



## THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH United Church of Christ OCTOBER 2019



On Sunday, October 6, we will conclude our first observance of the Season of Creation. Starting in September, we joined with other Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Eastern Orthodox churches around the world in giving thanks to God for the wonder of creation and in renewing our commitment to be stewards of the gifts of creation.

Much of the news during September was not encouraging.

The journal *Science* reported that the number of birds in the United States and Canada fell by 29% since 1970.

This means we have lost some 3 billion birds over the past 50 years. David Yarnold, president and chief executive of the National Audubon Society, called the findings “a full-blown crisis.”

Late in September the UN Climate Report was released. One headline summarized it saying: “Massive change already here for world’s oceans and frozen regions.”

*The Washington Post* went on to report: “Climate change is already having staggering effects on oceans and ice-filled regions that encompass 80 percent of the Earth, and future damage from rising seas and melting glaciers is now all but certain. The warming climate is already killing coral reefs, supercharging monster storms, and fueling deadly marine heat waves and record losses of sea ice. And Wednesday’s report on the world’s oceans, glaciers, polar regions and ice sheets finds that such effects foreshadow a more catastrophic future as long as greenhouse gas emissions remain unchecked.”

There were the encouraging climate strikes around the world and here in Iowa City that suggest a growing number of people are demanding the kind of action necessary to stop and even reverse the trend of growing greenhouse gases. And Greta Thunberg’s address at the United Nations inspired many who saw what one person was able to do.

Now, of course, we add to all of this the troubling and divided state of our own country.

As October begins, I’m left with a disturbing sense that we in the church need to develop a better theology and spirituality to deal with the crisis that is even now upon us. We are not yet equipped for life in the coming decades. The task is global and it can start locally, with individual congregations, even our own. Where might we begin and where will we go?

October 6 is World Communion Sunday. Usually a time for mainline Protestants to recognize our connections with Christians around the world, this year World Communion Sunday calls us to recognize and live out of our deep connections with the world, to celebrate our communion with all creation. Worship with us that Sunday, join in conversation and action with others, and let us together discover new ways for living in these challenging times.

*Peace,*

*Bill*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

### CONGREGATIONAL UCC MISSION BOARD PRESENTS

#### *White Privilege 101: Getting in on the Conversation*

Wednesday, October 2, 7:00 PM 8:30 PM, Rockwood Hall



Dr. Eddie Moore, Jr. presents an interactive, challenging and energetic session examining and exploring white privilege/oppression and the imperative that those promoting diversity must “get in on the conversations.” The film introduces topics presented at the Conference on White Privilege (WPC) from several years. It is compiled from personal interviews with keynote speakers, workshop presenters and participants at the WPC and explores different racial groups’ understanding of white privilege.

White Privilege affects all of us. White privilege refers to systemic inequity based on race that benefits white people at the expense of people of color.

It impacts everybody every day. White people often do not recognize their privilege, and that lack of recognition impacts their understanding of themselves, people of color, and any given situation.

We inherited this system.

Awareness and talking about it are the first steps to changing it.

Please join us to watch the video: White Privilege 101: Getting in on the Conversation and stay for the discussion afterwards facilitated by Diane Finnerty, who was involved in the production of the video and has a long history with the White Privilege Conference.

### SAVE THE DATE! OCTOBER 18 FOR HOMECOMING PARADE!

- ◇ Potluck, Big Grill, and Parade!
- ◇ Best Seat in Town-corner of Clinton and Jefferson!
- ◇ Gather to eat between 4 and 5, Parade at 5:45.

The Membership Board will provide water, milk, and tableware. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Hot dogs, brats, and hamburgers may be purchased from the Big Grill on the Corner. The Mission Board will have drinks for sale. Please contact Rick Ruppert to help with the Big Grill from 4/4:30 until parade time. We welcome both experienced and first timers to participate with the brat sale. As always, we'll need set up, cooks, wrappers, servers, cashiers and tear down. You can sign up to help on the sign-up sheet Rockwood Hall.



### WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE AND DISTRIBUTION IN OCTOBER

Any and all church members are invited to help and join in action and fellowship on October 24-26. Set up will be on Thursday, Sept 24 from 9 am to 4pm, and Friday, Sept. 25 from 9:00 am until finished, The clothing distribution will be on Saturday, October 26, 9AM- 3PM. at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 140 Gathering Place Ln, Iowa City. WARM winter clothing including coats, hats, mittens/ gloves, scarves and boots are needed for all ages. We typically run out of items for men and boys. QUESTIONS: Contact Paula Forest at 319 541-2083 or any member of the Mission Committee. If you would like to help, there is a sign up sheet posted in Rockwood Hall.

This year we are combining our Iowa City and Coralville distribution centers at one site, St. Andrew Presbyterian Church. This is not on a city bus route. Since some of our patrons rely on public transportation, we'd like to provide periodic transportation to / from St. Andrew's using a couple of pick-up and drop-off sites.

To accomplish this, we need help from local faith communities and organizations that can make vans, busses and drivers available on October 26.

If you can assist with transportation, please contact John Barr at [BarrJohnO@sau.edu](mailto:BarrJohnO@sau.edu)

## Collecting for the Crisis Center Food Bank and Shelter House

We will be collecting items for the Food Bank and Shelter House in September and October. The Mission Board would like to have all of us consider contributing generously to these two local missions which have been long standing projects of the Congregational Church. The needs, as always, continue to be great. Your donations may be placed in the collection box in Rockwood Hall where you will also find take-away lists of the most needed items. For more information, contact Edie Roberts at [edie-roberts@uiowa.edu](mailto:edie-roberts@uiowa.edu).



### Food Bank

#### Most needed items:

Toilet Paper  
Peanut Butter & Jelly  
Canned Fruit & 100% Fruit Juice  
Pasta & Rice  
Canned Vegetables  
Hearty Soups & Stews  
Baby Diapers (all sizes)  
Baby Formula & Food  
Laundry Detergent

### Shelter House

#### Most needed items:

Deodorant, Diapers (size 4 & med/lrg Depends), Toothpaste  
Shampoo/Conditioner, Facial Tissue, Laundry Detergent (high efficiency & regular)

#### Also needed:

Toilet Paper  
Blankets  
Ear Plugs  
Over-the-counter Medications:  
    Antihistamine  
    Sinus Medication  
    Acetaminophen  
    DayQuil  
Men & women's work clothes (particularly white shirts & black pants)  
Steel-toes boots  
*Please note: they do not accept chlorine bleach*

Last year, 874 men, women, and children relied on Shelter House for emergency shelter and support when they had no place to call home—including 151 individuals who utilized our Winter Emergency Shelter. Each with unique backgrounds, challenges, goals, and struggles; through Shelter House, individuals found a safe place to stay and the help, guidance, and support needed to move forward in their lives.

## FREE LUNCH PROGRAM NEWS

*Providing Good Food and Hospitality since 1983*

Our church served 160 lunches at the Free Lunch Program on September 30, 2019. So many generous members of our church volunteered their time by donating and preparing food, serving and/or cleaning up on this day: Dianne Atkins, Ethel Bloesch, Ginny Clemons, Sue Dayton, Bill Dickinson, John Fuller, Shelagh Hayreh, Betsy Henson, Tom Henson, Donna Hirst, Marge Hoppin, Joan Jehle, Marcy Kuechenmeister, Ruth Kuntz, Sandy Lacina, Bill Lohss, Margaret MacInnis, Nan Martin, Alfrieta Monagan, Linda Muston, Connie Parsons, Edie Roberts, Rick Ruppert, Betty Stein, Laurie Stunz, Kathy Thede-Reynolds and Lee Wood.



Thank you all so much for your time and assistance in making this day so successful and fun!

Our next serving date is Monday, December 30, 2019. A signup sheet will be posted in Rockwood Hall before the first of December. As always, this wouldn't be possible without you!

*Vicki Thomae*

## TEE OFFERING SETS RECORD

Our annual offering to support the Theological Education by Extension College in South Africa (TEE Offering) was received during worship on Sunday, September 15. This offering has been a tradition in our congregation for several decades. It was initially started when the brother of our then minister, the Rev. Ed Heininger, worked for TEE in South Africa.

**This year members and friends gave over \$1,600—this is the highest amount recorded since we went to the new financial software in 2008.**

TEE is a private, nonprofit, distance learning institution serving five south African countries. The mission of the college is to equip men and women for Christian ministry. Students come from 28 denominations across southern Africa including the UCC of South Africa. For more information about this amazing program, please visit their website at [www.tee.co.za](http://www.tee.co.za).

