



## The Circuit Rider October, 2021

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### *From the Pastor's Pen*

I am always amazed at how time moves. We all know that at times, it goes so very slowly – like when we're waiting to finally get our driver's license, or during the pastor's sermon. (Wait...did I just say that?! ☺) At other times, it goes so quickly – like as our children seem to sprout three inches before our very eyes, or when we get to spend time with friends or family we haven't seen for years. But what has been brought home to me this year is the steady march of time. While the pandemic certainly made us revalue certain activities and how we spend our time, we must admit that time didn't truly change during the difficulties we all faced. There were still 60 seconds to a minute, 24 hours in a day, 365 days in the year. It's the way we experienced it that shifted.

This summer was an interesting one for me. There were numerous situations that I was truly dreading but thankfully there were lots of time between them. In fact, I was even able to determine when some of them happened. And like many human beings, I scheduled 'later' what I really didn't want to deal with. But an amazing thing happened – the dates that I had pushed so far into the future still came to be! No matter how far back I had pushed the date, it still arrived! Now I will say that by having pushed those dates back, I did have more time to prepare the meetings and do the research. But no matter what, I couldn't keep the day from coming at all. And that's a good thing in actuality. Can you imagine what this life would be like if everyone of us could change and shift time – always pushing back things that we didn't want to do, or pulling forward that which we're excited about? Half the things that must be done in this world would never get accomplished due to procrastination, and things that really do need time to develop wouldn't be given the time to mature correctly.

As we head into fall, we might be tempted to want to hurry up and get to Christmas. I have no doubt that immediately after the Halloween decorations are put away, there will be Christmas

lights all over the place. While it's nice to get to what we want, we shouldn't rush to be done with the other good things that life provides. Harvest time is wonderful – the cooler air; the changing of the leaf colors; the (hopefully) gradual descent into cooler weather. If we rush to get to something we want, we'll miss 'the joy in the journey'. And if we try to put off that which we're nervous about or scared of the results, we cause ourselves undo prolonged stress and won't start working towards healing if we never deal with that which scares us. It's human to not want the hard times to come, but at times, we need them move us forward and forge a better path through the difficulties.

Like it or not, days that we dread will arrive. We may try our best to stave them off, but minutes and hours tick away like clockwork, and we must deal with them. It's better not to postpone them too long, so the problems can be dealt with. And likewise, don't rush to the good stuff. Let it come when it's supposed to, and savor the good times instead of then rushing on to something new. May we take everything in life as it comes, knowing that good and bad will both arrive – but with God with us, we can face all of time with confidence.

Journeying through these days with you,

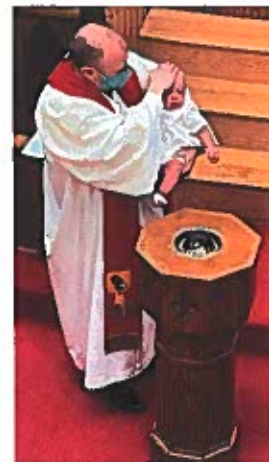
Pastor Ryan's cell phone: 815-499-6314  
Pastor Ryan's e-mail: [revryansutton@gmail.com](mailto:revryansutton@gmail.com)

### HENRY NOORD BAPTISM – Sept. 26

On Sunday, Sept. 26, we celebrated one of the most important rites of the Christian church – a baptism! Henry Noord, who was born in April, the son of David and Amanda



Noord, was baptized in front of family and friends. His big sister Hannah and our faith family welcomed him in this first step in the Christian journey.



## **RESULTS OF SEPTEMBER'S CHANGE THE WORLD**

Thanks to all who donated checks, cash, and coins to *Rainbow Covenant* during the month of September. The total donated was approximately **\$240.00**.

### **TRUSTEES CLEAN UP DAY**

Thanks to all those who came to the Trustee's sponsored Clean Up Day on Saturday, September 25. It was deemed a great success. If you look around the church, you will see trimmed tree limbs and all sorts of outdoor items that were picked up, trimmed up, cleaned up as well as some of the indoor items on the check list. Thanks to all the folks who came out and helped.

### **HIRING CHILDREN'S MINISTRY POSITION**

We are currently looking for someone who loves children to fill the paid position of Children's Ministry Director. This is the person who coordinates and plans the children's educational, missional, and fun activities in the church. The person works with children from birth through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, as well as the volunteers who make the programs work. The hours are flexible. If interested, please contact Ben Atkinson, chair of Staff/Parish. We would like the CMD to begin this fall.

