

# MALTA UNITED



**Methodist Church**  
**SEPTEMBER 2021**

## PASTOR JEREMIAH'S MESSAGE

As we come to the end of August and into September, I often think about fruit. In my home garden the tomatoes are fruit, and as best I can tell the peppers, squash, and even cucumbers that continue to grow and produce are also technically fruit. I always think of apples this time of year and since moving to Malta, my thoughts turn to apples even more than before. So, in this season when we pick fruit, and so many plants are "bearing fruit" that is producing whether they are technically fruit or not, it's a good time to consider something from the writings of the Apostle Paul, the "Fruits of the Spirit" found in his letter to the Galatians in chapter 5.

These fruits of the Spirit, that is the Holy Spirit, were Paul's way of describing traits of a person who was following Christ in their lives. For most of the month of September we will be looking at these fruits and considering how God is leading us to live them out in our lives today. Paul listed 9 fruits, we shall only look at three: love, patience, and faithfulness. So join us as we think about how our lives can bear much fruit and bless others. And how, as we bear fruit, we can live into the blessings God intends for us all.



## **New** **Hub Cluster Youth Group**

All youth 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us for our new "Hub Cluster" Youth Group. The Hub Cluster is made up of the United Methodist Churches in and around Rochelle, and all our congregations are cooperating to provide some youth ministry opportunities for our young people. The gathering will be at Reynolds United Methodist Church, 2496 Reynolds Rd, Ashton, IL 61006, on Sunday September 19 from 4:00-6:00 PM, we will have a cookout, games, and a time to meet students from other churches. Join us! If you want to attend or need more information please contact Pastor Jeremiah at 815-592-3764.



Animals make our lives better in so many ways. From pets to livestock, to the birds around us, they give us love, food, joy, and in some cases our livelihoods. So join us in the parking lot of **Malta UMC** on **Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup>**, at **1:00 PM** for a **"Blessing of the Animals"**.

We will have a short intro and then a blessing prayer for any animal you wish to bring. If you have any questions contact Pastor Jeremiah at 815-529-3764. In the event of rain, we will try to do this on Sunday the 12th, same time and same place.



**Malta Fall Garland Fest is Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>.**

**Fun, games from 6-8 p.m.**

**The parade starts at 2:00pm.**



**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.**

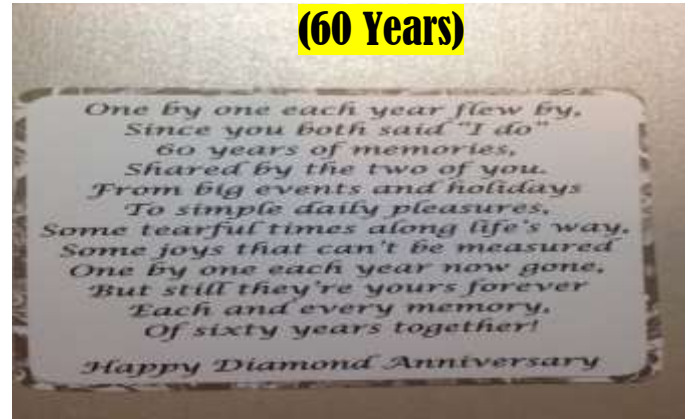


To the *Elvin Plapp Family*  
on the passing of Elvin  
on August 9<sup>th</sup>.

His "Celebration of Life" was held  
on Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>.



**9/10 Paul & Florence Butler  
(60 Years)**



**Church Family:**

**Due to the recent increase  
in Covid-19, we are asked  
to WEAR MASKS in church  
during Worship Service at  
9:00AM. We are ok to sing!**

**We will still have Fellowship & Coffee  
following our Worship Service.**



**Join US** on Sunday, September 19, at 9:00 AM  
for Church in the Park at the Gazebo in Lions' Park  
in Malta. We will have our normal Sunday Worship  
Service in God's beautiful creation, with fellowship  
time to follow. In the event of rain, we will use  
September 26, the same time and same place as a  
rain date. Invite your family & friends and join us.

# CHILDREN'S Sunday School

## SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS

**Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.**

## A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER IS NEEDED!

**Please contact Kitty Jouris  
if you can help.**

Children ages 3yrs to 8<sup>th</sup> grade  
are welcome to join us!

September 12<sup>th</sup> is also **Grandparent's Day**  
at Church – get your Grandchildren excited  
to learn more about Jesus!!!!



**Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

## Sondra King Crop Walk

**Meet at the Westminster Presbyterian  
Church, 830 N. Annie Glidden Rd.  
in DeKalb at 1:30pm for Sign-in  
2:00pm 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 Person: Ruth Hueber**



## TODAY'S SISTERS NEWS

Today's Sisters will meet at the church on  
Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

Let our new year start off with a smile and a  
mask,



while thanking God for a  
country where we can gather  
to worship with no fear.

