



THE MESSENGER


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**3RD GRADE
BIBLES**

OCTOBER 15TH@10
For 3rd graders & older children
See Ms. Becca for more details.



DINNER & DISCIPLESHIP
L.I.F.T. Dinner is October 4
from 6-6:45pm in the
Commons.

Join us as learn to Live in Faith Together.
We will pray and play together while
enjoying breakfast for dinner!
To RSVP text LIFTDINNER
to the church phone number.

"Glory Sound"
October 15th
5:00 PM

Old-fashioned Hymn Sing
featuring the SUMC Chancel Choir

Sycamore United Methodist Church, 160 Johnson Avenue, Sycamore, IL 60178
815-895-9113
www.sycamoreumc.org

**COSTUME SUNDAY &
TRUNK OR TREAT**
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

11:30AM-12:30PM IN SOUTH LOT
CANDY DONATIONS APPRECIATED
SIGN-UP YOUR TRUNK IN CONCOURSE

SUMC's Fall
CRAFT SHOW
Friday, October 27, 11-5:30
Saturday, October 28, 9-4

FOOD CONCESSION AVAILABLE

**\$2.00
Admission**



Don't forget that service
times are altered due to
Pumpkinfest—
the **October 28th**
Saturday Service takes
place at **6:00 p.m.**, and
there is only one service
Sunday the 29th
at **9:15 a.m.**

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October 2023 Worship Schedule



Saturdays at 5:00pm;
Sundays at 8:30 and 10:00am
Children's Sunday School at 10:00am

www.facebook.com/SUMCIllinois/ or
www.youtube.com/results?searchquery=sycamore+umc

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR OCTOBER

Sept.30/Oct. 1 - 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 17:1-7
Matthew 21:23-32

October 7/8 - 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 20: Several verses
Matthew 21:33-46

October 14/15 - 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Laity Sunday
Exodus 32:1-14
Matthew 22:1-14

October 21/22 - 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 33:12-23
Matthew 22:15-22

October 28/29 - 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday at 6:00pm
Sunday one service at 9:15am
Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Matthew 22:34-46



YOUR ATTENDANCE MATTERS...

Please sign-in on the attendance pad in the pew or by texting "checkin" to the church phone number at 815-895-9113. If you're watching online you can sign-in by texting or by making a comment on Facebook when you're watching.

LITURGISTS NEEDED!

If you would be interested in being a liturgist or reader during the 10:00am worship service on Sundays please contact the church office.



Those for whom we pray:

Nancy	Amanda Bertolozzi
Sam Rucker and	Elba I. Rosario
Cris Woodin	(Pastor Luis' mother)
Don Clayberg	Lillian Welch
Pat	Diane Mathey
Sue	Ron Skelton
Pat Theyse & family	Kathy Griswold
Lillian Mikan	Doris Sloniker
Doris Gangwer	Jessica Hagendorn
Mary	Helen Meadowcraft
Tammy Hemmelgarn	Cynthia Kosusnik
Milz/Weimer Family	Brenda Mendez
David Dykema	Charlee
Christine Poppens	

We extend our sympathies to the family of:

Joe Richard
Randy Peterson

The Service Personnel and Their Families

Cpt. Mark Browning,	E4SPC Alexis Jones
*SGT Ben Bushno	E3PFC Max Keller
SGT Shaune Clark	A1C Brock Larson
SGT Matthew Einhorn	*Maj Steve Haack
PFC Timothy Einhorn	SPC Caden Grimaldi
PO1 Frank Incapreo	PV2 Rachel McMillion
SSG Christopher Isabel	*CPL Joshua Caraballo
Lt. Col. Garrett Slack	SPC Sutit Jackson
SFC Matthew "Scott" Stewart	PV2 Liam Keller
*LT Matthew Herbaugh	E-5 PO Hayden Royer
PVT Trevor Bassett	E-3 Amanda Royer
PO3 Samuel V. Bell	<i>*indicates deployed personnel</i>
SGT Brock Grimaldi	



Please keep your pastors & your church family informed!

As policies surrounding confidentiality and patient's rights continue to be adjusted, hospitals and nursing homes no longer contact church offices to notify them that church members have been admitted. To insure that you desire and receive pastoral care, please call the church office, or have a friend/family member call on your behalf.

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

LET THE HARVEST BEGIN

Fall harvest is underway and with it the hope of a bountiful return from spring plantings. God calls us to bring our first yield from the harvest to him as an offering. In Leviticus 23:10 we read, "When you come into the land which I give you and reap its harvest, then you shall bring a sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest to the priest." You don't have to be a farmer to get the idea of "first fruits" being relevant. The scripture is saying whatever form your income takes, you freely give first in worshipful thanks to God for all he has done for you. You are giving as a celebration to God, with no guilt or obligation.



Author Jesse Wisnewski in his article "Guide to Understand First Fruits Offerings," says making a first fruit offering opens us up to allow God to work in our life. He points out that when we approach God with open hands – rather than clenched fists- we show God we are obedient to him and he can trust us to be his active disciples here on earth.

