



MALTA UNITED



Methodist Church

OCTOBER 2021



PASTOR JEREMIAH'S MESSAGE

As we prepare for October, and I at least, hope that it brings some change in the weather with some cooler temperatures. We are also preparing for a new sermon series that will guide us through the month. As I talked about with the Cluster Youth this past Sunday (Sept. 19, in Ecclesiastes 4:12 we are advised that "a threefold cord, is not easily broken." What this means is that when people are in community with each other we are stronger in every way. When we are part of a faith community our relationship with God is stronger than it can ever be on our own, and together we are stronger than we can ever be on our own.

When one joins a United Methodist Congregation, something many of us have done, we make 5 vows about how we will support and strengthen that congregation so that all of us may grow in faith and better love with each other and with all people in Christ's Name. These 5 vows are to support the church through our **prayers**, our **presence**, our **gifts**, our **service**, and our **witness**. In the 5 Sundays of October, we will be spending a Sunday on each of these with the following:

- **October 3:** World Communion Sunday: Speaking of **presence** and how being together for worship and other events builds us all up.
- **October 10:** Speaking of **prayers**, and what it means to pray for our church.

- **October 17:** What does **service** mean? It doesn't just mean volunteering around the church, but also helping each other beyond the doors of our building.
- **October 24:** When we speak of **gifts**, yes we mean financial and other material resources. So we will ask the question how is God asking us to give?
- **October 31:** Reformation Sunday: **Witness** as we remember the start of the movement that led to our denomination. We will ask what does it mean to witness to our faith, and share how our faith has reformed our lives.

So, whether you are a member of our church or not, I hope you can join us as we consider how we can all strengthen each other and equip each other to love the world in Jesus' Name.



Cluster Youth Event: Chicago Area Pow Wow

All youth (and parents or guardians, if they wish to attend) are invited to meet at Rochelle UMC with other youth and clergy from our Cluster, on

Saturday October 9 at 8:00 A.M. We, as a group, will be going to the **68th Annual Chicago Pow Wow**. This will be a great opportunity to experience Native American culture, music, dancing, food, art, and more, during the weekend of Indigenous Persons' Day this year. The cost to enter is \$15.00, and students and others should either bring money for food from vendors, or pack a sack lunch. Also, students are strongly encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets, or something else to sit on. If it's sunny bring sunblock too, (because as Pastor Jeremiah knows one can get a sunburn in October!) Following the Pow Wow when we return, there will be a time to debrief and talk about what we experienced in reference to our faith. So join us on this fun trip! If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Jeremiah!



**MALTA /AREA MILITARY
MEN AND WOMEN CURRENTLY
SERVING OUR COUNTRY**

Almburg, Brett
 Bakken, Benjamin P.
 Bakken, Monique
 Builta, Andy
 Clark, Ben
 Clark, Kerry
 Howe, Chase
 Hoyle, Steve
 Brett Jonson & 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.



If you have not already let the church know when your **ANNIVERSARY** is - (including year), please do so by sending an email to maltaumc@outlook.com or call the church office at (815) 825-2118.



CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS:

**Church Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on
 Monday, October 4th /
 Finance at 7:00 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



ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

Sunday, October 31, 2021

**SPRC 3:00 p.m. / 3:30 Church
Members & Friends**

**All reports due in the office by
October 15th.**

Our yearly Church Conference with our District Superintendent (DS), Rev. Dr. Brian Gilbert will be Sunday, October 31st this year. The Staff Parish Committee will meet with the DS at 3:00 p.m. and the Members and friends will meet at 3:30 p.m. This year we will have our normal business of approving leaders in our church and approving our budget. However, we will also have on the agenda, discussion of our loan to pay for our roof repairs. All members of the church are invited to come and have a vote, others who are not members can be at the meeting, but are not allowed to vote.



**Malta UMC
Lay Leadership**

Church Council Chair: Ed Cheek
Board of Trustees Chair: Tom Plote
Committee of Finance & Stewardship Chair:
Bill Augustlne
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
September/October
I can mail one to you!

Just call the church office at
(815) 825-2118 or email us at
maltaumc@outlook.com

At midnight on Saturday, Oct. 30th

TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK!



Sunday, October 3rd

Sondra King Crop Walk

**Meet at the Westminster Presbyterian
Church, 830 N. Annie Glidden Rd.
in DeKalb at 1:30 p.m. for Sign-in
2:00 p.m. Walk**

**There is a "CROP WALK Donation
Container" on the table in the narthex
of Malta UMC for your convenience.**

**Thank you for supporting this cause,
sponsored by Church World Services
(CWS) to raise funds to end hunger in
the U.S. and around the world.**

Contact: Ruth Hueber



We are having our Annual **“Fall Roast Beef Dinner”** on **Saturday, November 6, 2021.**
From 4:30-6:30 P.M.
Drive-thru ONLY (like in 2020)

Tickets for the Fall Supper are currently being distributed. The change this year is that there are 3 tickets, Regular/Adult (for ages 8 and up), King Cut (double meat), and Child (age 7 and under). The addition of the Child ticket is to assist us better for filling orders at the dinner. Tickets have been distributed based on what you sold last year. If you find you need any other or additional tickets, please contact Jodi or Jacque and we will be glad to get you what you need. Again, we appreciate your help in selling tickets and look forward to another successful fundraiser for our church!

