

MALTA UNITED



Methodist Church

JUNE 2021

PASTOR JEREMIAH'S MESSAGE

¹⁸ Where there is no vision, the people perish
(Proverbs 29:18a KJV)

That short phrase from scripture has been one I've heard many times in my ministry, because it speaks to the truth that a church needs to have a vision. The goal of any Christian community should be to thrive and share Jesus' message with the world. Churches like individuals or businesses need a vision of how to achieve that goal.

During the stressful months of the pandemic, I know I've felt very reactive. What I mean is, things beyond my control have happened and I, and the church, and my family, and your families, and even the whole world, have had to react. However, now that the pandemic is lessening in our nation, state, and county, it is time to seek God's vision for what God is calling us to do as a congregation in the next several months.

The first thing we need to do is pray. I often know what I want to do, but the question is; is the thing I want to do what God wants me to do? I ask you all to ask God in prayer: what does our congregation need to do in the coming months? What can we do to share Jesus' love and bless our

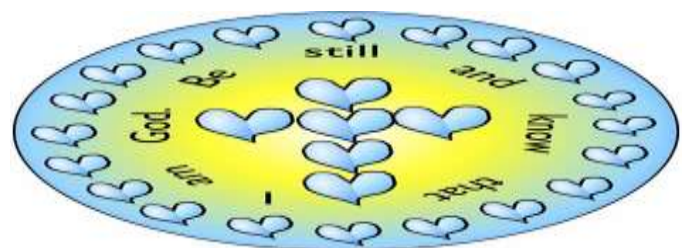
village and world? I will be engaged in this prayer as well.

Next, write it down and share it with someone. If you are on a committee, team, or task force of the church and you have some ideas about what your group needs to do. Share the idea with your team, and all of you pray about it.

Finally, we as a church will have, sometimes over the summer, to do some visioning. Our church council will take the lead in this as we discern together where God is guiding us to go. If you have some ideas seek out the church council and or me to share it with them, so that we can be part of the conversation. With prayer guiding us, we will seek to live into the vision God has for us.

Let us prayerfully seek God's vision. Then get ready to go on the journey together as a congregation that Jesus is calling us towards.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Jeremiah





NEW “COVID” REGULATIONS for MALTA UMC!

Do no harm, do good, stay in love with God.

That is how Bishop Ruben Job summed up the 3 general rules to guide our lives written by the founder of Methodism, John Wesley, more than 250 years ago. The first of those, in particular, has guided our church during this time of pandemic. There have been major outbreaks of Covid-19 at churches in the US, Canada, and likely elsewhere too. We have worked hard to make sure that did not happen at Malta United Methodist Church, and thank God we've succeeded so far. As the pandemic has improved here in the U.S. and in conjunction with the new guidelines released by the Centers for Disease Control, we (our Covid-19 health team) want to announce an update to our Covid Policies at church.

1. We continue to ask that people sanitize their hands when they arrive. But you need **no longer sign in** when you arrive.
2. We need to maintain social distancing apart from those we don't come to church with. So, no handshakes or hugs. Elbow bumps and such are totally okay 😊
3. The following are the mask updates:
 - a. Wear a mask when around children (those under 12 can't be vaccinated yet).
 - b. Wear a mask when in a group of people (such as when people are arriving and departing worship).

- c. **(Key change here)** If you are fully vaccinated, you can remove a mask during worship, or at another setting when you are not part of a large group and interacting with other fully vaccinated people. For instance, if you are sitting talking to someone else and you are both fully vaccinated you can remove a mask.
- d. Please respect any request you have to mask back up; we don't know everyone's health history and who might be at high risk and we need to make sure we help everyone feel safe and be safe!

4. We will, **starting in June**, begin fellowship time after church. We will need to have people hand out food and drinks masked and wearing gloves (as you might see at a restaurant). But we can once more sit down for a treat with our church family.
5. All these are subject to change if advised by the DeKalb County Health Department.

If you have questions or concerns, please talk to Pastor Jeremiah, Tom Plote, or Mary Lynn McArtor.





**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
Brett Johnson & Mrs.
Samantha Johnson
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.



Please use this email for the church
maltaumc@outlook.com



CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS:

A new A/C unit has been installed in the church. Next project is maintenance work on the outside of the church. A quote is coming to replace parsonage windows.

