

MALTA UNITED



Methodist Church

AUGUST 2023



THOMPSON, Jeremiah
Pastor

PASTOR JEREMIAH'S MESSAGE

When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child... I Corinthians 13:11a

When I was a child, I had this idea that at a certain age I would know everything I needed to know. I thought that when someone became a "grownup" they suddenly knew all they needed to know, and how to do everything. As a kid, I didn't understand that it was okay that I didn't know everything as a child. The reality, of course, is that no one knows everything and no one is an expert in all matters. It's not a character flaw that kids don't know all they will learn, or that people don't know everything, nor how to do everything.

To be a lifelong learner, to grow and learn new skills and things as long as we live, is something the Bible praises. I've seen people continue to learn new things throughout their lives. Perhaps they learn a new skill or craft. Perhaps they read up on and learn about some new field, the possibilities are endless. As the local students of all ages; the teachers, staff, and bus drivers all return to their school year hours in August, we are going to start a new sermon series called "Teach me your ways, O Lord," taken from Psalm 86 and 25. In this sermon series, we will think about how the Bible offers us wisdom and guidance so that we can continue to learn and grow in our faith. our whole lives long.

How, through the *Bible*, your prayer life, and more, is God continuing to teach you day by day?

Blessings, Pastor Jeremiah

PASTOR JEREMIAH ON VACATION

August 4th – 7th

August 6th / Lay Leaders doing Worship



SUNDAY, AUGUST 13TH

IN CASE OF
EMERGENCY

AUGUST 4 – 7TH Pastor will be gone!

Pastor Jon Crail – DeKalb 1st UMC

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At our normal 11:00 AM Worship Service on August 13th, we will have our special yearly Back to School Blessing for all students (of all ages); teachers, staff, bus drivers, school volunteers, and everyone else connected to our local schools. School resumes for our school district on August 17, so this blessing will be on the last Sunday of Summer Vacation. We will have a special prayer, and a gift for all the students and others connected to the schools. Please invite your

friends, neighbors, the children in your family,
teachers, and others to join us!

Spread The Word



ACTION GROUPS

FOR FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE TIME.

APRIL 2022 / **AUGUST 2023** / DECEMBER 2021

Co-Chairs:

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| Jouris, Kitty & Frank | 815-751-3238 |
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MAY/**SEPTEMBER 2022**/JANUARY 2023

Co-Chairs:

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| Sandberg, Terry & Steve | 815-762-1035 |
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| Sandberg, Sheli | 630-677-7900 |
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| Tucker, Joan | 815-981-6209 |
| Willrett, Donna | 815-825-2870 |



TODAY'S SISTERS NEWS

Today's Sisters meets
Thursday, August 17th
at 9:30 a.m. at Oak Crest



Roast Beef Dinner

Saturday, November 4th

*More details to follow as we get closer to the date!



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

maltaumc@outlook.com



AUGUST

9TH FRANK & KITTY JOURIS

(WOODHOOD! 60 YEARS)



AT 10:30-BEFORE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11:00 A.M.

AUGUST

BIRTHDAYS

| | |
|----|--------------------------------|
| 2 | Cody Hunt |
| 11 | Zachary Piquett |
| 13 | Katie Hueber |
| 14 | Florence Butler Nancy Plote |
| 20 | Owen Thompson |
| 24 | Steve Boyden Larry Peterson |
| 27 | Dave Fenstermaker |
| 29 | Annika Hueber |

HELPING HANDS HELPING OUR KIDS

at Malta Elementary School

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).



Thursday, AUGUST 17TH 6-8 P.M.

BOSSY DOG

and Tinez Taco Food Truck

Bring lawn chairs.



MALTA /AREA MILITARY MEN AND WOMEN CURRENTLY SERVING OUR COUNTRY

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Almburg, Brett | Norman, Jacob |
| Bakken, Benjamin P. | Nunez, John |
| Bakken, Monique | Nunez, Nicolas |
| Builta, Andy | Page, Greg |
| Clark, Ben | Peterson, Eric |
| Clark, Kerry | Ritter, Matt |
| Howe, Chase | Swink, Ashley |
| Hoyle, Steve | Tucker, Bryan J. |
| Johnson, Brett & Mrs. | West, Jonathon M. |
| Johnson, Samantha. | Wilson, Kim |
| Madsen, Jeff | Woodyatt, John M. |
| Nelson, Michael | Yedinak, Pete |



Send Cards & Letters (anytime) to the Troops,

Send them to:

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



MALTA MOVIE / CRUISE NIGHT

at "OLD SCHOOL PIZZA"
Saturday, AUGUST 19TH at 8:00pm
Back To The Future" (pg)



Bring lawn chairs.



CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS:

Next Meeting: Monday, August 7TH

Finance 7:00 p.m. / Church Council 7:30 p.m.



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 Mission box in the narthex.



“FOOD PANTRY”

Your are welcome to bring Non-Perishable Food anytime throughout the year for the Salvation Army Food Pantry. Place your items in the box in the narthex marked “Food Pantry.”



Mark Your Calendars: **Wednesday, September 6th**

Choir Practice **BEGINS** at 7:00 p.m.



FOR AUGUST

- 6 Denny & Vicke Heins
- 13 Frank & Kitty Jouris
- 20 Harry & Marilyn Berg
- 27 Marcia Hueber



**NO 4H Meetings in
JULY & AUGUST**



Letter from our Missionaries Lowell & Claudia Wertz

Joy in the Harvest

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Dear Friends,

Prayer is a great mystery to me. Never really having studied it, I was amazed by a *Wikipedia* article. It seems that for all of history and before, people have been praying. Prayer takes on hundreds of forms. One of Jesus disciples said, "Lord teach us to pray". Jesus taught prayer by example and with words.