***Help Wanted!**

Please contact:
Jodi Slade or Jacque Fucilla
with questions/concerns.
Also let them know if you are
available to help!



Cluster Anti-Racism Learning Event:
 For all ages youth and up!

The Northern Illinois Annual Conference has made a commitment to live out the truth that “Racism is incompatible with Christian teaching.” As part of this conference wide effort, our Cluster is hosting the film “The Long Shadow” and a discussion to follow for all youth and adults who wish to attend. A light meal will also be provided. This event will be at **Rochelle UMC** on **Sunday, October 24, from 4-6 P.M.**

One of the issues brought up in recent months and years concerning racism, is how actions and laws of the past still have an effect on people today. This film explores that particularly, how even though slavery was long ago, it and other laws no longer on the books continue to have a negative economic impact on many people in the US, particularly our black siblings. I encourage you to join us for the film, come with an open mind, and then share your thoughts with others afterwards. If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Jeremiah



BLUEBERRY CRUNCH CAKE

Ingredients:

- 1 tall can crushed pineapple, undrained**
- 3 cups Blueberries**
- ½ cup Sugar**
- 1 cup Chopped Pecans**
- 1 stick plus 2 tbsp. butter, melted**
- ¼ c Sugar**
- 1 box Yellow Cake Mix**

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350F. Butter a 9 x 13 baking dish. Pour pineapple into the baking dish. In a bowl add 1 tspd. butter to blueberries. Stir to coat and add ½ cup sugar and stir. Place blueberries uniformly over pineapple in baking dish. Sprinkle dry cake mix over top of blueberries. Drizzle the melted stick of butter over the cake mix. Add 1 tbsp. butter to chopped pecans and stir in ¼ cup of sugar and place on top of cake mix. Bake 1 hour. Thank you Stella Glenn!



Our Sympathy & Prayers go out to the **“Plapp Family”** on the passing of **Edgar** on Saturday, Sept. 18th.

A “Celebration of Life” is planned for Saturday, Oct. 2nd at 11:00 a.m. at Malta United Methodist Church.

Luncheon following at Plapp Agricultural Historical Museum.

Everyone is Welcome!



TODAY’S SISTERS

Thursday, October 28th Today’s Sisters will meet at the church at 9:00 a.m. They will begin a study on the book of James.

All women are invited!



COMMITTEE ON FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND DRIVE

Our Fund Drive started in mid-September when all members of Malta UMC received a letter describing major repairs needed on our beautiful, old church building. The roof and some of the worst concrete decay must be taken care of this fall. The bid the Trustees accepted on this work is \$125,000 and a loan is being secured from Resource Bank to cover that cost. Work is to begin Tuesday, September 28, and our first payment of \$44,000 has been made.

Some projects have been completed and several are still on our “to do” list. Our existing Capital Improvement Fund has been depleted. Thus, we have set a goal to raise \$200,000 over the next four years (\$50,000 per year) in order to pay our loan, complete projects, and hopefully have some money left in our fund for expenses unknown at this time.



FOR OCTOBER

- October 3** **Ed & Becky Cheek**
- October 10** **Harry & Marilyn Berg**
- October 17** **Frank & Kitty Jouris**
- October 24** **Mary Langley**
- October 31** **Carol Sandberg**

If for some reason you cannot make it, please contact Vicke Heins or the church office at 815 825-2118.

Thank you for your service!



Choir Practice has temporarily been cancelled until further notice – to keep everyone safe & well!

As of Sunday, September 26, prayers have been answered in the amount of \$41,000 and our Fund Drive is well on its way. The generosity and caring spirit of our church is tremendous! We have faith that our church (the people of Malta UMC) will do all they can to support this campaign and contribute as much as they can to meet our goal of raising \$200,000 in four years.

May it be God's will for us to get these repairs done and keep our building structurally safe and sound as well as financially out of debt. Please consider how you can help.

Checks to Malta United Methodist Church should note, "Capital Improvement Fund" and be sent to Nancy Plote, 411 S. Malta Rd., Malta, IL 60150 or Malta UMC, P.O. Box 158, Malta, IL 60150.

Thank you sincerely for your prayers and support.

Finance Committee, Bill Augustine, Chair,
Tom Plote, Larry Vint, Kevin McArtor, Mary
Lynn McArtor, Dave Gommel



"I have this empty feeling inside."



REMEMBER THIS DATE

Cookie Walk

Saturday,
December 11, 2021
9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Malta U. M. Church

\$7.50/pound

Masks & Social Distancing will be required & enforced!



