



ATWATER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Outreach

Trunk or Treat Sun. Oct. 28 2-4 pm Donations of candy for this event will be welcomed; please place in basket in entryway. Bring your car, open your trunk & decorate it, wear a costume. It's fun for the adults who participate as well as the kids.



Charlotte Jermy will be distributing shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child so you can start collecting items to fill these. The deadline to have these returned is Nov. 4th. There will be a list of suggested items in the shoebox. If you want to place a picture of yourself and/or your mailing address you could exchange letters if you wish.

Upcoming: Three Community Outreach projects to be presented to congregation so you can choose which one (s) you'd like to help with. Helping people right here in Atwater & our neighboring communities should be a high priority ministry for us

Harvest Dinner and Bazaar

November 3 from 4:30-7:00pm.
Adults \$10.00
ages 6-12 \$6.00
ages 5 and under are free
Please contact Kristi Bunker if you're able to help in any way.
Kristi's contact information is: 330-807-0393,
Kristi.bunker@gmail.com



Church Office Hours

Office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00 am-2:00 pm. At other times please leave a message and Rev Ruth or Carey will get back to you.

Worship in October

October 7th is World Communion Sunday - Join with us as we celebrate Communion with Christians around the world!

Prayer Chain

You can start the prayer chain by calling Kathy Elson at 330-904-3964 or Martha Simons at 330-947-2017

Charge Conference

Sunday, November 18, 2019

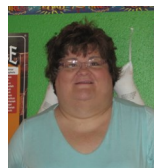
At First UMC of Ravenna

This annual meeting is a time to care for the business of the church. Meaning we will elect leaders, set goals and approve our 2019 budget. Any member and all church leaders are to



M ISSION STATEMENT: "TO LOVE, CARE, AND SHARE THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS US."

From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Friends,

Fall is an exciting time of year in the church. We are coming back from our relaxed summer. Our activities are starting again and the holidays are just around the corner. (Less than 100 days until Christmas!)

The **Worship Team** is busy planning for upcoming services. October 7 we join with Christians around the world in World Communion Sunday. November 4 is All Saint's Day, we will pause to remember those we have lost in the past year and celebrate the new saints that have joined us. November 18 we will celebrate Thanksgiving and distribute Bibles to children in 3rd grade. If you have a child old enough to receive a Bible please contact Linda Hollendonner as soon as possible. The following Sunday, November 25, it is time to break out the decorations and Hang the Greens. This will be followed by a Soup and Salad Lunch! We are then into Advent and Christmas!

The **Education Team** is hard at work as well. Children's Church is underway. Youth group kicked off Sept. 16 with 8 youth in attendance. We had a "friendly competition" in the Zany Olympics between youth and parents. I am pleased to report the parents won 3 event to 2! Adult Sunday School is back in session and Bible Study begins this week on Thursday.

The **Hospitality Team** is preparing for our annual Harvest Dinner and Bazaar on Saturday, November 3rd. You are encouraged to start working on craft items and baked goods for the Bazaar. If you can help with the dinner contact Kristi Bunker.

The **Outreach Team** is always busy. We collected school supplies for Waterloo schools this summer, health kits for annual conference. This summer we began a partnership with the *Loaves and Fishes Ministry* at the Ravenna UMC. In July we served 199 meals and Saturday, Sept. 15 we served 153 meals at the weekly community dinners. This fall we are getting ready for the annual Trunk or Treat event. You can help in several ways: 1. Plan to decorate your car trunk and distribute candy to children who come by our parking lot. 2. Donate bags of wrapped treat that will be handed out to children during the afternoon! We will again receive names for the Angel Tree and help make Christmas special for many families. Hurricane Florence is raising needs for many people in the Carolinas. UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) is already at work in the area. There are several ways you can help: 1. Monetary donations – you can give through the church by placing your donation in an envelope and turn it in with your regular offering (mark it Hurricane Florence) 2. UMCOR has put out a call for Health Kits and Flood Buckets. Information on this project will be shared Sunday in worship.

Finally I want to share several new ministries starting that are designed to reach out to people in our community with care and compassion.

Support Group for Kinship Care

Purpose: To provide support and encouragement for older family members now with the responsibility of raising children due to biological parent's life challenges. Also to provide a positive environment for children. This group will meet once a month and begin with dinner followed by activities for kids and support/education for adults.

Support Group for caregivers of Alzheimer's or dementia family members

Purpose: To provide education, support and care to families who are caring for family members with memory loss. This group will meet once a month. More details to follow.

