



2020



## Pastor's Column

The temperatures have dropped off already. It doesn't look like a hard freeze yet but the evenings are going to be quite cool. Last year I stated that my degree tolerance is 72-75 and that has not changed. I am hoping for a few weeks of temperatures in the 70's.

With that being said what does fall mean to me? It is a beautiful time of the year. The trees turn and lose their leaves. Hopefully that process will take a couple of glorious weeks of fall colors. And when the leaves fall we can see so much more of the area including the lake. I love spring but when the trees begin to get more leaves a lot of view disappears and we have glorious green scenery. The fall is a time to sit back and relax or at least that is how it feels. The sun is not too hot and the gentle breeze makes sitting outside a real joy and then as the sun sets it is time to build a nice fire to warm as the evening stars begin to appear.

Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer tell us a glorious story of how God made this beautiful world. There is a time to plant our fields and time to wait and let them grow. Then there is the harvest time to bring in the yield. And finally a time to store the yield until the next planting season can begin. God had it all planned out well before our arriving. And so we see each season for its real purpose in the scope of how the world goes. The seasons are magical and bring us to an understanding of just how great our world and our God really are. God is an awesome God!!

I am glad I live in the USA for a number of reasons, which all come back to God. From the chimney tops of Minnesota to the southern borders of Texas, from the eastern shores of New York to the western shores of California we are a unique group of people living in one nation under God. Even though not everyone in the USA is Christian it is still an awesome thought- "One Nation Under God". There is no place on this planet that can say that except "America". And there is no other place I'd rather be-"In God we Trust". God is a guiding force in my life and I am glad to be a pastor of the United Methodist Church. We are the most diverse denomination in the world because we believe in an "Awesome God" and in "Him" we will always trust.

I am glad to live in the land of the free and home of the brave. I believe God is with us in all of life struggles so He can shine through. Lord, shine in us and through us today and always. Amen.

Pastor Jack



# Scriptures for the Month of October

**Sunday, Oct. 4:** Isaiah 5:1-7 and Psalm 80:7-15  
Philippians 3:4b-14 • Matthew 21:33-48

**Sunday, Oct. 11:** Isaiah 25:1-9 and Psalm 23  
Philippians 4:1-9 • Matthew 22:1-14

**Sunday, Oct. 18:** Isaiah 45:1-7 and Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13)  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 • Matthew 22:15-22

**Sunday, Oct. 25:** Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 and Psalm 1  
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 • Matthew 22:34-46



## Trunk Or Treat



Our Trunk Or Treat event will take place this year. We will set up in the parking lot and decorate our trunks. This year Trunk Or Treat will be on Saturday, Oct. 31 from 5:00-8:00. The kids come early around 5:30 and we will stay open until 8:00 p.m. for any late comers. We need to prepare for around 100 kids and adults. The more trunks we have the more visible we are to the community. Since this year is different due to Covid 19 we need to prepare a little different. We are asking that your candy or treat be in a plastic bag for the kids. We also ask that you wear a mask since social distancing might not work with giving out your treats.

We hope to offer a safe and enjoyable evening for the kids and us. Please dress for the occasion and bring some warm clothing as well. This year we will not offer food as such but packaged treats and hot chocolate. If you have not been a part of Trunk or Treat before consider doing it this year. The more we have the more fun we will have!

## Landscaping Coming To An End

We have been working on the landscaping of our church property for about 5 years and we are coming to an end. Once the bushes are trimmed this year and new mulch (on west side of church) is done we can begin to enjoy the fruits of our labor. There are a couple of trees that need trimming and then we will be done. Thanks to all who have volunteered to help in this long process!

## Arts & Crafts

We are hosting our first "Arts & Crafts" Fair on Friday Oct. 9 and Saturday Oct. 10. Our church members will have 2 booths along with 12 other vendors from the community.

Friday, October 9 from 9:00 to 5:00

Saturday, October 10 from 9:00 to 3:00

Please spread the word. We are hoping for a good turnout for this event from our church and the surrounding community. We are excited about hosting this event!

God is pure light,  
undimmed by darkness  
of any kind.

1 John 1:5





# Evening at the Gazebo



We are scheduling another evening at the Gazebo for Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 5:00 p.m. with hot dogs, chips & drinks which will be provided. Bring anything else you would like. The entertainment is a movie. See movie article. From 5-6 we will enjoy a fire and the outdoors. Then we can come in and watch a great movie. Hopefully, you can make it for both!!