Please pray, prioritize, and give your first fruits in support of the mission and ministries of Sycamore United Methodist Church. You may securely give online at www.sycamoreumc.org/giving or by texting "giving" to 815-895-9113. Checks may be mailed to the church at 160 Johnson Avenue, Sycamore, IL 60178.

DISCIPLESHIP AND SPIRITUAL FORMATION

- Discipleship's Table Talk - 9:15-9:55am (see below for more details)
- LIFT Dinner on October 4th at 6:00pm
- 3rd Grade Bible Sunday is October 15th



Join us for Discipleship Time from 9:15-9:55 each week in the Lounge.

We kick things off in the first two weeks with "Coffee with Clergy". Sit down with Pastor Hannah on October 1st and Pastor Luis on October 8th to learn more about them and engage in conversation about the church.

Starting October 15th through Advent we will discuss the book, Brave Church. Let's be brave together and learn to talk about sensitive issues with Brave Church by Elizabeth Hagan. Becca Rome will guide us as we create a safe place to talk about our thoughts or struggles without fear of judgement. Materials will be available in the Resource Center if you would like.

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

- Youth Group for Middle and High School youth meets each Sunday at 6:00pm
- Young Adult Bible Study meets each Tuesday at 6:30pm
- Costume Sunday and Trunk or Treat on October 22
- Movie Night - "Coco" on Friday, November 3rd at 5:30pm

Youth Group meets weekly on Sunday evenings from 6:00-7:30. Anyone in grades 6-12 is welcome to join us for a time of faith, fellowship, and food (dinner)! We also need adult volunteers to help at youth group – please contact Pastor Hannah if you are interested.

The Young Adult Bible Study meets weekly on Tuesdays from 6:30-8 PM in the activity room off the kitchen. Anyone over high school age is welcome to join us for a meal and conversation. This fall we are studying the book of Genesis.

Family Ministry - Mark your calendars for our next family ministries event: a family movie night on Friday, November 3rd at 5:30pm featuring Disney's *Coco*!



Pastor Hannah will be hosting office hours at the Starbucks next to Meijer (not the one inside!) from 3:30-5:30 on Mondays this fall. Stop by for a chat, a cup of coffee, or just to say hi, and email her at pastorhannah@sycamoreumc.org if you'd like to schedule a different time to meet!

WORSHIP, MUSIC AND ARTS

- Children's Choirs meets Wednesday's 5:30-6:00 p.m.
- Chancel Choir Meets Wednesday's 7-8:30 pm
- Handbell Choir Meets Thursday's 7-8:15 pm
- "GlorySound" - singing the great hymns and gospel songs (with a few new ones too!) is Sunday, October 15 @ 5 pm



Very much in need of tech people. Vido and audio/sound tech's.

If anyone plays an instrument or wishes to sing/play/dance/does dramatic readings/drama please let me or worship and arts team know!

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND OUTREACH

- Downtown Trick or Treating on Thursday, October 26.

Halloween Candy Needed - We're looking for donations of wrapped Halloween Candy which will be passed out during the community Trick or Treating in downtown Sycamore on Thursday, October 26 AND will be used for our Trunk or Treat event on October 22 (more details on that will be coming soon). There will be a collection box in the Concourse for your donations.



ABC PRESCHOOL

- Our Mission Project this month will be “*The Pink Party*” to support breast cancer survivors.
- Open House and Book Fair will be on Monday, October 16 beginning at 6:00pm
- Collection item of the month will be empty plastic spice jars and plastic clear containers with lids. We use them in our dramatic play areas this month.
- Pumpkin Festival Flags are now on sale. Get yours in the ABC Preschool office.



MISSIONS AND MINISTRIES

MEALS ON WHEELS

Would you be interested in delivering Meals on Wheels during the month of October? It only takes about an hour to an hour and a half of your time. Please contact Debbie at the church office (815-895-9113) if you would like more information or would like to participate.



COAT MINISTRY TO BEGIN IN OCTOBER

FALL IS HERE! Coats in our Coat Ministry will be in great demand when it begins on October 16th! Think of us for all your clean, good, used coats. A bin will be available for donations in the Concourse.

HOPE HAVEN MEAL ASSISTANCE NEEDED FOR OCTOBER

Prepare or buy just one course or the entire meal to feed 50 people! Deliver your contribution to Hope Haven in DeKalb or drop it off at the church by 3:30 on Monday. **Please call the church (815-895-9113) to let us know which delivery option you will be using. Sign-up at the Resource Center in the Concourse or by calling the church office at 815-895-9113.**



OUR FOOD PANTRY IS CONTINUING TO SERVE ITS CLIENTS EACH MONDAY

Present needs are: canned soup, canned fruit. Canned meals (i.e. ravioli or spaghetti's) Monetary donations are always welcome. Let's remember that there are those who don't know where their next supper will come from.