## **OCTOBER HAPPENINGS!**

### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

The church office hours (Monday through Friday) are now:

From 9 am – 12:30 pm	Church Office Open
From 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	Church Closed for Lunch
From 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Church Office Open

### **MASKS FOR GATHERINGS**

Starting August 30, the state of Illinois made the decision to require masks for everyone (vaccinated and unvaccinated) in order to fight the surge in COVID cases – especially dealing with the Delta variant. This is to especially protect those who can't be vaccinated and children younger than 12. Per what our church's Health Team has always gone along with, we are requiring people to wear masks for the church's gatherings – i.e. meetings, worship services, etc. – unless you medically cannot do so. This is following what the state of Illinois and our local Health Department states is best for everyone. This will be done until we're told things are better and we're given the all-clear. This is certainly not what any of us wanted, but we are called to help each other and not harm, so hopefully

by doing this, there will not be a major outbreak stemming from our church. And hopefully we'll be able to take off the masks again soon! Thank you for your patience with this, and for caring about others and our collective health.

### **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY - October 3**

On the first Sunday in October, churches the world over celebrate World Communion. In fact, in some churches, this is the only time all year Holy Communion is offered. So on this day, we participate in the ancient ritual that Jesus created for us with millions around our planet.

On this day, PFUMC will go back to a modified open table for communion. We will still have the sealed communion paks available for those who prefer them. But for those who would like to have regular bread and grape juice, they will be available for the first time in more than a year! There will be several different types of bread from around the world already cut in cubes. Pastor Ryan or a helper will (with gloved hands) provide you the bread you would like. Then you can pick up an individual cup of grape juice as well. It won't be exactly the same as before, but we are working towards it. Thank you for your patience as we work out the kinks over the next few months as we work towards taking communion together again!

### **SERMON SERIES FOR OCTOBER**

Pastor Ryan normally doesn't do sermon series as he knows that not everyone can make every Sunday in the series and they feel terrible they don't get to hear all of his wise words on the subject (*cough, cough*). But with the change in the worship schedule, he wants to do something different and hopefully interesting to celebrate this new beginning. So during the month of October, he'll be preaching on 'Bad Girls of the Bible'. There are a number of females (plenty of males as well!) who got into a bit of difficulty with God and others. So for four weeks, PR will lift them up. Included will be Delilah, Jezebel and Sapphira. And if people enjoy the series, the men can get equal time as Pastor Ryan could then do a Bad Boys of the Bible series. Come to hear all or some of these 'bad girl' stories on Sunday mornings at 9:00am!

### **CHANGE THE WORLD FOR OCTOBER**

For the month of October, our gathered change will go to the **UMCOR for Hurricane Relief**. This Hurricane season has been a tough one for those who live on the Gulf Coast – especially New Orleans, who has not totally recovered from the last hurricane yet. We ask that you please be generous

and thank you as always for giving to others in need!

### PRAYERS FOR SURGERY

I'd like to thank all who signed up to staff the church office so that I can be off having surgery to repair my hip. I will have surgery at Mayo Clinic on October 5 and hopefully be home the same day. I expect to be home recuperating for two weeks and will covet your prayers for complete recovery.

**Marcia Peddicord**

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

#### Adult Sunday School classes:

**Turquoise Room Class.** Meets weekly in the Turquoise Room (South classroom). They continue to study "Healthy Habits" from the Serendipity Bible.

**Righteous Renegades** meets weekly in Cushing Hall and will be studying Max Lucado's "Traveling Light."

**Middles Class** (those typically 20-60 years old) now meets in the Library. We are studying "Everybody Always" by Bob Goff, which deals with love in a difficult world.

You are welcome to join any of these classes following the worship service at 9:15 am.

**Youth Sunday School** is held in the Youth Room (Great Room).

### NOMINATIONS

It's that time of year again when the Nominating Committee gets together to fill the positions on our church's committees! If you are asked by the group to be on a committee, please prayerfully consider it. The church works well when we combine all our gifts, talents and time together. Thank you for using what God has given you through your church!

