

THE CHURCH WINDOW



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FROM THE PASTOR'S KEYBOARD

Dear Church Family,

This month offers us some special times to worship and fellowship together.

We begin the month with an All Saints Day service on November 4th. We will remember and celebrate those who have been healed into eternal life this past year and we will comfort their loved ones.

November is also Stewardship Month. Expect to hear from inspiring members of our congregation about the joy of giving! Our congregation is busy in the world doing so much good, we must consider how to keep all this good work going with a robust budget.

There will be a Community Thanksgiving Service at the First Methodist Church of Grand Ledge on Tuesday, November 20, at 7:00 p.m.

November 25 will be the last Sunday of the Church Year – The Reign of Christ Sunday. We will decorate the church for Christmas following worship on this Sunday.

Included in all these church activities, will be family gatherings and plans for the holidays. I wish each of you the excitement, and perhaps some necessary calm, as plans are made and commence!

Lastly, please remember to vote on November 6. Our country is in desperate need of healing and change. The dialogue of America can certainly change from hate and bigotry to love and acceptance. And because we represent Jesus Christ, we know that love wins, kindness prospers, and equity for all people is how we have been commanded to live and act.

“He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” Micah 6:8

I wonder when we will see our first snowflakes?

Peace and joy,

Pastor Barb

THANK YOU TO FCUCC!

50 + PEOPLE WALKING AND THEIR SUPPORT STAFF FROM MOVIMIENTO COSECHA GRAND RAPIDS SAY “THANK YOU” TO FCUCC!!

We are so grateful for –Your warm welcome – we loved your signs by the highway and inside the church! So much delicious food at the community dinner at Immanuel Lutheran and breakfast at your church Tuesday morning! Hot showers in the homes of your families! The joy of having your beautiful church be a safe and comfortable place to sleep! Your parking lot with space to paint posters and park our huge truck loaded with our gear! Pastor Barb’s moving welcome and blessing as we set out for our rally at the Capitol on Tuesday morning!

Gracias!

AN EXTRAVAGANT WELCOME!

A wonderful thing happened at two churches in Grand Ledge on October 8 and 9. Fifty + people from Movimiento Cosecha (The Harvest Movement) Grand Rapids arrived at Immanuel Lutheran to share in the community dinner. They were on a pilgrimage that started on Friday, October 5th, walking from Grand Rapids on their way to rally at the Lansing Capitol. They arrived hot, tired and hungry. The chatter around tables as they ate a delicious meal was happy and animated.

Group leaders soon left Immanuel to meet me at our church for a building tour. Everyone would be sleeping on floors and couches that night. Art supplies and a clothesline were set up at the back of our parking lot so posters and signs could be painted then dried for the walk to the Capitol the next day. Another crew unloaded their huge truck full of sleeping gear. After eating, the walking group arrived to choose their sleeping spot and get organized for the night. The night before they had all slept in one big room in a church so they were grateful to have the privacy that our many smaller rooms offered.

Cosecha's media person set up his gear in the sanctuary to film several of the walking group as they told their story about how not having a driver's license affected their lives. Group leaders huddled over laptops in the fellowship hall into the wee hours working out last minute details for the next/last day.

Tuesday morning – Sarah came after work Monday to spend the night at the church with me. Our alarms went off early! Coffee was ready at 6:00am and breakfast at 6:45. Again it was 50 + hungry people, excited to start their last day's pilgrimage.

“It takes a village” is one of my favorite themes, and our church became a village heavily invested in the success of this event. A huge thank you to;

- Our friends at Immanuel Lutheran for preparing dinner and helping with breakfast.
- FCUCC families for supporting this event with prayers, making food, giving \$\$ for food, shuttling people to their homes for hot showers, helping set-up/clean-up,
- To the Endowment Committee who approved using Local Missions funds to help pay for the community dinner.
- To Tony who reserved a hugely discounted hotel room for additional showers and a more comfortable bed for a mom and her daughter who couldn't sleep another night on floors.
- To Jeannette for making the welcome signs out by the road and inside...and for coming early on Tuesday to take photos.
- To Pastor Barb who also came early on Tuesday to welcome Cosecha and offer a blessing before they set out for the Capitol...she spoke one sentence at a time so a Latino mom could translate into Spanish.

