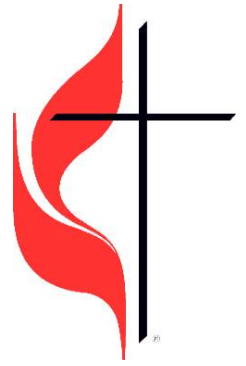




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## ***Going Beyond Our Walls to Build God's Kingdom***

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Twenty one years after 9/11 and the truth is that *nobody who remembers September 11 actually wishes to relive the day*. Richard Fern who barely escaped from the 84<sup>th</sup> floor of the South Tower at the World Trade Center says his present work colleagues sometimes ask him why he doesn't seem to get upset as others do with the inevitable problems and challenges that confront him in his job. His answer? *As long as there's not an airplane crashing into this building . . . we're having a good day*. I suppose he is right, but still there remains more than enough dread and anxiety to go around for all of us who remember.

Over and over again, the Christian Scriptures have much to say about the issue of our fears. "Do not be afraid," say the angels repeatedly, reminding the humans to whom they have been sent, that the God who sent them will see to it that there is nothing left to fear.

So yes, do not be afraid. But even when we are afraid, there is one who keeps company with us trusting that despite the darkness of a Good Friday the sunrise of an Easter still awaits. The loss is real and the pain is real, but this is merely a way of trying to remember that *the tomb of the crucified Christ was a cave and not a tunnel*. There are days when we come to a complete and full Stop. And then we simply wait to see what our God will yet be able to make out of that darkness and Death that ultimately yields to the transformative power of Christ's Resurrection.

In the interim, it seems that as disciples of Jesus we are repeatedly called to wait together, to quite literally *be there for one another* as those who lean toward hope. So we rely upon one another for the strength that will be necessary if we are to sustain ourselves in the waiting.

I am remembering a quatrain by Rumi, the famous 13<sup>th</sup> century Afghan Muslim mystic who described the local Christians he had come to respect in the town where they all lived together. Now known to us in the West largely because the poem was long ago carved in stone over the door of a lonely Christian church in Shiraz, Iran, it still testifies to a generous spirit of compassionate care that any Christian Believer might hope to embody. Who knows? Perhaps we can live up to Rumi's description of what the Church can and should be:

*Where Jesus lives, the great-hearted gather,*

*We are a door that's never locked*

*If you are suffering any kind of pain,*

*Stay near this door. Open it.*

**In Christ, Pastor Manish**

# AFTERSHOCK YOUTH NEWS

'Turning the hearts of youth and families to God and each other'

The Aftershock Youth Group would like to give their immense thanks to everyone for helping them to further their ministries this year at Pie Sunday.

PIE Sunday was a huge success. We would like to thank everyone who participated and especially to all the pie bakers.

Thank you to all the folks who donated items for the silent auction and for the purchases made. We had the best Pie Sunday by far, raising over \$5,000.00 to aid the Aftershock Youth ministries.

Thanks to our Youth who gave amazing testimonies during Worship service. Great job Mia, Danny, Antigone and Maggie!

Many thanks to everyone who baked items for the potluck and much praise to Bernice and all those who assisted her in the kitchen to present an amazing meal.

Thanks also to our wonderful auctioneer, Vernon Honeyfield, who once again led our pie auction with grace and a lot of fun. And thanks to Heather, Julieanne and Cylia who helped us keep track of all of the purchases.

And we mustn't forget our pie in the face folks. Thanks to Manish, Wayne and Marlow who raised \$300.00 & sacrificed their faces for pie. Manish has now been made official!!!

What an amazing church family we have and the Aftershock Youth Group and their leader are so thankful for each and every one of you.

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*"Don't let your hearts be troubled, trust in God, and trust also in me."*

John 14:1 (NLT)

Our October meeting dates are the 6<sup>th</sup> and the 20<sup>th</sup>. We meet in the Conference Room of the Community Building at 1:00 pm. New members are always welcome. We meet to offer ongoing support and encouragement to grieving people. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mary Valigura or Phyllis Graham.

