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Harvest time is drawing to a close and cooler weather is blowing in. This past Sunday was a beautiful celebration for our dear Charleen Schaeffer. Oh how she will be missed during our winter months, but we will look forward to her return in late spring. I would like to thank all of you who helped to make Sunday a beautiful celebration. I know Charleen was moved by the outpouring of all the love. We now turn to welcome our new administrative assistant, Hannah Metzger. She has started her training with Charleen, so please be patient with her as she settles into her new job. I know you will look forward to getting to know her.

Cookin' with Your Neighbor is next week, October 3, 2019. "Trick or Treat and bring us something good to eat." Hopefully, that's more than candy, but the theme is around squashes, pumpkins, and even potatoes. This is the perfect time to throw an extra potato in the pot and bring it and your neighbors to an evening of fellowship and good food.

Blessing of the Pets will be on Friday, October 4, 2019, at noon in the grassy area by the church. Last year we anointed and blessed our pets who got to socialize with other pets and got goodies, so pass the word.

October 13th is Children's Sunday is a special Sunday to honor children. Please invite family friends and neighbors.

We had a wonderful movie night, thanks to Roy and Kathy and Charleen. You want to **put October 17th on your schedule when we will be showing Disney's new *Lion King*.** It will be a wonderful evening beginning at 6 pm with warm food, fellowship, and a great family movie.

The UMW is preparing for their coat give away in October, so there's still time to contribute toward this cause.

Town and Country is collecting shoes. There is a box in Drummond Hall for the shoes. Talk to someone in Town and Country for more details.

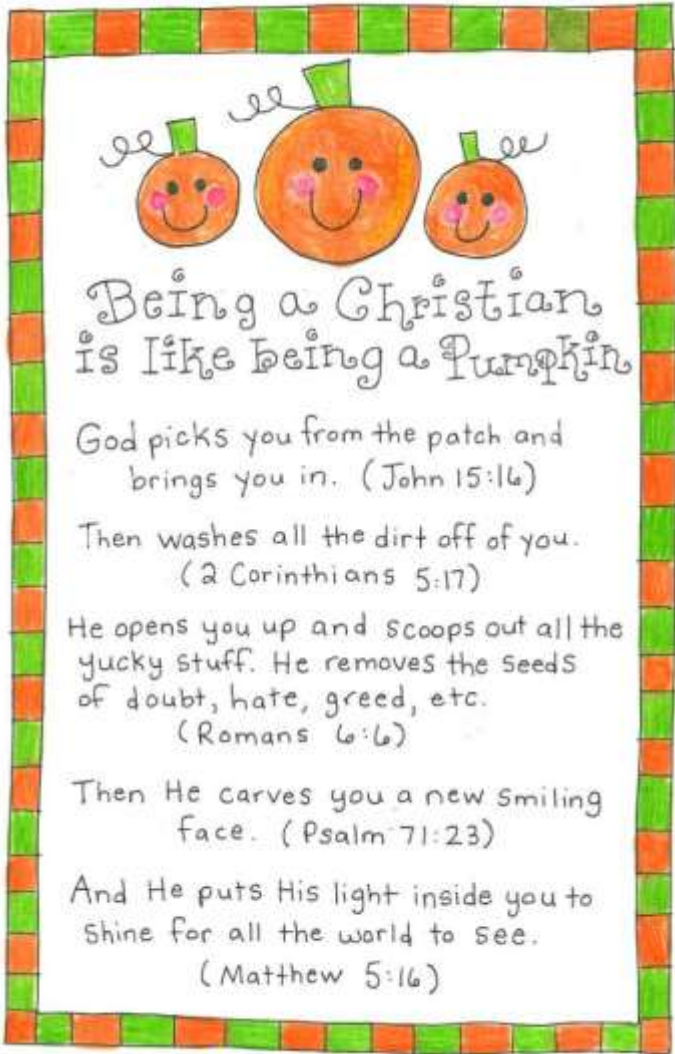
We are planning the annual Oyster Stew, Chili, and Soup dinner which will be October 27, 2019, at 5:30 pm. All are invited to attend this evening of fun and fellowship. If you wish to bring something, then veggies, fruit, and desserts are suggested. This is an evening to show our thanks for the gracious support of our church.

I would like for us to host a Fall Festival on November 8th for the community. If weather permits, it will be outside; if not then it will be inside from 1-3 pm. We hope to set up booths for games, and activities for families. We also are hoping those who volunteer will choose a Bible character and dress as a Bible character and share **some of their Bible character's stories with all who attend. John Wesley prize will be given to the best Bible character.** I do have extra costumes if anyone is in need of them. If you have ideas and wish to help in the planning of our Fall Festival, please let me know as soon as possible.

We are planning for our charge conference, so be in prayer as church leaders begin and complete this process. We need your help and many committees. Everyone is needed.

A small group study began several Wednesday evenings ago focusing on prayer and **spiritual disciplines. It's okay if you have not been able to attend; please feel free to join us from 6:30 – 7:30 pm on Wednesday evenings.**

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If the group wishes to change the time, then we can make that decision as well. My hope is that this will become our midweek prayer group.

I've finished the sermon series on Methodism and I have now begun a sermon series on Women in the Bible. Most of these will be woman, whose stories you may remember and those that went unnoticed. With this sermon series, I have begun a short Bible study on Sunday mornings at 8 am before worship on the book Ruth. Please come join us this Sunday.

A moment for you

This is your time! Although every day holds 14,440 minutes, we tend to spend a lot of them focused on others. That can be so important to do, but it's more than okay to devote some to you! In fact, wonderful things happen when we let our own wishes and wants matter too: Your Dreams come true.

Financial Report

Fall again? Already? Well you know what that means. It is time for our annual Stewardship Dinner, you know the one with **Linda's Oyster Stew, Anthony's green chili, some red chili and don't forget the potato soup. And oh yes all the great give away items!!!!** Mark your calendar now and be ready Sunday, October 27th at 5:30. Feel free to bring a side dish or dessert to share if you would like.

August report

Giving	\$6,471.78
Expenses	\$7,766.38
Net income	-\$1,294.60

This time of year is always a little rough for church finances. However, we know that with a good harvest, our steadfast faith and many prayers, we receive generous gifts. Many prayers for a safe harvest at this busy time in our community and across the United States.



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"The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."

- Galatians 5:22-23

Thank You

Dear Center United & Glenda Hoelken,
Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the wonderful cleaning item.
You are a wonderful blessing to all of us at Sarah's Home. Please keep us in your prayers! ♡
- Sarah's Home.

Doonesbury by Garry Trudeau for August 27, 2019



Cooking with your neighbor

Trick or Treat and bring a something good to eat! In hopes of it not being all candy, how about some squash, pumpkins and those fresh potatoes from the field. Please remember to invite everyone you know even if they said no once, or twice. We are celebrating the sharing of our harvest. We start cooking at 5:30pm and serve at 6pm if possible.

October 27th: Oyster Stew, Chili, and Soup Dinner

Bring veggies, fruit, and desserts evening for the church to show out thanks for the gracious support of the church. **We may even have Lobato's Famous Green Chili.** Event starts at 5:30pm.



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Things to Remember for October!

- **October 13th will be Children's Sunday.** All children are invited to participate, bring Grandchildren and any other children you know of. The more the merrier! This celebration will be a part of the service.
- **On Wednesdays we have Small Group Study.** It doesn't matter if you have not attended any before, all are welcome.
- **Movie Night!** We will be showing the new Live Action Lion King Film by Disney October 17th. The show will be starting at 6pm.
- We are collecting new or lightly used shoes and jackets to support Soles 4 Souls and our own UMW project "Share the Warmth". These projects give away shoes and coats to those who could otherwise not afford them. Please Donate. The boxes are located downstairs.

Joke of the Month

The Pastor came to visit the other day. He said that at my advanced age I should be thinking of the hereafter.

I told him, "Oh, I do it all the time."

"No matter where I am - in the living room, upstairs, in the kitchen, or down in the basement, I am always asking myself: 'Now, what am I here after?'"

Lets Celebrate Fall!

Open to the whole community , There will be games, and booths, and activities for all. If you have ideas and wish to help in the planning of our Fall Festival, please let me know as soon as possible. Dress up like a bible character and their will be a John Wesley prize for the best one. I do have extra costumes if anyone is in need of them (Pastor Debbie). If weather permits it will be outside; if not then it will be inside from 1-3 pm. We hope to set up thoughts for games and activities for families. Any suggestions for games and activities will be welcomed.

Martha Circle Meetings

Martha Circle will meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month throughout the year. Meetings start at 9:30.

If you know of anyone that could use a greeting card please call Vickie Myers @ 754-3598. (For the month of October please call Glenda 849-3303) Vickie has a great selection of cards on hand. Amy Uhrich has just sent some beautiful cards for us to use. Thank you so much Amy!! We welcome new members and invite all to attend meetings at any time. For more information of these events call Martha Circle President Marilyn Eagles 754-3704.

2019 Calendar of Events UMW and Martha Circle

Oct 1st at 6:30 p.m.

There will be an organizational meeting for the Christmas Soup Luncheon at the church. If you have ideas or would like to help organize this new event please plan on attending. There are a lot of decisions to be made and we look forward to you being a part of that process.

October 19th will be the "Share the Warmth" Coat Giveaway

Gently used or new coats, gloves, mittens - all sizes youth and adult women, men, boys and girls are all needed. There is a box down stairs along the east wall to place them in. We will collect items up to October 19th. The giveaway starts at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to be a part of this mission, by being there, as we give the blessing of warmth to those in our community. We will carry out the coats if the weather is good. We want to have a visual presence if at all possible. If the weather is bad we will be downstairs.

December 3rd – Christmas Potluck Brunch at 9:30 Everyone is welcome. This is a time to give thanks for our blessing through the year, enjoy great food, friendship and fellowship.

December 14th - Soup Luncheon and Bake Sale

(more details in November newsletter)

October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		Organizational Meeting 6:30pm See UMW Newsletter		Cooking with Your neighbor 5:30 pm	Blessing of the Pets 12pm	
CUMC Service 8:30		DVD Yoga	Crossroads 9:30	Small Group Study CUMC 6:30	Yoga with Instructor 9:30	
SUMC Service 10:30	6	7	8	9	10	11
			Worship Committee mtg 9:30 CUMC Council 6:30		SUMC Dinner with your neighbor 5:30	
						50+ at Noon Center
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Children's Sunday— See Newsletter	Columbus Day			Martha Circle 9:30	Movie Night <i>Lion King</i>	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		
				Halloween		