

Heartbeat *news*

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW HARTFORD – OCTOBER 2021



Thank You, Church!

Meet the McKinneys session 1 is winding down. If you didn't get a chance to take part, see Carl Ciccarelli Sundays or call the church office in the morning. There will be future opportunities to visit with Pastor Dave.

The Transition Team was so glad to see many folks take part in the church picnic to get together and also have an opportunity to provide a warm welcome to our Pastor, David McKinney, and his spouse, Janice McKinney. The picnic September 12th was the second all-church activity with

Pastor Dave. The first one being a reception at the church in July.

The entire church is invited to send cards and notes of welcome and appreciation to Pastor Dave during October as we celebrate Pastor Appreciation Month.

Want to talk to the Pastor? Please do!

If you would like to reach Pastor David McKinney, please try the Office, 315-733-4227, office@firstumconline.org. Pastor's day off is typically Friday. If you have a pastoral emergency, you may call Pastor's cell phone,

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TRUNK OR TREAT


We are so excited to announce that Trunk or Treat is back! The event will be 4:30 – 7:30 PM, October 29th, in the church parking lot. This is a great opportunity to have fun together and share the love of Christ with our community.

We will need help in many ways. Can you:

 Decorate a car--Or two

 Donate Candy. Any will do, but types with no nuts are best. We want to make sure we have some for kids with food allergies. Things like Smarties, Skittles, and Swedish Fish are okay.

Try to get your candy donations into church by October 26th.

 Donate your time to work the event. We will need folks to work the doughnut and cider table, direct parking, help distribute candy, set up before the event and clean up too.

 Make a monetary donation, indicate "Trunk or Treat"

Please use the signup sheet at church to let us know how you can help and you can leave your candy donations in the basket there as well.

Be sure to share this with your friends and neighbors. We will have several Facebook posts that will be sharable so all of your Facebook friends will be in the know.

Look forward to a frighteningly successful

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Praise and Worship Service is Looking for Musicians

The Praise and Worship Service that was at 11 a.m. is paused for now. We hope to restart the service in the near future. Vocal and instrumental musicians interested in being part of the Praise Team, contact: Janice McKinney, 716-523-0779.

Women's Groups

United Methodist Women's Circle – **Wednesday, October 13, 2021**

United Methodist Women are excited to host their first combined circle meeting (Martha-Esther and Naomi Ruth) at 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 13th! No one will have to drive at night!

All women are welcome and encouraged to attend. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Executive Board of the United **Methodist Women to Meet**

UMW Executive Board Meeting will be 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 6th, at the church.

Election Day Bake Sale -- **Tuesday, November 2, 2021**

Save the Date for United Methodist Women's Election Day Bake Sale. We need lots of baked goods, especially some pies. Would you like to meet at church to bake pies?

If so, contact Carole Gehrig (315-736-3708). Volunteers are also needed to work at the bake sale on Election Day.



Women's Bible Study Saturdays

Current Study: Battlefield of the Mind

By Joyce Meyer

Leaders: Amy Benson and Shannon Williams

Date/Time: Saturday mornings, 9:30 a.m.

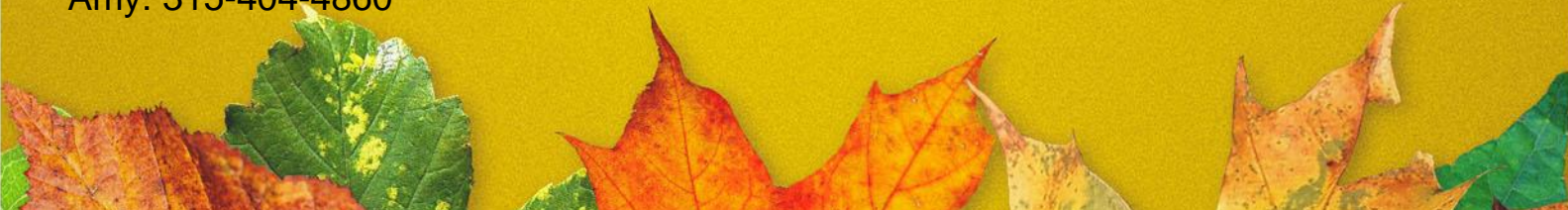
Where: Church

All interested women are welcome to join in.

