
Vision

October 2019

PUMPKIN CARVING PARTY

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30TH

**FROM 6:00 - 7:30 PM IN THE
FELLOWSHIP HALL**



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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31ST

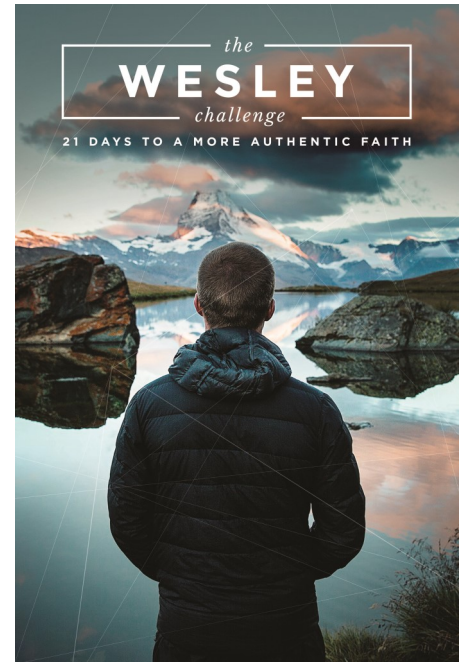
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Serving ~ Strengthening ~ Connecting ~ Our Community

- ~ *Serve* our community in the name of Jesus Christ by spreading the Good News of God's unlimited love and forgiveness;
- ~ *Strengthen* faith through Christian education for people of all ages;
- ~ *Connect* in Christian fellowship with our family, our community, and the world.

Pastor's Page

For the next season of our life together our church will be participating in *The Wesley Challenge*, an all-encompassing experience that seeks to help us all engage with our faith in a more authentic way. Originally designed to be a 21 day challenge, we will be expanding it to six weeks, from October 6th to November 11th. In worship, small group study, and social media resources, this congregation will be focused on how we can deepen our relationships with God, Self, and Others in real and felt ways. It is also a way to get in touch with our Methodist roots, bringing aspects of the early Methodist movement into the 21st century.



What is the Wesley Challenge?

The Wesley Challenge is based on the Holy Club that John Wesley was a part of at Oxford. The Holy Club was a small group that regularly met to study scripture, pray, serve the poor, visit the imprisoned, and engage in other acts of piety and mercy that helped to develop a deeper faith. The Wesley Challenge does not require you to join a Holy Club, rather, it is a means to open our hearts, minds, and hands to develop a lifestyle rooted in discipleship. Each week we will focus on 3-4 questions, that Wesley would have asked Holy Club members, and talk about how we engage with those questions in our lives. We will also participate in 3-4 challenges, each meant to help us practice a commitment to God and doing God's work in the world.

What are the Questions?

1. Is Jesus real to me?
2. Am I enjoying prayer?
3. Do I insist upon doing something about which my conscience is uneasy?
4. Did the Bible live in me today?
5. Did I disobey God in anything?
6. Do I pray about the money I spend?
7. Do I give time for the Bible to speak to me every day?
8. Am I proud?
9. Am I defeated in any part of my life?
10. Do I go to bed on time and get up on time?
11. Do I grumble or complain constantly?
12. Am I a slave to dress, friends, work, or habits?
13. How do I spend my spare time?
14. Am I self-conscious, self-pitying, or self-justifying?
15. Do I thank God that I am not like others?
16. Am I consciously or unconsciously creating the impression that I am better than I am? In other words am I a hypocrite?
17. Do I confidentially pass on to others what was told to me in confidence?
18. Am I jealous, impure, critical, irritable, touchy, or distrustful?
19. Am I honest in all my actions and words, or do I exaggerate?
20. Is there anyone who I fear, dislike, disown, criticize, hold resentment toward, or disregard?
21. When did I last speak to someone about my faith?

What will we get out of this?

My hope is that you will find a way to engage with God, yourself, and with others in a way that is authentic, real, and helps to deepen your faith. I hope that this will be a challenge for you, and that you engage with it truthfully and honestly. It is only through challenge that we can grow in our faith, and it's only with truth and honesty that the growth will stick. I also hope that this will be something that we can invite others to join us with. If you know someone in your life who is seeking to connect with God in a different way, strengthen their faith, or explore what faith can mean today, invite them to join us: Invite them to Monday lunch studies, to Sunday worship, or share each challenge that will be put up on our Facebook page!

CUMC Youth Group

“**Wild and Free**” is taken from **Galatians 5:1**

“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.”

To live wild and free means to be true to yourself, to live unapologetically and entirely who you are at your deepest, most authentic core. It means owning your imperfections as much as your strengths and claiming both as worthy and valuable parts of yourself.

In Christ we have been set free to live our lives genuinely!

Wild & Free Student Ministry meets
every Wednesday from 6:00-7:30pm.

Youth Group is for anyone in 6th-12th grade.
Friends are always welcome!

