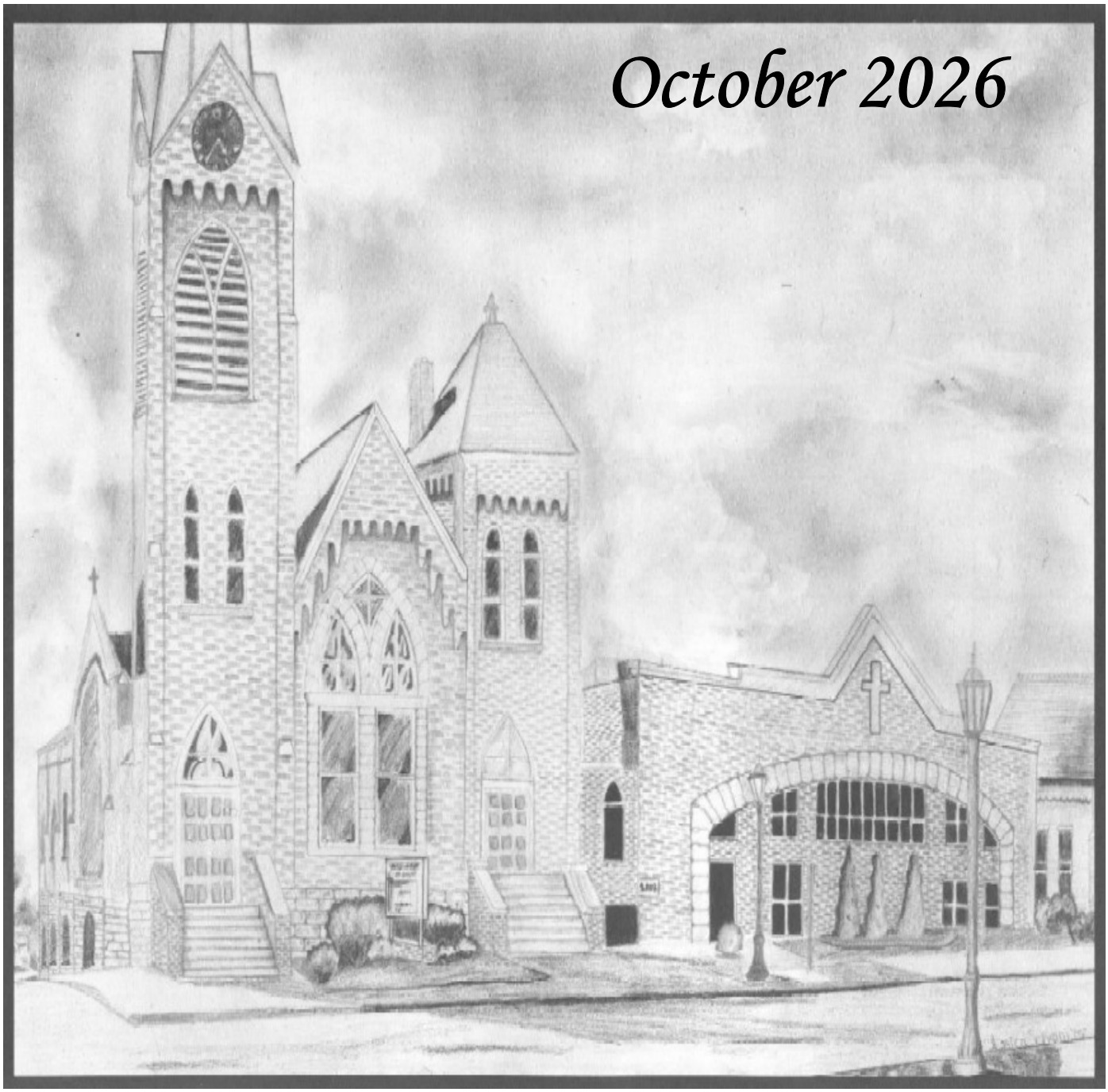
# *The Tidings*




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## From the Pastor's Desk

Hello from the Pastor's desk. October has arrived and with it cooler weather and the beginning of the trees changing color. In New Mexico we just have cottonwood trees, but they do change color but all the same. A special activity in October is the return of the football season. We don't have any pro teams near us so we watch the University of New Mexico team. The official mascot of the University is a Lobo which is the Spanish word for wolf. While we are here, we are planning to attend a MU game on October 3rd. We are looking forward to being in the excitement of the Home-coming game.