FCUCC is blessed to have this amazing opportunity to give an extravagant welcome to Michigan's Latino community. We pray for Cosecha's success as they continue working for Michigan to join 12 other states and Washington DC who give driver's licenses to all who pass the test regardless of immigration status.

Charlene and the Board of Christian Outreach



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SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Search Committee is reviewing pastoral candidate profiles that it has received from the Michigan Conference. The committee appreciates your prayers as we all continue to discern who God is calling to be with us here at First Congregational.

Karen Holcomb-Merrill on behalf of the committee.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2018



This year our **Christmas Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale** will be held on **Saturday, December 1, 2018**. We are inviting vendors again this year.

This will be the biggest fundraiser for our church this year. We need your help in providing your delicious baked goods and beautiful craft items to sell. We will also need your help in staffing the bake goods booth and the craft sale booth. Please save an hour or two on December 1st to help your church by sharing your time and talents.

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

This year our church is again sponsoring five families for Christmas food baskets through GLEAP. The Outreach Board will be collecting food, cash, and Meijer gift cards starting **December 2 through December 16**. Once we have the names of our five families, we will contact them to determine if there are any food allergies. On December 16 we will be shopping with donated Meijer gift cards and cash to buy additional food to round out what our families have donated. Please watch your announcements for more information.

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Just as individual prayer time is very important to each of us, so is **prayer as a faith community**. We invite you to use the **prayer cards in the pews** or call the **church office at 627-2336** to notify the pastor of any prayer concerns you would like to share. If no one is available to speak with you, you may leave a voicemail.

- Health concerns:** Pray for family and friends with health concerns
- Those who are struggling be it:** financially, mentally, spiritually, individually, or collectively.
- Those in a time of transition or turmoil.**

Those who serve: soldiers, teachers, police officers, firefighters, counselors, activists, public servants, our congregational leaders, politicians, and many more.

Prayer request: Please pray for those rallying for peace and justice, as well as, Kathy H., Debbie M., Cindy G., Carole S., Barbara N. and all who are recovering from hurricanes and the recent earthquake.

In being consistent with the HIPAA Law and people’s privacy, we will only list individuals with their explicit permission and not use last names. During worship, please do not use personal identifiable information for others when asking for prayers.



This year’s Sunday school theme is God’s Creation, God’s Caretakers.

Please prayerfully consider signing up to teach our children about taking care of others.

If you have been cleared through ICHAT to teach Sunday school, please follow the link to sign-up to teach. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0b4eacaf28aa8-sunday> or there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the Nursery.

If you have not been cleared to teach Sunday school and are interested please talk to Lynn Hart.



WGOD	SISTER OF RUTH
<p>A delicious dinner of squash soup, salad, and apple crisp was prepared by Kay Kulp and Connie Dible for our meeting on October 15, 2018. After dinner we discussed parts 2 and 3 of the book “The Case for Christ: by Lee Strobel.</p> <p>Our next meeting will be November 19, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Amy C. and Gla S. have volunteered to make dinner (it will cost between \$3.00 and \$5.00). We will discuss the conclusion of our current book.</p> <p>We will begin a new book in January, 2019 because we do not meet in December. We will announce the name of the book and the reading to be completed in the December newsletter. If you are interested in joining us or finding out what we do, contact a member of WGOD.</p>	<p>Sisters of Ruth met for lunch on October 8, 2018 at Aggie Mae’s at 12:30 p.m. We discussed the bazaar and a new community service project that we are working on. There will be more information about this project in future issues.</p> <p>We will meet on November 12, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at a restaurant to be determined later for our next meeting.</p> <p>Sisters of Ruth is a social group that performs community service projects for our church and the community. We would love to have you join us for lunch to see what we are all about. For more information please call Fay S. at 517-627-2727.</p>



GRAND LEDGE FOOD BANK THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Canned green beans

Cream of mushroom soup

French fried onions

Turkey gravy

Boxed stuffing

Canned pumpkin

Evaporated milk

Boxed pie crust

Cake and brownie mix

Canned cranberry sauce

A photograph of a roasted turkey on a white platter. The turkey is golden brown and has been carved into two halves. Surrounding the turkey are several side dishes: a bowl of stuffing, a bowl of cranberry sauce, a bowl of gravy, and some other vegetables. The food is arranged on a wooden table.

