

# MALTA UNITED



## Methodist Church SEPTEMBER 2023

### PASTOR JEREMIAH'S MESSAGE

My first job with a paycheck was working for a buffet in my hometown in Kankakee. Some People like buffets, because you can choose what you want. Make the salad the way you want, choose from the food, choose from the cookies for dessert, etc. There were many things to experience, and if you were new to the buffet there were new things to try.

In September and through much of the fall our sermons will be based on lectionary readings. The Revised Common Lectionary is a series of readings from the Bible for each week of worship that touch on many different parts of the bible. If you read all of them over their 3-year cycle you would of read much of the Bible. The lectionary is wonderful because it gives us more from the Bible. I know I am often drawn to read the same parts of scripture repeatedly. That is a good thing as these words give me hope, inspiration, comfort, and helps me feel God's love. However, when I look at parts of the Bible that I've not read as much, God often inspires me in a new way. Or a passage I've not read in a long time speaks to me in a new way because my life is not in the same place as the last time I read it.

I invite you, in the weeks ahead, to first, read your Bible; you will find things that will inspire you, challenge you, comfort you, and will likely raise questions for you, that can help you learn more. Secondly, I also invite you to read parts of scripture that you don't know as well, to see what there might be there that you have never read before or perhaps have not read for a long time.

May we explore the Bible together and see what unexpected places God wants to guide us as we seek to grow in faith, and share Jesus' love with the world.

In Christ, *Pastor Jeremiah*

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### A Work /



A question for everyone, Pastor Jeremiah is looking at the feasibility of having a work/mission trip to one of the Lakota Reservations in South Dakota next year partnering with one of our United Methodist Volunteer in Mission programs. This would be a joint trip both the Malta UMC and the Grace UMC of Maple Park (maybe other churches too). Also, the trip would be multi-generational with anyone middle school aged, through all ages of adults invited. The work would be varied, with people helping with cooking, hospitality with the elderly, thrift shop work, and also home repair. Finally, if you can't go, but would like to make a donation to support it, let me know. If any of this sounds interesting, please call Pastor Jeremiah at 815-592-3764, or email him at [castiger1@gmail.com](mailto:castiger1@gmail.com) with your interest.

Tnks everyone!



Our yearly Church Conference will be on **Wednesday, November 29 at 7:00 PM at Grace UMC of Maple Park**, our sister church in our two-point charge. All members of the church, of any age, have a vote at our conference. We will be approving our leaders for the congregation, approving a budget, dealing with some trustee questions, and reporting on where we are as a church. We will also have a chance to meet with our sister church, and the evening will be directed by our District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Brian Gilbert. There will also be refreshments to follow the meeting. I hope you can attend this yearly meeting as we celebrate where we are as a church, prayerfully think about our future, and finally make some decisions for our congregation.

Conference Forms are in your mailboxes and due to Vicke by Monday, November 13, 2023.

## Malta Community Garden Walk

was held on July 29<sup>th</sup>. One of our church family members, **Ruth Hueber**, participated by showing off her beautiful flower gardens around her home.



**Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**

## Sondra King Crop Walk

**Meet at the Sycamore Forest Preserve, Rte. 64, 955 E. State St. Sycamore, IL Time: 2:00 p.m.**

**There is a "CROP WALK" donation container on the table in the narthex of Malta UMC for your convenience. If you wish to donate and are writing a check, please make it out to CWS/Crop. Thank you.**

**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**



**9/10 Paul & Florence Butler (62 YEARS!)**  
**9/10 Rodney & Mary Lou Hueber (46 Years)**

# Thank You!



We would like to *Thank* each and every one of you who provided a meal, sent condolences, prayed for our family, and offered support for my brother's passing. It

was very unexpected and devastating for all of our family and friends. Having this wonderful church family really helped me get through all the planning, traveling, criticisms, emotional turmoil's and more.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts,  
**Katie Fenstermaker and Family**