Our first gazebo night went really well. Thanks to Debra for hosting and organizing it, and to Jim Ellis for the great concert. There were plenty of snacks and fun was had by all. Mark October 21 on your calendar!



## Prayer Breakfast

There will be no prayer breakfast in October due to having a late meeting in September. Our next breakfast will be on Saturday, November 7 at 8:15 a.m. Come join us as we gather for fellowship and prayer!!



## Thrift Store

The Thrift Store will be open in October and maybe even November (weather permitting). The people of the community have responded quite well to our store. Each month we add items to the store in order to have a great assortment of items for sale. If you would like to volunteer to help let Pastor Jack or Neva Mielke know. We can always use more help. The hours are Thurs. 1-5 and Sat. 8-noon. The dates are Oct. 8 & 10 and Nov. 12 & 14.



## Identity Defined

We have had four sessions with Pete Briscoe about what our identity is as Christian people. Pete has had four really thought provoking sessions. So far we have learned that we are poems, masterpieces, saints and crack pots. Yes, I said "crack pots" and you need to watch for yourself to see what Pete means by all of these identities. If you have already given your email to Debra and are on RightNow Media, go to Pete Briscoe and under his name look for the Identity series. Pete helps us to know that we are defined by God not the world. The Scriptures define who we are in Christ. If you are not signed up just let Debra know and she will get you signed up.

Bible Study is Monday Oct. 12, 19, & 26. We will not meet on Oct. 5 due to activity at the Long Creek Bridge. The time is 10:30-12:15. Come join us!!







# Pastor Appreciation

October is Pastor Appreciation month and Sunday, Oct. 11 is the day it is celebrated so be sure and let Pastor Jack and Peg know how much you love and appreciate all they do. **WE LOVE YOU PASTOR JACK AND PEG!!**

## A Christmas Greeting

On Sunday, Oct. 4 & 11 we will distribute names from our congregation. We were planning on doing this last month but with Adult & Teen Challenge coming and a concert at the Gazebo things went by quickly. So, we will try again this month. The name you get is the person(s) that you need to contact (phone, email or text) a Christmas greeting of some sort. The main reason for this is that Jesus came into the world so we might celebrate the new life He gave us. This year we have chosen to celebrate this more often than just Advent/Christmas. We are asking you to help celebrate the life of Christ as you wish them a blessed day in the name of Jesus!!



## MOVIE NIGHT



Movie Night for October is on Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 6:00 p.m. The movie we will be showing is "Mountain Top". This month is a special treat since we are having a cook out at the Gazebo from 5-6 I hope you will be able to make it out. We always have a great time with fun and fellowship and a bonus 2 for 1 night!!

**Fun Food!**



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This newsletter is published monthly. If you have an article for publication please get it to the pastor before the last week of the month. Also if you have an address of someone who you think would like to receive this newsletter please leave that information in the church office.

We have a Facebook page, please go to our page and "like" us. You can post suggestions, pictures or anything you would like. It is also a great way to find out what is going on and see the pictures of events already taken place.



# October Happenings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Office Hours 9-5	2	3 Mowing Team 3
4 Welcome Center 9:30 Praise & Worship 10:30 Communion	5 Church Hours 10-5 NO Bible Study	6	7 Office Hours 9-5	8 THRIFT STORE 1-5 Office Hours 9-5	9 Craft Fair 9-5	10 THRIFT STORE 8-12 Craft Fair 9-3 Mowing Team 4
11 Pastor Appreciation Day Welcome Center 9:30 Praise & Worship 10:30	12 Church Hours 10-5 Bible Study 10:30	13	14 Office Hours 9-5	15 Office Hours 9-5	16	17 Mowing Team 1
18 Welcome Center 9:30 Praise & Worship 10:30 Church Council 11:45 BLUE SUNDAY	19 Church Hours 10-5 Bible Study 10:30	20	21 Evening at the Gazebo 5-8 Movie Night 6:00 "Mountaintop" Office Hours 9-5	22 Office Hours 9-5	23	24 Mowing Team 2
25 Welcome Center 9:30 Praise & Worship 10:30	26 Church Hours 10-5 Bible Study 10:30	27	28 Office Hours 9-5	29 Office Hours 9-5	30	31 Trunk Or Treat Mowing Team 3



# October



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Sarah Evans	2 Pat Bangert Claire McMillin	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Pat & Tammy Walker	12	13	14 Debra Tompkins	15	16	17
18	19 Jean Florke	20	21	22	23	24
25 Art Cella	26	27	28	29	30	31 