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# The Church Window

October  
2017



“DE...”

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.

Are we prepared for death? Death impacts us all. As I think back on deaths in my life, two come to mind immediately. The first is that of my Aunt Betty. I had worked for my aunt on the farm (my first paying job) and other various jobs and she and I had a close relationship. My grandma, cousin and aunt were going over to Owen-Withee to get a ham in December of 1982. They were making a left-hand turn and a truck driver did not see them turning and hit the car. My grandma and cousin survived but my Aunt Betty did not. It was my first experience with death that I can remember. It was made worse by an event that happened at the funeral home the day of the funeral. There was a visitation at the funeral home before the funeral at the church. Family and visitors had left the funeral home to go to the church or were waiting outside. It was just the pallbearers (my aunt's nephews) and funeral home personnel remaining. The funeral personnel went up to close the casket (not realizing the pallbearers were family) and began to close the casket and it pretty much dropped and made a sound that was chilling. To this day it is a sound I have never forgotten. Most of my cousins (including me) had never experienced the closing of a casket before. Because of the solemnity and finality to it and because it was our aunt – well, we broke down. Family outside were wondering what the delay was, but we were finally calmed down and brought the casket out to the hearse and proceeded on – death and its finality etched in our minds.

The second death that really affected me was the death of my Grandpa Starks. Grandpa Starks taught me about life, about farming (however, I very much disliked picking rock), and about the outdoors (hunting, fishing, making maple syrup, picking berries, and the list goes on and on). Some of my greatest memories are of picking berries with my Grandpa and Grandma Starks. Grandma Starks was in the hospital after surgery and Grandpa was at home. My uncle came by to pick Grandpa up on Sunday morning and found him sitting outside on the house steps and he was dead. He had been mowing lawn and backed into a sharp object by the camper and did not immediately realize that it had punctured behind his knee. He went to get a band aid but bled to death, sitting there on the steps of the house. It hit all of us hard and his health had been good, so we just could not understand it.

With both deaths, they happened so quickly, so unexpectedly, I know we were in shock at the funerals and probably had not even begun to grieve. I know I was angry with God and questioned how God could let something like this happen. I know now that God does not take lives nor that the deaths happened for a reason. In life, things happen and it is just part of life. However, it still is hard ... *(to be continued)*

*Pastor Bud*

# Christian Ed. News

We are back in full swing! We have been learning about the Creation and how God made everything for us to enjoy and take care of. We will soon be starting our "Journey to Mars" curriculum in which we will learn more about Abraham and his family.

## Mission for Nate Burkum

Thanks to everyone that brought in items to ship overseas to Nate. We had a tote full of goodies we sent him. We are looking forward to hear when he receives it. Please continue to pray for his safety while he is deployed. A special thanks to Grandpa and Grandma Carlin for shipping it for us.

## Apple Orchard Concessions

Thank you to all who supported our fundraiser by either working at it or buying lunch while visiting Sunrise Orchard. This is our biggest fundraiser for Christian Education and we appreciate your continued support! We are very blessed that they continue to ask us back every year.

## Trick or Treat for UNICEF

Again this year our trick or treaters will be taking part in "Trick or Treat for UNICEF". This is a wonderful event where **Kids help Kids!** We will hand out the little orange collection boxes closer to Halloween and share more information with the students about UNICEF during opening time of Christian Education. Thanks in advance to all the kids for participating in this and helping other kids!

If you are able, please have your change/money ready when you see the little orange boxes to help the students out. **Hint:** During "Trunk or Treat" students will have their boxes with them as well.

*Trick-or-Treat*  
for **UNICEF**



## Halloween Hoopla

Halloween Hoopla is a safe place for family's to have some Halloween Fun! This year's Halloween Hoopla will be on October 29<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Bring your child in their costume (or in street clothes if you prefer) for lots of fun and games. FUMC host's it but Halloween Hoopla is a community event!

*The schedule for the day is:*

Trunk or Treating — 11:30 to 12:30 PM

Games — 12:00 to 1:15 PM

**FREE** Hot Dogs and Treats — 12:00 to 1:15 PM

Costume Parade — 1:15 to 1:30 PM



## Trunk or Treating

We are looking for people to decorate their trunks and pass out treats during the "Trunk or Treating" time at Halloween Hoopla. We open this event up to the community so we would like to fill the back parking lot with as many vehicles as possible!

If you have any questions about Christian Education OR Christian Education Activities, please feel free to ask Renee or Sherry.

*God Bless,*

*Christian Education Team*

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:  
10/6 and 10/13



RIDE SHARE and PARKING

It's getting to be that time of year that some of you may not want to or can't drive to church. If you need a ride to church please contact the church office and we will make arrangements for you to receive a ride. Please call prior to Thursday so we can plan accordingly.

