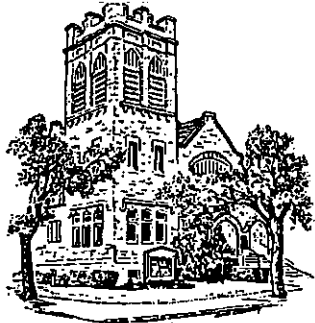




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OCTOBER 2018



**NOVEMBER
 NEWSLETTER
 DEADLINE,
 TUESDAY,
 OCTOBER 16, 2018**

CHURCH STAFF
SENIOR PASTOR: Deb Kociban
ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Brenda Sommerville-Schall
CHURCH SECRETARY: Audrey Green
PIANIST: Emily King
SEXTON: Valerie Kachur
CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIRECTOR: Brenda Beers
NURSERY ATTENDANT: Linda Powell
MESSENGER VOLUNTEERS:
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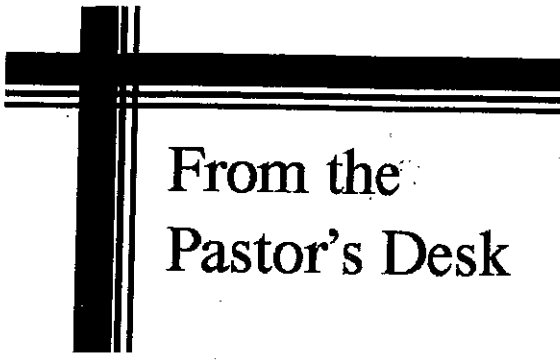
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday 8:00-4:00 PM



From the Pastor's Desk

The earth has yielded its harvest. God blesses us-our God blesses us! Psalm 67: 6

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
One of our favorite things to do is to browse

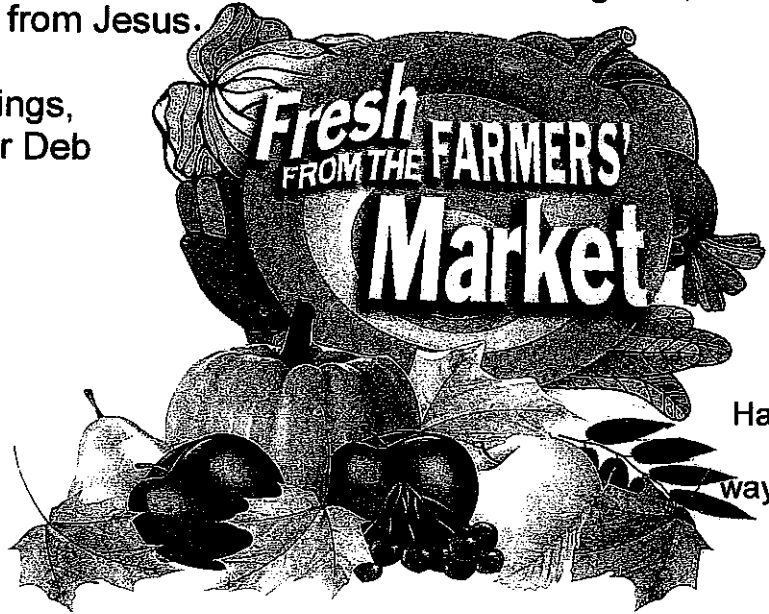
through farmers' markets, especially this time of year when the fields yield all kinds of delights. George is always drawn towards the apples, crisp and sweet. While I am drawn to broccoli and cauliflower with their crunch and light cabbage taste. But no matter what we buy, walking up and down the aisles taking in the pumpkins and squash, corn and tomatoes, we are amazed at the variety of good food that the earth brings forth for us. God truly blesses us at harvest time!

As I think back on years of walking this faith, I wonder if I have been able in some small way to participate in a harvest of precious souls for the kingdom of God? Where have I spoken words of grace and care? When have I told the story of Jesus? How have I lifted in prayer the heart of someone else? As farmers know, it is in the careful, patient, small things that bring forth an abundant harvest. The protection from pests, daily sun and rain, tilling and fertilizing the soil.

In a similar way, it is the small, careful, patient acts of love and grace we do on behalf of Jesus towards others that will reap an abundant harvest for the glory of God. Let us keep our eyes opened to the possibilities of acts of grace and love every day. Acts that are not necessarily big, but simple acts done with the great love of Jesus have the greatest impact.

