watch The Chosen on Wednesday, but the Sunday School discussions will start with High School and College classes and maybe open up to all classes next summer. Those attending agreed that the meeting room might be the best place to watch the episodes. Dyan requested two addition study guides "What Does It Mean To Be Chosen." The episodes will start September 11th.

Cressida provided an update on the Fall Party. Cressida requested approval for expenses of \$200 for table covers, pumpkin decorations, and crafts for kids. Courtney motioned, Carole seconded, motioned carried.

Courtney asked if Sunday School should pay for Operation Shoebox or if the youth group should continue to fund the project. Currently Sunday School's October benevolence of \$250 goes to pay for shipping of Operation Shoebox. It was agreed Sunday School would pay for the total shipping cost. Courtney agreed to take the lead on Operation Shoebox. Courtney agreed to take the boxes over to First Baptist Church for them to be mailed.

The group was asked if Sunday School should continue to organize the Angel Tree or switch to Toys for Tots. Carla and Carole have been organizing the Angel Tree for the past couple of years. The group agreed to switch the effort towards Toys-for-Tots. Dyan had talked about some different idea's, but it will need to be approved by Toys-for-Tots. It was agreed that Dyan would provide a list of teenage group for our church to gather items. Carla will talk with Alan Chambers to discuss the greater church body.

Dyan requested further information on the youth group meals. Courtney mentioned that the youth group does two meals each year. One in the Fall and one in the Spring to help fund Young Christian's Weekend. Carla e-mailed the consistory during our meeting to add the youth group meal to their agenda for October 9.

Dyan asked those present on their thoughts of having activities with all the local church youth groups throughout the year. The group agreed it was a great idea and gave her ideas. Also suggested she talk with Russ Cobb to bring it up at the Ministerial Alliance meeting, to get contact information from the various churches.

Dyan also would like to hold a lock-in for the youth group on Friday November 1st. Carla directed Dyan to speak with Rhonda to fill out the church's reservation form.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:54 pm.

Next meeting will be Monday, October 7, 2024, at 7 PM

Respectfully submitted, Austin Chambers, 3rd Superintendent





UCC Women's Guild

Minutes of the September 18, 2024 meeting

Opening Procedures

15 people were in attendance as Lexi H. led the opening prayer. Carole B. led the seventh lesson from the Bible study series. "Sabbath and Self-Care" stressed the importance of stewardship in our personal connection to God. Lexi H. gave the Thought for the Day (The Real Wealth), a story wherein a wealthy young son saw through unintended irony that the poor families his father looked down upon were instead the wealthy ones. Members had opportunity to contribute their offering and to participate in the benevolence activity. (Festival of Sharing, CWS Blanket Fund).

Business Meeting

- Motion by Linda S., second by Judy B. to approve the July 17, 2024 minutes as presented. Motion Carried.
 - Motion by Linda S., second by Phyllis M., to approve the financial report as presented. Motion Carried. (A copy is attached to the secretary's minutes.)
 - Committee #1 is up for the next Celebration of Life meal.
 - Mary B. reported 3180 Best Choice labels and a bag of uncounted labels left in the office.
 - Judy B. reported 28 cards were sent the past month.
- No correspondence was reported.

Old Business

Share Fest (Festival of Sharing) is October 12, 2024. If you wish to contribute financially, make your check to UCC GUILD and indicate "Share Fest" on the memo line. Mary B. will be transporting our contributions to the Share Fest location on October 12 so please leave all donations and contributions at the church prior to that date. Norman and Joyce have relayed messages from acquaintances describing how much some of those kits are appreciated in Missouri communities.

New Business

- Prison Ministry Meal – Monday, September 23. Last year we served about 25 people. Only 3 people are needed to serve the meal. Menu and food assignments are as follows: Lexi – pulled chicken, potato salad, chips; Linda S. – pulled pork; Carla – buns; Carole B. – beans; Julie – dessert (cake); Clarice – pies. Tea, coffee, lemonade will be served. Use regular dishes and silverware. Have food to church by 11:00. Meal begins at 12:00.
- Carla C. reported on the Western Association meetings, reminding members she and Carole B. will be attending Saturday, Sept 21. One of the subjects will be the ongoing issue of mainline churches and steeplejacking. One suggestion from the Association was that individual UCC clusters can meet at the churches where representatives are members to talk about the subject.
- In 2025, the General Synod is scheduled to meet in Kansas City. Bob Atkinson is retiring as communications director.
- Judy B. reminded members that we do have funds available in the UCC Guild Memorial Fund. Various suggestions were offered for future consideration. Carole reminded members of the ongoing commitment to the maintenance and repair of the windows in the sanctuary.
- Birthday congratulations to Laura B., Carmen F., and Rhonda E. Members always enjoy a time to voice joys and concerns.




