

# The First United Methodist Church of Lowell Tele-Christian October 2022 Edition

**The mission of the United Methodist Church is to  
make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.**



## ***Mark's Remarks...***

October 2 is World Communion Sunday. I love the concept of this day. On one Sunday a year, all Christian Churches that observe Communion are invited to partake. I see the image of millions upon millions of Christians all around the world kneeling down together and receiving this gift. It really symbolizes to me that Jesus truly died for all. From the richest Christians in expensive clothes to the desperately poor Christian, rank, office and title are set aside and all receive as equals. This one day shows me how we are all equal in God's sight.

In celebration of World Communion Sunday, we are going to return to using intinction to receive the elements. Intinction means a piece of bread is torn off the common loaf and dipped in the chalice of juice. We'll put an added safety measure in place - those serving the bread will wear gloves. They will be the ones to tear off a piece and hand it to the participants. We will also continue to have the sealed elements available for those who do not wish to take Communion by intinction.

We started the tradition of sending a letter to a mission on World Communion Sunday. This year we will send it to a local mission, Mommy's Haven Maternity Home. At Mommy's Haven, *we offer more than just a house; we offer hope, support & the tools to help you reach your potential!* (From their website). As you walk in on the 2nd, you will be able to sign a letter for Mommy's Haven. There will also be a basket if you want to make a financial gift.

On October 2 we also have a special guest speaker. Rev. Stan Hankins is a missionary with Ambassadors For Christ. He is an Indiana native who now lives in Hawaii. He was ordained in the United Methodist Church and has since transferred to the United Church of Christ. He is one of the best preachers that I have heard. I'm excited for you to have this opportunity to hear him.

## **Leadership Training Seminar**

Stan Hankins will not only be preaching at our services on Oct. 2, he will be leading a training seminar for us on Sat. Oct. 1. Rev. Hankins travels all over the world doing crusades, training pastors and training church leaders. His seminar will be from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Box lunches will be served for \$9 per person. Please RSVP to office.

This seminar is designed for all who hold a leadership position in the church. This includes those serving on committees or holding an office, those who actively participate in our activities, and those who would like to come & learn. I have been in several workshops led by Rev. Hankins. He is extremely knowledgeable and professional. You will enjoy your time and will gain insights.

***Pastor Mark***





LYFT (Live Your Faith Today) is our Thursday evening worship service. We start at 5:30 pm with dinner and go right into worship at 6 pm. Worship includes music, a lay speaker or Pastor Mark speaking, prayer and ends with communion. LYFT is a casual worship service where we look forward each week to food, fellowship and fun! Everyone is welcome! Bring a friend!

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\*\*\*The LYFT team is currently looking for people to help cook the weekly dinners! If you are interested or would like to know more about this ministry, please contact Kim McGinley or Susan Wells, or you can call the church office at 219-696-9219 for details.



### New Bible Study



We will be starting a new Bible Study. It is entitled, "The Parables of Jesus" by Matt Williams. It will be offered at two different times. Starting Sunday, October 9, a group will meet at the parsonage (1325 Hilltop Dr.) at 6:00 pm. On Wednesday, October 12, there will be the same study in the youth room at 10 am. This study will last six weeks. There is a 25 minute DVD segment and then discussion. Each session will last one hour. All are welcome.



### YOUNG AT HEART SENIOR BINGO



On Tuesday, October 25, we will have our next Young At Heart Senior BINGO. We'll meet at 1 pm and have desert together and then play BINGO. Prizes will be provided. All who are available at this time of day are welcome. Bring a friend and be ready to have some fun and fellowship together.



### Trustees Report Dave Bauman, chairperson

As always, our Trustees have been busy. Here is a list of their recent activity:

The furnace and air conditioning at the rental house were inspected by Illiana Heating and Cooling. They found the heat exchange in the furnace had multiple cracks and should be replaced. In addition, the air conditioner was leaking refrigerant (meaning the compressor was bad) and because of the age they recommended replacement. So, both the furnace and air conditioner were replaced.

