

St. Michael's Messenger

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Reflections on the Journey - October 2019

Dear Sisters and Brothers/Siblings in Christ,



appears on the back page of this month's newsletter. Yes, it's a word play on the season in which we find ourselves, but it's also a phrase to reflect on (and reflecting on "Autumn into Church" doesn't seem to offer the same possibilities!)

Whenever I've had the misfortune of tripping, missing a step, or falling (perhaps due to my very large feet which are size 10 1/2 AAAA...and that half makes it very difficult to buy shoes that fit!), whether I've broken bones or sprained some body part or found myself with cuts and bruises, I am grateful that most of the time there has been someone/s who help me deal with whatever needs attending to in the aftermath. And I've done my best to be present for and helpful to others who have experienced these kinds of physical misfortunes.

Being part of a community, particularly this faith community that is St. Michael's UCC, is about being there for one another--through both the outward struggles, as well as the inward ones that are more difficult to see. Helping to pick each other up. Being there to provide support, a meal, something tangible that addresses a physical need. A kind word, a caring question of concern, a listening ear can make all the difference for someone experiencing emotional pain. Do we sometimes fall short? Yes we do. Most of the time however, we are able to be there for one another through the downs--as well as the ups--of our life journeys.

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As those who make a commitment to follow Jesus, we seek to love God and love our neighbor as we love ourselves. Doing so means it's not just about how we are there for one another within our community of faith. We are called to turn our inward facing circle of caring so that we face outward into the wider community of West Chicago and beyond. To proclaim and live out an inclusive and radical love of our neighbors both near and far away, to share the wideness of God's mercy, to offer an extravagant welcome, especially to those who are the most vulnerable, those who live on the margins of society, to stand with and for those considered the least and the lost...and to do so in very tangible ways like the Community Clothing Closet, our monthly offerings for and ongoing support of the Neighborhood Food Pantries (which soon will include serving as the host church for the 123 Fremont Food Pantry), volunteering at the Northern Illinois Food Bank, offering opportunities for children and youth growing up in a confusing and complicated world through our PeaceJam "Project Infinity" Group, and making the public statement through our rainbow "God is still Speaking," banner that "All Are Welcome"!!! There is always more that we can be about and do. Join us and "Fall into Church." No matter what time you arrive, we WILL be glad to see you!

Blessings on your journey,

Pastor Sue

Rev. Sue Ebersold

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*"No matter who you are,
or where you are on life's journey,
or what time you arrive,
you are welcome here."*

P.S. Below is a note from my mom. I echo what she has written.

Words cannot express my gratitude to all of you from St. Michael's UCC -- those who were able to attend my husband Keith's memorial service, as well as those of you who have kept me in your prayers and offered expressions of sympathy. While I am not able to thank each one of you in person, I want you to know I feel surrounded by your warmth and caring. It is a blessing to know that our daughter Sue is the pastor of such a loving church family.

*With a grateful heart,
Joan Ebersold*

Moderator's Comments – October 2019

NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK--Our next volunteer event is on **Tuesday, October 15, 6:00 to 8:00 pm**. This is a great opportunity to spend an evening with friends while also helping our neighbors in need of food assistance. If you plan to attend, there is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. The last date we will be volunteering in 2019 is December 10. A signup sheet for December is also on the bulletin board.



NEW FOOD PANTRY SITE--Saturday, September 14, was a beautiful late summer day and perfect for celebrating the ribbon cutting at St. Michael's 123 Fremont Street building! Thank you to Neighborhood Food Pantries for planning the event and providing cake and lemonade, to Bob Dieckmann for speaking about the renovation, to Pastor Sue for her lovely dedication of the building, and to Bill Birch for bringing over and returning tables and chairs from church. The work is almost complete and ready for Neighborhood Food Pantries to move in--just a few "tweaks" brought up by the building inspector and fire department when they inspected. Thank you to Alex Golovin, Bob Dieckmann, Bob's brother Dave Dieckmann, Wayne Roethler, and all the tradespeople who have been working so hard to make an amazing transformation to the building. Thank you, also, to Bill Birch and Kathy Hummel for picking up and delivering the tables and chairs purchased for the food pantry.



CROP WALK--This year Church World Service is celebrating the 50th anniversary of CROP Hunger Walks. The Northwest DuPage United CROP Walk will be held on **Sunday, October 20, 2019, 1:00 pm, at St. Andrew United Methodist Church in Carol Stream**. If you are planning to collect donations and walk, please see team leader Bob Dieckmann for an envelope. Church World Service began CROP in 1947. CROP stands for Christian Rural Overseas Program. Its primary mission was to help Midwest farm families to share their grain with the hungry in post-World War II Europe and Asia. Begun in 1969 in Bismarck, North Dakota, CROP Walks are interfaith hunger education and fundraising events to support the overall ministry of Church World Service, especially grassroots, hunger-fighting development efforts around the world. CROP Walks help to provide food and water, as well as resources that empower people to meet their own needs. Church World Service receives 75% of the money raised, and 25% will be shared locally by Neighborhood Food Pantries, Hanover Township Food Pantry, and the West Chicago PADS.



ST. MICHAEL'S 150TH BIRTHDAY--It's amazing to me that for nearly 150 years people have been worshipping at St. Michael's--imagine the members of the first congregation arriving in buggies pulled by horses! The congregation was founded in 1869, and the church building was completed in 1870. The Council has decided that this is cause for celebration! **If you are interested in helping plan activities for our celebration year, please let Barb Dieckmann or Pastor Sue know.** So far, our committee consists of Shirley Schramer, Betty Davis, and Barb Dieckmann.



- Barb Dieckmann

October Thank Yous

Below is a partial list of those who helped out during the month of September. As always, apologies to those who are not included and should be! (FYI: Please see the Moderator's Comments, as well as the Community Clothing Closet article, for additional thank yous):

- **Everyone who brought September offerings of paper products and fifth Sunday pasta and rice** for the Neighborhood Food Pantries' West Chicago site.
- **Kathryn Duerr and Sigrid Walsh** who were omitted from being listed in both the September Messenger and the Sunday worship bulletin as hosts for fellowship time for September 22...as well as **all those unnamed "angels"** who brought additional food and helped Alex Golovin with hosting that day.
- **Angela Lawson and Julisa Vasquez** for organizing the Fabulous Foodies September activities...and to **everyone who attended!**
- **Kathy Hummel** for leading the book study, "Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City" written by Matthew Desmond. It is a sociological study of eviction in Milwaukee and follows the story of several families and the landlords through this journey. It was recommended by the United Church of Christ as part of the Three Great Loves campaign: Love of Children, Love of Neighbor and Love of Creation. And thanks as well to **all those who participated.**
- **Bob and Barb Dieckmann** for maintaining the flowers in the peace garden in front of the church, and for general cleaning-up of the church grounds.
- **Pastor Sue** for planting the mums in the planters outside the back door of the church building.
- **Alex Golovin** for mowing the community garden area (across the street).
- **Alex Golovin** for his ongoing work with the St. Michael's "Project Infinity" PeaceJam Group and the group's community garden and taking the harvested produce to the Neighborhood Food Pantries West Chicago site off Route 59.



- **Wayne Roethler** for managing the church's web site and **those who take pictures and post them** to the St. Michael's Facebook page.
- **Kathy Hummel** for her time and energy serving as volunteer Administrative Assistant in the church office, editing this monthly newsletter, managing the clothing donations as they appear at the door, and dealing with various things associated with District 33's Birth to Three Program office in the Rockwell Building.

