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From The Pastor's Pen...

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord!

As I walked to the church in the morning, I could smell my favorite season. It smells SO GOOD! Everybody falls in love at least once year. I fall in love with fall every October with nature change. On the way to McCausland last week, my gaze was fixed on one tree. Its leaves falling into a thick orange color stood out among all green trees. How stunning is it! Soon, nature is going to change into a vibrant array of colors, and all the trees will compete with each other, boasting all their own colors. This is the best time of year to go out to disconnect from our busy lives and reconnect with nature. Hearing them singing for God's abundance, we can encounter God. Whenever we encounter God, something happens. In the midst of the surge in COVID cases, we need God's healing of our souls. And I want to invite you to come and join us for the Eldridge UMW retreat on Oct. 9th at Tubbs' cabin near Maquoketa. You can join us for a fall day trip with McCausland folks when fall reaches its peak around Oct. 10th ~ Oct. 19th. Or you

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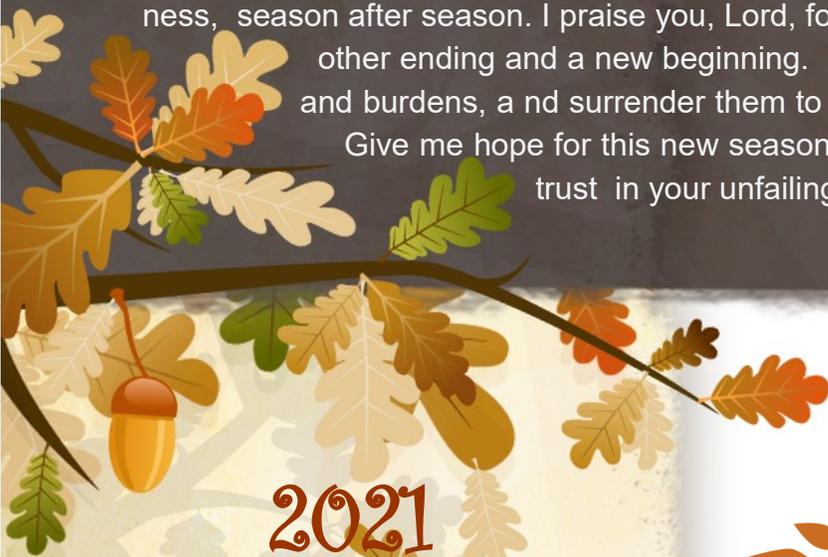
PASTOR'S PEN (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

can simply be outside on your deck or porch with a hot cup of coffee or tea, and just take it all. Or be outside silent, turning to God, and pray.

Dear God,

Thank You for Your unfailing love for me, Your blessings, and goodness in every season. The seasons change, but you never do. You are always beautiful in the green and freshness of spring as in the golds, reds, yellows, and chills of fall. Make me like you. Let my life reflect your beauty and goodness, season after season. I praise you, Lord, for the promise that the coming of fall heralds another ending and a new beginning. Help me let go of things of the past, the hurts and burdens, and surrender them to your loving care for healing and refreshment. Give me hope for this new season though the unknown journey lies ahead, I can trust in your unfailing love and presence. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Love in Christ, Pastor JaeHee Lee



2021 Birthday & Anniversary Club

Club Members from Jan 1-Aug 10

Mike Shaw
Kelly Cronkleton
Dennis Eudaley
Gary Abbas
Sondra Bulazo
Joyce Orcutt
Vicki Shaw
Cindy Irwin
Shirley Lucas

Thank You!



October

BIRTHDAYS &
anniversaries

| | |
|-------|--|
| 10/1 | Ben & Karen Apple Brian Popelka |
| 10/3 | Jennifer McLain |
| 10/5 | Kathy Dawson Carol Kay |
| 10/7 | Phyllis Kinney David Muhs |
| 10/8 | Jeff & Kelly Cronkleton |
| 10/9 | Jeff Newmeister Flo Veldhuis-Kroeze |
| 10/11 | Lynn & Laura Reth |
| 10/12 | Bill Tubbs |
| 10/16 | Cory & Cindy Crain |
| 10/23 | Jan Veldhuis-Kroeze |
| 10/29 | Dave Faeth |
| 10/30 | Vicki Hawkins Laura McLain AJ Petersen |
| 10/31 | Paula Bryant |

WORSHIP TEAM SCHEDULE

| <u>OCT.</u> | <u>Hosts</u> | <u>Liturgist</u> | <u>Treats</u> | <u>Pianist</u> | <u>Screens</u> |
|-------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| *3 | Sondra B & Norma N | Lynn R | Shaws & Joyce O | Kathy D | CJ -A |
| 10 | Lynn & Laura Reth | Joyce O | Sondra B & Shirley L | Sally R | Keith R |
| 17 | Nancy B & Shirley L | Cindy I | Karen A & Dee C | CJ -A | Keith R |
| 24 | Cindy I & Trish R | Dan E | Kathy D & Kelly C | Linda R | CJ -A |
| 31 | Mike & Vicki Shaw | CJ -A | Judy K & Carol H | Cindy I | Keith R |

*Communion Servers : Mike & Vicki Shaw

INNER HEALING WORKSHOP

With Rev. Yong Hui McDonald

On Sunday, October 24th we will have a JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE hosting our friends from the McCausland UMC for a special presentation entitled "*Fullness of Life in Christ Through Healing and Transformation*". We will meet at our regular 9am time with a 'digging deeper' workshop and brunch to follow at 10:30.