Short Term How-To Classes

Purpose: provide short-term life skills classes for individuals in the community at no or minimal cost. These monthly classes will allow people to gain skills in cooking, sewing, household and car maintenance.

We want to share the love of Christ with all who come through our doors for these events and to help make and mature disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

I am excited about what is happening and will be coming for our church. It is my hope and prayer that you will get involved in some way. To learn more about an upcoming event or get involved in the leadership, please contact me.

Blessings Rev. Ruth



Worship Workers

October

Liturgist: Blair Weaver

Ushers: Bob & Kathy Elson

Greeters: Kristi & Alex Bunker & Lynn Werab

Elevette: Bonny Bowker

Fellowship: Cindy Greene & Kristi Bunker

Acolyte:

Youth Bell Ringer: Alex Bunker

Communion Helpers: Martha Bevard

Saturday, October 13 – Waterloo vs Southeast Soccer Game at Waterloo 1:00 PM

Church Family, you are invited to attend the soccer game. We have youth from our church playing on both teams. James and Clayton Jacobs playing for Waterloo and Mack Campbell playing for Southeast. Come out and support the boys!

Bible Sunday

Bible Sunday, Nov. 18. If you have a child in 3rd grade or who is older but has never received a bible, let the church office know and they will receive one on that Sunday.

UMCW News

UMW: Oct. 10, 7:00pm

Program: Charlotte Jermy

Hostess: Linda Hollendonner

Coburn Circle: Oct. 16, 7:00pm

Hostess: Martha Bevard

Program: Kathy Elson

Book Club

Book Club will meet on October 31, 5:30 pm at Kinsey's Restaurant. See a club member to find out what book we will be reading and join us.

Pastor's Bible Study

Rev. Roth will lead a Bible Study on Thursdays at the Deerfield UMC at 1:00 PM and then again at 7:00 PM at Atwater UMC. The same study will be held at both times, pick the one that best fits your schedule.

Youth Group Kick-Off

October 13 – Waterloo vs Southeast soccer game at Waterloo

October 14 1:30 PM Depart from church– DYC Fall Event at Ramseyer Farms, Wooster – Cost \$13 per person. 4 – 8

October 21 – Meeting at AUMC 6 – 8

November 3 – Help Serve @ turkey Dinner

November 11 PROJECT FEED Wadsworth Middle School - 150 Silvercreek Rd, Wadsworth, OH 44281 2:00-6:00 p.m. Doors open 1:30 p.m. Meal packing for developing countries: 2-4:30 p.m. **No Preregistration required.** Cost \$10 or \$5 with canned goods. Leaving AUMC at 12:30

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All Saints Sunday

For all Saints Sunday this year we will be doing something a little different. We will recognize the members who have passed away this year by reading their names and lighting a candle, then members will be invited to come forward to light a candle for their loved ones who have passed. We will not be reading the names of those loved ones.



Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 28 from 2 – 4 PM, we will hold our annual Trunk or Treat. You are invited to decorate the inside of your car trunk and come pass out treats to the children of the community. If you are unable to participate, please help out by donating a bag or two of wrapped candy. There will be a basket in the Entryway to place your donations.

Come join this fun afternoon and meet some of our neighbors!



VISION STATEMENT: "REACHING OUT TO OTHERS TO EDUCATE AND PROMOTE FAITH IN CHRIST."



October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 *Kim Herman	2	3	4 Pastor's Bible Study 7:00pm *Joe Ludam	5 *Maxine Knapp	6
7 Worship 9:25 am Sunday School 10:30am World Communion Sunday	8 Quilt Club 10:00am *James Simons	9 *Lloyd Myers *Jerry Loudin II	10 UMW 7:00 pm	11 Pastor's Bible Study 7:00pm	12	13 *Pat Brookover
14 Worship 9:25 am Sunday School 10:30am	15 *Chad Werab *Kristi Bunker *Cindy Greene	16 Coburn Circle 7:00pm *Dawn Milat	17	18 Pastor's Bible Study 7:00pm	19 *Christine Hawley	20 Men's Breakfast 8:00am *Dave Bunker
21 Worship 9:25 am Fellowship Time Newsletter info due	22	23 *Cindy Thomas	24 *Tom Wise	25 Pastor's Bible Study 7:00pm	26 *Dorothy Clites	27 *Gracie Myers
28 Worship 9:25 am Sunday School 10:30am * Phyllis Weber *Jeff Manion	29	30 *Scott Homing	31 Book Club @ Kinsey's 5:30pm			