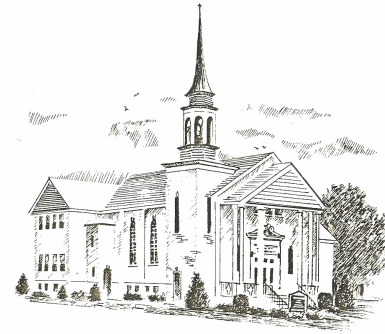


THE MESSENGER



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October Lectionary -

- Oct 2** Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Psalm 19 (UMH 750)
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46
World Communion Sunday (offering)
- Oct 9** Exodus 32:1-14
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 (UMH 829)
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14
- Oct 16** Exodus 33:12-23
Psalm 99 (UMH 819)
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22
- Oct 23** Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 (UMH 809)
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46
- Oct 30** Joshua 3:7-17
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 (UMH 830)
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Matthew 23:1-12

Dear Friends,

Herb Miller wrote in *"Fishing on the Asphalt"* that one of history's great disasters took place in 1271. In that year, Marco Polo visited Kublai Khan. The great Khan at that time ruled all China, India, and the East. Attracted by the story of Christianity told him by the explorers, he said, "Go to your high priests and tell them to send me one hundred men skilled in your religion. I shall be baptized and all my barons and great men. Their subjects will be baptized, too. We will then have more Christians *here* than in your part of the world."

Somebody dropped the ball. Nothing was done for thirty years. Finally, two or three missionaries were sent. Too few and too late. What kind of difference might it have meant to the world if in the thirteenth century, China, India, and the whole Orient had moved toward Christ? The same difference it makes when Christians personally contact un-churched persons in our own society. Nothing substitutes for that. No amount of prayer or "I wish they would visit our church" replaces contact cement.

The month of October begins at our church with *World Communion Sunday* where we celebrate God's love shared for all people around the world through the act of participating in The Lord's Supper. On Sunday afternoon we will have the opportunity to share our love for our immediate neighbors through the youth sponsored annual *"Party in the Parking Lot."* (BBQ, Pie, Ice Cream, Games, Music from 4:00-6:00p.m.). This is an opening for you to invite your friends, neighbors, co-workers for a time of fun and Christian fellowship. Bring your own lawn chairs. On the following Sunday, October 9th we will be celebrating a *"Children's Sabbath"* a service of worship by, for and with children. It will be a special time for all ages!

The month of October also begins our annual stewardship emphasis with the theme: *"Rock Solid Giving."* Please keep this important time in your thoughts and prayers as we prepare to make our financial commitment to support God's work through our church at Willard Street UMC this coming year. Jesus said: *"Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house upon a rock"* (Matthew 7:24).

Blessings and Peace

Paster Luers

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Welcome October!! God calls me to enjoy His artistry in the colors of Autumn. May we all heed His call and take time to appreciate His gift of color – His gift of the Word. Welcome into my heart, Lord, I see your splendor. And welcome friends of Willard St. UMC as we journey together in His Word this beautiful season.

EXPERIENCE HIS WORD WITH US

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL (Pre-6th)

We are experiencing being an important child of God—Creation!! We are learning songs for **Children's Sabbath Sunday!!**

***Children's Sabbath Sunday**, October 9th

The children will participate during the 9:30 am Worship Service on this Special Sunday. We encourage all parents, grandparents, guardians, and friends to attend and take part in the blessing of the children. *We will soon be choosing a Christmas Program for SUNDAY SCHOOL and CLUB JC.

MIDDLE SCHOOL: A class for All 7th & 8th graders.

This class meets with Alane Webber in the JAM room on the basement level. About JESUS And ME!!

HIGH SCHOOL: Meets with Debbie Bratten on the basement level in the High School Room.

It's about The Word and how it pertains to Teens!!

CHILDREN'S SABBATH SUNDAY

OCTOBER 9th, 9:30 AM "Let the Children Come to Me..."

