

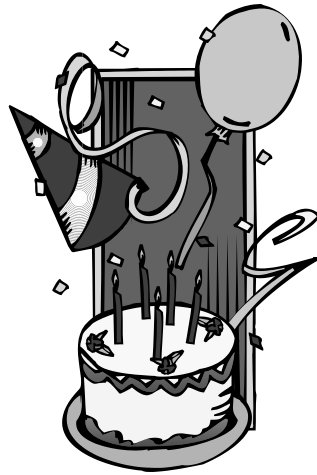


Waterville Words

OCTOBER 2011

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 – Ann Luebben
- 4 – Tegan Flatau
- 5 – Shannon Jeffries
- 8 – Sharon Halstead
- 9 – Kim Greenwald-Mitchell
- 11 – Lois Hogan
- 16 – Logan Marzahn
- 18 – Maddie Heuss
- 21 – Ellie Ready
- 21 – Candi Petersen
- 23 – Mark Hogan
- 27 – Cassie Lundin
- 29 – Ryan Thrun
- 29 - Stephanie Flatau



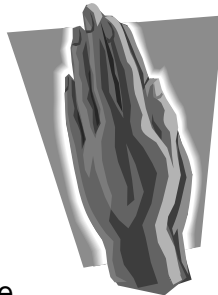
AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 – Dave & Kim Mitchell
- 18 – Jake & Kristie Helgeson

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please keep in your prayers...

- ~ Those who continue to grieve the loss of loved ones
- ~Farmers for a safe harvest season
- ~Our friends who are facing cancer diagnoses or other health concerns
- ~Those continuing to look for work
- ~Those in service to our country at home and around the world



Prayers of Joy

~on the birth of Makenna Harper Andrews, on September 22nd. She is the daughter of Kristen & Luke Andrews and granddaughter of Tom & Brenda Barber!

Charge Conference Scheduled

Our Charge Conference this year will be held Thursday, October 27 at Waterville UMC. Beginning at 6 pm, District Superintendent Phil Strom will meet with the Joint PPRC to review Pastor Cindy's performance and salary. At 7 pm, we will meet with the church body to review salary, officers and begin to set goals for the coming year. This year the conference is asking each church to make a pledge for the No More Malaria campaign, to be paid over the next 3 – 5 years. We will also be discussing goals for worship attendance, mission giving and weekly small groups. We appreciate your consideration in attending this meeting to decide the goals of our church life in the coming year.

TRICK OR TREAT FOR OUR FOOD SHELF!



In support of our area *WE Share Food Shelf* we invite you to contribute to a trick or treat!

The *WE Share Food Shelf* distributes food and clothing to people in the Waterville/Elysian communities.

Sunday October 30TH 3:30-6:00 pm

Community youth will be knocking on doors in Waterville. They might be in costume and will be wearing buttons to identify themselves.

How can you help?

- ❖ Answer your door and provide a donation
- ❖ Drop off your donation at the Waterville Evangelical United Methodist on Sunday the 30TH, 9:30 – 11:30am or 3:30-6:00pm
- ❖ Place a financial donation in a designated container at a local business

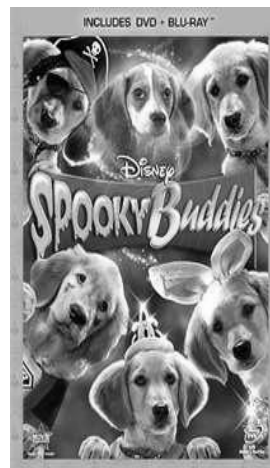
What can you donate?

- ❖ Non-perishable grocery items, diapers, new hats and gloves, etc.

Frequently needed: cereal, peanut butter, soup, crackers, canned peaches, graham crackers, mac & cheese, tuna, cake mixes, chocolate pudding & kid friendly food

*Financial donations are welcome. The money provides the food shelf the ability to meet needs when other donations are low or when special situations arise. Checks can be made out to the WE Share Food Shelf.