As most of you know I will be celebrating the 48th anniversary of my ordination to Christian Ministry. I was active in ministry for several years, but you cannot be ordained in the UCC unless you are the pastor of a church. When I was called to First Congregational UCC in Emporia the minister and delegates from the Kansas/Oklahoma conference gathered to officially ordain me as a pastor in the UCC.

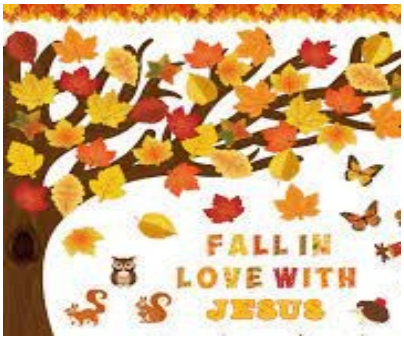
It was a special day because my pastor and mentor from Wisconsin came as well as my close friend from seminary who was from India. My parents and other family were there and pastors from area churches.

At the conclusion of the service the ministers laid their hands on me and said the prayer of ordination. I'm not ashamed to tell you it brought tears. I can't tell you about all the teachers, family and friends that made it all possible.

To celebrate we are having a special camp meeting Sunday, October 4th. The choir is doing a special medley, the Rohrbach quartet will be singing and Rev. John Schindler will be in concert. I hope you can be there for that special day.

I hope things are going well for you. You are a part of a wonderful church family and we are always here to walk with you in your daily journey. God's best to each one.

Rev. Matheny








# California United Church of Christ
# September 14, 2026 – Consistory Meeting Highlights

The September Meeting of the California United Church of Christ was Called to Order at 6:07pm by President Jim Deeken. Pastor Matheny opened the meeting with thoughtful prayer. A quorum was established with Jim Deeken, Jay Bestgen, Larry Schoeneberg, Holly Bieri, Doug Dampf, Tara Mesienheimer, and Kris Ingram present. Anny Roll was absent.

Minutes from the August Meeting and from the Special Congregational Meeting were approved. Treasurer, Tara Meisenheimer presented the Treasurer's Report and the Stewardship Snapshot Report. The balance brought forward in the General Fund was $78,183.43. There were $22,187.08 in receipts and $22,590.27 in disbursements leaving a balance of $77,780.24. No checks were noted.

Financial Secretary, Larry Schoeneberg presented the Financial Secretary Report. The total income YTD was $199,527.91 compared to the same time last year, which was $163,837.53. The total expenses YTD was $155,804.67 compared to the same time last year, which was $194,215.67. Larry Schoeneberg also gave an update on current CD activity. A Carmen Schnuck Endowment account matured and was reinvested with Morgan Stanley Bank for 12 months at a rate of 4.05%.

**Committee Reports- Building and Grounds/Safe Church – Jay Bestgen, Doug Dampf, and Kris Ingram**

Back Door Covered Entrance - Jay provided the group with several pictures of possible options for the back door covered entrance. Work will continue on the lay out plans and local bids will be gathered.

Fire System- Work on upgrading the fire alarm system will hopefully begin later this month.

Safe Church-The back entrance will continue to be locked during the Sunday service but will be unlocked from 11:30-12pm after church.

Kitchen Counter Tops- Bids were received for replacing the counter tops in both kitchens. A bid for low grade quartz was $9,400 for the Friendship Hall Kitchen and $13,500 for the Fellowship Hall Kitchen. A second bid for formica was $3,200 for the Friendship Hall Kitchen and $4,400 for the Fellowship Hall Kitchen.

Cleaning Contract- We are still looking for someone to provide janitorial duties.

**Old Business**

Wednesday Night Meals – Last Wednesday Evening Jay and Connie Bestgen provided the meal and served around 70 people. The cost for food was approximately $170 and the donations were approximately $350.

