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**Newsletter**

**October**  
**2018**



Church Office  
hours:  
Tuesday,  
Wednesday,  
Thursday  
8am—1:00pm

Dear friends,

The end is in sight!

By now you're probably counting days. I'm probably counting days as well. We may be counting with different emotions. (I don't know yet, it's July as I write this.) Yet the time is coming.



It won't be sneaking up like a thief in the night. It'll be marked on the calendar, and we'll inevitably move towards that day.

I'll get back, and we'll set our eyes on Advent, and begin the journey towards another expectant appearance and return. This expectant return is not as precisely scheduled as mine is. Yet, the date of our celebration of the birth of Christ is fixed.

Do we wait differently with a deadline? I do. Without a deadline, nothing would ever get done, in my world. I'll be scrambling, both trying to get done the last things I need or want to get done, and then getting ready to be back with you all.

How have you been waiting? How are you waiting? How will we wait together?

In Christ,

Wade

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# In Our Prayers

**Pray for those serving in the armed forces:**

- ✠ Army:  
Sean Richey  
Erwin Echavez
- ✠ Coast Guard:  
Charles Fosse
- ✠ Marines:  
Austin Reach  
Kaleb Selock  
Jacob Selock

If you have a service member that you would like to add to this prayer list, please contact your Deacon or the church office.

**Pray for these Missions:**

- Campus ministries
- Marion Medical Mission
- Camp Carew
- Habitat for Humanity
- Hospitality House
- Marion Ministerial Alliance
- Embangweni Hospital in Malawi
- Wlm. County Child Advocacy Center
- Hospice of So. Illinois
- Lighthouse Shelter
- YAV
- Lithuania College
- Edinburrugh Seminary

**Pray for our missionaries:**

- Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk
- Sabrina Evans
- John Van Dyk
- Tom & Jocelyn Logan

**Pray for our collegians:**

- Danielle Markland
- Emily Wallace
- Gus Martini
- Lanita Ames

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**Pray for these concerns of members and friends of our church family:** Betty Ridgley, Cindy Burroughs, Fran Giles, Gayla & Max Martini, Gina Stettler, Jeanette & Ron Bowman, Jaye Van Zile, Jeff Hale, John & Kelly Atkinson, Jocelyn Logan, Loren & Debbie Taylor, Pam & Roger Hendricks, Peggy Wiley, Mark & Catherine Stokes, Mary Kucharik, Ruth Blackburn, Susan Harbison, Suzanne Kerley, Vivian Crofts, Gene Stiman, Rev. Cindy Bean's father is dying, Dean Richey, Erwin Echavez: family in Philippines, those in shelters, those who are ill or in pain, AIDS & HIV families, homebound or hospitalized, caregivers, the unemployed, the poor, our General Assembly PC(USA), MMM Team 1 & 2, Compassion Children, our nation and leaders, our military, our world, POW's, peace around the world, prisons overcrowded, Session, our church, end to wars, Puerto Rico, Zambia, Egypt, Syria, refugee situation around the world.

*Someone remembers, Someone cares*

*Your name is whispered in someone's prayers*

*-Author unknown*

**THANKSGIVING:** SHARKs begins again, Accomplishments & legacy of MMM, Ray Presley is cancer free, David Presley passed the police entry exam.

**CONDOLENCES:** Victims of the gas explosions, hurricane & flooding victims.

Please remember these members & friends  
with your prayers, cards and calls:

**Peggy Wiley**  
505 Rushing Drive, #46  
Carterville, IL 62918  
997-0948



**Roger & Pam Hendricks**  
445 Park Lane  
Herrin, IL 62948  
942-5863

**Fran Giles**  
701 S. Oakland Ave  
Carbondale, IL 62901  
457-2892

**Betty Ridgley**  
400 E. Reichert Drive #B  
Marion, IL 62959  
998-8893

**Vivian Crofts**  
304 N. Mechanic St.  
Marion, IL 62959

**Shirley Mitchell**  
505 Rushing Road  
Carterville, IL 62918  
998-8950

### **Pastoral care coverage for Sabbatical**

If you have a need while Wade is on sabbatical, please contact your deacon, or a member of the board of deacons if you have a pastoral care need. The board of deacons contact points are Claire Kreutzer, Suzanne Kerley, or Mary Kucharik, or any member of the board of deacons. Their phone numbers are on the back of the bulletin every week.

