



MALTA UNITED



Methodist Church

November 2022



PASTOR JEREMIAH'S MESSAGE

The autumn is always a busy time of year. My kids are in school, we have more activities at church, there is the yearly Church conference, there are family birthdays, getting ready for the holidays, the yearly enrollment in health insurance, and more. I often find myself flustered and stressed.

Yet this is also my favorite time of year. I love the cooler weather, the satisfaction of bringing in the produce in from the garden, the beautiful leaves of so many wonderful hues. This is the season for warm apple cider, campfire cooked sausages, and snuggling under a cozy blanket at night.

When I am in the midst of stress, I sometimes miss the good things around me, particularly the beauty of nature. But so many other things as well, some of them connected to fall some of them that are year-round. I seek to intentionally not overlook these things and try to be aware of them. For instance, as I wrote this I paused when I saw the orange of the sunset playing on the golden leaves of my neighbors' young maple tree, and I rested for a moment enjoying the beauty.

I don't know if this is a hectic time for you (though for the farmers I know you are busy!) but may we all be open to God's call to take a breath in the midst of the stress of life whenever we are in a busy season of life. God did not make us to survive, but rather thrive. I pray for each of you some moments of peace, beauty, joy, and above all love that help to ease any aspect of life you are toiling at.

Loving God, may we have peace, may we see the beauty around us, may we grow closer to you, and

may we share love with all we meet, in Christ's Name we pray. Amen!

Blessings, Pastor Jeremiah



MALTA UMC

ROAST BEEF DINNER

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

4:30 – 6:30 P.M.

DRIVE THRU ONLY

Contacts: Jacque Fucilla or Jodi Slade



There are **two area Thanksgiving Worship Services** this year that members of our congregation have been invited to. Calvary Lutheran Church along with Creston United Methodist Church will have a joint service at **Calvary Lutheran Church, 19 Perry Rd, Lee, IL 60530**, with a pie buffet to follow at **4:00 PM on Sunday November 20th**. The Rochelle United Methodist Church and the Hub Cluster also invite us to a **Thanksgiving Worship Service at 3:00 PM also on November 20th**, at **Rochelle UMC, 709 4th Ave, Rochelle, IL 61068**, also with refreshments to follow.

So if you'd like to worship with some of our siblings in Christ, take advantage of one of these.

Pastor Jeremiah Away Thanksgiving Week

I will be away from early afternoon, Sunday, November 20, through late in the evening, Friday November 25th. I am traveling with my beloved, Dr. Laura Heideman, to her parents in Ames, IA, to celebrate the holiday. While I am away my friend and colleague, Rev. Tammy Scott from the Sugar Grove UMC will be providing emergency (life and death situation) pastoral care. Her phone number is **(630) 466-4501** or email her at:

revtammyscott@gmail.com

I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday!



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH



SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2022

Malta United Methodist Church will have a very unique opportunity on Sunday, November 20TH during morning worship. Rev. Chris Walters, President/CEO of United Methodist Foundation will bring us a message **Encouraging Lifelong Generosity with God's Abundance.**

Rev. Walters will be sharing several options on Estate Planning, some of which you

might not have considered. Following worship, he will be available to talk with you personally about different possibilities.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH after Worship!

FROM THE



It has been extremely difficult to get bids for the remainder of the work to be done on our church building and with winter approaching, work will not be completed in 2022. It is our goal to schedule the work for spring of 2023. Thus, our Capital Improvement fund drive is on hold.

As we near the end of 2022, please consider making your donations to our general fund. Our financial statements show that our expenses are exceeding our income. We are back to regular church building usage, regular secretary and janitor hours, and our insurance bills have increased. In addition, we owe six months of our apportionment payments.

As always, thank you for your continued love and support for Malta UMC.



The Northern IL Conference recommends
A **"SPECIAL OFFERING"** SUNDAY
coming up **November 27th** for
United Methodist Students.

This fund supports Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Campfire, 4-H, Big Brothers & Sisters, and Amachi programs.



NOVEMBER

11/24 Larry & Vicky Vint – (37 Years)
11/26 Gerald & Mary Lynn McArtor
(62 Years)



HELPING OUR KIDS at Malta Elementary School

The 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). Finally, a donation of a new stocking hat, pair of gloves, or mittens would be wonderful (hand- made mittens

and hats are also okay, as long as they are new.)



November 6	Mary Langley
November 13	Sue Vaughn
November 20	Harry & Marilyn Berg
November 27	Frank & Kitty Jouris



TODAY'S SISTERS

Today's Sisters is being is Thursday,
November 17th and will be held in the
Church Fellowship Hall at **9:30 a.m.**

Hostess for November: Kitty Jouris
Devotions & Minutes: Norma Hopkins



2022 ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

Wednesday, December 7th
SPRC: 6:30 p.m. / Church 7:00 p.m.
EVERYONE WELCOME
Reports are due to Vicke by
November 7th.

