MALTA UNITED



Methodist Church July 2022

PASTOR JEREMIAH'S MESSAGE

To everything thing there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

As a kid, I really didn't like summer all that much. I mean I liked being out of school and sleeping late, but the heat of July wasn't my favorite. I didn't like being hot and sweaty, particularly when we lived in a house without central AC. I didn't like mosquitoes, and I frankly had a horrific experience with chiggers when I was 8, and I knew they were out in the summer but not the cool months. All in all, I couldn't see why we needed summer, spring and particularly fall seemed so much better.

I know now we need the heat, even the humidity to help the corn grow, and the tomatoes, peppers, and cucumbers in my garden. We need the long daylight to help all the plants we rely on to store up their energy for the winter. We even need all the bugs, as many of them help pollinate and provide the food for many of the birds I dearly love. Summer is a vital time of year, when in a sense, everything grows as fast as it can, so that there will be enough energy and food for when the snow flies.

In our world there are many things that are unfamiliar to us, and sometimes even uncomfortable, not unlike a sweltering summer day. Yet some of these unfamiliar, even uncomfortable things bring great blessing to many, sometimes even to us. God invites us to see the world in all its complexity and to see how blessings come in unexpected places. May we this month, every month, open our eyes to see the blessings all around us, even those we may not realize are blessings at first.

May it be so, in Jesus' Name, Amen.



SATURDAY, JULY 9[™] at "THE JUNCTION" in DEKALB from 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Join Pastor Jeremiah for breakfast and conversation, for time to talk about life, faith, and anything else. All ages welcome, and bring a friend.



New Annual Conference Policy

There is a New Annual Conference Policy to ensure all those who work with children (and vulnerable adults, though we don't have any ministries specifically with that group at this time) have to go through the Safe
Gatherings Training to prevent any sexual, physical, or verbal abuse of vulnerable people.

<u>Training cost is \$35.75</u>. All those working with children need to do this training, it can be done online, or there will be in-person/Zoom events later this summer. I propose the following if you can pay the cost of the training out of pocket feel free to do so and we can get it as a donation to the church for tax purposes. If you cannot pay the fee out of pocket (or if you are an employee of the church, so Joan, Vicke, and myself) the church can pay for the registration fee. <u>Training must be done by August 31, 2022</u>. Contact Pastor Jeremiah at (815) 592-3764 to sign-up.

CONTRACTIONS

To the Grandson of Shirley Kyler

Jhandu Kyler Pankwar

Graduated from Waterloo, IA

High School in June!



Habitat for Humanity is building a house at 406 S. 4th Street in MALTA!!! They will begin inviting volunteers to help build the house on July 9th. They work on Saturdays from 8-3 p.m. and provide lunch. For more information please call Teresa Bossert at (815) 347-4424.



MALTA /AREA MILITARY MEN AND WOMEN CURRENTLY SERVING OUR COUNTRY

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

Norman, Jacob Nunez, John Nunez, Nicolas Page, Greg Peterson, Eric Ritter, Matt Swink, Ashley Tucker, Bryan J. West, Jonathon M. Wilson, Kim Woodyatt, John M. Yedinak, Pete



Send Cards & Letters (anytime) to the Troops,

Send them to: No Support Our Troops
13791 N. Nebraska Avenue
Tampa, FL 33613.







AD COUNCIL NEWS:

Next Meeting: Monday, August 1st Finance 7:00 pm / AD Council 7:30 pm

AD Council Committee:

Pastor Jeremiah Thompson Church Council Chair: Ed Cheek Trustees Chair: Tom Plote

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 Treasurer: Kevin McArtor Lay Leader Delegate: Jodi Slade

Alternate Lay Delegate: Mary Lynn McArtor

Church Education: Kitty Jouris

Ruth Hueber



A huge "Thank You" to all who participated in our Malta Days Auction on Sunday, June 12th. Whether you donated items to the auction, bought items, or <u>tried</u> to buy, your support and generosity is greatly appreciated. With many of our repeat "famous" items and several new items of interest, our auction made just over \$6,700 profit for our church, a great accomplishment! God blessed us with a beautiful, sunny afternoon and the spirits of our donors and bidders soared. We had a great group of church friends also trying to win some of the wonderful items that were donated.

Thank you to Kevin and Denice McArtor and Tom and Nancy Plote for providing tables, arranging the items, and assisting Andrew with the auction on Sunday in our absence.

Special thanks goes to Andrew Almburg of Almburg Auctioneering for donating his services to our cause. Andrew truly enjoys coming to Malta Days and helping our church with the FUNdraiser. None of us could get the bids he pulls out of the crowd. Thanks also to the Village of Malta for giving us the opportunity to participate in Malta Days.

Bill & Sue Augustine

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!





