

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts lead to evangelism, discipleship, and the multiplication of believers and churches to the ends of the earth. We are ready to again spread the love of God worldwide with our Operation Christmas Child mission during October and November.

We would like to thank the Brends and the Liebschs for coordinating this Mission for our church.

Pick up your free shoebox and packing literature in the Courtyard starting on October 10th with our Operation Christmas Child Kick off.

Check out all the great ideas for packing an OCC Shoebox online and have fun. There is also an option to virtually pack an OCC shoebox online right from the comfort of your own home. Search “Build an OCC box” or go online to www.samaritanaspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline. It is really easy, only costs \$25, and takes just a few minutes to click on the items you would like to include. You can even send them a personalized note and a photo.

Don’t forget to pray for the child receiving the shoebox that they and their family will be receptive to receiving Christ into their hearts. When you are done, you can bring back your shoebox at any time to CUMC. The deadline for the shoeboxes to be returned is November 7th. Don’t forget the \$9 shipping fee. Have fun packing!



Impact

October 2021

Community United Methodist Church ~ Ogden, Iowa

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 7:21

The wayward thoughts of a follower of Jesus asks - Insiders or Outsiders, Who’s To Say?

Who are the insiders and who are the outsiders depends on what side of the table you are on. One can be a member of an insider group but be an outsider within that group on specific issues. As Christians, we need to be careful about classifying ourselves to other people, especially when dealing with issues of salvation. We can easily come across as being in a judgmental role, which is God’s role, not ours. I believe insiders or outsiders only exist in the human realm and not in God’s eye. Our Gospel writers are a good example of insiders and outsiders, especially Luke.

Luke is not one of the chosen (i.e., People of Israel, the Jews); he is a Gentile. Luke attempts to explain how God’s promise to the Jews, includes them, the outsiders. It is understandable that Luke’s Christology is complex; he is not bound by culture, experience, and tradition, He is free to explore his faith as an outsider looking in. By birth he was an outsider, but by faith he became an insider.

Through the eyes of Luke, I see a common theme in his writings. He writes of relationships. They include the common, the poor, the rich, the cultural insiders, and outsiders. Women also playing key roles. Luke is showing how God’s ministry, working through Jesus, touched all people. There were two women chosen to give life to the announcer (John the Baptist) and the announced (Jesus). A tax collector, a cultural insider, but an occupational outsider within his own group, who found himself up a tree one moment, and then hosting a very special insider the next (Zacchaeus). Mixed within these groups were the leaders of the church, governors, and kings. One cannot leave out the twelve ordinary men from every walk of life chosen by Jesus to help change the world.

Getting back to this idea of insiders and outsiders, one saw the cultural, social, and occupational arenas where an insider or outsider one can be. In the Old Testament there appears to be a clear insider and outsider division. You have the chosen people of Israel who were God’s special project. Whole cultures were slain to make room for God’s people, as seen throughout the book of Joshua.

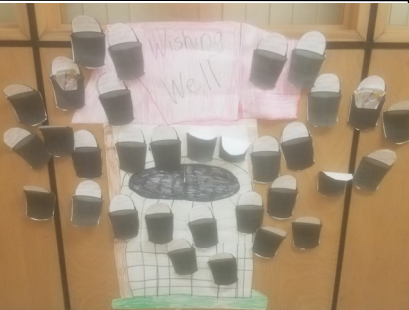
Then Jesus came and unlike our ancestors, we now live in a time of “insidership” with God. Through Christ’s obedience to the Father’s will, which took Jesus to the cross, we now live in a new relationship with the Father. Through Christ’s blood we all have become righteous in God’s sight. We live in God’s earthly kingdom which was ushered in by Christ and which will be fully consummated when Christ comes again. This time we live in now - is like buying something on “90 days same as cash”. During those 90 days it is not costing you anything, you can use and enjoy what you have purchased, but on the 91 first day, look out if you didn’t pay in full by the end of the 90th day. In comparison, we can do what we please. There is no judgement and punishments handed out by God as seen in Old Testament times. But Christ is coming back and there will be that final fulfillment of God’s promises of salvation. What should we be doing during this grace period? Living a Christ centered life.

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YOUTH

MINISTRIES

Kelli has her Wishing Well restocked with “wishes” for the next season of Youth Group Ministries.



Check it out just outside of the office door.

It includes a lot of adult scissors, small stickers, Goldfish, Cheerios, Pretzel Sticks, and dried fruit. Please grab a bucket and buy the item(s) needed and return at your convenience. Thank you for your continued support of our CUMC Youth.

