

# MALTA UNITED



## Methodist Church

July 2022



### PASTOR JEREMIAH'S MESSAGE

*To everything 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<sup>TH</sup> 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.

Training cost is \$35.75. 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, Vickie, and myself) the church can pay for the registration fee. **Training must be done by August 31, 2022.** Contact Pastor Jeremiah at (815) 592-3764 to sign-up.

CONGRATULATIONS



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. 4<sup>th</sup> Street in MALTA!!! They will begin inviting volunteers to help build the house on July 9<sup>th</sup>. 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  
Bulta, 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:



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



WHY ARE TROOPS  
always so  
happy?  
They eat whatever bugs them.



### **AD COUNCIL NEWS:**

Next Meeting: Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup>  
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 12<sup>th</sup>. Whether you donated items to the auction, bought items, or tried 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](mailto:maltaumc@outlook.com)





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



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



**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](http://umcnic.org/2022MissionChallenge)



**NO CHOIR PRACTICE  
FOR THE SUMMER**

STARTS AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER



**FOR JULY**

**3<sup>RD</sup>** Sue Augustine    **17<sup>TH</sup>** Ed Cheek  
**10<sup>TH</sup>** Bill Augustine    **24<sup>TH</sup>** Ruth Hueber  
**31<sup>ST</sup>** 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 these 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).**



**from 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 21<sup>st</sup>** **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 |



**10<sup>th</sup> ED & BECKY CHEEK (40 Years)**

**13<sup>th</sup> DOUG & DAWN COOK (20 Years)**

# Kids TIMES



As they were walking, some men from Jairus' house came to say that his daughter had died. Jesus took the child's father and mother, and the disciples who were with Him, and went to the girl. What happened?

Use the code and fill in the blanks.

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| ♥ = A | ♥ = E | ★ = I | ☆ = M | ⊙ = Q | □ = U |
| ♥ = B | ♥ = F | ☆ = J | ☆ = N | ⊙ = R | ■ = V |
| ♥ = C | ♥ = G | ★ = K | ○ = O | ⊙ = S | ▢ = W |
| ♥ = D | ☆ = H | ★ = L | ● = P | ⊙ = T | ■ = X |
|       |       |       |       |       | ■ = Y |
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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<sup>th</sup>**  
**July 24<sup>th</sup>**

Anderson, Ann & Marlin  
**Berg, Marilyn & Harry**  
Davison, Verna  
Fenstermaker, Katie & David  
Hopkins, Norma  
Hunt, Brenda & Jay  
Jordal, Linda & Jerry  
**Quincer, Alice & Jim**  
**Siebrasse, Pat & Marcia Hueber**

815-825-2695  
**July 31<sup>st</sup>**  
815-756-2008  
417-291-2031  
815-751-1454  
815-762-9845  
815-601-6262  
**July 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**July 03<sup>rd</sup>**

APRIL 2022 / AUGUST 2022 / DECEMBER 2021

#### Co-Chairs:

**Jouris, Kitty & Frank**  
**Vint, Vicky & Larry**

**815-751-3238**  
**815-751-5178**

Abbott, Joanne & Dennis  
Arndt, Noel  
Augustine, Sue & Bill  
Butler, Florence & Paul  
Glen, Stella  
Hill, Rachel & Jason  
Hueber, Ruth  
Kyler, Shirley  
Schafer, Sandy  
Thompson, Pastor Jeremiah  
Willrett, Hope & Gene Hickey

815-825-2563  
815-751-0404  
815-762-5553  
815-761-4788  
815-761-2302  
630-441-0585  
815-764-9932  
815-751-2435  
815-825-2364  
815-592-3764  
815-901-8486







## UP-COMING EVENTS IN MALTA

**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**



### 4<sup>th</sup> 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

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### JULY 24<sup>th</sup> "PARENTS DAY" at CHURCH

BRIING YOUR GRANDKIDS & THEIR PARENTS!



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



## Roast Beef Dinner Saturday, November 5th

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



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## 2022 ANNUAL CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS



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

### Lay Member Report to Congregation of 2022 NIA Conference Highlights

The 183<sup>rd</sup> 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



Vicke's Hours:  
Mon, Wed, Thurs.  
8-Noon



**2022**

| SUNDAY   | MON   | TUE       | WED   | THURS  | FRI       | SAT   |
|--|---|-----------|---|--|-----------|---|
| <div>Communion on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday<br/>_____ of each month.</div>   |   |           |   |  | 1         | 2   |
| <b>3 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b><br>with Communion   | <b>4</b><br> | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b> Prayer Group<br>6:30 p.m.<br>in-person/zoom<br><b>No</b> Choir Practice  |  | <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b><br><br>at The Junction<br>in DeKalb<br>8:30-9:30 a.m. |
| <b>10 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>  | <b>11</b>   | <b>12</b> | <b>13</b> Prayer Group<br>6:30 p.m.<br>in-person/zoom<br><b>No</b> Choir Practice | <b>14</b><br><b>NO 4H</b><br><b>Meetings</b><br><b>In JULY or</b><br><b>AUGUST</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>16</b>   |
| <b>17 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b><br><br>Fellowship Hall Reserved today:<br>11:00 – 3:00 p.m. Hueber Reunion                                     | <b>18</b>   | <b>19</b> | <b>20</b> Prayer Group<br>6:30 p.m.<br>in-person/zoom<br><b>No</b> Choir Practice | <b>21</b><br><b>Today's</b><br><b>Sisters</b><br><b>9:00 a.m.</b>                  | <b>22</b> | <b>23</b>   |
| <b>24 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b><br>Fellowship Following<br> | <b>25</b>   | <b>26</b> | <b>27</b> Prayer Group<br>6:30 p.m.<br>in-person/zoom<br><b>No</b> Choir Practice | <b>28</b>  | <b>29</b> | <b>30</b>   |
| <b>31 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>  |   |           |   |  |           |   |



**4<sup>h</sup> 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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