Hey Kids, Let's get out your Halloween Costumes and join in the fun.



**HALLOWEEN COSTUME
MOVIE NIGHT**

**Saturday, October 15th
6:00 p.m.**

**United Methodist Church
Social Hall**

MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH

WATERVILLE CARE CENTER BINGO

October 19 – Darlene T & Esther S in charge

COFFEE HOUR

October 30 – Sharon & Arlene hostess

GREETERS

October 2 Anita Swift
October 9 Anita Swift
October 16 Arlis Wallace and Jo Snyder
October 23 Arlene and Don Wetzel
October 30 Arlene and Don Wetzel

SCRIPTURE AND READERS FOR OCTOBER

October 2: Genesis 18: 1 – 15 and
Genesis 21: 1 – 10 Reader: Needed

October 9: Genesis 24: 11 – 14 and
Genesis 24: 45 – 51
Reader: Karen Olson

October 16: Psalm 139: 1 – 10 and
Genesis 25: 19 – 27
Reader: Karen Bauer

October 23: Genesis 25: 27- 34 and
Genesis 27: 15 – 29
Reader: Judy Frost

October 30: TBD – Rev. Greg
Neumann preaching;
Reader: Daulton Wollin



SPECIAL THANKS TO...

- ❖ All the folks who helped with the first Spaghetti Supper
- ❖ Justin Hill for creating wonderful power points for worship
- ❖ Julie Balfe, Kim Mitchell, Amanda Sammon and Amy Petry for teaching Sunday School.
- ❖ Dave Wollin for offering Sunday School for 5th – 8th graders at 9:30 starting in October.
- ❖ The Nominations Committee (Brent Phillipson, Karen Olson, Audene Greenwald, Cleota Staska-Miller and Ann Luebben) for a wonderful meeting in Oct.
- ❖ The newly formed Community Ministry Committee (Esther Sell, Karen Bauer, Karen Olson, Arlene Wetzel and Karen Lamont) – watch for their work!

Dave Wollin is looking for folks who need help with yard raking this fall... please let him know if you or anyone you know can use some help...he has a group that is ready to tackle some fall jobs!



ADULT CLASS CONTINUES

In keeping with the Wesley tradition of classes of people gathering to explore their spiritual life, in September, we began exploring a new DVD series “Embracing Emergence Christianity” hosted by author, historian and cultural observer Phyllis Tickle. Join us for this thought provoking look at the intersection of faith and culture – What does this mean to the way we practice our faith? What issues are being raised by these changes? Where might we be headed? For six sessions, we will hear Phyllis Tickle’s wisdom on these topics and explore our own wisdom.

We gather at 5 pm to eat and share our faith stories. All are welcome to join at any time in the study. Sessions will be held Oct. 2, 16, Nov.6, 20, Dec. 4.

CONFIRMATION CLASS CONTINUES

Classes began in September with an exploration of worship and leadership and continue in October with a focus on God as Creator. Class is held the third Sunday of each month from 1 – 4 pm . We will be rotating locations between the churches every two months:

September, October	Janesville UMC
November, January	Waterville EUMC
February, March	Elysian UMC
April, May	Blooming Grove UMC

Note: There will be no class in December but Confirmands are expected to participate in Christmas program or worship at their own churches

We will also be asking for folks to prayerfully consider serving as mentors during the Summer and Fall of 2012 to help the youth with special projects. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Pastor Cindy at 362-8260 or via email at soulfreegates@yahoo.com

UMW MEETING SEP. 11, 2011

Present: Arlene Wetzel, Esther Sell, Wanda Prosch, Sharon Halstead, and Karen Bauer.

Secretary's report: The Secretary's report from the UMW April 2011 meeting was read and approved.