AUDIO VISUAL PROJECT METER

We have started our quest to raise funds for new and improved audio and visual equipment. We now have this “Audio & Visual Project Meter” to help us track our success. Be sure to remember to return your pledge slips from last month’s newsletter. There are more slips by the “meter” just inside the courtyard door. We are currently at \$14,200.

Thank you to Nancy Leemkuil for making us this Project Meter to help us stay motivated and keep track of our goals.



Sunday Morning

8:30 am Prayer Gathering
9:00 am Sunday School Starting
10:00 am Worship

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Sermons Online

View sermons under “Sunday Services”
tab online at the church’s homepage.

Church Calendar

The church calendar is located on the
website under the “Calendar” menu.

Office Hours

9:00 am – 12:00 pm, Mon - Fri.

CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT

Here is our latest Financial Report as of 8/31/2021:
General Fund Balance = \$5,781.80
Apportionments due for 2021 = \$20,951.00
Apportionments Paid YTD = \$4,504.00 (8/6/21)
Av. Weekly Giving of \$2770.24 is down \$226.05/week
From average weekly giving prior year.

On-Line Giving

You can give using Credit/Debit cards or from your check-
ing/savings accounts. Simply follow these easy steps to get
started: Visit our website at <https://www.cumcogden.org/>
Go to the [Stewardship Page](#) & follow the instructions.

On-line Giving using your Smart Phone

With GivePlus+ Mobile App from Vanco Payment Solutions,
you can use your smartphone to give anytime, anywhere!
Download the FREE app on your Apple or Android phone.
Make one-time or recurring donations. Log in or donate as
a guest. Securely and conveniently manage donations using
Touch ID/Fingerprint, PIN, or password. To give, search
your phone’s app store for “GivePlus+” by Vanco Payment
Solutions and install. Follow the instructions to
select our church and start giving.



TEXT Giving

Simply text a dollar amount (i.e. “10” for \$10.00)
to **855-908-1102**. First time users will get a reply
text with a link. Click on the link and complete the
transaction form. The dollar amount you texted will be the
amount processed. Future giving will automatically process
using the information you entered initially. You will get a
confirmation TEXT which will have other instructions for
refunding or making your gift a recurring gift. Go to our
website to view a video on how to text to give.

Electronic Giving Option

To simplify your financial giving to CUMC, consider using
electronic giving through your own bank’s website (online
bill paying) or authorizing CUMC’s account at Vision Bank to
draw funds from your account. You can set up an amount
for as often as you like or make single donations.
Information is available at church.



MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

INGATHERING

The Mission Team has been collecting all year to put together School and
Personal Dignity Kits. For the month of October we will be collecting
24 count boxes of crayons and student scissors with a rounded tip. Other
items we could use are shampoos (15-18 oz) and boxes of 12 colored
pencils. We will receive any kit items in the bin located in the Courtyard
until October 17. Thank you to all who have given to help others.



FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is on the second Tuesday of the month
from 5-6:30 pm on the lower level of CUMC. If you are needing
food let us help you. We have had many donations to the food
pantry. Right now our shelves look good and people are having
more choices of food to get. Thank you for your generosity.
Thank you for all your help each month. Again, if you would like
to donate your time, let us know at the CUMC Office and we will
get in touch with you. Thanks again.



CHRISTMAS DINNER

Freda Perdue has graciously volunteered to coordinate the Christmas Din-
ner this year. There will be more details in the near future, but I am sure
Freda would be grateful for anyone that would like to offer to help her
with this wonderful local mission. Thanks for volunteering Freda!



TALENT AUCTION

FUN, FOOD, AND FOCUS = A great Talent Auction that will help the church bring Eagle Lake Camp back
for Summer 2022! A bit of good-natured teasing, a lot of laughter, and a bit of competition helped
our church raise \$2,710 for a wonderful cause! Thanks to Ron Jome for getting us started and contin-
uing to give us encouragement! The office gave so much assistance by keeping track of items, posting
pictures, and giving us the paperwork to make our day a success. Thanks to those who donated and
worked at the brunch and those who donated for the auction. Thanks to Skyler Rinker, Kim Rinker,
and Alex Wilson as our “awesome” auction team!