October 1 – Beverley Nilles  
October 3 – Ryan Galey  
October 6 – Jack Nilles  
October 9 – Suzanne Zamora  
October 11 – Frank Bonanno  
October 12 – Richard Stockton  
October 13 – Don Inman  
October 14 – Dorothy Marta  
October 15 – Beth Gantzer  
October 15 – Danielle Ortiz  
October 15 – Cooper Maynes  
October 17 – Anthony Smith  
October 18 – Iris Jones  
October 18 – Stormie Van Curen  
October 18 – Elliott Green  
October 20 – Tony Altobello  
October 20 – Ashlyn Eubank  
October 21 – Curtis Heppler  
October 23 – Jordan Valigura  
October 24 – Heather Rindels  
October 26 – Jack Stayton  
October 26 – Carole Row  
October 26 – Melodie Huff  
October 27 – Billie Cobb  
October 27 – Sandy Allen  
October 29 – Sandy Blaine





October 5 – Nick & Makayla Christopher

October 14 – Linda & Neil Smith

October 29 – Mike & Jan Buvinghausen

October 30 – Chris & Anna Broekstra



## Crafty Ladies

Crafty Ladies need some help, please. We need bakers for pumpkin bread. Our usual baker has come down sick and needs some help. We need about 12 larger loaves and 24 small loaves. We could also use more peanut brittle makers – so if you're interested in helping with either, please contact Kaye by calling the church. Baking supplies will be provided to you by the Crafty Ladies.

Help in setting up the Bazaar in November is also needed, plus cashiers and helpers to carry items to buyers' cars. Contact Kelley Green by calling the church.



## Financial Report

**August income = \$14,708.78**

**August expenses = -\$21,383.91**

**Net loss = (\$6,675.13)**

**Jan-Aug income = \$171,131.29**

**Jan-Aug expenses = -\$168,938.67**

**Net gain = \$2,192.62**



Please be in prayer for each of these in our continuing prayer list. If you know of anyone else who needs to be added, please call Ruth or the church office, 865-9334. If you would like to be a part of Prayer Warriors, please let us know.

<b>Our Freedom</b>	Abundant Grace Free Store	<b>Rev. Manish Shiralay</b>	Nadia M	<b>Ruth Romero</b>
<b>Lynn Plante</b>	Lynn Schultz	<b>Erma Ward</b>	Mike Heppler	<b>Cheryl Huber</b>
<b>Don Gleichman</b>	Lois Meadors	<b>Dorothy Marta</b>	Daniel Gurule	<b>Conrad Joseph Hughes</b>
Cure for Cancer	<b>Donna Duke</b>	J'Amy Creel	<b>Jim Kubisak</b>	Diego
Karen Fastnacht	<b>Nate Meyer</b>	USA Leaders	<b>Larry &amp; Melodie Huff</b>	Michael Garrison
<b>Richard &amp; Linda Darnell</b>	Lori Buvinghausen	<b>All Caregivers</b>	Anne Cassidy-Vigil	
<b>All military &amp; their families</b>	Beth Miller	<b>Jay &amp; Marilyn Smith</b>	Don & Pauline Taylor	
Ted & Madeleine George	<b>Cindy Walters</b>	John Dutil & daughter Lora (caregiver)	<b>Veronica Garcia</b>	

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## United Methodist Women Mary Circle

UMW will meet on Tuesday,  
October 11, 2022  
at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.



We will have devotion, prayers, and a program presented by a UMW District Representative who will discuss updates to the organization with us.

*All women are welcome and cordially invited!*

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Saturday, October 29th

2:00 to 5:00 pm

Fun and games for the whole family!