## 2023 FALL SUPPER



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>**

**HELP NEEDED! Call Jodi Slade or Jacque Fucilla if you can help.**



### CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS:

**Next Meeting: Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Finance 7pm / Church Council 7:30pm**

#### Church Council Committee:

Pastor Jeremiah Thompson

Church Council Chair: Ed Cheek

and Annual Conference Delegate

Secretary of Church Council: Sue Augustine

Church Finance: Bill Augustine

Church Trustee Chair: Tom Plote

Church Financial Secretary: Nancy Plote

Church Treasurer: Kevin McArtor

Worship Committee Chair: Jodi Slade

Records & History: Marilyn Berg

Church Education: Kitty Jouris

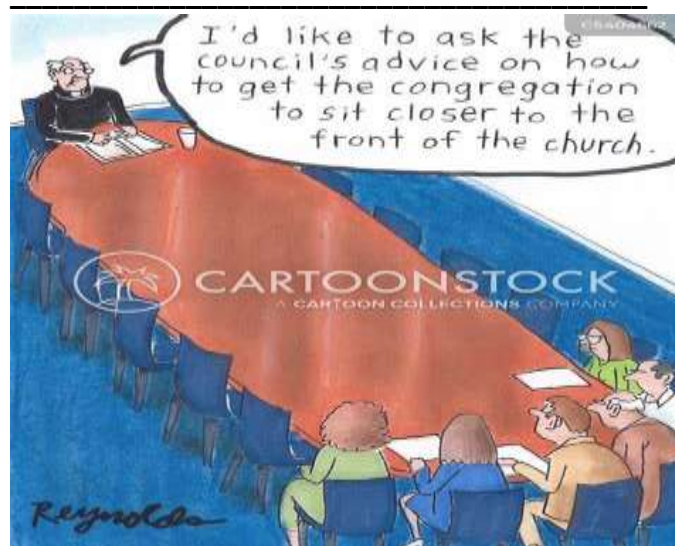
Mary Lynn McArtor, At Large

Ruth Hueber, At Large



**Starts -Wednesday,**

**September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**





# ACTION GROUPS

## FELLOWSHIP/COFFEE TIME



**SEPTEMBER 2023**

### Co-Chairs:

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

Augustine, Sue & Bill	815-762-5553
Burlison, Beth	815-384-3284
Cheek, Ed & Becky	815-761-0696

Sandberg, Carol	815-761-1254
Sandberg, Sheli	630-677-7900
Showhalter, Denise	815-764-5238
Tucker, Joan	815-981-6209
Willrett, Donna	815-825-2870

**OCTOBER 2023**

### Co-Chairs:

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

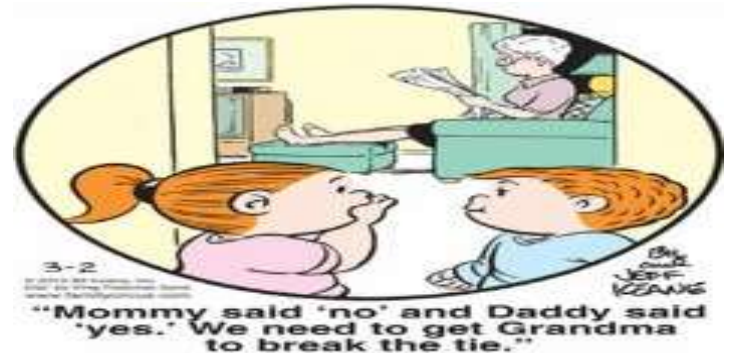
Anderson, Annika & Matt	815-762-7569
Arndt, Darla & Ed	815-825-2701
Engstrom, Amy & Rod	815-901-0286
Fucilla, Jacque & Brian	630-248-5695
Gommel, Jeanette & Dave	815-751-8224
Rempfer, Niki & Derek	815-501-7885
Willrett, Hope & Gene Hickey	815-901-8486
Willrett, Larisa & Jamie	815-761-4781



Coffee Fellowship

## FOR SEPTEMBER

9/3	Carol Sandberg
9/10	Bill & Sue Augustine
9/17	Mary Lynn McArtor
9/24	Ed & Becky Cheek



## Grandparent's Day

at Church on

**Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**

WORSHIP at 11:00 a.m.



## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

BEGINS **Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**

at NOON after Worship and every **2<sup>nd</sup>**  
and **4<sup>th</sup>** Sunday of each month.





<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 Andrea Slade Kuhn</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>



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

Almburg, Brett	Norman, Jacob
Bakken, Benjamin P.	Nunez, John
Bakken, Monique	Nunez, Nicolas
Built, Andy	Page, Greg
Clark, Ben	Peterson, Eric
Clark, Kerry	Ritter, Matt
Howe, Chase	Swink, Ashley
Hoyle, Steve	Tucker, Bryan J.
Johnson, Brett & Mrs.	West, Jonathon M.
Johnson, Samantha.	Wilson, Kim
Madsen, Jeff	Woodyatt, John M.
Nelson, Michael	Yedinak, Pete



**Send Cards & Letters (anytime) to the Troops,**

Send them to:

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



## **SEPTEMBER GREETERS**

<b>3</b>	<b>Frank &amp; Kitty Jouris</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Carol Sandberg</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Marcia Hueber</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>Harry &amp; Marilyn Berg</b>



# CHILDREN'S TIME



Jesus told a story to explain what He meant.



Fill in the missing vowels in order. Then read the story.