If you did not donate, but would still like to, be sure to put TEE on your donation envelope. Our support makes a difference in the lives of many people. **THANKS AGAIN!**

## Faith in Harm Reduction

### Faith-Based Leadership for Harm Reduction

A two-hour panel discussion and workshop on **Saturday, October 5th from 10:00am – 12:00pm**, Iowa City Public Library Computer Lab meeting room. Lunch to follow. This free event is hosted by the Iowa Harm Reduction Coalition.

The overdose crisis has dramatically transformed communities across the United States, causing over 70,000 deaths per year and leaving families and communities traumatized as a result. Despite calls to take a public health approach to drug use and addiction, many Iowans continue to face criminal consequences for their drug use, which perpetuates harm and keeps communities from finding healing.

Harm Reduction is a philosophy and an approach to drug use that is rooted in acceptance and love, compassion for all people, and a set of core principles that many religious and spiritual leaders find to have significant overlap with their beliefs and faith practice. Harm Reduction as a philosophy can help guide communities in responding to drug use as a social justice issue and can be put into practice through the creation of both programs and policies. Harm Reduction work may be viewed as ministry, through which those in our communities who struggle with drug use may be approached and engaged without judgment and offered opportunity for connection and community.

You can learn more about IHRC and our services at [iowaharmreductioncoalition.org](http://iowaharmreductioncoalition.org). Our organization provides evidence-based services to drug users, sex workers, and their loved ones – those who some may regard as “the least” among us. Those first learning about these services, which include distribution of naloxone (the life-saving medication that reverses an opioid overdose) and sterile injection equipment, may think them unorthodox. But since IHRC began its work, rates of hepatitis C transmission and drug overdose have decreased in Iowa by 27% and 18%, respectively, with the state health department crediting IHRC’s work as responsible for driving this change. Perhaps equally important, thousands of Iowans who use drugs and engage in sex work have been empowered to save lives, become advocates within their communities, and make positive changes in their own lives, all as a result of being affirmed as people whose lives matter.

This workshop will introduce and explore harm reduction as a philosophy and public health approach to drug use, and speakers will explore the connections between Harm Reduction and their faith practices. Panelists will discuss Harm Reduction as a means through which they embody their faith and see faith in action in the world. The session will also equip participants with tools to build beloved community and organize others who share their faith in order to create changes that mitigate the overdose crisis in Iowa.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS CONT.

### Faith and Harm Reduction Cont.

Speakers include:

Erica Poellot, MDiv, Director of Faith and Community Partnerships, Harm Reduction Coalition

Blyth Barnow, MDiv, Harm Reduction Faith Coordinator, Faith in Public Life Ohio

Rev. Meg Wagner, Missioner for Communications, Reconciliation, and New Initiatives, Episcopal Diocese of Iowa

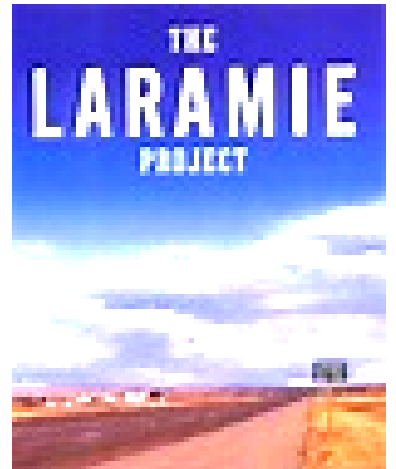
As you know, drug use affects individuals, families, and communities across Iowa. Please consider joining IHRC for the Iowa Harm Reduction Summit and lending your beliefs and perspective to this important issue.

### UPCOMING PRESENTATION

***THE LARAMIE PROJECT***—a reading of the play directed by Ron Clark  
**Sunday, October 13, 1 pm**, New Song Episcopal Church, 912 20th Avenue, Coralville

The brutal murder of Matthew Shepard shocked the residents of Laramie, Wyoming and the world. On Oct. 12, 1998, this small western city became a microcosm of America as we all were forced to deeply consider our beliefs about homosexuality and the real meaning of tolerance and acceptance. On Nov. 14, the members of The Tectonic Theatre Project went to Laramie to meet this community and try to better understand why Matthew died. And now over 20 years later, the Laramie Project is just as relevant.