### PROM-ISE

#### Homecoming Dresses

What an amazing Pop-Up Sale we had for Homecoming this last week! In less than a week, the youth, parents, and a few volunteers made this sale happen. A total of 39 dresses left the church doors! 39 dresses! That's amazing! The initiation of the sale was driven by an enthusiastic parent who knew there were teens in the area struggling to find dresses. It bothered her that these people might miss out on an event that would build community, relationship and a time to just feel beautiful in a different way. I very much felt moved by the Spirit to try and make this happen. It was further supported when others felt the same way and responded to the leading of the Spirit I'm so thankful God's grace can be found working in those unexpected ways. Thank you to all who helped and

also generously gave of your time and energy! The \$600 raised will go towards funding of the PROMise Sale, which we're hoping to hold in February. **-Kelly McKune**

### NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULE

#### starting October 3

As Pastor Ryan announced on Sept. 19, PFUMC will begin a new worship schedule in the month of October. After spending more than three months studying the situation, tabulating the results of surveys, hearing what was said at two Listening sessions and other small group meetings, and discussing the options at a special Ad Board session, it was determined that the best worship schedule for the many different preferences of our congregation would be as follows:

- Beginning on **Sunday, October 3**, we will have one Sunday morning worship service that begins at 9:00am. The service will have blended music, and will always be livecast via Facebook.
- On the **first and third weekends** of the month, there will be a **Saturday evening service from 5:30 to 6:15pm**. This service will be contemporary in nature.
- On the weekends we have a Saturday evening service, the **Sunday morning service will feature only traditional music** – Charlie playing hymns.
- The vocal choir will sing on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, while the bell choir will perform on the third Sunday of the month.
- **Sunday School** will occur from **10:15 to 11:15am** following the worship service.
- The Ad Board will review how the worship services are being attended and appreciated at six months and one year. If reevaluation is needed, it would be considered then.

There will be lots of communication about these changes – especially regarding the Saturday evening service. It is our hope that we can attract new people to our church through this unusual offering. We will be communicating through bulletins, monthly newsletters, email, Facebook posts, the outside sign, and hopefully other mediums to make sure people know we have these new opportunities.

Please be in prayer for our new worship options. Although the new schedule won't be what everyone prefers, it provides a good compromise for a congregation with many diverse preferences. The majority of PFUMC wanted a later Sunday start time, two worship options, and there was a wide variety of musical choices. This represents the best compromise for our current parishioners, while

hopefully attracting new people to have our church become their faith family.

If you have questions, please talk to Pastor Ryan. Thank you for your amazing effort, as we worked together to come up with the best schedule possible to worship our God!

### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY HAS OPPORTUNITIES**

We have started up our Thursday afternoon children's activity time in October. In order to do this, we need volunteers. We need 2 non-related adults who are background-checked each Thursday to work with the children for one hour - from 3:30 to 4:30pm - on a rotating schedule. We also need someone to coordinate the activities for each week. This person may or may not join the group on Thursday afternoons. If you are interested in either coordinating the efforts or spending time with the children, please contact Pastor Ryan.

### **OUR TABLE**

#### **New Schedule Starting in October**

In the beginning of the summer, the Our Table ministry started serving meals again once per month. It has worked out well and been appreciated, so we are expanding the ministry to twice per month for the rest of the year (pending any future restrictions). There will be a hot meal provided for free on the following Mondays in 2021: Oct. 11 and 25; Nov. 8 and 22; Dec. 13 and 27. Please come to enjoy the food and fellowship starting at 5:00 pm! And if you would like to help with the meal, you are welcome to arrive at 4:30pm in Cushing Hall, or even more needed is clean-up help at 6:00pm.

### **TEMPERATURE IN THE CHURCH**

The Trustees have set 75 degrees as the established occupied temperature for our building in the summer. When people are expected in a room, the thermostats will be programmed for 75 degrees. If you tend to run cold, please bring a light jacket. If you are usually hot, make sure to wear short sleeves. We thank you for understanding that we can only have the room temperature at one level, so please dress accordingly. Thank you!

### **DONATION CART IS BACK!**

The shopping cart that we have used to collect donations for food pantry items is back in place in Cushing Hall. If you have items to donate to Tri-County Food Pantry, please feel free to bring them in and drop them in the cart. The need is great, and all gifts are appreciated.

### **COFFEE HOUR NEEDS YOUR HELP**

Coffee hour has begun again after the 8:00 am service and will continue bi-weekly for the fall as long as volunteers are on hand each week to help out with set up, take down and clean-up.

We will need:

1. Help with set up before the 9:00 service
2. Cleanup after the coffee hour
3. Provide treats that will have to be individually packaged for now

There is a sign-up sheet on the table outside of the office or you can call Vicki Mair at 815-872-1760.