Sound Booth – Andy Burger, Ronnie Kissick, and Kole Ingram are on a rotational schedule for the sound booth. Kris Ingram will take care of the sound booth schedule and he will also let Rhonda know who to pay each week.

Sunday October 4th Updates – Pastor Matheny asked the group for permission to move communion from October 4th to the following Sunday. The group agreed to move World Communion Sunday Communion to October 11th. The Women's Guild will plan a cookie and punch reception for Pastor Matheny after the service on October 4th.

Ministerial Alliance Assistance for September – Rhonda has been helping Pastor Matheny with the Ministerial Alliance Assistance responsibilities.

**New Business**

Pastor Matheny Update – Pastor Matheny's last Sunday will be November 22nd.

California Care Service 9/24 – Pastor Matheny will provide the message and Larry Rohrbach will play the piano.

Confirmation Class – Carole Barbour provided the group with the Confirmation Syllabus and Parent Information Letter.

Sunday, November 29th - Jim will follow up with Damien to find out if Brenda Oesterly is able to conduct communion.

Month of December – Brenda Oesterly has agreed to conduct services for the month of December.

Nominating Committee – Doug and Tara will get a meeting date for the Nominating Committee scheduled.

CPI Donation and California PTO Request – The group agreed to decline the requests at this time.

Megaphone – A motion was made and approved to pay the annual hosting and support of UCC domain: Calmo-ucc.org fee of $850.

Girl Scout Meetings –A motion was made and approved to allow the Girl Scout Meetings to be held at the church and to waive the reservation fee.

**Upcoming Communion Dates**

October 11, 2026 – World Communion Sunday

November 1, 2026 – 1st Sunday of the Month & All Saints Sunday

November 29, 2026 – 1st Sunday of Advent

**Adjournment -**The meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm. **The Lord's Prayer—**The meeting was concluded with the group praying the Lord's Prayer in unison.

# STEWARDSHIP SNAPSHOT

| | August 2026 | August 2025 |
|---|---|---|
| **General Fund** | | |
| Balance Brought Forward | $ 78,183.43 | $ 26,427.28 |
| Receipts | + 22,187.08 | + $ 22,324.59 |
| Disbursements | - $ 22,590.27 | - $ 24,616.08 |
| Balance – *August 31* | $ 77,780.24 | $ 24,135.79 |
| ***As of August 31, 2026*** | | |
| Building Fund Balance | $ 64,738.27 | $111,139.84 |
| Local Benevolence Fund Balance | $ 10,897.16 | $ 9,649.49 |
| Memorial Fund Balance | $ 21,356.98 | $ 20,049.86 |
| Schnuck Endowment Fund Balance | * $ 41,212.04 | ** $ 26,947.72 |
| Scholarship Fund Balance | $ 17,115.59 | $ 14,725.63 |
| Youth Fellowship Fund Balance | $ 12,392.15 | $ 9,082.48 |
| Total OCWM Received | $ 1,420.00 | $ 1,525.00 |
| Other Benevolent Offerings | $ 12,374.61 | $ 9,787.92 |

## Note on 2026 Snapshot regarding Schnuck Endowment

**The C. Schnuck Endowment Checking Fund balance of $41,212.04 includes $166.49 that is part of the original restricted gift and is unable to be expended. $41,045.55 of the fund balance may be expended.*

## Note on 2025 Snapshot regarding Schnuck Endowment

***The C. Schnuck Endowment Checking Fund balance of $26,947.72 includes $166.49 that is part of the original restricted gift and is unable to be expended. $26,781.23 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 28, 2026*

**Refreshments** – President Larry Rohrbach provide a delicious meal to begin the meeting and Vice President Rob Barbour prayed a blessing over the meal.

**Business Meeting –**President Larry Rohrbach called the business meeting to order at 7:39 PM with 19 members and guests present. The minutes of the July 27, 2026 meeting were read and approved without correction. Treasurer Tony Barry reported a current balance of $2314.24 following a $144 collection at the July meeting, but not including a $206 expenditure for the purchase of fish for the Brotherhood fish fry and the prison ministry fish fry.