The bathroom shower in the rental house was not usable (low pressure) because of corroded galvanized pipes and a rusted shower head. As a result, the shower head and all the piping to the shower had to be replaced.

The annual inspection of the parsonage was completed, and a few items need some attention. The top of a very large tree broke off during a storm and needs to be removed. The storm door on the back of the house was broken and needs to be replaced.

All the room floors and hallways on the third level of the church were stripped and waxed.

## Stewardship 2022

It's that time of year again when we have our Pledge/Stewardship Drive. You will be receiving a letter that "Tells our Story" and a Pledge Card for 2023. You may turn your Pledge Card in anytime to the office, but our Stewardship Sunday is October 16 and it would be great if we could "Pledge" together.

In order to continue to "tell our story" and to hopefully help us grow, Pledge Cards are important for our church to be able to plan for the coming year. It is also important that everyone turn in a Pledge Card, even if you are unable to commit at this time, to save reminder correspondence.

Please prayerfully consider what your commitment to our church will be. It takes a church to raise a village.

Stewardship Committee



How many of us shop using Amazon? I bet **a lot** of us do.

How many of us would like to shop Amazon and help support our church? I bet **a lot** of us would.

***We can do both!!!!***

Amazon and Smile Amazon work exactly the same. The same prices. The same items. The same Amazon Prime. The same delivery. Your same account information. The only difference is Lowell Methodist Church will receive .5% of the value of your qualified orders!! Just think how this could add up!

***If you have never signed up with Smile Amazon...follow these steps:***

- Step 1: go to smile.amazon.com
- Step 2: click yellow box 'Get Started'
- Step 3: sign in to your amazon account **OR** create account if you don't have one
- Step 4: enter 'First United Methodist Church of Lowell' in blank box to pick charity
- Step 5: click 'Search' and First United Methodist Church Lowell will appear
- Step 6: then click 'select' First United Methodist Church Lowell
- Step 7: check box...I understand that I must go through **smile.amazon**
- Step 8: Start shopping!

You are all set up and the only thing you have to do next time is open **smile.amazon.com**

***If you are already signed up with Smile Amazon for another charity and are willing to use our church as your charity...follow these steps:***

- Step 1: go to smile.amazon.com
- Step 2: go to message bar at top and on left: Supporting: (your charity named) and click on it
- Step 3: you will see your charity and then the option to change it
- Step 4: after selecting the option, you will enter 'First United Methodist Church of Lowell' in blank box and click 'search'
- Step 5: First United Methodist Church Lowell will appear
- Step 6: then click 'select'
- Step 7: Start shopping!

You are all set up and the only thing you have to do next time is open **smile.amazon.com**

**Thank you and please share with your family, friends, and neighbors!**

If you have any questions, please call Lynn Bochart...219-696-9048.

## Children's News

Amy Manier, Chairperson

This year we will be hosting a fall event that is open to the kids of our community! Our event will follow the Town of Lowell's Pumpkin March that will take place in Olde Towne Square and downtown. The Children's Education Team will be serving lunch, playing games, and decorating pumpkins. Bring your kids & grandkids. Tell your neighbors and friends. This event will require many helping hands and donations!! More information will be coming soon. Watch for emails! Listen for Sunday announcements!



### PUMPKIN PARTY

#### LUNCH – GAMES – PUMPKIN FUN

Preschool & Elementary Children

When: Saturday, October 15, 2022

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Where: Lowell First United Methodist Church

Parents are invited to stay. We look forward to seeing you all there!



### Upcoming Youth Event



#### Calling all Youth....Mark Your Calendar

Our next youth event will be a bonfire on Sunday, Oct. 23 at the Manier's house: 23920 Colfax St, Lowell. Please join us from 4:30 - 6:30 pm for hot dogs, s'mores, and pumpkin experiments. All youth and their friends are welcome to come out for some fall fun!



### Congregational Care: It's that time again for college finals boxes!!



What is a college finals box? It is a box of goodies including snacks, supplies and inspirational notes from our church family that is mailed to our college students to provide support and encouragement during finals week.