HARVEST OF BLESSINGS DINNER

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! The Harvest of Blessings dinner will be held on November 7, 2021.
Watch the bulletin and November newsletter for more information.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Also, coming up on November 7th will be all Saints Sunday. We will be recognizing CUMC affiliated
persons that have passed to God’s Great Glory in the past year.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Oct 1	Gerald Anderson	Oct 12	Cora Cooper	** denotes significant birthdays that end in "0".
	Jamin Wilson	Oct 13	Monte Carlson	
Oct 2	Alayna Longhorn	Oct 16	Lee Johnson	
	Blayne Stoneburner	Oct 19	David Hare **	
Oct 3	Blayne Sunstrom		Susan Heck	
Oct 4	Lucinda Holingshead		Evelyn Lewiston	
Oct 5	Alyssa Larson **	Oct 21	Anna Haub	
Oct 6	Tim Anderson	Oct 25	Paul Morgan **	
	Myra Shadle	Oct 26	Stef Baitinger	
Oct 7	Pam Rubenking **		Kristin Wilson	
Oct 8	Curtis Jens	Oct 27	C.J. Buck	
	Angie Kruse		Ryan Nichols	
Oct 9	Chandler Good		Scott Young	
Oct 10	Lane Brueland	Oct 28	Thomas Bergstrom	
Oct 11	Tom Cleveland		Gabe Buttermore	
	Mary Janice Ott	Oct 29	August Schroeder	
	Zane Walker			



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Gerald & Janice Anderson	October 4	Tim & Vicki Anderson	October 4
Josh & Kristin Wilson	October 9	Pat & Kerry Carson	October 20
Chuck & Sally Good	October 29		

OCTOBER FELLOWSHIP SIGN UP

Thank you so much for everyone that has volunteered to serve fellowship. I appreciate when there are names on the sign up in the courtyard. Thank you.
Here is who signed up to serve in the month of October.

October 3rd	John and Linda Bolton
October 10th	Larry and Betty Gregerson
October 17th	Monica Circle
October 24th	Freda Perdue
October 31st	Elsberry Family



Family and Friends in Our Prayers

Please pray for our friends including
Dick Smith; Jan Jome; Don & Sharon Crouse; JoAnn Zunkel; Gary Paulsen,
and especially our friends and family that are shut-ins Jr in care centers.



Members and Friends in Care / Assisted Living Centers

Ogden Manor: Norma Jean Herridge; **Eastern Star:** Shirley Brock;
Suites of Ankeny: Vivian Christensen; **Green Hills:** Dixie Jensen
Westhaven: Irene Delp, Millie Henriksen, Morgan & Eunice Sterner, JoAnn Zunkel

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Looking at who is in and who is out has reinforced my belief that we are all insiders to God. It is only within our own society that we live in, that there are insiders and outsiders. This means we are responsible for social, cultural, occupational, and any other arenas where people or groups can be classified as insiders or outsiders. We, as professing Christians, must take the love and mercies we have received from our God and pass it on to others. We are the ones that must lead the battle to eliminate the classification of people or groups that lead to mistreatment or alienation. We must also be aware the clock is ticking. As Jesus said, "Not everyone who says to me, Lord, Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of the Father" (Matthew 7:21). There will be a day when we will either be an insider or outsider and it will be for eternity. And All God's People Said, "AMEN". ~ Pastor Buck



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Routinely during the summers months our weekly giving drops and by summers end our general budget account reaches critically low levels. Yes, school is back in session and church activities have now restarted, which usually means giving gets back to normal. However, we have not seen the "back to normal giving" yet and back to normal does not replace the below normal giving over the last several months. Please consider looking at your giving to God's ministry and if you fell into the summer slow down because life took you away from church and that opportunity to give, consider making it up and maybe consider for the future doing an automatic giving approach, we have several options available, just contact the church office. I do want to thank you for your support of God's ministry here at CUMC, both monetarily, and the giving of your time and talents. Pastor Buck



CHARGE CONFERENCE October 26th at 6:00 pm
Our annual church's Charge Conference will be held at Jefferson First in Jefferson, Iowa on October 26th at 6:00 pm. The whole congregation is welcome to attend. There will be Charge Conference packets available on October 31th in the Courtyard. Any questions, please ask the office.

CIRCLES of CUMC

FAITH CIRCLE

Faith Circle meets the third Wednesday of the month at 1:30 P.M. in the church library. We average 10-12 wonderful women with a hostess and a member presenting a lesson of their choice. We share our joys and prayers concerns, followed by prayers. Health tips is given by a member.

The business meeting follows. An offering is given for World Thank, general fund, and birthdays. Our Circle hosts a Memorial Service in May, dedicated to our past members. In December we host the UMW Staff Luncheon.

We would love to have you join us. Contact Chair, Mary Ellen Carlson (515) 275-2847.

