



Messenger

Uniondale United Methodist Church September - October 2018

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Sunday Worship Service – 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:15 a.m.



September and October Birthdays and Anniversaries

September

- 6 – Mindi Herstad
- 8 – Brielle Kellam
- 12 – Suzanne Kellam
- 14 – Elaine McAfee
- 15 – Devin Evans
- 16 – Mary Cook
- 24 – Kim & Sue Chaney
- 30 – Gerry & Linda Houtz

October

- 18 – Linda Houtz



Upcoming Events

- Sunday, September 2 – Communion Sunday
- Monday, September 3 – Labor Day
- Sunday, September 9 – Sunday School starts
- Monday, September 10 – SPRC Meeting at 1 PM
Cluster carry-in dinner at 6 PM at Bluffton First UMC
- Sunday, September 16 – Food Bank Sunday-bring your food items
- Tuesday, September 18 – NE District Small Church Initiative –
Workshop at Huntertown UMC at 7 PM
- Saturday, September 22 – Cluster Street Fair popsicles distribution
begins at 1 PM at Bluffton First UMC
- Sunday, September 30 – Kids Changing the World-bring your
change
- Sunday, October 7 – Communion Sunday
World Communion Sunday Offering
Faith Circle 9 AM at Connie Hix' house
- Saturday, October 20 – Food Bank Sunday-bring your food items
- Sunday, October 21 – Kids Changing the World-bring your
change
- Sunday, October 28 – Trick or Treat in the Basement
- Wednesday, October 31 – Charge Conference-1 PM, Training-9 AM
at D&B Kruse Automotive Museum
- Saturday, November 10 –

****Don't forget****

- * Save your pop tabs and can tabs for Riley's Children's Hospital. Collection can at the back of the church.
- * Save your change for Children Changing the World on the last Sunday of each month.
- * To sign up for CHURCH DUTIES on sheets at back table.

A Word from Our Pastor

The children and youth have returned to their classrooms. Another school year has begun. New teachers, new subjects, new schedules – it takes some time to get all the parts working together smoothly.

Just as the beginning of the school year brings changes into our lives, God is working in our world and wants us see new things being created and recreated around us. Adjusting to changes is part of the growing process in all aspects of our lives.

Sunday School classes and Bible study groups that took a break during the summer will be getting back into their routines. Will you be participating in Sunday School or a Bible study this fall? Rubbing shoulders with other believers discussing what God's word says and how to apply it to daily living helps us grow in our faith. We all need to participate in some small group on a regular (weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly) basis to become more like Jesus.

A few weeks ago I preached about being an imitator of God. The apostle Paul (in Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2) tells us we are all parts of the same body, so we need to imitate God's goodness and love. We do this in several ways: 1) by speaking the truth to others, 2) by speaking words that build up others, 3) by working honestly so we'll have something to share with others in need and 4) by being kind, compassionate and forgiving to each other as God in Christ forgave you. Finally Paul tells us to live our lives with extravagant love following the example of Christ who gave himself as a sacrifice to take away our sins. To live our lives like that we must be in community and fellowship with others who are also trying to become more like our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. A small group of trusting friends is a great place to dig more deeply into scripture and learn to live it every day.

Take some time to meditate on this scripture passage from Ephesians and these words from the Thomas O. Chisholm's hymn, "O to Be Like Thee!"

- O to be like Thee! Blessed Redeemer, This is my constant longing and prayer;
Gladly I'll forfeit all of earth's treasures, Jesus Thy perfect likeness to wear.*
- O to be like Thee! Full of compassion, Loving, forgiving, tender and kind;
Helping the helpless, cheering the fainting, Seeking the wandr'ring sinner to find.*

*Refrain: O to be like Thee! O to be like Thee, Blessed Redeemer, pure as Thou art!
Come in Thy sweetness, come in Thy fullness; Stamp Thine own image deep on my heart.*

Shalom,
Pastor Karen <><



****Please remember****

Committee News

EMM Committee (Education, Missions, Ministries)

The EMM Committee met on August 8. Various missions and activities were discussed for the rest of 2018. Adult Sunday School Class will continue using The Upper Room, with several taking part in a teacher rotation. The teen class will continue with Larry McAfee as teacher. The children's class will continue to have several teachers in a rotation, with new materials. Please let us know if you would like to help teach at any level.