123 Fremont Food Pantry

Many of us gathered together with members of the community and dignitaries on Saturday, September 14, 2019, at 123 Fremont Street to celebrate the “ribbon cutting” and dedication event for the new home of Neighborhood Food Pantries’ West Chicago site. Thank you to all from St. Michael’s UCC who were in attendance to help offer an extravagant welcome to the staff and volunteers from Neighborhood Food Pantries and to the community as a whole.



Speakers at the event pictured below included Rev. Sue Ebersold, Ruben Pineda, the Mayor of the City of West Chicago, and Karina Villa, the Illinois State Representative for the 49th District.



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The facility, owned and managed by St. Michael's United Church of Christ, at 123 Fremont Street, has been totally renovated, including:

- New doors, windows, and roof.
- Extensive exterior renovation with newly exposed brick walls.
- New parking lot and new exterior lighting.
- All new offices and guest gathering area.
- Remodeled and updated restrooms
- New vinyl plank flooring throughout the facility.
- New grid ceiling including all new LED flat panel lights.
- New electrical service and all new wiring.
- New rooftop HVAC unit providing high efficiency heating and air conditioning,
- A new 36 ft. by 14 ft. walk through cooler with quarry tile floor for refrigerated foods.
- Two new 200 sq. ft. walk-in freezers for storage of frozen foods.
- A new overhead door for receiving deliveries.
- The addition of a second stairway to the basement.

Following inspections by the City of West Chicago, the Fire Department, and the DuPage Health Department, the NFP food pantry plans to relocate to the new facility in early October.

Additional plans for October include the installation of the solar generating system including solar panels on the roof of the building.

This project was made possible with funding from the Risch-Dieckmann Family Foundation and from the legacy members of the First Congregational Church of West Chicago.

Neighborhood Food Pantries Offerings

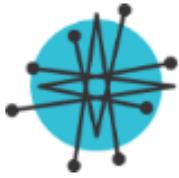
Food pantry offerings for the month of October is **cleaning products**. Every other month is Paper Products; Fifth Sundays are Pasta & Rice. You are invited to bring your food pantry offerings on the following suggested Sundays in October.

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| October 6 | Toilet Bowl Cleaner |
| October 13 | Laundry Detergent |
| October 26 | Window Cleaner |
| October 27 | Dishwashing Soap |



Please be sure to purchase individual size products as they are easier to distribute to the clients. See Bob Dieckmann for details. For more information on Neighborhood Food Pantries visit their website at www.neighborhoodfp.org

Total items (excluding toilet paper) donated in 2019: 444
Total rolls of toilet paper donated in 2019: 348



PEACEJAM
EST 1996

“Unleashing Youth Potential for Good”

Hello Everyone,

As I write this note to all of you, I realize it’s been raining for more than 14hrs. I keep going outside and saying “Hey Mother Nature-- thanks for the rain but I’ve got grass to mow at the garden and the rain is not helping” but I get no reply and it keeps on raining.



I am grateful that we are not having the real nasty weather other parts of the country/world is having to deal with.

I want to thank the PeaceJam crew for coming on Sunday, September 15 and harvesting veggies from the garden while I was at Pastor Sue’s Father’s memorial service. I also want to thank the people who came from St. Michael’s UCC to support Pastor Sue and me and our family.

Starting in October along with harvesting our crops we will begin work on the butterfly/pollinator garden space along with building the Infrastructure to enclose our beds for next spring. Our expectation is that having the garden beds enclosed will help the plants grow stronger and have a better yield plus help with pest control.

That’s all for now, I’m looking at a great fall season and hope you are too.

Peace 2 U,

Alex 

Alex Golovin



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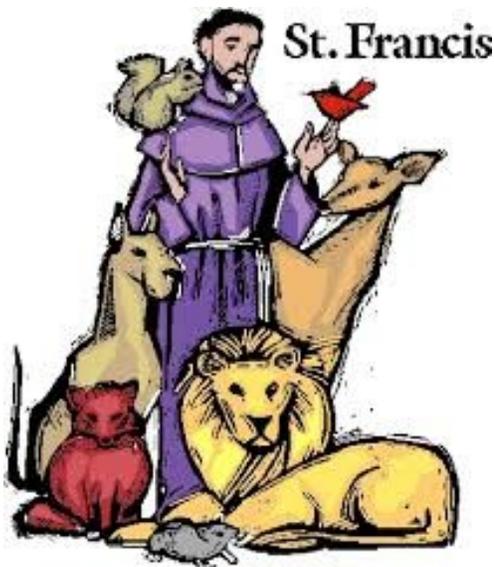
Just a reminder, if you are in 3d through 12th grades (i.e., elementary, middle and high school), you are welcome to come and join us. We meet on Sundays at 1 pm (after fellowship time) and/or at other times depending on schedules, etc. Call, email, or text if you have any questions.

EVERYTHING IMAGINABLE IS ATTAINABLE

A Special Pet Blessing Opportunity

Since it can be a bit challenging to bring our pets to church, Pastor Sue will again offer a different kind of pet blessing opportunity this year. Beginning Sunday, September 29 through Sunday, October 6 (and beyond if need be!), you are invited to schedule a time for her to come to your home and bless your pet/s where she/he/they (and you!) are most comfortable.

If you would like to set-up a pet blessing, please contact Pastor Sue at her home office (630-208-8077) or by email at pastorsuesmucc@aol.com. She looks forward to hearing from you!!!



St. Francis

A Little Bit of History about St. Francis and The Blessing of the Animals

October 4 is the Feast Day of St. Francis. Generally known as a lover of birds, animals, and creation in general--statues of St Francis frequently appear in gardens--Francis of Assisi was also a strong champion of the poor and outcast of his time and society. In conjunction with the feast of St. Francis (or on the first Sunday in October), many churches hold services of blessings of animals. Because the first Sunday in October is

World Communion Sunday, we at St. Michael's UCC have had pet blessings at other times. See the article above for your pet blessing opportunity this year.

Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender (LGBT) History Month

Just as we lift up Women's History Month and Black/African-American History Month,



we also lift up Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender (LGBT) History Month during the month of October. The website lgbtHistoryMonth.com celebrates this month by following the achievements of 31 lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender icons. Each day in October, a new LGBT icon is featured with a video, bio, bibliography, downloadable images and other resources. Some of those featured as part of this year's 14th anniversary are pictured in the poster (left). **To see the complete list, check out the next page.** You can read the biographies of each icon on the website. Copies are also available on the information table in the church's fellowship room.

In 1994, Rodney Wilson, a Missouri high school teacher, believed a month should be dedicated to the celebration and teaching of gay and lesbian history, and gathered other teachers and community leaders. They selected October because public schools are in session and existing traditions, such as Coming Out Day (October 11), occur that month.

Gay and Lesbian History Month was endorsed by GLAAD, the Human Rights Campaign, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the National Education Association, and other national organizations. In 2006, Equality Forum assumed responsibility for providing content, promotion and resources for LGBT History Month.

The LGBT community is the only community worldwide that is not taught its history at home, in public schools or in religious institutions. LGBT History Month provides role models, builds community and makes the civil rights statement of the extraordinary national and international contributions of lgbt folks.

FYI: Equality Forum (noted above in this year's poster) is a national and international LGBT civil rights organization with an educational focus. Equality Forum coordinates LGBT History Month, produces documentary films, undertakes high-impact initiatives and presents the largest annual national and international LGBT civil rights summit. For more information, visit www.equalityforum.com.



OCTOBER

31 Days, 31 Icons.

ETHEL ALLEN

Trailblazing Politician

KWAME ANTHONY APPIAH

Philosopher & Author

GLADYS BENTLEY

Blues Performer

JACKIE BISKUPSKI

Mayor of Salt Lake City

KATE BORNSTEIN

Transgender Activist & Author

ANA BRNABIĆ

Prime Minister of Serbia

PETE BUTTIGIEG

U.S. Presidential Candidate

ELIZA BYARD

LGBTQ Youth Advocate

BRANDI CARLILE

Award-Winning Singer-Songwriter

GEORGE CHAUNCEY

Distinguished Historian

LOU CHIBBARO JR.

