



THE LAMPLIGHTER



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WOODRUFF GROVE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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The people of The United Methodist Church



**PASTOR'S
CORNER**

By the time you get this newsletter the next Sunday, October 6th, will be World Communion Sunday. What exactly is World Communion Sunday and why do Christians observe this one Sunday out of the year? The following is my attempt to answer those questions:

World Communion Sunday is a day when Christians around the world gather the first Sunday in October, at the table of the Lord.

Christians will gather in huge cathedrals, in open-country churches, in mud-thatched sheds, in lean-tos to celebrate together with others from around the world. Persons in some areas will gather in secret, to partake of the Lord's Supper, for to worship as a Christian, is a violation of local laws, punishable by imprisonment or even death. Yet the Lord Christ invites to his table all

who claim his promises of life abundant and life everlasting and all who serve him as his disciples, proclaiming his Gospel to a hurting world.

The psalmist glorified and praised God in the opening verse of Psalm 19. We can imagine the psalmist looking up into the night sky and seeing uncountable stars and the brilliance of the moon; we can picture the psalmist wondering at the variety of animals and vegetation around him or her, from the tiniest creatures to the mightiest of trees.

Yet the real glory of God and the marvel of God's handiwork are in the incredible variety of persons God has created. We cannot help but marvel at the shapes, the sizes, the colors, and talents and attributes that God has created into the persons God has fashioned. How much more shallow our life would be were it not for the gifts brought to our shores by persons from all over the world. Their skills and abilities, their talents and gifts, have enriched us far beyond our comprehension. And their very commitment to worship and praise God,

each group in its own particular way, has enlivened our worship and opened our hearts and minds to new ways to praise and glorify the mighty name of God.

Yes, the heavens and the firmament proclaim God's handiwork, but on World Communion Sunday, God's people of every race and hue, language and culture, location and tradition, are the ultimate proclamation of God's handiwork!

Blessings,
Pastor Jim



here are the upcoming events to mark your calendar for:

Monday, September 30th Pastor – Parish Relations Committee @ 7:00 pm

Wednesday, October 2nd Cluster Dinner for carnival workers @ 4-H fair grounds from 10 am- 3pm

Thursdays October 10th – November 21st Kids' Club @ Woodruff Grove UMC

Thursday, October 17th – Compassion Pregnancy Center Fall 2019 fundraising dinner. Call 463-7377 for more information. (Susan Young)

Thursday, October 31 Trunk- or-Treat @ Wolcottville Farmers State Bank. Donations of candy are needed. Box(es) are available in The Gathering Place for items to be placed.

Saturday, November 2nd from 9-3 Charge Conference @ Auburn UMC

Sunday, December 1st Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, December 29th Taking down the greens



2nd & 4th Sundays of the month

The mission committee has the calendar set for the remainder of 2019. October's mission is the toy drive for the Clothes and Food Basket's Christmas Bureau distribution. (John Russell) Doesn't seem like Christmas can be so close!! Please keep your eyes peeled for toy deals! November monies will go toward Christmas shoeboxes for a Nursing Home or the Heifer Project. December will be the ARC angel program and Bashor Children's Home adopt a cottage program. Thank you all for your generous support of all of our missions.

October Anniversaries:

4th Danny & Marty Young & Josh & Cara Young

Senior expo: LaGrange Council on Aging October 8th from 8am – 1pm. Admission is free

Where: MEC in Shippshewana, 455 E. Farver St., Shippshewana



We have had great attendance at our monthly carry-in dinners. Thanks to all who continue to join us for food and fellowship. We have them the first Sunday of every month right after church. Bring a dish to church and share while getting to know our church family better! Next carry-in is October 6th.

October Birthdays:

2nd Sam Young
7th Molly Grossman
8th Beverly Jordan
10th Michelle Young
12th Susan Jones, Chuck McKinley
13th Mark Garretson, Morgan Green
19th Bob Allread
22nd Angelina Gloor, Jenna Harding
23rd Michael Gray
24th Sheri Ringler
26th Ava Henschen
30th Kyle Green, Greg Ringler

Another service from LaGrange Council on Aging:

Footcare clinic once a month. Dana Martin Will soak your feet, trim your nails and massage your feet, all for \$22, Call 260-463-4161 to schedule an appointment. Don't forget to bring your basin and towel! Check or cash only.



NEWS

We are taking items already for our 2020 rummage sale. Please place donations by the garage door of the old parish house. However, if it is raining call the church office to set up a time that items may be dropped off. Jacque & Marilyn

Evangelism and Outreach committee is going to participate in the LaGrange cluster's outreach to the carnival workers luncheon during Corn School. Shout out to Pastor Jim for letting us in on the cluster goings on. We will also have a presence at Corn School with a table with free books, prayer and maybe free snacks! This committee will also help with the shoebox project. Woodruff will also be doing Trunk or Treat again in Wolcottville on Halloween. This is always fun so come on out and help us hand out treats. If anyone has ideas on anything else they would like to see let Bev Jordan know



greeters are needed for the month of November



Pastor Parish Relations Committee

Is currently meeting monthly on the last Monday of the month . Please feel free to bring any wishes or concerns to a committee member.

Our Pastor Parish committee heard positive thoughts on several items on the agenda at the August meeting.

Pastor Jim is meeting with Lakeland Transportation director with the goal of securing busing to Woodruff Church for Kids' Club this year. There will be a bus fee and the Education Committee, along with Kids' Club director, Sheri Ringler, have many details to work out. We are excited to be able to continue this mission for children!

With the upcoming "anniversary year" for the Woodruff Grove Church, the need for a current picture directory was discussed. Be prepared for photo appointments this winter.

If there is community interest in reviving the combined Lenten Services, the hope is to form an active Ministerial Association to explore possibilities.

The September meeting is scheduled for Monday, the 30th @ 7:00 pm.

Judy Fetters

October 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st and November 7th, 14th, & 21st. From 3:45 to 5:15 at Woodruff Grove UMC. Grades 1-6.

Helpers are needed! Please contact Sheri Ringler @ **260-585-3327 or 260-585-3992.**

YOUTH GROUP

Calling all youth grades 6-12 it's that time to get together and meet. I would like to meet during the meal October 6th so we can plan for upcoming things. At this meeting we need to decide on a Sunday to meet and put together bags for Trunk or Treat. I would like to make this our mission by passing out these goodie bags. Think of things you'd like to add to these treat bags and we will talk on October 6th. If you have questions please see me. I hope you can make the meal on the October 6th. Thank you,
Stephanie

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Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 am
Sunday School for all ages - 9:30 am
Holy Communion served the first Sunday
of the month to all believers
Carry-in every first Sunday of the month

Directions: 4 Miles Northeast of Wolcottville -
just North of Adams Lake on 450 East

ALL ARE WELCOME!

*Making disciples of Jesus Chrst for
the transformation of the world!*