Questions, please contact:

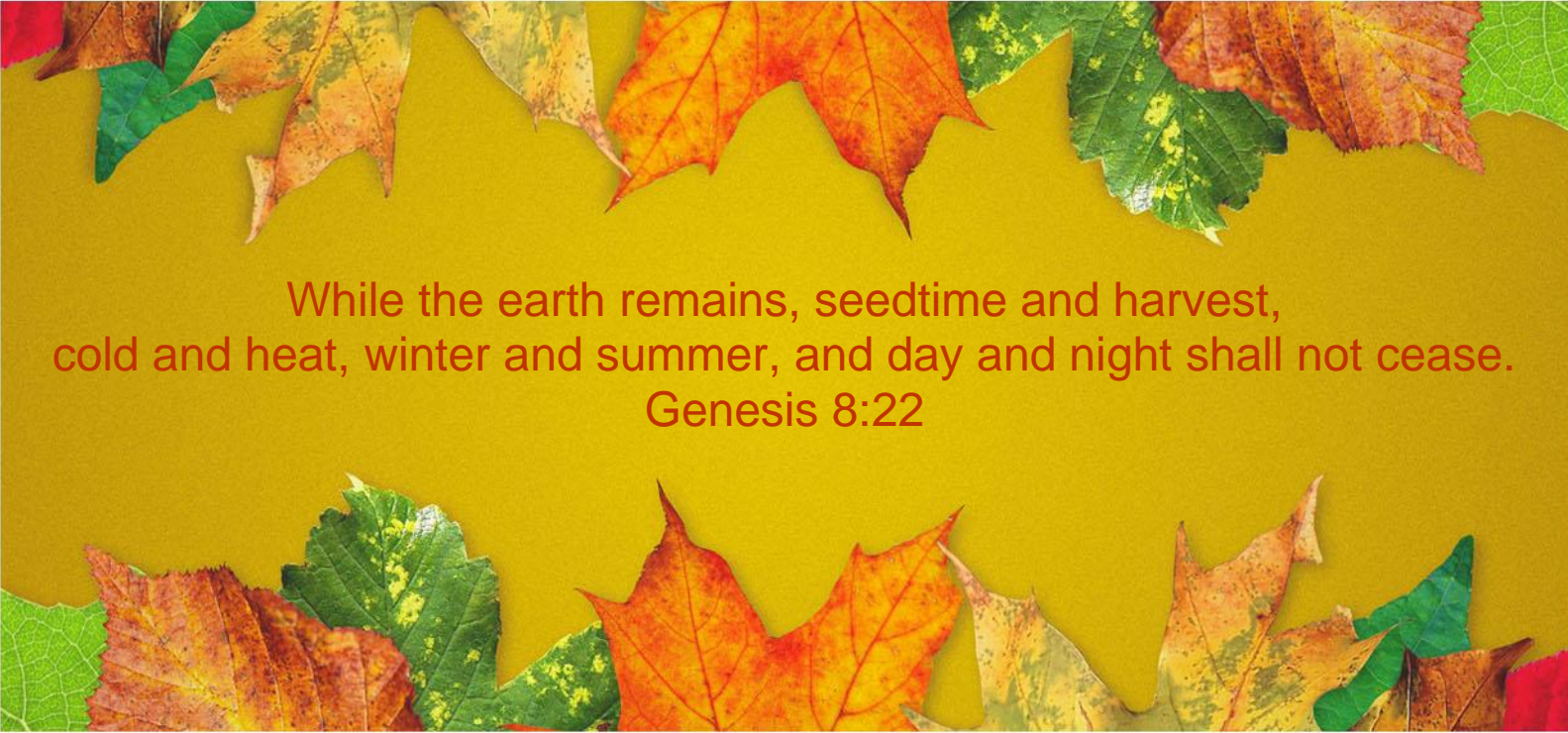
Shannon: 315-404-5986

Amy: 315-404-4860



Soldier Box Ministry – Prayer List

Major Elissa Adams (granddaughter of Roger & Beryl Griffith)
Major Benjamin Adams (Elissa Adams' husband)
Jon Huff (friend of Ryan Healy)
Lance Corporal Jesse Babicz (son of Carol B. Wilson)
SFC Brian Boyt (relative of Mike and Sue Timian)
Captain Patricia Linck McEaney (friend of Patty Przyluke)
Tyrell Thompkins (son-in-law of Marge Wilcox Jones)
Rev. Dr. Keith Manry (friend of Carole Gehrig)
FN Karlton Fake (son of Linda Alosio Fake)