Journalist

SHARICE DAVIDS

Native American Congresswoman

BABE DIDRIKSON

Golf Legend

CHERYL DUNYE

Filmmaker

LILLIAN FADERMAN

LGBT Historian

RONAN FARROW

Pulitzer-Winning Journalist

JEWELLE GOMEZ

Novelist

EMMA GONZÁLEZ

Parkland Gun Control Activist

SHERENTÉ HARRIS

Native American Youth Leader

ROCK HUDSON

Award-Winning Actor

ROBERT INDIANA

"LOVE" Sculptor

JAMES IVORY

Oscar-Winning Filmmaker

ANNE LISTER

Pioneering Feminist

ARTHUR MITCHELL

Pioneering Ballet Dancer

JULIA MORGAN

Architect

ANARAA NYAMDORJ

Mongolian LGBT Activist

JARED POLIS

Governor of Colorado

ANGELA PONCE

Transgender Miss Spain

KESHAV SURI

Indian Activist

LILLIAN WALD

Community Nursing Founder

EDITH WHARTON

Pulitzer-Winning Novelist

World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 6

Anglicans, Roman Catholics and Orthodox Christians, generally celebrate the Eucharist (Communion) every Sunday. Other churches celebrate the Eucharist less frequently but for many of Christian denominations, it is celebrated more frequently than in the past. The observance of World Communion Sunday (then called Worldwide Communion Sunday) originated in 1936 in the Presbyterian Church in the USA and in their partner churches around the world. In 1940 it was encouraged by the National Council of Churches and spread through many denominations. On this particular Sunday each year, Christians of many traditions receive Communion and use this occasion to celebrate our membership in a worldwide Christian family.



This celebration of the Lord's Supper has many names. Eucharist means thanksgiving--we offer thanks for God's gifts to us, especially the gift of Jesus and the new life which Jesus brings us. Holy Communion reminds us that we are part of a Christian family and are in relationship with God and with one another. (Communion is from the same derivative as communicate and community.) The Lord's Supper reminds us that Jesus instituted the sacrament on the Thursday evening before he was arrested and crucified. The name Mass comes from the Latin words of dismissal "Ite, missa est" or "Go, you have been *sent*." We come together to receive the gift of God's presence, and renew our strength to go out to live the Christian life in the world.

Various Christian traditions also receive Communion in different ways. Some go to the front to receive the bread and the wine usually from a common cup. Some are passed small individual glasses while sitting in the pew. Going forward is an action, of commitment symbolizing our response to Christ's call to come and follow him. Receiving the communion elements together in the pews symbolizes our community of Love--in relationship with Christ and with one another.

We will celebrate World Communion Sunday on the first Sunday in October, October 6. You do not need to be a member of St. Michael's or any church in order to participate. As is always true:



**Access Sunday in the United Church of Christ
is the Second Sunday in October each year
and the beginning of Disabilities Awareness Week
Sunday, October 13-Saturday, October 19, 2019**

Each year, one Sunday is designated on the UCC church calendar as Access Sunday. In 2019, Sunday, October 13 will be the occasion when all the UCC is invited to join together in celebrating the gifts of persons with disabilities and the strides that the church has made in being more whole through being more accessible. It is also a day when we, the church, acknowledge the journey yet to be taken with our sisters/brothers/siblings with disabilities.

O Holy One...we are communities who live in the presence of divisions, visible and invisible. Like Jesus we find ourselves provoked by divisions. Empower us to be like Jesus, so our actions may give surprise to all who encounter divisive acts. Healing and inclusion abound! Praise God! Amen.

During worship on Sunday, October 13, we will have an opportunity to lift up and celebrate the tools that bring accessibility and fullness of life to each of us as individuals, as well as our church. You are invited to reflect on these tools in advance of Access Sunday to determine what objects, architectural changes, and other devices bring you freedom.

Here are some **home/work examples** which might apply to you:

jar lid popper, speech access computer, half-steps, support cane, walker, full spectrum light bulbs, reader, driver, usable hearing device, trifocals, lightweight dishes, electric wheelchair, new computer program, powered implement, levered door handles, reorganized work space.

And here are some **church examples** related to St. Michael's:

size 14 font type in Sunday worship bulletin, large print hymnal, visuals in chancel/on altar, elevator which makes the church building accessible, accessible bathroom, designated parking spots for those with disabilities, and our spirit of wide open welcome.

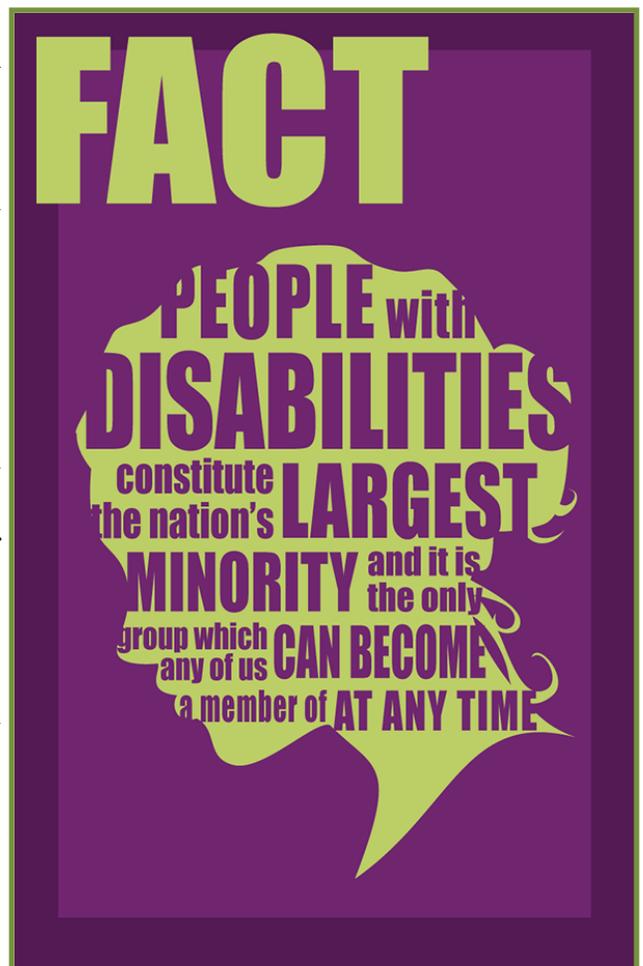


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Words that Empower: How To Speak about People With Disabilities (PWD)

Positive language empowers. When writing or speaking about people with disabilities, it is important to put the person first. Catchall phrases such as "the blind," "the deaf," or "the disabled," do not reflect the individuality, equality, or dignity of people with disabilities. Following are some recommendations for speaking, writing copy, and developing stories:

1. Unless it is crucial to your story, focus on the individual, not on his/her/their disability, which is only one facet of the person. In all cases, try to keep the person's disability in proper perspective, without unduly magnifying its importance.
2. Portray successful people with disabilities as successful people, not as superhumans. Overstating the achievements of people with disabilities inadvertently suggests that they are exceptions, and most others with disabilities are not competent or are incapable of outstanding achievements in their own fields.
3. When reporting on people with disabilities, consider the broader implications of how quality of life issues like accessible transportation, housing, affordable health care, employment opportunities, and discrimination impact a large and growing segment of the US. population.
4. Be accurate in describing disabilities. For example, people who had polio and experience after-effects years later have a post-polio disability. They do not have a disease. Similarly, people with disabilities should not be referred to as "patients" or "cases" unless the relationship with their doctor is the subject.
5. Emphasize abilities, not limitations. For example, say "uses a wheelchair" or "walks with crutches" rather than "confined to a wheelchair," "is wheelchair bound," or "is crippled:" Similarly, avoid use of inappropriate emotional descriptors such as "unfortunate" or "pitiful."