### **MEETINGS IN OCTOBER**

Nominations - Monday, Oct. 4 at 6:30 pm

Memorial - Thursday, Oct. 7 at 4:00pm

Staff/Parish - Tuesday, Oct. 12 at 5:45pm

Ad Board - Tuesday, Oct. 12 at 7:00pm

Trustees - Monday, Oct. 18 at 6:30pm

Finance - Monday, Oct. 25 at 7:00pm

### **ANNUAL CONFERENCE - Oct. 1 and 2**

The second part of the 2021 Annual Conference session of the Northern IL Conference is set to happen on Friday, Oct. 1 and Saturday, Oct. 2. On Oct. 1, we will be watching the Ordination worship service. On Saturday, the virtual conference will cover voting on the 2022 budget and more. Please be in prayer for our newly ordained pastors and the decisions that we'll be making.

### **ECUMENICAL WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

The Ecumenical Women's Bible Study will be starting a new schedule beginning in October.

**Monday** Afternoons will be an in-person study on Hebrews from 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm beginning October 4.

**Thursday** Mornings at 10 am via ZOOM format beginning October 7.

For details, please contact Janet Becker.

### **METHODISTS ON THE MOVE**

#### **October 24**

After taking one year to be safe and only work on projects around the church, Methodists on the Move Sunday is back 'on the move'! On Sunday, October 24, you will have the chance to participate in a short mission experience. The Adult Ministries and Missions teams have teamed up to plan five different activities you can help with that will in turn help others: going to a grocery store to buy food for the Food Pantry; writing out cards to shut in's; recording a music cd of our congregation singing favorite hymns for people to play; going to Hungry World Farm outside of Tiskilwa to work on a project; taking treat baskets to appreciate our local police and fire departments. We will have a 1/2

hour worship service starting at 9:00am, then everyone will be encouraged to take part in one of these mission projects. There will be sign-up sheets in the Narthex at the start of October to help us get an idea of how many will participate in each project. Thank you in advance for 'taking the church beyond the building', and making a difference in people's lives!

### FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY

Do you have a 'special occasion' you would like to celebrate with your church family? We're always happy to join in all the joys of our brothers and sisters. New births, anniversaries, remembrances of those gone before us, birthdays, retirements and graduations are examples of what we love to celebrate together. If you would like to provide flowers for our Sunday morning services, please give your name to the office and the date you'd like to provide them. You are welcome to bring flowers from home or purchase them from a floral shop. Then we will make sure your name and the people you are celebrating/remembering are in the bulletin. You are then welcome to pick up your flowers after the service or during the week following.

### CHIPPERS!

Chippers meet on Wednesdays at 4:00 pm in Cushing Hall – or outdoors if it's nice! No experience necessary – just show up to learn! Contact Jacquie Woodley if you'd like more information.

### Help Us With the Lights!

If you are the last to leave a room, please check to see if the lights are turned out. The electric bill is big in a building this size and your help allows money to be used for ministry and not wasted electricity. Thanks for your help! – **the Trustees**

### REMEMBERING PFUMC IN YOUR WILL

We never like to think about the time when we won't be here, but it comes for all of us. Thankfully we know the next phase of our life is a joyful one – being reunited with loved ones and with God. But we will all leave behind both the 'stuff' of this life and a legacy. What better way to combine both than by including your church in your will. Hopefully you have wonderful people to leave gifts to as well, but if you include PFUMC in your will, you'll be ensuring important ministry will continue long into the future because of your generosity. See Pastor Ryan or a member of the Endowment Committee if you have questions.

### HELP WITH AUDIO/VISUAL

We truly need people who have audio/visual experience, or are willing to learn 'on the job' to help out and train with Josh Bush. If you could help us regularly or on a rotating basis, please contact Pastor Ryan or Josh. We would certainly appreciate it! We are willing to train!

### NEWS OF THE FLOCK....



### RECOVERING FROM ILLNESS/SURGERY: Frank Cabral Those suffering from COVID

IF YOUR LOVED ONE IS IN THE HOSPITAL, PLEASE LET THE CHURCH KNOW WHERE THEY ARE AND THEIR STATUS. MOST HOSPITALS DON'T LET THE CHURCH KNOW WHEN YOUR LOVED ONE IS ADMITTED.

### MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

We share the grief with our church members, family and friends on the passing of...

**Fred Kimberley**, husband of Lydia Kimberley, on September 14.

Please keep these families in your prayers as they mourn their loved one's passing.