We will be assembling baskets on **November 13th and 14th** to be delivered on November 15th.

STOCK THE SHELVES

FOOD SUGGESTIONS	Grand Ledge Food Bank
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Hamburger Helper **4934 Burt Ave. Grand Ledge, MI 48837**

Hamburger Helper	517-627-4348
Tuna	517-627-4348

<p>  Puma Puma  Puma Puma  Puma Puma  Puma Puma Puma Puma Puma  Puma Puma  Puma Puma  Puma Puma  Puma Puma  Puma Puma  Puma Puma  Puma Puma </p>	<p> 311-627-4546 Open for donations </p>
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Boxed Stamping: ☐ Open for donations: ☐

Gravy, cans or jars	Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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Boxed Potatoes	Thursdays 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
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Egg Noodles	In October, First Congregational UCC delivered 177
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Cold Cereal **food items, and 6 non-food items to the Grand**

CLOTHING ROOM NEEDS

Children's Jeans (all sizes)

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Babies and Children's Pajamas (all sizes)

Model I: Length 32 to 36 cm

IV. $\text{CH}_3\text{I} + \text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{I} \rightarrow \text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{CH}_2\text{I} + \text{I}_2$ (F. S. Dainton and K. L. Bawn, *Proc. Roy. Soc. (London)*, **B247**, 1959)

■ We are still in need of property maintenance help at the food bank regarding staining the front ramp and decking.

■ We need someone to secure loose boards, wash decking and stain the project. Thanks for considering

We have begun the holiday planning process. Please consider a monetary donation toward fresh produce and turkeys for Thanksgiving. Also, the food bank will be providing a free shopping event for our clients. We would appreciate collections of new items for this event. Please contact me if you are interested in doing a collection.

CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS

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Toys games puzzles dolls trucks

Location sets

Slip / Lotion sets

Slippers/slipper socks

Picture frames

■ Kitchen utensils, potholders, kitchen towels


Tools

Flashlights

■ Tarps (Ollie's has a collection of sizes at very low prices)

Hats and Gloves/Mittens (all sizes)

Used Christmas music CDs



Happy Thanksgiving!

Our October 12 gathering brought us the beautiful but chilly autumn day we wished for! The crowd for the city's fall festival down on the island filled the parking lot and the Log Jam. Because our food was a little slow to come, we had extra time to talk and enjoy each other's conversations...always a lot to catch up on. By the time we next meet, it will be time to think about Thanksgiving, turkey and dressing. We are all feeling sad to lose our dear friend Marge and will have a special remembrance of her when we next meet on Friday, November 9, 1 pm at the Log Jam. **Please be sure to get in touch with Jim (517.627.7968), Sandy (517.420.2121) or Charlene (517.281.5019) to reserve your spot.**



Jack Bernardi
Jean Brown
Brandon Frost
Sue Sackett
Chris Clark
Adam Stevens
Karen Holcomb-Merrill

If your birthday has inadvertently been missed, please contact the church office at 627-2336 or office@grandledgeucc.org



PHOTO PERMISSION

If you have FCUCC images that you would like to share please send them to photos@grandledgeucc.org

Also, if you have not filled out a photo permission form please do so. They are located on the table in the Narthex. If you would prefer that we not use your image please let us know that as well. Thank you for your help.



LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

In our continuing effort to fight illiteracy First Congregational UCC has a Little Free Library. It is located in the front of the church near our road sign.

Little Free Library is a national program where interested individuals or groups register their libraries and then place them on their property and make books available to all ages in their neighborhood. It works just like a regular Library; you can borrow a book and return it. You can donate a book. You can take a book and return it to another LFL.

PAPERGATOR

The PaperGator® is a unique fundraiser where our church is paid to collect paper products and place them in a bin for recycling. For more information, please visit <http://papergatorrecycling.com/>

Our bin is located in our back parking lot. So far, this year we have received **\$95.60**. **Tell your family and friends - it's hungry!**

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR HURRICANE RELIEF

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

The UCC's 2018 Hurricane Recovery Appeal puts you at the heart of the response to 2018 hurricanes now and in the long-term recovery. Hurricane Michael slammed into the Florida panhandle on October 10 as a Category 4 hurricane with winds of 155 mph. The winds and rain continued across Georgia and the Carolinas with widespread flooding. These areas had already been hit last month by Hurricane Florence.