GLORY CIRCLE

Glory Circle meets the 3rd Monday of each month at the church library. We average 8-10 member at our meeting with a hostess who has signed up for the particular month we are meeting. We have our business meeting followed by prayers for joys and concerns that have been brought before the group. The hostess then shares something of inspiration for us to think about followed by refreshments she has furnished.

We are active in all the activities of the church; after worship fellowship, funeral lunches, meals for Eagle Lake camp and taking part in the UMW Unit meeting. We share much friendship, love and fun in our group. We will enjoy an outing for ice cream in Boone for our August meeting and a salad supper with guests for our Christmas meeting. We would welcome anyone who would want to join us.

If you are interested in joining Glory Circle you can contact Eleanor Rubenking at (515) 321-1054

MONICA CIRCLE

Monica Circle meets the 3rd Thursday of every month at 7:00pm except for the summer months. At the meeting, members share a lesson which includes a Bible Study, short meeting, and snacks.

Some of the local outreach members do include: delivering May baskets to local shut-ins, coordinating the annual ham ball dinner, coordinating the annual Harvest of Blessing Dinner, organizing Sweet Sunday, arranging decorating the church sanctuary for Christmas, giving Christmas gifts to Angel tree children, decorating the Courtyard, baking cookies for the Ogden Accura residents, serving fellowship, and giving the lesson and serving at UMW meetings. The April meeting includes enjoying an evening meal outing.

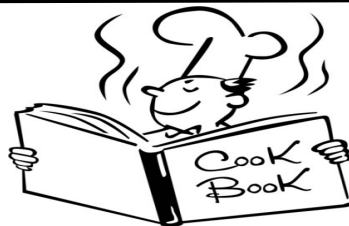
All ladies are welcome to join Monica Circle by contacting President Linda Plueger at (515) 275-2790; ljplueger@dmacc.edu

**** COOKBOOKS NOW ONLY \$5.00 GET YOURS NOW ****

Be ready for any gift giving occasion! Heavenly Helpings, Second Servings is a UMW fundraiser. There are still cookbooks available. This cookbook is chocked full of tried and true recipes from our friends and neighbors.

The cookbook makes a great housewarming or "just because" gift.

Get yours today!



Young Families in Faith "Trunk or Treat" Kick Off Event

Bring the whole family for this Kick Off Event for "Young Families in Faith" here in the Ogden Area.

When: October 30th, 9:30 am

Where: Community Methodist Church

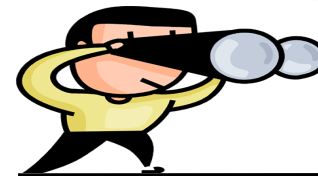
Why: To help Young Families Grow in Faith together.

Bring something fun to share with the kids!

Breakfast Pizza will be provided!

NEW OPPORTUNITY ~ A Six Week Study of Galatians

How many of you have decided not to go to a church study group because "I don't know the Bible well enough" or "I might get asked a question and not know the answer"? Do I have a wonderful prospect for you! An evening discussion group for men and women will begin on Tuesday, October 5 from 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm in the Church Library. We will spend time discussing Paul's Letter to the Galatians and work together to find how this letter is relevant for us today. Evelyn Lewiston will be the facilitator. This is a 6-week commitment for this short-term study. Please contact Evelyn at 515-230-0100 or lewiston@netins.net for more information. Anyone who would like the discussion questions for the first week please contact Evelyn. The first night we will discuss background and the first chapter of Galatians.



SEEKERS

THURSDAYS AT 10:00 AM "HEBREWS: Race to Glory"

We are continuing to study Hebrews. We will be in the book of Hebrew right up until Advent. You are welcome to join anytime.

WEDNESDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER

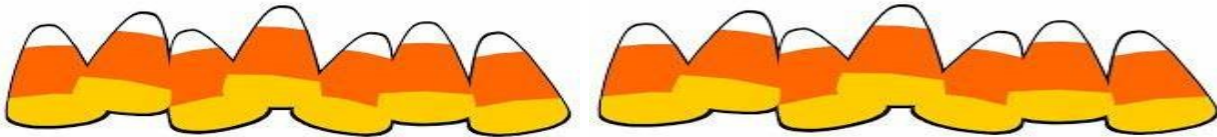
A group of local men are meeting on Wednesday mornings to examine Paul's writings in the Bible and to pray. You are welcome to rise up early and join them every Wednesday morning here at CUMC starting at 5:15 am with prayer time and at 5:30 am for Bible study. You are also welcome to attend via Zoom. The Zoom link is on the calendar on the website or you can contact the office and we can send you a link via email.