UWF WILL ONCE AGAIN BE SELLING THE DELICIOUS FRONTIER SOUP MIXES

These are gluten free and can be made with low sodium broth. We will be selling the soups at the Pumpkin Fest Craft Sale. In addition we will have knitted pumpkins, soup cozies, art photographs, gift baskets, and other surprises. We have favorites like broccoli cheddar, chicken stew, and tortilla soup. There will also be some new flavors you will want to try. Soup packets are \$10. These items make wonderful gifts for teachers, hairdressers, pet sitters, hostesses, neighbors, friends, and family. Come see us at the Craft Fair.



ALL SAINTS DAY—NOVEMBER 4 AND 5

We will be celebrating All Saint's Day, on November 4th and 5th at all services of worship. We will read the names of members and friends of the congregation who have passed away in the last twelve months. As candles are lit in their memory, bells are also rung. As we did last year, we are going to create a visual program with photos that are submitted. It is a loving tribute and a chance to honor those we miss so much. **If you would like to have your loved one remembered in this manner (photograph), please submit up to three pictures/photos to the church office by October 31st.** You can stop by, mail, or e-mail your pictures to the church.



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Drive-Thru Dinner on October 18, 2023

Pick-up from 4:30-6:30pm

Pulled Pork Sandwich Dinner from Slo Smoke BBQ
Meal includes: Pulled Pork Sandwich, Cowboy Beans,
Coleslaw, Applesauce & Bud's Sweet BBQ Sauce

Hosted by the Sycamore Stutz Fire Preservation Co.



OCTOBER 2023 EVENTS CALENDAR

The deadline for the November issue of The Messenger is October 20th

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY 8:30 and 10:00 AM Sunday Worship Services 9:15 AM Discipleship Table Talk 10:00 AM Children's Sunday School 11:30 AM New Disciple/Member Class 2:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 2304 6:00 PM Middle & High School Youth Group	2 9:00 AM Faithful Fitness 12:00 PM Food Pantry 6:00 PM Staff Pastor Parish Relations 6:00 PM Adult Bible Study "The Book of Joshua"	3 12:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Pack 141 Den 1 6:00 PM Pack 141 Den 3 6:30 PM Young Adult Bible Study	4 9:00 AM Faithful Fitness 10:50 AM Adult Bible Study "The Brave Church" 4:00 PM Christian Kids 6:00 PM L.I.F.T. Dinner 5:30 PM Children's Choirs 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Confirmation Class of 2024	5 9:15 AM ABC Preschool PTO 4:00 PM TOPS 5:00 PM Kish Valley Storm 6:00 PM Visioning Team 6:00 PM Pack 141 Den 2 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study "The Brave Church" 7:00 PM Handbell Choir	6	7 7:30 AM UMM Breakfast 5:00 PM Saturday Worship Service 6:15 PM Book Study "Mom, I'm Gay"
8 NEW DISCIPLE/MEMBER INTRODUCTION 8:30 and 10:00 AM Sunday Worship Services 9:15 AM Discipleship Table Talk 10:00 AM Children's Sunday School 6:00 PM Middle & High School Youth Group	9 9:00 AM Faithful Fitness 12:00 PM Magic Mondays 12:00 PM Food Pantry 5:30 PM Finance and Stewardship Committee 6:00 PM Discipleship Committee 6:00 PM Adult Bible Study "The Book of Joshua"	10 9:30 AM Mary Circle 12:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Pack 141 Den 4 6:30 PM Young Adult Bible Study	11 9:00 AM Faithful Fitness 10:00 AM The Great Commission Team 10:50 AM Adult Bible Study "The Brave Church" 4:00 PM Christian Kids 5:30 PM Children's Choirs 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Confirmation Class of 2024	12 4:00 PM TOPS 5:00 PM Kish Valley Storm 6:00 PM Pack 141 Dens 5 & 6 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study "The Brave Church" 7:00 PM Handbell Choir	13 6:00 PM Pack 141 Meeting	14 5:00 PM Saturday Worship Service 6:15 PM Book Study "Mom, I'm Gay"
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29 9:15 AM Sunday Worship Service (1 service only)	30 9:00 AM Faithful Fitness 12:00 PM Magic Mondays 12:00 PM Food Pantry 12:00 PM Coat Ministry 6:00 PM Adult Bible Study "The Book of Joshua" 6:00 PM Congregational Care 6:45 PM PRIDE Comm.	21 12:00 PM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM UWF Mission Team 6:00 PM Pack 141 Den 4 6:30 PM Young Adult Bible Study	November 1 9:00 AM Faithful Fitness 10:50 AM Adult Bible Study 4:00 PM Christian Kids 5:30 PM Children's Choirs 6:00 PM L.I.F.T. Dinner 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Confirmation Class of 2024	2 4:00 PM TOPS 6:00 PM Visioning Team 6:00 PM Pack 141 Den 2 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study 7:00 PM Handbell Choir	3 5:30 PM Movie Night "Coco"	4 7:30 AM UMM Breakfast 5:00 PM Saturday Worship Service