So, if you know of a wonderful, local farmer's market let George or I know. We are in need of some apples and cauliflower and a pumpkin or two. Who knows, someone in those aisles may need a smile, a word of grace, an act of unexpected kindness, a touch from Jesus.

Blessings,
Pastor Deb



*JUST A LITTLE
Reminder*

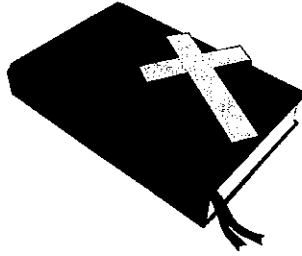
Have you remembered First Church in your will? What a powerful way to recognize God's goodness in a lasting way.

OCTOBER WORSHIP

Lectionary Readings

October 7, 2018

11:00 AM, World Communion
Job 1:1, 2:1-10, Psalm 26
Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12, Mark 10:2-16



October 21, 2018

11:00 AM,
Job 38:1-7, 34-41, Psalm 104:1-9, 24
Hebrews 5:1-10, Mark 10:35-45

October 14, 2018

11:00 AM,
Job 23:1-9, 16-17, Psalm 22:1-15
Hebrews 4:12-16, Mark 10:17-31

October 28 2018

11:00 AM,
Job 42:1-6, 10-17, Psalm 34:1-8
Hebrews 7:23-28. Mark 10:46-52

WELCOME CENTER

7 Sarah Heckert
14 Melissa Flanders
21 Karen Scaife
28 Beverly Patton



READERS

7 Kathy Piechowicz
14
21 Brad Hellein
28 Natalie Green



USHERS

7 Oxford/Mark Ferguson & Communion
14 Oxford/Mark Ferguson
21 Albright/Dan Wolfe
28 Albright/Dan Wolfe



SOUND SYSTEM

7 Bill Lemons
14 Gabe Smith
21 Tim Scaife
28 Hayley Hoffman



COUNTERS

7 Scaife
14 Coleman/Gallaher
21 Ternert
28 Ternert



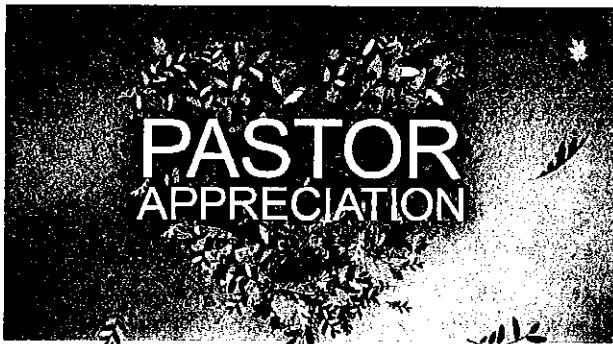
ACOLYTE

7 Joey/Hallie
14 Isaac/Emily
21 Dane Dimond
28 Joey Kachur



BELL RINGERS

7 Evva Yanoschick
14 Dane Dimond
21 Max Dimond
28 Hallie Hoffman



Thank You For All You Do!

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

October is Pastor Appreciation Month and the Staff Parish Relations Committee asks you to show your love and appreciation for Pastor Deb and Pastor Brenda throughout the month.

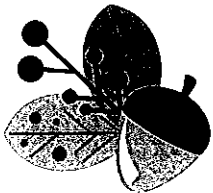
As Paul reminds us in his letter to the Thessalonians, ***“And now, friends, we ask you to honor those leaders, who work so hard for you, who have been given the responsibility of urging and guiding you along in your obedience. Overwhelm them with appreciation and love” (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13)***

Please take an extra minute to remember both Deb and Brenda in your prayers, say hello, offer them a friendly smile, or better yet, express your appreciation in person or with a personal note. Let Deb (307 N Jefferson St., Kittanning, PA 16201) and Brenda (PO Box 115, Elderton, PA 15736) know how blessed we feel by their presence.

Be sure to thank Pastor Deb and Pastor Brenda for their hard work.

CHRIST STOCK

October 6th from noon to 5 PM. Our charge will be participating with a sand art booth. If you have a 12'x12' canopy you would be willing to lend it would be greatly appreciated. We also need 2-3 volunteers at the booth for 1 hour shifts. Please let Pastor Deb know if you would like to be a part of reaching out to our community with this uniquely Christian opportunity.





OCTOBER MISSION FOCUS

Our missions focus for October will be to replenish funds for our member's **CAMPERSHIPS**. Our financial contributions will directly encourage and benefit any member, especially our children and youth to participate in one of our three church camps.