Lexi H. offered the closing prayer and members enjoyed the tasty snacks and desserts provided by Linda S. and Clarice N. The group was also treated to the wonderful aroma of Wednesday night supper being prepared by Letha P.! Always a good time of food and fellowship.

Clarice Nelson, Secretary



**REMINDER: Next UCC Guild meeting is
October 16, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.**



United Church of Christ

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
		<p>1</p> <p>9:00 AM Prayer Cell</p>
<p>6</p> <p>World Communion Sunday</p> 	<p>7</p> <p>6:30 PM GriefShare 7:00 PM Sunday School T & O meeting</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:00 AM Prayer Cell</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:00 PM Consistory 6:30 PM GriefShare</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:00 AM Prayer Cell</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Sunday School Fall Party</p> 	<p>21</p> <p>6:30 PM GriefShare</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:00 AM Prayer Cell</p>
<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:30 PM GriefShare 7:00 PM Men's Brotherhood</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:00 AM Prayer Cell</p>

October 2024

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Come Join Us for Sunday School
Sunday School meets at 9:30 am
We have classes for ALL ages!

Here are the Sunday School Teachers.....

Ronda Mortenson—2-3 year olds
Cressida and Dave Gattermeir—PreK-Kindergarten
Beth Chambers and Anny Roll—1st-2nd Grade
Lauren Lawson—3rd-5th Grade
Courtney Cassil—6th-8th Grade
Kris and Dyan Ingram—9th-12th Grade
Carole Barbour— Working Class Christians
Peggy Liebi— Distinguished Adults
Kendra Hall—College Class
Kingdom Builders— led by various leaders
Young Adult— led by various leaders





OCTOBER BLESSINGS



You are invited to join Prayer Cell.
The Prayer Cell group meets each Tuesday,
from 9:00-9:30 a.m. in the conference room.
We gather together in prayer and in fellowship.
Bring your concerns and your praises to share.
There is room for you.



*Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer*



Western Association of the Missouri Mid-South Conference

On Saturday, September 21, the Western Association (WA) of the Missouri Mid-South Conference, United Church of Christ Fall meeting gathered at the Columbia - UCC. There were 18 churches represented with 60 in-person attending and 7 via zoom. Carole Barbour and I were in attendance.

Call to order, Welcome & Introductions, Adoption of Agenda was given by Rev. Tim Fairley at 10 AM

Morning worship was led by Rev. Rick Oberle, pastor at Columbia UCC and Shelly Adams with hymn singing and Scripture from Acts 2:37-48.

Rev. John C. Dorhauer presented on "Steeplejacking: The Who, the How and the Way" John broke his presentation down into four categories Love Story, Conspiracy Theory, the Attack, and Strategy. How would a church be "Steeplejacked" John stated that in 2003 "Trained Operatives" would show-up at annual church meetings. Conflict in membership is the #1 decrease in church membership. Churches would be searching for a minister/pastor need to be careful when conducting their interviews.

Moderator's report was given by Rev. Tim Fairley – New Franklin UCC

Approval of meeting minutes and Treasurer's reports were approved.

Committee on Ministry (COM) report given by Rev. Michael Stephens – Southwood UCC – Raytown

Each church was to take a poster back to their churches for instructions Filling empty Pulpits.

Heritage Team – Rev. Stephen Buchholtz retired minister state we have no church this year in the WA celebrating monumental anniversaries; there are 5 ministers celebrating 50 years of service.

Cluster reports given by – Carla Clennin for the Central Cluster, Rev. Stephanie Scott-Huffman Ozark cluster, Dennis Zeller Lafayette cluster, Rev. Laura Callendar KC/St. Joe cluster

Nominating Committee Report: Rev. Laura Callendar, Rev. Jessica Palys, Staci Cooper, and Rev. Michael Stephens from the Committee of Ministry (COM) presented a slate of officer for 2024 WA Council

Moderator – Rev. Tim Fairley (2nd term)

Vice-Moderator – Rev. Laura Callendar (2nd term)

COM Rep. Rev. Betty Thaller (2nd term)

Youth Ministry – Staci Cooper (2nd term)

Lafayette Cluster Representative – Denise Bainbridge (1st term)

Ozark Cluster Representative – Rev. Stephanie Scott-Huffman (2nd term)

Social Justice – Joshua Payne (to fill the unexpired term of Rev. Jessica Palys)

Transitional Conference Minister's report was presented by Rev. Mary Nelson.

Lunch was provided by the ladies of the Columbia UCC.