Wild & Free

STUDENT MINISTRY

Sam Norberg is a Junior at Caledonia High School, where he is involved in DECA, Key Club, Boy Scouts and Cross Country.

In his free time Sam enjoys music, art, writing, working out, computer programming and life guarding.

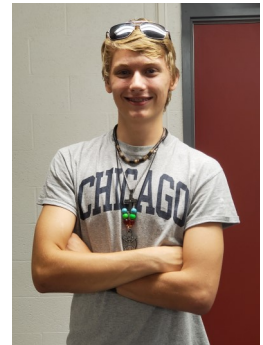
Some of his “favorites” include:

Animal: Military Dog

Color: Cyan

Food: Anything spicy

School subject: Advanced Programming



YOUTH

of the Month

Sam’s favorite thing about church is the Hymnal because he loves to sing!

Take a moment to connect with our youth and say “hello” the next time you see Sam.



The Trustees will be having a **WORK BEE** on

Saturday, October 12 at 9:00 am.

There will be a job for everyone, inside and outside the church.

A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.



Once again we will be holding our annual pumpkin carving night on

Wednesday, October 30th from 6:00-7:30 pm.

***Kids of all ages are welcome,
as are the "kids at heart."***

Pumpkins will be provided, but please bring your own carving supplies, designs and ideas, and a snack to share. Hope to see you there!!



Indoor Trick-or-Treating

It's October, yea! October is a fun month. The leaves are turning beautiful colors, the fall foods are delicious, the pumpkins are ready for picking to make pies and jack-o-lanterns AND at the end of the month is the fun filled holiday celebration - Halloween!

On Halloween night from 6:00 - 8:00 pm our church will open it's doors to the Fellowship Hall to welcome community trick-or-treaters and their families. Hot chocolate, coffee, lemonade and water will be available the entire evening. Hotdogs and chips will be available for the first hour or until they are gone.

To make this happen we need people to decorate a table and hand out goodies. Plan for around 200 treats, depending on the weather. Our Halloween guests look forward to voting on their favorite tables. The categories are "Best Decorated", "Scariest" and "Best Treats". There are prizes for the winning tables. The church will be open by 4:30 pm which will give you plenty of time to decorate your table.

We need your help to make this a fun and successful evening.

- ◆ Lawn signs advertising this even will be available for pick-up on the second Sunday in October.
- ◆ People are needed to decorate tables and hand out goodies.
- ◆ Kitchen help is needed to cook the hotdogs and keep the food and drinks readily available.

Contact Chris Hayden by calling or texting 616-822-6196 if you want to help with the food.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday

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| 4 ~ Gary Besteman | 18 ~ Sallie Niles |
| 5 ~ Patti Kohl | 19 ~ Valdis Arins |
| 9 ~ Dennis Homminga | 28 ~ David DeVries |
| 11 ~ Ardith VanderBee | ~ Tamara Hammond |
| 12 ~ Tyler Cross | ~ Stuart Kohl |
| 14 ~ Carole Strong | 29 ~ Wyatt Overholt |
| ~ Hayden Kohl | 31 ~ Suellen Claflin |
| 17 ~ Fred Bradley | ~ Sherill Fahrni |
| ~ Kraig Spear | |

Happy Anniversary

- 17 ~ Chuck & Judy Swift



If you don't see your name on our birthday and anniversary list, please let us know so you can be included!

Trustee of the month
Judy Kidder

Worship Leaders

Acolyte

- 6 ~ Tzila Handley
13 ~ Rich Overmire
20 ~ Bob Lillie
27 ~ Jillian Bellmore

Coffee Hour Hosts (setup/cleanup)

- 6 ~ Rich & Dianna Overmire
13 ~ Trustees (Cinnamon Rolls)
20 ~ *Volunteers Needed*
27 ~ *Volunteers Needed*

Counters

- 6 ~ *Volunteers Needed*
13 ~ Jim & Jayne Porritt & Vicki Young
20 ~ *Volunteers Needed*
27 ~ *Volunteers Needed*

Hospitality

- 6 ~ *Volunteers Needed*
13 ~ *Volunteers Needed*
20 ~ *Volunteers Needed*
27 ~ *Volunteers Needed*

Liturgist

- 6 ~ John Robinson
13 ~ Steve Kepsel
20 ~ Rich Overmire
27 ~ Patti Faist

Nursery Attendant

- 6 ~ Mona Jacobs
13 ~ Laurie Seper
20 ~ Shirley Besteman
27 ~ Eliz Gundlach

Sunday School Teacher

- 6 ~ Nancy Duiven
13 ~ Erin Benjamin
20 ~ Nancy Duiven
27 ~ Barb Snyder

Ushers

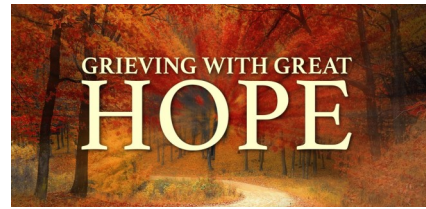
- 6 ~ Tom & Barb Snyder
13 ~ Rich & Dianna Overmire
20 ~ Dianna Overmire
27 ~ Mark & Barb Freeman

