

## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

In couple of weeks (Oct 5<sup>th</sup>) we, The United Methodist Church, will join Christians throughout the world to celebrate World Communion Sunday. I want to invite you to reflect on the United Methodist Church understanding of Holy Communion.

Like baptism, Protestants regard Holy Communion as a sacrament. That is, it's an act of worship ordained by Christ and is a means of grace. This does not mean that we become any more worthy of God's grace by taking part in Communion. Rather, we open ourselves to the divine love that's already there; we become more ready to receive that love and to respond to it.

As with baptism, we use common, physical gifts of the earth, bread and wine—though in United Methodist churches we prefer unfermented grape juice. All Christians are welcome at our table, whatever their denomination. Holy Communion is a family meal, and all Christians are members of Christ's family. Therefore, in each congregation, when we receive the bread and cup, we join with millions of brothers and sisters across the ages and around the world.

Holy Communion (or the Lord's Supper) is a mystery too deep for words. Its meaning will vary for each of us and from one time to another. But three essential meanings are caught up in this proclamation in our Communion service: "Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again" (The United Methodist Hymnal, p. 14).

**"Christ has died"** : In part, Communion is a time to remember Jesus' death, his self-giving sacrifice on our behalf. As he said to the disciples at their last meal together, "Do this in remembrance of me" (1 Corinthians 11:24).

In remembering his passion and crucifixion, we remember our own guilt; for we know that in our sin we crucify Christ many times over from day to day. Therefore, the Lord's Supper is a time of confession: "We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.... We have not heard the cry of the needy" (The United Methodist Hymnal, p. 12).

**"Christ is risen"**: But Communion is not a memorial service for a dead Jesus. It's not a time to wallow in our own guilt. It is a time to celebrate the Resurrection, to recognize and give thanks for the Risen Christ. The bread and wine represent the living presence of Christ among us—though we do not claim, as some denominations do, that they become Christ's body and blood.

In Luke's Resurrection story, the Risen Christ broke bread with two of his followers at Emmaus, "then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him" (24:31). Therefore, as we are nourished by this meal, our eyes are opened; and we recognize Christ here in our congregation, our community, and our world. What is our response? Thanksgiving! In fact, another of our words for Communion, the Eucharist, means thanksgiving.

**"Christ will come again"**: In Communion we also celebrate the final victory of Christ. We anticipate God's coming reign, God's future for this world and all creation. As Jesus said, "I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom" (Matthew 26:29).

We believe that we are partners with God in creating this future, but the demands of discipleship are rigorous. In the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper, in the fellowship of Christian friends gathered at his table, we find the nourishment we need for the tasks of discipleship ahead.

— From *The United Methodist Member's Handbook, Revised and Expanded* by George E. Koehler (Discipleship Resources, 2006).

LECTIONARY FOR OCTOBER

October 5

Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-29; Psalm 19  
Philippians 3:4b-14;Matthew 21:33-46

October 12

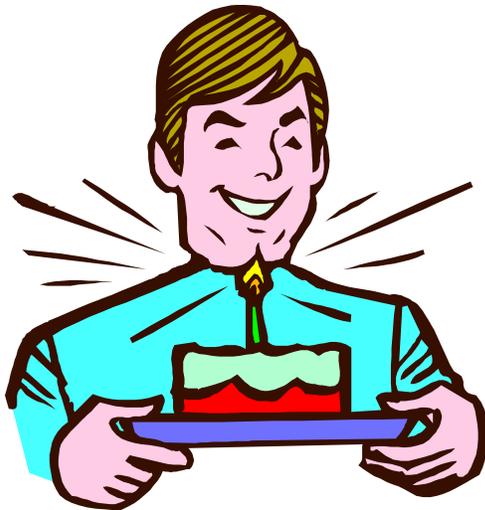
Exodus 32:1-14;Psalm 106:1-6,19-23  
Philippians 4:1-9;Matthew 22:1-14

October 19

Exodus 33:12-23;Psalm 99  
I Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

October 26

Deuteronomy 34:1-12;Psalm 90:1-6,13-17  
I Thessalonians 2:1-8;Matthew 22:34-46



*HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAY TO:*

<i>Gertrude Kiely</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Keith Martinson</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>William Harty</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Ruth Schulte</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>Leigh Anne Cross</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>Janet Pavlinic</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>Richard Halterman</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>Debbie Schickel</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>William Henel</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>Betty Hoff</i>	<i>15</i>

<i>Caroline Long</i>	<i>15</i>
<i>Casey Curtin</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>Thomas Long</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>Bertena Bradford</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>Doris Henel</i>	<i>28</i>
<i>Ethel Steiniger</i>	<i>28</i>

.....and many, many more!!!!

ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE

WHEN? Wednesday, October 15, 2014

WHERE? Aldersgate Hall

TIME? 6:30 Trustees & D.S. check  
the parsonage  
7:30 Pastor/Parish Committee  
8:00 Charge Conference in Hall

WHO ATTENDS

All that attend our church are welcome to attend the Charge Conference but only those who are members have the right to vote. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend. The Conference will be conducted by our new District Superintendent, Rev. Manuel Sardinas and it will be a good opportunity to meet him. The Conference will hear reports from the year 2014 and the budget and plans for 2015 will be voted on. This is a yearly meeting and important that all be able to share in this information.

We look forward to seeing you on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

CROP WALK

Will take place at Wilson Park at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. You can receive the form to sign people up to pledge for the walk from Carolyn Franz. Please support this event to help feed the needy of Linden.

Carolyn Franz

OUTREACH

Carolyn Franz, our representative to the Interfaith Council, recently announced the officers elected for the following year.

- PRESIDENT Kathy McKenzie
- VICE PRESIDENT Robert Jenco
- TREASURER Judith Burlew
- SECRETARY Jane Dedinsky

In the spring, college scholarships totaling \$1,050 were divided between several seniors to help them financially, this fall.

PLEASE RESERVE THESE DATES.  
(all are invited including the ministers)

The Thanksgiving Common worship service will be held November 23, 2014. Location will be announced next month.  
World Day of Prayer March 6, 2015 at Mt. Moriah Church. Carol Williams will be in charge

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ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Although our regular Administrative meeting is usually held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. of every other month, there have been some changes lately. Since the Board of Trustees has completed the purchase of our new, beautiful sanctuary organ, they are continuing to accept bids for additional repairs to our church buildings. They have hired a landscaping company to trim and shape our trees and bushes in the Memorial Garden and on the surrounding property of our church. The recommendation they made to the Administrative Council was accepted and by the time you receive this Messenger, the work has probably been completed. They have been getting bids to fix any problems with the stained glass windows in

our sanctuary and the window frames that need work outside.  
New tables and chairs will be added to those we already have that are in good condition for use in Aldersgate Hall and after they are ordered, the floor in Aldersgate Hall will be refinished, which it has needed for a number of years.  
The work is continuing as we apply to the state to start our own Day Care. This requires applications, and directions that we must follow to qualify for the permit and approval to run it. All this takes time, but everyone feels it will be very worthwhile giving us control and incorporating the Day Care into our church so it becomes part of our program.

Each one of these plans have to come with a recommendation from the Board of Trustees and approved by the Administrative Council. It seemed easier to have a Council meeting scheduled for every month for the present time, so approval can be given right away before we are in the middle of the winter.

If the Trustees need approval at a time other than a scheduled Council meeting, they can always request a special Council meeting. We appreciate the extra meetings and additional work the Board of Trustees are giving for these projects. When everything is eventually done, we will be in good shape. A special THANK YOU to the Robert Bauer family who have made this all possible through their financial gift of the United Methodist Church of Linden Foundation that they supported and funded in our church. What a difference it has made and how generous they have been to us!!!

