

Stockholm United Methodist Church

Hilltop Messenger, October 2017

Ecclesiastes 4: 9-10: The Value of a Friend; “Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help.”

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

We need each other to get where God wants us to go.
God gives us a solid foundation for our lives.
God can change our doubts into bold statements of faith
God gives us the power and the privilege to enjoy the rewards of doing things His way!

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Grandchildren’s Day was Sunday September 10th was fun filled, successful service. Bob Menier had suggested that we have people bring their grandchildren to church to celebrate the day. The people and the grandchild(s) that they brought to church were: Bob Menier/granddaughter; Wally & Linda/2 grandsons (with their mom); Pam/2 grandsons & 1 granddaughter; Tony & Nancy/1 grandson & 1 granddaughter; Iva & Dick/2 granddaughters, 1 great grandson & 1 great granddaughter (hope I got them all). The children were integrated into the service both at “prayer time” and Junior sermon with “M & Ms” (all chocolate inside!!!; you had to be there to understand). See pics at the end.

Sunday, October 15th will be Laity Day, allowing Pastor Wally & Linda to sit in the pews and enjoy the service run by the laity with the message given by Bob Helmond. Come and enjoy the service.

The 15th will also be Harvest Sunday, a time when the UMW will be selling homemade soup, hot dogs, and deserts (apple crisp) after service for “eat in” or “take out”. There will also be a Bake Table with homemade baked “goodies”. Come enjoy the fun and support the UMW! The UMW are also asking for donations of Homemade soup and bake “goodies” to make Harvest Sunday a success.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)

The UMW's brunch/meeting was held on September 13th at the Allen's house in Deer Trail Lakes. It was an overcast day with 6 United Methodist women attending. Those attending were: Marilyn, Marge, Joy, Sophia, Iva, & Darlene. The women generated plans for the next two months. Their October meeting/gathering will be held on October 4th in Memorial Hall; the women will be peeling apples and making “apple crisp” that will be for sale at Harvest Sunday on October 15th. Gene & Lillian Hoogerhyde donated pumpkins to the UMW and they are now for sale in Memorial Hall. A BIG thanks to Gene & Lillian!

MISSIONS and OUTREACH

Our Bishop had requested churches of the Conference to take up an offering for hurricane relief through UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) for those affected by hurricane Harvey. We collected the offerings for three Sundays and collected more than \$2300!!! **God is Good!**

The fourth Sunday mission offering for September was the Red Bird Mission, an outreach to the people in Appalachia. Fred and Chris Manzi had a mission trip to Red Bird in the summer where they changed lighting fixtures in a school there to LED type fixtures. They worked hard and were blessed!

The fourth Sunday mission offering for October will be the Northwest Christian School. A representative from the school will attend the Sunday morning service (October 22nd) and share about the school.



FINANCE COMMITTEE

John prepared the 2018 Draft Budget for the upcoming church conference. The draft budget is about \$65,000 for 2018 and represents about a 4% increase over the 2017 budget prepared last year.

TRUSTEES

Steve Haggett prepared the “Report of the Trustees” for the Church Conference on October 7th. Trustees will be planning a fall work day sometime in late October or early November.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS MONTH (OCTOBER 2017)

Sunday, October 1st, Communion

Wednesday, October 4th, the UMW will be making apple crisp in Memorial Hall

Saturday, October 7th, Church Conference at 9:15 am at the Butler UMC; come join us

Sunday October 15th, Laity Day Service (led by Bob Helmond) and Coffee Fellowship

Sunday October 15th will also be Harvest Sunday /Coffee Fellowship hosted by the UMW

4th Sunday (22nd) Mission Offering: Northwest Christian School, school representative will join us. Choir Practice: 7:00pm on Thursdays

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR (NOVEMBER 2017)

Wednesday, November 1st, UMW Thanksgiving Dinner, Elias Cole in Wantage, 12:00 noon Sunday, November 5th Communion

Sunday November 19th, Coffee Fellowship

Wednesday November 22nd, Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7:30pm

Thursday November 23rd, Thanksgiving (don't eat too much!!!) 4th

Sunday (26th) Mission Offering: United Methodist Student Day Choir Practice: 7:00pm on Thursdays

PRAYER REQUESTS

Shut-ins: Please pray for our shut-ins: Ruth Kelly, Lois Sparnon, Evelyn Westhoff, Lois Zuidma, Lillian Bott, and Marilyn Crum

Lois Sparnon is in the Homestead Nursing Home.

Ruth Kelly is now in the Homestead Nursing Home.

Evelyn Westhoff is currently located at the Phoebe Richland Health Care facility in Richlandtown, PA. Lois Zuidma is at her apartment in Oak Ridge and doing well.

Lillian Bott is in Rehab in Lincoln Park; hopes to be home soon.

Keep Marilyn Crum in your prayers.

Prayer Chain: Our telephone Prayer Chain is available for any and all special prayer requests. The Prayer Chain can be activated by calling Pastor Wally and Linda (973-697-6202), Sandy and Bob (973-697-5289), or Darlene & Al (973-827-3695).

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS MONTH (OCTOBER)

BIRTHDAYS

6 Stacey Allen
8 Chris Krumpher
11 MaryAnn Chamberlain
15 Peter Pruiksma
19 Rebecca Mix
20 Christopher Goritski
20 Kristine Krumpher

ANNIVERSARIES

4 Barbra & Scott VanSteyn
17 Gail & Ed Hicks
19 Linda & Daryle Storms
20 Irene & John Little
22 Terry & Richard Sampson

25 Jennifer & Martin Voelker
30 Laurie & Steve Haggett

AROUND THE CHURCH

OTHER ITEMS: Deadline for the November 2017 Newsletter inputs, October 24th.

Mark Your Calendars: 2017 Church Conference on October 7th; all reports are due on September 25th!! No late reports this year; the Ad Council set a series of dates to assure the reports are submitted on time

PICTURES FOR THE MONTH

-----**UMW outside brunch at the Allens**



Grandchild's Day at SUMC September 10th -----

