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THE CHRISTIAN CALLER

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PASTOR'S
WORDS

A couple of weeks ago, I asked our exchange student about how they celebrate Christmas in Italy and that led him to ask me about our Christmas here in the U.S. He asked, "When does the festival of Christmas begin?" My mind raced as I thought, "That's a loaded question!" especially in our culture. Is it the day after Thanksgiving, Halloween, December 1? It also made me think about other "festivals" such as Halloween, Thanksgiving, etc. Is the holiday of Thanksgiving only on the Thursday of the last full week in November or is it something that lasts longer? Maybe it's like that year-round Christmas tree that some people keep up and it is a perpetual celebration instead? Psalm 4:7 says, "You have given me greater joy than those who have abundant harvests of grain and new wine."

Certainly, giving thanks for what God has given us surpasses any Thanksgiving holiday that is one day on the calendar and is centered around food, even if there is a gathering of family to also be thankful for. There is much more to be thankful for in God than any worldly holiday or festival could ever come close to giving.

PASTOR'S WORDS

Speaking of food and Thanksgiving, we have our annual pie auction on Sept. 29th and this year the proceeds will go towards funding a hearing loop system that will allow those with T-Coil hearing aids to better hear our worship service in the sanctuary. Many hearing aids have a T-Coil in them and it's usually a setting or switch to allow reception on the hearing aid.

On October 24th at 10 AM, we will have a special Ad Council meeting to set the upcoming church year budget and to create a building use policy for our local church events. We need members of our Ad Council to be present for this meeting so that our church's leadership can make good decisions.

I will be out of the office from October 12-19 attending my Course of Study. I should have cell phone coverage, but if an urgent need arises and I can't be reached, please let Connie or Janet know and they can assist.

Pastor B.J.



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We exist to joyfully share God's love, preach the Good News, and make disciples.

October

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1 UWIF 1 PM Candace Haskell Ron & Carolyn Williams	2 SAS 10-11:30	3	4	5
6 Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship 11 AM	7 S/PPRC 10 AM Bible Study 11 AM Prayer Group 12 PM	8 Worship 10 AM Trustees 11 AM	9 Pasty Prep 7:30 Sales 10AM-1PM Jo Nell Rubick Linda Moon Carol Hollenbeck	10 Pasty Prep 7:30 Sales 10AM-1PM	11	12 UWIF District Conference in St. Ignace
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Prayer Chain

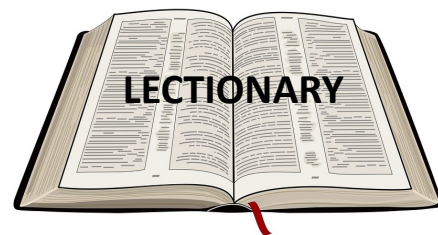
As many of you know we have a group in this church, called the Prayer Chain, that offers daily prayers for individuals, situations, and problems brought to them. Prayer requests can also involve individuals, situations, etc. outside our church community.

These prayer requests may be called in to Pastor B.J. Ash at 906-341-6662 (church) or 906-286-1492 (Pastor B.J. cell). You may also call Carol Weinert at 906-341-4499.



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October 6 — *20th Sunday After Pentecost / World Communion Sunday*

Job 1:1; 2:1-10; Ps 26 or 25 (UMH 756); Heb 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

October 13 — *21st Sunday After Pentecost*

Job 23:1-9; 16-17; Ps 22:1-15 (UMH 752); Heb 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

October 20 — *22nd Sunday After Pentecost / Laity Sunday*

Job 38:1-7 (34-41); Ps 104:1-9, 24, 35c (UMH 826); Heb 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

October 27 — *23rd Sunday After Pentecost*

Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Ps 34:1-8 (19-22) (UMH 769); Heb 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

FOR OUR PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION Let us please keep the following people in our prayers:



Penny Tracy family concerns, Fran Baker, Sandi Kolder, Family of Pat Foldenauer, Char Crosby, Curt & Celie Norton, Barbara Schneider, Ted Burson, Mary Prater, Lynn LaRose, Katie Putnam, Joel Prater, Jo Nell Rubick, Phyllis Burge, Martha Weeks, Kerry Billings family concerns, baby Brooklyn, Connie Meade, Connie Whitsitt, Sharon V. & Celie's N. brother, Michael Haynes, the leaders in our church and country, our community, our unspoken requests and all the joyous blessings received.



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September Mission Noisy Offering for Samaritan's Purse; Operation Christmas Child will be announced soon.



A View From the Belfry October, 2024

Happy Halloween!! Oh, I guess it's a little early for that, but I just couldn't wait! I see a few trees getting a little non-green color here and there, and the nights are getting a bit crisp even though the days are still more warmish than coldish. As we have done for the past few years we are planning on another parking lot trunk or treat event. That brings up a mystery which has me puzzled. Several weeks ago the precious and beautiful bat figurine was found in its hiding place and moved to another place, and nobody has seen hide nor hair of it since! I have heard that it's in an easy to find, out in the open where everybody can see it kind of place, yet not one person has reported it! Isn't anybody looking for it? Has somebody found it but kept quiet about it? It wouldn't be so bad that it's gone. (Well, I would miss it terribly, but I can be a bat about it and keep a stiff upper lip— do bats have lips???- and not fuss or cry or fall into a deep depression over it.) The thing is, it's the famous bat holiday time! Halloween is coming this month! We should celebrate all month long, but there probably isn't enough candy at Jacks, Dollar General, Family Dollar, and all the other places in town which sell candy, put together, to fill the need for a month-long celebration. However, we certainly can candy it up on Halloween! The problem is, without that beautiful bat figurine we simply can't do a very good job of decorating those cars in the parking lot! Oh, many of you fine folks do the décor up royally, and that's great! However, that crabby old lady who asks those silly questions in the Do You Know? Column in the newsletter always parks her ratty old car in the parking lot but she NEVER decorates it! (Too lazy and not enough artistic talent to tack a picture to a tire, I guess!). We really need that bat figurine so she can hang it in her trunk and at least have a little bit of Halloween décor! So all you sharp-eyed bat hunters out there, please keep an eye open for the Benny the Bat replica, and if you find it, fill out a bat sighting form and give it to Connie Kelsey so she can record it. You can also re-hide the bat again if you wish, but please wait until after Halloween so it can be used as trunk décor on Bat Day.

