

October Volunteers

<u>Greeters</u>	5 th	Ryan & Meghan Arthur
	12 th	Ryan & Meghan Arthur
	19 th	Cris Fitzjarrald & Alane White
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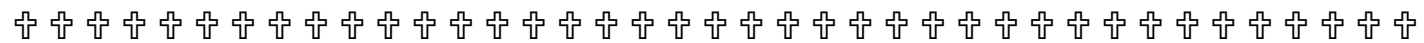
Liturgist

Ushers Alane White, Evadene Crumrin,
and Charlie & Diane Moore

Lobby Watch 5th Rick Manuell
12th Jim Arthur
19th Ryan Arthur
26th

Counters Bev Smith & Doris Ellington all month
(except Oct 20th, which is Jan Ridgway)

<u>Nursery</u>	5 th	Danielle & Liberty Cline
	12 th	Jenna Morey
	19 th	Adrienne & Evangeline
	26 th	Janet Eitel & Lindsey Welsh



Birthdays and Anniversaries in October:

Alta Youngdahl	October 02
Kathy Brown	October 04
Max Schneider	October 04
Dawn Youngdahl	October 05
Isabel Arthur	October 07
Jacob Cannady	October 07
Chelsey Trudeau	October 09
Ty Bullock	October 10
Carole Henderson	October 11
Kayte Macke	October 12
Carrigan Crumrin	October 13
Jayseigh Veach	October 18
Ben Macke	October 20
Adam Crumrin	October 21
Morgan Macke	October 21
Lindsay Welsh	October 21
Steve Macke	October 23
Jan Ridgway	October 23
Chase Paulsen	October 24
Jayci Green	October 25
Lexi Mason	October 26
Nis Lovstad	October 29
Daisy Bloodworth	October 31

The graphic features the words "Family game night" in a playful, multi-colored font. "Family" is in pink, "game" is in yellow, and "night" is in dark blue. The text is surrounded by various colorful icons including hearts, stars, dice, and game pieces.

The Nurture committee is hosting a Church-Wide Birthday Party/Trivia night on October 18. Everyone is invited. There will be homemade cakes for each month, as well as ice cream and punch. Each month will have its own table with a special homemade cake to share, and each table will be a team to play trivia! We'll have both adult and kid trivia questions, so it will be fun for everyone! Bring a friend and join us!



Jeff & Vicki Kinyon	October 01
Tim & Hannah McConchie	October 05
Keith & Diane Lindgren	October 07
Jack & Lisa Davidson	October 12
Allen & Sue Boyer	October 14
Daniel & Kaylee DeLisle	October 22
David & Kim Macke	October 22



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From the Pastor's Pen

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ, the Lord of the harvest, who calls us to bear fruit that will last.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

October brings with it the sights and sounds of harvest. Fields are gathered in, leaves are turning, and the air carries that crisp reminder that seasons are always changing. It is a time when we see the fruit of labor brought forth, and we are reminded of the goodness of God who provides seedtime and harvest.

Scripture often uses the language of harvest to describe the life of faith. Paul tells us, **“Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up” (Galatians 6:9)**. And the fruit that God desires from us is not just in bushels and barns, but in lives transformed by His Spirit. **Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control**—these are the fruit of the Spirit (**Galatians 5:22–23**), the true harvest of a life rooted in Christ.

In this season, it is good to pause and ask: What is being cultivated in me? What is being sown through my words, my actions, my prayers, and my service? The truth is, what we plant today, whether seeds of grace or seeds of bitterness, will grow and bear fruit in due time. As followers of Jesus, we are called to sow generously in the Spirit, so that others may “taste and see that the Lord is good.”

As the ministries of fall continue, let us not lose sight of this calling. Every act of kindness, every prayer lifted, every word of encouragement, and every moment of service is a seed planted in the Kingdom of God. You may not always see the fruit right away, but God is faithful to bring forth a harvest in His time.

We are also reminded that harvest is not only about what we receive, but what we share. Just as farmers bring in the crops to nourish many, so the fruit God produces in us is meant to bless others. When we forgive, when we serve, when we share the hope of Christ, we are scattering seeds that can take root in places we may never see. The joy of the Christian life is knowing that God multiplies even the smallest act of faithfulness for His Kingdom purposes.

My prayer for us as a church family this October is that we will be known as a people whose lives overflow with the fruit of the Spirit. May our love be abundant, our joy contagious, our peace steady, and our kindness unshakable. And may the harvest God brings through us be for His glory and the blessing of many.

With love in Christ,
Your brother and fellow servant,
Pastor Bill



Power Lunch got underway on Sept. 3. We had 69 kids eat lunch on the first day! Thanks to everyone who donated food and helped cook and serve. Please keep checking the Power Lunch board each week for items needed.

Our kids and youth are going to take part in this year's Marshall's Trunk or Treat. The event is Oct. 25. If you are willing to help with our display, please let me know. We'll begin collecting candy on Oct. 1. Please drop it by the church office. Thanks!