Free-will donations to support One Iowa.



### WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



**October 6** is World Communion Sunday. 2019 marks the eighty-third year of celebrating this day. World Communion Sunday (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) originated in the Presbyterian Church in 1936. From the beginning, it was planned so that other denominations could make use of it and after a few years the idea spread. Through our prayers and music on this day we recognize our connection with Christians in every nation.

### WOMEN'S OCTOBER LUNCH NEWS

The Women's Lunch will be on **October 17 beginning at 11:45 am**. As always, they will meet at **Monica's in Coralville**. Let the office know if you would like to come. But, as always, last minute folks are most welcome!

### OCTOBER MEN'S BREAKFAST NEWS

The Men's Breakfast outings will resume on **October 19 beginning at 8:00 am**. They will meet at the Waterfront Hy Vee on the east side of Iowa City.

### A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL

Our annual all church picnic was held at the Terry Trueblood Recreation Center on Sunday, July 21. The weather was perfect, the setting was beautiful, and the fun lasted all afternoon. **Thank you to all members who made this a very special day.**





## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS CONT.

### ALL SAINTS SUNDAY—NOVEMBER 3

Each year on the First Sunday in November, Congregational UCC observes “All Saints Sunday.” This is a time for us to remember and give thanks to God for the lives of those members of Congregational UCC who have died in the past year—and for all the saints. Our worship service on this day is both solemn and joyful, befitting a congregation of people who live in the light of the resurrection. As is our custom, we will have a jazz band leading our worship on this Sunday in order to help us look toward that day when the saints go marchin’ in. This year the well-known local jazz pianist Dick Watson will lead the music in what promises to be an inspiring event. Please plan to join us for this special time of worship.

### LOOK AHEAD: GIFTS FOR PARENTS – DECEMBER 7, 2019 – ST. MARK’S METHODIST CHURCH

In planning for our next *Gifts for Parents* distribution on Saturday, 12/7/19, the Executive Committee is providing the following information to help you plan for making gift donations. More detailed information concerning volunteers for set-up and onsite work (on 12/5-7) will be available in the fall.

#### Suggestions for Items to Donate

Important reminder: All items should be new or gently used and clean. Please, no clothes with sizes – hats, gloves and scarves are welcome. Gifts for men are especially helpful. *If you donate items requiring batteries, please supply the batteries.*

Ideas for items to donate: (These are suggestions – use them to spark your imagination!)

caps, scarves, gloves  
after shave lotion  
knick-knacks  
wallets  
scented lotion  
scented candle/decorative candles  
Hawkeye items  
flashlights (include batteries)  
craft items  
gas prepaid cards  
car emergency kit  
gift cards to local businesses  
decorative soaps or bubble bath

jewelry, costume jewelry  
unique coffee mugs/cups  
wall art, shelf art, table art  
Christmas tree ornaments  
Amaryllis bulb  
kitchen gadgets: aprons, cutting boards, potholders, dish towels, etc.  
women’s purses  
hand tool sets  
decorative key chains  
tire pressure gauge



Consultation of Religious Communities

## Reflections From A Pastoral Counselor



Some people have a favorite person and/or story from the Bible--other than the ultimate leading character! Perhaps it is Ruth from the Old Testament and her faithful connection to her mother-in-law Naomi. Her loyal support may be a source of inspiration. Maybe it was one of the Old Testament prophets who stayed on message despite the loneliness that such a stance generated. Some identify with the passion of the psalmists, whether expressing their enthusiasm or anguish.

Henri Nouwen wrote that the key story in the New Testament was prodigal son, which has multiple participants with very differing agendas. Perhaps you resonant with the younger son's profound conversion as he became--in Nouwen's words--"aware of his unawareness." Maybe it's the father who captures your interest with the deep-seated joy he experienced as the relationship with his son is restored. The older son also has his followers since he feels fairness has been forgotten.

Perhaps the skepticism of Thomas or the young man who says to Jesus, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief" catches your attention. Then there's both the fear and perseverance of Peter. Of course, the intellectual capability of the one who wrote over half of the New Testament comes through with the Apostle Paul's theologizing. Although he has no name in scripture, mention the Good Samaritan and people know immediately the reference to selfless care.

