



MALTA UNITED



Methodist Church

hello August 2021



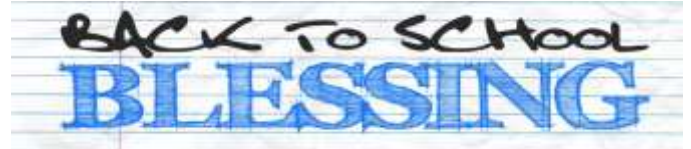
PASTOR JEREMIAH'S MESSAGE

When my family is watching TV, often the tastes of the children and the parent aren't the same. So, one of the compromises we often settle on is a nature show about animals. From the time I was young I've loved animals, and found the diversity of life incredible. Humans and animals have always been closely tied, and the scriptures reflect that.

Throughout the bible in the old and new testaments animals, sometimes domestic, sometimes wild, help tell the story of what God is doing in our world. Sometimes, aspects of life and faith are compared to animals. Sometimes the animals themselves are central to the story, often under the inspiration of God.

For the month of August we are starting a new sermon series called simply, "The Animals." We will, together, look at how animals appear in scripture, and how they help reminds us of some of the aspects of God's love for us shown to us through Jesus Christ. So, let's see what the animals of the bible have to say to us this month.

In Christ,
Pastor Jeremiah



The DeKalb School district will be returning to classes on Wednesday, August 18. On the preceding Sunday, August 15th, we will be having a back-to-school blessing during our 9:00 AM worship service for students, and anyone employed by the schools. We will have a small gift for everyone, and a prayer asking for a safe and wonderful year of education and friendship. All students, teachers, and staff of all ages are invited to join us. So spread the word and join us for Back-To-School Blessing Sunday.

CLUSTER



YOUTH GROUP

The churches of our Hub Cluster, including Chana, Rochelle, Reynolds, Steward, and our own Malta, will be collaborating on a Youth Group, and a series of "Adventures."

Starting **September 19**, and then twice a month we will be meeting for an outing each month and then for bible study, discussions, and community.

All Youth sixth grade and up are invited to join us, as we all learn more about faith in Jesus Christ, and have a lot of fun doing it!

If you'd like more information talk to
Pastor Jeremiah.

COFFEE

with **Pastor Jeremiah**

Now that restaurants are back open and allow seating, Pastor Jeremiah is going to be starting again with Saturday gatherings at Martha's here in Malta. He will be at Martha's the 3rd Saturday of each month from 8-10 a.m. Join pastor for breakfast, conversation, and maybe a short devotional. All ages welcome!

I hope you can join us!



Guidelines are recommended by the DeKalb County Health Department to be used for our Coffee Hours as we resume our fellowship time after worship service. A copy of the guidelines is posted in the kitchen for you to follow.



MALTA /AREA MILITARY MEN AND WOMEN CURRENTLY SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Almburg, Brett
Bakken, Benjamin P.
Bakken, Monique
Builta, Andy
Clark, Ben
Clark, Kerry
Howe, Chase
Hoyle, Steve
Johnson, Brett &
Johnson, Samantha
Madsen, Jeff

Nelson, Michael
Norman, Jacob
Page, Greg
Peterson, Eric
Ritter, Matt
Swink, Ashley
West, Jonathon M.
West, Lawrence R.
Wilson, Kim
Woodyatt, John M.
Yedinak, Pete



Send Cards & Letters (anytime) to the Troops,

Send them to:

**Support Our Troops
13791 N. Nebraska Avenue
Tampa, FL 33613.**



Pastor Jeremiah will be gone from Thursday, August 5 through Monday, August 9. We will have Marcia Hueber on **Sunday, August 8th** as our Guest Speaker.



CONTACT: Rev. Megan Thompson at
(217) 418-8354 or email her at:
mecthmpsn@gmail.com while
Pastor Jeremiah is gone from August 5-9th.



CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS:

Our Capital Improvement Fund has spent \$25,000 to pay for the new AC Unit installed in our church, and \$10,725 for windows that have been ordered for the Parsonage. We hope the windows will be installed by late summer. As these bills come in for the parsonage windows and other church maintenance projects, we will be urging more Capital Improvement Fund donations.

Thank you for your support.