If you would like the college student in your family to receive a college finals box this fall, submit their name and address to the church office, or text Trudy Corning @ 219-613-1787 **by Sunday, October 30.**



### From the Missions Team

Susan Wells, Chairperson



The shoe boxes for "Operation Christmas Child" are now available in the Narthex. If possible, please include a ten dollar check or money order made out to Samaritan's Purse to cover shipping costs. Including shipping is not mandatory. Those preferring not to fill a box may wish to cover the shipping cost for someone else's box. That check or money order should be dropped off in the office. Information about this international mission and some ideas of what to include in boxes is available in the narthex with the boxes. Filled boxes are due on or before Oct. 22. Please place filled boxes under the display table. Thank you for your continued support of this wonderful project!!

If you have questions, contact Susan Wells @219-779-3906 or Kathy Taylor @219-712-8080.



Thank you to all who made the Chuck Wagon Dinner a success - from setting up, serving, cleaning up, sharing musical talents, donating cookies and other items and attending!! We served 97 people! Fun, food and fellowship was enjoyed by all! Hopefully, this was the first annual Chuck Wagon Dinner of many to come.

Linda Hayden, Trudy Corning, Amy Manier, and Carol Goodrich



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We would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for the prayers, cards, and words of encouragement during this time of Nobuko's illness and passing. She knew she was loved by our wonderful church family!

Thanks especially to Pastor Mark and his many wonderful prayers given for Nobu during her many cancer trials!

Thank you,  
Nancy and Jesse Lain

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During this time of sorrow we learn how much our family and friends mean to us. Thank you for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was needed and deeply appreciated.

The Maxey Family



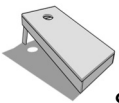
## Lowell Church Mouse

I'm the church mouse. I see all that goes on in the church and I love to gossip about it. Of course being a Christian mouse, I only say positive things.

Oh my goodness, there is so much talent in this church! It was fun and exciting to be watching on Homecoming Sunday. I couldn't believe it when I saw that Rev. Jeff Newton was our special speaker that day. Watching Luke Manier walk up the aisle bringing in the light with Wayne Wietbrock was emotional for me. To see one of the youngest with the longest serving member of this church about brought me to tears.

All four of the choirs provided music. Every one of them was fantastic. Having John Spindler from a hundred years ago show up was a surprise! I learned a lot from the introduction of the brochures and the website. To top it off, Tom Sufana did an amazing job on the brunch. Finally! Church meals together again! I didn't realize how much I missed them. Don't even get me started about all the behind-the-scenes folks who did the planning, set up, advertising, and all the other work to make that a wonderful service. I can't list them all.

Be careful when you do good work for the church. I'm watching and just waiting to share that gossip.



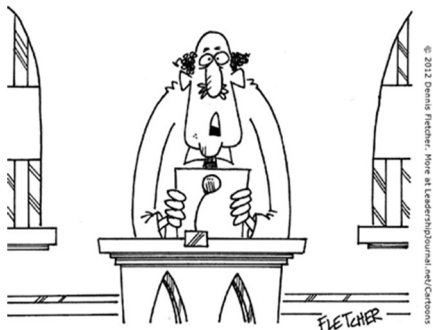
## **Men's Cornhole Tournament**

After a summer break, we are continuing our Cornhole Tournament. Our next event is Saturday, October 22. We'll meet from 10-12 and lunch will be provided. We'll have men and women compete however they wish. It's a brand-new season. Who will be the best?



## **Pastor's Comic Corner**

In case you haven't noticed, I love humor. Below are comics that I've come across. Enjoy and smile! Pastor Mark



"... and the church unity workshop has been postponed until the deacons can agree on the date, time, and color of the participant's name tags."

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"Its from our church... we've been called up for active duty."



## **Nominating Committee Work**

The Nominating Committee has begun the task of filling our committee needs for 2023. The "Opportunities to Serve" form lists all the opportunities to serve our church, from leadership positions to behind-the-scenes servants and those praying and sending notes from home. There are many ways to serve our church and God that do not require attending any meetings! If you have not yet filled a form out, pick one up in the narthex and return it to the office promptly. If you would like to serve on a particular committee simply or have questions, talk to Pastor Mark soon.