While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest,
cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease.
Genesis 8:22

October Birthdays

3 - Karole Kelly
4 – Kenny Frost
15 – Scott Healy
20 – Sue Cruger
22 – Mary Alexander
25 – Carolyn Peck
30 – Cathy Garrabrant

October Anniversaries

1 – Bob and Mary Ellen Terpstra

8 – Blake and Cathy Ford

Mission Collection

A new ongoing mission, Love Packages, has begun here at Church. This ministry puts the Word of God in mission fields around the World. Love Packages is supported by free will offerings from churches and individuals. Literature is collected, sorted and then sent to missionaries.

The literature collected is:

- Bibles (all Bibles, New Testaments, Bible portions (new or used)
- Reference materials
- Sunday School literature
- Books and paperbacks
- Magazines, Daily devotionals (Not Guideposts)
- CDs and DVDs

Love Packages is not affiliated with any denomination but seeks to be a blessing to the **Whole Body of Christ**.

Stop by the Mission and Outreach Table to learn about this mission and other opportunities here at Church.



Operation Christmas Child

Our Church is continuing to support **Operation Christmas Child**, sponsored by Samaritan's Purse, a mission that goes worldwide, including the United States. Franklin Graham (Billy Graham's son), President of Samaritan's Purse, started Operation Christmas Child in 1993 to promote the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are distributed by pastors and teachers from the local community. These Christmas Child shoeboxes are like keys. They can open doors to families who might otherwise never be open to talking to a pastor, due to pride or cultural differences. Once the door is opened, the pastor or church leaders can come alongside families that are hurting. They can offer hope and help in Jesus' name. That's why Operation Christmas Child's motto is: "Good News, Great Joy." We will pack the shoe boxes in November but now is a good time to pick up hygiene items and "WOW" items. Currently we have lot of school supplies and are seeking more hygiene items and "WOW" items. Stop by the Mission and Outreach table with any questions about this mission, you can also pick up a list of suggested items. Thank you for your ongoing support.

New Church-wide Study/Series: The Apostles' Creed

Stay tuned for The Apostles' Creed study and sermon series. Discover new insight in an ancient text. Let the rich words of faith seep into your soul and bring out the passion and deep assurance of al God brings to our lives.

The messages begin Oct. 10th in Sunday worship and continue for four weeks. There also will be opportunities to go deeper and grow in understanding and faith with videos and group discussions.

Time for New Members, Confirmation at First UMC

Do you know anyone interested in joining our church? When we join the United Methodist Church, we become a part of a connectional church where we serve locally but touch lives worldwide. In scripture we see our faith journey was never intended to be a solo journey. We come together in fellowship and learning and we go out together in service.

Pastor Dave is preparing to have a confirmation class starting this fall. If you are interested, please contact the office, 315-733-4227, or office@firstumconline.org. For adults that wish to join the church, please get in touch with the office.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

The idea of showing appreciation for your Clergy, Pastors, or Leaders is very Biblical and can be traced back to Paul's New Testament letters. In his first letter to Timothy he writes,

"Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching." 1 Timothy 5:17 (English Standard Version).

Paul highlights the fact that our Pastors be considered worthy of double honor for assuming this role in the church and doing it so well. But, typically with double honor, you can expect double stress. This is why we want to make an even greater effort to celebrate and encourage those in leadership. Let's make the month of October special for Pastor Dave. Consider all our Pastor does for us and others and think about his needs and how you can encourage him and his family. Cards and notes are encouraged and be specific. Make sure to pray for our Pastor and the ministries here at the church.