Next Church Council Meeting: Monday, August 2nd
Finance 7:00 pm / Church Council 7:30 pm

Church Council Committee:

Pastor Jeremiah Thompson

Church Council Chair: Ed Cheek

Secretary of CC: Sue Augustine

Church Finance: Bill Augustine

Church Financial Secretary: Nancy Plote

**Send all monies & donations to
Nancy Plote at 411 S. Malta Road,
Malta, IL 60150**

Church Treasure: Kevin McArtor

Lay Leader Delegate: Jodi Slade

Alternate Lay Delegate: Mary Lynn McArtor

Church Education: Kitty Jouris

Ruth Hueber



**We are looking for people to
volunteer to help in the Nursery.**

Please sign up! Also we hope to have more people use our nursery, so let the families with young children in our community know. Please note: Volunteering in the nursery or with any children or youth in the church will require you to have a background check done. We are contracted with a company that provides this service at a greatly discounted rate to the churches in our annual conference. There is no cost to you, but it is a requirement for all volunteers.

**The sign-up sheet for Nursery Attendants is on the
table in the narthex. We need Nursery Attendants
for August & September. Please sign-up if you can
help.**



Malta UMC Lay Leadership

Church Council Chair: Ed Cheek

Board of Trustees Chair: Tom Plote

Committee of Finance & Stewardship Chair:

Bill Augustine

Staff, Pastor & Parish Relations Chair:

Marcia Hueber

Worship Ministries Chair: Jodi Slade

Mission & Outreach Chair: Mary Lynn McArtor

Christian Education Chair: Kitty Jouris

Membership Care Chair: Sue Augustine

Committee on Lay Leadership Chair:

Pastor Jeremiah

Committee on Records & History Chair:

Marilyn Berg

**If you are interested in joining one of these
groups, please contact the Chair.
They would love to hear from you!**





TODAY'S SISTERS NEWS

They are planning to meet in September – hopefully at Oak Crest.



MIDWEST MISSION DISTRIBUTION CENTER TOP NEEDS".

"PERSONAL DIGNITY KITS"

NEEDED: Toothpaste – 2.5 oz. or larger, Wash Clothes (Bath), Hand Towels (Bath)

"HOMECARE KITS"

NEEDED: Liquid Laundry Detergent – 32-64 oz., Dish Soap – 16-34 oz., Liquid Household Cleaner – 16-40 oz. (No Spray).

"MEDICAL EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES"

NEEDED: Folding walkers, crutches, canes, wheelchairs, shower chairs, and othopedic supplies.

"LAYETTE KITS"

NEEDED: Onesies, Donations of \$2 for Diaper Cream, Cloth Diapers (sewing instructions are on the website), Receiving Blankets – 28" by 28" or 32" by 32" (store bought or handmade).

"STUDENT KITS"

NEEDED: Box of 12 Colored Pencils and Rulers.

"SEWING MACHINES"

NEEDED: Electric and Treadle

Please bring your items to the church and put them in the Midwest Missionn box in the narthex.



Remember to use this email address when emailing something to the church:

maltaumc@outlook.com



BIRTHDAYS

2	Cody Hunt
13	Katie Hueber
14	Florence Butler Nancy Plote
20	Owen Thompson
24	Steve Boyden, Larry Peterson
27	Dave Fenstermaker
29	Annika Hueber



NO 4H Meetings in
JULY & AUGUST

ACTION GROUPS

FOR FELLOWSHIP/COFFEE TIME



APRIL 2022 / **AUGUST 2021** / DECEMBER 2021

Co-Chairs:

Jouris, Kitty & Frank 815-751-3238
Vint, Vicky & Larry 815-751-5178

Abbott, Joanne & Dennis 815-825-2563
 Arndt, Noel 815-751-0404
 Augustine, Sue & Bill 815-762-5553
 Butler, Florence & Paul 815-761-4788
 Glen, Stella 815-761-2302
 Hill, Rachel & Jason 630-441-0585
 Hueber, Ruth 815-764-9932
 Kyler, Shirley 815-751-2435
 Schafer, Sandy 815-825-2364
 Thompson, Pastor Jeremiah 815-592-3764
 Willrett, Hope & Gene Hickey 815-901-8486

MAY / **SEPTEMBER 2021** / JANUARY 2022

Co-Chairs:

Sandberg, Terry & Steve 815-762-1035
McArtor, Mary Lynn & Jerry 815-751-3658
Plote, Nancy & Tom 815-751-2925

Burlison, Beth 815-384-3284
 Cheek, Ed & Becky 815-761-0696
 Langley, Mary 815-384-3333
 Lynch, Connie 815-825-2722
 Sandberg, Carol & Del 815-761-1254
 Sandberg, Sheli 630-677-7900
 Vaughn, Sue 815-762-5414
 Willrett, Donna 815-825-2870



CHILDREN'S Sunday School

**GIVING ALL YOU PARENTS A HEADS-UP
 TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**SEPTEMBER 12TH CHILDREN'S
 SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS**

Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

Children ages 3yrs to 8th grade
 are welcome to join us!