With whom do you most relate in scripture? How come? Has it always been that person/story or has it changed over time? Just as we go through developmental changes, so can our faith. Like scripture, our own journeys offer the opportunity to encounter a variety of personalities.

Bruce

(The Rev. Bruce D. Williams is a Pastoral Counselor at the Community Pastoral Counseling Service (CPCS), which is comprised of six churches in the Iowa City area including this one. CPCS is at 30 N. Clinton St., Iowa City, IA, 52245, 319-337-2519.)

## IOWA RIVERS CHOIR FESTIVAL

The UCCIC Sanctuary Choir will be participating in the **Iowa Rivers Choir Festival** on **Sunday, November 10**. Other participating churches include Zion Lutheran Church (Iowa City), St. Paul's UMC (Cedar Rapids), St. Patrick Catholic Church (Iowa City), and Christ the King Lutheran Church (Iowa City). The **7:00 PM** concert will begin with each choir singing an anthem on their own; the concert will culminate with a joint performance of "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" by Mack Wilberg and "Ride on King Jesus" by Moses Hogan. The concert is free and will be hosted at **St. Patrick Catholic Church**, 4330 St. Patrick's Dr., Iowa City, IA 52240. Please attend to support the Sanctuary Choir and to Celebrate Christian Unity in Worship!

## TABLE TO TABLE SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

Are you looking for a way to provide hunger relief in Iowa City? Table to Table is looking for new volunteers to collect food from donors and distribute it to those in need through agencies that serve the hungry, homeless and at-risk populations.

Volunteer Duties include

- Boxing and loading food donations into Table to Table vans
- Transporting and unloading food at recipient organizations such as community pantries, shelters, preschools, etc.

Most volunteer shifts start between 8:00 AM and 9:00 AM or 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM and run around 2 hours. Routes run Monday-Saturday. Contact [volunteer@table2table.org](mailto:volunteer@table2table.org) or 319-337-3400 for more information.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS CONT.

### CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

**Thanks to the Children's Offering for Heifer Project, we received enough donations (\$150) to purchase a llama for Heifer Project...and now we are off on a new adventure.**

As always, Children's Offering for the month of October goes to **UNICEF**.

**This year we will be collecting your unused foreign currency!**

I know folks in our church travel a lot...and you probably came home with a few coins and bills in your pockets from other countries.



Now, what to do about all that loose foreign currency?

Since 1987 **UNICEF** has partnered with 10 international airlines (American Airlines in one of them) to create the **Change for Good** program. They have collected over \$156 million dollars in contributions in foreign and US currency.

Now, we will partner with them to contribute *our* foreign currency.

Please, look around the house, check you travel bags and your fanny packs...find that money you couldn't spend while you were on visiting Europe or Israel or South America...and put your change...**foreign or US**...in our **UNICEF** boxes this year!

### Computers

Have you upgraded in the last year or two and have a WIFI compatible laptop computer that you are not using? The church school could use it!  
We are streaming online YouTube videos for class and need a computer in the classroom.



### Nursey Updates

Do you have a LEGO Table and Legos looking for a new home? The Nursery could use it\*!  
Do you have a BRIO Train Table and trains looking for a new home? The Nursery could use it\*!  
Talk to Ann Molsberry, Director of Children's Programming 314-914-0180

\*Any donations will be evaluated for their appropriateness for the Church Nursery. Any items that do not qualify and are not re-claimed by the owner will be donated to the Crowded Closet—The Mennonite Resale Shop.





# **Don't Miss The Social Event of the Season.... It's coming up fast!**



## **UCC PROGRESSIVE DINNER**

**November 2, 2019**

**5 - 9:15 PM**

**\$13.50 per person**

### **HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:**

**We will all meet at one home for appetizers.**



**Then, in small groups of 8 to 12, we will go to other homes for the catered dinner.  
Rotisserie Chicken, Garlic Whipped Potatoes,  
Oven Roasted Veggies and Bread**

**After dinner, we will gather at a different home for dessert.**



**This is always a special event for fellowship. You are sure to learn at least one fascinating fact about another member of our congregation that evening, reinforcing your experience that we are a uniquely interesting group!**