Treasurer's report: There is \$1751.78 in the treasury. Motion made to keep Chicken and Biscuit supper price at \$8.00. Motion made by Sharon and seconded by Esther to approve the price of dinner. Passed.

Motion made by Arlene, seconded by Wanda, to give Karen Lamont \$75.00 for bingo expenses. Sharon reported that the Chicken and Biscuit supper committee will meet to write out letters to members. Arlene made a motion and Karen B, seconded for adjournment. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Bauer, Secretary.



TREASURERS REPORT

We are \$6,000 short in the general fund with the tax assessments coming due in October. Scary!

Total Revenue collected in July	\$6858.73
Total Expenditures in July	\$5628.02
Checkbook/Bank Balance, August 31, 2011	\$2629.01
Fund Raising	\$0.00
Trustees/Maint.(\$1,724.65)	
Memorials	(\$3,000.41)
Youth Camp	(\$1,478.95)
Elevator Fund	(\$2,427.44)
General Fund	-\$6,002.44

Disbursements

Pastor's Expenses	Total	\$2,266.33
Church Expenses	Total	\$3,007.11
Parsonage Expenses	Total	\$354.58
Total Disbursements		\$5,628.02

MANAGEMENT MEETING

Evangelical United Methodist Church of Waterville Sept. 12, 2011

Attendance

Pastor Cindy Kennedy, Don & Arlene Wetzels, Darlene Thrun, Karen Bauer and Jim Frost
The meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Cindy Kennedy.

Secretary's report

The Secretary's report from the July 18, 2011 meeting was reviewed. A motion was made by Arlene, seconded by Darlene, to approve the Secretary's report that had also been sent to the board by email. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report

The Treasurer's report was passed out by Arlene and reviewed by the board. Don reported that the net cost of repairing the windows was \$68.06, after insurance and donations. There are ten months of apportionments totaling about \$6000.00 left to pay this year, It was suggested that the weekly offering amount received and funds needed be printed in the Sunday bulletins. A motion was made by Darlene, seconded by Jim, to approve the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Parish Treasurer's Report

Darlene passed out copies of her reports. It was suggested that the tax assessment on Green St. by the parsonage could be paid out of the parsonage fund. Members of the PPRC will discuss the matter when they meet at the parsonage on Monday for inspection of the building. There was discussion about the ownership of the parsonage building.

Cindy would like mail for the church to be delivered to the church instead of her home. Discussion about having a locked mail box at the church, or a post office box, and who would be responsible for picking up the mail and getting it to church. A motion was made by Arlene, seconded by Karen B., to approve the parish treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Trustees

Jim reported that a gas reader was installed outside the building.

Scrip report

Arlene reported that the scrip account is at \$2,754.13. Kwik Trip is still promoting the 10% profit for the church.

Old Business

The window repairs are all done. Elevator still needs a phone check list to be posted inside, but the phone is working and there is a list of phone numbers in case help is needed. A flashlight is needed to be kept in the elevator. Training for the elevator operation is still needed. Don will talk to Tony DeJoy. Karen will have Dennis check with him in regard to this issue. Centerpoint has a new meter outside. The grass by 4th St. was planted over crushed rock. Don has talked to the city about this. Don reviewed the repair list, and many projects are getting done.

New Business

There was discussion about the brick repair on the church exterior. The worst damage is on the bell tower and there was speculation that the tower may leak rainwater into the bricks, causing damage. The tower could be covered with steel, but there were questions on the life of steel, and if that would fix or just cover the problem. The Karr Tuck-pointing Co. would send someone to meet with the board to give alternatives for repairing the damage. Don will communicate with them.

Spaghetti suppers will resume on Mon. Sep. 19th with an increase in adult price to \$7.00. Children's prices will stay at \$3.00. A motion was made by Arlene, seconded by Karen B., to approve the price increase. Motion passed.

The church website needs attention, and a request to have the calendar included on it was mentioned. Jim Frost will talk to Jim Kerekes in regard to this.