Our policy is to provide full payment the first time a camper attends camp. Then, to pay half-payment for each following time for the same camper. Let me share with you that our church camps are quite expensive--an average week costs between \$400 - \$600! You can imagine if a family were to send 2 children/youth, the cost would be well over \$1000.

Our church has an endowment that provides for these camperships; however, it is time to replenish some of these funds.

UNDERSTAND MORE ABOUT OUR CAMPS:

They provide more than just fun, food, games, sports, camp-fire-sing-alongs, and sleep (well, maybe just a little!). Christian camps provide:

- a safe place to try new skills (ex: pottery, rock climbing)
- a caring place to meet new friends and to be accepted.
- Deans & counselors trained to guide others in faith development.
- **MOST IMPORTANT:** a Christian atmosphere, away from the busyness of everyday life, where campers experience deeper spirituality in group and individual devotions and small group discussions. They learn more about God and ...very often make decisions to follow Christ.

Camp Allegheny

We ask that you consider giving to our camperships. What a wonderful way to deepen our young people's faith.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE: Janet McKelvey, Kathy Piechowicz, Meaghan Volek



THE VALUE OF CAMP

Here are the results of our camper survey from the last several years summer camp events:

- 100% of our campers had an awesome time at camp.*
 - 98% of our campers felt like they learned more about God.*
 - 95% of our campers tried something new.*
 - 98% of them made a new friend.*
 - 97% of our campers feel good about themselves.*
 - 95% of our campers enjoyed the worship time.*
 - 98% of our campers were comfortable with their cabin group and counselors.*
- *Jumonville's information***



The Fellowship Committee is planning a Trunk-or-Treat for:

WHEN: Saturday, October 27th

WHERE: Covenant Center Lot

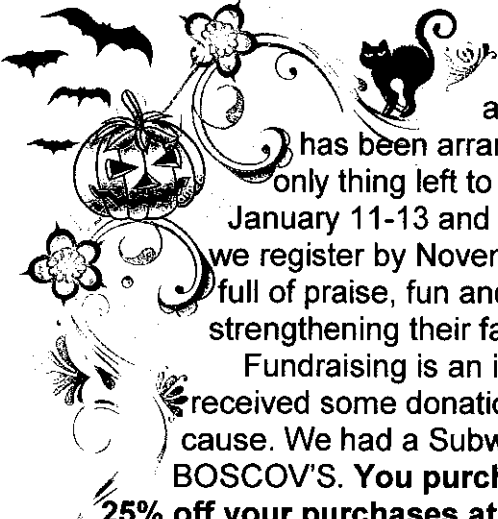
TIME: 4:00-6:00 PM

Please dress as your favorite super hero, favorite princess or prince, or favorite animal or favorite robotic... We can't wait to see many different and unique costumes. (Please no witches or devils)

We will need volunteers for their trunks (We will love to see how you decorate them up) and candy donations. Watch your bulletin for more information.



YOUTH NEWS



I can hardly believe what came in the mail this week: the announcement of SPARK 2019. The dates have been set, speaker has been arranged, the band has been hired and the worship leader is ready. The only thing left to do is: getting the youth to this event. The dates for SPARK are January 11-13 and the cost per leader and youth is \$210. There is a discounted price if we register by November 2, 2018. All youth ages 12-18 are invited to join in a weekend full of praise, fun and excitement. This event inspires our youth to continue strengthening their faith or come to their faith for the first time.

Fundraising is an important part of getting them to this event. So far this year we have received some donations from the congregation and FUMC has given as well to this cause. We had a Subway fundraiser in July and in October we have teamed up with BOSCOV'S. **You purchase a ticket for only \$5.00 and on October 16th you can receive 25% off your purchases at Boscov's. This is a great deal and it is an excellent way to get a jump on your holiday shopping needs.** We will also have future fundraising activities, such as our favorite Christmas cookie sale.

If you have any questions about SPARK, contact Melissa. Boscov's tickets can be purchased through the church offices, youth, Brenda or Melissa. Thank you in advance for your interest in our youth.



SIFT LUNCHEON

Thursday, October 18th

12:00 Noon

Covenant Center

PROGRAM: Special Olympics by Nicole Ramer

MENU: Vegetable Soup, Grilled Cheese, Relish Plate, Gingerbread

Reservations due by Monday, October 15th at noon.



