



Please join us for worship.
Sunday School: 10:30
Worship: 10:30

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THIS MONTH

Sundays —
Women's Bible Study
6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Midway Students
5 to 7 p.m.

Mondays — 6:30 p.m.
Boy Scout Troop 68

Tuesdays — 7:00 p.m.
Learning Ladies ZOOM Bible Study

Wednesdays —
Midway Hotel Lunch—Noon
Choir Rehearsal — 6:29 p.m.
Second Wednesdays —
Compassionate Friends
4:00—5:00 p.m.

Thursdays — 9-4:00
Sewcial open sewing
Yoga at 11:00
Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
1st and 3rd—Twice Blessed

Tuesday, October 11—Noon
Second Tuesday Lunch

Sunday, October 30—5:00 to 6:30
Family Fun Night
Trick or Treat
In the Village

Saturday, November 5—4:30
Loaves and Fishes

Midway Locust Grove United Methodist

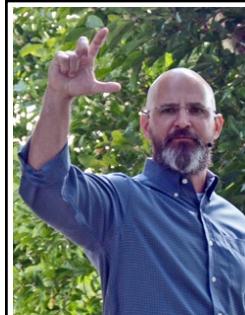


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LOCUST LEAVES



"Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly." - *Matthew 11:28-30*

As I sit to write this, I have just returned from a fantastic time of rest. Last week, some friends and I traveled up to Foam Lake, Saskatchewan, to chase waterfowl. After driving for a combined 26 hours over two days, we hunted for several days, then drove another 26 hours home. Most days began before 4 am and ended somewhere between 9-10 pm, with much physical exertion in between. Having read that, one might think it doesn't sound very restful, but it's actually quite the contrary.

You see, soul's rest isn't always about physical rest. It is more about getting away from the hubbub of daily life. In Eugene Peterson's paraphrase above, he conveys Jesus' words by writing, "Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest."

In the middle of nowhere Canada, there are no TVs, no computers, and minimal cell service, if any. About two days in, I realized that I could feel myself breathe for the first time in a long time. Beginning and ending each day with scripture, spending large amounts of each day in conversation with God, enjoying the company of close friends who are sincere Christians, and sitting in significant periods of silence and appropriate amounts of solitude led to a true Sabbath. We were even able to donate some of our harvest to the First Nation elders, so there was a thread of service involved as well.

This leads me to ask, when was the last time you took a real rest? Not like sleeping in one Saturday morning, but truly getting away from the world and allowing your soul to revive? If it has been a while, I encourage you to set up some time to retreat. When we do, the Holy Spirit is faithful to lead us into the unforced rhythms of grace. As he does, we will remember what it's like to live freely and lightly. What a gift!

Peace,
Ben

MINISTRIES & MISSIONS

Women still reading 1 Samuel

The Learning Ladies Zoom Bible Study continues reading the Book of 1 Samuel in October. The group meets on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 with a prayer time at its conclusion.

The study group is open to all women regardless of their age or knowledge of the Bible. For more information, contact Marjorie McFann at 573-445-5650 or mjmcfann@hotmail.com.

Another women's study group meets from 6 to 7 p.m. on Sunday evenings if this time frame does not work for you.

Reminders

October Family Fun

October 30 Sunday Night
5:00-6:30 pm

Trick or Treat in the Village

November Give Back Day

TBA

December Family Fun

December 11

Sunday night 6:00 pm

Christmas Choir Program and
Desserts



GORGEOUS GIRLS

Join us for lunch!

Monday, Oct. 24

11:00 a.m.

Kobe Japanese
Steakhouse

Let Kathy Koehler know if you'd
like to come
kkoehler1976@gmail.com

The Gorgeous Girls continue to enjoy sharing lunch with each other. If you would like to get to know some of the ladies of the church, please join us for our monthly get togethers. Each month is a new restaurant. Come meet some new friends! Contact Kathy Koehler for further information

