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There is something special about October. The air is a bit crisper, fall colors reach their peak, and the scent of pumpkin spice is almost everywhere! One of the greatest things about October is that it is a time to recognize and celebrate the work of the laity in the church. That begs the question, what do we mean by laity?

Going back to the days of the Circuit Riders, laity has always played an important part in Methodism. We have lay servants, lay speakers, and even lay ministers. When we talk about the laity in the church, it does not mean that someone needs any specific training or education. Laity refers to anyone who is not a bishop, pastor, or deacon in the Church. In our tradition, based upon our baptismal vows, each member of the church is expected to minister in Christ's name!

In the coming month there are several exciting opportunities for us to come together, serve, and celebrate the love of Christ in our church, community, and world! The first Sunday of the month is World Communion Sunday, a day to share in the sacrament of communion with brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the world. On the second Sunday of the month we will be hosting our own CROP Walk and prayer vigil after church. It will be a day to pray for those in our community and our world, while at the same time we will be helping to alleviate hunger. Laity Sunday is October 18 and a very special service is planned for that day. On Saturday October 31, we will be reaching out to hundreds of kids in our area by hosting a Drive Thru Trunk or Treat.

October is also the month we will be putting together our church leadership team for the coming year. I invite you to think and pray about ways that you may be willing to serve. There are many challenges facing the church today. However, by working and serving together we can accomplish great things with the help of the Holy Spirit!

May God's grace and peace be with you in the month ahead!

Pastor John

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WUMC COMMUNITY PATHWAY



October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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information on page 2*						*Movie Night Flintfields Horse Park
4 10:15 Worship Communion Prayer Quilt for Jim Wright	5 Unified SPRC Mtg. 6pm @ SBUMC	6	7 3pm All- Faith Svc. @ Samaritas	8	9	10 *Whitewater Twp. Park Halloween Party 6-8pm
11 10:15 Worship *Crop Walk @ WUMC after Church	12	13	14 3pm All- Faith Svc. @ Samaritas	15	16	17
18 10:15 Worship	19 Unified SPRC Meeting 6pm @ SBUMC	20	21 3pm All- Faith Svc. @ Samaritas Unified Parish Council Mtg 6pm @ SBUMC	22	23	24
25 10:15 Worship	26 AD Council Mtg. 6pm @WUMC	27	28 3pm All- Faith Svc. © Samaritas	29	30	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN

OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS!

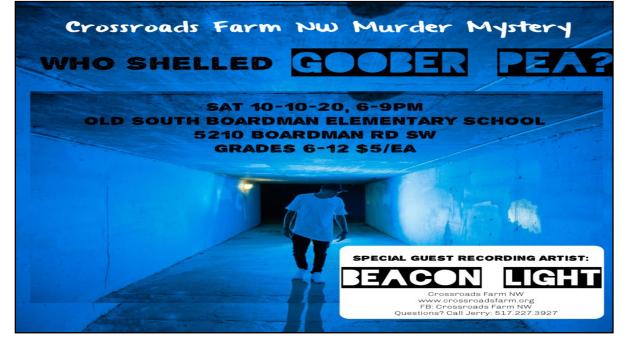
4th Mark Walter
4th Grant Hamilton
5th Sue & Pete Morrison's Anniversary!
6th Evaline Sexton
10th Kim Likins
12th Shane Barrett
15th Brook & Janet Goss' Anniversary!
16th Whitney Braden
17th Dennis Aurand
19th Jim Hockin

20th Jo Purdy-Kieft 22nd Marcia Clone 25th Jean Ridge 26th Dave Galligan 28th Gabrielle Gualtiere 30th Kaitlynd Hamstra

Information About the Crop Walk/Prayer Walk:

- Lunch provided after Church
- Walk around the Williamsburg Community
- Wrap it up at the Church for a closing prayer
- Top walkers will receive prizes!
- Carol Hockin will have prayer cards







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