### *The Prayer Corner...*

*Remember in your prayers... all of our members in nursing homes & spouses,*

*Agnes Dunn (rehab), Jan Heaton, Barb Webb (friend of Gewin's – cancer/radiation after surgery), Kevin Borg (son of Dale & Sharon Borg – continuing health issues), Bob Hudson (slowly improving/needs continued prayers), Bob Parker (health issues), Johnnie King, Linda Breedlove (rehab at Liberty Village), Frank Cabral (cancer/upcoming surgery), Irene Chase (sister-in-law of John & Jean Gewin – health issues), Elaine Bolatto (arthritis pain issues), Tom Molitor (Dale & Sharon Borg's son-in-law – COVID), Beverly Larson (friend of Sue May – health issues), Nancy Wheelock (friend of Sue May – cancer), family of Fred Kimberley, Pat Anson (health issues & rehab at Liberty Village), Cindy Maupin (Cal Gramer's sister – bad fall/surgery), Marcia Peddicord (upcoming hip revision)*

surgery), Deb Terwilliger (friends of Bob & Ruth Hayward – non-Hodgkins Lymphoma), Sandy Smith (friend of Bob & Ruth Hayward (multiple health issues), Dale and Sharon Borg (COVID), our military serving in countries overseas, victims of wildfires, Health Care Workers, the lonely, the homeless, victims of social injustice, victims of COVID-19, fire fighters and emergency personnel

**Notes of Thanks**

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, telephone calls as I am recuperating from a fall and broken. I am slowly improving and hope to be back home soon. **Linda Breedlove**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL PERSEVERANCE**

On behalf of the PFUMC Finance Committee, we would like to say a big 'thank you' to all the people who have continued to contribute financially to the ministries of our church. By keeping up your regular giving, our church can continue its ministries in providing the love of God through Christ in our community and around the world. We ask that you continue that dedication as you are able so we can keep sharing that divine love with others. May God continue to bless you with generous hearts and good health! Below are some of the ways in which you can get your financial giving to the church.

1. Via mail – 316 S. Church Street in Princeton.
2. In the locked white mail box near the main glass doors of the building.
3. Via your bank’s on-line banking program. A physical check is then mailed to the church.
4. Through an automatic withdrawal (EFT/ACH) taken from your checking, savings or investment account. This can be done through your bank, or at our bank. **If interested, contact Shelly for the banking information (i.e. routing number and account number).**
5. Through PayPal. Just visit our website (princetonfirsttunc.com) and click on the ‘giving’ button. Then follow the instructions. You can set it up for a one-time use, or on-going. See Shelly Grabill if you have difficulties. (FYI, the Finance Committee has decided to give credit for 100% of your PayPal gift – including any fees you paid).

Again, thank you so very much. We continue to do ministry because of God’s grace and your support.

May we continue to do what God is asking us to provide at this time!

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Christine Anderson  
Joe Birkey  
Debbie Brewer
- 3 Kelly Loftus  
Marcia Peddicord  
Matthew Peddicord
- 4 Scott Piper  
Jim Smith  
Tim Sterling
- 5 Linda Breedlove
- 6 Eric Anderson  
Jessica Birkey
- 7 Betsy Beams  
Jill Husted
- 8 LouAnn Birkey  
Glenda Johnson  
Colby Robbins
- 9 Kelli Pelham
- 12 Alaina Anderson
- 15 Gerald Leadley  
Bryce Taylor
- 18 Samantha Fehlhafer  
Teal Litzsinger
- 19 Roger Angel  
Marissa Cruse  
Phyllis Duffy  
Lynette VandeVenter
- 22 John Plumley  
Joan Simpson
- 23 Landon Bush
- 24 Stuart VandeVenter
- 27 Agnes Dunn
- 28 JoAnn Patterson  
Jerry Piper
- 30 Kate Newby
- 31 Robert Merth

**OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1 James and Jeannette Bystry
- 4 Scott and Jane Robbins
- 5 Kenneth and Eloise Stabler
- 8 Lynn and Marlene Klingenberg
- 9 Scott and Christine Anderson
- 10 Randy and Sally Farrell
- 18 John and Darlene Plumley
- 21 Cal and Christy Gramer
- 25 Bob and Sherri Parker
- 27 Frank and Rita Dunlap
- 6 *If you are a member or regular attender who has a birthday or anniversary this month and your*

name does not appear on this list, please contact the office to update our files.