TREASURY NOTES

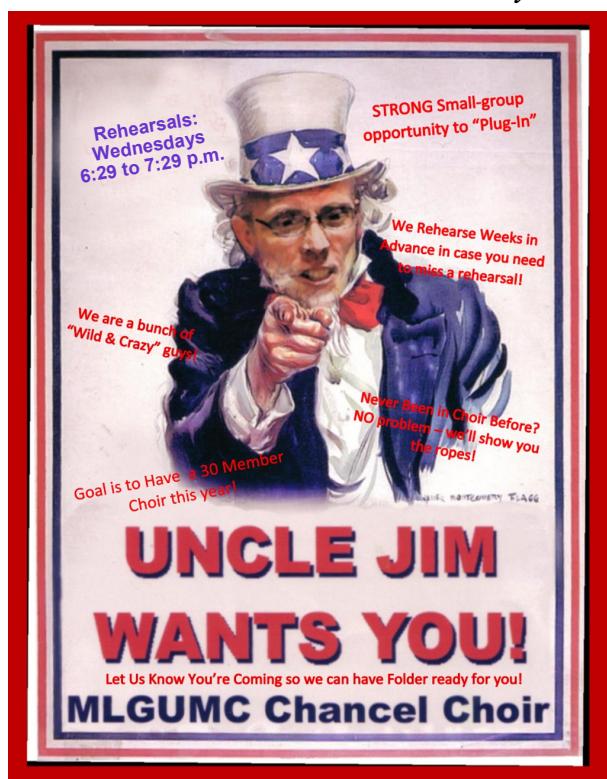
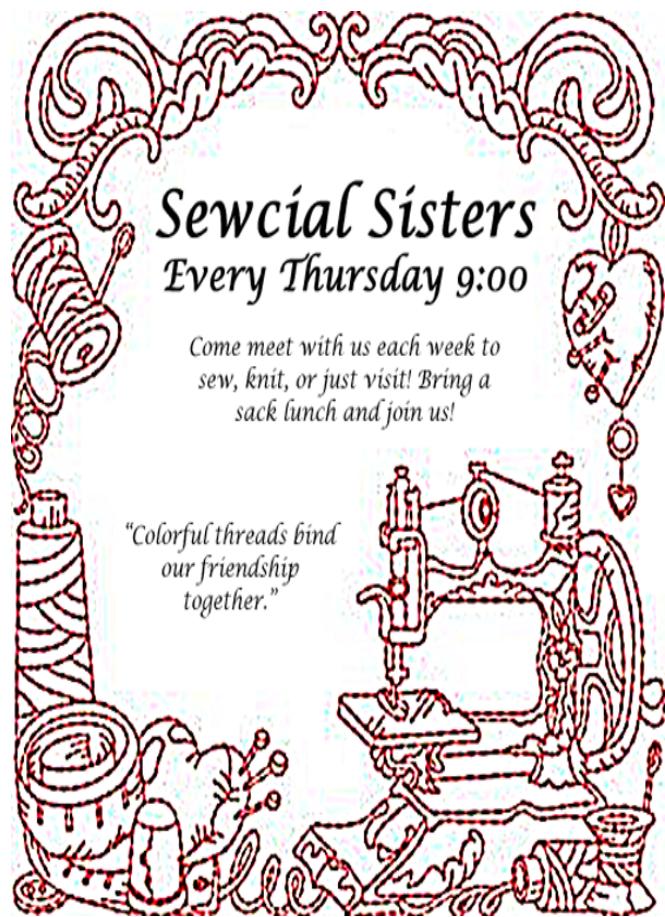
By Nedra Moreau

Our offering for September totaled about \$16,000, which is \$1,000 below our budgeted monthly requirement. However, we are still slightly over \$18,000 monthly average for the year. Bills are all paid to date, including apportionments, and we still have a nice balance in our general fund checking account. Some of our expenses are below budget, so we are well within budget for the year. We are really in a good position financially. Thanks to all who are continuing their faithful stewardship.

We ham it up at Loaves and Fishes

Saturday September 3 we served at Loaves and Fishes. Thanks to Steve and Lynda Baumgartner for their donation of cured ham we were able to serve 110 plates of ham, beans and cornbread. Combined with the donations of brownies and cookies completed a wonderful Fall Dinner. Thank you all for your donations of food and time. Our next opportunity to serve will be November 5. Kevin Yaeger will be frying fish! We will need all hands on deck!

