

WINDOW TO THE WORLD

OCTOBER 2017

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Listed below are some of the Joys and Concerns heard during recent worship services. We carry each other's burdens and dance dances for all of God's children. Reach out and touch someone's life as you pray for them.

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Sunday Morning Worship
9:30 a.m.
Sunday School
11:00 a.m.

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JOYS

CONGRATULATIONS

Morgan Sturman—Allegan County Fair Top Driving Showman!

THANKS

Doug Duryea is so overwhelmed and thankful for family and friends and their love for him and Shirley. Thanks to Sadie Clark for providing some of our special music this summer and bless you as you enter the Air Force.

JOYS

Kim Leslie's cancer is stable and she feels blessed by so many who prayed, called, hugged and sent food; Welcome visitor Jordan Rozema; Cathy Foune's friend, Jen Braganini, is cancer free!; Barb Simpson celebrates family birthdays; Doug Duryea was happy his granddaughter and husband and other family were able to be here; Bobby Tremaine is going to be a grandpa again!; Mary Ann Poolman is cancer free!



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is a caring, dynamic community of faith where all people are invited to encounter God and to celebrate a Risen Lord. Through God's Spirit we grow spiritually, emphasize the individual's relationship with Christ and others, and change with and serve the needs of the community.



OCTOBER 2017 PRAYERS AND CONCERNS



Prayers for our military:

Those connected with this congregation: Ryan Balgoyen, John Barber, Andrew Cowen, Thomas De-Bruyne, Evan Deniston, Matt Fullam, Stephanie Hadley, Isaiah Hadley, Michael Hileski, Gregory McIntire, Chelsea Reed, Jason Star, Dai Wessman and Dan Wroblewski.

Continued prayers for those battling cancer or having treatment: Patty Anderson, Jane Allen, Tom Arlington, Evelyn Bierlein, Ed Bronson, Erin Brown, Paul Buckler, Russ Campeau, Bill Carr, Denise Cherry, Jim Conlon, Tammy Christy, Stacy Davis, Sue Effner, Angie Heckman, Vic Hitchcock, Ryan Howrigan, Monica Kraai, Kay Kool, John Kyes; Kim Leslie, Linda Loveland, Bob Lynch, Ardis McIntire; Bruce Mejeur, Gene Modreske, Bob Morris, John Murphy, Philip Nicolai, Gerry Olson, Linda Pullen, Michele Randal, Judie Randels, Dick Rasmussen, Rhonda Robinson, Phil Rose, Rebecca Skrycki, Toby Star, Florene Stultz, Bob Thomas, Terri Stapleton, Jackson Stout, Deb Stutzman, Cessily Wotring Thackler, Daniel Trevino, Trappy Truman, Danny Truong, Naomi Watts, Jenny Walsh, Don Watson, Jr., Jen Wessman, Jim Wilson and those known but unnamed.

Concerns: People devastated by hurricanes; Janet Earle not able to attend worship as her car is broken and pray she finds reliable transportation; Jill LeMaire goes back to work full time and Freddie will go to daycare - strength to Jill as they adjust their schedule; Wisdom to world leaders as they work through the nuclear crisis.

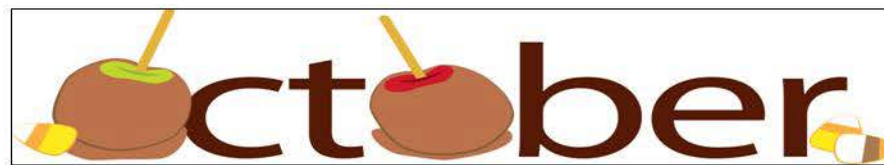
Concerns/Prayers: Prayers for Kelly Larsen who needs to find a home.

Health Concerns: Mark Davis who is ill, lost his job and now is being evicted; Person who has been diagnosed with cancer; Janet Earle recovering from shoulder surgery; Russ Campeau to begin new cancer treatment; Continued prayers for Mary Anderson for patience and her recovery.

Prayer Shawl: Joyce Mohrland, Lynnae White

Sympathy: Jackie Thompson family on the death of her brother-in-law, Villas Mohrland; Doug Duryea and family on the death of his wife, Shirley Duryea; Ellen Bierlein and family on the death of her son-in-law's mother; Marty and Janet Miller on the death of Marty's mother, Ethel Miller.