If there is an emergency need, the Revs. Janice West and Dan Whitfield have agreed to help us out. Janice is available the months of August and September, and Dan is available for August, September and the second half of October. Please call Janice first for a need at Carbondale hospital, as that shortens the drive for those who are covering for us.

Emergency Pastoral Care Coverage:

August, September, and second half of October and Marion area  
Rev. Dan Whitfield 618-967-0123  
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Last month I discussed that with our baptism we all pledged to help one another to grow and learn in our Christian faith. That we are all teachers/leaders and students, and these roles are reversible. We are all "Students Hungering After the Righteous Kingdom" (SHARK). We learn from those around us.

Sometimes we may not be aware that we are blessing someone just by a short visit. Matthew 18 verse 20 says "For where two or three come together in my name, I am there with them.". I learned this well as I worked as a handyman for the last 15 plus years. I found myself completing a repair and then sitting and talking/listening for awhile and I have discovered that I still do this today as I receive a big thank you for visiting. The visit means a lot for me as well. I get to know others much better and also learn more about myself.

One of the things I have noticed at SHARKs is that the younger kids gather at one table for supper and the older kids (adults) gather at a separate table. We each are in need of some conversation at different levels and it works well. But when the ice cream comes out the younger kids seem to migrate to the older kids table. Some interaction of the two groups happens naturally.

So, as you are a SHARK, come join us for Sunday School on Sunday morning or for SHARKs on Wednesday evening. We also have a Prayer Group that meets on Tuesdays mornings and a Book Group that meets on Wednesday mornings.

See you in Church.

*Tim Van Roekel, Elder for Christian Education*



## Reminders



### KROGER CARDS

The Kroger Community rewards program is in effect and there is no need to sign up yearly anymore. Our Non-Profit Organization number has changed to **RC564** if you need to contact the Community Rewards program for any reason.

If you do not have a Kroger Plus card, you can get one at the service desk at any Kroger store.

Once you are signed up you can check the bottom of your Kroger receipt to see if your purchase amount is benefitting this church. If that is not listed, you may need to sign up online at Kroger.com.

In July 2018 we received a check from Kroger for \$111.30. It all adds up!

#### Email addresses for the church and Pastor Halva:

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## Recipes for October

Submitted by Susan Van Dyk

### Mexican chopped salad



#### Ingredients for the dressing:

¼ cup fresh lime juice	2 tablespoons honey
½ teaspoon cumin	1 clove garlic <i>finely minced</i>
½ teaspoon salt	2 tablespoons canola oil
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil	freshly ground black pepper
taste and add salt if needed	

#### Ingredients for the tortilla strips:

6 6- inch corn tortillas	1 ½ tablespoons canola oil
½ teaspoon sea salt	

#### Ingredients for the salad:

1 medium head romaine lettuce *chopped in approximately 1/2 inch pieces*  
 1 medium bell pepper *diced in 1/4-inch pieces\*\**, any color  
 ½ medium red onion *diced in 1/4-inch pieces\*\**  
 ½ medium jicama *peeled and diced in 1/4-inch pieces\*\**  
 1 medium zucchini *diced in 1/4-inch dice\*\**  
 4 medium tomatoes *seeded and diced into 1/4-inch dice\*\**  
 4 ears corn *if fresh corn is not in season, use 1 1/2 cups of sweet, tiny frozen corn*  
 1 1/2 cups canned black beans *drained and rinsed*  
 1/2 cup finely chopped cilantro *plus whole cilantro leaves for garnish, if desired*

For the dressing, combine lime juice, honey, cumin garlic and salt. In a slow, steady stream, add the oils, stirring continuously with a fork or small whisk. Taste and add more salt and pepper, if needed. Set aside.

