

THE CHURCH MESSENGER

Gobles Kendall UMC

Making Disciples for Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World

****Happenings****

Men's Gathering: Breakfast/Dinner

Wed. Oct. 3, 9am, Breakfast @ Robin's Nest

United Methodist Women - UMW

Wed. Oct 3, 5:45pm, Car Pool for Field trip to Marcellus Library to hear speaker Susan Miller from Menno-Hof House in Shipshewana (Amish-Mennonite Center)

Choir

Yet to be announced for fall

Book Club

Next meeting is Wed. Oct 24, 7pm @ GUMC. Category is Nurturing for Community. Book Topic: "The Power of Serving Others", by Gary Morsh. Books can be ordered through Gobles Library, MeL.org. See Diane C. for questions.

General Calendar Events

Sat. Nov 10, 9-3pm Fall Bazaar/Vendor show and luncheon @ GUMC

Keep in Touch

(Through visits, phone calls, cards)

Ruth Green, Bea Stowman, June Hustafa, Pat Corradini, Ruby Hyde, Dorothy Healy, Gilberta Evans, Pat Ransom, John Smith, Kit Hunsberger, Marlene Krajewski,

Anniversaries

Oct 21 Clark & Anna Clement
Oct 23 Jim & Eileen Foster/Chaffee

Birthdays

Oct 1 Joyce Bergman
Gilberta Evans
Oct 8 Peggy Harvey
Oct 16 Pat Corradini
Oct 23 Jim Westcott

Sermons are available on the webpage. Go to www.goblesumc.org and go to sermons.

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Servants for Gobles

Liturgist:

Oct: Tim Harvey
Nov: Eileen Chaffee
Dec: Diane Corradini

Ushers & Greeters:

Oct 7, 14

Chris Pomeroy, Phyllis Harvey

Oct 21, 28

Tim & Peggy Harvey

Nov 4, 11

Dan & Jan Leonard

Nov 18, 25

Mary Ann Menck

Dec 2, 9

Larry & Jenny Wheaton

Dec 16, 23, 30

Dave & Cheryll Goodwin

Hospitality Table:

October

Jan Westcott & Marlene Krajewski

November

Dave & Cheryll Goodwin

December

Dan & Jan Leonard



GKAMA NEWS – October 2018

The GKAMA Food Pantry Wish List:

Dish soap (Dollar Tree has 50 oz. with oxy for \$1), toothpaste, shampoo, canned meat, canned soup, spaghetti. If someone wants to bring it to the pantry and keep it refrigerated, stick margarine is needed.

Thanks, Dee

*Even at our lowest point,
We can lift our eyes to the Lord*

Troops Overseas

Packages for our troops:

The item for the month of October will be – **Gum.**

hotel size shampoo, conditioner, soap and lotion can be donated anytime.

Also Note: A Pocket Prayer Patch will be included in the troops care package for the holidays. This is a 4x4 knit or crocheted cross. It will include a blessing/prayer along with our church name and address.

There are several patterns on Pinterest or see Deb Siwula for a knit or crochet pattern.

*God loves you and me -
Let's love each other*

*One day God will restore the world to
Perfect peace*

Missions

Our first Literacy night is Tuesday, October 9th from 5:30-7:00pm. Let me know if you would be interested in volunteering to work, either in the kitchen or in helping the kids at one of the stations.

It's great to see how excited the kids are about the many great activities they get to do. All preschoolers/kindergarteners welcome to come. Everything free and walking tacos for dinner.

Thanks,
Diane

Gobles Finance Update

Income is running about \$3000 short of expenses for this year. This should improve as the end of the year approaches.

We take pride, that for over 25 years, we have paid our Ministry Shares 100%!! Same will be true for this year! The last payment will be sent in with our October payment. The commitment to meet this obligation would not be possible without everyone's gifts. Great job!!!

Your Finance Team

Want Ads

Good used books for the Halloween book give-away, from board books through high school!!! See Diane C.

"Vendors" for our Vendor Bazaar on Saturday, November 10th from 9-3pm. Cost is \$20.00 per table.

NOTE: Gobles fall bazaar will also be included in this event as well as a luncheon from 11-3pm.

Rummage Sale Items ----Are you doing any fall de-cluttering? We are looking for small/ to medium items to sell at our Vendor/bazaar show on November 10th, "Added Treasurers" Anything from household items, to Knickknacks, books, etc. (NO CLOTHING) contact Karen G.

Musicians – If you, or if you know of anyone that sings, or plays a musical instrument and would like to perform for special music on occasion throughout the year, we are looking for volunteers!!!

Kendall Update

Kendall's average attendance is holding its own. - approximately 12

Ministry Shares have dropped \$591. Conference is using a different formula than in the past.

Our shared expenses have increased 1% - so we will be using the percent of Kendall 22%, Gobles 78%.

Joyce, Treasurer



APPLE PIES



Mark your calendars for Apple Pie Making day!!! Sunday, October 28th at Noon.

Everyone is welcome to come and help with this fun project. Great Fellowship and a Taco lunch is provided!!

Sign-up sheets for donated ingredients and pie order forms out now. Thanks to your generosity in donating ingredients, our profits are much higher. Last year we made over \$2200, split between the United Methodist Women and the camp fund.

Apple peelers and food processors needed. We can use as many Apple peelers as we can get.

Thanks, Diane C.

Pastor's Corner

Dear Church,

A few weeks ago, on a Saturday, Gobles UMC had a retreat of church leaders along with their guests to refocus on the future of our church. It is the next step in moving closer to becoming a vital church.

We began our VCI (vital church initiative) journey three years ago with phase one, with five of us attending a monthly training for nine months. We were accepted to move into phase two and in January of 2017 our church was evaluated and three prescriptions (directives) were given to us from our assigned VCI evaluation team.

We accepted the prescriptions with an all church vote and quickly began working toward completing them. Our three prescriptions included hospitality, mission, and single board governance. In November, we will complete these prescriptions, when at our charge conference, the new single board governance leadership structure is implemented.

Of course, this does not mean our job is completed. VCI is an ongoing process that we will revisit every year to see where we have been, where we are now, and where we are going, to become the church that God intended. At our retreat, we celebrated worship together, broke bread with each other, and did some visioning on where we want to focus going forward into the new year.

There were many ideas, and we narrowed them down to a few that will speak into our vision statement – *“Serving God, Serving Community, Connecting Community with God”* and also resonate with our mission statement – *“To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”*

If you would like more information let me know and I would be glad to share with you more details. At the lead team meeting on October 10th at 7 pm, we will be talking more about our goals and objectives for next year to make those visions that we discussed at the retreat a reality. Anyone is invited to attend, you do not have to be serving as a leader, and did not have to be present at the retreat.

*Peace in Christ,
Pastor*