Sherri Perry



Some of the Sewcial Sisters went on a day trip to Hamilton, Mo. it was the Missouri Star Quilt Company's Birthday Bash. We shared stories on the drive, played games, and of course shopped!!! We got to stop at Kathy and Clete's new house in Lexington!

We welcome all creative gals to join us on Thursdays at the church.

Beth Luetjen

**Join us for
Second Tuesday Lunch
October 11, Noon.
Bring a dish and friend.**

Poet's Corner

Readers are invited to share their original writings here. Send items to the editor or deliver them before or after Sunday worship.

Every October on one single morning in our front wooded pasture, within a 2 to 3 hour span, a steady stream of leaves are released from their branches. It's as though God says: "okay leaves ...it's time. Fall!" This is one of my very favorite things!

Glenna Johnson

The following poem was written by Don Randall's grandmother, and Don requested it be read at his funeral. Don's nephew, August Tillman, did the reading .

The Web of Life

Backward my memory wanders tonight,
Into the shadows of bygone years,
Parting the curtains and bringing to light
The past, with its burden of gladness and tears.

Things long forgotten, memories hushed,
Dreams I had tenderly buried from sight,
Longings unsatisfied--bright hopes crushed--
Of sunshine and gladness--of shadow and blight.

Of a sister's tears, and a mother's prayers,
Of trials, temptations, and victories won--
Of days of brightness and freedom from cares,
Or of striving to utter, "Thy will be done."

As I marvel much at the tangled skein,
The parted curtains have left in sight,
With threads of gladness and threads of pain,
All mingled and twisted, the dark with the light.

Falling

Each autumn with great anticipation
as sunlight streams through weary trees,
God breathes a sigh – a gentle goodbye.
Released from all which held them to the past,
leaves gracefully in unison drift, twirl,
dance, swirl.
With great importance, this ritual plays
within me.
Torn between melancholy and excitement -
in fear that perhaps the time has past and
I must wait yet another year to witness the
miracle:
this end - this beginning of yet another
season.
In its finality, a comforting reality
of hopefulness,
and once again anticipation
of the promise which awaits us all:
the renewal and reminder of the
cycle of our lives.

Ah! Strangely woven, these lives of ours,
With a warp of gladness, a woof of pain--
(Yet the flowers would droop in the sunny hours
Were they never refreshed by the cooling rain.)

We wonder oftentimes at the broken threads,
And murmur at trials and crosses we meet,
Ne'er thinking it needeth each fragment and shred,
To render the pattern of life complete.

O, a careful weaver is watching the loom,
And though the web may seem jagged and rough,
Whether threads of glory or threads of gloom,
He knoweth the reason, and that is enough.

ELLEN ELMIRA RANDALL

Volunteers needed at Midway Heights Elementary School

You can make a difference in the lives of the children at Midway School by volunteering in the classroom. Through Locust Grove Church, we will sponsor a program of volunteerism that would include tutoring, reading, assisting teachers with special projects, and providing treats for the approximately 30 teachers at Midway. If you would like to help out, sign up in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a process to meet the requirements of the school district which will include some paperwork and a background check.

Contact Louise Stanley or Shayla Roop if you have questions.

Happy Birthday

October 2022

2 Marjorie McFann	21 Zeke Lee
4 Russell Barnes	22 Kelly Cochran
5 Suzi Bass Moore	23 Callie Kempf
5 Makenzie Thomas	28 Randy Elmore
7 Hope Burkart	30 Lois Douglass
16 Kayla Meyer	

If someone's name does not appear here and they do have a birthday this month, please let us know by email and we will update our records.

Do for others what you want them to do for you. Matthew 7:12

Second-Tuesday lunch evolves into birthday party for Lou Pegues



Lou Pegues was surprised with a birthday celebration at the September Second Tuesday Church Lunch. She celebrated her 90th birthday a few days later, September 16.

Lou first came to Locust Grove UMC when her husband, David, became pastor in June of 1981, following 28 years as an Air Force Chaplain. He served Locust Grove until 1985. He died in 2006.

Lou told the group of her own service in the Air Force and of the many places in the world they were stationed together.



