

Congregational Tidings



*No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!*

A weekly newsletter



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September 26, 2017

**Twenty-sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 30, 2018
10:30 am**

**Pastor Scott Spence will
present the message:**
Rescue at the Sea

Using the text:
Exodus 14:5-7

Special Music
*All That Hath Life and
Breath Praise Ye the Lord*
Chancel Choir

Deacon-In-Charge
Janice Akin

Acolytes
Jeff and Cindy Thompson

Greeters
Laurie Allbaugh
(Sanctuary)

David and Marian Greene
(Crossroads)



Neighbors in Need October 7, 2018

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. The offering

this year will be held on **Sunday, October 7th** as part of our World Communion Sunday. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.

HELP NEEDED:

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to *Steve and Liz Thorpe* who have been faithfully coordinating the community meal we provide every month.



After many years of diligent service, they would like to step down from this position but still want to help at the meals. If you would be willing to fill this position of coordinating the meal each week, please contact the office at 319-234-8927.

Mark Your Calendars



The Church Row will be holding our annual clothing giveaway again on *Saturday, October 27th from 9am to 10:30am* at Sacred

Heart. Please collect your extra clothes, bedding, and towels and drop them off in the Crossroads at church when you come on Sunday.



It's coming to the time of year to present 3rd grade Bibles. If you have a current 3rd grader please contact the office and let us know.



** November 17th is our annual church bazaar. We are gathering items for the Bottom Drawer, so if you would like to donate gently used items, you may bring them anytime now to the church basement.

** Also, be creative and start thinking now what you can provide for the SILENT AUCTION. Ideas are endless: A themed basket, a dinner event, yard work or snow shoveling, a special piece of art or photography- as you come up with ideas- please contact Gina Greene. ggreene1124@gmail.com. In advance for all you do. Thank you.

** There will be a brief meeting with Chairs of each Bazaar area this Sunday, *September 30th* immediately following Worship. We will meet in the room just outside the Sanctuary. See you then!!**

Confirmation

If you have a child in 6th-8th grade who is interested in being confirmed, please join us on Sunday, October 7th in the chapel after church for the informational meeting about the upcoming confirmation class. Please plan to attend with your child(ren).



What a joy to be met by a smiling face and a handshake each Sunday! And what a joy to be able to greet everyone in attendance on Sunday! What a joy to meet prospective new members and guests to our sanctuary! What a great way to serve our community of faith! All that is required is to arrive a little early on Sunday! So pick a Sunday in the next few months and sign up on the Greeter's Chart in the library, and you too can share in the reciprocal joy that being a greeter offers!

FLOWER CHART



There are still a few Sundays to choose from to provide altar flowers. Please sign up this Sunday for one of the following open dates:

*October 14th, November 11th,
November 18th, December 2nd,
December 9th*

Sunday School

Gathering (9:00 - 9:15 am)

Youth and adults meet for singing, praying, and mission news in the chapel

Classes (9:15 - 10:15 am)

CHILDREN

Students 6th grade and up will gather upstairs in the Murphy Youth Room with Paul & Hannah Prescott. The youth will learn how being "Plugged In" to God can make their lives even better!

Children ages pre-K - 5th grade meet with Jayne Slaughter in the upstairs Sunday School Room. The children will learn to tie scriptural truth into their own lives.

ADULTS

Adults will meet in the chapel. Join Pastor Scott and Evie Waack to discuss how the Bible relates to our lives today.

Weekly Events

Thurs., September 27

Meals on Wheels

Sun., September 30

9:00 am - Sunday School
10:30 am - Worship Service

Tues., October 2

7:30 am - Men's Breakfast
at Village Inn

Wed., October 4

5:30 pm - Bells
7:00 pm - Choir



October 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 7:30 Men's Bkfst @ Village Inn 10:00 Al-Anon	3 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	4	5 7:00 NA Group	6
7 9:00 Sun. School 10:30 Worship <i>(World Communion and NIN Offering)</i>	8 Comm. Meals (B)	9 10:00 Al-Anon 6:00 Trustee Mtg.	10 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	11 Meals on Wheels	12 7:00 NA Group	13 9:00 Women's Bkfst @ Perkins
14 9:00 Sun. School 10:30 Worship	15	16 7:30 Men's Bkfst @ Village Inn 10:00 Al-Anon	17 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	18	19 7:00 NA Group	20
21 9:00 Sun. School 10:30 Worship 3:00 Fall Festival	22	23 10:00 Al-Anon	24 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	25 Meals on Wheels	26 7:00 NA Group	27
28 9:00 Sun. School 10:30 Worship <i>(3rd Grade Bibles)</i> 3:00 Miah Concert	29	30 10:00 Al-Anon	31 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir			

Birthdays

1 Greg Hoekstra	16 George Brown	26 Pat Brown
3 Ann Zellhoefer	22 Bonnie Bessman	Emily Lindaman
Carol Towsley	Jack Koch	27 Abbey Martens
7 Rex Boatman	Sarah Pavelski	Abbott
8 Melissa Wells	24 Emily Highnam	27 Andrew Yarngo
9 Lucas Backens	Landon Kelley	29 Pearl Goos
Leah Spence	Marsha Lind	

Anniversaries

3 Justo & Jeni Lara
5 John & Barb Mardis
7 Teresa Dahlgren & Michael McCollough
Dale & Barbara Hatinger
12 Russ & Carol Towsley
14 Scott & Ariel Driver
25 Rich & Kay Thuesen

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FALL FESTIVAL



Mark your calendars for the annual fall festival!

Sunday Oct 21 at 3:00

Join us for outdoor fun with a hayride, apple bobbing,
pumpkin carving and more!

Then warm up inside with our chili cook-off!