Faith Circle

Faith Circle will meet on October 20, at 9:00 AM, at the home of Bill and Connie Hix. All women are welcome. Men are also welcome to meet there and share in a breakfast fellowship at a local restaurant.

Nine Companion Cluster

The 9 Companion Cluster met on August 13. A carry-in dinner is planned for September 10 at 6 PM at Bluffton First UMC to celebrate the 145 Teacher Kits for Haiti the Cluster churches provided. Everyone in all of the Cluster churches are invited, as it took everyone to complete this project. The Cluster will be distributing popsicles at the Bluffton Street Fair on Saturday, September 22 at 1 PM. Meet at Bluffton First UMC to help with this outreach project. Happenings in other Cluster churches: on Saturday, September 15, Ossian UMC will have a Salad Bar-Bake Sale-Bazaar/Crafts during Ossian Days, 9 AM - 4 PM; on September 29, Epworth UMC will have a Yard/Bake Sale 9 AM - 3 PM. The next Cluster meeting will be Monday, November 12 at 6:30 PM at Uniondale UMC.

SPRC (Staff Parrish Relations Committee)

The SPRC is having their quarterly meeting Monday, September 10. Clergy evaluation forms, 2019 salaries, and annual parsonage review are on the agenda, all of which must be completed prior to the Charge Conference in November. At all times the committee members are available to listen to any joys or concerns of the congregation in order to increase the effectiveness of the ministry at UUMC.

Trustees

Thanks to Gerry and Roger for keeping our lawn looking nice during July and August. Thanks to Jeff for keeping the bushes trimmed. The elevator has been repaired. If you see things that need attention, please let one of the trustees know about it. Thanks to those who make sure the church is locked up each Sunday.

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Fall is a season of harvest, so it's good to remember that we always reap what we sow (Galatians 6:7). Sometimes, we get discouraged and wonder if the seeds we plant will ever sprout. Fall assures us that harvest day is coming, so we have to stick with the work.

Treasure's Report

August 2018 Budget Summary	August Actual	August Budget	August Variance	Year to date Actual	Year to date Budget	Year to date Variance
TOTAL INCOME	3,703.18	4,017.42	(314.24)	36,918.50	32,139.36	4,779.14
TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES	2,971.89	4,017.40	1,045.51	24,921.34	32,139.20	(857.00)
INCOME LESS EXPENSES	731.29	0.02		11,997.16	0.16	

5 Ways to Remember Your Baptism



A UMC.org Feature by Joe Iovino*

Remember your baptism, and be thankful.

Many United Methodist congregations occasionally hold services that include a time to remember your baptism (**traditional** | **new**). The goal is not to remember the day the pastor held you in her arms and put water on your head, but to remember that **you are baptized** and to reaffirm your **baptismal vows**.

Remembering that we are baptized, however, should not be limited to special worship services. We can find moments every day that remind us of our baptism and what it means in our daily living.

Bathing

Many of us begin our day in the shower, and the waters that cleanse us can serve as a reminder of who we are in Christ Jesus. What a great way to greet the day!

The Rev. Adam Hamilton of The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, wrote a prayer and had it printed on waterproof cards. Congregants were invited to hang the cards in their showers as a daily reminder. The prayer reads, "Lord, as I enter the water to bathe, I remember my baptism. Wash me by your grace. Fill me with your Spirit. Renew my soul. I pray that I might live as your child today, and honor you in all that I do."



Water and a new day can each be reminders that we are baptized.

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Rain

A good rain has a way of renewing the earth. Plants open. The air smells crisp. The drops feel cool and refreshing.

Watching from your porch as a storm passes or standing in a gentle rain can serve as an opportunity to remember your baptism.