Following the feast of carry-in delicacies, the group shared birthday cake and asked Lou for her recollection of her time in the Air Force and as a pastor's wife and devoted church member.



Happenings

Participation in worship by members of the congregation is an MLGUMC tradition.



Bill Graff & Sherri Perry



Teagan Groh



Gilbert Harville & Tony Martin

During the choir's summer break, some members of the congregation shared their musical talent to enhance our September worship services.



Steve Lightner



Colton Kempf & Dylan Roop

Erin White fills the pulpit September 25

Rev. Ben took the opportunity of a hunting trip to Canada, knowing it would not have an impact on Sunday worship. Erin White accepted the challenge of filling the pulpit and used her pastoral experience to relate the story of Joseph and the Battle of Jericho for the congregation.

Erin also is active in the Compassionate Friends Group which meets on Second Wednesdays and the Women's Sunday Bible Study which meets from 6 to 7 p.m.



The Christmas Store

Sponsored by



Saturday, December 3, 2022

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Our 2nd Annual Christmas Store will be here before we know it...so start checking those sale racks, clearance aisles, and your closets for items to donate to this important, fun, and special event!

Along with your generous & creative donations, we need “elves” to help set up, “man” tables, and take down the store!

More info next month, but PLEASE mark your calendars for

- Friday, 12/2 – set up
- Saturday, 12/3 store open from 10:00-2:00
 - Dismantle store at 2:00.

This has proven to be a very rewarding & greatly appreciated experience! Put on those elf hats and start your gift hunting!



ALL proceeds go to Twice Blessed so we can help more of those in need!

Man in the Arena

One of the top three most requested quotes is that regarding the "man in the arena" or "not the critic"

"It is not the critic who counts: not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs and comes up short again and again, because there is no effort without error or shortcoming, but who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, who spends himself for a worthy cause; who, at the best, knows, in the end, the triumph of high achievement, and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least he fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who knew neither victory nor defeat."

"Theodore Roosevelt
Citizenship in a Republic,"
Speech at the Sorbonne, Paris, April 23, 1910

Check the Bulletin Boards in Fellowship Hall for information and inspiration.

Thanks to Angie Gerzen for preparing this month's boards.



How Your Spiritual Gifts Correlate To Meeting People's Needs

**Dr. Larry Gilbert,
from ChurchGrowth.org**

People are attracted to a church that meets the needs in their lives or touches the needs and lives of their loved ones. The church that meets a person's specific need when it occurs will have the best chance of reaching that person for Christ.

There are two kinds of needs: felt needs and real needs. Sometimes, felt needs are not real needs, or the real needs are not felt by a person. Sometimes, in meeting a person's needs, the church must point out the real need in the person's life so that it becomes a felt need. Other times, the felt needs must be met first in order to discover the real need. This means the church must meet both felt and real needs.

How can this best be done? By teaching about the *Team Ministry Spiritual Gifts* so that everyone can discover their spiritual gifts and use their gifts to reach the needs of non-believers in the community.

For every need in the life of a person who does not know Christ, there is a spiritual gift that helps reach that person for Christ.

When a person comes to Christ, there are often many other needs to meet. The team at your church can come to the rescue, meeting those other needs through the spiritual gifts God gave for that purpose.

A balanced, healthy church meets all the needs that exist in the body of its members and reaches out to the community it serves.

Paul explains this in Ephesians 4:16, "From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, *grows and builds itself up* in love, as each part does its work."

A healthy church *grows* (increases in numbers by reaching people for Christ)

and *builds itself up* (ministers to the needs within its own body).

Here is how each of the *Team Ministry Spiritual Gifts* correlate to needs in a person's life...

- People need salvation. God provides *evangelists*.
- People need awareness of sin. God provides *prophets*.
- People need to know God's Word to know what is right. God provides *teachers*.
- People need encouragement and "know how." God provides *exhorters*.
- People need shepherding (guidance and care). God provides *shepherds*.
- People need comfort. God provides *mercy-showers*.
- People need a helping hand. God provides *servers*.
- People need financial aid. God provides *givers*.
- People need leadership. God provides *administrators*.
- People need fellowship. God provides *the entire body*.