Kelly

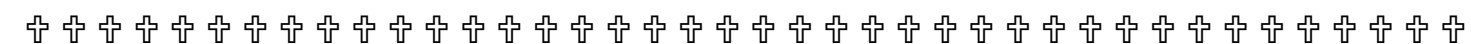


Mark Your Calendars:

October 7 th	UWF Board Meeting 4:00 PM
October 9 th	Esther Circle 7:00 PM
October 20 th	Susannah Wesley Circle 11:30 AM
October 30 th	Sisters in Faith Circle 6:00 PM in the Chapel

Thank you for all your wonderful donations of school supplies for Midwest Mission Distribution!
We filled 105 bags at our annual meeting.

Chili Day is coming! Mark your calendars for Tuesday, November 4th, and plan to be there. If you are willing to help, look for the sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center. Meals will be served from 11:00AM – 1:00PM and from 4:00PM – 6:00PM. Invite your friends!



Holy Grounds Coffee Group meets every Tuesday.
All are welcome to join! Here's where you'll find us:

7th - Marshall Family Restaurant 9AM
14th - Holly Brook 2PM
21st - Lunch Outing to Traverse Pie Company!
*Meet us at the church at 11:45 to ride in the Church
van with us, or you can meet us in the back room at
the Pie Company at 1:30 Terre Haute time.*
28th - Gypsy Queen 9AM



Mission Highlights:

During October we celebrate World Communion Sunday. There will be a special offering to help provide scholarships for students around the world. Since the first

Sunday of the month is going to be UWF Sunday, we will collect this special offering on Sunday the 12th.



On another note, it's time to start thinking about the One Stop Community Christmas 2025.

For the past 14 years, over 200 area organizations have joined hands to bring joy, hope, and essential items to more than 1,000 vulnerable families across our region.

As we have done in the past, Marshall First will be collecting 4-packs of toilet paper. Our Church goal is 155 four-packs by December 2. More information will be posted outside the office. Thank you for partnering with this valuable mission outreach!

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. In honor and in memory of our past and present pastors, we are asking for donations to the Preachers' Aid and Benefit Society. (PABS). This fund helps retired pastors when they are in need. One of our Marshall First retired pastors was given funds from this agency to help cover medical co-pays that occurred during his wife's severe illness. Through the years many other retirees have also received financial aid for various life problems that have occurred. By giving to this fund, you are expressing thanks to our pastors for their spiritual guidance and are helping ensure a less stressful retirement for them. Make checks out to MFUMC.

2. Wonderful grace of Jesus,
Reaching to all the lost,
By it I have been pardoned, Saved to the uttermost;
Chains have been torn asunder, Giving me liberty;
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.
3. Wonderful grace of Jesus, Reaching the most defiled,
By its transforming power, Making him God's dear child,
Purchasing peace and heaven For all eternity—
And the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<u>EVERY SUNDAY:</u> 9:00am Morning Worship Family Fellowship 10:15am Sunday School for all ages!			1. Weave from 10am-Noon Power Lunch KFC 3:00 – 5:00pm No choir practice today	2.	3. Exercise- 8:30am	4.
5. Youth Fellowship 5pm	6. Exercise- 8:30am	7. Holy Grounds - 9am @ Marshall Family Restaurant UWF Board Meeting 4pm	8. Weave from 10am-Noon Power Lunch KFC 3:00 – 5:00pm Choir 5:30pm	9. Esther Circle 7:00pm	10. Exercise- 8:30am	11.
12. Communion Sunday Charge Conference at Paris First UMC 2:00PM Youth Fellowship 5pm	13. Exercise- 8:30 am	14. Holy Grounds - 2pm @ Holly Brook	15. Weave from 10am-Noon Power Lunch KFC 3:00 – 5:00pm Choir 5:30pm	16.	17. Exercise- 8:30am	18. <i>Come volunteer at the Thrift Shop from 8:30-12</i> Church-Wide Birthday Party Game Night 7:00-9:00PM
19.	20. Exercise- 8:30am Susannah Wesley Circle 11:30am	21. Holy Grounds - noon @ Traverse Pie Company <i>Come volunteer @ the Food Disbursement Center from 12-4:30pm</i> Unified Leadership 6PM	22. Weave from 10am-Noon Power Lunch KFC 3:00 – 5:00pm Family Dinner at 5pm! Choir 6:00pm	23.	24. Exercise- 8:30am	25. Trunk or Treat at the Courthouse Lawn from 2:30-3:30PM Rotary “Jack-O-Jog” registration church parking lot 5:30PM
26. Pastor Appreciation Pot-Luck Lunch 11:00 AM	27. Exercise- 8:30 am	28. Holy Grounds - 9am @ Gypsy Queen <i>Come volunteer @ the Food Disbursement Center from 12-4:30pm</i> Unified Leadership Team Meeting at 6pm	29. Weave from 10am-Noon Power Lunch KFC 3:00 – 5:00pm Choir 5:30pm	30. Sisters in Faith 6:00pm	31. Exercise- 8:30am	