

November 2022

First United Methodist Church – Hartford, WI



# AT THE CROSS

## TAKE A LOOK ...

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SO MUCH MORE!

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## FUMC Mission Statement

"Making Disciples of Christ"

## FALL BACK!

Don't forget to turn your clocks back on

## NOVEMBER 5th!

## November Worship Schedule

**Sunday, November 6** – All Saints' Day Celebration/  
Communion  
Saving Grace- Leaving a Legacy  
Children's Choir sings

**Wednesday November 2** – MESSY CHURCH 6PM!

**Sunday, November 13** – Saving Grace- Money and  
The Faithful Way  
Men's Choir sings

**Sunday, November 20** – Saving Grace- Gratitude as  
A Practice  
Chancel Choir sings

**Sunday, November 27** - First Sunday of Advent/  
Miracle on 34th Street  
Bell Choir



# From the desk of Pastor Cheryl ...



It's November already! I think I was just typing a message to you about August and somehow the calendar flipped and well, here we are. As I type this, of course, the weather is anything but Fall-like. We are experiencing the last days of sunshine and above 60-degree temps. It will be a while; I am sure before we see this again. But we have hope.

For me, that's what November has always been about. Traditionally it's about gratitude, with All Saints' Day, Thanksgiving, and our traditional focus on stewardship. It's a time in the church administration where we are looking at what has been given to the church this year (and praising God for your generosity), asking folks to commit or pledge to give next year, and using all that to build our budget for 2023.

Hope as they let go of their leaves, hope that God shows us through what colors are left to witness, hope as we begin to think about Advent which begins at the end of the month. I am sharing with you a poem I wrote years ago about November. I used to despise the month because it was this in-between time when the brilliant leaves had fallen, and the snow had yet to cover the brown. The time changes and it gets dark early. But something shifted and I realized that there is a vulnerability to November if we let ourselves be open to the possibility and to the hope that it brings. May it be so for you.

Brown and green mix with blaze orange  
on an autumn landscape  
as days of darkness near.

It is here stripped of warmth  
and August heat soul open,  
expectant waiting,  
we bare our nakedness.

We wait for pure white of December,  
a manger, a tiny baby that holds our hope as  
the star chants a new morning.

Then burrow deep settle in,  
listen to the cold  
and wait for our spring.  
See you in church!



*Pastor Cheryl*

# FUMC News and Notes

## **FUMC ACCOUNTABLE LEADERSHIP BOARD**

Kathy Hack	Chair
John Moscicki	Recording Secretary
Brian Swenson	Lay Leader
Steve Alsum	Lay Member to AC
Kathy Hack	SPRC Chair
Tim Kramoris	SPRC Rep.
Glenn Lepien	Trustee Chair
Rob Bush	Trustee Rep.
Carol Staus	Finance Representative
Mary Jo Langenecker	At Large
David Schlotthauer	At Large
Amanda Lichtensteiger	At Large

## **Congregation Information Meeting Sunday, Nov. 13th, 9:45 AM**

We will have a short update in the sanctuary on Sunday, November 13th between services. Pastor Cheryl will share information from the United Methodist Conference and the Jurisdictional Conference regarding what is happening in the UMC as a whole.

### **Accountable Leadership Board Meeting Summary September 19, 2022**

The meeting was called to order with a prayer.

#### **Pastoral Updates**

Pastor Cheryl will be on vacation 9/22 – 10/1.

Confirmation will be on Sunday, 10/2 at both services.

#### **Finance Team**

Spending continues to outpace receipts; this is consistent with prior years. Apportionment payments are up-to-date. The Finance Team has no reason for concern at this time.

On October 1, the office will start using the new financial software, running it in parallel with the old software through the end of the year and transitioning to just the new software for 2023.

The deadline for submitting 2023 budgets is October 1.

#### **Technology Team**

The new projector has been installed; Lifeline AV will install the remaining equipment in November.

The plan is to be finished with AV booth construction and electrical work by end of October.

The purchase of speakers for Fellowship Hall has been approved.

The purchase of a security camera system and the replacement of four switches to improve Wi-Fi throughout the church building is being finalized.

An assessment of the phone system is next.

#### **Trustees**

Work on the shed is done; the treated wood cannot be painted until next year.

The project to repair downspouts and gutters has expanded. There isn't suitable fascia material to adequately attach the new gutters. This will be repaired and then the gutter work will be completed.

