

**Fennimore United Methodist
Church
1450 2nd Street
Fennimore, WI 53809**

Return Service Requested

PRESORTED
STANDARD
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
FENNIMORE, WI

- Rev. William “Bud” Budzinski, Pastor
- Renee Thomas, Pastoral Associate
- Sherry Kieler, Christian Education Coordinator
- Paul Adney Jr., Multimedia Director
- Chelsea Wanek-Bedward, Administrative Assistant
- Catrice Hunt, Treasurer
- Julie Baumgartner, Custodian

Church Office: (608) 822-6797

Office Hours Monday-Friday 8AM—12PM

Website: <http://www.fennimoreumc.org>

E-mail: fennimoreumc@tds.net

The Church Window



September
2017

“D...”

I have learned many things as a pastor and am sure I will learn much more. One of the main things I have learned is that people do not like talking about... death and dying. People would rather talk about anything else, just not that topic. However, death is part of life and it is something that we all must face.

First of all, I would like to share with you some of my favorite quotes about death.

From the Movie Battleship:

Captain Yugi Nagata: “We're going to die!

Alex Hopper: “We are going to die. You're going to die, I'm going to die, we're all going to die... just not today.

“Today is a good day to die!” This phrase is frequently attributed to the Oglala Lakota war leader Crazy Horse but that is inaccurate. The earliest published reference attributes it to the Oglala Lakota chief Low Dog.

From the Movie Shawshank Redemption:

Andy Dufresne: “I guess it comes down to a simple choice: Get busy living, or get busy dying.”

Ancient Egyptians believed that upon death they would be asked two questions and their answers would determine whether they could continue their journey in the afterlife. The first question was, “Did you bring joy?” The second was, “Did you find joy?” - Leo Buscaglia

When you were born, you cried and the world rejoiced. Live your life in a manner so that when you die the world cries and you rejoice. – Native American Proverb

Seeing death as the end of life is like seeing the horizon as the end of the ocean. – David Searls

I am ready to meet my Maker. Whether my Maker is prepared for the great ordeal of meeting me is another matter. – Winston Churchill

The bitterest tears shed over graves are for words left unsaid and deeds left undone.
– Harriet Beecher Stowe

Here is the test to find whether your mission on earth is finished: If you're alive, it isn't. – Richard Bach

The fear of death follows the fear of life. A man who lives fully is prepared to die at any time.
– Mark Twain

Death is a hard topic and most people do not want to talk about it because of the finality of it. But there is more to it than that. *(to be continued)*

Pastor Bud

Christian Ed. News

Welcome Back! It's hard to believe summer is over and school is back in session. We hope you had a great summer and went on a lot of new adventures.

Christian Education

Our first day back to Christian Ed. will be September 10th from 9:20 to 10:25 AM. Your children are welcome to join coffee hour after 8:00 AM service. For everyone's safety we ask that you stay with your children in opening until a teacher is there. Most of our teachers go to 8:00 AM Worship and try their best to get there as soon as they can. We don't want anyone getting hurt or anyone unsupervised. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation!

Our schedule is as follows:

Sept. 10: Get to know you and go over rules/expectations

Sept. 17, 24, Oct 1: Genesis Museum

Oct. 8, 15, 22, 29: Journey to Mars

Nov. 5: Pumpkin Pie

Nov. 12, 19, 26: Unfrozen

Dec. 3: Program Run Through during C.E.

Dec. 10: Practice in Classrooms, Christmas Program at 10:30 AM

Dec. 17: Jesus' Birthday Party and Class Parties

Dec. 24: **NO Christian Education**

Dec. 31: **NO Christian Education**

Jan. 7: **REWARD PARTY**



Third Grade Bibles

Any student in 3rd grade will be presented their Bible during 8:00 worship on **September 10th**. We look forward to handing these out.

Enrollment Forms

Just a reminder to fill out an enrollment form for Christian Education! We ask that you fill out a new one every year so we can stay updated on any possible changes. The forms are available in the lobby or ask Sherry or Renee.

Day At The Farm

Thanks to all who attended day at the Thomas farm and thanks to Jeff and Renee for hosting.

As always it was a great day with lots of fun, food, fellowship and a hayride. We look forward to it again next year.

Kid Min

We are very excited to send 4 teachers this year to Kid Min. This is a **HUGE** Children's Ministry Conference held on September 22-24 in Chicago and hosted by Group Publishing. Renee and Sherry attended a few years ago and loved it! Please pray for Sara Droessler, Shannon Winkers, Cara Burkum and Sarah Leffler's safe travels and for the Lord to open their hearts and be filled with amazing ways to share the love of Jesus.