COOKIE WALK



December 10, 2022

Membership/Care Committee is happy to again host the wonderful Cookie Walk where members and friends of Malta UMC can participate in a giant cookie/candy exchange for just \$8 per pound. Come to Malta UMC Fellowship Hall on Saturday morning, **December 10, 2022** from **9 to 11 a.m.** to choose your own assortment of Christmas cookies and candy.

Servers and cookie handlers will follow health and safety precautions and we will monitor the number of guests doing the Cookie Walk at one time.

Our committee truly enjoy seeing the pleasure of our guests when choosing from all the beautiful cookies our church bakers provide. Many of us love the opportunity to bake our specialties. This is a fun way for church members to share some Christmas spirit and sample each other's baking talents. If everyone participates, how many different cookies could one sample? We have become well known to several out of town guests who return each year, saying "*Malta has the best selection.*"

All ladies of the church will be asked to bake at least 4 dozen of their favorite Christmas cookies to donate to our Cookie Walk on Saturday morning, December 10. We would like all bakers to identify the kind of cookies they bring and, if possible, key ingredients—nuts, chocolate, dates, etc. Please do not pre-package cookies as we display them on large trays. Deliver cookies and candy to Malta UMC by 8 a.m. Saturday morning. If you would like to select cookies at the time you deliver, we will accommodate you, even though the Cookie Walk officially opens at 9 a.m.

This year we have decided to give 100% of our profits to our church General Fund. We want to help our church, in this small way, meet all the "end of year" expenses. We sincerely appreciate everyone's donations and purchases in making our Cookie Walk a success!



**Turn your clocks back at Midnight on
Saturday, November 5th**





Has been **CANCELLED** on the 2nd Saturday of each month, until further notice.



**Ruth Hueber &
Mary Lynn McArtor**

for decorating around our church & parking lot to make it beautiful & welcoming for Fall.



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



6	RUTH HUEBER
11	MADELINE HILL
12	VICKY VINT
14	DOROTHY STODDARD
19	ANNIKA ANDERSON McKINZIE ANDERSON
20	MYRNA DODGE KEVIN MCARTOR
22	DAWN COOK JERRY JORDAL KRIS STARK



**Happy
Special
Birthday
to**

**Dorothy
Stoddard**

"98"

on

11/14/22



HAPPY

BIRTHDAY!



CHURCH COUNCIL TEAM:

Pastor Jeremiah Thompson

Church Council Chair: Ed Cheek

Secretary of CC: Sue Augustine

Church Finance: Bill Augustine

Trustee's Chair: Tom Plote

Church Financial Secretary: Nancy Plote

Church Treasurer: Kevin McArtor

Lay Leader Delegate: Jodi Slade

Alternate Lay Delegate: Mary Lynn McArtor

Church Education: Kitty Jouris

Ruth Hueber

Upper Room Devotionals

for **November/December** are available in the church narthex for you to pick up, or call the church office at (815) 825-2118 or send an email to maltaumc@outlook.com and one can be mailed to you.



ACTION GROUPS FOR FELLOWSHIP/COFFEE HOUR



MARCH/JULY/**NOVEMBER 2022**

Co-Chairs:

Heins, Vicke & Denny (Nov. 6) 815-252-0841
Hueber, Marcia 815-762-0010

Anderson, Ann & Marlin 815-825-2695
Berg, Marilyn & Harry 815-761-6232
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 815-761-8750
Siebrasse, Pat 815-970-5304

APRIL/AUGUST/**DECEMBER 2022**

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

NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Vicke's hours have been changed from

8-Noon to **9:00 to 1:00 p.m.**

on Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays.

Mission

Habitat for Humanity of DeKalb County unites God's people to provide decent, affordable housing, hope and a sense of community for families in need.

Dear Friends:

Habitat for Humanity is a Christian ministry answering the call to respond to our neighbors in need. In keeping with those thoughts, Habitat for Humanity of DeKalb County (HFHDC) is seeking your assistance in locating persons or families who are in need of adequate housing, but who cannot meet the financial burden. In other words, we are seeking the perfect partner family with whom we can partner to build them a new home.

The most immediate way you can help with this mission RIGHT NOW is to spread the word about an upcoming orientation, which persons interested in becoming Habitat partner families need to attend. The details follow, in the announcement which we hope you can place in your next bulletin or newsletter.