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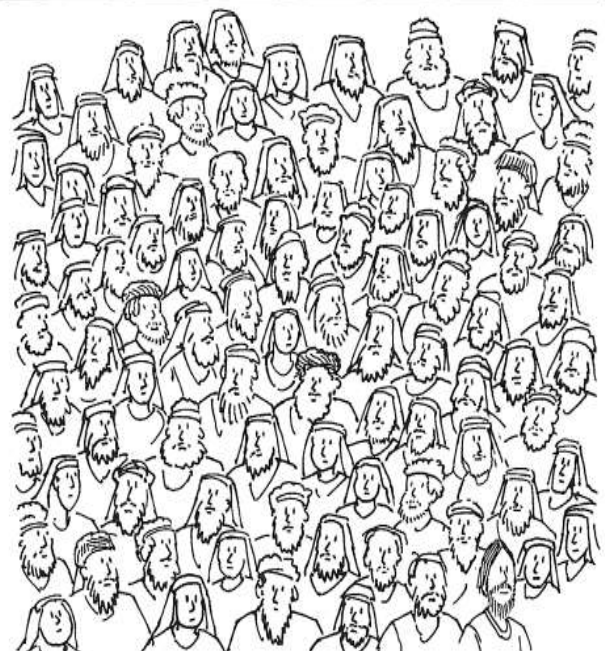
... w \_ ll r \_ d \_ c \_ l \_ y \_ \_ \_."



## The Cost of Being a Disciple

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus.

Circle Jesus and four other faces in the crowd.



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Was held during Worship Service  
on Sunday, August 13, 2023



Elaina & McKinzie Anderson  
and  
Aubree & Rylee Rae Slayton



Blessing reminds us of God's love in our lives. During times of transition and change, establishing a pattern of prayer and blessing can offer space to express worries **and** joys, hopes **and** dreams ...

Thank You!



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GRATEFULLY RECOGNIZES

Malta UMC

For faithfully serving the Lord in words and actions and for sharing their gifts to end world hunger and poverty. This congregation has richly blessed families in need with gifts of livestock and agricultural training to help families become self-reliant.

*"He who is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and  
He will reward him for what he has done."*

PROVERBS 19:17

*Berit King*

Berit King  
Director of Faith Communities

Presented this  
July 2023

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INTERNATIONAL

Helping  
Hands



## STRAWBERRY – RHUBARB PIE

### FILLING:

5 C. Rhubarb	1 T. Butter
1 C. Strawberries	½ C. Flour
1 ½ C. Sugar	

### CRUST:

2 C. All Purpose Flour  
 1 Tsp. Salt  
 ¼ C + 3 T. Lard  
 4 to 5 T. Ice Cold Water

Mix ingredients together for filling and set aside. Prepare crust by cutting lard into flour & salt mixture with a fork until it looks like cornmeal. Add 4 to 5 tablespoons of ice cold water, until sides of the bowl come clean and mixture will pack. Do not overmix, that's what makes it tough. Keep it cold. Roll crust out and place into 10 inch pie pan. Add filling and bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.



## TODAY'S SISTERS NEWS

The Today's Sisters group was created by several women from the Malta Methodist Church in November of 2003. However, we are open to anyone who would like to attend. We are a group of Christian women who meet to study the Bible (through a study book) and grow in our Christian faith while supporting each other. We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the conference room in Oak Crest. Our leader, Marilyn Berg, does a wonderful job leading our meeting. We take turns hosting the meeting, bringing light refreshments, taking minutes, and bringing devotions. We collect donations for the Food Pantry at Salvation Army. Marilyn opens the meeting with a prayer, Kitty Jouris then reports who she sent cards to and we discuss anyone else to whom we might want to send cards to. The minutes are read and devotions shared. Marilyn then leads us in our study book. We are currently studying "I AM", Seven Powerful Claims of Christ from Rose Visual Bible Studies. We discuss our joys and concerns and lift them up in prayer. We end our meeting by holding hands and praying The Lord's Prayer.

**TODAY'S SISTERS will meet this month at  
 Oak Crest on Thursday,  
 September 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 a.m.**

Hostess: Mary Barclay

Minutes & Devotions: Hope Willrett and  
 Pat Siebrasse







2023

Vickes Hours: M-W-Th 8:00 a.m. - Noon



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUES	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Communion	4 HAPPY LABOR DAY	5	6 Prayer Group 6:30 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM	7 4H 6:30PM	8	9
10 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  Grandparents Day Children's Sunday School at NOON.	11	12	13 Prayer Group 6:30 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM	14	15	16
17 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	18	19	20 Prayer Group 6:30 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM	21 TODAY'S SISTERS 9:30am at Oak Crest	22	23
24 17 <sup>h</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Children's Sunday School at NOON CROP WALK- 2PM Sycamore Forest Preserve	25	26 Member- ship Care Mtg. 4 PM	27 Prayer Group 6:30 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM	28	29	30

MARK  
YOUR CALENDAR!

**FALL SUPPER - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>**  
**ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE 7:00 P.M. / WEDNESDAY,**  
**NOVEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> AT GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN MAPLE PARK.**

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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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