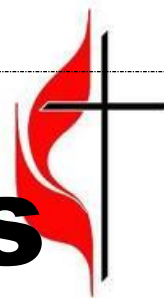


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Enchilada Sale Postponed!

Due to many factors...freezing cold....church cancelled....no one wants to go out shopping in the cold....the Enchilada Sale is moving to March. There is not enough time to get everything done to make enchiladas on January 13. A new date will be set for mid March.

You will find an order form on the back page of your newsletter. You may still complete this and turn it in for the March sale or wait for the updated order form later.

Please look for the sign up sheets for volunteers and ingredients needed mid January.



UMWF Soup Supper

The UMWF will be serving a Soup Supper on Saturday, February 10, 5 – 6:30 pm.

The menu includes: chicken noodle, chili and vegetable soups, desserts and beverages. They are accepting a free will offering.



Money raised will help toward their 2018 budget which includes Milan Christian Food Pantry, The Place 2 B, RI Christian Care and Cops With Kids.

New Tuesday Bible Study Starting – January 16th, 2018

There will be a new bible study beginning on Tuesday, January 16th. The topic is being decided by the previous bible study class and we will let people know shortly what that is.

The bible study will be offered at 10:00 am and 5:30 pm to give more people an opportunity to attend. We had some great bible studies during the course of 2017 and we look forward to continuing that trend in the coming year!



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8:00 am Sunday School
9:00 am Worship
10:00 am Fellowship
10:30 am Sunday School

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January Birthdays

1/12 Pam Gauley
1/17 Barb Downs
1/26 Bonnie Saunders

February Birthdays

2/12 Terry Moore
2/17 Sandy Mallder
2/17 Steve Gotthardt
2/19 Carol Muilenburg
2/23 Tom Gauley
2/25 Geneva Carson
2/28 Pearl Smith

Acolytes

1/7 Karen Beaupre & Eloise Ingram
1/14 Linda Armstrong & Kari Nicoletto
1/21 Barb Downs & Barb Lee
1/28 Deb & Gary Howe

2/4 Betty Blaser & Pam Versluys
2/11 Kari Nicoletto & Ruth Smock
2/18 Barb Downs & Barb Lee
2/25 Linda Armstrong & Kari Nicoletto

Ushers

Willy Mallder
Fred Flickinger
John Wilson
Louise Colby-Dean

Bell Ringer

John Wilson

Greeters

Names will be posted on bulletin board.



Coffee Helpers

1/7 Linda, Betty Laffoon, & Sandy Mallder
1/14 Kari, Barb Mallder, & Ruth Smock
1/21 Betty L., Sandy M., & Barb M.
1/28 Deb & Gary Howe

2/4 Kari Nicoletto & Janet Smithson
2/11 Linda, Betty Laffoon, & Sandy Mallder
2/18 Karen Beaupre & Eloise Ingram
2/25 Betty Laffoon, Sandy, & Barb Mallder

Liturgists

1/7 Terry Moore/Jill Mueller
1/14 Dan Eastman
1/21 Karen Beaupre
1/28 Pam Versluys

2/4 Larry Cole
2/11 Julie Derrer
2/18 Terry Moore/Jill Mueller
2/25 Barbara Warren



UNDER CONSTRUCTION – Church improvements are underway!

We wanted to take a moment and let people know that a number of Church upgrades and improvements are already underway as a result of the receipt of funds from the Sittig estate. We signed a contract for the new heating and air conditioning system for the sanctuary and work is already starting on that project. The new awnings over the two church entrances will be installed the week of November 6-10, and the new flooring is going to be installed on November 3-4.

Those were the first three main improvement projects slated to be done, and we're still looking at other areas and ways we can improve the access and usability of our church facilities. Several suggestions for kitchen improvements, chairlift upgrades and others have been received so far. Have an idea? Let us know your thoughts!

Knitters, crocheters, quilters and crafters!

Come and join our Wednesday Morning Craft Ministry team. We have folks who are making the prayer blankets and shawls, but we want to encourage you to

come and join them for an hour of fellowship and service at 9:00 am.

*** Monthly Meetings ***

- ***The Nurture Committee** meets Thursdays, Nov. 9 and Dec. 7 at 5:30 pm.
- ***Pastor/Parish Committee** meets Thursday, December 7 at 6:30 pm.
- ***Men's Club** will meet Tuesdays, Nov. 21 and Dec. 12 at 6:30 pm.
- ***The Methodist Women** meets Tuesdays, Nov. 28 and Dec. 19 at 6 pm.
- ***The Finance Committee** will meet Wednesday, Nov. 29 at 5:30 pm.
- ***The Trustees** are meeting Wednesday, November 15 at 6 pm.
- ***The Church Council** will meet Wednesday, November 29 at 6 pm.