**September 12th is also Grandparent's Day
 at Church – get your Grandchildren excited
 to learn more about Jesus!!!!**



Mark Your Calendars: Wednesday, September 8th

Prayer Group will be moved to 6:30 p.m. and
 Choir Practice begins at 7:00 p.m.





MIDWEST MISSION



"BRICK BY BRICK 2021" **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN"**

The DREAM: Heaters for the Warehouse Oil & Chip Driveway

Thanks to your gifts for the Brick By Brick Campaign last year, we were able to build a much-needed office addition and upgrade the lighting on the entire campus.

The Brick By Brick Campaign is designated for upgrades to the campus and equipment to continue to sustain and grow this ministry. God is paving the way for miracles to happen in our midst because of your generous hearts.

**Midwest Mission Distribution Center,
1001 Mission Drive, Pawnee, IL 62558**



THE PERFECT CHURCH

If you should find the perfect church
without fault or smear
For goodness sake, don't join that church
you'd spoil the atmosphere.
If you should find the perfect church
where all anxieties cease
then pass it by lest
joining it you mar the masterpiece.
If you should find the perfect church
then don't you dare to tread upon such holy
ground, you'd be a misfit there.
But since no perfect church exists
made of imperfect men
then let's cease looking for that church
and love the church we're in.
Of course it's not a perfect church
that's simple to discern
but you and I and all of us
could cause the tide to turn.
What fools we are to flee our past
in that unfruitful search to find at last
where problems loom
God proudly builds his church.
So let's keep working in our church during this
time of transition and someday by God's grace
we'll join heaven's church without an imperfection!



"YEAH, BUT ALL WE HAVE TO SELL
IS ONE GLASS!"



Upper Room Devotionals

Upper Rooms are available on the narthex table for **July/August**. I can also mail one to you! Just call the church office at (815) 825-2118 or email:

maltaumc@outlook.com

You glow girl!



FOR AUGUST

- 1 Harry & Marilyn Berg
- 8 Paul & Florence Butler
- 15 Tom & Nancy Plote
- 22 Hope Willrett & Gene Hickey
- 29 Matt & Annika Anderson



LITURGISTS FOR AUGUST

- 1 Vicke Heins
- 8 Ruth Hueber
- 15 Denny Heins
- 22 (TBA)
- 29 Ed Cheek



Thursday, August 26th

The Seedling Committee of Malta is having **Music in the Park from 6:00-8:00 p.m.**



featuring "Burn N Bush."



A BIG "THANK YOU" from UMCOR – for your gift in supporting Global Ministries and Missionaries Around the World.

Together, may we continue to reveal the love of God for men, women, and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national backgrounds and to demonstrate the healing power of the gospel with those who suffer.



I want to thank everyone who sent a card, made a phone call, but especially your prayers.

The friends I have at Malta UMC are many and have always been supportive of me, and I thank the Lord for your concern and encouragement.

I spent 8 weeks away from my wife and family and I was in 3 different hospitals. Your cards of best wishes helped get me through the rough times.

Again, I say thank you in the most sincere way.

The Lord's blessings to all,

John Hansen



2021

FALL



SUPPER

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH

4:30-6:30 P.M.

Drive-thru ONLY (like in 2020)

Tickets will be dispersed later in September.

***Help Wanted!**

Please contact:

**Jodi Slade or Jacque Fucilla
with questions/concerns.**

**Also let them know if you are
available to help out.**





AUGUST 2021

Vicke, Admin. Asst. Hours: M-W-Th 8:00 – 12:00 p.m.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 10 TH Sunday after Pentecost With COMMUNION	2 Church Council 7:30p.m. Finance 7pm	3	4 Prayer Group 7:00 p.m.	5	6	7
Pastor Jeremiah gone 8/5-8/9						
8 11 th Sunday after Pentecost Guest Speaker: Marcia Hueber	9	10 Pastor Back	11 Prayer Group 7:00 p.m.	12 NO 4H in August	13	14
Pastor Jeremiah gone 8/5-8/9						
15 12 th Sunday after Pentecost BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSINGS SUNDAY! (Teachers, helpers, kids and backpacks)	16 Worship Committee Mtg. 6:30 p.m. in person	17	18 Prayer Group 7:00 p.m.	19	20	21 Coffee with Pastor at Martha's 8-10 a.m.
22 13 th Sunday after Pentecost	23	24	25 Prayer Group 7:00 p.m.	26 Music in the Park 6-8pm	27	28
29 14 th Sunday after Pentecost	30	31				



**IN CASE OF
EMERGENCY**

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Office Hours

Mon – Wed – Thurs 8-Noon.

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