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 us

at: maltaumc@outlook.com



	JULY
1	Mark Madsen
2	Vicke Heins
5	Matt Anderson
	Alice Quincer
6	Hailey Dickman
	Sidney Dickman
7	Jacob Willrett
10	Matt Plote
11	Niki Rempfer
12	Amy Hueber
15	Darla Arndt
19	Pat Siebrasse
21	Marlin Anderson
24	Randy Willrett
29	Connie Boyden
31	Jordan (Mattis) Simusa







HELP MIDWEST MISSION DISTRIBUTION CENTER MISSION CHALLENGE COLLECTION DRIVE. 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.
- Bleacher 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



NO CHOIR PRACTICE FOR THE SUMMER

STARTS AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER



3^{PD} Sue Augustine 17th Ed Cheek
10th Bill Augustine 24th Ruth Hueber
31st Denny Heins



HELPING OUR KIDS AT MALTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Below is a list of supplies and items we can donate to help the children of our Malta Elementary School. We will have a collection box for theses items in the narthex of the church.

School supplies NEEDED:

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).



IFOR MIDWEST MISSION DISTRIBUTION CENTER

for Malta UMC's generous donations of laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, bars of soap, orthopedic boots, layette blankets and onesies at the Illinois Annual Conference. Each donation is a blessing God uses to bless you and others.

It is due to your generosity and partnership with Midwest Mission that we can touch so many lives for Christ around the world and around the corner.



TODAY'S SISTERS

meets on Thursday, July 21st 9:00 a.m. at Malta UMC.

Hostess: Sue Augustine
Bring devotions & take Minutes:
Ruth Hueber & Stella Glenn



THANK YOU

TODAY'S SISTERS

for your gift of \$50. Your very generous donation allows us to continue serving our community throughout the year to come.



For JULY & AUGUST

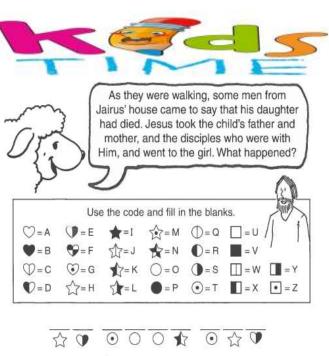
July 3	Mary Langley
July 10	Sue Vaughn
July 17	Ed & Becky Cheek
July 24	Carol Sandberg
July 31	Frank & Kitty Jouris

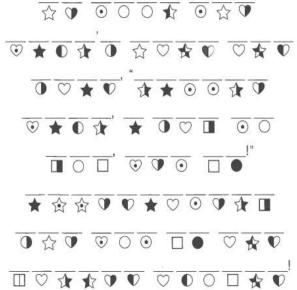
August 7	Mary Langley
August 14	Sue Vaughn
August 21	Carol Sandberg
August 28	Frank & Kitty Jouris



10th ED & BECKY CHEEK (40 Years)

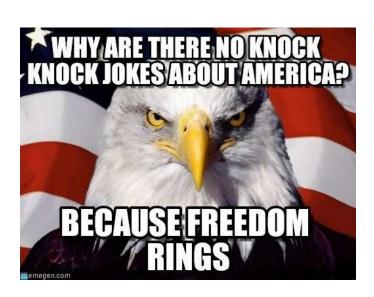
13™ DOUG & DAWN COOK (20 Years)





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ACTION GROUPS

FOR FELLOWSHIP/COFFEE TIME



MARCH 2022 / JULY 2022 / NOVEMBER 2021

Co-Chairs: Heins, Vicke & Denny Hueber, Marcia	July 10 th July 24 th		
Anderson, Ann & Marlin	815-825-2695		
Berg, Marilyn & Harry	July 31 st		
Davison, Verna	815-756-2008		
Fenstermaker, Katie & David	417-291-2031		
Hopkins, Norma	815-751-1454		
Hunt, Brenda & Jay	815-762-9845		
Jordal, Linda & Jerry	815-601-6262		
Quincer, Alice & Jim Siebrasse, Pat& Marcia Hueber	July 17 th July 03 rd		

APRIL 2022 / AUGUST 2022 / DECEMBER 2021

Co-Chairs: Jouris, Kitty & Frank Vint, Vicky & Larry	815-751-3238 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			



Saturday, July 9 Firefighter's Street Dance at Remingtons.

Thursday, July 21 MUSIC IN THE PARK Silvercreek Band & Hicks BBQ

Thursday, August 18 MUSIC IN THE PARK
Hitman Rock Band and
Dirty Bird Food Truck

Saturday, September 24 GARLAND FEST
Lions Club Pancake Breakfast at Old School Pizza





Roast Beef Dinner Saturday, November 5th

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



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

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4th of July Fruit Pizza (12 Servings)

1 pkg. (16.5 oz.) refrigerated sliceable sugar cookies, sliced

1 pkg. (8 oz.) PHILADELPHIA Cream Cheese, softened

1/4 cup sugar

1/2 tsp. vanilla

1 cup sliced strawberries

2/3 cup blueberries

2/3 cup raspberries

1/2 cup blackberries

JULY 24TH "PARENTS DAY" at CHURCH

BRIING YOUR GRANDKIDS & THEIR PARENTS!