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Following are Examples of Positive and Negative Phrases. Note that the Positive Phrases put the Person First.

Affirmative Phrases

- o Person who is blind
- o Person with a disability
- o Person who is deaf;
 person who is hearing impaired
 or hard-of-hearing
- o Person who has multiple sclerosis
- o Person with cerebral palsy
- o Person who has muscular dystrophy
- o Person with mental retardation
- o Person with epilepsy;
 person with seizure disorder
- o Person without disabilities

- o Person who uses a wheelchair
- o Physically disabled
- o Seizure
- o Unable to speak;
 uses synthetic speech
- o Successful, productive
- o Courageous
 (when it implies the person has courage
 because of having a disability)
- o Person with psychiatric disability
- o Person who no longer lives
 in an institution
- o Says she/he/they has/have a disability

Negative Phrases

- o The visually impaired
- o The disabled, handicapped
- o Suffers a hearing loss

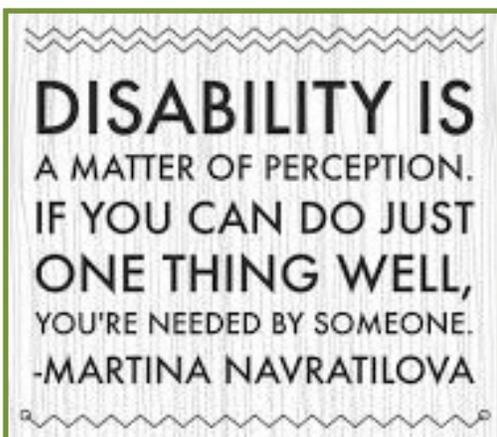
- o Afflicted by MS
- o CP victim
- o Stricken by MD
- o Retarded, mentally defective
- o Epileptic

- o Normal person (implies that person
 with a disability is not normal)
- o Confined or restricted to a wheelchair
- o Crippled, lame, deformed
- o Fit
- o Dumb, mute

- o Has overcome his or her disability

- o Crazy, nuts
- o The deinstitutionalized

- o Admits she/he/they has/have a disability



The ultimate objective of all of these suggestions is to move our society to the point where disability status is only one variable in the full range of human experience. **In other words, when thinking about people with disabilities, think about people first.**

UCC Higher Education Sunday Sunday, October 27

There are 48 educational institutions related to the United Church of Christ, including academies, colleges, universities, and seminaries. They span the United States. Each is independent, self-governing, and fully accredited.

**If you think
education is
expensive try
ignorance.**

-African proverb

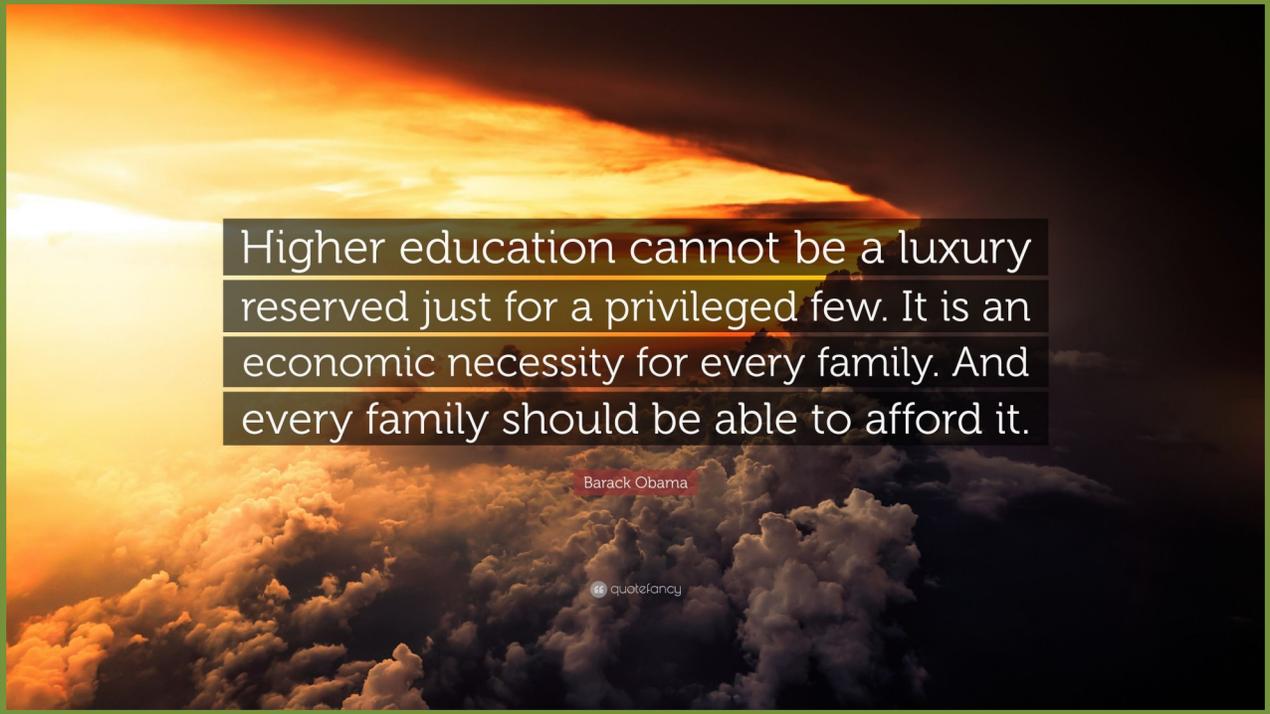
Each institution expresses partnership with the church--closely-related schools participate as full members of the UCC Council for Higher Education; others are historically-related which means they recognize a past relationship with the church but are not full members of the Council.

These institutions provide opportunities to explore moral values, the importance of social responsibility, an ethic of service, and the ability to think critically. Many have campus ministries that are ecumenical and interfaith. Each embodies the UCC ethos where God is Still Speaking.

For a complete list of all the institutions of higher education related to the UCC, check out the list online at <http://www.ucc.org/higher-education/>. We'll see about making the list available for you to read through; check the information table in the church's fellowship room :)

**Education
is a gift that none
can take away.**

-American proverb



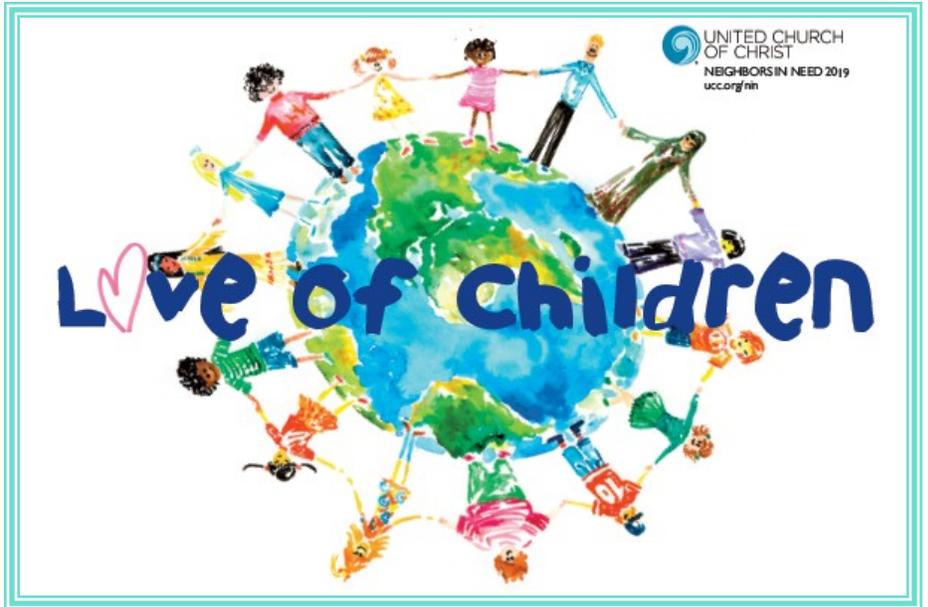
Higher education cannot be a luxury reserved just for a privileged few. It is an economic necessity for every family. And every family should be able to afford it.