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.)



ACTION GROUPS FOR FELLOWSHIP/COFFEE HOUR



JUNE/**OCTOBER 2021**/FEBRUARY 2022

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1	ALEXANDRA HUEBER-WALSH BRIAN FUCILLA
3	NORMA HOPKINS GERALD MCARTOR
5	RODNEY HUEBER
7	MARY LOU HUEBER
11	MARCIA HUEBER
13	SUE PLOTE
14	TIM CARTER
16	JACOB MCARTOR
17	PAUL BUTLER
22	BRAD GARRETT
25	STEVE SANDBERG

Co-Chairs:

Cook, Dawn & Doug	815-757-3303
Slade, Jodi & Ken	815-761-2753
McArtor, Denice & Kevin	815-751-5812

Anderson, Annika & Matt	815-762-7569
Arndt, Darla & Ed	815-825-2701
Engstrom, Amy & Rod	815-901-0286
Fucilla, Jacque & Brian	630-248-5695
Gommel, Jeanette & Dave	815-751-8224
Mattis, Katie & Troy	815-825-2063
Willrett, Larisa & Jamie	815-761-4781

MARCH/JULY/**NOVEMBER 2021**

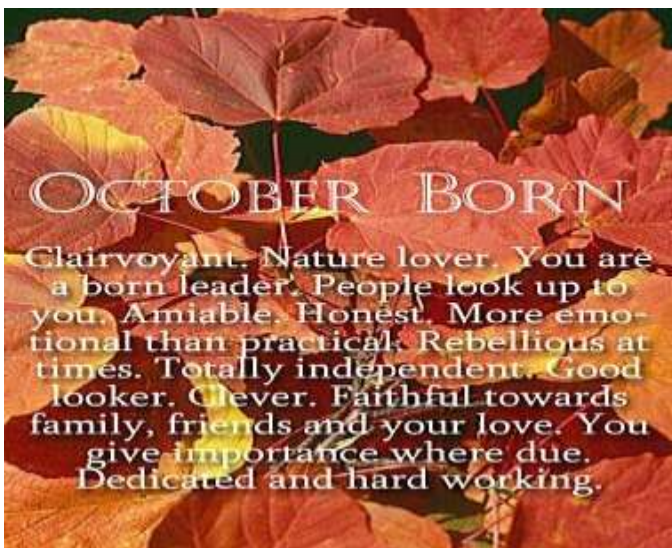
Co-Chairs:

Heins, Vicke & Denny	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



**If you want to contact the Malta
United Methodist Church by Email,
please us maltaumc@outlook.com**






Food Pantry. Place it in the box in the narthex marked **“FOOD PANTRY”**.

The Salvation Army appreciates all you give.

Then Jesus said, "Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep."



Fill in the missing vowels to read the rest of the story.

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Q: What do you get when you cross a dog and a calculator?
 A. A friend you can count on!




HELP MIDWEST MISSION DISTRIBUTION CENTER with their “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 place your items in box in the narthex marked Midwest Missions. Their Goal is 6,000 Pounds!

If you want to assemble full kits, the information is located on the website: www.midwestmission.org under “Kits, Projects, and Patterns.”




SALVATION ARMY FOOD PANTRY
You are welcome to bring Non-Perishable food anytime throughout the year for the Salvation Army




October 2021

Vicke's Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 - Noon

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3 19 TH Sunday after Pentecost World Communion Sunday CROP WALK 2 p.m.	4 Church Council 7:30 p.m. Finance 7pm	5	6 Prayer Group 7 PM Choir Practice Cancelled until further notice.	7	8	9
10 20 th Sunday after Pentecost	11 COLUMBUS DAY	12	13 Prayer Group 7 PM Choir Practice Cancelled until	14 4H 6:30 p.m.	15 CC Reports Due	16
17 21 st Sunday after Pentecost LAITY SUNDAY	18	19	20 Prayer Group 7 PM Choir Practice Cancelled until further notice.	21	22	23
24 22 nd Sunday after Pentecost	25	26	27 Prayer Group 7 PM Choir Practice Cancelled until further notice.	28 Today's Sisters 9 a.m. at church Book of James	29	30  TURN CLOCKS BACK
31 23 rd Sunday after Pentecost REFORMATION SUNDAY						

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31ST
ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE
3:00 P.M. SPRC
3:30 P.M. Church Members and Friends


FALL SUPPER - NOVEMBER 6TH
4:30-6:30 P.M. / DRIVE THRU ONLY

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Vicke Heins, Adm. Assistant

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Mon – Wed – Thurs 8-Noon.



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OCTOBER

gave a party; the LEAVES by hundreds came-

The CHESTNUTS

OAKS, and MAPLES,

leaves of every name.

SUNSHINE spread

And everything was

Miss WEATHER led

dancing, Professor

WIND the band.

George Cooper

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TO: