

October 8, 2023
19th Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

Opening Music **Nancy Plote, Organist**

Welcome & Announcements **Pastor Jeremiah**

Prelude Music

Lighting of the Altar Candles **Acolyte(s)**

Call to Worship / Opening Prayer **Liturgist**

ALL: God, we are grateful as we come to worship today. God, we thank You for inspiring scriptures, music that lifts the soul, the smile of friends, all the good things great and small around us. God, please in this time today, let us open our hearts and minds to Your Will, through this time of worship. May all of us, love more fully and may we see Your teachings in Christ more clearly, when we leave this time together and go out to live our lives in Jesus Name. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** **“Standing on the Promises “** **UMH#374**

Prayer of Confession **Liturgist**

ALL: Loving God, we confess that we want life to be simpler than it is. Sometimes we might believe that we can and should have total control over what happens, ignoring the needs or the joys of others. Sometimes God, we even try to control our relationship with you. Treating it like a contract where if we do something, you will give us something, rather than it being a loving relationship. Sometimes also God, we don't want any control. We want to just have it be simple and don't want to be responsible and just ignore the call to help others or even ourselves. God, help us be in tune with you, not trying to take your place by controlling others, including you. God, help us do what you call us to do, that we might bless others and live a life abundant in Jesus. This we pray in Christ's Name. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Words of Assurance

Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here
below: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise
Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts. Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu - ia!

Children’s Time

Pastor Jeremiah

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn of Preparation

“Sanctuary “ (Sing twice)

TFWS#2164

Scripture Reading

Philippians 3b-14

Liturgist

Message

Being Christ Followers

Pastor Jeremiah

*Closing Hymn

“Be Thou My Vision”

UMH#451

Benediction & Blessing

Parting Hymn

“God Be with You till We Meet Again”

God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels, guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus’ feet;

till we meet till we meet God be with you till we meet again.

As the Light of Christ is Carried Out

Acolyte

*Go in Peace & Love to Serve God and Neighbor

CHURCH CALENDAR - October 2023

Vicke’s Hours M-W-Th 8-Noon

Sunday, October 8

19th Sunday after Pentecost / Coffee Time 10:30 a.m.

Greeters: Hope Willrett & Gene Hickey

Kid’s Sunday School at Noon

Pastor Jeremiah at Oak Crest 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 11

Prayer & Fellowship 6:30 p.m. In-person or Zoom

Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 12

4H 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 15

20th Sunday after Pentecost/ Coffee Time 10:30 a.m.

Greeters: Frank & Kitty Jouris

When in church, remember to sign the green Attendance Book and pass it around.

If you have an offering, please place it in the wooden church box on the table in the narthex. Thank you.



FALL SUPPER

Saturday, November 4th

DRIVE THRU ONLY

4:30 P.M. TO 6:30 P.M. – SEE JACQUE & JODI FOR TICKETS AND IF YOU CAN **HELP** (include Family & Friends), LET THEM KNOW.

Deadline for tickets 10/27/23

CHURCH CONFERENCE – WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH

7:00 P.M. at GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

for both churches together.

Reports due by **11/13** to Vicke.

On the table in the Narthex are copies of the School Supply list for Malta Elementary School kids, copies of the Midwest Mission “Top Needs” Supply list, September/October Upper Rooms, and October Newsletter.

“CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND” If you wish to contribute to the Capital Improvement Fund, please mark your check accordingly and send your donations to Nancy Plote, 411 S. Malta Rd, Malta, IL 60150

HELP MIDWEST MISSION DISTRIBUTION CENTER / URGENT NEEDS!

Liquid Laundry Detergent 32-64 oz. - Colored Pencil - 12 Pack - Liquid Household Cleaner 16-40 Oz. - Scissors - Student Size - Liquid Dish Soap 14-32 Oz. - Bleached Lumber to make desks - Blankets – Can be gently used - Rulers 12” long with metric - Toothpaste – 2.5 oz. or larger.

The Midwest Mission Distribution Center will also accept any MMDC Kits, treadle sewing machines, gently used tools, new or slightly used medical supplies and equipment.

They will also accept a financial contribution. Send checks to Midwest Mission Distribution Center at 1001 Mission Drive, Pawnee, IL 62558.

Check out their web page: umcnic.org/2022MissionChallenge

SALVATION ARMY FOOD PANTRY (IS IN NEED OF FOOD)! You are welcome to bring Non-Perishable food anytime throughout the year for the Salvation Army Food Pantry. Place it in the box in the narthex marked “FOOD PANTRY”. The Salvation Army appreciates all you give.

HELPING OUR KIDS at Malta Elementary School

The school supplies needed are: boxes of crayons with 24 colors, glue sticks, boxes of #2 pencils, boxes of Kleenex, 3 ring binders, plastic school folders, black dry erase markers, scissors (for younger and older children), and boxes of regular colored markers (I believe they come in boxes of 8 colors). Also, a donation of a new stocking hat, pair of gloves, or mittens would be wonderful (hand-made mittens and hats are also okay), as long as they are new.

Special need: Children’s Underwear



1	BRIAN FUCILLA
3	NORMA HOPKINS GERALD MCARTOR
5	RODNEY HUEBER
7	MARY LOU HUEBER
10	ELISA JO PIQUETT
11	MARCIA HUEBER
14	TIM CARTER
16	JACOB MCARTOR
17	PAUL BUTLER
22	BRAD GARRETT
25	STEVE SANDBERG