Barack Obama

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Neighbors in Need 2019 UCC Special Mission Offering

The Neighbors in Need offering--which we are receiving through Sunday, October 6, when we will dedicate all our NIN offerings--supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Through ucc.org/justice, our national Justice and Witness Ministries office offers resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action Network (a network of thousands of UCC justice and peace advocates), Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice. Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Historically, forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hockak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and northern Nebraska. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is also an invaluable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the U.S.



NIN is one of four special offerings (The Christmas Fund, One Great Hour of Sharing, and Strengthen the Church are the other three) we receive as a congregation of the United Church of Christ. These along with our basic giving to support the denomination through Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) make St. Michael's one of the 5 for 5 churches in the UCC!!!

**Neighbors in Need helps make A Just World Possible for All.
For this to occur, it needs your support. Please give generously.**

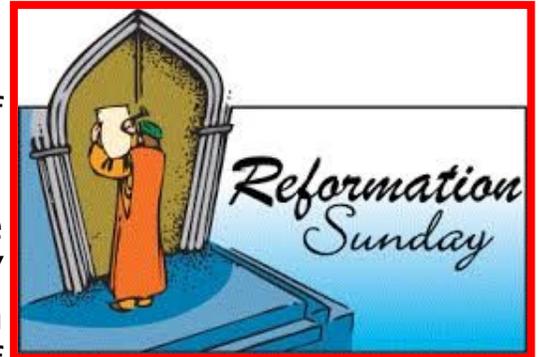
REFORMERS, SAINTS, AND SOULS

October 31–November 2

October 31 through November 2 form an intriguing series of days with a variety of names, depending on one's tradition.

REFORMERS

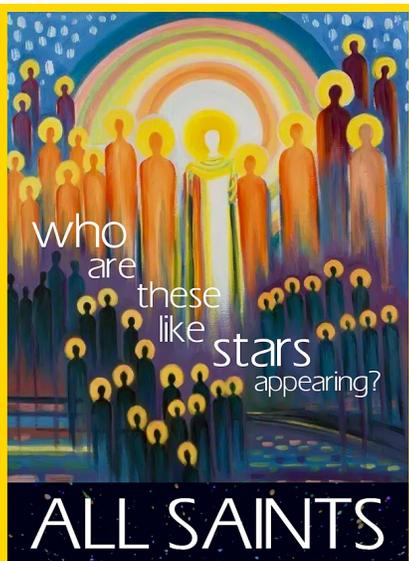
On the night of October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed 95 theses to the castle church door in Wittenberg, Germany, signaling the beginning of what became known as the Protestant Reformation. Accordingly, this date has significance for churches of the reformed tradition (St. Michael's UCC being one!)



Luther chose this night knowing that many people would be attending church the next day--All Saints' Day--and would thus read his statements of concern about the church. Some Protestant churches not of the reformed tradition choose October 31 to honor Saints of the Reformation Era, broadening the observance to include others. Red vestments are generally used on Reformation Sunday, celebrating the presence of the Holy Spirit in the life of the church. **At St. Michael's UCC, we'll celebrate Reformation Sunday on October 27...so if you can, WEAR RED!!!**

SAINTS

In many churches, All Saints' Day (November 1) celebrates all people of faith, recalling how, in New Testament usage, the word "saints" refers to Christians collectively, not just those of special note who have been canonized by the Roman Catholic Church. It is the recognition of the common bond of Christians, both living and dead, and the common bond of the church here on earth and the church triumphant in heaven. If November 1 falls on a weekday, All Saints' Day is generally observed on the following Sunday and referred to as All Saints' Sunday. Most churches use white vestments for All Saints' Day, although some use red to represent the Holy Spirit. **At St. Michael's, we'll be remembering those who have died into eternal life since November 1, 2018, and lighting candles in their memory, during worship on**



Sunday, November 3, 2019. More information is on the next page.



FYI: In this issue of the Messenger on page 33 is a form for you to fill out with the name/s of those who have entered eternal life this past year that you would like to have read during our All Saints' Day worship service on Sunday, November 3. Sheets will also be available on Sunday mornings during the month of October, as well as on Sunday, November 3, for you to complete, and turn in during the passing of the peace that day.

You may return your completed form by:

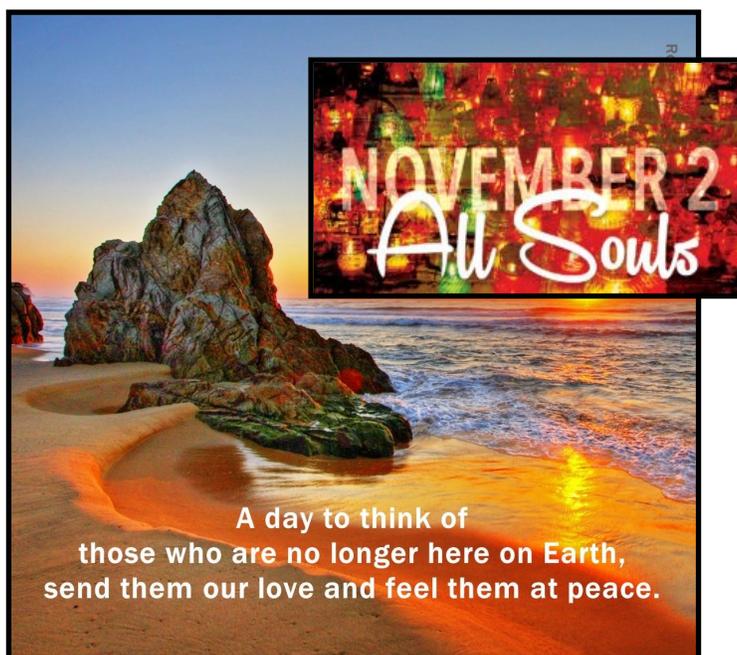
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"We do not always see the saints among us,...but that is because we do not see what it is we are looking at...All of the people in our lives are saints; it is just that some of them have day jobs and most will never have feast days named for them."

- Robert Benson

SOULS

For those traditions who use All Saints' Day to commemorate canonized saints, or those whose lives have been particularly Christ-like, All Souls' Day on November 2 provides an opportunity to remember other Christians who have died. Some traditions offer a simple, reflective service which provides an opportunity to invite those who have been bereaved during the year to gather to remember their loved ones in prayer. Violet, black, or white vestments are used on this day, giving a somber, reflective tone.



(article is adapted from Learning, Seasons of the Spirit)

Living Justly with God's Good Creation October 2019

Our themes during the five Sundays in September for this year's Season of Creation were Ocean Sunday, Fauna & Flora Sunday, Storm Sunday, Cosmos Sunday, and Web of Creation Sunday. Each Sunday those in worship were offered an opportunity to take some time to reflect on that Sunday's theme by contemplating questions, writing or drawing, etc. Below are two of the writings from Ocean Sunday. Thanks to Holly and Kathryn for granting permission for them to be shared!