For the corn tortilla strips, preheat oven to 400°F. Stack corn tortillas on a cutting board. Cut in half. Cut each stack of halves into thin strips, widthwise, about 1/4-inch thick. Transfer tortilla strips to a sheet pan. Drizzle with oil. Sprinkle with salt and toss to coat. Bake for 15-20 minutes, stirring every 5 minutes, or until light golden brown and crisp. Set aside to cool.

For the salad, place corn, two ears at a time, in the microwave and cook for 3 1/2 minutes. Remove from microwave with a hot pad and allow to cool for 5 minutes. After cooling, cut bottom end of corn off, about 1 1/2 inches from end. Pull back husk and silks (almost all of the silk should easily pull away). Cut kernels from husks and set aside.

Combine corn and other salad ingredients in a large bowl. Stir to combine. Add dressing and stir to coat all ingredients. Garnish with cilantro leaves, if desired.

Serve with tortilla strips on top or place a bowl on the side and let guests help themselves.

## Veggie salad



Peel and/or chop the veggies and place in a bowl:

- 2 medium-sized carrots
- 2 medium-sized cucumbers
- 1 small tender white indian radish
- 1 large tomato

2-3 little green onions

Choose several from the following:

- 1 or 2 tablespoon pumpkin seeds
- 1 tablespoon roasted sunflower seeds
- ½ tablespoon sesame seeds
- 1 tablespoon chopped cashews or whole cashews (kaju)
- 1 tablespoon chopped almonds (badam), optional
- 1 tablespoon chopped pistachios (pista)

1 tablespoon walnuts

Heat a pan and dry roast the nuts and/or seeds till crisp and lightly browned. Set aside.

Mix the dressing:

- ½ or 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- ½ or 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 3-4 fresh italian basil, chopped
- herbes de provence as required
- 1 teaspoon celery, finely chopped

salt, pepper

Pour dressing over veggies. Toss. Sprinkle with roasted seeds and nuts.

Serve immediately.

## Health Ministries Closet

The health ministries closet (down the hall on the left, past the pastor's office) has many items for you to check out. Think of the closet as a library: you take out the items you need and return them when you are finished using them. There are also a few disposable items: bandaging, alcohol wipes, bladder control products.

There are:

Grabbers

commodes

walkers, canes, wheelchairs

shower chairs

Pressure stockings

hospital gown

oxygen tank stand

bed rails

item to help put socks on without bending over

and many more items.

In the north room of the church are hospital beds with accessories and a lift chair.

If you or any one you know has need of these items, please borrow them. There is a check-out list on the inside of the door.

Your health ministries team.







**Thank you** to the volunteers that worked in the Soup Kitchen

Monday August 27 through 31. Those volunteers were: Susan Van Dyk, Catherine and Madeline Fields Halva, Jeanette Bowman, Wils Evans, Ralph Thompson, Tim Van Roekel, Clara Lee Buschschulte, Chef from Cracker Barrel, Margaret High, Claire Kreutzer, Landa Stettler, Susie Selock and Kelly Jones.

A special thanks to those who worked 2 or more days to help fill in.

## Thank You from the Health Ministry Team

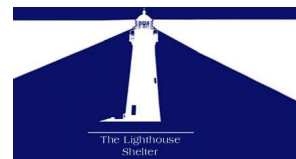
We would like to thank everyone for their generous donations of personal hygiene items. We had enough donations to fill almost 20 small bags with soap, toothbrush/toothpaste, shampoo/conditioner, body lotion, and combs. The SHARKS kids will organize these kits and they will be delivered to the Marion Women's Center.

The Team would like to ask individuals, as they are able, to donate laundry detergent **powder** to be placed in the basket for the Marion Ministerial Alliance in the narthex. JR Russell, the director of the Ministerial Alliance, has stated that this is a great need for families.

As always, thank you for your generosity.

