

THE CHURCH MESSENGER

Gobles Kendall UMC

Making Disciples for Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World

****Happenings****

Men's Gathering: Breakfast/Dinner
Wed. Sept. 5, 6pm, Dinner @ Nino's

United Methodist Women - UMW
Wed. Sept. 5, 7pm, short business meeting followed by presentation by MaryAnn Menck on her recent trip to Africa @ GUMC

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. Sept 22, 5-7pm Taco & Ice Cream Bar, @ GUMC
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

Sept 24 Marlin & Phyllis Harvey

Birthdays

Sept 11 Sarah Wheaton
Sept 12 Tessa Wheaton
Sept 19 Pam Westcott
Sept 23 Cheryl Shaw
Sept 27 Jean Westcott
Sept 28 Nancy Finch
Sept 30 Bonnie Johnson

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

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Servants for Gobles

Liturgist:

Sept: Dan Leonard, Jan Leonard

Oct: Tim Harvey

Nov: Eileen Chaffee

Ushers & Greeters:

Sept 2, 9, 16

Chuck Grimes, Lonnie Wesseling

Sept 23, 30

John & Cherie Thorpe

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,

Hospitality Table:

September

Tim & Peggy Harvey

October

Jan Westcott & Marlene Krajewski

November

Dave & Cheryll Goodwin



GKAMA NEWS – September 2018

The GKAMA Food Pantry Wish List for September are:

Shampoo, laundry soap, canned soup, shortening/oil, sugar, ketchup, mustard, mayo

We can see and enjoy the glory of God both now and forever

Troops Overseas

Packages for our troops:

The item for the month of September will be – **individual snacks – fruit snacks, trail mix, nuts, crackers, etc.**

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.

*****UMW*****

Wednesday evening, October 3rd.

Field trip to Marcellus Library

Program: Susan Miller from Menno-Hof house in Shipshewana (Amish-Mennonite Center)

Car Pool from church at 6:00pm Sharp.

Take every opportunity to serve someone

WELCOME CENTER UPDATE

For the month of August, we took in \$28 in contributions and we received \$375 from our work for the Parade of Homes. The total needed is \$6,780. To date, we have raised \$2,728.90.

You may make ongoing contributions towards the Welcome Center through your Sunday offering by designating as "Welcome Center". Thanks for your continued support!

Missions

We plan to continue Literacy Nights again this year. Our first one will be on 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.

*Thanks,
Diane*

NEEDED

Looking for donations of good used books for the Halloween book give-away, from board books through high school!!!

Any questions, see Diane C

Wanted

Gobles will be holding a "Vendor" bazaar on Saturday, November 10th from 9-3pm. If you, or if you know of someone that is interested in being a vendor, let me know. Cost is \$20.00 per table.

NOTE: Our fall bazaar will also be included in this event, so all you crafters out there, start working on your projects!!!

A luncheon will be served from 11-3pm as well.

Thanks, Karen

Gobles Finance Update

All bills are paid, even though the average needed monthly giving has lagged by close to \$5,000. Good news is information just received is that our Ministry Shares for 2019 will be down \$2,584 from 2018. Because of the new formula and our efforts to pay 100% of Ministry Shares the past years we have a \$458 reduction.

Keep up the good work.