In our world today, we all need to take extra care and concern in loving, guiding, and caring for God's children. We have a special service that involves ALL the children as well as the adults who will pray over them. We invite children of ALL ages to be here and receive special Blessings and prayer. Parents, Grandparents, Family, and Friends, come and bless the children. The Children will also participate with songs and skits. If your child cannot be here, you may bring their picture to place on the altar. There will be special refreshments following in Fellowship Hall.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

***AGES and STAGES:** Meets in the Chapel with Pastor Chuck for a Max Lucado Study "Max on Life."

***MERRY HOMEMAKERS:** Video Studies with great lessons meets in fellowship hall.

***AGAPE and ADULT BIBLE CLASS:** Are participating in "The Methodist Resource Bible Study". In the "copy" room.

***WEDNESDAY Noon Bible Study: Every Wed. @12:00**

We have different studies! Bring lunch and Join US!!

JOIN US! WEDNESDAY NITE LITES

**** "CLUB JC" KICK OFF, October 5th**

5:30 pm Family Meal; 6:00- 7:00 pm Club JC

**** YOUTH GROUP, Wednesdays**

Mac n Yac, 5:30 pm; Youth 6-7:30 pm

**** Party in the Parking Lot ****

Sunday October 2nd 4:00-6:00 PM

Good Food—Good Music—Good Friends

GOURMET GRILLED HOTDOGS, chips & dessert

We have a Bounce House and special carnival games for kids!

Bring your lawn chair, your friends, and Free will offering.

***FUNDRAISER FOR YOUTH STRIKE FOR CHRIST.**

KIDS !!! Be Watching for Who's Your Hero Night!!

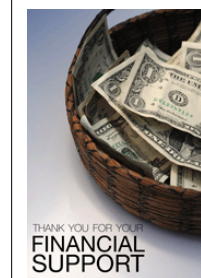
To our Willard Street church family:

Many thanks for the "showering" of cards you sent to Dad on his 90th birthday. He was so pleased and surprised at the number of cards he received. You made his birthday a very special one this year! Bless you all! Betsy Jones, Marvin, and family

Thank you very much; Donna Gardner, Yvonne Fleener, Dorothy Gaumer, Virginia Steele, and Terry Gipson for helping me get the newsletter ready to mail. Your help is very much appreciated by me. Anyone wishing to help next month please call the office. God Bless, Mary Mitchell

I wanted to thank Willard St UMC friends for bringing me the altar flowers last Sunday. The flowers brighten my room and me.

Thanks! Phyllis Orman



Finance Update:

Thank you to all who have faithfully supported the mission of the church here locally and around the world through your financial gifts. The good news is that we have been able to keep up with our expenses and mission giving this year through the month of August. However, our treasurer has informed us that we are running behind in our offerings. This puts a strain on meeting our obligations in paying our church conference apportionments: \$3,414.00/month (beyond the local church mission giving), materials for Sunday School, salaries, and FICA for this month. Please consider giving an extra gift in your offering to the church to help alleviate this shortfall. Thank you again for supporting Willard Street United Methodist Church in sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Harold Marsh
 90th Birthday Open House
Saturday, October 8th
 1:30 to 3:30 pm in fellowship hall

Please come help us celebrate Harold's 90th birthday!
 No gifts please!



Charge Conference
 October 16th
 2:00 pm at Willard St UMC

Willard Street UMC
 175 N. Willard

"PARTY IN THE PARKING LOT"
 Sunday, October 2nd
 4:00 to 6:00 pm

Hotdogs & potato chips
 Ice cream & pie
 Please bring a lawn chair

Live Music & Games
 Free Will Offering

(Fundraiser for Youth Strike For Christ)




NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have all articles for the monthly newsletter to the church office no later than **October 17th**, otherwise articles may be added to next month's newsletter.
THANK YOU! Mary



Upper Rooms
 Effective January 1, 2012 we will no longer be ordering Upper Room books to buy from church. You may subscribe to The Upper Room daily devotional by Email at devotional.upperroom.com.