# Books for Adults

## "To Loose the Bonds of Injustice; The Plight of the Mentally Ill and What the Church Can Do"

By Marcia A. Murphy

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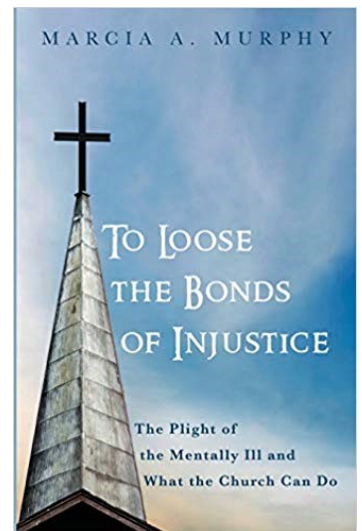
"This work is the first to address the living conditions of the mentally ill from the standpoint of social justice. It is the first for religion to partner with the psychiatric field from a spiritual vantage point to improve the lives of those afflicted with medical, social, and spiritual maladies.

It is written by someone who has lived with the challenges of a marginalized human being, someone who has insights that no one in the mainstream has experienced. Professionals often write from the viewpoint of someone observing their patients from the outside. Instead, Ms. Murphy tells what it feels like from the inside--to be afflicted with emotional, physical, and social challenges that hinder development and success. This project offers solutions on many levels, unique by virtue of who and what the author is: someone that has been in the darkest depths of severe distress and who found that Christ is the only hope for the mentally afflicted; and the church as Christ's body, though imperfect, has a vital role in healing and restoration."

"This remarkable book should be on the reading list of all mental health professionals and mental health policy makers. It describes in rich detail how current mental health policy and treatment standards impact intricate aspects of the day-to-day life of someone suffering mental illness. .... Fortunately, Murphy has strong faith and a supportive faith community. This strength also allows her to portray accurately the struggles she faces in light of our inhumane treatment of people suffering mental illness." ---Carolyn L. Turvey, PhD, University of Iowa, Carver College of Medicine.

"Marcia Murphy presents an insightful examination of the societal roots of injustices experienced by persons with mental illness. She gives an inside view of the effect that they, along with mental health policies and services, have on their daily lives. Thankfully, she is able to provide a light in this darkness. With her faith and faith community playing integral roles, she found a model of care that restores dignity and human rights to the mentally ill, which she offers to us all." ---- Del D. Miller, MD, University of Iowa, Carver College of Medicine

Marcia A. Murphy has published articles, essays and works of creative nonfiction in professional psychiatric journals, anthologies, and newspapers. She is the author of "Voices in the Rain: Meaning in Psychosis"



Judy Doorenbos  
Library Committee

# Books for Children

*Children in our church school will be studying Moses and the Exodus in October. The following new book and others from our library will be available for check out with Rev. Ann in a church school class on Sunday morning.*

***The 11<sup>th</sup> Commandment: Wisdom from Our Children*** by The Children of America. Jewish Lights Publishing, 1996. Ages 4 and up.

“If there were an Eleventh Commandment, what would it be?”

Children of many religious denominations and traditions across America were asked this question. The children lived in the country, the city, the suburbs – a cross section of our country. They responded with their own crayon and marker drawings and words.

The responses are divided into sections: living with other people, living with the earth, living with family, living with ourselves, and living with God. Publishers Weekly shared these sample quotes:

4-year-old Carla, “No punching in the head.”

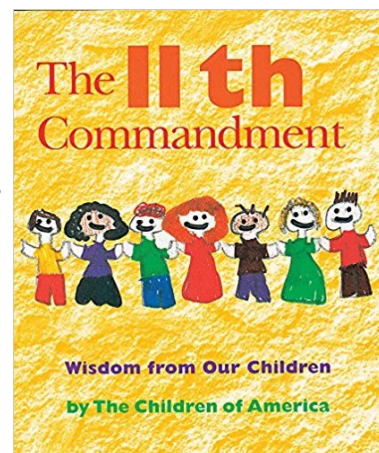
6-year-old Tommy, “Feed everyone and eat together.”

9-year-old Ali: “Thou shalt keep your body healthy as in thou shalt not pig out.”