**Old Business**

The Brotherhood Fish Fry was held August 24 in n lieu of the August meeting and was a big success. Around 60 people attended. Food was plentiful and delicious, and a great time was had by all. Thanks to President Larry Rohrbach for organizing, to Treasurer Tony Barry and Bob Keuffer for preparing and frying the fish, and to Brandon Embry for his entertaining rendition of "Seminole Wind".

The Brotherhood supported the Inmate Ministry September 21-25, 2026. California UCC typically provides lunches during the week, including a fish fry. The week was a general success. For the first time, rather than having volunteers, the inmates were assigned to the detail, but they quickly warmed up to the experience over the course of the week. A big thank you to Vice President Rob Barbour and Maria Barbour for spearheading the effort.

President Larry Rohrbach and Steven Burger proposed November 4 for the Brotherhood to take responsibility for the Wednesday night fellowship meal, but upon discussion, that date will be rescheduled to prevent conflicts with other volunteers. Brotherhood members will be needed to help prepare and serve the meal.

**New Business**

It was voted to give a $500 donation to El Puente Hispanic Ministry, who presented the program for the July meeting.

Allan Mortenson volunteered to provide refreshments for the October meeting, and Dave Meyer volunteered to give the devotion.

Steven Burger gave a devotion on "when life isn't fair" citing numerous scripture verses, assuring us that when we think life isn't fair: 1) God knows all about it, 2) God's love is unchanging and nothing can separate us from it, and 3) God is good and is works all things for good. What we are facing is for good and not for evil. We can be assured that whatever temporary hardships we experience, it will one day seem light and transient when we experience eternity in God's glory.

The business meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM.

**Program –** Kaden Quinn spoke on his experience as editor of the California Democrat. Kaden grew up in Jefferson City. He has enjoyed writing and storytelling since middle school, including poetry and comic books. He has a bachelor's degree in journalism from Lincoln University. He started his career as an intern the Jefferson City News Tribune and was then offered a reporter position at the Democrat.

Shortly after his arrival, the Democrat's editor resigned, and he became the interim editor and then full-time editor. Kaden covers a wide range of news, including Moniteau County and California City government proceedings, civic events, and business openings as well as editing the writing and layout of the paper. Kaden loves California's warm and inviting small-town feel, and how the residents know each other and lift each other up. Although he still resides in Jefferson City, he considers himself a "dual citizen" of Jefferson City and California.

The California Democrat staff consists of Kaden, a sports reporter, and a business manager. The paper has been published since 1865 and was most recently purchased by Faughn Media, which also publishes The Jefferson City News Tribune and the Fulton Sun. Since the purchase, the paper has made efforts to expand its online publication and social media presence, but Kaden sees that many people still like printed newspapers and does not believe that they will be going away in the foreseeable future. The paper continues to be printed at the same Jefferson City facility that it was prior to the Faughn Media acquisition.

The paper is distributed every Wednesday. The deadline for advertising is the preceding Friday afternoon, and the news deadline is typically the preceding Monday afternoon, although important stories can be included as late as Tuesday mornings. The Democrat offices are open Monday to Friday 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM and they are happy to hear about any potential news stories from the community.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM. Respectfully Submitted – Dave Gattermeir, Secretary

Dear Congregation,

The Search Committee has been diligently working to identify a new pastor since November. This process is not an easy one, but our committee remains fully committed to finding a pastor who fits well with our congregation.

To date, we have received 20 applicant profiles. One appeared to be AI-generated rather than a genuine candidate, one candidate withdrew from the process, and two have been interviewed in person. Some applicants were submitted by the conference, while others came from outside sources. At this time, no applicants have been selected to be presented to the Consistory and Congregation.

Our committee will continue the search, trusting that God will send us the leader He has planned for our church. We ask that you continue to pray with us and support the wonderful work our congregation does to keep our church strong. We know God has the right person for us, and we will continue searching until that person is revealed.