"If you're ever headed the wrong way in life, n member the road to Heaven allows U-turns."



2022 ANNUAL CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS



LIFELINES: July Maita U.M. Church submitted by Alternate Delegate: Mary Lynn McArtor

Lay Member Report to Congregation of 2022 NIA Conference Highlights

The 183rd Northern Illinois Annual Conference was held June 8 – 10, 2022 after a 3 year absence from gathering. It was well organized and the days were filled with worship, business, Bible Study, Memorial service, Retirement and Ordination ceremonies. We were assigned to tables and had opportunity during sessions for table talk with other lay & clergy. Each registered member was assigned to a legislative group to discuss and vote on whether to send the 3 items to the Consent Calendar or make appropriate amendments. My group sent them to the Consent calendar for vote of all delegates.

Laity met for 90 minutes in a packed room Wednesday morning,, prior to opening session. Speakers from each New District spoke of the leadership groups of Laity members and some programs upcoming in the Conference. Malta is in the Prairie South District with District Superintendent Brian Gilbert. Midwest Mission Distribution Center were at the Conference Center with truck on Wednesday and Thursday to receive items brought from congregations in Northern Illinois Conference. I took the donations the first day and delivered them during lunch break. The items will be distributed through the Midwest Mission Distribution Center where they are most needed.

The Memorial Service was Wednesday afternoon honoring and remembering clergy, spouses & lay members who have passed since the last gathering. Interim Bishop John L .Hopkins presided over all the meetings; Shepherding Team members who shared information about other churches in the Conference with emphasis on the #BeUMC. (Encouraging Christians & Methodist, that we all are Disciples for Jesus Christ and ALL GOD's people are worthy of being loved.

Thursday, the Retirement Service opened the session by celebrating 16 retirees with a combined 364 years of service. The day included a vote on the Consent Calendar which passed. Bishop Hopkins delivered his Episcopal Address asking if we are ready for a "spiritual awakening." He said" Can we let the Holy Spirit of Pentecost weave us together and join with others to spread scriptural holiness across the nation? Are you ready to go? Let's do it!" he is a very inspiring speaker and keeps focus on our purpose.

In the afternoon, we had Bible Study with Rev. Jane Easley focusing on the story of the Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch in Acts 8:26-40. The Laity Address delivered by the NIC Co-Lay leader Eugene Williams followed the theme of the Conference "Connected in Christ."

I was unable to attend the Friday session but highlights were the vote to accept the budget for 2023 totaling \$6,073,450 –a decrease of \$82,036 from 2022. The Ordination and Commissioning Service in the afternoon closed the Annual Conference. Next year the Conference dates are June 6-8 and returning to the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center

Malta congregation also donated funds to the Bishop's Appeal for efforts through UMCOR. The churches and individuals across Northern Illinois Conference responded with overwhelming generosity. A total of \$275,000 was collected to help support Ukraine through Global Ministries. Pastor Jeremiah Thompson was confirmed for his third year appointment to Malta U.M. church





SUNDAY	Mon	TUE	WED	Thurs	FRI	SAT
Communion on 1 st <u>Sunday</u> of each month.					1	2
3 4 th Sunday after Pentecost with Communion	4 Indicandence One	5	6 Prayer Group 6:30 p.m. in-person/zoom No Choir Practice		8	PASTOR at The Junction in DeKalb 8:30-9:30 a.m.
10 5 th Sunday after Pentecost	11	12	13 Prayer Group 6:30 p.m. in-person/zoom No Choir Practice	NO 4H Meetings In JULY or AUGUST	15	16
17 6 th Sunday after Pentecost Fellowship Hall Reserved today: 11:00 – 3:00 p.m. Hueber Reunion	18	19	20 Prayer Group 6:30 p.m. in-person/zoom No Choir Practice	Z1 Today's Sisters 9:00 a.m.	22	23
7 th Sunday after Pentecost Fellowship Following	25	26	27 Prayer Group 6:30 p.m. in-person/zoom No Choir Practice	28	29	30
31 8 th Sunday after Pentecost						



4^h of JULY - INDEPENDENCE DAY: Independence Day is a civil holiday set aside to celebrate the anniversary of the birth and beginnings of national independence on the 4th of July. It is observed as a legal federal holiday in the United States to commemorate the 1776 adoption of Declaration of Independence.

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