## WEEKLY EVENTS

**Sunday - Worship** ~ 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. (in Sanctuary), *Sunday School 9:15*: WINGS (300), F.O.M. (301), Youth (303), FRIENDS (304) Children (basement) **Monday/Tuesday** - A/A 12 p.m. (303) **Wednesday** - A/A - 8 p.m. (Fellowship Hall), AI/Anon - 8 p.m. (library) **Thursday** - Dulcimers 10 am (303), Godsbells 4:30 pm, *LYFT* Dinner 5:30 p.m./Worship 6:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall) Chancel Choir 7pm (sanct.) **Saturday** - A/A 11 a.m. (303)

# October 2022

| Sun                                                                                 | Mon                                                                                 | Tue                                                | Wed                                                                                        | Thu                                                                                                        | Fri                                                  | Sat                                                |
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|                                                                                     |                                                                                     |                                                    |                                                                                            |                                                                                                            |                                                      | 1<br>Ad-Council<br>Training 9am-2pm<br>(bsmt)      |
| 2<br>World<br>Communion<br>Sunday<br><br>Rev. Stan Hankins<br>will preach           | 3<br>Tri-Kappa 6pm<br>(bsmt)                                                        | 4                                                  | 5<br>UWF Executive<br>Meeting 4:30 pm<br>(library)                                         | 6<br>UWF Blanket Mak-<br>ing 4 pm (WINGS)                                                                  | 7<br>Working Together<br>Circle 1:30 pm<br>(library) | 8                                                  |
| 9<br>Charge Conference<br>@ Valpo 1st ~ 3 pm<br><br>Bible Study @<br>parsonage 6 pm | 10<br>Susanna Wesley<br>Circle 1pm (@<br>Ethel's)<br><br>Shift Meeting 5pm<br>(304) | 11                                                 | 12<br>Bible Study 10 am<br>(303)<br><br>Trustees 6pm (bsmt)<br><br>Education 7 pm<br>(301) | 13                                                                                                         | 14                                                   | 15<br>Children's<br>Pumpkin Party<br>1-3 pm (bsmt) |
| 16<br>Stewardship<br>Sunday                                                         | 17                                                                                  | 18<br>Household Pantry<br>9-12 & 5-6<br>(curbside) | 19<br>Finance Meeting<br>5pm (bsmt)<br><br><b>**Chancel Choir<br/>practice 7pm*</b>        | 20<br><b>NO Chancel<br/>Choir practice</b><br><br>Meadowbrook POA<br>4pm (300)<br><br>Blanket Making (303) | 21                                                   | 22<br>Cornhole Tourney<br>10 am (bsmt)             |
| 23<br>Youth Group<br>4:30 pm<br>@ Maniers                                           | 24<br>Ad-Council 6pm<br>(basement)                                                  | 25<br>Senior Bingo 1pm<br>(basement)               | 26                                                                                         | 27                                                                                                         | 28                                                   | 29                                                 |
| 30                                                                                  | 31                                                                                  |                                                    |                                                                                            |                                                                                                            |                                                      |                                                    |



## THE FAMILY ALTAR ~ October

**Are you remembering the church with your prayers?**

*Pray for those persons who are/were in the hospital:*

**Ellen Miller-Bowers, Carolyn Savich, McKenna Smith, Linda Snell**

*Pray for people living in care facilities:*

Brentwood Assisted Living (Hobart): **Carol Cantwell**  
(1420 St. Mary's Circle, Hobart, Indiana 46342)

Cedar Creek Health Facility:  
**Lillian McLellan, Lois Mitchell, Wayne Wietbrock, Marie Woolfolk**  
(18275 S Burr Street, Lowell, Indiana 46356)

Colonial Nursing Center: **Linda Wirick**  
(110 Indiana Ave., Crown Point, IN 46307)

Clarendale Senior Housing (Schererville): **Maryrose Lynch**  
(7770 Burr Street, Schererville, Indiana 46375)