With Christian Love,

The Pastor Search Committee

# September 8, 2026 Sunday School Teachers & Officers

Austin Chambers called the meeting to order at 6:32PM. Those present were Austin Chambers, Brittney Medlin, Kaitlyn Mouse, Lauren Lawson, Beth Chambers, Courtney Cassil and Kayla Baker. Beth made a motion to approve the August 2026 meeting minutes. Lauren seconded the motion. Motion passed. Lauren motioned to approve the August 2026 Treasurer's report. Brittney seconded the motion. Motion passed. Total Sunday School Operating Budget as of 8/31/2026- $2,834.64

**Key Dates for 2026**

Sunday School Fall party- Set for October 11th at Sweet Water
Veggie Tales- Halloween- Saturday, October 31st
Giving Tree- Sunday, November 29th (1st Sunday of Advent)
Christmas Eve Program- Thursday December 24th, 2026- Committee being organized
Toys for tots- December 6th- Bagging day/Location @ North Pole
Toys of tots- December 12th- Distribution day/Location @ North Pole
Cookies and Carols- December 13th or 20th

**Old Business:**

The possibility of distributing individual money envelopes during the month of December 2026 to help raise funds for the 2027 VBS was discussed. Additional details will be provided later.

**New Business:**

It was discussed that Kaitlyn Mouse is overseeing the pre-k/kindergarten class every other month. Welcome! The Sunday school teachers and officers are still seeking an additional volunteer to assist during the alternate months; we seem to be getting closer to that volunteer. It was also discussed that the church is seeking an alternate or permanent Sunday school teacher for the 1st and 2nd grade classes as well. Anyone interested would be much appreciated.



A discussion was held regarding the new Sunday School class for younger adults. Four were in attendance for the first class on Sunday, September 6th. The curriculum materials have already been provided. Additional younger adults are more than welcome to join us!

We discussed the Sunday school Fall party, that is set for October 11th at Sweet Water. Sweet Water is located just outside of town on Route O. There is a plan in place for potential food options and to look at the venue for additional games or activities to be provided.

The Christmas program that is set for Thursday, December 24th, was also discussed. A committee is currently being organized to coordinate the program. As of now, Austin Chambers will direct the entire program alongside Lauren Lawson as his co-chair. Ellen Ash and Connie Bestgen will direct the music, and they have a program idea in mind with more additional details coming soon.

Courtney made a motion to adjourn, Lauren seconded, meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM.
Respectfully submitted by Kayla Baker, 3rd Superintendent.



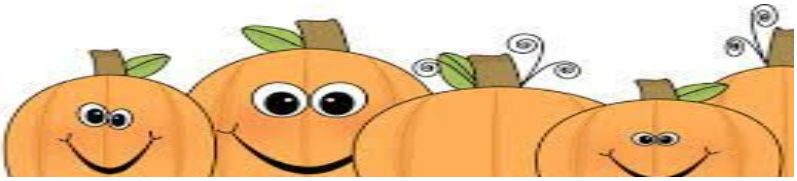


ALL WELCOME

**Sunday School Fall Party**

**October 11** at Sweet Water

4:30 pm Gathering
5:00 pm Hayride
5:30 pm Dinner





# UCC Women's Guild
# Minutes of the September 16, 2026 meeting

* The September meeting of the UCC Women's Guild was celebrated with 14 members present. *Cheryl opened the meeting with a prayer.
*Carole led the Bible Study featuring the Ten Commandments. We focused on the words from the 9th Commandment, Do Not Bear False Witness. We expanded the idea that there are more ways to bear false witness. Being untruthful can hurt others as well as damage relationships.
*Barb read a poem about Autumn Days. When you think about Autumn, colorful leaves and cooler weather come to mind. We are hopeful for those things to happen!
*The July minutes were reviewed and Brenda motioned to approve with Carole making the second.
*The August writeup was reviewed, giving information on the kitchen cleanup.
*The July financial report was reviewed with Judy approving it and Ronda making the second.
The August financial report was reviewed with Brenda approving it and Laura making the second. All motions passed.
*Committee # 2 is up for the next Celebration of Life dinner.
*We have 2,415 Best Choice labels. Wow! Thank you for saving those labels!
*Judy reported sending out 25 cards. More cards were signed for sending out in October.
* Please don't forget to sign the cards as the recipients really love mail!
*A Food Pantry report showed that we gave 88 pounds of rice and mac & cheese. Thank you!!