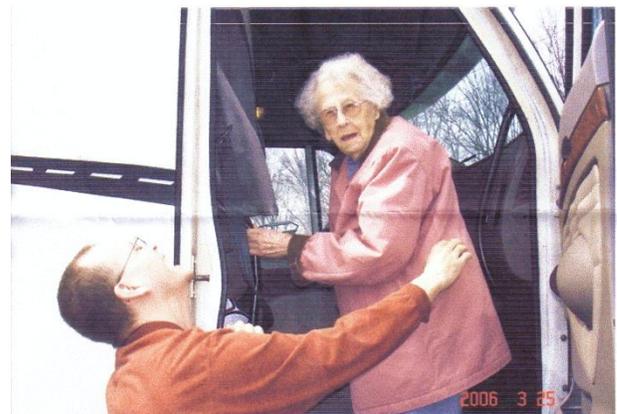
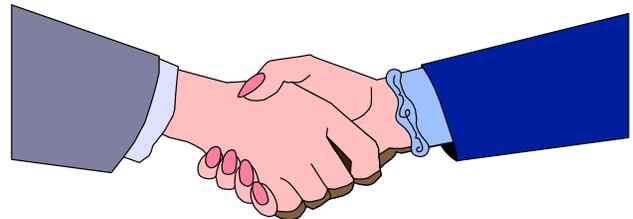
**A LOT OF CHURCH MEMBERS WHO ARE SINGING "STANDING ON THE PROMISES" ARE JUST SITTING ON THE PREMISES.**

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



The Administrative Council recently approved the recommendation of the United Methodist Women purchasing new sheer curtains to hang inside the drapes now hanging there, for the windows in Aldersgate Hall. They will use the money left in the Virginia Gibson Memorial Fund of \$274. to cover any of those expenses. Virginia's name will be listed for the curtains in the Memorial Book. The September meeting included lunch at the home of Doris Henel. They had a good turnout and further plans were made for the luncheon being held on Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> in celebration and dedication of our new sanctuary organ, and the concert being presented by Mark Miller (and we were so pleased to have him). The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. in Aldersgate Hall. All women are invited – just bring a sandwich, beverage will be provided. PLEASE JOIN US! The United Methodist Women are planning to host any veterans that

would like to join them for doughnuts and coffee on Veteran's Day, Tuesday, November 11, 2014. There will be more about this in the November Messenger. We owe a debt of gratitude to all our veterans, men and women, and we would be honored to have any of them stop in and join us in conversation and food.



DO YOU REMEMBER THIS PICTURE OF GINNY GIBSON GETTING IN THE TRUCK THAT HER GRANDSON WAS DRIVING? IT WAS A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO WHEN GINNY WAS IN BETTER HEALTH. WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER HER WITH FONDNESS.

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## BITS AND PIECES

This time MaryJane Koslosky is really taking a long vacation to visit her friend in Maryland – from late in August to sometime in November! She left when it was still summer and will return in the winter – hopefully before we get any snow! Enjoy yourself, MaryJane.

With a brand new, beautiful organ (and it sounds wonderful!), a dedicated organist/director, and committed and loyal choir members we are now looking for more people to join them. Can you give an hour or so a week? They no longer meet on a separate evening, but come at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings to rehearse before our 10:30 worship service. Bill Jensen, our new Organist/Director is thrilled with the organ and has spent many hours learning everything about it. He held this same position at Epworth UMC for many years, and we are very lucky to have such an experienced person working for us. Be sure to greet and welcome him to our church – and think about joining the choir when you talk to him.

Marie Dziamba's daughter, Diane Drahos, recently sold her house and she is planning to live with her mother part of the time. Of course, Marie is happy about that and looks forward to her company. We hope we will also see more of Diane.

Carolyn Franz is happy that her sister, Helene, will be moving soon into the Westfield Senior Citizen complex. It is a lovely place, and we are sure she will be very happy there.

If anyone has Beatrice Hanger's telephone number, please call Doris Henel, 908-486-5571 or email [Djhenel@aol.com](mailto:Djhenel@aol.com). I kept in touch with her over the years, but when she moved to Orchards at Bartley in Jackson, I received her new address but no telephone number. Please let me know if you can help me.

A special "thank you" to Sharon Lutz who is catering the luncheon on September 21<sup>st</sup> when we are dedicating our new organ. Sharon is continuing to cater food for special occasions as she has done for many years – and we all know what a great job she does!



THAT'S KAREN BRINCKMANN IN FRONT AND FLORENCE FEDELES BEHIND HER. WHAT FUN WE HAD.

25 YEARS - WOW!!!

In 1989 the Finance Committee under the leadership of Doris Henel recommended to the Administrative Council, that the church establish an Endowment Fund. The Finance Committee had checked various churches in Linden and found that almost all the protestant churches had done this many years ago.

The Council set up the following committee to look into this and make a recommendation.