Jim Frost will chair the Nov. 14th Management Meeting in the absence of Don Wetzels.

Report from Superintendent

Cindy reported on a letter from the new Superintendent. The local Charge Conference will be on Oct. 27. He would like to have 5 young people from ages 13-22 at the conference.

He has 2 proposals for the churches. He would like each church to provide \$100.00 for each church member to be used for the "Imagine No Malaria" project, collected over a 3 year period. He would also like a weekly report of attendance, professions of faith, small meeting attendance, etc.

Next Meeting, Ad Council, Mon. Oct. 10, 6:30 p.m. (Later changed to Thursday, Oct. 6).

Motion to adjourn the meeting, approved by consensus.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Bauer, Secretary.

KIDS FUN PLACE

As I am sure all of you know, Halloween is coming soon. Many of you will dress up in costumes and go trick-or-treating. If you do, remember to be safe. You should only go to the homes of people you know very well. You know -- close friends and family. Never go trick-or-treating to homes of people that you do not know.

How many of you have ever made a Jack o' Lantern? If you have, you know that the first thing you do when making a Jack o' Lantern is to clean up your pumpkin by washing off the dirt and mud. Then you cut a hole in the top of the pumpkin and clean out the inside. You scoop out all the seeds and yucky stuff.

The next thing you do is to carve a face. You cut out the eyes, nose, and mouth.

The next step is to put a candle inside the Jack o' Lantern. Then you light the candle so that the light will shine through the eyes, nose, and mouth.

Finally, when all is finished, you place the Jack o' Lantern in the window so that all who pass by your house will see its light.

This is a pretty good picture of what happens when we invite Jesus into our heart.

When we become a Christian, Jesus picks us up and cleanses our life from sin. He removes all the yucky thoughts and the seeds of doubt, hate, and selfishness that we have inside. Then he puts a smile on our face and puts his light inside to shine for all the world to see.

I don't know what you think of when you see a Jack o' Lantern, but I hope that this Halloween you will think of Jesus. Think about how he came to take away the sins of the world and put his light in our hearts to shine for him.

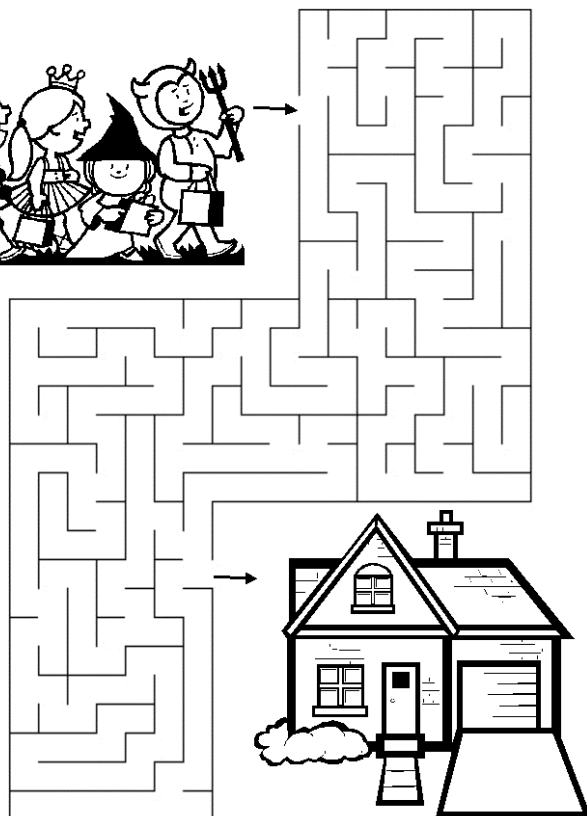
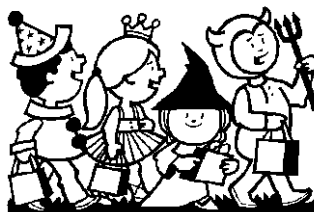


In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16 (NIV)

Help the children find their way home safely.