Private parking signs are going to be added by each drive to address a liability issue.

Rob Bush is taking over the responsibility of monthly fire extinguisher checks from Jeanne Konrad. Thank you Jeanne for your service.

#### **MCCI**

Pastor Cheryl has started MCCI pastoral training: 7 Wisconsin pastors meet with Sue Nilson Kibbey and Scott Carlson each month.

A parishioner has donated the money to pay our church's portion of MCCI cost.

#### **Ministry Teams**

Christian Education— 55 children are registered for Sunday School, an adult book study is working through "The Chosen," and a new "Prayer Partner" program with adults praying for a randomly selected Sunday School student is starting.

Missions—Planning is underway for a spring rice-meal pack and there will be a Fair Trade sale during coffee hour on 10/30.

Hospitality—This team is meeting next week to discuss the Advent Luncheon, Messy Church, and game nights.

Faith Groups—Diner's Delight is starting a new season. Pastor Cheryl is working with Dana Osmanski to develop plans for other faith groups.

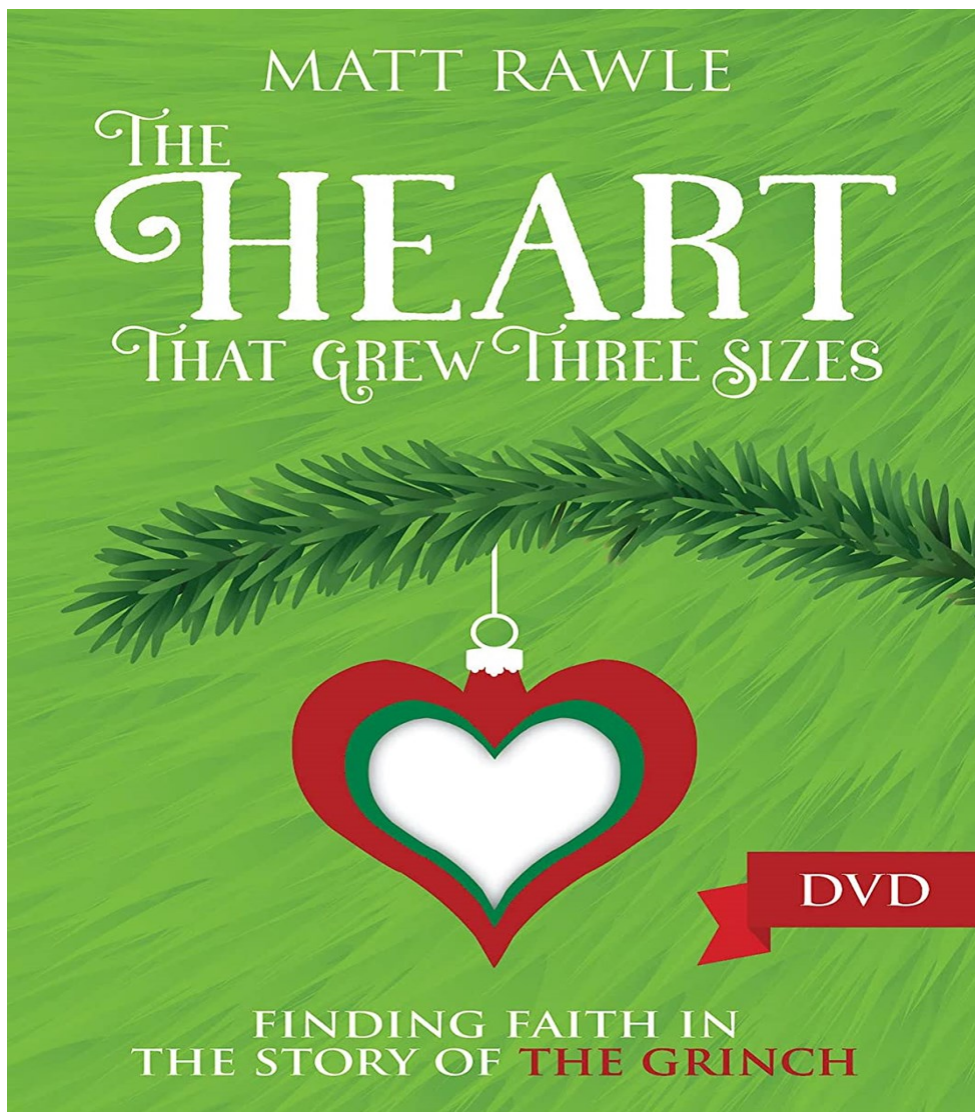
#### **Staff Parish Relations**

The ALB approved the hiring of Emilee Mooney to fill the Communications Coordinator position in addition to her current roles as Director of Children and Family Ministries.