The Capital Improvement Fund is still accepting donations. Make checks out to Malta UMC and indicate on bottom of check: Capital Improvement. Send checks to Nancy Plote, 411 S. Malta Road, Malta, IL 60150 Next Meeting Monday, June 7th at 7:30 p.m. / Finance Meets at 7 p.m.

Church Council Committee:

Pastor Jeremiah Thompson

Church Council Chair: Ed Cheek

Secretary of CC: Sue Augustine

Church Finance: Bill Augustine

Church Financial Secretary: Larry Vint

Church Treasure: Kevin McArtor

Lay Leader Delegate: Jodi Slade

Alternate Lay Delegate: Mary Lynn McArtor

Church Education: Kitty Jouris

Ruth Hueber



June

14th Bill & Sue Augustine
(51 Years)

16th Del & Carol Sandberg
(64 Years)

21st Dave & Katie Fenstermaker
(8 Years)



3	Katherine Arndt Moran Hill
5	Tom Plote
6	Terry Sandberg
10	Bill Augustine
12	Joey Plote
13	Ashley Dodge
17	Ed Arndt
18	Janis Waters
25	Doug Cook Alice Cradduck
27	Elvin Plapp Justice Willrett
30	Molly Uttecht Samantha Sandberg



Communion will be served
on the 1st Sunday of each month.



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

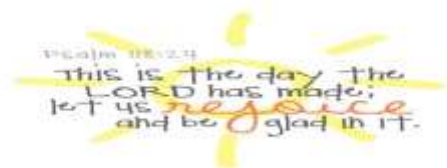
are available for **May/June**

I can mail one to you!

Just call the church office at

(815) 825-2118 or email me at

maltaumc@outlook.com



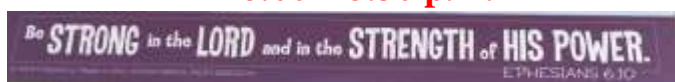


Vacation Bible School is coming soon!
Theme: **"The Knights of the North Castle"**



Mark your calendars:

Monday, June 21 – Thursday, June 24
6:00 – 8:30 p.m.



Malta UMC is hosting
and joining us is Esmond UMC
If you wish to help, contact Jacque Fucilla
at (630) 248-5695.

June 12th VBS Forms will be available and we will
be accepting VBS Registrations at Music in the
Park from 1-6:00 p.m. at the Church Tent.



**Please contact the Church Office to
schedule meetings.**

**All meetings need to be on the church
calendar, prior to having the meeting.**

***Rainbow Covenant is getting a
new look from***

to



*The Conference Board of Global Ministries
announces the release of a new conference*

*mission-giving book called "Mission Links: Living
the Beatitudes" which replaces the Rainbow
Covenant book & logo. Mission Links is the
product of more than 12 months of prayerful,
reflective work for the committee, which sought
to update and refresh the book's design and
content while linking connectional giving to
scripture.*

To view or download this Mission Links
book go to:

[https://issuu.com/niconference/docs/
mission_links_book_v_1](https://issuu.com/niconference/docs/mission_links_book_v_1)



2021 NI VIRTUAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 182ND Northern Illinois Annual Conference will be
held **July 16-17, 2021** ONLINE thru zoom.

THEME: JESUS MAKES A WAY

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Online registration opens **June 1** and closes
June 30. Cost: \$30 (covers video production,
voting technology, worship planning and other
administrative expenses.)
- Clergy Session - **June 28,**
10 am - Noon via Zoom.
- Legislation and Historical Documents due
May 3. (no exceptions)
- 2021 Ordination Service - **Oct. 1.**
Limited in-person service.
- Fall Session - **Oct. 2**

**GENERAL CONFERENCE POSTPONED
AGAIN! Now scheduled for 2022.**





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). Finally a donation of a new stocking hat, pair of gloves or mittens would be wonderful. (Hand-made mittens and hats are ok, as long as they are new).



MIDWEST MISSION DISTRIBUTION CENTER

IS IN **DESPERATE NEED** OF
"0-6 MONTHS ONSIES".

The "onsies" will go into Midwest Missions Layette Kits.



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NEED of **"PERSONAL DIGNITY KITS"**

Please help Midwest Mission by bringing contributions for their "Personal Dignity Kits." Place these items in the box in the narthex marked (Personal Dignity Kits).

NEEDED: (Value \$15)

1 Bath Hand Towel – No Kitchen Towels

1 Bath Washcloth – No dishclothes

1 Adult Toothbrush – No multipacks

1 Bar of Soap – 3 to 4 oz.

1 Shampoo – 15 to 18 oz.

1 Deodorant – 2 to 3 oz.

(Stick, roll on, or pump)

1 1-gal resealable Plastic Bag

\$2.00 donation for razor & toothpaste

All items must be new and placed in a 1-gal resealable plastic bag.