FRIDAY NIGHT CIRCLE

Thursday, October 11th

7:00 PM


Covenant Center

PROGRAM: FIGI-with Lynn Sibley & Sandy McKee

DEVOTIONS: Sarah Heckert

HOSTESSES: Mert Hellein, Patty Bruno

OPPORTUNITIES AT OTHER CHARGE CHURCHES




FORD MEMORIAL UMC~ Soup & Sandwich dinner, every Thursday from 4:00-6:00 PM. Free, donations accepted. Food Bank and Care & Share Shop 2nd and last Tuesday of month from 10:00-1:30 PM.

MANORVILLE UMC~ Everyone is invited to come to Casual Church at Manorville UMC on the second Wednesday of each Month at 6:00 PM. Please come! For more information call Sandy McKee at 724-763-9494. **Wednesday, October 10th—Panel Discussion:**

Practicing Christian Mindfulness (S. McKee, L. Sibley, L. Bennett, J. Reese of MUMC)

Music: Praise Music and Darla Bernot will share some harmonica tunes.

Meal: Chicken and biscuits, coleslaw, assorted desserts



UNION AVENUE UMC~ United Methodist Women, 1st Monday of the month except for months with a holiday falling on Monday and during the summer. The meetings are held at the Kittanning Cottages Community Room at 4:00 PM. Our next meeting will be October 1, 2018. Please come join us!



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OUTREACH PROGRAM CONSISTING OF MONTHLY LUNCH AND PROGRAM AND ESPECIALLY FELLOWSHIP, FOR THE "SENIORS" OF THE AREA, HELD IN THE COVENANT CENTER, 332 N. WATER ST., KITTANNING, PA.

S.I.F.T. 12:00 PM



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2018

Iceland Travelogue by Mike Bowser

MENU: Ham Barbeque, Mac & Cheese, Watermelon, Dill pickles Relish, Cookies

Reservations by Thursday, September 17th

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2018

Special Olympics by Nicole Ramer

MENU: Vegetable Soup, Grilled Cheese, Relish plate, Gingerbread

Reservations by Monday, October 15th

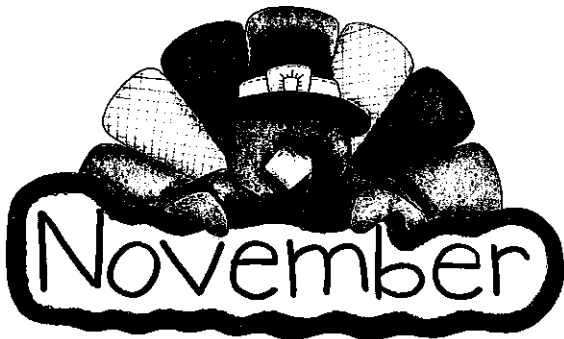


THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2018

Gospel Music by John Waldenville

MENU: Turkey & Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Green beans, Cake, Cranberries, Rolls & Butter

Reservations by Monday, November 12th



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2018

Healing Gardens by Patty Bruno, Patty Goldman-Master Gardeners

MENU: Ham, Scalloped potatoes, Greenbeans, Rolls & butter. Everyone attending is asked to bring cookies to share for dessert.

Reservations by Monday, December 17th



Oh Holy Night

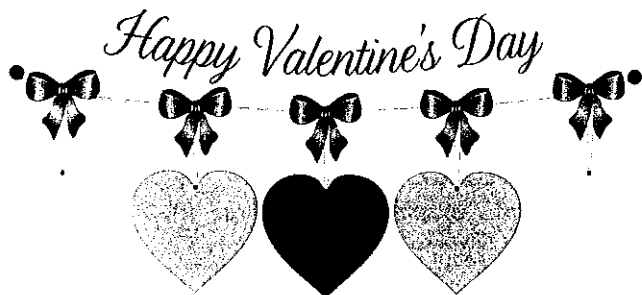
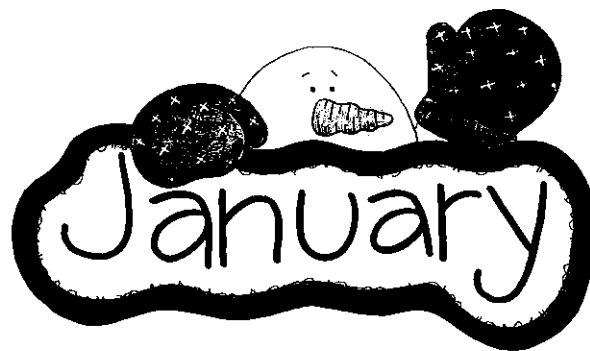
RESERVATIONS TO BE CALLED TO CHURCH OFFICE (724-548-4312) or email: fumchurch@windstream.net, BY NOON ON THE DATE LISTED ABOVE.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2019