In addition to Halloween, October is the month in which the churches in the community have their progressive dinner. It's great! How often are you invited to a dozen different places for dinner the same night? Well, a dozen might be overstating it, but with five different courses served at five different churches, and with even more than that number of churches participating (some work together on a course), the churches prepare a lot of food, which means they can feed a lot of people! This church is having the salad course again, and I know that they do a great job with salads! (You forgot the Mexican mosquito salad again last year, by the way. Just saying.) If you want to help saladize the dinner, sign up on the clipboard for the Progressive Dinner when it comes around!

Other events for which planning is underway include the annual Charge Conference in early November and the U.W.iF. Sunday service, so keep open spots on your calendar for these special days! Meanwhile, I'm going to take one more fly-around of the church and see if I can spot that elusive bat statue! Have a great October, folks!

Lay Leader Update—Connie Kelsey

Q: I am hearing a lot of conversations about the Ad Council meetings. What happens at these meetings?

A: The Ad Council consists of a Chairperson (Janet), the chairpersons of Finance (Pixie), Financial Secretary (Jim G.), Treasurer, (Janet), Vitality/Mission (Connie), UWIF President (Bette), Worship (Candace), Trustee (Gordie), Staff-Pastor/Parish (Mary W/Penny), plus Pastor B.J. Ash. Treasurer and Financial Secretary reports on the expenses and giving totals for each month. Each of the committees then give individual reports. We have been very busy throughout the year!

Worship—People are needed to assist with the lift during special events.

Trustees—Have been very busy working on various projects at the church.

Staff/Pastor Parish Relations—Pastor evaluations have been completed.

Vitality/Mission—Are planning the Progressive Dinner and Trunk or Treat events.

Clare Lutgen, Executive Director of Bay Cliff Health Camp will be here on October 27th to receive our donation check and give a short presentation on the camp.

Education—Are working to build attendance in Sunday Schools.

United Women in Faith—Women are planning to attend their District Conference and are preparing their special worship service scheduled for November 10.

After the committee reports are accepted, Old and New Business is discussed. Everyone is invited to attend these meetings to give their thoughts and ideas.



1. In Mark, we are told of a young man who asked Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life. What did Jesus tell him?

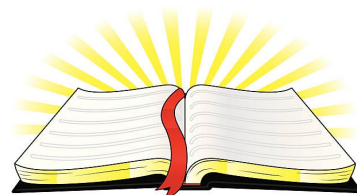
- A. Obey all of the Ten Commandments.
- B. Exercise regularly and eat a healthy diet.
- C. Sell all you have and give the money to the poor.
- D. You can't do anything good enough to inherit eternal life.
- E. Sell all you have, give the money to the poor, and then follow me.

The answer to this question can be found in Mark 10:17-21.

2. What did James and John, the sons of Zebedee, ask of Jesus?

- A. They wanted Him to give them the power to heal people.
- B. They wanted Him to let them sit on His left and right hand at the communion table.
- C. They asked Him to let them take a vacation for a couple of weeks before moving on to another place.
- D. They asked Him to let them sit on His left and right hand in the kingdom He was going to establish.
- E. They asked Him to let them sit on His left and right hand in His glory.

The answer to this question can be found in Mark 10:35-37.



United Women in Faith News

Submitted by Char Crosby



United
Women
in Faith

Bette opened the September meeting at 1:00 pm with a “Blessing for Fall - a Cornucopia of Good Things” followed by the devotional, “A Prayer for Light.”

The UWIF Sunday on November 10 has a working theme of “Talent Show” which will be a sharing of personal talents and gifts. Contact Carolyn Williams if you would be willing to present/explain your gift as part of the sermon or display it during fellowship. “Don’t hide your light under a bushel.”

Connie presented the Mission Pledge Service which focused on “well digging and redigging.” The group reflected on famine and drought - both literally and metaphorically. Members made their individual pledges.

Old business: 9 batches of pasties were made for September. Please sign up for the pie auction on September 29 during fellowship.

New business: Bette suggested a theme for 2025. - mission options. She encouraged additional ideas.

The October meeting will be on Tuesday, October 1 at 1 P.M., Gordie Barry will talk about Habitat for Humanity. Cassandra Matchinski will demonstrate pumpkin decorating ideas later in the program.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 in favor of dessert - fizzy fruit cups and cookies by Janet.

October Mission Noisy Offering — Thanksgiving Boxes

Local Thanksgiving boxes are coordinated through Kiwanis International to ensure that local families are provided a nutritious meal! God is working through us. All donations will be accepted, Help support this mission project by dropping your donation into the glass jar as you enter or as you exit the sanctuary!

Thank you for your support!

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO SIGN-UP for USHER/GREETER, ALTAR FLOWERS, FELLOWSHIP, and an adult’s caring eye during CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL

We realize that everyone is busy with their fall plans and busy schedules. Everyone enjoys the beauty of the Altar flowers, the pleasant greeters and the delicious treats during fellowship. Your talents are appreciated by all. If you would volunteer to assist in any of these areas it would be appreciated! Maybe a friend would like to work with you.