The rain, as Jesus taught, is indiscriminate. It falls on the good and the bad, the righteous and the unrighteous ([Matthew 5:45](#)). As United Methodists, our baptismal vows call us “to serve [Jesus as] Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races.”

The rain can be a reminder that renewal is available to all by the grace of God.

Swimming

During the summer months, pause to remember as you swim. Immersion in the water is a wonderful reminder that we live surrounded by the grace and presence of God.

The Bible teaches, “In God we live, move, and exist” ([Acts 17:28 CEB](#)), and that there is no place we can go to separate ourselves from God ([Psalm 139](#)). Being submerged in the water can serve as a great reminder of God’s presence around us in every place and moment.

A new day

Part of baptism’s symbolism is death and resurrection. Going into the water signifies dying to our old selves, and rising from the water our new life in Christ. Even when immersion is not the method used, we pray during the baptismal ritual, “that, dying and being raised with Christ, [those presented for baptism] may share in his final victory” ([Baptismal Covenant I](#)).

Every new day as we rise from sleep, we can take a moment to remember that we have been raised with Christ, and pray to live out the day ahead in newness with him.

Tangible reminders

When you were baptized, you probably received a certificate of baptism. Framing the certificate or the church’s bulletin from that day, and displaying it on a nightstand, bureau, or another place you will see it daily, can serve as a great reminder.

Some congregations also give those baptized a gift like a candle, a cross, or some other memento of the occasion. While it may be tempting to put that in a special place in the attic for safekeeping, displaying it where you will see it regularly can remind you daily of who you are in Christ Jesus.

However you go about it, find ways to, “Remember that you are baptized, and rejoice!”

*[Joe Iovino](#) works for [UMC.org](#) at [United Methodist Communications](#).
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This story was first posted

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin? **I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

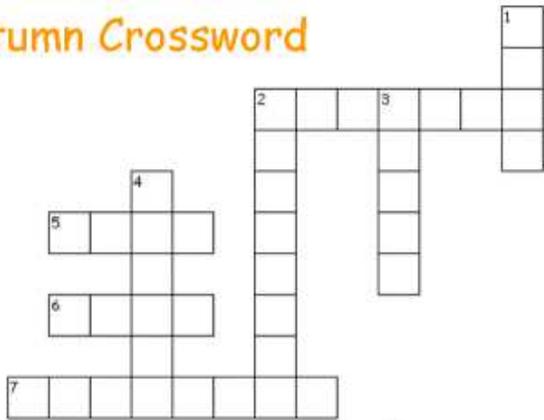
Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races? **I do.**

According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy Church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world? **I will.**

The Baptismal Covenant I

The United Methodist Church

Autumn Crossword



Across



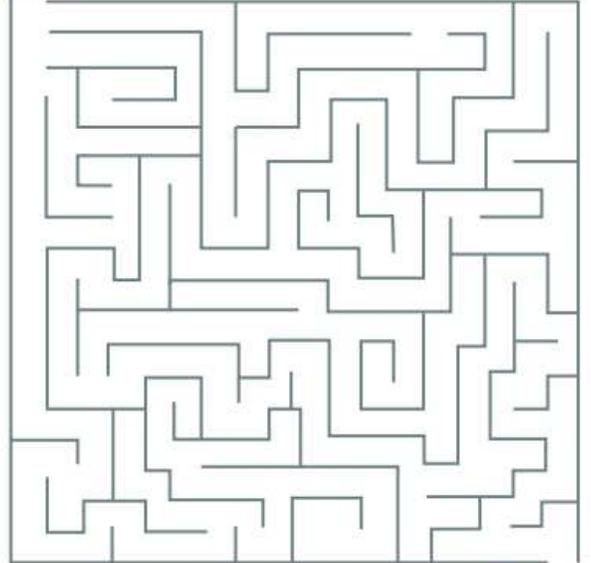
Down



Pumpkin Patch

MAZE

Start



Finish

Fall Into God's Word!