Glorianna Andreako, Christian Counselor

MENU: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes,
Gravy, Mixed Vegetables,
Angel Food Cake & Toppings

Reservations by Monday, January 14th



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2019

Bruce Matthews, Kittanning Chief of Police

MENU: Homemade Chicken Noodle & Stuffed
Pepper Soups, Jello Salad, Crackers, Rolls &
Butter, Ice Cream Sandwiches

Reservations by Monday, February 18th

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2019

To be announced

MENU: Irish Stew, Crackers,
Roll & Butter, Sherbet

Reservations by Monday, March 18th



THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2019

Emily King

MENU: Ham Loaf, Parsley Potatoes, Green
Beans, Cake, Rolls

Reservations by Monday, April 15th

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2019

Talent Show

MENU: Hot Dogs & Rolls, Baked Beans,
Sauerkraut. Everyone attending is asked
to bring a side dish to share.

Reservations by Monday, May 13th





Thank you to our church family for all the supplies you have donated for Rainbow Road (garbage bags, paper towels, tissues, etc). We greatly appreciate your generosity and support! Thank you once again!
Kim, Diane and Shari

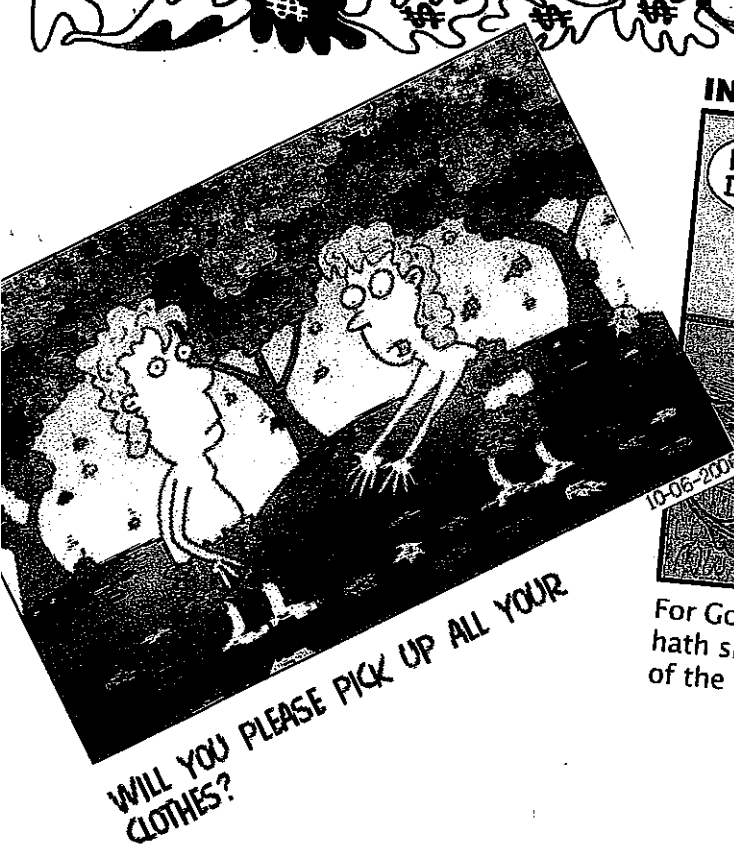
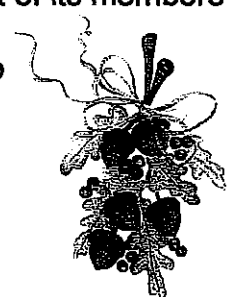
FINANCIAL UPDATE

This month's financial news is encouraging. At the end of August, we had a positive balance of \$4,222 in the General Fund, up from a balance of -\$8,648 at the end of June. This represents a net gain of nearly \$13,000. We ended the same period \$6,020 behind in conference apportionment payments, which was also an improvement over the \$10,090 owed at the end of June, representing a \$4,000 gain on that front.

Stewardship income for July and August were relatively strong, which is unusual during the summer months. We hope that this trend will continue into fall and leading up to the holidays, which are traditionally our strongest months financially. October is the time we traditionally re-evaluate our stewardship of the resources God has gifted us. Please remember that the church depends on the financial support of its members as you consider what you are able to share throughout the next year. In addition to the weekly offering, there will also be opportunities to make special gifts in connection with Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas.

Let's make it possible for us to share even better news next time!