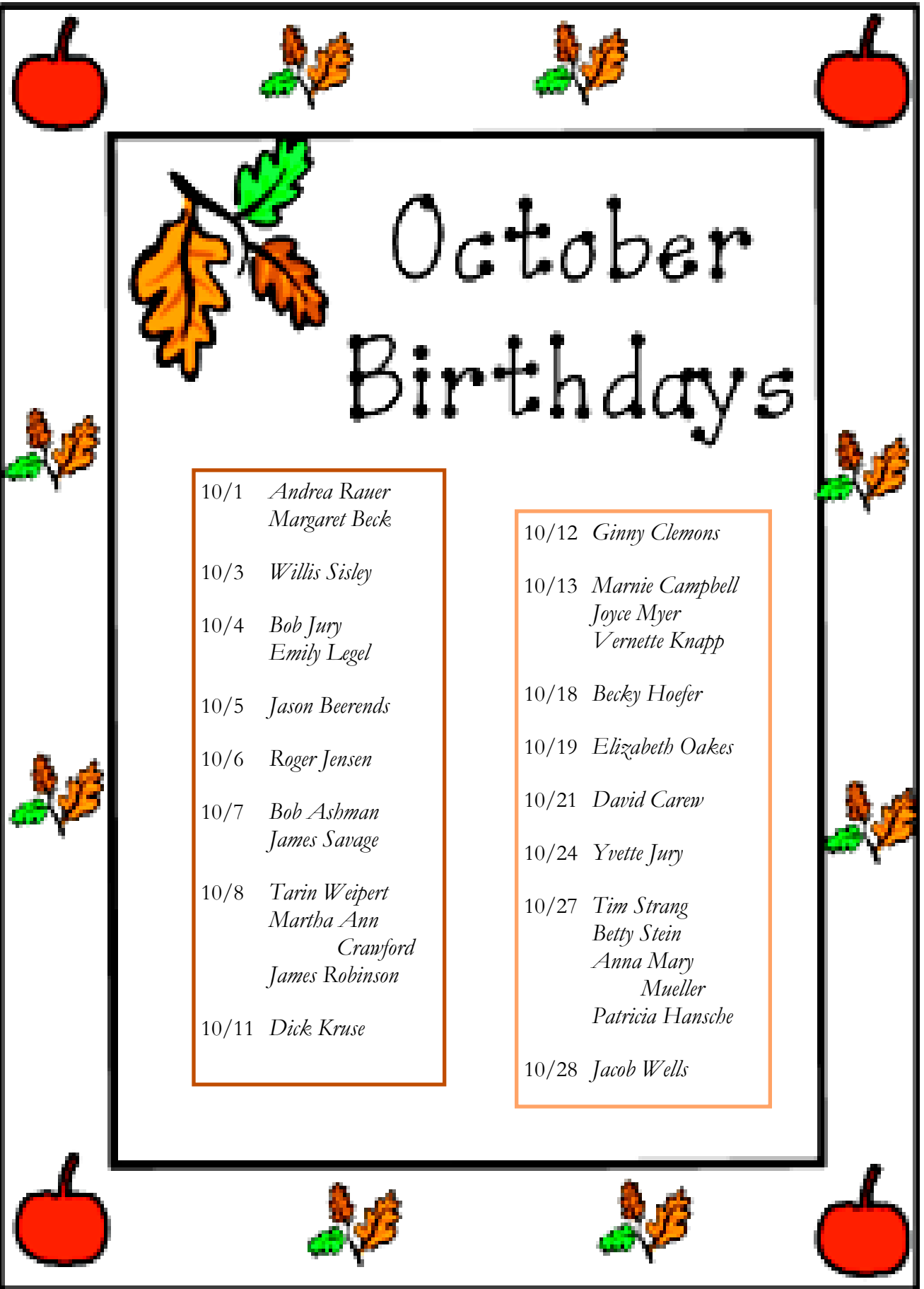
“These ‘Eleventh Commandments’ create a vivid image of the connections we share. They help all of us to see the world from a child’s view...and, most importantly, they invite us to act on these visions to make our world a holy place.” (Introduction inside book)

Several childrens’ books in our church library based on the book of Exodus:

Amery, Heather.	<i>Moses in the Bulrushes.</i>
DePaola, Tomie.	<i>Tomie dePaola’s Book of the Old Testament.</i>
Dickinson, Peter.	<i>City of Gold and Other Stories from the Old Testament.</i>
Miyoshi, Sekiya.	<i>The Promised Land.</i>
Rivadeneira, Caryn.	<i>Grit and Grace: Heroic Women of the Bible.</i>
Wildsmith, Brian.	<i>Exodus.</i>