Additionally, for our elderly, Dream Team members are more than willing to valet park your car so you don't need to walk in the weather or on climate sidewalks or parking lot. We're here for you! Let us know if you have any questions.



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).

September was a busy month for the UMW. . . . We hosted the District Annual Gathering on the 23rd. Fifty plus leaders from across the district were very thankful for such a lovely place to hold the conference.

It reminded us how proud we are of our Church building and our Church Family who make it possible and take care of it. A special thanks to Paul for all his hard work getting all the different media needs of the officers in place. He worked **VERY VERY** hard! No one could have done a better job! And to the ladies who prepared the meal, KUDOS! There were so many compliments made about the homemade soup, sandwiches and bars. Thank you to all who cooked and baked such delicious treats. It was greatly appreciated by many!

On the 24th, UMW Sunday, we supported the services by providing ushers, greeters and liturgists and served coffee hour.

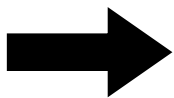
On the 27th of September, our Quarterly meeting was held and we planned our December Potluck (Wednesday December 6th) and Cheer Baskets for Christmas (yes that is approaching faster than we think).

Hopefully it has cooled down a bit by the time you read this and that you all have a blessed fall.

So many shades of gold  
Autumn  
Another miracle we take for granted  
Another expression of the artist's vision  
The blending of the autumn hues  
with the setting sun  
Warm  
Comforting  
Perfect  
Thank you for autumn, Lord

Kim Cathman,  
UMW President





# October Mission

## Northcott Neighborhood House

Northcott Neighborhood House, Inc. is a multi-purpose community center originated by the Wisconsin Annual Conference of the General Board of Global Ministries in 1961.

### **Missions and Goals:**

The agency mission is to support family stability, provide educational and recreational programs for youth, lessen neighborhood tensions, combat community deterioration, and provide various social services for the residents of Harambee (downtown Milwaukee neighborhood) and surrounding neighborhoods. In these capacities, Northcott Neighborhood House serves approximately 10,000 community residents annually. The agency goals are:

- To empower families to meet their survival needs and to provide good parenting to their children
- To provide a safe place for youth after school, Saturdays, and in the summer with recreational and skill-building activities
- To provide the neighborhood with space, activities, and the opportunity to engage in community building and crime prevention activities

### **Programs and Activities:**

**Youth Programs:** After school and summer programs for teens and pre-teens that serve approximately 3,000 youth annually.

**Three Head Start Centers:** Currently we serve 295 children and their families at three locations.

**Fresh Start/Milwaukee Builds:** These programs provide job training for young adults in the construction trade, educational enhancement, and actual construction experience.

**Neighborhood Development:** In addition to our major home building efforts, Northcott has a long history of work with neighborhood organizations in many joint projects and collaborations.

**Emergency Services/Health:** These services include a food pantry, a commodities program, a clothing bank, and information/referral services.

### **October Food Pantry Needs:**

- Peanut Butter
- Canned Fruit
- Mixed Vegetables
- Shampoo
- Tuna
- Toilet Paper



## YOUTH



WOW! It's fall! We will begin meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup>. ONCE a month, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday from 7:15 to 8:30 PM for IMPACT Youth Group. Games, Activities, Discussion, Food and Fellowship.

We had a great turn out at SEE YOU AT THE POLE. Thank you to everyone that participated, special thanks to those that lead the event. We had about 45-50 students at the high school and about 45 at the elementary school.

*Check out the Upcoming Events listing!*

- 10/5 Take your Bible to School Day
- 10/18 Fields of Faith – Boscobel HS 6:45 to 8:30 PM
- 10/28 Willow Creek Bus Trip
- 10/29 Halloween Hoopla
- 11/12 IMPACT at Church 7:15 PM
- TBD Vesperman Farm Trip
- TBD Escape Room Adventure
- TBD Lock in at the Church



## September 2017 Attendance

September 3	167
September 10	227
September 17	248
September 24	181

## DREAM TEAM

Fall is here ... two morning services have began and Christian Education is in full swing! The Dream Team is more active than ever making your family and friends feel welcome at FUMC. THANK YOU to all of those who are sharing a handshake and a smile on Sundays. You may not be on the "Dream Team List", but you are SO IMPORTANT in what you do! So, THANK YOU to everyone!

The Dream Team is all about food ... the Fall Kick Off Brunch is October 1. Please make plans to join us during Coffee Hour (between services at 9:00 AM). We will have lots of goodies including, egg bakes, cinnamon rolls and we can't forget about Doreen's blueberry cake! YUM!