Habitat for Humanity of DeKalb County to Hold Family Selection Orientation

Habitat for Humanity of DeKalb County will hold an orientation meeting for persons interested in becoming Habitat homeowners. Attending this meeting is the first of the required steps to becoming a Habitat homeowner. At this meeting, the requirements and qualifications for being accepted as a partner family will be explained. After the meeting, application forms will be made available to those in attendance. The meeting will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2022, at 7 PM via Zoom. Persons interested in attending the meeting are asked to send an email (to hfhdcfamilyselection@gmail.com) **by noon Tuesday Nov 1**, to register and to obtain the link for the Zoom meeting.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, feel free to contact me.
Thank you for your help.

Tricia Delwiche
Chair, Family Selection Committee, HFHDC
815-440-1669
hfhdcfamilyselection@gmail.com

SUNDAY AFTERNOON “SUNDAY SCHOOL” FUN



Owen, McKinzie, Shelby, Beckett, Rylee, Aubrey & Elaina



Lowell & Claudia Wertz
P.O. Box 496
Lansing, IL 60438

September 2022

Dear Friends,

Back to America for Claudia's knee surgery! We had made our plans from Africa to minimize our time in the USA and have everything go like clockwork. We got derailed when we both caught Covid on the trip. Fortunately, we were only sick for a few days. But Covid wiped out all our medical schedules. The doctors did not want to see us for a while and they are so booked up it was hard to get back on their schedules.

The same day we tested positive for Covid, a large tree branch fell across the hood of our truck. I thought the damage was just to sheet metal. We tried to go to the drive-thru at McDonalds as we hadn't gotten any food into the trailer yet. However, the engine was damaged. As we tried to turn around, I backed into a brick pillar holding a mailbox and knocked it over. Having Covid meant I couldn't see the owner, so I called the police. I had to let the owner know I was good for the damages. The truck had to be towed away for a week's worth of engine repairs. The hood still sports the dent.

We still had no food in the trailer, when Mindy showed up with a grocery order. Because of Covid, she left it on our picnic table. What a blessing!

I was asked to speak at the funeral service for a 28 year old relative who died a tragic death. The service was postponed until we recovered and were able to be there. It took place on our 50th wedding anniversary. Arriving in Oregon Illinois with the trailer, it clipped the edge of a maintenance barn at the state park -- catching the awning and ripping it off. Gouges from the awning bolts ripped along the side of the trailer. Those repairs will start in October.

Don't get me wrong, I love America -- disease, hunger, objects falling from the sky, tragedies and accidents notwithstanding. So as I write this I am trying to find something profound to say. Nope, can't seem to find too much that's profound. On second thought...

... it is good to be alive, the tree didn't hit me on the head, great food was delivered with love, the police were kind and the mailbox got fixed, it was a privilege to speak at the funeral, and my vehicle insurances are paid up. We feel like we have been through it, but we really haven't. God provided for us. Life is bumpy at times, but His care is the shock absorber. Claudia asked me, "Should we go back to Africa and try doing this trip over from the start?" I feel like the good Calvinist who said, after falling down the stairs, "Glad that is over." No, we go forward. The surgery is rescheduled for Oct. 10th. Everything is good because a good God is with us.

Love,

Lowell + Claudia



from **UMCOR** for our financial donation of \$100.00 for supporting the Next Generation Ministries in Tanzania.

NORTHERN IL CONFERENCE

OFFICES HAVE BEEN MOVED TO:

303 E. Wacker Drive, Suite 2020
Chicago, IL 60601

All phones & email addresses
remain the same.

NOVEMBER 2022

Vicke's Office Hours: M-W-Th 9-1:00 p.m.



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

		1	2 Prayer Mtg 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.	3 Bible Study 6:30-8 p.m.	4	5  Fall Roast Beef Dinner Drive Thru 4:30-6:30 PM TURN CLOCKS BACK
6  ALL SAINTS SUNDAY with Communion 22 ND Sunday after Pentecost Bible Study after Fellowship	7 Vicke Off	8	9 Prayer Mtg 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. Vicke Off	10 4H 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30-8 p.m. Vicke Off	11	12
13 23 rd Sunday after Pentecost Last Bible Study Class	14 Confirmation Class 6-7 pm	15	16 Prayer Mtg 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.	17 Last Bible Study 6:30-8 p.m. Today's Sisters 9:30 a.m.	18	19
20  Christ the King Sunday GUEST SPEAKER	21	22	23 NO Prayer Mtg 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.	24  HAPPY THANKSGIVING	25	26
PASTOR GONE – Sunday Afternoon, NOV. 20 THRU Friday Evening, NOV. 25TH						
27  Special Offering: UM Student Day HANGING OF THE GREENS after church	28 Confirmation Class 6-7 pm	29	30 Prayer Mtg 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.	EMERGENCY CONTACT: Rev. Tammy Scott, Sugar Grove UMC (630) 466-4501 or Email: revtammyscott@gmail.com		



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M – W – Thurs **9-1:00 p.m.**



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