Our guest speaker, Dr. Yong Hui McDonald is a United Methodist minister and chaplain at Adams County Detention Facility in Brighton, Colorado since 2003. She is a founder of the Transformation Project Prison Ministry(TPPM), and served as an on- call hospital chaplain for 15 years, and as a prison chaplain since 2003. Born in South Korea, she came to the United States in 1979 after she married an American man. She has published multiple books on Healing and Transformation, which has been translated into several languages such as Spanish, Korean, and Japanese, and leads "Inner Healing Seminars." She has seen revival among prisoners and experienced many miracles with the PPTM book ministry. You can find her audio books and video presentation, "Inner Healing Seminars" on YouTube.

We are lucky to have such a noted speaker to share with us. There will be many ways we will be asking for help in preparation for this special event — advertising, set-up, brunch prep, etc. Contact any Worship Committee member (Cindy Irwin, CJ Albertson, Sally Riewerts, Carol Kay) to offer your assistance.

Upcoming Events

10.9

Men's Breakfast / 7am
UMW Fall Retreat / 9am-4pm

10.14

Admin Council Mtg / 6:30pm

10.20

Korean Culture Night / 6pm

10.24

Joint Worship / Guest Speaker
Workshop / Brunch

10.27

UMW mtg. / 3pm
Guest re: "Human Trafficking"

Office Hours

Tuesday-Friday
8:30am-12:30pm

OCTOBER is PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Brothers and sisters, we ask you to show your appreciation for those leaders who work among you and instruct you. We ask you to love them and think very highly of them because of the work they are doing. Live in peace with each other.

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13



Prayer Concerns

- Mark Bader (& Julie) who was recently diagnosed with ALS ('Lou Gehrig's disease).
- Cindy Crain - beginning a treatment plan for autoimmune disorder (dermatomyositis) that is deteriorating her muscles. Plan sets a 2-yr. target for restrengthening.
- Mike Wright's back condition worsened and he was taken to IC hospitals for emergency surgery. Blood pressure spiked and had to be put off until 10/2. Surgery went pretty well. He has a long convalescence ahead.
- Carol Kay - having long-awaited back surgery on 10/8
- Mike Shaw's colleague, Meghan hit with dump truck rock.
- Laura McLain's brother, Steve Hay and his friend Ken who is not recovering well from a brain bleed.

With the complications of communicating throughout the Covid times last year, some important things were missed — one of which was the Birthday Club! THANK YOU so much to those of you who continued your generous giving last year. Along with those previously listed in January & February, you donated a YEAR'S TOTAL of **\$1,476.85 in the year 2020:**

Here is a list of the Birthday & Anniversary members from March 2020 to the end of the year:

Keith Riewerts

Shirley Lucas

Bea Abbas

Marianne Doonan

Sally Riewerts

Lynn Reth

Kathy Dawson

Phyllis Kinney

Paula Bryant

Marge Stapleton

Kintigh Family

Dan Esbaum

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2021 Monthly STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE Update

STEWARDSHIP: "Utilizing and managing all resources God provides for the glory of God and the betterment of His creation."

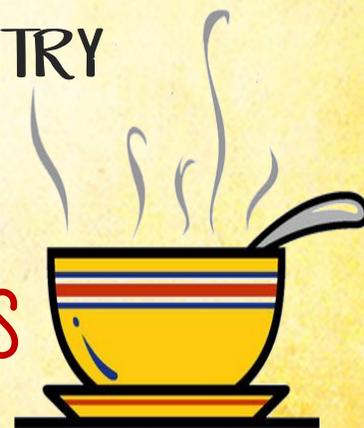
| MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT | General Operating Fund | Building Fund |
|--|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2021 Pledges: | \$ 120,924.00 | \$ 26,645.00 |
| Anticipated 2021 Growth: | \$ 13,457.00 | |
| TOTAL | \$ 134,381.00 (\$11,198/mo) | \$ 26,645.00 (\$2,054/mo) |
| Received in 2021: | | |
| January | \$ 8,865.00 | \$ 715.00 |
| February | \$ 9,173.00 | \$ 1,690.00 |
| March | \$ 10,683.00 | \$ 1,700.00 |
| April | \$ 7,220.00 | \$ 1,695.00 |
| May | \$ 8,788.00 | \$ 1,530.00 |
| June | \$ 13,858.00 | \$ 615.00 |
| July | \$ 8,268.00 | \$ 630.00 |
| August | \$ 14,005.00 | \$ 3,220.00 |
| SEPTEMBER | \$ 6,662.00 | \$ 405.00 |
| | | |
| 2021 Income To Date: | \$ 87,522.00 | \$ 12,200.00 |
| Percentage of 2020 pledges: | 65% | 50% |
| Accounts Receivables— | | |
| SEPTEMBER net GAIN of \$770,67 | Income: \$ 10,585.24 | Expenses: \$ 9,814.57 |
| TOTAL to date— net GAIN of \$7,912.40 | Income: \$ 96,503.69 | Expenses: \$ 88,591.29 |

DON'T FORGET!