Please remember them in your prayers.



October

Sun

Mon

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Fri

Sat

<p>1 9:30 am Worship 11:00 am Sunday School 12:30-5:30 pm FH (C. Harris) 4:30 pm Boy Scouts (DS)</p>	<p>2 7 pm Chancel Bell Choir</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 8:30-10 am Tops(TR) 7 pm Chancel Choir 6:30 pm Finance(FH)</p>	<p>5 5:45 pm Youth Praise Choir</p>	<p>6 7 am KH Donuts with Dad at North Ward 4 pm Briarwood Singalong</p>	<p>7 5-7 pm Swiss Steak Supper</p>
<p>8 Pastor Appreciation Sunday 9:30 am Worship 11 am Sunday School 2:30-7:30 pm Girl Scouts(DS) 4:30 pm Boy Scouts (DS)</p>	<p>9 1 pm Mary Martha (FH) 7 pm Chancel Bell Choir</p>	<p>10 12 pm Food Pantry Lunch Meeting 7 pm SonShine Circle (FH/KT)</p>	<p>11 8:30-10 am Tops(TR) 6:15 p.m. Youth Praise Choir 7 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Lions Setup</p>	<p>12 Food Pantry Closed 11 am-7pm (FH/KT) Lions Pancake Day</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 9:30 am Worship 10:45 a.m. Youth Praise Choir 11 am Sunday School 4:30 pm Boy Scouts (DS)</p>	<p>16 7 pm Chancel Bell Choir</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 8:30-10 am Tops(TR) 7 pm Chancel Choir 7 pm Living Faith Committee (FH)</p>	<p>19 1 pm Sarah Circle (FH) 5:45 pm Youth Praise Choir 6:30 pm Ad Board (FH)</p>	<p>20 10 am Food Pantry Committee (FH)</p>	<p>21 1-5 pm FH/KT (Blom)</p>
<p>22 9:30 am Worship 11 am Sunday School 12 pm UMYF 12 pm Newsletter Deadline 2:30-7:30 pm Girl Scouts(DS) 4:30 pm Boy Scouts (DS)</p>	<p>23 1:30 pm Bible Study (Heckman) 6:30 pm SPRC (Fellowship Hall) 7 pm Chancel Bell Choir</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 8:30-10 am Tops(TR) 6:15 pm Youth Praise Choir 7 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>26 9 am Men's Fellowship (FH)</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Youth Praise Choir 11 am Sunday School 4:30 pm Boy Scouts (DS) TBD - UMYF</p>	<p>30 1:30 pm Bible Study (Heckman) 7 pm Chancel Bell Choir</p>	<p>31 Halloween</p>			<p>TBD-Time to be determined</p>	<p>Location Key DS - Downstairs FH - Fellowship Hall KT - Kitchen LB - Library SA - Sanctuary TR -Tops Room YR - Youth Room</p>

**From the Heart of the Pastor
Rev. Robert Lynch
Allegan UMC Synergy: The Power of Togetherness!
“Growing People to Love God”**



We read in Isaiah 2:4 that the people are to not only give up weapons of war, but to turn war materials into life-sustaining essentials:

And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

This Biblical injunction of “turning swords into plowshares” is inscribed on the interior of the United Methodist Building in Washington, D.C.! That building is right across the street from the Supreme Court Building and I can remember how impressed I was and how proud I was to be a United Methodist when I visited Washington D.C. with my family.

Our Tradition of faith is quite remarkable! John Wesley, the founder of United Methodism, proclaimed the “World is my Parish” as he set out to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world! The very first meeting of the United Nations was held at the conclusion of World War II at Methodist Central Hall in Westminster, London. To say the least, pursuing peace is part of Methodist “DNA.”

When we look at issues we need to step back from the current populist views and separate “political” from “moral” issues! Our faith tradition has moral guidelines that, as Christians, we should follow:

- **Advocate** for ways to curb gun violence in the United States.
- **Advocate** to end human trafficking.
- **Advocate** for national budgets that prioritize peace-building and not war-making. A budget that invests in programs which build people up and not tear communities down.
- **Advocate** for increased access to affordable, high quality **health care** for all!
- **Advocate** for refugees and immigration reform.
- **Advocate** for tax reform not only for tax breaks for big business but also for the working class!