## **FUMC YOUTH HAPPENINGS**

**Youth Group**



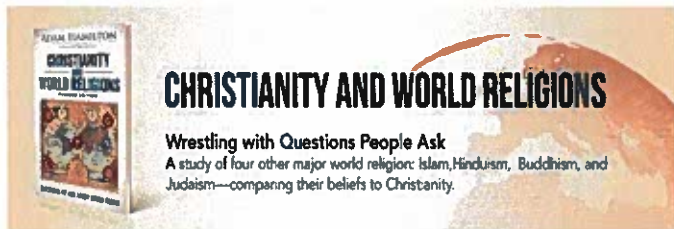
### **Junior High (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)**

Thursdays at 3:30-4:30pm

(snacks from 3:00pm till 3:30pm)

### **Senior High (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) meets every Sunday evening – with snacks too 😊**

The teens are digging into the past to look at the future and understand the immense love that Jesus had and continues to have for us.



### **!SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP!**

You are invited on Sunday evenings 6-7pm (before youth group) starting **October 3<sup>rd</sup>**. This six-week study will help us understand our neighbors, be able to relate, and interact with those of other faiths in more meaningful way. This study is not intended to say how Christians are better. This is to help us live out the call to love our neighbor as ourselves.

~Please let Ms. Kelly know if you want to attend and need a book. It is just fine if you cannot attend every week.

**Kelly McKune, Youth Director**

## **55 & Rising**

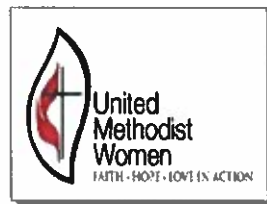
**55 & Rising** is back! The very first activity they are planning is a trip to Circa 21 to attend a Matinee entitled "How Great Thou Art, The Gospel Music of Elvis Presley." The date is Thursday, October 14. The cost of the ticket is \$45.00 each. All 24 tickets have been spoken for. Contact Sharon Borg for details.

## **AMAZON SMILE PROGRAM**

If you are going to order from amazon.com, please remember to use [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com). For every order that you make through amazon's charitable giving site, our church receives .5% of the money you spent. And it doesn't cost you anything more! If you have questions, please call the church office and we'll walk you through how to register PFUMC as your charity of choice. Please consider this for all your shopping opportunities.

## **WORSHIP VIDEOS AVAILABLE ONLINE**

The Sunday worship videos are always available on PFUMC's youtube.com channel. To view them, simply type [www.youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) into your internet browser. Then search for 'Princeton IL First United Methodist Church'. When you see one of our videos show up on your screen, click on it. If that's not the one you want to view, simply click on where it says 'First United Methodist Church' under the video that's playing. Then you'll be able to see the whole selection of videos you can choose. Videos are also available on the church's Facebook page – just scroll down until you find the one you want!



## **KNITTED TOGETHER FOR GOD'S GOOD WORK**

### **UMW Calendar**

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|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Oct 20</b>   | 1:00 General Meeting<br>Program: TBA                                                      |
| <b>Nov 17</b>   | 1:00 General Meeting<br>Program: Thank Offering                                           |
| <b>Dec 6</b>    | Christmas lunch and installation                                                          |
| <b>May 2022</b> | UMW Assembly - Orlando, Florida<br>UMW 2021 Yearbooks are available at the church office. |

### **UMW HIGHLIGHTS**

#### **From Julie McCutchan**

We enjoyed hearing Karla Detweiler talk about Hungry World Farm at our September meeting. We learned about composting that helps improve the soil that they grow their produce on. They will have a composting workshop there on October 23<sup>rd</sup> for more

information will be made available. We look forward to hosting the DeKalb/Prairie South District UMW meeting on Saturday Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> when we will “Open Our Eyes” and learn about racial justice and the Justice Generation from Rev. Dr. Brian Gilbert and Isabella Pena. Beth Mulcahy will lead music. We urge all women and youth of our church to take advantage of this inspiring morning which will end with communion served by Rev. Dr. Gilbert and Pastor Ryan. We will serve coffee and lunch for our guests. See Julie McCutchan or Jeany Gewin for more information about registration.

Watch for more information about the regular general meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

The Northern Illinois Conference UMW Annual Celebration will be a virtual meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup>

## COMING IN NOVEMBER

### ALL SAINTS SUNDAY – Nov. 7

On Sunday, Nov. 7, we will remember people in our church or related to our parishioners who have gone on to receive their eternal reward in the last year. Their names will be read, their picture on the screens, a candle lit in their honor, and a bell rung. If you would like to honor someone in your family who has passed in the last year, please contact the church office to provide us with the correct information (and if possible, a picture) by Oct. 20. Please be here to remember our saints – they will never be forgotten.

### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS- Nov. 7

It's time to set the clocks back one hour – everyone gets an extra hour of sleep! The official time to set your clocks back is at 2:00am on Sunday, Nov. 7. But if you want to be in worship at the right time, make sure you ‘fall back’ before you go to bed on Saturday night!

### CHURCH CONFERENCE – Nov. 8

PFUMC's church conference will take place on **Monday, November 8**. Staff Parish Committee will meet with our District Superintendent at 6:30 pm, and the Church Conference will begin at 7:00 pm. All paperwork must be received in the office by **October 29, 2021**.

### NEW MEMBERS MEETING - Nov. 9

Are you interested in becoming a member of PFUMC? Would you like to know more about our church and the United Methodist Church in general? You are invited to a one-time membership

meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 9 starting at 6:30pm. You will learn more about what it means to be an official member of the church, and then we'll pick a date to have new members join before the end of the year. See Pastor Ryan if you have questions.

### THIRD GRADE BIBLES – Nov. 21

It is a tradition in our church to give out Bibles to children in third grade. We plan to continue that tradition this year on Sunday, Nov. 21 at the 9:00 am service. Please let us know if your third-grader would like to receive a Bible, and be sure to be here for the presentation – encouraging these youngsters in their spiritual formation.

### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – Nov. 18

The Red Cross will once again set up in Cushing Hall on Thursday, Nov. 18 to take blood donations. Did you know that every donation can save up to three lives when given to someone in need? Consider signing up online at the Red Cross website to reserve your time and help make sure enough blood is on hand when the need is great.

### STEWARDSHIP DRIVE

The annual Stewardship Drive will take place in mid-November this year. The theme will be *Abundance of the Heart*. More details will arrive in the November newsletter. Be praying about how God is leading you to give to the ministries of your church in 2022.

### ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE – Nov. 24

We're still in the planning stages of a potential Thanksgiving Eve service to be held at our church on Wednesday, Nov. 24 at 7:00pm. We did this two years ago, and enjoyed the fellowship of other churches while giving our thanks to God for a multitude of blessings. Our hope is that we'll be able to do this again, but we'll have to watch what the restrictions are as the time gets closer. Watch for more information as Thanksgiving approaches!

### HANGING OF THE GREENS – Nov. 27

It's hard to imagine this right now when it's 80 degrees outside, but Christmas is less than three months away! That means that it'll soon be time to decorate the Sanctuary for this holy season. Our plan is to have everyone who is willing to help meet at the church on Saturday, Nov. 27 at 4:00pm. We'll listen to Christmas music over the sound system, set up the tree and more, and also have pizza and pop. Please put this event on your calendar, and help create a wonderful atmosphere for the season!



## WORK DAY PHOTOS



**TIMBER!!!** Sherri Parker, grandson, Gavin, and Jerry Piper not only cutting the tree limbs (above), but loading them too (below)



**NO WEEDS IN OUR GARDEN!**  
Barb Skean, Paul Byrd, and Shelly Grabill hard at work raking and weeding



**A GERM-FREE ZONE!**  
Elizabeth Anderson, Vicki Mair and Marg Wendle lead the kitchen clean-up

**A PLACE FOR EVERYTHING**  
Veronica Carroll, Birney Brown and Bill Wendle on garage duty.



## **SCHEDULE FOR PFUMC WORSHIP SERVICES THROUGH NOVEMBER**

Sunday, October 3: 9:00am traditional worship service – World Communion  
Sunday (various breads)

Sunday, October 10: 9:00am blended worship service – refreshments after  
worship

Saturday, October 16: First Saturday evening service at 5:30pm – contemporary  
music

Sunday, October 17: 9:00am traditional worship service

Sunday, October 24: 9:00am blended worship service – Methodists on the Move –  
refreshments served after worship

Sunday, October 31: 9:00am

Saturday, November 6: 5:30pm contemporary service – communion served –  
refreshments served after worship

Sunday, November 7: 9:00am traditional service – All Saints Sunday –  
communion served

Sunday, November 14: 9:00am blended service – refreshments served

Saturday, November 20: 5:30pm contemporary service

Sunday, November 21: 9:00am traditional service

Wednesday, November 24 (hopefully!): 7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve service

Sunday, November 28: 9:00am blended service – refreshments served – first  
Sunday of Advent