FYI:
**Green
Christian**
(aka, "Ordinary
Christians,
extraordinary
times.")
offers a
monthly
**Prayer Guide
for the Care
of Creation.**

Print copies of the guide are available at the back of the sanctuary as well as on the information table in the church fellowship room. Pick up your October copy as a way to widen your understanding of creation and connect with others throughout the world who are trying to live as stewards of the earth and seeking to care for all God's Good Creation.

*The deep ocean filled with fish
Keep the planet clean if you wish.
Looking through the clear water of the deep,
Fill me with wonderful memories I keep.
In our boat cruising in the lakes,
We had fun splashing into the wakes.
My love and I enjoying the beauty around us,
Preparing our lives together in harmony surrounded us.
Keep our lakes and oceans clean we drink from fountains,
Don't use plastic, bags, or all that nonsense.
Be great and love the waters
So we can save them for our sons and daughters.
- Holly Brockman*

*Muriwai Beach
Black sand glistening in the sun
burning my feet as I hurry to the ocean.
Icy, cold water, cooling my feet off.
Waves crashing on the shore.
Salt spray hanging in the air,
coating everything.
The blowhole releases the ocean,
throwing water skywards.
Gannets resting on the cliffs,
squawking loudly to each other.
The sun setting into the ocean,
transforming the sky into a rainbow of colours.
- Kathryn Duerr*

[FYI: It's in New Zealand, Kathryn's native country!]

Stewardship 101 - October 2019

"Wants, Needs, and the Path to Contentment"

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.

—1 Timothy 6:6-9

When Apple released a new iPhone some years ago, our teenager grew unhappy with the one that had been a treasured birthday present only a few months earlier.

"I really *need* a new iPhone," we were told with urgency and expectation. Sensible parents, we said no, pointing out that a new iPhone was definitely a *want*, not a *need*. Our teen stormed off, outraged by the injustice and deprivation.

Children and youth are forgiven for confusing *wants* and *needs*, but many of us reach adulthood without the knowledge. The distinction is especially hard to learn in our consumer culture, where every advertisement tells us that true happiness is forever *just one more* purchase away. When we believe this lie, we suffer lives of insatiable desire, ever grasping for the *newer*, the *better*, the *larger*, the *more*.

Mature faith and biblical stewardship challenge us to distinguish our *wants* from our *needs*, so that we may find contentment with "enough"—decent housing, healthy food, clean clothing, and reliable transportation. No longer slaves to a desire for more, we are free to enjoy the abundant life that comes from loving relationships with God and family and neighbor.

Getting free may take discipline, but with God's help we can grow. Faced with desire, we pray: "Is this a *need* or a *want*? If it's a want, why do I sense it's a need? Can I be content without it?"

Finding contentment, we open ourselves to the life God intends for us, rich and abundant in love, joy and grace.

-- Rob Blezard

Rev. Robert Blezard works as content editor for www.stewardshipoflife.org and serves as an assistant to the bishop of the Lower Susquehanna Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). FYI: Since 1997, the United Church of Christ and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America have been in full communion, along with the Presbyterian Church USA and the Reformed Church in America.

October News from Around the Fox Valley Association (FVA), Illinois Conference, and Throughout the United Church of Christ

The Rev. Dr. James J. Olson, OCC, resigned as the Acting Associate Conference Minister serving the Fox Valley Association and Chicago Metropolitan Association effective September 1, 2019. The Rev. Kimberly Wood, Acting Associate Conference Minister for Eastern Association, is temporarily serving the congregations and leadership of the Fox Valley Association.



The Rev. Dan Hinckley (pictured at left), retired UCC pastor who most recently served as pastor of First Congregational UCC, Huntley, died into eternal life on Friday, September 20, 2019. Visitation will be from 9 -11 am and the funeral service at 11 am at the church on Saturday, October 5, 2019.

The Rev. David Inglis was installed on July 28, 2019, as pastor and teacher of St. John's UCC, Union.

Interim Pastors serving around Fox Valley Association include:

- **Rev. Tim Rhodes**, Burr Ridge UCC
- **Rev. David Ezekiel**, Congregational UCC, Batavia
- **Rev. Michael Montgomery**, First Congregational UCC, Elgin
- **Rev. Philip D. Price**, Millburn Congregational UCC, Lake Villa



Just a reminder:
the Wendy's
boycott continues...



The Fox Valley Association will gather for its Fall Meeting on Sunday, October 20, 2019 at First Congregational UCC, 1047 Curtiss Avenue, Downers Grove, at 1:30 p.m.

The Theme is "Truth Telling: To Make More Visible God's Love & Justice" with the Rev. Scott Oberle as our worship leader and keynoter. There will be two one-hour energizer sessions focusing on one of several Justice & Witness topics followed by a fellowship meal at 5:00 p.m.

Energizer Sessions:

1. Disagreeing Productively: Reviving Civility in a Presidential Election Year
2. Domestic Violence in Our Congregations and Communities
3. Exploring Single-use Plastics Alternatives
4. Stopping Family Separation
5. Pre-Trial Incarceration - Why So Many Are Incarcerated Without Trial

Mission Moment - October 2019 "Planting Life" - Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

The Rev. Sarah Lund has been called as the United Church of Christ's first Minister for Disabilities and Mental Health Justice. What inspires her about this role? The Rev. Lund says, "The UCC's commitment to disabilities and mental health justice drew me to this position. I am excited to support the UCC as we seek to live out our commitments to be A2A (Accessible to All) and WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, and Engaged) for mental health. I am inspired to work with lay leaders and clergy, supporting their efforts to reflect the extravagant love of God in Jesus Christ.

I enjoy the inspiring people I am honored to get to know doing this work. One of the main things I do is build relationships with pastors, lay leaders, Conference Ministers, National Staff colleagues, seminarians, and members of the wider community as we share stories about how our lives are shaped by disabilities and mental health justice.

The temptation in the church is to think of disabilities and mental health justice as a side issue. It is challenging and critical to think of disabilities and mental health justice as part of every other justice issue. There is great opportunity in the places of intersectionality and that is where we are excited to explore moving forward. For example, as we continue to engage the whole church in our Sacred Conversations to End Racism, we can include in that conversation how disabilities and mental health justice intersect with racism.

Inviting churches to seek justice with people who live with disabilities and mental health diagnoses is important because it is what Jesus calls us to do. Jesus' teachings call us to love our neighbors and loving our neighbors means seeking justice for people who live with disabilities and mental health challenges.

The UCC has a strong history of supporting disabilities and mental health justice through the work of its ministers and congregations. We celebrate the important role of UCC minister Rev. Harold Wilke, a person with a disability who was a disability rights pioneer and activist involved in the passage of the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA). We also celebrate the wider church's commitment at the 25th General Synod in the adoption of the resolution 'Called to Wholeness in Christ: Becoming a Church Accessible to All.' We celebrate that at the 31st General Synod the wider church adopted the resolution to be WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, and Engaged) for mental health. The challenge that these celebrations offer is the opportunity and responsibility of the ongoing work."

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Mission Moments are made possible by our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) and are available on the UCC website at <http://www.ucc.org/stewardship/mission-moments/>

October Photo Album

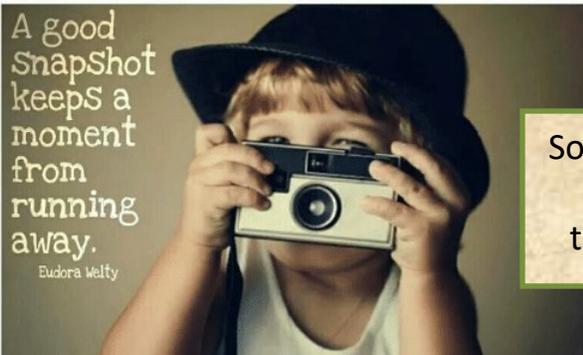


Some of our St. Michael's family who celebrated birthdays during the month of September are pictured above: Norah who turned 3, Dan, and Lauren who turned 5!