Here is a list of all the other KITS that are
needed at Midwest Mission.

Monetary donations are welcome for any of these kits: **Feminine Hygiene Kit- \$50; Home Care Kit - \$20; Student Kit - \$16; Tornado Kit - \$50; Layette Kit - \$45; Birthing Kit - \$9.** Monetary donations can be sent to MMDC, 1001 Mission Drive, Pawnee, IL 62558





UP COMING EVENTS IN MALTA

Saturday, June 12

Malta Fire Dept. Pancake Breakfast

from 6:30-11:30 a.m. For tickets & more info contact Dave Fenstermaker (417) 291-2031.

There will be a **Tractor Trot 5K Race** – starting at 9:00 a.m. at Lions Park. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Contact: Brenda Jergens at brendajergens@gmail.com or Katie Fenstermaker at kkuhl@hotmail.com

Classic Car Show from 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Build-A-Bear from 3-6 p.m.

MUSIC IN THE PARK

1-3 p.m. “The Relics” and 4-6 p.m. “Bossy Dog”

Food:

Tinez Tacos from 1-5:30 p.m.

Big D Hot Dogs from 3-6 p.m.

7-11 p.m. Street Dance next to Remington's with “The Sensations”

“A One Day - Malta Day Event!”

Saturday, June 19th

Family Fishing Day at Prairie Springs

Fishing license not required.



Monday, June 21 -

Thursday, June 24

at Malta UMC with Esmond UMC.

Additional **Music In The Park** scheduled for

July 22 and **August 26**



MISSION TRIP UPDATE

This group from Malta UMC went on the Mission Trip to **Midwest Missions Distribution Center** on Tuesday, May 11th.



A one day, fun trip where they viewed the facility and volunteered their services. Mary Lynn & Pastor Jeremiah sanded and varnished desks to get ready to ship and Marcia & Kitty packed Dignity Kits. They will be planning another trip for next year.



Thank you for letting the Lord use you to bring hope to people around the world and around the corner. Midwest Mission is grateful you have shown God's Love by sharing the blessings He has given you. Mary Lynn, Marcia, Kitty & Pastor Jeremiah it is amazing to watch God multiply your gifts through this ministry.

Chantel Corrie
Executive Director

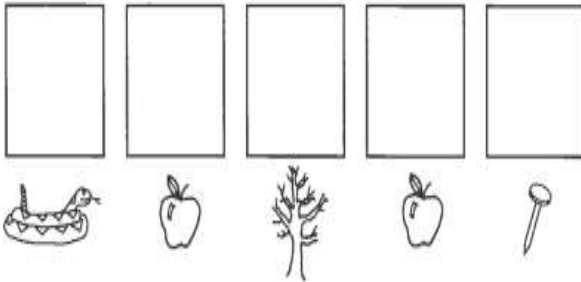
**A MISSION CALL IS LIKE
A BOX OF CHOCOLATES**



YA NEVER KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GONNA GET
LOS MISSIONTEES.COM

And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed By the prince of demons He is driving out demons."

In the squares, write the first letter of each picture to form a word. Then write that word in the three blanks below to complete the story.