My parents were relatively new Christians, but they were strong in their faith. We prayed at every meal and often before a long car trip. My father's prayers revealed a humble and worshipful spirit in the man I loved so much.

One of my earliest prayers was when my mother helped me pray to accept the Lord Jesus as my Savior. My prayer as a young child opened the gate of heaven and set the course for my life.

My prayer life has been all over the place. In my youth I cried myself to sleep many nights praying for my grandfather's salvation. Another intense prayer of mine happened as a brand-new pilot trying to land on a narrow African dirt strip in the middle of a huge storm. With no forward visibility, I prayed at the top of my lungs screaming over the sounds of the engine and rain. The Holy Spirit filled the cockpit and the landing was perfect.

My mother used to say (playing off of Einstein's famous thought, "there is no such thing as an atheist in a foxhole") that "there is no such thing as an atheist with a belly ache". Maybe, for me, there is no one answer about how and when to pray. I find myself reluctant to pray for my own health issues. I feel God knows and I can just trust Him completely. Sometimes I am in a constant state of prayer, praying my way through my day and life.

If the roots of our spiritual tree are faith, then prayers must be the flowers -- beautiful and divine. Prayer communication with the Father is welcomed by Him and a comforting reassurance to us. We pray because we need and love God. And He wants to hear from us. Our prayers are heard in heaven.

Love,

Lowell + Claudia



WORKERS FOR THE HARVEST

Don and Sarah Reed are two of God's choicest people.

Starting in ministry in 1985, they became full time missionaries in 1989 when they founded *Open Door Enterprises*. Their emphasis is to involve youth in mission work and to support other mission groups with big projects. *Open Door Enterprises* put the roof on our Community Center building.



Don and Sarah Reed of
Open Door Enterprises.

Don is an expert water well driller and has imported professional grade equipment to do the job. They have drilled water wells all over the Kigoma region, including at our house and ministry site!

Joy in the Harvest has worked with the Reeds for many years. In addition to working in Tanzania, they have work in DR Congo and in Brazil. We treasure their friendship. ✕



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Monday, JUNE 26 – Thursday 29, 2023
from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

HERO CENTRAL

Discover your strength in God!

We had approximately 25 kids
and we all had a great time!!

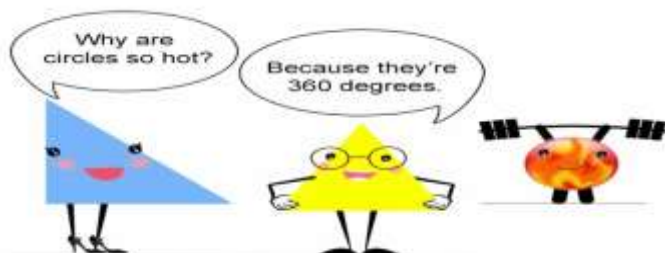




THE PERFECT CHURCH

Kids Jokes

Why didn't the two 4's feel like dinner?
Because they already 8.



**What's the difference between
a grape and an elephant?**
Grapes are purple!



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!



Sunday, July 9th

during 11 a.m. Worship Service
we had a

“Triple Baptism”



Great seeing all these people in church!



Mark Male, Monaco Family & sponsors



Mark
Male



Dominic
Monaco



Mia
Monaco



Mia & Pastor Jeremiah

JAZZ CELEBRATION IN THE PARK **for John Hansen**

He was Honored on Sunday, July 9th in the park for is many years of dedication & service in teaching music to his students in Malta.



John Hansen



Grandson, Pete



John Jr., Son

ANOTHER MEMBER OF Malta UMC's
Church Family was honored for his
60 Years of Dedication to Refereeing



DENNY HEINS

Football, Basketball, Volleyball and Softball
by the IL High School Association (IHSA) in
Bloomington, IL on Saturday, July 8th.



2023

Vicke, Admin. Asst. Hours: M-W-Th 8:00 – Noon

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRI | SATURDAY |
|--|---|---------|---|--|---|----------|
| WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11:00 A.M. Fellowship at 10:30 a.m. | | 1 | 2 Prayer & Fellowship 6:30 PM In-Person or Zoom | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 10 TH Sunday after Pentecost NO COMMUNION Lay Leaders doing Worship | 7 Finance 7:00 PM Church Council 7:30PM | 8 | 9 Prayer & Fellowship 6:30 PM In-Person or Zoom | 10 NO 4H | PASTOR JEREMIAH ON VACATION- AUG 4TH – 7TH | |
| 13 11 th Sunday after Pentecost COMMUNION THIS SUNDAY “Back To School Blessing” Oak Crest 3:30 p.m. | 14 | 15 | 16 Prayer & Fellowship 6:30 PM In-Person or Zoom | 17 Today’s Sisters at Oak Crest 9:30 AM | 18 | 19 |
| 20 12 th Sunday after Pentecost | 21 | 22 | 23 Prayer & Fellowship 6:30 PM In-Person or Zoom | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 13 th Sunday after Pentecost | 28 Worship Meeting 7PM on Zoom | 29 | 30 Prayer & Fellowship 6:30 PM In-Person or Zoom | 31 | | |



Emergency Contact: while Pastor Jeremiah is gone from August 4th -7th.

Pastor Jonathan Crail

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP ON FACEBOOK LIVE”

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064535808978>

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaTuaLy5_NRRJXIOWhQf9ag



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