Q & A session with John, Rev. Damien Lake and Mary.

Anyone that had a question was asked to put their question in the basket, various questions were asked.

Closing Worship and Installation of Officers was led by Rick Oberle, Damien Lake, Mary Nelson and Tim Fairley

Carole and I both enjoyed the day as we left knowing UCC is a loving church.

Adjourned 2:00 pm

Respectfully submitted, Carla Clennin, Central Cluster Rep.



FALL 
CONFERENCE

Wednesday Evening Activities

6:00 p.m.—Fellowship Meal

**6:30 p.m.—Confirmation, Bell Choir
ROK & God's Singers**

7:30 p.m.—Sr. Choir



ALL WELCOME
Sunday School Fall Party



October 20 at UCC-California

3:30 pm Gathering – games - crafts

4:30 pm Hayride – Small Town Style

5:30 pm Grilled Hamburgers-Hot Dogs

A sign-up sheet is available for veggie/relish tray
on bulletin board



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

October 02	R.O.K. / God's Singers	6:30 p.m to 7:20 p.m.
October 09	R.O.K. / God's Singers	6:30 p.m to 7:20 p.m.
October 16	R.O.K. / God's Singers	6:30 p.m to 7:20 p.m.
October 23	R.O.K. / God's Singers	6:30 p.m to 7:20 p.m.
October 27	SING DURING WORSHIP	10:30 A.M.
October 30	R.O.K. / God's Singers	6:30 p.m to 7:20 p.m.
November 06	R.O.K. / God's Singers	6:30 p.m to 7:20 p.m.
November 13	R.O.K. / God's Singers	6:30 p.m to 7:20 p.m.
November 20	R.O.K. / God's Singers	6:30 p.m to 7:20 p.m.
November 24	SING DURING WORSHIP No School / No R.O.K. -	10:30 A.M.
November 27	No God's Singers	Happy Thanksgiving





Congratulations to:

*Wyatt Bestgen and Macy Thompson
who were married
August 31, 2024*

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*Lauren Spillars and Cole Schlup
who were married
September 21, 2024*

Change of Address:

Mr. and Mrs. Luke Burger
1315 Selma Ave.
Saint Louis, MO 63119-4724

Rev. Howard Ellis
1024 W Main St., Apt. 123
Jefferson City, MO 65109-6931



2024-2025 Confirmation Class

Conner Brockes
Jaelea Hall
Carson Kruger
Jess Medlin
Ava Motley
Brenyn Robertson
Rylan Robertson
Hazel Wolford



Confirmation

October Choir Schedule

6 Senior Choir
13 Senior Choir
20 Bells
27 God's Singers



Nursery Attendant

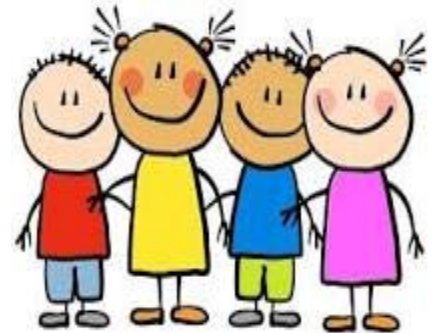
Reagan Cain

Children's Time

6 Anny Roll
13 JoAnn Cantriel
20 Carla Clennin
27 Holly Bieri

Acolytes

6 Logan Milligan & Amelia Howard
13 Megan Carlock & Max Robertson
20 Grayden & Rynley Gatlin
27 Sophie Miller & Bruce Miller



WE LOVE OUR



Lay Readers

6 Alan Chambers
13 David Gattermeir
20 Mary Burger
27 Carla Clennin

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Notes & News

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

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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!

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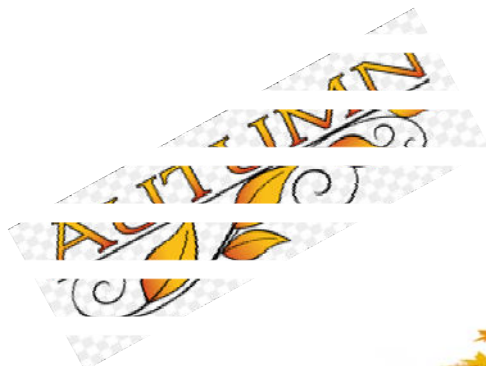
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October Birthdays

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 Austin Mouse
08 Aaron Burger
09 Blayne 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 Schlup
16 Lena Bieri
16 Oakleigh Imhoff
16 Kwincy Opie



18 Anny Roll
20 Adalynn Applegate
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
29 Jessica Connelly
30 Darryl Elliott
30 Bruce Miller
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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