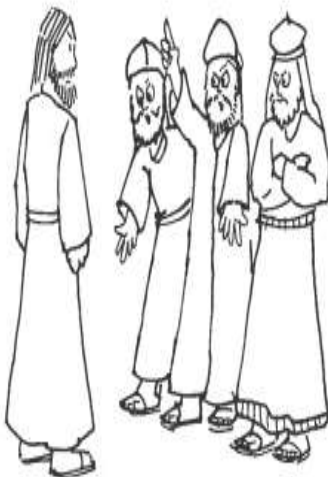


Jesus said to them, "How can _____

drive out _____? ... And if

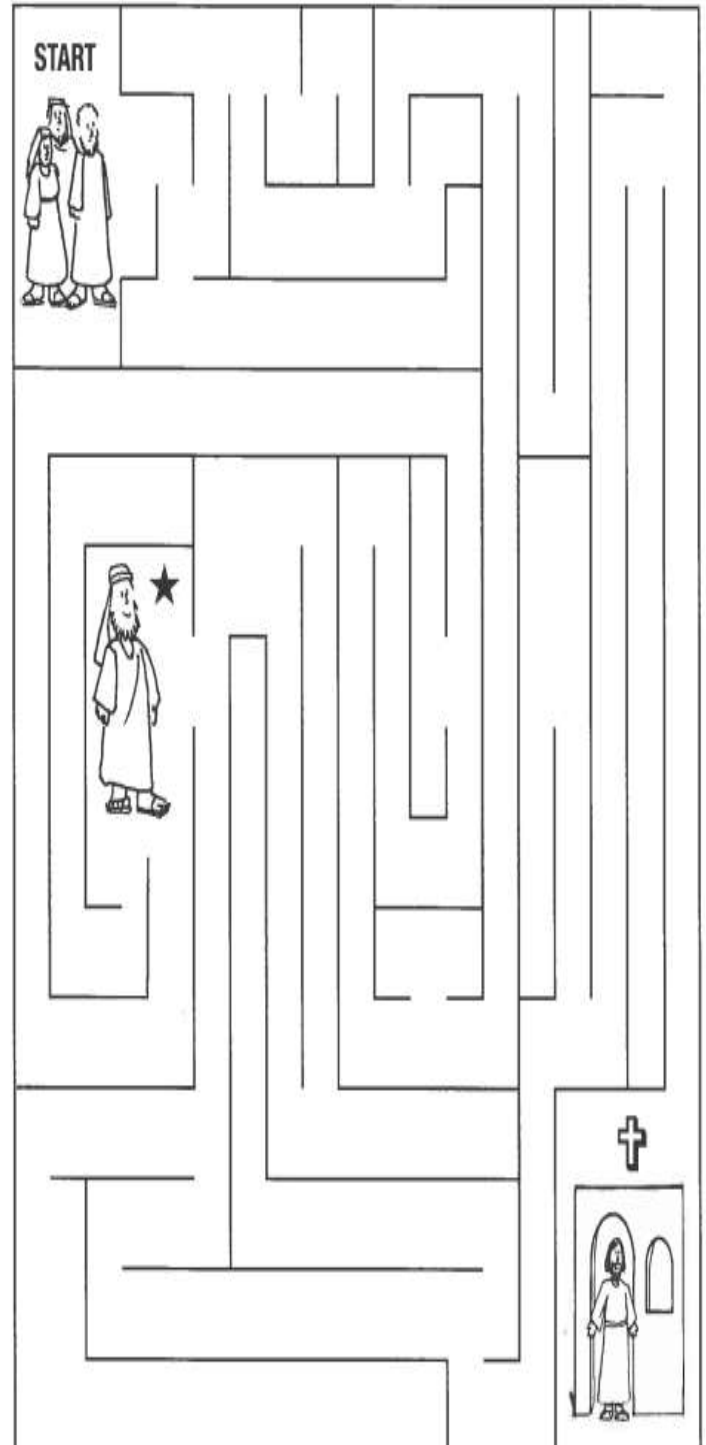
_____ opposes himself and is

divided, he cannot stand; his end has come."



Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. ... Someone told Him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you."

Help Jesus' family get to the messenger ★. Then help the messenger find Jesus ✝ to tell Him that His family is there.








What is Pentecost? Pentecost

Holy Day: The Christian festival celebrating the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Jesus after his Ascension, held on the seventh Sunday after Easter.

Pentecost Sunday was May 23rd

Vicke's Office Hours: M, W, Th 8-Noon

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FELLOWSHIP RESUMES AFTER CHURCH ON JUNE 6TH and each Sunday thereafter.			2 Prayer Group in Person or on zoom at 7:00 p.m.	3	4	5
6 2nd Sunday after Pentecost with Communion In person or on zoom. Fellowship after church!	7 Church Council 730pm Finance 7pm	8	9 Prayer Group in person or on zoom at 7:00 p.m.	10 4^H 6:30pm	11	12 *See Malta Events in Newsletter
13 3rd Sunday after Pentecost In person or on zoom.	14 	15	16 Prayer Group in person or on zoom at 7:00 p.m.		18	19 Family Fishing Day at Prairie Springs <small>No License Required</small>
20 4th Sunday after Pentecost In person or on zoom. 	21 VBS 	22 VBS	23 VBS	24 VBS	25	26
		6:00 – 8:30 p.m.				
		Music in the park	NO Prayer Group			
27 5th Sunday after Pentecost In person or on zoom.	28	29	30 Prayer Group in person or on zoom at 7:00 p.m.			



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