The Fabulous Foodies September Gathering at Grand Dukes in Downers Grove--a good time was had by all 14 of us!!! Our photo was taken by Emil, one of the restaurant hosts, and shared here compliments of Bryan Kelsey.



A sample of September fellowship time treats--lots of fabulous food was shared!



A good snapshot keeps a moment from running away.
Eudora Welty

Some food for thought

- continues on next page

Our Fifth Annual Sundae Sunday hosted by Kathryn Duerr



The Community Clothing Closet

The *Community Clothing Closet* at St. Michael's UCC continues to provide clean and gently used clothes and shoes to all in our community who are in need. Each visiting family member encouraged to select five items from our selection each month.



The Clothing Closet was open last month on Saturday, September 14, 2019, when twenty-one families visited the Clothing Closet. These families took home 581 clothing items, including new underwear and socks which were purchased this month with accumulated cash contributions. The Community Clothing Closet has now distributed 97,501 clothing items to visiting guests since opening our doors fifteen years ago.

The Community Clothing Closet will be open this coming month on Saturday, October 12, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Our regularly scheduled workday for this month is on Thursday, October 10, 2019. The Happy Hangers will work in the morning from 10:00 a.m. to noon, and the Evening Organizers will work from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. If you are willing and able, please join us on the regularly scheduled workdays, or talk to Bob Dieckmann or Kathy Hummel to schedule alternative work times.

We continue to gratefully accept donations of clean and gently used clothing items. We also welcome cash donations for the purchase of new underwear and socks, along with new or gently used children's books to refill our bookcase. We remain thankful for all who have donated items and monetary funds to the Clothing Closet, and for all who volunteer their time to this ministry. Volunteers for the month of September included Sigrid, Betty, Yolanda, Shirley, Holly, Kathy, Barb, and Bob on the Thursday workday/night, and Len and Kathy on Saturday when the Clothing Closet was open.

Rockwell Building Access

Birth to Three is installing a video door bell at the entrance to the Rockwell Building. This is in response to creating more secure entrances to all of the school district buildings. If you wish to come work at the Clothing Closet outside of the scheduled workdays or need access to the Rockwell Building please contact Kathy and let her know what day and time you plan to arrive. If Kathy can't meet you to let you in she will let Birth to Three know who is coming and when, they will be happy to let you in.

Congratulations



Shirley Schramer is celebrating grandson Spencer Schramer's attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout earlier this year. Spencer's project was removing all the ceiling tiles and cleaning them and returning them to their proper places (no small task!) at the West Chicago VFW Post 6791 where his grandfather Chuck Schramer (who died into eternal life May 30, 2018) spent many hours and was deeply involved. (In the above photo, Spencer is on the left and Kurt his brother is on the right. Kurt became an Eagle Scout in 2017. Thanks to Kevin Schramer, Shirley's son and Spencer and Kurt's father, for this "Gathering of the Eagles" photo taken in February 2019.)

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FYI: If you have celebratory news you wish to share with the members and friends and others who receive our church newsletter, please let Pastor Sue know and we will include the information (and photo/s if provided) in the November issue of The Messenger.



**Fabulous Foodies Gatherings
October 2019**

Saturday Morning Movie Matinee

October 12th

in the accessible, air-conditioned/heated church fellowship room
Doors open at 10 am; movie begins at 10:30 am - Free popcorn!!!

"The Hobbit 3: The Battle of the Five Armies"

(2014, rated PG-13, Directed by Peter Jackson, running time is 2 hours 24 minutes)

Bilbo and company are forced to engage in a war against an array of combatants and keep the Lonely Mountain from falling into the hands of a rising darkness.

AND

Halloween Potluck and Movie

Saturday, October 26th

also in the church fellowship room

Doors open at 6 pm; movie begins at 6:30 pm

You are invited to bring something to share for the potluck

"The Rocky Horror Picture Show"

(considered--by more than a few--to be an iconic Halloween movie)

1980 Academy of Science Fiction Hall of Fame Winner

(1975, rated R, Directed by Jim Sharman, running time is 1 hour 40 minutes)

Please sign-up on one or both sheets posted on the bulletin board in the church fellowship room, so we know how many to anticipate for each gathering!

And, if you need more information, talk with Angela (email: night-girl2019@yahoo.com, Co-Chair of Membership and Stewardship, or Julisa (email: julisavasquez@lewisu.edu), 2019 Member-at-Large on the Church Council.

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

In Memoriam - Al T. Browne

We were saddened to learn that a long-time friend of St. Michael's UCC, Al T. Browne, age 92, of West Chicago, passed away on September 10, 2019. Al had been a faithful presence here in worship until he suffered a stroke four and one half years ago and became homebound. He kept up with the news of the congregation, being as devoted to reading each and every issue of the church newsletter as he had been being in worship each and every Sunday.



Born on July 28, 1927 in Chicago to Theodore and Eleanore Browne, Al was united in marriage on October 14, 1947 to Betty Ebeling. Throughout his life, Al worked as a salesman for Club Aluminum in LaGrange, in the electronics department of JC Penney in Yorktown and Woodfield Malls, and for

West Chicago School District 33 until his retirement.

Al loved music, and played drums (the graphic at right was on the cover of his funeral bulletin) for the Skokie Indians and was an instructor for the Chi Angels Drum and Bugle Corps. Al was a lifelong member of the Chicago Federation of Musicians. He was a die-hard Chicago Cubs fan (whether going to the games or watching them on TV), enjoyed reading the newspaper with his shirt off in the driveway, and loved spending time with his family, whether going to Cedar Lake in Lake Villa or to the Lincoln Park Zoo (because as his family explained it was free).



Al is survived by his children, Linda (Rick) Hensel and Jeff (Karen) Browne; grandchildren, Sarah (James) Thrasher; Katie (Elle) Hensel, Elizabeth (Ankit), Browne, Michael (Narcis) Hensel and Richard Browne; great grandchildren, Oliver and Charlie; son-in-law, Christopher Collins; relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty (2008); daughters, Barbara Collins (2013) and Terri Browne (2017); son, Richard (1988) and son-in-law, David Hensel; brother, Theodore (late Jean).

Pastor Sue officiated at the 3 pm funeral service which followed the 12 noon-3 pm visitation on Saturday, September 14, at Norris-Segert Funeral Home and Cremation Services here in West Chicago. Interment was private.

Contributions in Al's memory may be made to DuPage PADS, 601 West Liberty, Wheaton, IL 60187 as well as to St. Michael's UCC.