**Business**

*Prison Ministry-the Guild will serve lunch on September 21. The menu would be pulled pork & chicken sandwiches with potato salad, chips, and desserts. Carla made the motion and Judy seconded. The motion passed.

*Ronda brought samples of crocheted shawls that she had made for prayer shawls. If anyone has a interest in making some, please contact Cheryl. Motion on prayer shawls will be made next month.

*Sharefest is coming up in October. We are requesting donations for the "Missouri Food Pack," "Paper Products Pack," and "Personal Hygiene Pack." They are suggested to be brought to church by October 1st. However, the event isn't until October 17th.

*Carla gave an update to the Conference. She and Larry attended the Fall Conference meeting in Springfield on Saturday, September 19th. She reported favorable happenings there, and Darles will join the group soon.

*We discussed the replacement of countertops in Friendship Hall kitchen. The suggestion was to select good quality Formica; remove the electric burners from the small cabinet and replace 2 of the sinks near the pantry with one large sink; that would accommodate the large pans that need to be washed.

*We looked at future Bible studies. The study of Joshua was recommended.

*Carole reported that the altar cloth has been cleaned and ready to be placed back in service. Thank you, Carole!

*Pastor Mike's 48th anniversary of Ordination was discussed with consistory's recommendation of punch and cookies afterward. However, because of FFA BBQ and other reasons, the group decided we would not go forward with the suggestion.

* Those celebrating birthdays this month were Laura, Christine, Carmen and Rhonda. Joys and Concerns were brought before the group. Cheryl gave the closing prayer. A social time was enjoyed by the group. Hostesses for this month were Laura and Ronda. They provided a yummy cherry pie w/ ice cream, and an apple crunch pie with cheese. Thank you ladies!! Respectfully submitted, Judy Burger

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| Sunday | Monday | |
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| 4<br>Rev. Matheny's Ordination Worship Service | 5<br>6:30 PM Sunday School Teacher and Officer Meeting | 6<br>9:0 |
| 11<br>Sunday School Fall Party<br>Sr. Choir<br>R.O.K. Sunday<br>Celebrating World Communion | 12<br>6:00 PM Consistory<br><br> | 13<br>9:0 |
| 18<br>Bell Choir | 19 | 20<br>9:0 |

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| Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Fr |
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| Quilters Meet<br>0 AM Prayer Cell | 7<br>6:00 PM Wed. night meal/Confirmation<br>6:30 PM Bell Choir<br>6:30 PM R.O.K./God's Singers<br>7:30 PM Sr. Choir practice | 8 | 9 |
| 0 AM Prayer Cell | 14<br>6:00 PM Wed. night meal/Confirmation<br>6:30 PM Bell Choir<br>6:30 PM R.O.K./God's Singers<br>7:30 PM Sr. Choir practice | 15 | 16 |
| 0 AM Prayer Cell | 21<br>1:00 PM Women's Guild<br>6:00 PM Wed. night meal/Confirmation<br>6:30 PM Bell Choir<br>6:30 PM R.O.K./God's Singers<br>7:30 PM Sr. Choir practice | 22 | 23 |




**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
Kaitlyn Mouse—PreK-Kindergarten
Beth Chambers —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
Kingdom Builders– led by various leaders
Young Adult classes– led by various leaders



# Rev. John Schindler

Our special soloist for Sunday, October 4th is Rev. John Schindler. John grew up in Liberia, West Africa, a son of missionary parents. Upon returning to the states his family settled in Stevensville, a small community in southwest Michigan.

After high school John attended Taylor University and Trinity Seminary. He then served as a church planting pastor in Milwaukee, Wisconsin where he met Pastor Matheny. During his years of ministry he has traveled throughout much of the United States, Libera and other African nations plus to other countries overseas. His rich dynamic voice and messages in song will be an inspiration to you. Plan to come and invite a friend to come with you.