The meeting adjourned with a prayer.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 17, 2022.





## **ADVENT BIBLE STUDY**

Please join us for this Advent Study on Finding Faith in the Story of **the Grinch**.

Jay and Victoria Triick will be leading this four part series. You can obtain the book from Amazon. If you don't have access to Amazon Prime, contact Victoria Triick- 262-224-2442 or [victoriatriick@gmail.com](mailto:victoriatriick@gmail.com) and she will order it for you. We will be meeting Thursday evenings from 6:30pm-7:30pm, down in the youth room.

The dates are as follows:  
November 17<sup>th</sup>  
December 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>.

Please have section one read by the November 17<sup>th</sup> class. Thank you and hope to see you there.

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## **First United Methodist Church-Christmas Parade Float -**

**Our theme- Jesus, the Original Lifesaver**

**Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup> -3:00PM**



We meet dressed and ready at our designated location at **2:45pm**. Wear your own Christmas attire, with the exception of Mary and Joseph. When we are through the parade, we will head to the church parking lot, where you can pick up your family members. We do not get our location and unit number until a couple days before the parade. Call Victoria Triick for further info on where to meet. Thank you for being a part of this outreach event.

# News from Emilee...

Greetings FUMC Family!

It's the month we celebrate gratefulness, if you don't practice it daily, now is a good time to start. Look to the Facebook page for a few grateful prompts this month. We have a few things to take note of this month:

**November 2nd:** Messy Church is from 6-7:30pm. We will have fellowship, prayer, crafts and of course a delicious meal. We ask you to bring a friend to make this a true community event. All are welcome!

**November 6th:** The 1st-5th graders should arrive to church by 8am to have one more practice before they perform at both services. The kids have been working on a special song for all of us!

**November 20th:** We will have the youth Pie Auction during Fellowship time. More news to come!

**November 27th:** There will be NO SUNDAY SCHOOL due to Thanksgiving holiday.

This month, the 1st-5th graders will be having a 4-week Thankfulness curriculum. Be sure to talk with your children about what they are thankful for each week. If you have a Prayer Sponsor, don't forget to ask them what they are grateful for, too.

We are still in need of substitute Sunday School teachers!  
Please consider helping!

As always, I am always open to new ideas, thoughts, comments, and questions. I love to hear from you!  
Blessings and Joy!

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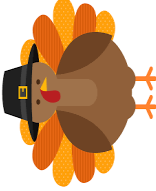


# Ministry Schedule for November

DATE	TIME	GREETERS	LITURGISTS	USHERS	ACOLYTES	NURSERY
November 6	8:30	Lisa DuPont	Carla Kramoris	Kathy Hack Dina Lane Mike Lane		
	10:45	The Moscicki's	Deanna Lang	Sue Schulz Dawn Schauer Rob Bush		
November 13	8:30	Pat Swenson Lee Swenson	Barb Klockow	Scott Warren Kate Warren Susan Cox		Isabella
	10:45	The Roemer's	Brian Swenson	Scott, Abby, Elizabeth Sterman		
November 20	8:30	Myra Light		The Cleland Family		Isabella
	10:45	Robin Pfothauer				
November 27	8:30	Doris Kienast	Mary Beth Steven- son	Joe Pfothauer Brian Swenson Becki Swenson		
	10:45	Bev Schatz Tom Schatz	Dawn Schauer	Lynn Stephenson Michele Morin		

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# November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:15 TOPS 6:30 Bell Choir	2 6- Messy Church 7:30 Chancel choir	3	4	5 Summerfield
6 All Saints Sunday 8:30-Worship 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Worship	7	8 9:15 TOPS 10:30 Prayer shawl 6:30 Bell Choir	9 7:30 Chancel choir	10	11	12 3:00 -Hartford Christmas Parade
13 8:30-Worship 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Worship	14 6:30 Finance	15 9:15 TOPS 10:30 Prayer Shawl 6:30 Bell Choir	16 7:30 Chancel choir	17	18	19
20 Noisy Can 8:30-Worship 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Worship	21 6:00 Trustees 6:30 ALB	22 9:15 TOPS 6:30 Bell Choir	23 7:30 Chancel choir	24 	25	26 11:30 Community Lunch
27 8:30-Worship 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Worship	28	29 9:15 TOPS 6:30 Bell Choir	30 7:00 Service 7:30 Chancel Choir			



## Junior and Senior High News!

Is it November already? My, how time flies when you're having fun!