Hurricane Florence roared ashore and through the U.S. Carolinas in September. Communities experienced mass flooding. The environmental and economic impacts of the storm's damage are vast. Super Typhoon Mangkhut (AKA Ompong) created devastation in the Philippines, and wreaked havoc in Hong Kong, China and other parts of Asia.

Our hearts ache for families caught up in these tragedies. Please join us in giving to hurricane relief by using the special envelopes in our church bulletin on November 4.

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BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK

Families of FCUCC again opened their hands and out flowed the gift of food when we had our special offering on Sunday, September 9. Your giving totaled an amazing **\$3,611 which will feed 27 Grand Ledge children this 2018-19 school year!** Thank you for your loving generosity!

..Fay Schroeder and your Outreach team



NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Our FCUCC families reach out in so many ways throughout each year. After giving to local school children with our Blessings in a Backpack offering in September, you soon responded again by giving **\$350** in October to Neighbors in Need. NIN grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.

INCOME & EXPENSE BALANCE SHEET				
	Actual September 2018	Budget Year-to-Date	Actual Year to Date	Budget 2018
Income:	\$ 16,066.09	\$ 104,239.50	\$ 104,341.92	\$ 138,986.00
Expenses:	\$ <u>13,539.70</u>	\$ <u>124,170.00</u>	\$ <u>106,700.91</u>	\$ <u>165,560.00</u>
Balance:	\$ 2,526.39	(\$ 19,930.50)	(\$ 2,358.99)	(\$ 26,574.00)

This report shows that once again we have made a substantial gain on our deficit this month. However, we are beginning the start of our expensive building maintenance season with heat and snow removal. Also, we have our wonderful music program which started back up in September and we will be paying our choir director and bell choir director again. Therefore, it is very important that the members and friends of our church keep up with their pledges and donations so that our church may continue to serve as we are known to do and much more.



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(See Numbers 14)
THANKSGIVING IN THE WILDERNESS

11-26-2003

I WOULD BE ABLE TO GIVE A LOT MORE
THANKS IF I DIDN'T HAVE TO FINISH OFF
THESE LIMA BEANS

11-19-2012

FOR THANKSGIVING THIS YEAR I AM
THANKFUL FOR MY NEW CAMOUFLAGE GEAR

11-21-2000

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UPDATE ON MICHIGAN CONFERENCE MEETING

I was the only member of our church to attend the Michigan Conference meeting Oct. 12-13. In the UCC, churches covenant together locally to form Associations; Associations come together in Conferences; and all the Conferences together meet as our national body, General Synod. This year, we were the recipients of hospitality by First Congregational of Charlotte. We had a thought-provoking speaker/preacher, Dr. Alice Hunt (former president of Chicago Theological Seminary), who addressed privilege in its many forms, focusing on creating a healthier society than the patriarchal form of masculinity. Our worship included the Olivet Gospel Choir, and at other times we were led in song by the dynamic and talented Marque Smith. There were so many intriguing workshops, I had a hard time selecting the ones to attend; in the end, I spent one hour in deeper conversation with Dr. Hunt, addressing implicit biases, and went to another workshop on caring for oneself while working for justice.

Besides approving the Conference budget for the next year, the main items of business were a resolution and a set of amendments to the UCC constitution. The resolution, titled “Prudential Resolution: A Commitment to Gender Equity and Equality” passed with an amendment. The amended resolution commits the Conference to creating a Gender Safety program to work in conjunction with clergy boundary training and fitness reviews; supporting several rights; awareness of the added burdens faced by women of color, transgender women, etc.; providing educational and worship resources and doing justice work; and sharing all of this with the wider church. The amended resolution does not seem to be online as I’m writing this, but the original version is in the meeting handbook, which is available on the Conference website (michucc.org).

The amendments to the constitution address three areas: national leadership, relationship with the United Church of Canada, and updating language (such as changing from the older language of “Student in Care” to “Member in Discernment” to refer to those exploring a call to ordained ministry). We voted to ratify the set of amendments; they will go into effect if and when two-thirds of Conferences do the same. If I remember correctly, about two dozen Conferences voted before we did, and about three-quarters are voting to ratify. Many of us are excited about the new relationship with the United Church of Canada, which will be the same as with the Christian Church—Disciples of Christ; we recognize credentials of each other’s ministers and can collaborate on broader ministries, but we are not merging or combining the business/finance end of things. The part of the amendments that generated the most discussion was the changes to the national leadership structure. Instead of having three Executive Ministers to work with our General Minister & President (one designated for Local Church Ministries, one for Wider Church Ministries, and one for Justice and Witness Ministries), there will be Associate General Ministers elected by General Synod (our national gathering). The idea is to allow for greater integration and flexibility across the three ministry areas.