So whether we are Republican, Democratic, Progressive, Conservative, “Tea” party, White Nationalist, Socialist, etc. we need to abide by Biblical principles of a living faith that is bound by the Rule of Love!

SERMON THEMES

Allegan UMC is striving to cultivate a faith to live through **Worshiping God, Growing People, Serving Others and Sharing Christ**. Living a life through Christ is a very practical and possible reality that can be lived out through Living Faith. Please join us every Sunday for worship in October as we experience how God can change your life and the lives of those around you through the practical application of faith in Paul's letter to the Philippians!

October

October 1, 2017 "First World Problems" Philippians 1:21-30; What matters most in Life?

October 8, 2017 "Habits of a High-Impact Church" Philippians 2:1-13; To follow Jesus means to be impacted - inspired, influenced, affected, transformed - by Him.

October 15, 2017 "Join Together Imitating" Philippians 3:17-4; According to God's word, being truly unique isn't even a possibility. Individuality is a myth. You and I are creatures of conformity; we are inherently imitators of the world around us.

October 22, 2017 "Positive Practices" Philippians 4:1-9; The testimony of the Bible and the church through the centuries is that every Christian needs to pray and that every Christian benefits from prayer.

October 29, 2017 "The Sign on the Door" Romans 3:19-28; What Martin Luther did October 31, 1517, 500 years ago Tuesday, sparked a protest and reform that came to be known as the Protestant Reformation. Five hundred years ago.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

THOSE WHO SERVE IN October 2017

BIBLE STUDY

This group will meet again on Monday afternoons starting with October 23 at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Chic Heckman.

Come join us!

WHAT DO WE COLLECT? CHECK OUT THE ROUND TABLE OUTSIDE THE OFFICE

Box Tops for Education for
North Ward Elementary
Village Market Receipts for
North Ward Elementary
Lions Club - Glasses
Loose Change/Pennies -
Missions
Pop Tops from cans- Burn
Center in Chicago

Naomi DeLaet is collecting
cans and money to go
to hurricane relief.

*"The greatest tragedy in
life is the prayers that go
unanswered because they go
unasked."*

Mark Batterson

ACOLYTES

- 1 - Allison Wiley
- 8 - DeLaet children
- 15 - Alex Foune
Morgan Foune
- 22 - Audrey Brink
Olivia Wiley
- 29 - Abby Hall
William Ruiz

COMMUNION SERVERS

- 1 - Hanford and Eilene Brink
Kevin and Beth Ann DeLaet

FELLOWSHIP TIME

Sarah Circle

GREETERS

- 1 - Tim Dickinson
Mike and Virginia Conklin
- 8- June Querback
Jack and Leslie Johnson
- 15 - Nancy Peabody
Sari Hammon
Norm and Margaret Pierson
- 22 - Lee Heckman
Jim and Vicki Sebright
- 29 - Matt and Kristy
Milbocker family
Don and Barb Sanborn

LITURGISTS

- 1 - Hanford Brink
- 8 - Hanford Brink
- 15 - Ed Garvin
- 22 - Ed Garvin
- 29 - Bailey Weaver

NURSERY

- 1 - Jill LeMaire
Tara LeMaire
- 8 - Kristy Milbocker
- 15 - JoAnne Giles
- 22 - Barb Brewster
- 29 - Lisa Campeau

PIANISTS

- 1- Wende Wood
- 8 - Amanda Wood
- 15 - Sari Hammon
- 22 - Ireland Armintrout
- 29 - Susan Thiel

SOUND

- 1 - Jon Brink
- 8 - Tim Borgman
- 15 - Hanford Brink
- 22 - Ed Garvin
- 29 - Jon Brink

USHERS

- 1 - Pat and Leslie Ballard
- 8 - Cindy Thiele
Ed Garvin
- 15 - Jack and Becky Rininger
- 22 - Hanford Brink
Joyce Brink
- 29 - Mike and Virginia Conklin

VIDEO

- 1 - Barb Gibson
- 8 - Bobby Tremaine
- 15 - Jon Brink
- 22 - Clyde DeLaet
Naomi DeLaet
- 29 - Tom Lindsley



Looking Ahead

Sept. 27, (11-noon) KH Welcome back to school pizza party for mentee/mentors.