Your Finance Team

Kendall Updates

**Average attendance: 12
Ministry Shares: 71% paid
August donations were up a little
Rural Life. \$15.00**

Joyce, Treasurer



*God has given us the power to have an
Impact on lives through our words*

Serving God, Serving Community, Connecting Community with God

Meeting/Committee	Gobles Lead Team	Date	Wednesday, August 8, 2018
Chair	Pastor John	Time	7:00pm
Secretary	Karen Grimes	Next Meeting	Leave open for now (Oct 10 th)
Present:	Pastor John Brooks, Terri Brooks, Wynne Hurlbut, Dennis Hurlbut, Donna Launius, Lois Wesler, Cheryl Rumery, Jan Westcott, Chuck Grimes, Karen Grimes		
Agenda Topics/Issue	Discussion		
Devotion and prayers:	John read "O captain, My Captain". John opened with prayer		
Minutes / last meeting	Motion to accept minutes of the May meeting by Wynne, seconded by Chuck, all in favor		
Mission/Outreach	<p>Memorial Day Parade – one suggestion – perhaps bring scissors. Handed out 500.</p> <p>Hot Dog and Haircuts: Set for Thursday, August 23rd. Discussion on doing Halloween again.</p> <p>Dennis commented we have not paid missionary person (Check with Diane) or Wesley Foundation, \$1000.00</p>		
Hospitality/New Guest Welcome Center Fundraising	<p>Hospitality: Missed the birthday celebration the first Sunday of August. Email from Roger Norman, will not be here for September for ushering.</p> <p>New Guest: \$200 for July for Welcome Center. \$2,325.90 towards balance. Have not received anything from Parade of Homes yet. New guest on Sunday, but we failed to hand out new guest book.</p>		
UMW / Men's Group	UMW Picnic at Joann Boyer's for July. Looking for speaker for September. Men's group, had breakfast in July, roughly five people.		
Worship Design	Have not met. We need someone to run the Media. Sara is leaving for school. Wynne does not want to run it. Updating to Media Shout 6. Media Shout 4 is no longer being supported.		
Education	<p>Sunday School starts back up Sunday September 8th.</p> <p>John discussed opening up dialogue on choices for vote in February. There is a 4-week study book entitled "Living Faithfully, Human Sexuality and the UMC".</p>		
Tech	Have not met. Church flyer is done and ready to be printed. Want to include flyer in gift bags at Hair Cuts and Hot Dogs.		
Refocusing Retreat	September 8 th from 9-2pm. Three years into VCI, need to refocus. Revitalize, need new goals, Lisa Batton is facilitating. Some worship, visioning. Moving towards single board governance. Lunch is provided.		
Finance Treasurers Report Financial Secretary	<p>Dennis – presented copy of year to date budget. Spent about \$50,000 so far this year. About where we should be. Running behind; started the year at \$15773, currently at \$7413.</p> <p>Ministry shares are at 80%. Cheryl – presented the Secretary's report. Average weekly contributions to date is \$1514, needed amount is \$1645. Total for the various savings fund accounts is \$18,531 of which \$8,378 is insurance for the water damage. Six lanes of giving for this month is \$112 for Peace with Justice Sunday, UMCOR \$20.00, Native American Ministries Sunday \$20.00.</p>		
Trustees	Kitchen is complete. Randy Koehn is paid. No bill for cabinets yet. Carpet cleaning yet to be done.		
Anything Else	Dennis – Wynne and Carol visited all our shut-in's. Cheryl to check into Apple Pie making.		
	Motion to dismiss by Wynne, Seconded by Chuck. Cheryl did closing prayer.		

God speaks through His Word when We take time to listen

Pastor's Corner

Church family,

“Summertime, and the livin' is easy.” Anyone recognize those lyrics from Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess*' song Summertime?

Here we are at the end of summer again. Why does summer seem to go so fast, and winter doesn't? It seems like as I continue to grow older and hopefully wiser, it would become clearer to me. Maybe it is simply because summer seems to be easier living. No bundling up with all those coats, no scraping and brushing off our cars, and shoveling or blowing snow.

But you know God created our planet with seasons that enables His creation to sustain life as we know it. Not only meteorological seasons but also seasons or times in our lives for different events and tasks. The author of Ecclesiastics states in chapter 3: 1-8:

*To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under the heaven:
a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
a time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace. (KJ21)*

What a fantastic scripture this is, that describes various times in our lives as seasons, that continue revolving and interweaving just at the seasons of our planet.

As we transform from summer to autumn, for many it is a time to go back to school and get into a regular routine. For farmers it is moving toward harvest time when the gathering of crops becomes the number one priority, and then for everyone later in the season, to begin preparing for the winter season to come.

It's a busy time in our churches also, preparing for our annual Charge Conference in November, filling the slots for church leaders and ministries, evaluating our ministries in the past year, and setting goals and plans for the coming year. So be prepared for that call from me regarding leadership positions

It sounds like work doesn't it? Well it is, but it's God's work. With all of us working together with our spiritual gifts and abilities, with God at the center we can accomplish anything.

As Jesus said in Matthew 19:26 *“With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”*

*Peace,
Pastor John*