Ruth Kuntz  
Library Committee



# October Birthdays

10/1 *Andrea Rauer*  
*Margaret Beck*

10/3 *Willis Sisley*

10/4 *Bob Jury*  
*Emily Legel*

10/5 *Jason Beerends*

10/6 *Roger Jensen*

10/7 *Bob Ashman*  
*James Savage*

10/8 *Tarin Weipert*  
*Martha Ann*  
*Crawford*  
*James Robinson*

10/11 *Dick Kruse*

10/12 *Ginny Clemons*

10/13 *Marnie Campbell*  
*Joyce Myer*  
*Vernette Knapp*

10/18 *Becky Hoefer*

10/19 *Elizabeth Oakes*

10/21 *David Carew*

10/24 *Yvette Jury*

10/27 *Tim Strang*  
*Betty Stein*  
*Anna Mary*  
*Mueller*  
*Patricia Hansche*

10/28 *Jacob Wells*



# OCTOBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> - Diaconate 6 pm - CE Board 6:30 pm - Mission Board 7 pm	<b>2</b> - Weekly Meditation Noon - White Privilege Discussion 7 pm	<b>3</b> - FRC Luncheon Noon	<b>4</b> - Christian Scienc Bible Study 11:00 am	<b>5</b> - Faith and Harm Reduction 10 am - IC Public Library
<b>6</b> <b>Worship Service@ 10:15</b> <b>World Communion</b> - Choir 9:00 - Sunday School 9:15 - Children's Church During Worship - Choir rehearsal 11:30 -	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> - Staff Meeting 11:00 am - FRC Luncheon Noon	<b>9</b> - Weekly Meditation Noon	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> - Christian Scienc Bible Study 11:00 am	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> <b>Worship Service@ 10:15</b> - Choir 9:00 - Sunday School 9:15 - Children's Church During Worship - Choir rehearsal 11:30 am - <i>Laramie Project</i> reading 1pm.	<b>14</b> - Knitting Group 2 pm	<b>15</b> - Membership 5:30 pm - Trustees 7 pm - Stewardship 7 pm	<b>16</b> - Weekly Meditation Noon - FRC Luncheon Noon	<b>17</b> - Women's Lunch @ Monica's. 11:45 am 	<b>18</b> - Christian Scienc Bible Study 11:00 am - Homecoming Dinner, Parade and brat sale 4 pm	<b>19</b> Men's Breakfast 8 am at the Waterfront HyVee.
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**Progressive Dinner 2019 Sign-Up Form**

**Saturday, November 2**

**5:00 pm - 9:15 pm**

**Dinner catered by The Bread Garden**

**Rotisserie Chicken, Garlic Whipped Potatoes, Oven Roasted Vegetables and Bread**

**\$13.50 per person**

**We/I would like to participate by attending:**

**Names:** \_\_\_\_\_

**How you'd prefer to be contacted:**

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**or**

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**We/I would like to participate by providing the following:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Providing hors d'oeuvres for 8-10 people**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Providing dessert for 8-10 people**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Hosting the main course for 8-10 people**

**We start together as a group for drinks/appetizers, then move in small groups to host homes for the main course, and then regroup for dessert.**

**Please check other options to help us plan:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **bringing children**

\_\_\_\_\_ **need transportation**

\_\_\_\_\_ **need accessible location**

\_\_\_\_\_ **vegetarian**

**Make checks payable to Congregational UCC.**

**Checks may be placed in offering plate with this form (in an envelope marked "Progressive Dinner" to help us keep them straight) or returned with your payment to the church office by October 20.**

**For more information contact**

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#### **PARKING INFORMATION**

Parking is available evenings and all day Sunday at the IMU or North Hall Parking Ramps.

Ask your usher for a voucher (or get one from the church office).

#### **SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

10:15 a.m.      Worship  
11:15 a.m.      Fellowship

Church Office is open Monday - Friday 9-3pm

#### **OUR CHURCH STAFF**

<b>Pastor:</b>	<b>The Rev. William Lovin</b>
Office Manager:	Nan Martin
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