Susie Selock, Health Ministry Team

## Lighthouse Shelter



Thank you to Landa Stettlar, Clara Lee Buschschulte, and Tim Van Roekel for helping to serve bar-b-que ribs, fried potatoes, beans, salad and various desert items for 20 residents and some staff, of the Lighthouse Shelter on Tuesday August 28, 2018. We had a good time preparing, serving and cleaning up. Thank you all. **Our next opportunity to serve is October 22, 2018.** This is a great local mission. Thanks to all.



**Marion Medical Mission Team 2** will leave October 5 and will return October 29. Team 1 returns October 9. Please keep them in your prayers for safe travel and success.

**Fri 12:** 1:00pm MHS Homecoming parade . The King, Queen & court will use the building to get ready for the parade. The parking lot will be used to organize the parade.

**Tue 23:** Our opportunity to prepare the meal, serve and clean up after the meal at the Lighthouse Shelter in Marion. The Sign up sheet is on the “Service” board in the fellowship hall.

**Session** will not meet in October.

### SUNDAYS AND DURING THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR

**7:** We welcome Lynn Neal to the pulpit. It is World Communion Sunday and Communion will be celebrated. There will be a special offering: Peace and Global Witness. The Worship Committee will meet during the fellowship hour.

**14:** We welcome Lauren Lambert-Goheen to the pulpit. There will be a blood pressure check during the fellowship hour.

**21:** We welcome the Lauren Lambert-Goheen to the pulpit.

**28:** Pastor Wade Halva has returned from Sabbatical and will be back to the pulpit.

### MEETINGS THROUGH THE WEEK

**Thu 5:** 6:00pm ADK group meets.

**Every Saturday:** 12:00—1:00 Debtors Anonymous meeting.

**Tue 9:** 10:00am Deacons meeting.

**Mon 15:** 5:00pm Health Ministry meeting. 6:30pm Cancer Support Group meeting.

**Sat 20:** 8:00am Presbyterian Men meet.

### WEEKLY CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES

**Tuesdays :** 11:00am Tuesday Prayer Group will meet at the home of Jean Johnson. Please bring a sack lunch and join them.

**Wednesdays:** 10:00am The book study group will meet.

4:00pm SHARK’s group meets.

5:30pm Choir practice. All are welcome to join.

**Friday 12 & 26:** 8:30 to 2pm Home School Co-op meet.



**Birthdays:** 2nd Laurel Evans, 4th Peggy Wiley, 11th Gina Stettler, 12th Clara Lee Buschschulte, 18th Tom Carlile, 22nd Shirley Mitchell, 23rd Dan Selock, 24th Landa Stettler, 26th Susan Van Dyk, 28th Sally Campbell & Pam Hendricks, 29th Marna Ames, 30th Madeline Fields Halva

## October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 11am Prayer Group	3 10am Book Study 4pm SHARKs 5:30 Choir	4 6pm ADK	5	6 12-1pm Debtors Anonymous
7 World Communion Sunday  Worship Committee  Lynn Neal	8	9 10am Deacons  11am Prayer Group	10 10am Book Study  4pm SHARKs 5:30 Choir	11	12 8:30-2pm Home School Co-Op  1pm MHS Homecoming Parade	13 12-1pm Debtors Anonymous
14 Blood Pressure check  Lauren Lambert-Goheen	15	16 11am Prayer Group  PLAN deadline	17 10am Book Study  4pm SHARKs 5:30 Choir	18	19	20 8am Pres. Men meeting  12-1pm Debtors Anonymous
21  Lauren Lambert-Goheen	22 5pm Health Ministry 6:30 Cancer Support Group	23 11am Prayer Group  Lighthouse Shelter meal	24 10am Book Study 4pm SHARKs 5:30 Choir	25	26 8:30-2pm Home School Co-Op	27 12-1pm Debtors Anonymous
28  Pastor Wade	29	30 11am Prayer Group	31 10am Book Study 4pm SHARKs 5:30 Choir			



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Sunday School: 9:00am

Worship Service: 10:30am