Apple Concessions

Once again this year C.E. will be working concession stands at Sunrise Orchard in Gays Mills. We will be there September 16 and 17, September 23 and 24 and September 30 and October 1. If anyone would like to help work at them please let Renee or Sherry know. If you are in the area on any of those 3 weekends please stop by to show your support and grab a bite to eat. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we are very grateful for the orchard letting us come back again for this opportunity.

Military Items

This year we are going to send items to the military again. Nate Burkum has recently been deployed and we would love to send him a care package from FUMC. Nate came to VBS and talked to us about being a hero in the military. He talked about what he does and how he is away from his family. Feel free to bring in any snacks: cookies, crackers, hard candy, beef jerky, trail mix, gum or personal hygiene items: foot powder, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap or magazines, cards or notes. We need these items by **September 24th** to ship them to him. He is supposed to come home in November so we want to make sure he gets the items. Thanks for helping in this mission!

See You At The Pole

This year See You At The Pole will be **September 27th**. We will meet at the middle school and high school at 7:30 AM and the grade school at 7:40 AM. If there are any students that would like to help lead this with a reading part please let Renee or Sherry know.



Halloween Hoopla

Halloween Hoopla will be held on **Sunday Oct. 29th** from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM. We will have Trunk or Treating, Games, Food and Door Prizes. Look for more details in next month's newsletter.

If you have any questions please ask Sherry Kieler (608) 778-1556 or Renee Thomas (608) 553-7825.

We look forward to a fun filled Christian Education year!

God's Blessings,

Christian Education Team

FALL KICK OFF DAY

Sunday, October 1st

It's a super duper big day at Church this day, so you won't want to miss it! **SAVE THE DATE and MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND!** We will be starting the teaching series "*I AM SECOND*".

Fall Kick Off Day Brunch

We will be serving brunch following the 8:00 AM Worship Service and before 10:30 AM Worship (during Coffee Hour).

welcome little one

Kayson Joe Handfelt

August 25, 2017

8 lbs. 1 oz., 21 inches long

Parents: Makayla Edge and Derek Handfelt



HANG OUT

Again this year we will host HANG OUT after home football games. We will offer food, beverages and a safe place to hang out for teenagers after the home football games. It is entirely free, and chaperoned by some loving adults/parents. We'll have a bonfire, weather permitting, some rooms for movies, games, and of course the basement for games! This is open to **ALL** Fennimore teens 6th – 12th grade, not just for our church teens. Invite your friends!

Dates for Hang Out:

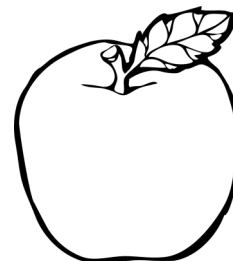
9/1, 9/22, 10/6 and 10/13

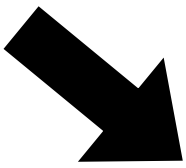


APPLE ORCHARD

Please don't forget that the Christian Education Team will be at the SUNRISE ORCHARD Concession Stand the weekends of September 16th and 17th, 23rd and 24th and September 30th and October 1st. If you're at the Orchards, please come support FUMC. Its great food and we're ALWAYS having fun!

There will be a sign up sheet in the Lobby to volunteer to help work. If you're interested, we'd LOVE to have you!





September Mission

Hurricane HARVEY Relief

Hurricane Harvey has reeked havoc on much of Harris County, Texas (and beyond), which includes the city of Houston. The Harris County Flood Control District has been monitoring the flooding and has confirmed that parts of the county have witnessed rainfall intense enough to qualify as "once-in-500-year flooding". Hurricane Harvey is projected to surpass the U.S. record for the most rainfall from a tropical cyclone. This record was set by Tropical Storm Amelia in 1978 (Amelia produced 48 inches of rainfall). This is more than what Harris County receives on average for an ENTIRE year.

As of August 29, 2017:

At least 14 people (known) have lost their lives
 Approximately 30,000 people are thought to be displaced from their homes
 22,000 families have applied for Emergency Housing and Disaster Assistance
 FEMA is expected to see as many as 450,000 disaster victims (compared to 400,000 from Hurricane Katrina)
 The Red Cross is serving 130,000 meals a day to flood victims

Together, we can help!