People have an inner need to serve others, investing their lives in the lives of others. As the body of Christ uses all the spiritual gifts to meet all of the needs, mature Christians are developed. When you add all the met needs and the active spiritual gifts together, you get lasting growth.

God gave us spiritual gifts to serve Him through doing the work of the ministry – meeting needs, reaching people and growing the church, preparing the Bride of Christ for His return.

Are you using your gifts?



The Kitchen Cabinet

Remembering
Mary Kaye's
Food Ministry

Cooler weather and falling leaves makes us crave this New England staple. Save your left overs and add some fresh ingredients to make this delicious succotash. Great side with any main dish.

Enjoy, Hope Burkart

Cast Iron Succotash

3 slices thick-cut bacon, chopped
 1 cup chopped sweet onion
 1 - 12 oz bag frozen corn thawed and patted dry
 2 cloves minced garlic
 2 medium zucchini chopped (about 1 1/2 cups)
 1 green bell pepper chopped
 1 - 16 oz bag frozen baby lima beans thawed and patted dry
 1 1/2 cup halved grape tomatoes
 1/4 cup sliced green onions
 1/2 tsp salt
 1/4 tsp pepper

In a 12-inch cast iron skillet cook bacon until crisp. Remove bacon and let drain on paper towels. In reserved bacon drippings add onions and cook till transparent. Add corn, garlic, zucchini, pepper and cook about 5 minutes. Add lima beans, tomatoes, green onion, salt & pepper. Cook until heated through. Top with bacon.

17 help at Food Bank

The Lee family sorts and bags onions as one of the projects at the Food Bank.



On Tuesday evening, September 13 at 5:30, 17 members of Midway Locust Grove worked at the Food Bank. The Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri has been serving the area for 40 years. Sharing food and bringing hope is the motto of this generous organization. The Bank distributes food to pantries throughout the communities in the region to help end hunger and provide healthy meals for those needing assistance.

We sacked onions as our first task and then moved on to constructing 500 boxes. The boxes were used the next day when they were filled with groceries for senior citizens. 3000 boxes were needed that week and filled with items such as peanut butter, rice, macaroni, cereal, canned fruit, vegetables, and chili. Approximately 20 Commerce Bank employees worked with us and we met some new friends.

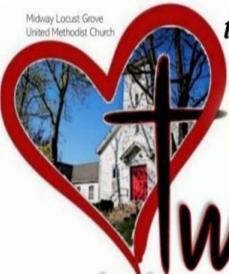
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Our next Give Back Day will be in November and watch for a time and place to be announced.

Louise Stanley

Basic necessities free of charge
to those temporarily in need

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12:00 – 5:00

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Ministers: The Congregation

Our Mission:

To celebrate God's presence in everything we do, bring our neighbors to Jesus and fellowship in our church family, develop them to be followers of Jesus, and equip them for service ministry and life missions to communicate God's word, in order to magnify God's name.

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The Back Row By Gene Baumann

It truly is a small world...

I've always been fascinated by the small-world syndrome of meeting someone with whom I have a connection I knew nothing about. It happened again recently in a remarkable way.

My son, Steve, has been helping me recover from a flooded basement, and we were replacing items to the repaired area, I discovered a scrapbook I had put together in 1959 while I was a student at MU's School of Journalism.

That summer in a news writing class, I covered the games of a black semi-pro baseball team, The Columbia Comets for the Missourian newspaper. As I was reading some of the stories, I mentioned one of

Find the hidden circuit rider  in this issue.

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If we had a Message Board...

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Tuesday, October 11
Bring a dish to share.**

the players, Leon Guyton. Steve exclaimed, "I know him!"

Not likely, I thought, as this was two years before Steve was born. Fast forward to the early years of Steve's working life here in Columbia, and he met another motorcycle rider named Leon Guyton. They have remained friends all this time.

He immediately called Leon and asked if he had played on the Columbia Comets; the answer was "I sure did."

Steve copied all the stories I had written and bound them into a booklet. We delivered the collection and had a marvelous visit with Leon about those wonderful days.

I had envisioned a reunion in the making, but it appears Leon may be the only surviving member of the team.

I can hardly wait for the next piece of history we uncover as we move stuff back into the repaired areas of the basement.