Some other bits and pieces to explore further:

Covenant Association Meeting: Nov. 10 in Jackson—see flyer in the fellowship hall

Next year’s Conference Meeting Oct. 11-12 in Kalamazoo. Starsky Wilson will be our speaker/preacher. I heard him preach when we were at Eden Theological Seminary—we’re in for a strong sermon! In 2014, the Rev. Wilson was appointed by the Missouri governor to lead the Ferguson Commission, and he is the president and CEO of the Deaconess Foundation.

A new website by the Rev. Beth Grimshaw, “to ignite conversation about children’s spirituality: alittlechildshallleadus.com

Doing Our Own Work: An Anti-Racism Seminar for White People series Jan. 11-12, Feb. 8-9, and March 8-9 (attending all sessions required) \$475 plus lodging, but scholarships and payment plans are available. <http://www.alliesforchange.org/doow-traverse-city-2019.html>

Reverend Virginia Schiefelbein

KIDS CORNER



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thankful.

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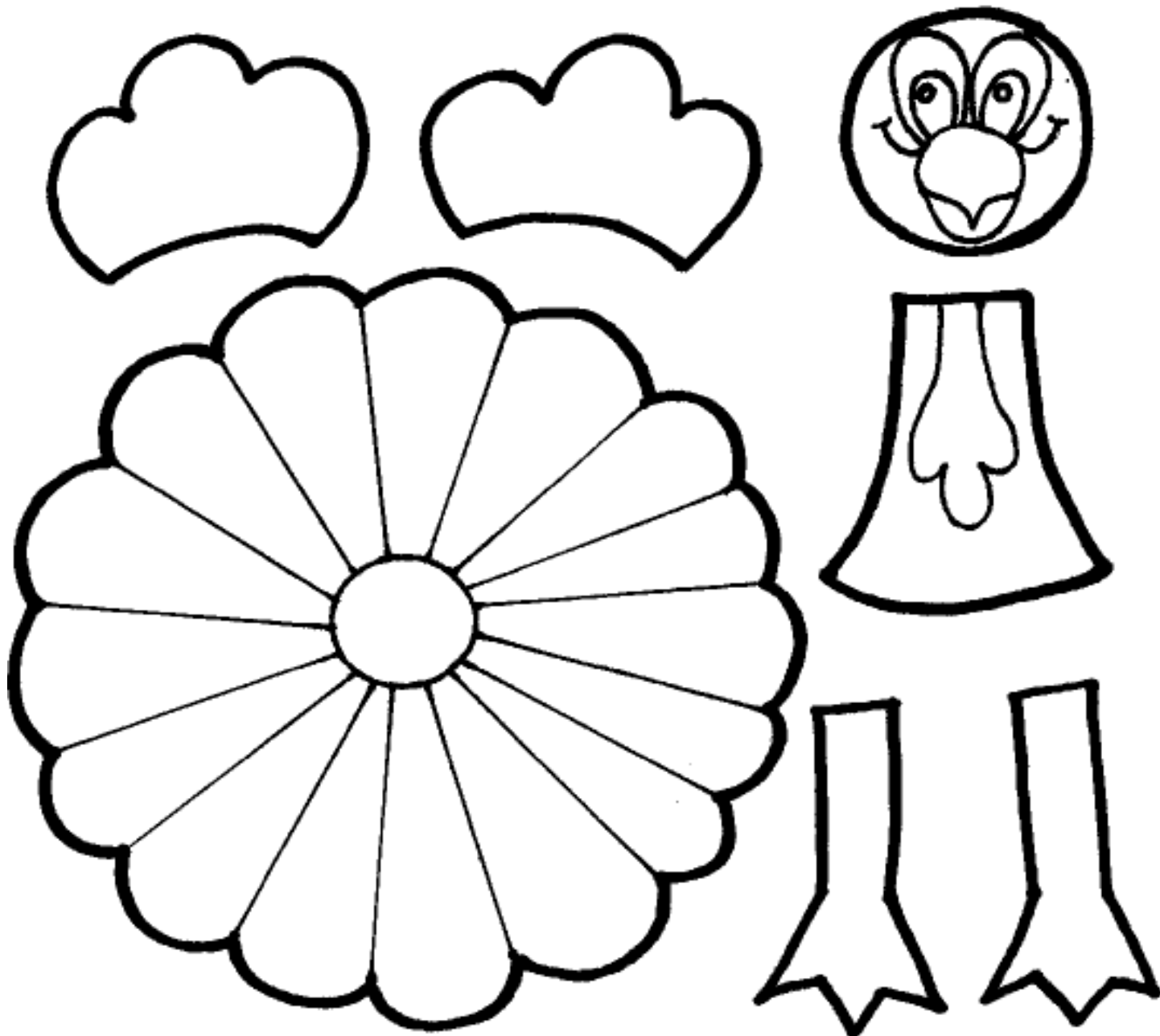
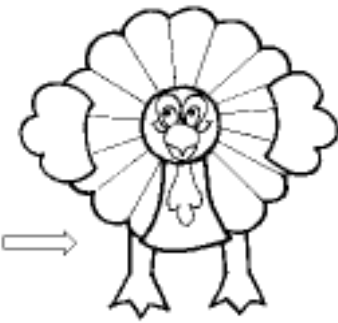
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KIDS CORNER (continued)**A Turkey to Color, Cut & Paste****Directions:**