# Western Association of the Missouri Mid-South Conference Update

Western Association (WA) held our Fall meeting on Saturday, September 19, at St. John's Chapel UCC in Springfield, focusing on the themes of connection, belonging, and community. 62 in attendance from 14 churches. Rev. Michelle Scott-Huffman presented an overview of Ecclesia, the campus ministry serving Missouri State University, Drury University, and Ozarks Technical College, explaining their mission to nurture students in their faith journey and influence campus culture. She outlined a framework of "belonging, breaking, building, and becoming" that describes the spiritual development process for young adults in their ministry. Additional information: www.ekklesiacampusministry.org.

Our guest speaker was Rev. Phil Hodson, reflected that this was his 110 days as Intentional Interim Conference Minister, noting how the Missouri Mid-South Conference communities had welcomed him with genuine hospitality, leading to a deeper understanding that belonging is already present in these communities rather than something the minister brings. Outlined the four legs supporting relationship at the communion table: evangelism, discipleship, mission, and care, emphasizing that belonging is the foundational ground upon which these elements can grow. The discussion concluded with challenging the attendees to identify who in their communities is waiting to be fully seen or invited to belong, emphasizing the church's mission. Discussed the need to expand leadership involvement beyond a small group of reliable individuals and emphasized drawing the circle wider to engage all congregation members in service and collaboration. Phil outlined plans to improve communication and collaboration across associations, including launching a quarterly print publication called *The Courier* and developing a new website with resources and contact information. The goal is to create consistency across the conference system and build stronger relationships between associations to support clergy and congregations more effectively. Plan for implementing the Manual on Local Church across the conference, emphasizing the need for associations to adopt it before conference-wide adoption. He announced upcoming online town halls and in-person discussions over the next 6-7 months, with adoption targeted for Fall 2027 at the Conference Annual Gathering. Phil discussed plans to make Mo-Val and Shannondale ministry sites self-sufficient through strategic partnerships and introduced a new proposal for a single legacy fund to support church closures and new church starts. He concluded by inviting all clergy and laity to attend the upcoming annual gathering in November to participate in important decision-making processes.

UNITED CHUF
OF CHRIST

The business portion of our meeting included reports from our Moderator Rev. Tim Fairly (New Franklin UCC), Minutes of the 2025 annual meeting provided by Dennis Zeller Ebenezer UCC, Levasy, and Treasurer report from Denise Bainbridge, Zion UCC, Mayview Communication Team report presented by Rev. Rick Oberle (Columbia UCC), Committee of Ministry presented by Rev. Brittany Scaringello, St. Peter's Evangelical UCC, Billings, Cluster Reports Carla Clennin (California UCC) reported on the Central Cluster Denise Bainbridge reported for Lafayette, Stephanie Scott-Huffman reported on Ozark; no report were given for KC/St. Joseph Cluster. Nominating Committee Laura Callendar presented:
WA Council: Moderator Rev. Laura Engelken, Kansas City UCC, KC; Vice Moderator Julie Shert, St. Luke's UCC, Independence; COM volunteer Carla Clennin, UCC, California; Communications Rev. Rick Oberle, Columbia UCC, Columbia; Lafayette Cluster rep. Denise Bainbridge and Ozark cluster rep. Stephanie Scott-Huffman St. John's Chapel UCC, Springfield.

Committee on Ministry (COM) 3-year terms
Rev. Stephen King, Kansas City UCC, KC; Denise Bainbridge, Layperson, Zion UCC, Mayview; Darles Vernon, Layperson, California UCC, and Rev. Tim Fairley, Immanuel UCC, New Franklin. All motions were made/approved for 2025 Meeting Minutes, 2027 Western Association Budget, and COM.




Conference Annual Gathering will be held on Friday, November 6, and Saturday, November 7 at St. John's UCC, St. Charles. Rev. Hodson has put me in charge of designing a shirt; I will be working with Leigh in the Conference Office.