Bible Study on "Prayer" continues in November and December 2017

Our bible study on "Prayer" continues on Tuesday nights at 5:30 pm and through December 12th. Tuesday evening sessions on the nights the women's club is meeting will be held at 5:00 pm. We meet in the church office for anyone who would like to attend. These studies are based on the book "Prayer" by David Healey.

now, but I would like to invite more people to share in these services to the church. If you're interested in the possibility of serving in this way, please drop a note in the offering, drop by the office or give Pastor Jon a call at 309 337-1988.

Let your voice be heard!

Want to be a part of what's going on in the church? Have suggestions or comments about ways we might be able to improve things? Have a concern you'd like to see addressed? I would like to invite you to come and be a part of the committee meetings (**We won't make you become a member! Honest!**) or give us some written comments we can discuss at those meetings if you cannot attend. We do want your voice to be heard. All committee meetings are listed in the newsletter and in the bulletins a week or two before each meeting. You can also send in comments to the Pastor or to Jody and they will make sure they are received by the appropriate people.

One input we received and will be acting on is that future votes will be held by written ballot versus by voice vote or show of hands, and items will be voted on individually instead of all together.



New Ushers and Liturgists

As part of our worship service each week, we have opportunities for additional ushers, liturgists and assistants for communion. We have a great group of people who are serving in those positions

Attendance & Offerings 

November 5	50	\$3,192
November 12	49	\$1,248
November 19	55	\$2,169
November 26	48	\$1,145
December 3	49	\$2,717
December 10	49	\$2,219
December 17	47	\$1,479
December 24	38	\$1,688

Monthly Prayer Team News

We have a group of individuals who are taking part of a daily prayer team to support the church, the pastor, the congregation, and the community. This month I'm asking that the members pray for our church and our community, asking for ways and ideas for us to reach out into the community and help bring people to God for the first time, or to bring back those who have gone astray.

Call-Em-All Telephone Information System

We use the Call-Em-All telephone information system to notify church members with information on events, prayer requests, funerals and other activities. If you

are not on the roster to receive these calls at your home or cell phone and would like to be, please call us at the church office at (309) 787-1362 and we'll add you to the list!

Financial News

Besides the general fund, there are several other funds in the church that are funded by our generous donors. Below is a list of some of our projects and their purpose. If you ever want to donate to any of these funds, just mark your envelope accordingly.

Building Projects: all donations marked 'building projects' are set aside to be used for the next project which takes care of our church property. Everything from lights to flooring to lawn care comes from this fund.

Helping Hands: all donations marked 'helping hands' are set aside to be used to help a person in need. This is also used to help the Milan township which uses the fund to help with personal needs.

Food Pantry: all donations marked 'food pantry' are sent to the Milan Food pantry

Office Supplies: all funds marked 'office supplies' are used to buy supplies for our office. This includes paper, envelopes, ink cartridges, etc.

Computer Software: all donations marked 'computer software' are used to get support new versions of our required software, our website, and new computers when we need them.

Do you have any financial questions?

Please submit to Jody or a member of the Finance committee and we will try to answer in subsequent newsletters.

Faith
makes all things Possible
not Easy

New Members

If you are interested in becoming a member of this church, or in transferring membership from another church to this church, contact Pastor Jon, or Jody in the Church office.

Tithing in 2018 – An Opportunity to put God First

I'd like to continue to challenge and inspire everyone this year to consider their tithes and gifts to the Church in the coming year and look at the possibility of increasing giving by 1% of your income if you're not currently tithing 10%. Let us plan ahead for our giving in 2018 as this year begins to wind down and the new year lays not too far ahead!

God called on the Israelites to give of their first fruits of the harvest, and I am asking you to consider doing the same thing. Our tithes and gifts, and I include myself as a part of this church and community of faith, make it possible for us to reach out and do more for our community in spreading God's work and serving those less fortunate than ourselves. For those whose financial situations preclude tithing, consider other ways in which you might help both your church and those around you. For those already tithing 10% or beyond, I thank you

for your faithfulness and ask for your continued support and generosity.

Pastors Hours

Pastor Jon's office hours are:

Tuesdays 8:30 – 12:30

Wednesdays 10:30 – 2:30

Thursdays 8:30 – 12:30

Fridays 8:30 – 12:30

Other hours are available by appointment.

If the church office is closed, please leave a message and Pastor Jon or Jody will return your call. If you have an urgent issue, you may call or text Pastor Jon on his cell phone at 309-337-1988.

Church Women United

Church Women United Winter Retreat, Jan. 13, at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, 18th Avenue, Rock Island. Registration and refreshments are 9:30 to 10 am.

The program will be presented by Sister Charlotte and the topic will be Hidden Women from in the Bible. Please bring a Bible & notepad.