Keeping Mary Barkley in our prayers and wishing  
her a fast recovery.



## 2021 FALL SUPPER

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>  
4:30-6:30 P.M.**

**Drive-thru ONLY** (like in 2020)

Tickets will be dispersed later in September.

## \*Help Wanted!

**Please contact:**

**Jodi Slade or Jacque Fucilla  
with questions/concerns.**

**Also let them know if you are  
available to help.**







## 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 **September/October**.

Call the church office at

(815) 825-2118

if you want one mailed to you.



**Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>** Prayer Group will be moved to 6:30 p.m. and Choir Practice begins at 7:00 p.m.



### CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS:

**Next Meeting: Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Finance 7pm / Church Council 6:30pm**

#### 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



**Church Family:** Due to the recent increase in Covid-19, many of those living in nursing homes and rehab facilities have had their visitors seriously limited. Since we cannot visit these people in person, we are asking to see if any of you would be interested in sending cards to some of these residents. Please contact Pastor Jeremiah, he will give you names & addresses. Thank you

## ACTION GROUPS

### FOR FELLOWSHIP/COFFEE TIME



MAY / **SEPTEMBER 2021** / JANUARY 2022

#### Co-Chairs:

Sandberg, Terry & Steve	815-762-1035
McArtor, Mary Lynn & Jerry	815-751-3658
Plote, Nancy & Tom	815-751-2925

Burlison, Beth	815-384-3284
Cheek, Ed & Becky	815-761-0696
Langley, Mary	815-384-3333
Lynch, Connie	815-825-2722
Sandberg, Carol & Del	815-761-1254
Sandberg, Sheli	630-677-7900
Vaughn, Sue	815-762-5414
Willrett, Donna	815-825-2870

JUNE/**OCTOBER 2021**/FEBRUARY 2022

#### 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

## 2021 ANNUAL NORTHERN ILLINOIS CONFERENCE UPDATE

More than 600 participated on Zoom in the 182<sup>nd</sup> session of the Northern IL. Conference with the theme: **“JESUS Makes A Way”** on July 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, lead by Bishop John L. Hopkins. For the 2<sup>nd</sup> year, COVID-19 restricted an in-person meeting, making it necessary to meet virtually.

Bishop Hopkins focused on what he perceived as the Conference’s strengths and challenges. We have gifted and dedicated clergy & laity and we take a strong stand for equity and justice with full inclusion of everyone. Our local churches are doing amazing frontline ministry. He spoke on the continual decline of apportionment payments and concern about Judisdictional realignment of conferences. He feels the Church needs to be unified and empowered. The Church needs to be clear about its mission - To make disciples: to love God with all our heart, and mind, and soul, and strength; and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We need to focus our attention on the people in our communities who need to know about the God we serve. The responsibility can not be given over to any one person, a committee or group. **WE ARE ALL RESPONSIBLE!**

**BISHOP’S APPEAL OFFERING** totaled more than \$25,000 and went toward the United Methodist Committee on Relief’s COVID-19 relief efforts worldwide.

If you would like to learn more about what went on at Northern IL Conference go online: [umcnic.org/2021annualNlchurchconference](https://umcnic.org/2021annualNlchurchconference) or check out the Reporter paper on the bulletin board at the front door of the church.





<b>1</b>	<b>Noel Arndt</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Janice Haws</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Katie Mattis Beth Burlison</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Chad Boyden Shirley Kyler</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Roger Elliott</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Jenna Spychal Tammy Rempfer Andrea Slade</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Dave Gommel</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Karen Peterson</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Pastor Jeremiah</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Verna Davison Mike Spychal</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>Shelby Fenstermaker</b>



**GOD'S GARDEN**  
**LETTUCE BE KIND**  
**SQUASH GOSSIP**  
**AND TURNIP FOR CHURCH**



### SEPTEMBER GREETERS

**5 Harry & Marilyn Berg**  
**12 Carol Sandberg**  
**19 Denny & Vicke Heins**  
**(CHURCH IN THE PARK)**  
**26 Mary Langley**