If you are led to give to this Mission, please check "missions" on your giving envelope or note "HARVEY" on your check.

**WE RISE
 BY
 LIFTING
 OTHERS**

September Food Pantry Needs:

Canned Fruit
 Mixed Vegetables
 Shampoo
 Tuna
 Toilet Paper
 Shampoo

CONFIRMATION

We are again offering confirmation class to those students entering into 7th Grade this year. Due to the class sizes it will only be 7th Grade, unless there are older students that wish to be confirmed and have been unable to thus far. In that case, please contact Renee ASAP.

Confirmation will be taught on Sunday mornings during Christian Education time by Robert Kenney and Renee Thomas. Information has been mailed to 7th Grade Students already. If you did not receive yours, please let Renee or the Church Office know. **Heads Up:** Students will be asking for mentors so please give prayerful consideration for that. If you have questions about mentoring please see Renee or Robert.

YOUTH GROUP



Information is coming in the mail for the upcoming year and events. We will NOT be meeting regularly but doing something with social media. We realize everyone is busy, but think you'll like this idea.

Mark Your Calendars: See You at the Pole is Wednesday, September 27th at 7:30 AM at the School Flag Poles.

September 1st – School Starts ... have a FUN and SAFE year – take God with you always!

Family Promise
St. Peter's Lutheran Church
Looking for Volunteers!

DREAM TEAM CONTINUED ...

St. Peter Lutheran Church is again hosting Family Promise in Fennimore. We could not host without the support of you and all of our area churches.

Our family will be here Sunday September 3rd through September 10th. We are currently looking for both men and women to help us. This could also include a parent and high school age children. We need people willing to cook and serve supper (5:00 PM to 6:30 PM), and if possible stay and be company for the family (6:30 PM to 8:30 PM). We also need people to sleep over at the church (8:30 PM to 6:30 PM). We do provide relief coverage if you need to leave the church earlier. We are asking for just 1 evening of your time.

The Family Promise program and our church require 2 volunteers to be in the church at all times.

If you are willing to help with this homeless family please contact:

Connie Jackson 608-822-6028 or 778-6028

Martha Hestad 608-778-6901 or 822-6901

Sherry Kieler 608-778-1556 or 822-6438

Please leave a message if you are interested!

APPAREL

We will be having samples of FUMC apparel that maybe ordered to purchase. The apparel will be ordered through Embroidery Express. We are doing this to simply get the Church's name into the public. We hope you stop by and see what new items you may want to purchase ... and of course, its great to wear to worship as well.

VALET PARKING

With winter coming, if you'd like to have assistance with parking your car, please pull up to the front door and someone can park your vehicle for you. We'd love to help out, so you don't have to walk on snow, ice or be in the cold air. We're here for you!



ADVERTISING FOR FUMC

We wanted to let people know that we are trying something new. We will be having a large billboard on Hwy 18 east of Fennimore, by Preston, advertising the Church. It will run from the middle of November into the new year.

Being good stewards, we checked into the coverage of people and the cost and it ends up to be cost effective and we'll see what happens during the Christmas season. We may also be doing smaller billboards that are longer terms and also cheaper.

Why are we doing this? There is a large number of people who no longer attend worship, have left the church, or feel the church has betrayed them or just don't find time to do the church thing. Less than 45% of Wisconsin Adults believe religion is important in their lives. Less than 27% of Wisconsin adults attend worship weekly. We're trying to communicate to those people that we're here for them, God cares, and give us a chance, they may be surprised.

Since it is NOT a budgeted item, if you would like to give toward the billboard cost please do so by contacting Chelsea in the Church Office. You may indicate on your giving envelope or check the amount you'd like to donate. If you'd like to donate in memory or honor, please let Chelsea know that as well.

DREAM TEAM

We continue to enjoy greeting you on Sunday morning and making the most of everyone's day as they come to FUMC. If you'd like to assist in making visits enjoyable, join us. Let Chelsea or Jeff know you'd like to help out.

FREE BRUNCH

To kick off the fall sermon series "I AM SECOND", the Dream Team will be serving a FREE brunch on Sunday, October 1st following the 8:00 worship service (about 9:00 AM). Come join us and enjoy good food and fellowship!