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

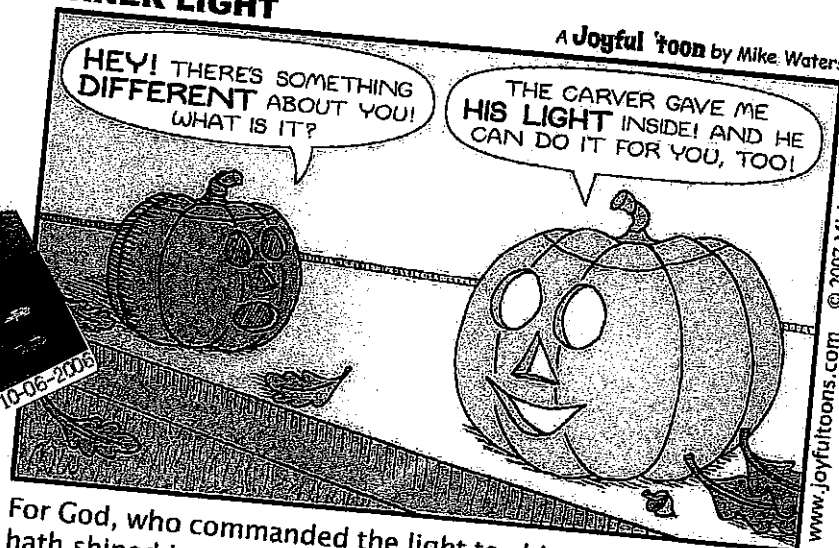


INNER LIGHT

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters

HEY! THERE'S SOMETHING DIFFERENT ABOUT YOU! WHAT IS IT?

THE CARVER GAVE ME HIS LIGHT INSIDE! AND HE CAN DO IT FOR YOU, TOO!



For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2 CORINTHIANS 4:6 KJV

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Brandon Schrecengost	17 John Yankasky
6 Sierra Aires	18 Carolyn Gallaher
6 Norm King	18 Kaitlin Edwards
6 Patrick Wolfe	20 Lindsay Harkleroad
7 Matthew Kachur	21 Rick Reefer
10 Frank Kiss	21 Rowan Vandevort 
11 Melissa Flanders	22 Lance Zielinski
14 Laurie Lemons	26 Ada Bowser
15 Jazmine Hicks	28 Ryan Conman
15 Brad Volek	29 Fay Asay
15 Harry Waldenville	30 Hayley Hoffman



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

1 Chet & Pastor Brenda Schall-2
 3 James & Diane Weibel
 4 Daniel & Ashlee Christie-10
 4 Jim & Alice Ternent-65
 8 Ryan & Sally Cornman-7
 8 Ken & Barb Gaughan-41
 12 Larry & Janet McKelvey-16
 16 Ryan & Crystal Zier-8
 24 Matt & Jolena VanMeter-4
 30 Rob & Sue Hankey-37

Memorial Service



There will be a memorial service for Betty Mast On Saturday, October 20th at 2:00 PM in the Covenant Center. Betty passed away on Friday, June 15, 2018.

2019 VBS ALUMINUM CANS

Our aluminum can collection for Habitat for Humanity continues:

Cans received (August 15-September 15) -4,367

Cans received since end of VBS 2018

(June 22) -8,219

Please continue or start saving aluminum cans of all sorts (pop, tea, fruit juices, health drinks, power drinks, beer and any other type of aluminum cans).

Drop them off at the ramp behind the church at any time.

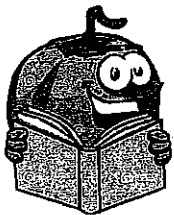
Thanks to the folks at Arc Manor for continuing to save their drink cans and to be in Mission with us.

Thank you, The Can Man



OCTOBER'S LIBRARY NEWS

The following 6 books have been donated to our church's library. They all belong to a mystery series called Secrets of the Castleton manor Library.



"A Novel Murder" by Elizabeth Penney

"Bitter Words" by Jan Fields

"The Grim Reader" by Margaret Welch

"A Deadly Chapter" by Jan Fields

"An Autographed Mystery" by DeAna Julie Dodson

"A Crime Well Versed" by Marlene Chase



The book "Scarlett, The Sequel to Margaret Mitchell's Gone With The Wind" by Alexandra Ripley has been donate to FUM's library. (This summer I reread "Gone With The Wind" and then read "Scarlett". I enjoyed them both!)

Keep reading...It's one of the most marvelous adventures that anyone can have.

*Lloyd Alexander
 Carol Wolfe, Librarian*