Flower Calendar and Cookie Calendar

The Flower Signup Calendar (Altar flowers are \$21.00) and Cookie Signup Calendar are available in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your help in making our church a welcoming church.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

October 4 - 9:30 am
 Executive Committee

Circle lesson: "Restorative Justice" Program BK. Pg. 35

Oct 6 -
 9:15 am - **Rebekah**, with Leila Carlo at the church
 1:00 pm - **Mary**, with Jean Caster & June Loy at 19 Friendly Ln
 1:00 pm - **Sarah**, with Davie Ann Hutton at the church

Oct 10 -
 6:30 pm - **Patience**, with Kelly Young at 18 Silverwood
Bring your favorite movie snack

Oct 25 -
 6:00 pm - **Faith**, at Hotel Ottumwa

UMW General Meeting
 October 13th - 1:00 pm
 Program - Speaker on Restorative Justice
 Chairperson - Jo Weller
 Hostess - Faith & Patience Circles

October Scripture: Galatians 5:22-23a
 By contrast, the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. NRSV

Pray for: Amy Spaur (Iowa)





Fellowship Dinner
MERRY HOMEMAKERS
 October 14th
 6:00 pm



Support Group
 October 8th
 9:30 am



UM Men's Breakfast
 October 15th
 8:00 am



There are greeting cards in fellowship hall for Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and other occasions. Also available are book markers and door hangers. Watch for other items. **Card Recyclers** will meet October 3rd and 17th at 1:00 at the church. Please join us in this Mission project.

Knitters and Crocheters will meet October 10th and 24th at 1:00 at the church. There are prayer shawls, lap robes, and chemo caps in the Narthex. There is no charge; please sign our record book.

Larry Hining
 Ernie Loy




MISSIONS CORNER
Missions News

October 23rd - Ingathering Kits need to be turned in today

October 30th - UNICEF boxes are due today Please make **UNICEF checks** out to Willard St UMC and designate UNICEF on the memo of your check for proper giving credit on your giving statement.
 Thank You!












November 5th - Thanksgiving Ingathering in Mt Pleasant





October 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>October 16th</p>						1
<p>2 World Communion (offering) 9:30 - Worship Service 10:30 - Coffee & Cookies 10:45 - Sunday School 4:00 - "Party In The Parking Lot"</p>	<p>3 1:00 - Card Recyclers</p>	<p>4 9:30 - UMW Executive Meeting</p>	<p>5 5:30 - Club JC 5:30 - Youth Mac & Yac! 6:00 - Youth Group 7:30 - Chancel Choir</p>	<p>6 9:15 - Rebekah 1:00 - Sarah 1:00 - Mary</p> 	<p>7 "Office Closed" 4:00-7:00 - Hospice Auxiliary Rummage Sale at Hospice 927 E Pennsylvania</p>	<p>8 8:00-1:00 - Hospice Rummage Sale 9:30 - Support Group 1:30-3:30 - Harold Marsh 90th Birthday Open House</p>
<p>9 Children's Sabbath Sunday 9:30 - Worship Service 10:30 - Coffee & Cookies 10:45 - Sunday School</p>	<p>10  1:00 - Knitters & Crocheters 6:30 - Patience Circle</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 Noon - Bible Study 5:30 - Youth Mac & Yac! 6:00 - Youth Group 7:30 - Chancel Choir</p>	<p>13 1:00 - UMW General Meeting</p>	<p>14 "Office Closed" 6:00 - Merry Homemakers</p>	<p>15 8:00 - UM Men's Breakfast </p>
<p>16 9:30 - Worship Service 10:30 - Coffee & Cookies 10:45 - Sunday School 2:00 - Charge Conference At Willard St UMC</p>	<p>17 1:00 - Card Recyclers 6:30 - Trustees Meeting </p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 Noon - Bible Study 5:30 - Youth Mac & Yac! 6:00 - Youth Group 7:30 - Chancel Choir</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 "Office Closed"</p>	<p>22 9:30 - Membership and Evangelism Meeting</p>
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