MEN'S GROUP

October is often known for being the month of Halloween; a time when kids (and sometimes grownups) dress up and go trick or treating. There is a lot of controversy on whether Christians should celebrate Halloween because it often has a pagan feel to it. I have always celebrated Halloween and never have I felt like I am betraying my Lord when I do. I feel it is a time to just have fun and don't overthink it. But, for those who do want to overthink it, here is a way that you can link Halloween and being a Christian together. You can use candy corn to help remember the reason we have the freedom to celebrate anything in this world.

Look at a traditional fall and Halloween candy and read this piece about what it represents.



- Orange** - Reminds us of all of the pumpkins we see this time of year. Every pumpkin we see is filled with gunk that has to be cleaned out before it can have a light placed inside it. It's the same way with our hearts, when we ask Jesus to be our Savior he cleans the gunk we call sin out of our hearts. Romans 3:23
- White** - Reminds us that Jesus can make our hearts white and clean. White is at the top of the candy corn pointing us to God and reminding us that no matter how many mistakes we have made, if we ask Jesus to be our Savior, he will wash our sins away and give us a new life with him that will never end. Acts 2:21
- Yellow** - Reminds us of the streets of gold in heaven and the eternal life that God has promised to everyone who believes in Jesus. John 3:16

So instead of worrying about whether or not we should be celebrating this holiday, just enjoy it and know that anything we do is glorifying God.

Attendance has been very disappointing this year in Sunday School. Only 2 families and 5 kids showed up for the family Bingo day and only a few kids have been at Sunday School. Please try to get your kids here because I really want to see everyone and I miss having lots of kids to work with.

Youth Group attendance has been decent. We had 10 kids our first couple of weeks and as usual they are full of energy and excited to be here. We have written to our Compassion International Student and played Bingo as well as helped put food away in the Food Pantry.

Blessings, Kelli

"Knitted Together"

for God's Good Work
United Methodist Women



"I lift up my eyes to the hills—where does my help come from?"
Psalm 121:1

Dear Sisters in Christ,

I like this month's verse. It reminds us that we don't have to depend on ourselves, but that the Lord will help us in our lives.

Fall is here and we can see changes around us. The trees will be changing colors and dropping their leaves. Flowers will be done for another year too. Let's all enjoy the changes we see. Take a drive and enjoy the colors and the cooler air. We sure do have a wonderful creator who gives us new things each day.

The Talent Auction was fun, with lots of wonderful things to bid on. Thanks to all who donated and purchased items. This all goes to support the Eagle Lake Camperships. The brunch was good also. Thank you to all who donated food and helped with that too.

October 6 is our next Unit Meeting at 1:30 pm in the Courtyard. All women are welcome to come. This will be our World Thank Offering Meeting. I hope you are able to attend.

The UMW is once again making cookies for the Manor residents. Our turn is the 4th Wednesday of the month. Please decided when your Circle can donate two dozen cookies and let me know. Brind the cookies to the church office on the 4th Wednesday of the month before noon and they well be taken to the Manor. I am sure these folks will enjoy them.



Again, I hope you are enjoying the changes fall brings. God is so good to provide so much variety and beauty for us to enjoy.

Your friend in Christ,
Sandy Friesen

UMW Schedule for October

October 6—1:30	UMW Unit Meeting - <i>World Thank Offering—Glory Hosts</i>
October 18—7:00 pm	Glory Circle
October 20—1:30 pm	Faith Circle
October 21—7:00 pm	Monica Circle

October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3) *World Communion Sunday* 9:00 am Sunday School (all ages) 9:00 am Worship w/ Communion 10:00 am Fellowship	4) Pastor out of the office--	5) 7:00 pm Bible Study on Galatians -----	6) 5:15 am Men’s Prayer 5:30 am Men’s Bible Study 1:30 pm UMW Unit mtg 5:15 pm Praise Band 6:30 pm Choir Practice -----	7) 10:00 am Seekers -----	8) -----	9) <i>All services will be Livestreamed online at www.cumcogden.org under the “Sunday Services/Live Stream” menu tab and can also be viewed anytime.</i>
10) **OCC Kick Off ** 8:45 am Praise Band Rehearsal 9:00 am Sunday School (all ages) 10:00 am Worship w/ Evelyn 10:00 am Fellowship	11) Pastor back in the office	12) 5-6:30pm Food Pantry 7:00 pm Bible Study on Galatians	13) 5:15 am Men’s Prayer 5:30 am Men’s Bible Study 5:15 pm Praise Band 6:00 pm Youth Group (5-8th) 6:30 pm Choir Practice	14) 10:00 am Seekers 6:00 pm T.T.T.	15)	16) 1:00 pm Shower
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