1. **UMW CALENDARS** will soon be available. Watch your mail for a postcard to order!
2. **INGATHERING** is just around the Corner. Call Janalee Keppy at 285-4123 for details on how you can help finish up this worthy project.
3. We need folks to sign up to bring **ALTAR FLOWERS**. Sheet is on the window in the Gathering Area.

October at the FOOD PANTRY

**SOUPS &
CRACKERS**



MORE special opportunities in October...

1

KOREAN CULTURE NIGHT

6pm—Wednesday, October 20th

Please come and join Pastor Lee and friends for a chance to taste delicious Korean cuisine, get an up close look at some traditional Korean clothing and hear interesting stories and insights about the Korean culture and find out just a little bit more about our intrepid leader from South Korea!

2

STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING!

The program at this month's Oct. 27th UMW meeting is on HUMAN TRAFFICKING and will be presented by Deanna Jensen Valliere, an Eldridge resident who is very involved in working to end human trafficking within the state of Iowa. We are hoping that former Iowa State Senator Margaret Tinsman of Davenport, who has also taken on the initiative, will join her. This is a very important topic for our day and in our own state of Iowa. Knowing more about the subject will help those of good faith to oppose these actions in meaningful ways. UMW invites *ANYONE* who is interested to join together on Oct. 27 at 3 p.m. in the room adjacent to the kitchen. If you have questions, please contact Linda Tubbs at 563-579-7401.

3

UMW FALL RETREAT RETURNS!!!

Saturday, October 9

ALL women of the church are invited to share some 'fun in the woods' at Linda Tubbs' family cabin outside Maquoketa! This year's theme will be "Women of the Bible" — bring your Bible and a pen/pencil and some paper (if you want to remember some of what you hear!).

The cost is only \$5 this year — just enough to cover the cost of your lunch. We will meet at the church at 9am to carpool and return to the church around 4pm. RESERVATIONS are needed by Wednesday, October 6th: Kathy Rhinehart 285-8648 or Joyce Orcut 285-8988.

Come comfy. . . You may want to do some 'exploring'!

AD COUNCIL MINUTES -- September 9, 2021

Members Present: Kelly Cronkleton, Cindy Irwin, Linda Tubbs, Pastor Lee, C.J. Albertson, Gary Abbas, Keith Riewerts, Debbie Menke, Joyce Orcutt.

Devotions: Some people shared where they had seen God recently.

Committee Updates:

Worship - Cindy Irwin asked for at least one more person for the committee; someone younger to middle-aged, possibly a male who is not on other committees so the committee can gain another perspective. Cindy expressed our need for an electronic sign that is two sided. The decision was made for the committee to do further investigation about size, cost, etc., and take the information to the Trustees to determine sign location, electrical connection, etc. The Trustees will bring a recommendation to Ad Council. The committee has been exploring ways to revitalize our church and congregation. They suggest having a list of places that need updating inside and out. They also suggest a visioning committee.

UMW - Linda Tubbs gave information about the 2022 calendar project. It will have pictures of our 50 year history as a church as well as birthdays and anniversaries of as many of our members, friends, and former pastors as possible. They will sell for \$15 and will be on sale beginning in October. They will be available in early December. UMW is also having a women's retreat October 9 at the Tubbs' home near Maquoketa.

Men's Group - There is a men's retreat planned in October with a motivational speaker to initiate a men's Bible study group.

The Scott County United Methodist Group (SCUM) - Will meet here the last Monday in Sept. UMW is asked to provide cookies and a beverage for 6-8 people.

Financial Update: (See report elsewhere in the newsletter) The church is in good financial shape. Kelly Cronkleton asked for one more person to count the offering after worship. If there is a team of five people available it will work well. The Finance committee will meet with Pastor Lee to discuss the stewardship drive details.

Open Topics:

SPPRC - Debbie and Gary suggested salary changes as increases for the paid church staff, (office manager, treasurer, custodian, technical support) based on the following criteria:

- Church's financial health
- Years of service
- Range and scope of responsibilities of the job

The committee will work on salary ranges to allow for flexibility and bring that back to Ad Council in October. In the future, we may need to hire a paid pianist/accompanist. It was suggested that some form of recognition be given for unpaid positions such as financial secretary, accompanists/pianists, choir director.

Tech support - John Cannon has expressed the following needs for the church's sound system:

- Another cordless microphone (approx. \$200-\$300)
- Amplifier for outdoor use (approx.. \$200)
- Omni directional microphone (no cost yet)
- Have Central Scott do an appraisal of our internet due to losing internet connection problems

All items were approved unanimously.

Outreach - Keith Riewerts gave an update on Melissa Guffy for whom the church's outreach fund paid two months of expenses while she was recovering and unable to work. She would like to attend our worship to thank the congregation for the help that was provided when she needed it very much.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Orcutt, secretary

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Worship 9:00 a.m.
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