Worship Schedule - October 2019

Worship at 9:30 am, followed by a Time of Fellowship

Sunday, October 6, 2019

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost-Proper 22C

Sacrament of Holy Communion

World Communion Sunday

Dedication of Neighbors in Need Offering

Scripture Readings: Lamentations 1:1-6, Psalm 137, 2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:5-10

Altar Flowers: Ray and Helen Eggert – in honor of their 65th wedding anniversary

Lay Reader: Bill Birch

Usher/Communion Server: Alex Golovin

Communion Preparation/Clean-up: Bill Birch

Child Care: Alex Golovin

Fellowship Hosts: Wayne and Doreen Roethler



Sunday, October 13, 2019

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost-Proper 23C

Access Sunday in the UCC

Disabilities Awareness Week - 10/13-10/19

Scripture Readings: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7, Psalm 66:1-12, 2 Timothy 2:8-15, Luke 17:11-19

Altar Flowers: The Duerr Family – in honor of Arielle's 21st birthday

Lay Reader: Barb Dieckmann

Usher: Yolanda Mendoza

Child Care: Alex Golovin

Fellowship Host: Open



Sunday, October 20, 2019

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 24C

CROP Walk Sunday

Commissioning of CROP Walkers

Scripture Readings: Jeremiah 31:27-34, Psalm 119:97-104, 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5, Luke 18-1-8

Lay Reader: Kathy Hummel

Altar Flowers: Open

Usher: Bill Birch

Child Care: Alex Golovin

Fellowship Host: Kathryn Duerr - Ham Dinner



Sunday, October 27, 2019

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 25C

Reformation Sunday

UCC Higher Education Sunday

Dedication of October NFP Offerings

Scripture Readings: Joel 2:23-32, Psalm 65, 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18, Luke 18:9-14

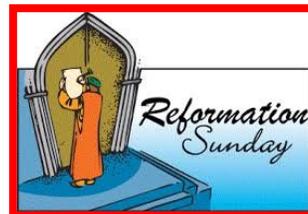
Altar Flowers: Open

Lay Reader: Tim Sasse

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Fellowship Hosts: Bob and Barb Dieckmann



Church Activities at a Glance

Church Council

Sunday, October 8- 11:30 am in Fellowship room

Clothing Closet

Thursday, October 10 - Happy Hangers 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Evening Organizers 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Saturday, October 12 - Clothing Closet open 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

Fabulous Foodies

Saturday, Morning Movie Matinee, October 12 - 10:00 am in Fellowship Room

Saturday, October 26 - Halloween Potluck & Movie, 6:00 pm in Fellowship Room,

“Project Infinity” PeaceJam Group

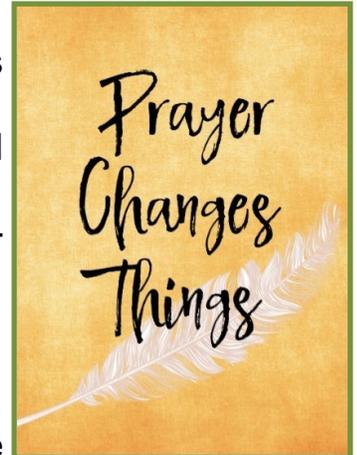
Every Sunday at 1:00 pm and at other times as arranged by the group



October 13 Jayden Doty
15 Arielle Duerr
30 Tim Sasse
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In Our October Thoughts and Prayers

- Our members and friends, especially Jackie H, Marge K, Les T, who are homebound, living with family, and/or in nursing homes/assisted living/retirement communities.
- The family and friends of Al Browne as they celebrate and remember his life and mourn his death into eternal life on September 10.
- Those mourning recent deaths into eternal life of St. Michael's member Irma Becker and Pastor Sue's father, Keith Ebersold.
- Those in the grieving process, dealing with deaths of loved ones, family, and friends, as well as anniversary times.
- Jackie H, who completed treatment after breast cancer diagnosis and surgery.
- Jean S, who has pneumonia and is at home.
- Rita C. is dealing with still-to-be-diagnosed health issues.
- Tim S.' parents, Mary and Gerald, both at home in Wisconsin.
- Bill and Betty D--Bill with cancer, and Betty managing his care and her own health issues; also more than a few family members with health issues.
- Leeina S, continues in the healing process and dealing with family health issues.
- Rich, Dave D's brother, who is doing well dealing with heart-related issues.
- Volunteer, as well as paid, caregivers for loved ones, family, and friends.
- All those dealing with cancer...for the first time, in remission, or a recurrence:
 - Rita C's cousin Betty is being treated for breast cancer.
 - Holly B's friend's 15 year old grandson Garrett with leukemia.
 - Rita C's friend Kay who is healing from broken bones and other fall-related injuries.
 - The D family's Uncle Mike in remission from kidney cancer.
 - Sherrie A, Leeina S's daughter, battling cancer and continuing with chemotherapy.
- Tenzin, the four year old boy we sponsor through the UCC-Disciples of Christ Global Ministries. He attends school at the Tibetan Refugee Center in Kalimpong, India.
- All throughout our world who are victims of hate fueled by gun violence, particularly the victims of recent mass shootings in the US affecting countless folks, and the ongoing concerns for those who are Muslim, Jewish, and other targeted groups.
- The people of Houston, Texas and the surrounding areas dealing with the aftermath of Tropical Storm Imelda that dropped 30-40 inches of rain; and all Bahamians whose country was devastated by Hurricane Dorian, and those along the coast of the US affected by the hurricane, as well as those whose lives have been impacted by other recent storms, heavy rains, and tornados.
- All refugees and immigrants throughout our world, especially those of all ages being held in detention centers at the southern border of our country.



FYI: If you have names/situations or updates for the November newsletter prayer list, please be in touch with Pastor Sue. Requests shared during Sunday morning worship time of prayer are not automatically included!!!

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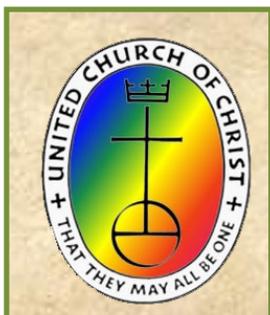
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Music Director	Len Redelsperger

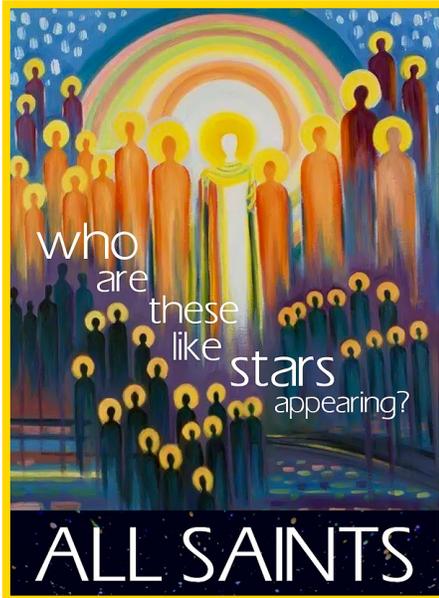
2019 Church Council

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Recording Secretary.....	Kathy Hummel
Treasurer.....	Bill Birch
Financial Secretary.....	Bob Dieckmann
Member-at-Large.....	Julisa Vasquez
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Communications Ministry.....	Arielle Duerr and Melissa Ferguson
Evangelism/Mission/Outreach Ministry.....	Bob Dieckmann
Facilities Ministry.....	Bill Birch and Alex Golovin
Membership/Stewardship Ministry.....	Barb Dieckmann and Angela Lawson
PeaceJam Ministry.....	Alex Golovin and Arielle Duerr
Worship Ministry.....	Kathryn Duerr and Pastor Sue



**“No matter who you are,
or where you are on life’s journey,
or what time you arrive,
you are welcome here.”**





All Saints Day Worship

Sunday, November 3, 2019

*Remembering Those Who Have Died
Into Eternal Life In the Last Year
(since November 1, 2018)*

In the box below, please print one or more names--first (and last if you wish the full name read)--of those loved ones (family, friends, others) who have died into eternal life since November 1 of 2018. You may return your completed sheet to the church any time between now and Thursday, October 31, as well as at the beginning of worship on Sunday, November 3. Following the meditation time that day, all the names received will be read aloud and a candle lit in each one's memory.

Your Name/s (please print) _____

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*Join us for Sunday worship at 9:30 am
followed by a time of fellowship
with fair trade coffee and tea...and tasty treats!!!*