

Important Congregational Meeting

Members, please plan to attend a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 23, following morning worship. We will be discussing pastoral options and the ways we may pursue them. Reverend John Richard will be here to lead Worship and moderate the meeting.

ROGER

Roger, our church has been blessed by the return of one of our own to be our religious beacon. Your family was very active in the life of this church and you were baptized and confirmed here. Then you chose a life dedicated to God's work.

You have shared with us a sample of the "other life". It was your experience registering voters in the deep south during the sixties. This was a challenge that few would be brave enough to endure.

In 2011 you returned to the church to do pulpit Supply. You then agreed to be our Minister.

You have brought peace and comfort to us and have shared your wisdom. You have participated in all our charitable efforts and welcomed everyone to come and worship. There has never been a Sunday missed or a responsibility not completed. You have always said: "There is no place you would rather be on a Sunday morning than worshipping with us."

You have brought prayer to a new level, which makes us feel more comfortable talking to God. We have been told to also listen to what God is telling us.
To listen with our hearts.

You will be setting out on a "new life" after today.

We wish you joy and happiness. May the future be a bright one!
We thank you for the hours, days and months of service to our church.
We will miss you!



We will be celebrating World Wide Communion Sunday, October 2, at the United Methodist Church. The service will begin at 9:30 a.m. (**Note time change**) Please come and join us for the true meaning of celebrating Communion with our friends and neighbors.



The NICE Center will be providing Thanksgiving Holiday Meal Baskets this year at Thanksgiving. If you would like to sponsor a meal for a family the cost is \$16.00 per meal and it would be greatly appreciated.

Linda Loudermilk

Thank You

To our Lay Leader for the month of September: Susan Eichelberger.

To Lynn Byington for joining Open Hands School Board.

To our Deacons and Session members for the beautifully orchestrated luncheon given in honor of Reverend Roger Boekenhauer's last Sunday with us, on September 25th.

Session Members

Laurie Johnson 815-264-7706

Brad Russell..... 815-762-9438

Thurston Kallas.....815-751-0218

Linda Loudermilk...815-757-7010

Sue Rood, Clerk of Session.....815-824-2518

Deacons

Susan Eichelberger...815-264-7772

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Mary Stryker.....815-264-3215

Jeanetta Boughton....815-495-4681



**October Mission CWS
Emergency Cleanup**

Buckets...items are posted on

the board located in the Narthex for this month's Emergency Bucket Mission. All items need to be in to the church by

October Birthdays:

2ndPaul Schuck

5th... Catie Kerner

If you wish to have your birthday, anniversary, added or any date removed, please let the church office know of your

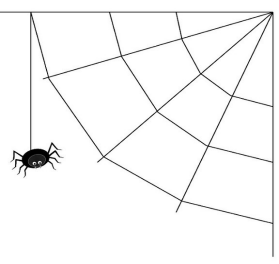


Daylight saving time ends at 2:00 am on Sunday, November 6th. We recommend setting your clocks back one hour before you retire on Saturday, November 5th.

October 2016



News



As we head into October we have already accomplished so much in the classroom! Our listening and following direction skills have increased tremendously. We unfortunately were unable to have our annual Honey Hill Orchard field trip this September but were so lucky to have a day filled with apple goodness! The children got a chance to try apple cider doughnuts, apple cider, applesauce, and three different kinds of apples, in the end they all picked their favorite apple item to eat! We learned about Noah and Joseph in September and how they were touched by God, come see our Art in the hallway about them! We have some wonderful statements from the children on their pictures.

Our October is filled with fun trips to the Fire station for a tour, to the pumpkin train to get a pumpkin and a walk to the post office & Waterman Bank to show off our Halloween costumes. This month we will learn all about Moses as a baby, then as an adult and how important he was to God's people. We will find out how God helped Joshua while marching around Jericho with his army. As we continue our Journey through Fall we will go on a nature hunt around the block to find different things God created in nature. The first half of the month our classes will enjoy a fire station in dramatic play. We have costumes, fire hoses, and lots of exciting fire calls from all over the room! The children will be building farms in the block area with plenty of animals that are always hungry. The second half of October our block area turns into a spooky block area and our dramatic play area becomes a haunted kitchen, decorated by the students. We have pumpkin counting in math, pumpkin bowls with corn kernels in sensory, and a fun game of pin the nose on the Jack O Lantern.

This month we will be doing a cookie dough fundraiser to raise money to enhance our classroom in all areas and to purchase a greatly needed computer screen for our staff's computer. Please help us by ordering some delicious cookie dough that is a great treat for the up coming holidays. If you are interested in helping , please let your church representatives for the preschool know. UMC is Stephanie Arends & Becky Bend, WPC is Mary Stryker & Lynn Byington.

Special thanks~

The Arends Family for our new whiffle balls

The UMC for a monetary donation

Mary Stryker for helping us get doughnuts and apple cider

All that use their Escript card at Schnucks

All the anonymous donations this month, they are all greatly appreciated

Special Dates~

Committee meeting Oct. 10th at 6:30pm





You are in our thought and our prayers: The Family of Steve Bock, Family of Herb and Donna Leifheit, Jodie Schuck, Chico Cruz (Jennifer Kallas' Dad), Norm Johnson, Jennifer Hipple (Florence Hipple's granddaughter) Alma Schweitzer and Our Church.

Our military personnel: Staff Sgt. Vadon Loudermilk Jr., Major Garrett Slack & Major Bob Mitchell.

Starting on October 1, our Moderator for Session Meetings & whatever else is needed will be Susan Presley from the Mendota Presbyterian Church susan.presley@gmail.com 660-342-0050 1211 Susanna St.

It is with a great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Melody Leifheit, daughter of Herb and Donna Leifheit.

Cards may be sent to the following address:

Herb & Donna Leifheit
1388 Longley Place

There are a few

churches that support NICE by doing a monthly collection of a named item



from their congregations. It is usually an item that is expensive for the Center to buy or that is very popular. We are now collecting for the month of October and we would like to collect boxes of cereal. The items can be put into the collection

box in the Narthex. Watch the newsletter and bulletins for what we will be collecting each month. **Thank you for your**

support. The families that come to the NICE Center are very



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We are registered with a program that will earn monies for the church. This program is called "Empties 4 Cash" Please bring your used ink jet cartridges to the church. The company only accepts small ink cartridges that fit into the palm of your hand. NO toner cartridges are accepted by this program. A list of acceptable ink cartridges are on a table in the Narthex and a box has been placed there as well for collection purposes. This program is free. Help



Being a Christian is like being a pumpkin. God lifts you up, takes you in, and washes all the dirt off of you. He opens you up, touches you deep inside and scoops out all the yucky stuff-- including the seeds of doubt, hate, and greed. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside you to shine for the entire world to see.