The youth have really started to get into the swing of Sunday School and Youth Group.

We've been having so much fun together, and I think the Youth would tell you the same, as a few of our students have brought their friends along to join them during Sunday School sessions and Youth Group gatherings! How neat!

During Sunday School in October, we focused very heavily on starting to become familiar with, "the Fruit of the Spirit." The first two "fruits," we have discussed in much detail are "kindness," and "love." The goal being that our students are mindful in showing God's love and kindness in all they do and encounter during their days by remembering the "fruits," are already within us. That even at their ages, they, too, can have a big impact on their peers (adults, too!) and communities by being positive, Christian role models.

During the month of November, we will be focused on participating in Community Service Projects. We will discuss how it is better to give than to receive, as well as, how to show our appreciation to God for all that we have. Some of our older youth will start the month off traveling down to help serve our homeless population at Summerfield United Methodist Church with Carla and Tim Kramoris and myself. A special "thank you" goes out to our High School Youth, Taylor Hahn and Stu Gottfried, who helped me bake 10 dozen cookies to bring with us to Summerfield UMC.

Middle and High School Sunday School will continue to be held down in our Youth Room, after first service. Moving forward, Middle and High School Youth Group will meet as one group - this gathering will take place once a month. We have many regular middle school attendees and would love to welcome more high school students to join us! We've created a very casual and inviting environment and would love to have more students join!

I am happy to that share that Harrison Gottfried has joined us a new volunteer Youth Leader - he is a huge hit with the youth and a great role model. Both myself and the youth are very lucky to have him become a part of our "family."

### Important Dates to Mark on Your Calendar:

**Saturday, November 5:** 8<sup>th</sup> grade and High School Youth -  
Summerfield United Methodist Church

**Sunday, November 6:** Middle/High School Youth Group from 6-8 pm; in Youth Room.

Dress warm! We will be collecting canned food from our neighbors.

**Sunday, November 20:** No Sunday School - PIE

ACUTION in between worship services. Bake a pie to auction off to our congregation. Proceeds will go to the Youth!

Peace and Joy,

Brittany Hahn-Youth Ministry Coordinator

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## Hospitality News

“Hello November! Thank you for reminding us we have so much to be grateful for!”

We are grateful for all our blessings such as family, friends, and freedoms but also for opportunities for us to serve others. These opportunities encourage us to meet new people and welcome them to our church fellowship.

This might include:

1. Volunteering to help with the church's float for the Hartford Christmas Parade on Saturday, November 12th. Sign up is on the bulletin board by the front door.
2. Coming and bringing a friend to Game Night at church. Two nights are scheduled: October 28th and November 11th from 6:00 -8:00 p.m. Bring your favorite game - kids and adults alike.
3. Helping with Messy Church- the first Wednesday of each month. A huge thank you to all who helped with the October meal.
4. Hosting a table at the Advent Luncheon on December 3rd. See Shari Purman for details. Signing up to help with Coffee Hour. November 6th and 27th are available for ministry teams to sign up. Or, bring a treat on a Sunday where there is no ministry team assigned just servers who would love your help with providing a treat for Coffee Hour.

See bulletin board for details.

Let us all be grateful for our abundant blessings and the ability to share these blessings with others.

Blessings,  
The Hospitality Team



## Finance Notes



Fall is an interesting time of the year for the Finance Team. We're busy looking ahead as we craft an operating budget for the next year. At the same time we need to keep an eye on the current year's income and spending to make sure we're staying on track.

Through September expenses have exceeded income by \$24,683.73. Expenses are a little higher than planned because we are paying a second person filling in for Robin Pfothenauer while she is on medical leave. Robin volunteers her time in the office. This additional salary was a known risk when we approved the 2022 budget.

It's normal to run a deficit at this time of the year. Giving tends to be highest in the last quarter of the year. September giving was lower than expected, but overall giving for 2022 is the highest since 2018. Thank you to all for your contributions. Please continue what you are doing.