- 1: Color the parts of the turkey below.
2. Cut out the parts on the dark lines.
3. Glue the parts together to make a turkey! →



WHAT'S COOKING?

CREAM OF POTATO SOUP

- 3 potatoes
- 4 C. milk
- 2 slices of onion
- 3 T. butter or margarine
- 2 T. flour
- 1 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. celery salt
- 1/8 tsp. pepper
- Cayenne pepper to taste
- 1 T. chopped parsley



Cook potatoes until very soft. Scald milk, drain potatoes then add milk to them. Rub through strainer. Melt butter and stir flour into it. Then add the hot milk mixture, seasonings. Stirring constantly, cook 5 minutes. Add chopped parsley and serve hot.

Note: This was our Gramma Zoe’s recipe that helped get us through the recession in the 1970’s. We still love it! You could use a food processor or blender if you don’t want to rub the potatoes/milk mixture through a strainer.

Submitted by Gla’ Spayde

CHEESY HAM N’ CORN CHOWDER

- 1 T. butter
- 1/2 C. coarsely chopped onion
- 2 T. flour
- 1/2 C. chopped green pepper
- 1 (14 oz.) can chicken broth
- 4 new red potatoes, each cut into 6 wedges
- 1/2 tsp. crushed dried sage leaves
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 8 oz. deli ham, cubed, or leftover from a ham dinner
- 1 1/2 C. milk
- 1 (10 oz.) pkg. frozen corn
- 8 oz. cheddar cheese, shredded



Melt butter in a large saucepan; stir in onion. Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until tender (3 or 4 minutes). Stir in flour and add chicken broth, stirring until smooth. Add green pepper, potatoes, sage, and pepper. Cover and cook until potatoes are tender (approximately 15 or 20 minutes). Add remaining ingredients and cook until heated through (8to 10 minutes). Makes 6 (1 cup) servings.

Submitted by Leah Horn

September 25, 2018

Call to Order

Moderator Rich Brown called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

Board Members present: Tony Bray, Lynn Hart, Fay Schroeder, Anita Calcagno, Kim Dible Glasser, Rich Brown, Bil Turner, Chris Cypher, Karen Holcomb-Merrill and Bruce Ramthun. Also present: Charlene Avery.

Spiritual Reflection

Bruce offered a prayer about the high energy evident in the congregation and led the group in the Lord’s Prayer.

Open Forum

No one was present for this item.

Consent Agenda

The Treasurer’s Report was pulled from the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda minus the Treasurers Report was accepted.

Treasurer’s Report

Fay commented on some items in her report. Pulling the Mission line items from future budgets was discussed. We were reminded to begin the work of the Stewardship Committee. Moved by Bil, seconded by Bruce to approve the Treasurers Report. Motion passed.