After lunch, invited speakers gave presentations on November ballot issues. These speakers were supposed to be bipartisan, but it didn't seem that way, as they voiced their viewpoints on all the Amendments and Prop A. Amendment 3 – Reproductive Healthcare; Amendment 6 Protect Petition Initiatives; Amendment 7 – Public Endowment Fund; Amendment 8 – County Sheriffs; and Prop A – Veto Referendum.

An organization that is pro-abortion, Missouri PROMO, spoke against Amendment 3. Amendment 3 would limit abortions in Missouri with exceptions for rape, incest, and fetal abnormalities, as well as providing in the constitution that gender transition procedures can't be given to children.

A representative of the League of Women Voters presented information and their slant on all the ballot issues facing us in November. They also opposed Amendment 3 and the other ballot issues, except Amendment 6, which deals with initiative petitions.

Larry and I would be happy to answer any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,
Carla Clennin, Committee of Ministry, and Larry Rohrbach
Missouri Mid-South Conference delegates

# *Wednesday Evening Activities*

**6:00 p.m.—Fellowship Meal/Confirmation**
**6:30 p.m.—Bell Choir/ROK & God's Singers**
**7:30 p.m.—Sr. Choir**




Food Suggestions for the Food Pantry for the remaining 2026 year

| **Month** | **Food Item** |
|---|---|
| October | Cake Mix |
| November | Peanut Butter |
| December | Crackers |




88 *lbs of rice & Mac & Cheese were donated last month*

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

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|---|---|---|
| **October 07** | R.O.K. / God's Singers | 6:30 p.m to 7:20 p.m. |
| **October 14** | R.O.K. / God's Singers | 6:30 p.m to 7:20 p.m. |
| **October 21** | R.O.K. / God's Singers | 6:30 p.m to 7:20 p.m. |
| **October 25** | **SING DURING WORSHIP** | **10:30 A.M.** |
| **November 04** | R.O.K. / God's Singers | 6:30 p.m to 7:20 p.m. |
| **November 11** | R.O.K. / God's Singers | 6:30 p.m to 7:20 p.m. |
| **November 18** | R.O.K. / God's Singers | 6:30 p.m to 7:20 p.m. |
| **November 22** | **SING DURING WORSHIP** | **10:30 A.M.** |
| **November 25** | No School / No R.O.K. - No God's Singers | Happy Thanksgiving |



***Dear UCC,***

***Thank you for the support throughout the years of my membership and thank you for the graduation bag present.***




***Sincerely, Adler Koestner***








## 2026-2027 Confirmation Class

Weston Brandes
William Kissick
Maci Kueffer
Camden Lawson
Sophia Miller



## October Choir Schedule

4 Senior Choir
11 Senior Choir
18 Bells
25 God's Singers










## Nursery Attendant

Emma Bestgen

## Children's Time

4 Pastor Matheny
11 Anny Roll
18 JoAnn Cantriel
25 Holly Bieri

## Acolytes

4 Charley Medlin & Amelia Howard
11 McKenna Chambers & Sutton Lawson
18 Bruce Miller & Brynna Hall
25 Georjie Peck & Nora Wolford






## Lay Readers

4 John Schindler
11 David Gattermeir
18 Mary Burger
25 Carla Clennin

# Fall VeggieTales
# Saturday, October 31st 9:30 am




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




*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 for both Church and Sunday School!

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

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

# Notes & News

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




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# October Birthdays




01 Alan Chambers
01 Aaron Bolinger
01 Alyssa Graczyk
02 Layton Morris
04 Ronda Mortenson
05 Bryan Ratcliff
05 Gary Morris
06 Mary Ann Kueffer
06 Lesley Gerhart
07 Theodore Lundeen
08 Austin Mouse
08 Aaron Burger
09 Blayke Wilson
09 Kya Peck
09 Kathy Bueker
09 Weston Brandes
11 Ross Robertson
12 Bronson Coale
13 Lois Daniel
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
26 Kendall Gratz
26 Sherry Leonard
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
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 Branch—Oct. 14, 2001
Michelle Sedgwick—Oct. 6, 2013
Tanner Weis—Oct. 15, 2000
Caleb Weis—Oct. 15, 2000


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