# October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b> 8:30 – Worship 9:45 – Sunday School 11 am – Worship 3:45 – Bell Choir  6 pm - AfterShock Youth	<b>3</b> Food Pantry – 10 am  5:35 – Emmaus #101 5:45 – Cubs, Ed Bldg 7:00 – BSA, Ed Bldg	<b>4</b> Crafty Ladies, Fell Hall & Kitchen, 9 am to 2 :00 pm  4:30– Fitness, #203  <b>6:30 – Trustees' meeting, #201</b>	<b>5</b> Crafty Ladies, Fell Hall & Kitchen, 9 am to 2 :00 pm  5:30 -Bible Study, Conf Room 6 pm – Girl Scouts, Education Bldg. 6 pm – Emmaus #101 6 pm – Praise Team 6:30 – Cub leaders' meeting, #104 7 pm - Choir	<b>6</b> 9 am- S & B - Fell Hall Fell Hall kitchen reserved 9-2  1 pm – GriefShare, Conference Room  4:30 Fitness, #203 <b>6 pm – Ad Council meeting , Conf Room</b> 7:30 – Service Unit, Fell Hall	<b>7</b> Fell Hall kitchen reserved 9-2	<b>8</b> Threads of Love, Fellowship Hall 10:30 am
<b>9</b> 7 am – UMM Breakfast, Fell Hall 8:30 – Worship 9:45 – Sunday School 11 am – Worship 3:45 – Bell Choir 6 pm- AfterShock Youth	<b>10</b> 9:30 – Soulkeepers, Conference Room  Food Pantry – 10 am  No Emmaus No Cub Scouts, 7:00 – BSA Educ Bldg.	<b>11</b> UMW – Fellowship Hall, 9:30 am  4:30– Fitness, #203	<b>12</b> 5:30 -Bible Study, Conf Room 6 pm – Girl Scouts, Education Bldg. 6 pm – Emmaus #101 6 pm – Praise Team 7 pm - Choir	<b>13</b> 9 am S& B Fell Hall 4:30 – Fitness, #203  6 pm – 'Elevate' #204	<b>14</b> Auditorium reserved 7 am to 3 pm "Community Wellness"	<b>15</b> Girl Scout Svc Unit – Fell Hall reserved 8 am to 6:30 pm
<b>16</b> 8:30 – Worship 9:45 – Sunday School 11:00 – Worship 3:45 – Bell Choir 6 pm – AfterShock Youth	<b>17</b> 10-Food Pantry  5:30 – Emmaus #101 5:45 – Cub Scouts, Educ. Bldg. 7 pm – BSA, Educ Bldg, #204	<b>18</b> Crafty Ladies, 9-2 Fell Hall & Kitchen  4:30 – Fitness #203	<b>19</b> Crafty Ladies, 9-2 Fell Hall & Kitchen  5:30 -Bible Study, Conf Room 6 pm – Girl Scouts, Education Bldg. 6 pm – Emmaus #101 6 pm – Praise Team 7 pm - Choir	<b>20</b> 9 – S & B, Fell Hall  1 pm – GriefShare, Conference Room  4:30 – Fitness #203	<b>21</b> Auditorium reserved	<b>22</b> Auditorium reserved  BSA Rummage Sale in front parking lot 7 am to 3 pm
<b>23</b> 7 am – UMM Breakfast, Fell Hall 8:30- Worship 9:45 – Sunday School 3:45 – Bell Choir 6 pm – AfterSchock Youth	<b>24</b> 9:30- Soulkeepers , Conf Rm  10- Food Pantry  5:30- Emmaus, #101 5:45 – Cub Scouts, Educ. Bldg.. 7:00 – Scouts, Educ Bldg, & #204	<b>25</b> 4:30– Fitness #203 6 pm – Worship committee mtg, Conf Room  6:30 – Order of Arrow, Fellowship Hall & Kitchen	<b>26</b> 5:30 -Bible Study, Conf Room 6 pm – Girl Scouts, Education Bldg. 6 pm – Emmaus #101 6 pm – Praise Team 7 pm - Choir	<b>27</b> 9 – S & B, Fell Hall 4:30 – Fitness #203  6 pm – 'Elevate' #204  6 pm Chaplains' meeting, Conf Room	<b>28</b> Fellowship Hall reserved 5 pm overnight for Girl Scouts	<b>29</b> Girl Scouts depart by 9 am  <b>FALL FESTIVAL 2 – 5 pm Church Parking lot</b>  Auditorium reserved Cub Scouts 5-8 pm
<b>30</b> 8:30 – Worship 9:45 – Sunday School 11 am – Worship Cubs popcorn sale today  3:45 – Bell Choir 6 pm –AfterShock Youth	<b>31</b> 10 - Food Pantry  No Emmaus 5:45- Cubs, Educ Bldg. 7 pm – BSA, Educ Bldg & #204	<b>Nov 1</b> Crafty Ladies, 9-2 Fellowship Hall  4:30 Fitness	<b>Nov 2</b> Crafty Ladies, 9-2 Fellowship Hall  5:30 -Bible Study, Conf Room 6 pm – Girl Scouts, Education Bldg. 6 pm – Emmaus #101 6 pm – Praise Team 6:30 – Cub leaders' meeting, #104 7 pm - Choir	<b>Nov 3</b> 1 pm GriefShare, Conf Room  4:30 Fitness  7:30- Service Unit, Fellowship Hall	<b>Nov 4</b> Emmaus Gathering, Fell Hall 6 pm	<b>Nov 5</b> 