# October 2021 at First United Methodist Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Change the World donations this month will go to UMCOR - Hurricane Relief.</i></p> <p><b>3</b> 9 am Worship <i>in-person or live-stream</i> <b>World Communion</b> 10:15 Adult SS Classes Youth SS Classes <b>6</b> - Youth Bible Study <b>7</b> - Youth Group</p>	<p><b>4</b> 3:30 Women's Bible Study in person at FUMC 6:30 Nominations</p>	<p><i>Social Distancing (in family groups) preferred</i> <i>Facemasks required</i> <i>Bulletins still provided via e-mail each week</i></p>	<p><b>6</b> 8-Emmaus Gp at Big Apple 4 pm Chippers in Cushing 6:30 Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>7</b> 10 Women's Bible Study via ZOOM 10-11:30 Cushing Hall Reserved 3:30 pm Children &amp; Youth Ministries 4 - Memorial Committee</p>	<p><b>1</b> 6 - NIC Ordination Service -online</p>	<p><b>2</b> 9 - NIC Annual Conf Budget Review online</p>
<p><b>10</b> 9 am Worship <i>in-person or live-stream</i> Chancel Choir: sings 10:15 Adult SS Classes Youth SS Classes <b>6</b> - Youth Bible Study <b>7</b> - Youth Group</p>	<p><b>11</b> 3:30 Women's Bible Study in person at FUMC 5:00 pm Our Table Meal</p>	<p><b>12</b> 5:45 SPRC 7 - Administrative Board</p>	<p><b>13</b> 8-Emmaus Gp at Big Apple 4 pm Chippers - Cushing 6:30 Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>14</b> 10 Women's Bible Study via ZOOM 55 &amp; Rising to Circa 21 for Elvis Review 12 Princeton Ministerial Association @ FUMC 3:30 pm Children &amp; Youth Ministries</p>	<p><b>15</b> UMW District Team Meeting in Cushing Hall</p>	<p><b>16</b> UMW District Team Meeting in Cushing Hall  <b>5:30 1st Saturday Contemporary Worship Service</b></p>
<p><b>17</b> 9 am Worship <i>in-person or live-stream</i> 10:15 Adult SS Classes Youth SS Classes <b>6</b> - Youth Bible Study <b>7</b> - Youth Group</p>	<p><b>18</b> 3:30 Women's Bible Study in person at FUMC 6:30 pm Trustees in Cushing Hall</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b> <i>Marcia at Maiden</i> 8-Emmaus Gp at Big Apple 1 - UMW General Meeting 4 pm Chippers - Cushing 6:30 Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>21</b> 10 Women's Bible Study via ZOOM 3:30 pm Children &amp; Youth Ministries</p>	<p><b>22</b> <b>CIRCUIT RIDER ARTICLES DUE</b></p>	<p><b>23</b> NIC UMW Annual Celebration via ZOOM format</p>
<p><b>24</b> 9 am Worship <i>in-person or live-stream</i> <b>METHODISTS ON THE MOVE</b> 6-7 pm Youth Bible Study 7-8 pm Youth Group <b>31</b> 9 am Worship <i>in-person or live-stream</i> 10:15 Adult/Youth SS 6-7 pm Youth Bible Study 7-8 pm Youth Group</p>	<p><b>25</b> 3:30 Women's Bible Study in person at FUMC 5:00 pm Our Table Meal 7:00 Finance Meeting in Cushing Hall</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b> <i>Marcia at Maiden</i> 8-Emmaus Gp at Big Apple 4 pm Chippers - Cushing 6:30 Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>28</b> 10 Women's Bible Study via ZOOM 3:30 pm Children &amp; Youth Ministries</p>	<p><b>29</b> <b>ALL CHURCH CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS ARE SUBMITTED TO CHURCH OFFICE OR TO NIC.</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>



The First United Methodist Church of Princeton, Illinois  
**Sunday Worship Services**

Worship Service  
Sunday School for Adults

8:00 a.m.

9:15 a.m.

Reverend Ryan Sutton  
Fallon Bush  
Josh Bush  
Vicki Cabral  
Todd Ericson  
Charles Gebeck  
Shelly Grabill  
Kelly McKune  
Karen Newby  
Marcia Peddicord  
Chris Rucinski

Pastor  
Treasurer  
Audio/Visual Director  
Lay Leader  
Custodian  
Organist  
Financial Secretary  
Youth Director  
Handbell Choir Director/Chancel Choir Director  
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October Circuit Rider 2021**