Discussion Items

Water leak. Miles Plumbing has submitted a bid to repair the leak in the kitchen water line for \$2716.50. Gary and Kathy Burt have very generously offered to pay the cost of this repair. Karen moved and Bruce supported the motion to accept the offer from the Burt's and to move ahead with the repair. Motion passed.

Chimney repair. Kim has had difficulty contacting either firm that submitted bids on the work. Discussion followed. It was concluded that she would contact the firm who submitted a bid for the more complete work, and if they would honor their previous price, we would go ahead with the work.

Fire proof cabinet. The existing cabinet is full of historical paper work, and if we care to store any more we will need another cabinet. Rich will ask Jeannette to find quotes for an added cabinet. Fay will look into digitizing the historical items that we currently have stored.

Parking lot depression. The snow plow fellow has noticed that the depression is getting more pronounced and expressed concern for his equipment this winter. Rich will initiate a meeting between the plower and the maintenance group to discuss options.

Immigrant walk event. Charlene explained that a group from Grand Rapids, Movimiento Cosecha, will be carrying out a walk from Grand Rapids to the Capitol in Lansing. The walk is to support “Driver Licenses for All”. An individual from East Congregational Church – UCC from Grand Rapids has contacted our church to request help in providing overnight accommodations for this group of walkers on the night of October 8th. They expect 50 to 75 walkers. They have also requested an evening snack and breakfast in the morning. Immanuel Lutheran Church has indicated willingness to take half the group. After discussion, moved by Tony, seconded by Bruce to act as a host for this group, in cooperation with Immanuel Lutheran. Motion passed. Board of Outreach will coordinate the effort.

Search Committee Update

Karen reported that our Profile has now advertised by the Conference office and responses have begun to come in. On Monday of this week the Search Committee met with Rev. Lovett who briefed the Committee on useful methods for reviewing incoming Profiles of applicants. He said we should expect to receive many applications. The Search Committee will review the Profiles of applicants as they come in and meet to discuss them.

New Business

Chris advised the Board about problems with the method of counting the offering while she was away, and handed out copies of a worksheet for the correct method.

Anita informed the Board that the Personnel group has received four applications for Nursery caregiver, based on an advertisement placed on Facebook.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM

The next Executive Board Meeting will be October 23rd at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Bil Turner, Church Clerk



Sunday Schedule for NOVEMBER 2018					
Date	November 4th Ordinary Time Green or White	November 11th Ordinary Time Green	November 18th Ordinary Time Green	November 25th Ordinary Time Green or White	
Text	Ruth 1:1-8 Mark 12:28-34	Ruth 3:1-5;4:13-17 Mark 12:38-44	1 Samuel 1:4-20 Mark 13:1-8	2 Samuel 23:1-7 John 18:33-37	
Head Usher	Lisa Reed	Kim Dible (Glasser)	Tina Lamer	Kathy & Gary Burt	
Greeters	Jane Cosper & Anna Miller	Jim Robinson & Sarah Robinson	Kim Dible (Glasser) & Connie Dible	Gary & Chris Cypher	
Ushers	Tina Lamer & Julie Wilkinson	Fay Schroeder &Mae Clark	Sue Sackett & Cheryl Mattson	Nate Oliver & Erica Stoll	
Crucifer	Bruce Ramthun				
Liturgist	Ron Erskine	Marcia Kent	Sue Sackett	Joe Gilson	
Soundboard	Karen Walker	Charlynn Walker	Julie Wilkinson	Charlynn Walker	
Coffee Hour	Sarah Robinson & Kim Dible (Glasser)	Tony Bray & Rich Brown	Charlene Avery & Gla' Spayde	Gary & Chris Cypher	
Altar Flowers	CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RESERVE A DATE OR SIGN-UP ON THE SHEET IN THE HALLWAY				
Nursery Care	Nicole Maier	Nicole Maier	Nicole Maier	Nicole Maier	
Sunday School	Family Service	Leah Horn	Joy Leonard & Beth Posey	Leah Horn	
Sunday Schedule for DECEMBER 2018					
Date	December 2nd 1st Sunday of Advent Violet	December 9th 2nd Sunday of Advent Violet	December 16th 3rd Sunday of Advent Violet	December 23rd 4th Sunday of Advent Violet	December 30th 1st Sunday after Christmas White
Text	Psalm 25:1-10 Luke 21:25-36	Luke 1:68-79 Luke 3:1-6	Phil. 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18	Psalm 80:1-7 Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)	Psalm 148 Luke 2:41-52
Head Usher	Chris Cypher	Kim Dible (Glasser)	Leah Horn	Lisa Reed	Tina Lamer
Greeters	Gary & Kathy Burt	Bruce & Karen Ramthun	Rich Brown & Tony Bray	Gary & Chris Cypher	Mae Clark & Fay Schroeder
Ushers	John & Freida Schneeberger	Tina Lamer & Julie Wilkinson	Bil Turner & Russ Marshall	Kim Dible (Glasser) & Connie Dible	Charlynn & Karen Walker
Liturgist	Freida Schneeberger	Ron Erskine	Bil Turner	Ben Banks	Karen Ramthun
Crucifer	Karen Walker				
Soundboard	Mae Clark	Charlynn Walker	Karen Walker	Charlynn Walker	Julie Wilkinson
Coffee Hour	Adam & Allie Stevens	Nate Oliver & Allie Stevens	Joe & Jane Gilson	Mae Clark & Fay Schroeder	Bruce & Karen Ramthun
Altar Flowers	CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RESERVE A DATE OR SIGN-UP ON THE SHEET IN THE HALLWAY				
Nursery Care	Nicole Maier	Nicole Maier	Nicole Maier	Nicole Maier	Nicole Maier
Sunday School	Family Service	Marcia Kent	Christmas Pageant		