### ADVENT LUNCHEON

Mark your calendars for FUMC Advent Luncheon “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” Saturday, December 3rd, 2022 from 11:30 - 1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 each which includes a wonderful meal and a musical program. Tickets will be available starting on Sunday, November 20th during coffee hour.

We are still in need of a few more hostesses. Contact Shari Purman at 673-7269 for details.



- 11/4 Max Klockow Merle Pamperin
- 11/6 Lorena Yanez, Renee Draper, Bev Schatz, Rachel Garza
- 11/7 Allie Sutheimer, Don Gartzke, Doug Schlotthauer, Dennis Schauer
- 11/8 Orlean Lepien, Paul Osmanski
- 11/9 Carolyn Lepien, Mylah Lichtensteiger
- 11/10 Jim Buchmeier, Lynn Stephenson
- 11/11 Geri Wandrey, Aiden Pezzino
- 11/12 Caitlin Purman, Elizabeth Wieting  
Melissa Richards
- 11/15 Elora Schlotthauer
- 11/16 Michael DuPont, Kurt Langenecker  
Keith Lucht
- 11/18 Jim Gottfried
- 11/22 Arde Nicolaus, Berde Rateau
- 11/24 Cathy Alsum
- 11/25 John Rufener
- 11/28 Michael Wawrzyn
- 11/29 Brittany Hahn
- 11/30 Pastor Cheryl, Patty Getz

We are planning to stay in touch with college and service members especially at Christmas and Holidays. If you are interested in giving us their address information. Please email the office [office@fumchartford.com](mailto:office@fumchartford.com) or call 673-3290. If anyone in the congregation is interested in donating some money to help cover the cost of cards etc. please feel free to help.



We have signed up to have the Giving Tree again this year, to help area families that need a little help this Christmas. Please watch for the tree to go up and take a tag off and help a family.



- 11/8 Sam & Branden Precord
- 11/12 Janice & Chris Sigl
- 11/13 Diane & Tom Guenther
- 11/16 Michelle & Chad Baumgartner

**Hanging of the Greens!**

Meeting will be Sunday November 6th at 9:45 in the Chapel. If you love decorating for Christmas, come join The Hanging of The Greens.



# MESSY CHURCH

November 2nd: Messy Church is from 6-7:30pm. We will have fellowship, prayer, crafts and, of course, a delicious meal. We ask you to bring a friend to make this a true community event. All are welcome!



Midwest Mission disbursed 26,400 rice meals, which will feed 158,400 people, and 560 Personal Dignity Kits (PDKs). Other materials in the shipment include; Medical supplies donated by our partners from Memorial Hospital, the VA hospital, and Illinois Baptist Association; 'Cover Them With Love Quilts' made by our volunteers and sent by our donors. This shipment totaled 36,723 lbs. and was valued at \$165,230.52. We partnered with NorthStar Foundation. These meals are designed to maximize nutrition for people with limited resources.

## Sunday, November 20:

Pie Auction between worship services.

Jr and Sr High kids are baking pies to auction off to raise money for the youth for activities. Help the youth raise money while you get to take home yummy pies.



Thank you for answering God's call to host a food pack event in your community. These rice meals show God's love in a practical way to the people of Kyiv, Ukraine. We hope you enjoyed the experience and you will continue to seek projects that bring people of all ages and abilities together to serve.

### **Personal Dignity Kits (PDKs)**

#### **Assembled by:**

- Teena & Dean Faubel, Lincoln, NE
- First UMC, Nebraska City, NE
- Riverside UMC, Park Rapids, MN

#### **Donated by:**

- New Ulm, MN
- Le Sueur UMC, Le Sueur, MN
- Graham UMC, Rice, MN
- East Chain UMC, Fairmont, MN

### **Rice Meal**

#### **Assembled by:**

- Springfield FUMC, Springfield, IL
- MMDC - Ukraine Event, Pawnee, IL
- Mt. Vernon FUMC, Mt Vernon, IN
- **First UMC, Hartford, WI**
- Central Bay Youth, Mt. Pleasant, MI
- EIU Wesley, Charleston, IL
- Knoxville UMC, Knoxville, IL
- Savoy UMC, Champaign, IL
- Belleville St. Mathew UMC, Belleville, IL

**The Mission Team** challenged us to raise \$1000.00 for relief in Florida and Porto Rico from Hurricane Ian and they would match our first \$1000.00. As of Monday October 24th you have raised \$1,786.00 through your donations and coffee hours.

Way to go FUMC!!



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