Cumberland Point Health Campus: **Gisela Peterson**  
(1051 Cumberland Ave., W. Lafayette, IN 47906 rm. 419)

*Pray for those receiving treatment:*

**Bob Bernotus, Lewis Childress, Charlie Haberlin, Sue Metz, Tony Sodo**

*Pray for those recovering from illness/surgery/procedures:*

**Donna Bauman, Henry Grugal, Carolyn Savich, McKenna Smith, Linda Snell**

*Pray for those with long term health concerns:*

**Don DeVine, Henry Grugel, Charlie Haberlin, Guy Hendricks, Jim Kirk, Diane Kowalysin, Mark Lindemer, Sally Mijares, Dean Moes, Bill Newlin, Kim Newlin, Gisela Peterson, Ellen Rosengard, McKenna Smith, Tony Sodo, Piper Spry, Tom Streeter, Emily Streeter, Sandy Villa, John Westerfield, Kathy Wheeler, Sam Wilson, Kate Yelkich**

*Pray for our military and their families serving in the Armed Forces all over the world:*

**Ben Eller, Kyle Eller, Jared Haberlin, Tyler Harber, Cody Pate, Troy Pate, Josh Kuiper, Daniel Sutton, Phebe Zambeto**

*Pray for Pastor Mark and all of our church staff.*

*Please pray for our Community and our National leaders.*

**Global Prayer Concerns for October:**

2nd & 9th: Hurricane Victims  
16th & 23rd: Leadership in United Kingdom  
30th: Our Lost Loved Ones

**Prayers are requested for the family of:**

**Nobuko Lain**, who passed away on September 4. Nobu is Nancy Lain's daughter-in-law.

**Bill Maxey**, who passed away on September 15. Bill is Cindy Maxey's husband. Pam Nelson and Denise Piskoty's brother-in-law.

**Janet Little**, who passed away on September 23.

**Barbara (Childress) Rust**, Lewis (Anita) Childress' sister who passed away on September 25.

**Tele-Christian Deadline**

Tele-Christian articles are always due on the 21st of the month.  
Please send articles for the November issue by **October 21**  
as an e-mail attachment to **both**:

Kim McGinley at [umcfriends@sbcglobal.net](mailto:umcfriends@sbcglobal.net) and  
Bev Kussy at [kussy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kussy@sbcglobal.net).



**October Birthdays:**

5 ~ Carolynn Rodriguez, Ken Bisacchi, Dean Eller 10 ~ Sally Mijares 11 ~ Jack Wilson  
14 ~ Shirley Spry, Ray Smith 15 ~ Mike Hayden, Tim Werblo 16 ~ Pastor Mark  
18 ~ Maryrose Lynch 19 ~ Daelyn Kelley 20 ~ Lois O'Connor 21 ~ Nancy Patchett  
22 ~ Barb Lindemer 28 ~ Donna Nadolski, Joan Berner 29 ~ Becca Koon, David Schoon



Look who's celebrating a Milestone Birthday!  
(\*We are designating 75, 80, 85, 90 and up as milestones)  
Send a card to wish them well!

\*\*Milestone Birthdays this Month:  
(No milestone birthdays this month)

**October Anniversaries:**

1 ~ Donnie and Nancy Jobe 2 ~ Bill and Linda Hayden, Sam and Nancy Wilson  
5 ~ Bob and Paula Bernotus 10 ~ Terry and Julie Donovan 19 ~ Tony and Jill Sodo  
22 ~ Joe and Carol Goodrich, Dave and Char Snell 27 ~ Kirk and Sue McQuiston



**Church Information**

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**e-mail: [umcfriends@sbcglobal.net](mailto:umcfriends@sbcglobal.net)**  
**Facebook: Lowell First United Methodist Church**



**Prayer Chain**

If you have a prayer request that you would like to be put out on the e-mail prayer chain,  
please send an e-mail to [umcfriends@sbcglobal.net](mailto:umcfriends@sbcglobal.net) or call it in to the church office  
at 219-696-9219.



**Monthly Income**

Monthly income needed: \$24,780  
Monthly income for August: \$17,790



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