### SEPTEMBER LITURGIST

**05 Bill Augustine**  
**12 Jacque Fucilla**  
**19 Sue Augustine (Church in the Park)**  
**26 (TBA)**



### 2021 **ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup>**

**SPRC: 3:00 P.M.**

**Church: 3:30 P.M.**

**Reports due by October 15<sup>th</sup> to Vicke**







## COLOR AND CUT OUT PAPER DOLLS

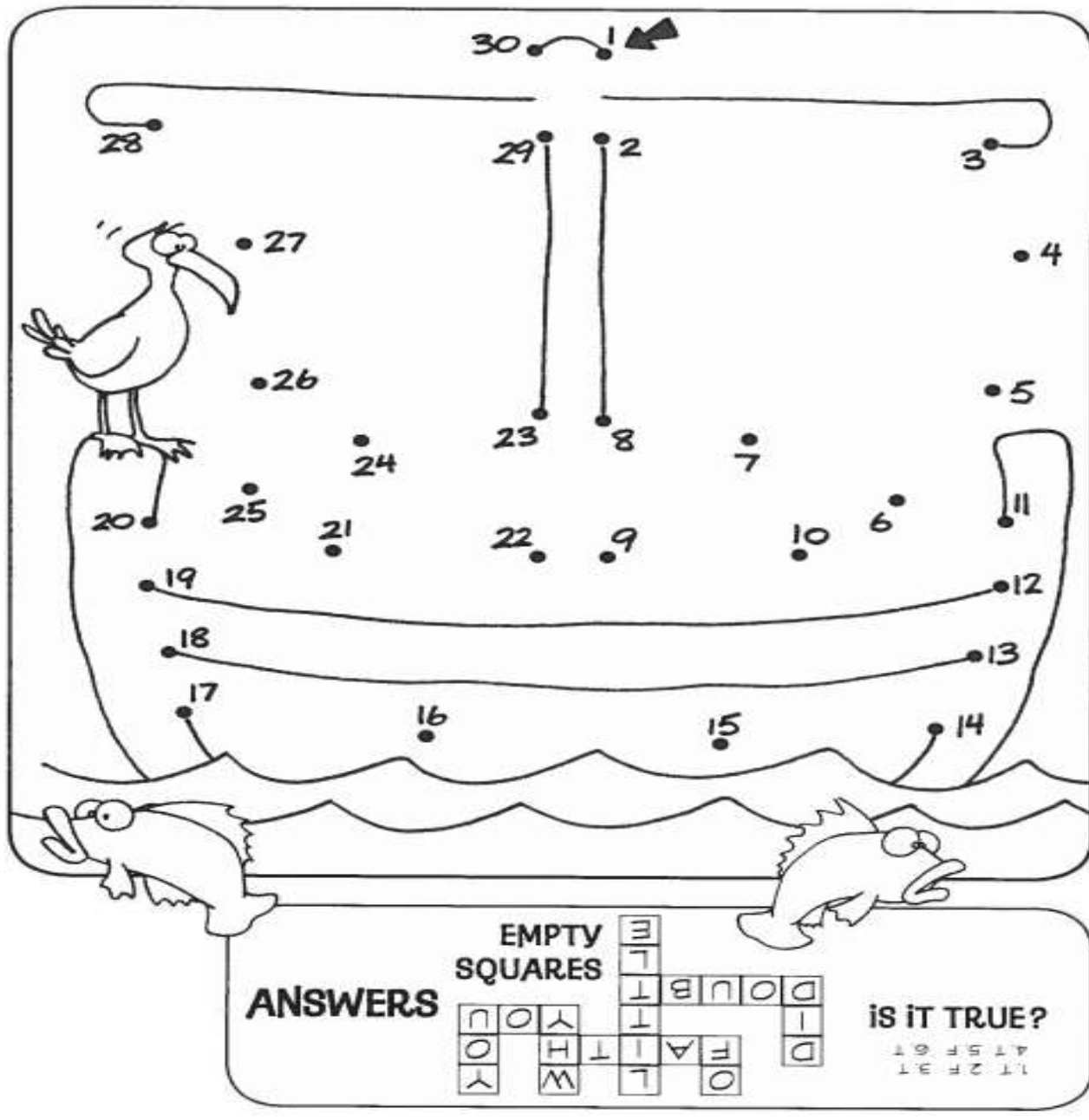
I bet Grandma remembers these!





## DOT to DOT

The wind blew this poor thing around in today's Gospel. Connect the dots to see what it is.





# September

2021

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



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Prayer Group 7pm	2	3	4
5 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost with Communion "Blessing of the Animals" at 1:00pm in the parking lot.	6 	7	8 Prayer Group 630 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM	9 4H 6:30PM	10	11 
12 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS 10:15am Grandparents Day	13	14	15 Prayer Group 630 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM	16	17	18 Coffee with Pastor <b>CANCELLED</b> UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
19 WORSHIP IN THE PARK 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Youth Cluster starts	20 Worship Meeting 6:30pm	21	22 Prayer Group 630 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM 	23 TODAY'S SISTERS will meet at the Church at 9:00am (wear a mask)	24	25 
26 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	27	28	29 Prayer Group 630 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM	30		

Mark your Calendar

**FALL SUPPER** – Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>  
Drive Thru from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

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Rev. Jeremiah Thompson, Pastor  
Vicke Heins, Adm. Assistant  
Mon – Wed – Thurs 8-Noon.



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Autumn,  
the season  
that teaches us,  
that change,  
can be  
beautiful

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