

SEPTEMBER



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2022

From The Pastor's Desk

Hello Church Family,

Wow the summer has gone so fast. We have remolded several rooms in the basement area. Two of them for a great VBS! Praise God. The storage room is clean, organized, and we can see thanks to new LED lighting. B1 is getting new shelving to help with storage. The kitchen has been gone through, sorted, cleaned and received a new refrigerator. The Grace building has been getting a thorough cleaning, and a few repairs to make it more presentable to potential buyers. It has been a great blessing to find so many treasures inside the Grace building. I have moved my office over to the one we remodeled when Pastor Brain came on board last year. I have (with a lot of help) installed many of those beautiful paintings found at the Grace building in my office. The parking lot has been sealed. Emma has joined our leadership team as Choir Director. I want to thank all the volunteers that have helped here this summer!

Our services on Sunday morning could not happen without the people who help with sound, streaming production, greeters, ushers, communion servers, musicians, and those who help create our bulletins. New Journey you are a church of God's disciples who give in so many ways.

HERBIE Clinic has been serving several people each month. Without the help of you and others in the community we would not be touching so many lives. Both in health care and sharing salvation through Jesus. We have the capacity to help more people each month. If you know anyone who does not have health insurance share with them that they will receive free treatment right here. Evy's Closet has been open and serving women who need clothing, many who are new. What a blessing that all of you helping with Evy's closet have been to this community.

I am sure that I missed a few other ministry projects happening this summer, not intentionally. Church, this has been a busy summer and I thank God for everyone one of you. You make it a pleasure for me as a pastor, and disciple of Jesus. Keep your eyes focused on God every day and expect the serendipitous that God has instore for us His children.

Pastor Rob Snodgrass

H.E.R.B.I.E Clinic

**For anyone without health insurance
2nd Saturdays, Sep 10, Oct 8 & Nov 12
8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. More dates will be
published in subsequent newsletters.
Volunteers are always needed.
Please call Dr. Sherry O'Donnell's office
at (269) 408-1777.**

Cross-Cultural Ministries

Nancy Watts would like to thank the New Journey UMC family for their generous donations during the month of July. We contributed over \$500 toward their mission activities! Don't forget the upcoming Cookie Walk in November and December also supports Cross-Cultural Ministries (see article below).

Cookie Walk time is fast approaching!

Before you know it order forms will be available for the 2022 cookie walk. As in the past, all proceeds benefit Cross-Cultural Ministries in Donna, Texas. Supplies are donated by those who help with the supplies, either by buying items needed or with a cash donation, with which supplies that are not donated are purchased. A list of items needed will be made available in October, as soon as some orders are received.

The bake days this year will be on Friday, November 4, 11, and 18 from 9 a.m. to 2p.m. and Saturdays 5, 12, and 19 from 12 to 5 p.m. The last scheduled bake day is Monday, November 28 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There are other days when baking at the church takes place depending on how many orders are placed. If you would like to take one of the recipes to bake at home let me know; the ingredients will be provided for you.

The cookie walk will be on Saturday, December 3 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Watch for more information in the bulletin as we get closer to the time to start baking.

Cindy Jackson, Cookie Walk coordinator



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Evy's Closet

Evy's Closet has normal shopping hours of 4 to 6 p.m. on Thursdays. If you would like to volunteer during shopping hours, please contact Brenda Engel at bbengel1@comcast.net or 269-845-6691.

We still need someone to help with publicity. You can make phone calls if you are not able to get out and about to deliver flyers. Please contact Brenda.

We would like to thank the donors of materials to make toiletry bags and the toiletries for our shoppers.

Thank you all for your generosity!



MUSICAL NOTES The regular choir season will start in September! Choir practices will be Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. (beginning August 31st). The choir is getting ready to sing some of your favorites that inspire you and add to your worship of our Savior. I have all the music planned through January 2022. We hope you enjoy the upcoming song selections. The Agape Choir and Joyful Ringers appreciate your love and support of our ministry here at New Journey. As always, if you are interested in singing, all ages and abilities are welcome! Come talk to me.

Emma Hall

Sunday School News



Sunday morning Sunday School in Gather Inn from 8:50 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. from Rev. Elton Orpurt - I have been studying the bible for a number of years, and I still come away (from bible study) with a new way to look at a passage. This could not of happen if I wasn't there. There is an old saying 'Iron sharpens Iron'. Are you really sharp, not quite, just a little dull, or just don't care. Any way I look at it I have more to learn than I know. Give us a try please. I don't know what is in store for the Fall bible study, but I will be there.

Youth Sunday School/Programming

We are planning on starting Sunday School for youth this fall.

Misc. Notes

Daily Devotions



A limited quantity of **Upper Room** and **Our Daily Bread** devotionals are available at the church on the ushers' table in the Narthex. Please pick up your copy before they run out! But if we run out, we will order more.

Hospitality Committee invites you to: a potluck in Fellowship Hall after church on Sunday, September 18 and a Soup Luncheon in Fellowship Hall after church on Sunday, October 2! More information and sign-up sheets will be available in the Narthex as we get closer to the events.



ATTENTION SINGLE LADIES OF ALL AGES AND CIRCUMSTANCES:

VEP's is an interdenominational fellowship group for single women of any age, circumstance or church in our community. Since none of us are the original members we think the initials stand for **Very Exceptional People**. We meet for lunch one Sunday a month, March to November, at an area restaurant. (Whoever is the hostess picks the restaurant). We will meet September 11, October 9, and November 13.

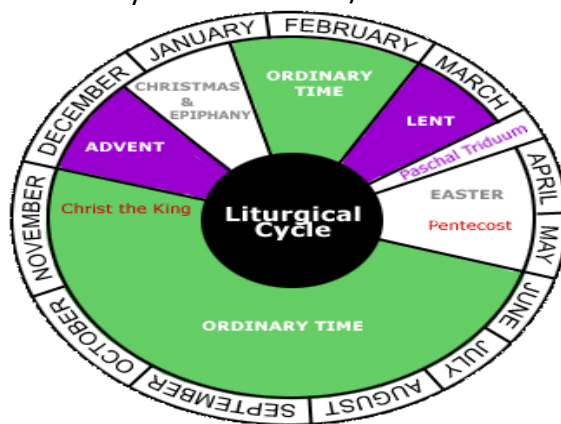
If you are interested in joining us, please call Pam Montgomery at 683-2192.

Jeannine Severeid has a new address: Cedarhurst of Edison Lakes, 1025 Park Place, Apt. 158, Mishawaka, IN 46545. She is keeping her cell phone number.

Mike Kohler's new email address is: kohlermichael32@gmail.com.

Special Sundays

Sept 4	Communion Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sept 11	Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Grandparents' Day
Sept 18	Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Potluck
Sept 25	United Women in Faith Sunday Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Oct 2	World Communion Sunday Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Soup Luncheon
Oct 9	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Oct 16	Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost/Laity Sunday
Oct 23	Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Oct 30	Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost/Reformation Sunday



LITURGISTS:

Sept 4	Tim Rogers (Communion)
Sept 11	Patricia Ham (Grandparents' Day)
Sept 18	Dee Rough
Sept 26	United Women in Faith Sunday
Oct 2	Sue Phillips (World Communion Sunday)
Oct 9	John Engel
Oct 16	Sharon Stephayn
Oct 23	Donna Medlin
Oct 30	Tim Rogers

Committee Reports

++++++MISSIONS /WORSHIP++++++

*Note: Coins for UMCOR are a separate gift collected every Sunday and placed in the offering plates. Coins put in the baskets go to Missions. Thank you for your generosity!

September Mission – Justice for Our Neighbors

Justice For Our Neighbors Michigan (JFONMI) supports immigrant communities through legal services and social actions. The immigration system is complex, and many low-income immigrants cannot afford legal assistance, leaving them vulnerable to fraud and exploitation. The JFON-MI legal staff are trustworthy and highly skilled. JFON began as a ministry of the FUMC in Grand Rapids, then as ministries of UMCs in Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Metro Detroit and Traverse City. JFON-MI merged the four clinics into one statewide organization in 2018.

When Nancy Watts gave us an upate on the activities of **Cross-Cultural Ministries** last month she indicated they need blankets. I have obtained fleece material on sale and am looking for monetary donations and participants for a blanket making party on Sunday, September 18th after the Potluck in Fellowship Hall. Please include your donation in your church offering envelope and mark it for "Blankets".

Christian’s Place Mission at Nauvoo United Methodist Church

Carole Newman, director, came to Nauvoo, AL and saw a need for help and in December 2008 Christian’s Place Mission was born. Carole told her friends and co-workers about what God had led her to do. They all wanted to help, and told their families and friends, and as the word spread people began coming to help. They brought canned goods and clothing to share. Some Sunday school classes got involved. The volunteers arrived here at Christian's Place strangers to each other. They hold hands and pray for God to bless the people of Nauvoo and to bless our actions.

++++++TRUSTEES++++++

Phase one of the "Pelican" brand controls for heating and cooling has been completed. Phase two will be done soon and we will be able to set times and temperatures from anywhere using a smart phone.

The parking lot has been resealed and re-stripped by Shembarger Co. The cost was covered by some generous donations from our neighbors - Andrew's Accounting.

We have a new refrigerator in the kitchen because the old one broke down and the repair estimate was higher than the cost of the new one.

Pastor Rob has moved his office to Room 101 where Pastor Brian was last year. His old office needs some improvement and renovations as does Brenda's office.

We are paying for some plaster and drywall repairs at Grace Church in hopes of getting it sold. Amy Wade and Larry Mallory have been working there sorting, cleaning and discarding "stuff".

Nancy N., Nancy M., Suzie and Jane have been cleaning and organizing in the storage room. Thank you to all who have helped. ~Trustees

++++++FINANCE++++++

The 2023 offering envelopes should arrive in October and will be distributed at that time. If you would like them mailed to you, please let the office know. The cost is \$5.00. If you mail in your offering, your offering envelopes can remain in the office for use by the counters for your offering checks. Just let Brenda know. Thank you.

++++++CONGREGATIONAL CARE++++++

Jeannine has requested to be replaced as Congratulation Care Chairperson. She feels that with her move to a different residence (in Mishawaka) and her fall that she would not be able to fulfill her position as Chairperson. We wish her the best and thank her for her long years as Chairperson. However, she shall fulfill her position as UMW Chairperson. As of this time no new chairperson has been named.

We had a committee meeting (with 4 members present) in July and at the meeting we discussed a number of issues, and it was suggested that we use both hand-written system and the new computer-generated report. We discussed how to reach those on the Prayer List. There was no definite answer on how to do that. Cards to be sent to the shut-ins once a month. In God’s Love Rev. Elton Orpurt, Chair

++++++AD COUNCIL++++++

There is an Ad Council meeting scheduled for Monday, September 19th at 11:00 a.m. in Gather Inn.



United
Women
in Faith

UWF Corner

News from our Greater Southwest United Women in Faith President

We just had our district team meeting to plan for our annual meeting celebration on October 1st at the Otsego UMC and it looks like an exciting day. We will keep the business time as short as possible, hear from United Methodist Community House on what is happening there, sing some songs, and get fired up to move into action as United Women in Faith. Our key note speaker this year is Ellen Harbin. She spoke last year at several district annual meetings and her goal is to make it to all the remaining districts. Her heart is for United Women in Faith and our PURPOSE. Our purpose as United Methodist Women did not change when our name changed to United Women in Faith. We are still a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church. Everything we do as United Women in Faith is because we believe love in action can change the world. Isn't it exciting to think that we belong to a bold sisterhood that can and is changing the world for the better? What we do in our local units, when combined with our districts, our conferences throughout the world, is showing love in action changing the world. God is definitely working through us, each and every one of us, to make a difference.

In Service to Christ

Linda Burton-Collier

Greater Southwest United Women in Faith President

Greetings and news from New Journey UMC United Women in Faith Mary-Martha Circle

We will welcome fall on Wednesday, September 7th at 1:00 p.m. Our program will be The Call to Prayer and Self-Denial. The hostess is Jan Pollitt and devotions by Amy Wade.

We look forward to Sunday, September 25th for UWF Sunday and hearing our speaker Dr. Sherry O'Donnell. We ask you to participate in our "bakeless bake sale" special offering that day. Your support helps us ordinary women join with some 800,000 other women continue extraordinary mission work for children, youth and women in the U.S. and around the world.

Looking ahead to October, Mary-Martha Circle will meet at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 5th. The hostess is Elaine Carter, Dee Rough will present the devotion, and we will joyously have our THANK OFFERING program. This Annual World Thank Offering Program is a spontaneous financial gift that allows UWF members to say Thank you to God for daily mercies, large and small, and share that love with God's people.

All District events have been on Zoom for the last year and a half, up until now. The "District Annual" is Saturday, October 1st from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Otsego UMC. The cost is \$15.00. Coffee and registration at 8:30 a.m. that morning.

~ Jeannine Severeid, UWF President

Prayers for our Church Family

Please review the Prayer List, and notify the church office of any updates!

Cancer Patients

Julie McCready
 Sharon Dircks
 Gail Peterson
 Marion Eldred
 Earl Corak
 Claire Wiggins (*Richard Ham's sister*)
 Elton Orpurt
 Luke Fannon (*Brenda, John & Ron's nephew-in-law*)

Pam (Ross) Todd
 Chris Hay (*Niece to Jane Heflin*)
 Nancy Comfort
 Becky (*Kathy Scott's friend*)
 Rose Aravena
 Jack Scott
 Tom Scott (*Jack Scott's brother*)
 Glenn Litchfield
 Dwayne White (*Pastor Rob's nephew*)

Health Concerns

Kenny and Vicki Earl
 Nancy Rheinholt
 Patrick Apple
 Debbie Pingel
 Kathy & Rob Di Addezio
 Bonnie & Don Nie
 Dixie Pingel
 Mooneyan Quick
 Richard & Patricia Ham
 Chuck & Faith Ernst
 Sean (*Starla Miller's nephew*)
 Janet & husband John (*friends of Pastor Rob and Kathe*)
 Michael Lee (*Brenda Severeid's husband*)
 Nancy Watts
 Elaine & Bill Carter
 Jennifer Watts
 Carol Noid
 Anslie Rink-Scott (*Ernst's granddaughter*)
 Bonnie Garwood's father (*Ernst's daughter-in-law*)
 Marsha (*friend of Pam Montgomery*)
 Jennifer Bobelenyi, son Timothy and her Dad
 Tamra Binkley (*Laura Garner's friend*)
 Pat (*Jane's friend*)
 Melanie & CJ (newly diabetic) (*Kathy Scott's niece & son*)

Sarah Merrill (*Vicki Earl's daughter*)
 Imogene Orpurt
 Judy Mark
 Jason Pingel
 Dennis Comfort
 Avery & family (*friend of Bob Burton*)
 Bob Burton
 Mary Varner
 David Litchfield
 Nancy Boose
 Jason & Bonnie Garwood
 Jaime Aravena (*Rose's husband*)
 Katrina (*Faith Ernst's daughter*)
 Mindy Corak
 Melva Kohler (*Mike's Mom*)
 Carole Fowler
 Bonnie (*From Morris Chapel*)
 Doug Nie
 Cain
 Starla Miller
 Wayne Stiles (*Watts' friend*)
 Jeannine Severeid

Prayers for Our Shut-ins: Evelyn Andrews, Mona Bays, Dick Noble, Lynn Schweinzger, Mary Varner and Megan Vite.

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to the
following who celebrate

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



If your birthday is not listed or is incorrect, please contact the church office.

Sandy Hodgman	September 6
Ken Earl	September 11
Mason Mitchell, Jr.	September 13
Dave Hodgman	September 14
Gayle Bredow	September 26
Nancy Nimtz	September 26
Richard Ham	September 27
Bonnie Nie	October 3
Ben Caldwell	October 3
Earl Nimtz	October 4
William Magrane	October 6
Mona Bays	October 12
Sharon Stephayn	October 13
Dick Noble	October 17
Amy Wade	October 21
Imogene Orpurt	October 25
Don Hand	October 26
Jan Gano	October 30

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

(Fall through Spring)

9:00 a.m.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:30 a.m.

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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New Journey UMC is a downtown church with a Vision to Breathe In & Breathe Out:

Breathe In – To nurture the spiritual development of persons of all ages through worship, education, and fellowship; and to live the Core Values of Prayer, Faith, Love and Compassion.

Breathe Out – To be in ministry for and with all persons in our community.