Oct. 6, (7 am) Donuts with Dudes (Dads), KH volunteers needed by 7 am.

Oct. 18, 2 Hr. Early Release

Our United Methodist Church is beginning its 23rd year in partnership with North Ward Elementary. This is an awesome mission in helping our community in so many ways. Our volunteer work at North Ward is greatly appreciated by the staff. Our KH volunteers have already helped with school activities such as: open house, greeting students the first day of school, KH pizza party, donuts with dudes, and mentors starting a new year with their student. The up-coming events for the rest of 2017 are helping twelve NW families with food and gifts for Christmas and of course our annual Christmas party for our KH students and their families. As you can see KHUSA is a very busy and important mission for our church.

We have fewer mentors this year as two have retired after 22 years of service. A big "thank you" to Leah and Chic for the many years they have reached out to touch the hearts of many children.

We are always in need of new mentors. Please see me for more information.

Karen Rambadt, Kids Hope USA Director



Food Pantry -- 2017 Report

Month	2016 Visits	No. of People	2017 Visits	# Of People	# Of Kids
January	109	374	96	297	115(thru 1/31)
February	85	270	104	347	129(thru 2/28)
March	81	248	95	282	85(thru 3/31)
April	78	252	86	254	101(thru 4/30)
May	100	307	116	373	153(thru 5/31)
June	108	347	114	320	129(thru 6/30)
July	100	327	95	283	107(thru 7/31)
August	111	330	102	323	129(thru 8/25)
September	121	376	81	252	99(thru 9/22)
October	114	385			
November	131	361			
December	113	354			
TOTAL	1,251	3,931	889	2,731	1,047

Total Number of New Households YTD

2016 219 Total 2017 199 YTD

- **FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER LUNCH MEETING**

Scheduled for Tuesday, October 10th at 12:00 pm.

We hope all the volunteers will be available to join us-we will make it short-done by 1:15 pm!

- **BRIDGES OF HOPE:** Requesting that we supply one simple meal for one of their workshops at the Community Action (Water Street) either in October, November or December. This request has been approved by the Food Pantry Committee. These workshops are aimed at helping individuals in or near poverty build a path to a better life. We will choose a date, request volunteers to prepare food and work that evening. A clipboard will be passed around soon.

- **FOOD DRIVE ITEM** for October – Toilet Paper

NEW YOUTH PRAISE CHOIR SCHEDULE!

October 5, Thursday - 5:45 p.m.

October 8, Sunday - 9:00 a.m. practice before performance during worship

October 11, Wednesday - 6:15 p.m.

October 15, Sunday - 10:45 a.m.

October 19, Thursday - 5:45 p.m.

October 25, Wednesday - 6:15 p.m.

October 29, Sunday - 10:45 a.m.



**United
Methodist
Women**



*We have made donations to many mission areas including the Discretionary Fund, UMCOR, Wings Home, GR Community House, and our UMW pledge plus earlier camper & Mission U scholarships.

*We've had two funerals--one small and one big. Thanks to the volunteers for all food and time. We are always looking for someone or two to chair the funeral luncheon committee for a 6mos. time period. How about you?

*A thorough cleaning of the kitchen is coming. The date is yet to be set. It has been brought to our attention that appliances have not been turned off and items not put away. The kitchen is a great tool for mission and must be well cared for. **Thank you to the anonymous donor for the new freezer for the UMW!**

*63 Kimonos were taken to the Kalamazoo District Annual meeting in Sodus Saturday, September 23, for the Mission Challenge. 3rd place was Otsego with 201, Pokagon 2nd with 328, and Gobles took first place with 371 kimonos! The offering was split between GR Community House and the Legacy Fund with each receiving \$335!

*Will you help plan a general meeting of the Allegan UMW in October? We need to get together -the circles and members at large to celebrate and look to the future of our missions.