Halloween Maze






Prairie Lakes Parish Activities

Waterville Evangelical
 Worship 10:30 am
 Sunday School during worship

October 2011

Blooming Grove
 Worship..... 8:30 am
 Sunday School 9:30 am

						1 8:30 am Run 4 the Loaves at BG 5 pm Chicken & Biscuits at WV
2 5:00 pm Adult Education at WV	3 11:30 am WV Lunch at Main St. Lounge	4 Pastor Cindy's Day off	5 6:30 pm BG Ad Council	6 6:30 pm WV Ad Council	7  Yom Kippur (begins at sundown)	8
9	10  Columbus Day Pastor Cindy at Training	11	12 6:30 pm PPRC at BG	13	14	15
16 1-4 pm Confirmation Class at Janesville 5 pm Adult Class at WV	17 11 am BG Brunch at Whiskey River 5 pm Spaghetti Supper at WV	18 Pastor Cindy's Day off	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 6 pm PPRC Meets with DS 7 pm Joint Charge Confer- ence at WV	28	29
30 Pastor Cindy on vacation	31  Pastor Cindy's Day off					Pastor Cindy on vacation

PASTORAL LETTER:

"I've told you these things for a purpose: that my joy might be your joy, and your joy wholly mature." John 15:11

This has been a trying month for me. When I was not battling a bug infestation in my house, I was battling a cold bug in my body. When my allergies were not kicking in to sap my energy, the number of meetings I had to prepare for and attend took the rest of my energy. Now I realize that in the big picture, these things are minor annoyances but it has been all I could do to keep up with what was necessary. As a result, joy has not been a prominent aspect of my life. How much I was missing the joy of life became very clear to me last Wednesday as I traveled to Paynesville for yet another meeting. On the way there, at Culver's in Hutchinson, I met a man filled with joy, overflowing with joy and touching us (and others) with that joy.



I don't know his name or even much of his story. He was working the counter at Culver's but confessed later to being the manager. He had worked in food service most of his life, spending a great deal of time managing food services at the Minneapolis/St. Paul airport. He told us that after 9/11, he felt it was time to move on and came to Hutchinson to work at the Culvers. I can't explain exactly what was so joyful about him. He was very friendly, seemed to be excited about serving us food. He did share some conversation and a mild joke or two as we waited for our order. He did tease us a bit when we went back for ice cream. (Culver's does have great ice cream!) All those things were the outward signs of his joy and his clear job satisfaction. But I have had friendly conversations with service folks before. I have worked in food service in the past and know how you can connect to folks with a smile and a gentle joke. He was good at what he did and enjoyed it but there was something else. Something I saw in him that has been missing from my life lately, with my focus on the annoyances of my life. I saw profound joy in this man. I say him joyful to be where he was and doing what he was doing. I saw a present focused person...someone who was living in the moment and enjoying what was there in front of him.

So many times, we are focused on what was in the past or what could be in the future. So many times, we are so busy or worried or distracted by our 'do' list that we fail to see the joys of our current life. Jesus shared with his disciples who he was, where he came from, what he was called to do and how they could live a life focused on God so that they too could feel the joy of God's grace and guidance. We are asked to focus on the same thing.. God's grace and guidance in our lives. That means we need to take time each and every day to listen for that still, small voice. That means we need to take time once a week or so to check in with spiritual companions to ask each other 'where is God in all this?' And that means that we need to seek joy in our daily lives because the presence of joy helps us to see the presence of God. It doesn't mean we are always happy or even content but that we see the beauty of God's creation, the amazing grace of God's love and the abundance of God's gifts all around us. For a moment, we can let go of all those struggles that blind our vision and see that joy abounds around us. Joy shared is joy enhanced so share a story of joy seen or felt this month and deepen your own sense of God's presence. Amen

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