Don't forget that FUMC apparel is an awesome Christmas gift. Order forms will be available at the Church soon OR you can stop at Embroidery Express and have the FUMC logo put on any garment.

For all of those who are battling OR recovering from health issues, you continue to be in our thoughts and prayers!

God is Good ... All the Time!  
Jeff Thomas, Dream Team Leader



## HALLOWEEN HOOPLA

More information is listed in the Christian Education Section. We highly encourage everyone to please consider decorating your vehicle for TRUNK or TREATING. This is where Children/Adults come around like trick or treating to your vehicle and you have treats for them, get to see costumes, visit. It's a VERY safe alternative to Trick or Treating and those of you that may not get many Trick or Treaters you can see many. Trunk or Treating is for ALL ages, not just Christian Education families and is open to the community and highly publicized. If you're available to help, please see Renee or Sherry. Additionally, this is a community event and we get many people to come and take part, we need your help to make it **SPOOKTACULAR**. Grandmas, Grandpas, Aunts, Uncles, we need you to lead by example. We'd **LOVE** to have 20+ cars participate in Trunk or Treating! Let's have some fun!

## 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. Please let us know what you think about it and if you hear people talking about it, mentioning it, etc.

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.

The cost for the billboard is \$110.00 per week. 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. Any amount helps. If you'd like to donate in memory or honor, please let Chelsea know that as well.



## 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!



## CHAIRS

Would you like to purchase any chairs from Fellowship Hall? We will be selling X number of chairs for \$5.00 each in the near future on a first come basis. If interested please call either the Church Office or Audrey Doan (822-6527) and put your name on the list, along with the number you would like. As of now we are not sure how many will be for sale (possibly 100).

## Ushers

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
10/1/2017	Kevin Klais Family	Wes Fry and Brianna Zimmerman
10/8/2017	Kieler Family	Connie Neal and Sandy Knapp
10/15/2017	Droessler Family	Ruth Everson, Wes and Brianna
10/22/2017	Rob and Karla Rands	Wes Fry and Brianna Zimmerman
10/29/2017	Chris and Pam Krueel	Carl and Judy Nelson

## Greeters (Sanctuary)

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
10/1/2017	Kevin Klais Family	Kim and Christine Cathman
10/8/2017	Racheal Loy and Logan O'Brien	Connie Neal and Sandy Knapp
10/15/2017	Sharon and Tyson Barr	Ruth Everson, Wes and Brianna
10/22/2017	Roberta Galer and Janet Ready	
10/29/2017	Marjene Leffler and Marlene Everson	Judy and Carl Nelson

## Liturgist

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
10/1/2017	Trent Klais	Kim Cathman
10/8/2017	Carmen Burkum	Connie Neal
10/15/2017	Linda O'Kane	Joann Schrader
10/22/2017	Rob Kenney	
10/29/2017	Isabel Glasbrenner	Judy Nelson

## Acolyte

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
10/1/2017	Keira Kartman	Ethan Sheckler
10/8/2017	Blake/Abigail Droessler	Jackson Sheckler
10/15/2017	Peyton Hollister	Brayden Fry
10/22/2017	Corbin/Brogan Demo	Cooper Leffler
10/29/2017	Ava Winkers	Wes Fry

## Kid's Time

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
10/1/2017	Maggie Kartman	Pastor Bud
10/8/2017	Jeff Thomas	Pastor Bud
10/15/2017	Sherry Kieler	Pastor Bud
10/22/2017	Krista Demo	Pastor Bud
10/29/2017	Robert Kenney	Pastor Bud

## Communion Assistants

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
10/1/2017	Jeff and Renee Thomas, Mark and Carmen Burkum, Robert and Sarah Kate Kenney, Chad and Sherry Kieler	Kim Cathman and Sandy Knapp

# Who's Serving in October?

*Remember our Friends 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 Blackbourn, Paul Rector

Join us for our NEW Teaching Series!

*October 1 – November 5*



*Worship Times*

8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 6:30 PM  
or online at  
[www.fennimoreumc.org](http://www.fennimoreumc.org)

**I AM SECOND®**

**Real Stories. Changing Lives.**

***"I AM SECOND"***  
***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!

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. We are currently offering 2 groups (times) ... one on Sundays at 7:15 PM led by Pastor Bud and one Wednesdays, at 6:00 PM led by Renee. Connectional Groups will begin on October 8 and October 11.

I AM SECOND provides insight into dealing with typical 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!

If you have questions regarding "I Am Second" please contact Pastor Bud or about Connectional Groups please contact Renee Thomas.