Ushers

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
9/3/2017	Klais Family (9 AM)	
9/10/2017	Tollefson Family	Connie Neal
9/17/2017	Bob and Maggie Miller	Ruth Everson and Wes Fry
9/24/2017	UMW	UMW

Kid's Time

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
9/3/2017	Sarah Leffler	
9/10/2017	Jeff Thomas	Pastor Bud
9/17/2017	Renee Thomas	Pastor Bud
9/24/2017	Robert Kenney	Pastor Bud

Greeters (Sanctuary)

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
9/3/2017	Racheal Loy Family (9 AM)	
9/10/2017	Phil Alm and Shawn Handfelt	Sandy Knapp
9/17/2017	Dand and Coletta McLimans	Glen and Christine Klais Family
9/24/2017	UMW	UMW

Communion Assistants

Date	9:00 AM
9/3/2017	Jeff and Renee Thomas Mark and Carmen Burkum Sandy Knapp, Linda Stephenson, Lori Budzinski, Audrey Doan

Liturgist

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
9/3/2017	Logan O'Brien (9 AM)	
9/10/2017	Phil Alm	Connie Neal
9/17/2017	Jeff Thomas	Glen Klais
9/24/2017	UMW	UMW

Acolyte

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
9/3/2017	Cooper Leffler (9 AM)	
9/10/2017	Trent Tollefson	Ethan Sheckler
9/17/2017	Blake Droessler	Brayden Fry
9/24/2017	Tess Kenney	Cooper Leffler

Who's Serving in September?

Remember our Members at:

Morningside Assisted Living

Norma Neuroth

Orchard Manor

Doris Schneider

Good Samaritan Center

Nip Leffler, Arlene Schmahlenberger, Dave Lindow, Gerry McReynolds, Lois Jean Preston, Jeannette Schneiderwind, Keith Krueel

Sunset Fields

Donna Blackburn

Join us for our Upcoming Teaching Series!

October 1 — November 5



I AM SECOND[®]

Real Stories. Changing Lives.

Worship Times

8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 6:30 PM

or online at

www.fennimoreumc.org

“I AM SECOND” ADULT CONNECTIONAL GROUPS

We're kicking off the fall season at church and growing our faith, we're also preparing our Connectional Groups.

What's a Connectional Group? It's a small group of people that get together on a casual level, discuss the topics, share with each other, growth friendships and grow their faith.

How do you sign up? You can either sign up one of three easy ways. Either on the church website, on your communication card Sunday morning, or let the church office know. Very easy!

Does it cost anything? No, if you'd like to donate toward the cost of the study guide that's great, but you don't have to. The church wants everyone to grow their faith and doesn't want money to be a stumbling block. God provides!

October 1st Details: We're doing an ALL church lesson starting Sunday, October 1st entitled **“I AM SECOND”**. Pastor Bud will start a sermon series (teaching lesson) on Sundays for 6 weeks, ending November 5th.

The connectional groups will all be based on “I Am Second” and we are offering various different groups (times) to be flexible for people's schedules. Depending on how many people sign up for connectional groups we will offer two or three different times. One on Sundays at 7:15 PM led by Pastor Bud, possibly another on Sunday nights and possibly one Wednesdays, time and leader TBD.

I AM SECOND provides insight into dealing with typically struggles of everyday living. The stories will give hope to the lonely and hurting, help from destructive lifestyles, and inspiration to the unfulfilled. We can be filled with hope, peace and love when we are second!

More information is to come, so please check out the church website and at worship. If you have questions regarding “I Am Second” please contact Pastor Bud or about Connectional Groups please contact Renee Thomas.

AWESOME!

Wanted to say how wonderful it is to hear all the talking before and after worship, as well as seeing all the joyful, loving faces staying around to visit. The fall season is upon us and Church schedule will be changing to two morning Worship Services and one evening. Please remember, we still LOVE to see the chatting and we welcome that to continue. We will also be having Fellowship Time (Coffee Hour) between services, from about 9:00 AM until the last people leave. Thank you for being an **AWESOME** Church Family!

Keep up the chatting!

God Bless, Renee



AED

You may have noticed we now have an AED machine located in the lobby. We have this fantastic tool thanks to a grant from the Fennimore Area Foundation that was written by Tonya White and Greg Schaefer. The remaining balance was donated by Claudia O'Brien in memory of James O'Brien. Thank You to all involved in the process of getting the AED!



CPR Class

Would you be interested in taking a CPR Class? You never know when you may have to use this useful training! If we have enough interest, we will coordinate a class to be held here at the Church. Please contact Greg Schaefer or Chelsea in the Church Office if you are interested!



August 2017 Attendance

August 6	160
August 13	145
August 20	156
August 27	152