- Chairman – Bob Schickel
- Doris Henel
- Dick Woodfield
- Maxine Woodfield
- Todd Schickel
- Rev. David Le Duc

The Committee encouraged the establishment of the Endowment Fund and the following committee was elected to set up the rules and regulations.

- Chairperson – Louise Hasbrouk
- Treasurer – Mary Barnes
- Dick Woodfield
- Joan Smith
- Pres. Bd. of Trustees

The Linden Vocational School, at the request of the committee, printed a booklet for the church to give out to members and others with the guidelines listed.

This was all approved at the Charge Conference of 1989 conducted by our District Superintendent and our pastor, Rev. David LeDuc.

Along with all our financial accounts, the Endowment Fund checking account was transferred from Wells Fargo to Northfield Bank, Linden, August 8, 2014, with a balance as follows:

United Methodist Foundation	121,476.42
Checking Account	_____118.02
Total	121,594.44

Under one of the rules passed 25 years ago, any donations made to the Endowment Fund cannot be used, but interest and growth of

the account can be used by the church in the event of a serious emergency. The interest has only been used once about 10 - 15 years ago when our heating system broke down and at that time, the Board of Trustees asked to use the interest of \$18,000 to change and install a new gas heating system. Within 2 months, the members of our church had donated the balance of the money to pay the full cost of \$55,000 for the new system. The principle of \$78,319.48 is the amount that has been donated over the years and cannot be used. The balance, or any part of it, can be used if a serious emergency arose. It was also recommended that it not be used to pay current expense bills.

The United Methodist Foundation has been a good investment for our church and for the many other Methodist churches who have also invested in this Fund. They handle millions of dollars each year and only invest in things that are approved by the United Methodist Church.

So Happy 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday to our Endowment Fund, and may it continue to grow forever!



CAN YOU HELP???

Carolyn Franz is our communion steward and one of the “behind the scenes” people who do the job, it is always done, and we never think about who did the work. Now she is asking for some help! Our pastor serves communion the first Sunday of each month and everything is usually set up the day before. Most of the time, Carolyn is doing it herself, but as we age the communion plates seem to be getting heavier and harder to carry. She is asking if anyone can spare an hour (usually on Saturday) to help her set up the communion, If transportation is a problem she can pick you up. Please call her at 908-486-3792 or speak to her on any Sunday.

**OCTOBER 2014**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 <b>NO FENCING SCH.</b>	2 4:30-9:30- Fencing School	3 5:30-8:30 Champion Youth	4 9:30- 1:30 Fencing School
5 <b>WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY</b>  9:30 Choir Rehearsal 10:30 Worship Service	6  <b>7-TRUSTEES</b>  4:30-9:30- Fencing School	7  <b>12 – UNITED METH. WOMEN – Bring a sandwich</b> 4:30 -9:30 Fencing Sch.	3 <b>10:30 – ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL</b>  <b>NO FENCING SCH.</b>	9  4:30-9:30- Fencing School	10 5:30-8:30 Champion Youth	11  9:30-1:30 – Fencing School in gym
12  9:30 Choir Rehearsal 10:30 Worship Service	13  4:30-9:30- Fencing School	14  4:30-9:30-Fencing School	15 <b>CHARGE CONFERENCE</b> <b>6:30-Parsonage</b> <b>7:30-Pastor/Parish</b> <b>8:00-Conference in</b> <b>Aldersgate Hall. ALL</b> <b>WELCOME</b>  <b>NO FENCING SCH.</b>	16  4:30-9:30 Fencing School	17  5:30-8:30 Champion Youth	18  9:30-1:30- Fencing School
<u>19</u>  <b>LAITY SUNDAY</b> 9:30Choir Rehearsal 10:30-Worship Ser.	20  4:30 – 9:30 Fencing School	21  4:30-9:30-Fencing School	22  <b>NO FENCING SCH.</b>	23  4:30-9:30-Fencing School	24  5:30-8:30 Champion Youth	25  9:30-1:30 Fencing School in Gym
26  9:30-Choir Rehearsal 10:30-Worship Ser.	27  4:30 – 9:30 Fencing School	28  4:30 – 9:30 Fencing School	29  <b>NO FENCING SCH.</b>	30  4:30-9:30-Fencing School	31  5:30-8:30 Ckchampion Youth	