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
October 28 10:30 am Worship Sunday School Newsletter Available	29 6:30 p.m. Bell Practice	30 Noon / Meals on Wheels Senior Lunch @ City Hall	31 6:00 pm AA 8:00 pm AA 7:30 pm AL ANON	1 Office Closed Noon / Meals on Wheels Senior Lunch @ City Hall 7:00 pm Choir Practice 8:00 pm AA	2 Office Closed	3
4 ALL SAINTS 10:30 am Worship Communion & Food Drive Hurricane Relief Collection Family Service Poinsettia Orders 2-5 pm Holiday Wishes	5 6:30 p.m. Bell Practice	6 Noon / Meals on Wheels Senior Lunch @ City Hall	7 6:00 pm AA 8:00 pm AA 7:30 pm AL ANON	8 Noon / Meals on Wheels Senior Lunch @ City Hall 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7-8:15 pm Yoga in Sanctuary 8:00 pm AA	9 Office Closed 1:00 pm Congregators lunch 7:30 p.m. Square Dance	10 Covenant Association Mtg. in Jackson, MI
11 10:30 am Worship Sunday School Poinsettia Orders 2-5 pm Holiday Wishes	12 1:00 pm SOR 6:30 p.m. Bell Practice	13 Noon / Meals on Wheels Senior Lunch @ City Hall 6 pm Congregational Life	14 6:00 pm AA 8:00 pm AA 7:30 pm AL ANON	15 Noon / Meals on Wheels Senior Lunch @ City Hall 7:00 pm Choir Practice 8:00 pm AA	16 Office Closed Newsletter Items Due	17
18 10:30 am Worship Sunday School Poinsettia Orders 2-5 pm Holiday Wishes	19 6:00 p.m. WGOD 6:30 p.m. Bell Practice	20 9:30 am Christian Outreach Meeting Noon / Meals on Wheels Senior Lunch @ City Hall 7:00 p.m. Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service @ G. L. Methodist Church	21 3:00 pm Packing Blessings in a Backpack 6:00 pm AA 800 pm AA 7:30 pm AL ANON	22 Office Closed / Thanksgiving 8:00 pm AA	23 Office Closed 7:30 pm Square Dance	24
25 HANGING OF THE GREENS 10:30 am Worship Sunday School Poinsettia Orders 2-5 pm Holiday Wishes Newsletter Available	26 12-6 pm Blood Drive 6:30 p.m. Bell Practice	27 10:15 am Southside Community Kitchen Noon / Meals on Wheels Senior Lunch @ City Hall 6:30 pm Executive Board Meeting	28 6:00 pm AA 8:00 pm AA 7:30 pm AL ANON	29 Noon / Meals on Wheels Senior Lunch @ City Hall 7:00 pm Choir Practice 8:00 pm AA	30 Office Closed	December 1



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