Worship Technician

- 6 ~ Thom Kohl
13 ~ John Robinson
20 ~ Thom Kohl
27 ~ Mike Sackett

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:00 pm Handbell Practice 7:00 pm Choir Practice	2 9:30 am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Wild & Free Student Ministry	3 10:00am UMW 6:30 pm Scout Planning	4	5
6 10:00 am Worship 12:00 pm Brann's Fundraiser	7 12:00 pm "The Wesley Challenge" 1:00 pm SPRC & Ad. Council w/ DS 4:00 pm Outreach 7:00 pm Scouts	8 1:00 pm Pieceful Quilters 6:00 pm Handbell Practice 7:00 pm Choir Practice	9 9:30 am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Wild & Free Student Ministry	10 6:30 pm Finance Committee 7:15 pm Ad. Council	11	12 8:00 am Trustees 9:00 am Work Bee 
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20 10:00am Worship (GCCP Presentation) 12:00 pm Pizza Hut Fundraiser	21 10:00 am Mission Committee 12:00 pm "The Wesley Challenge" 7:00 pm Church Conference 7:00 pm Scout Meeting	22 9:00 am Pieceful Quilters 6:00 pm Handbell Practice 7:00 pm Choir Practice 	23 9:30 am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Wild & Free Student Ministry	24 1:30 pm Book Club 6:30 pm Endowment Committee	25	26
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Holy Family Catholic Church, Caledonia, is hosting a grief program in the coming months to assist people in their grief journey.



Holy Family will offer “**GRIEVING WITH GREAT HOPE**”, a six-week grief support workshop for anyone who is grieving the death of a loved one. “Grieving with Great Hope gives people who are mourning the loss of a loved one a path through the valley of grief. It connects people with people, here on earth and on their way home. And in the end, we are all led to the Great Healer, Jesus Christ, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.” – Fr. John Riccardo. If you have lost a spouse, a child (including pregnancy loss), a grandchild, a parent, another family member or a friend, you are encouraged to attend. The presentations are on DVD and then there is time for prayer and supportive discussion led by a facilitator. Guided by the Holy Spirit, *Grieving with Great Hope* is presented by **Good Mourning Ministry**. Both have been through their own *valley of grief*, and in this workshop offer personal and professional insight on what can help as you journey through yours. Their website has many testimonials from people just like you who have been touched by loss, but have come to understand what it means to *grieve with great hope*. “**Grieving with Great Hope**” beautifully combines practical wisdom, personal sharing, and meaningful ritual that together point people back to Christ for healing of their hearts. The group begins Sunday, **Nov. 3** and runs for 6 weeks from 3:00 - 5:00 pm. Registration or more information is available by contacting Christine Shafer, Director of Pastoral Care & Faith Formation, at 616-891-9259 x224 or cshafer@holyfamilyscaledonia.org or on their website, www.holyfamilyscaledonia.org. Please register by Oct. 28; please pre-register for childcare at least one week in advance.

Women In Step will meet at noon on Wednesday, October 31st at American Legion Post 305 in Caledonia.

The **United Methodist Women** will meet at 10:00 am on Thursday, October 4th. We will have our regular meeting followed by an appreciation luncheon at **Kids' Food Basket** where we regularly volunteer.

You're invited to an open house in honor of Carol Strong's 80th birthday!

We will celebrate in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, October 19th from 1:00 - 3:00 pm.



Book Club meetings have been moved to the last Monday of the month at 6:30 pm, at Nancy Duiven's home (9100 84th St. Alto, MI) unless otherwise noted. October's meeting is a "field trip" and will be an exception to the norm.

Thursday, October 24th at 1:30 pm - leaving from the church - dress warm or layered

"Cloud Cottage" by Barbara Bull

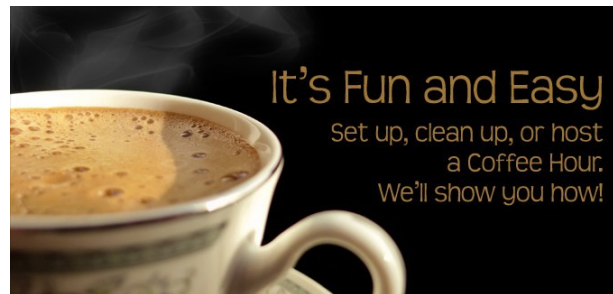
Obtain book from Nancy Duiven, Steve Kepsel or Sharon Burkart.

Not available from the Library.

Monday, November 25th

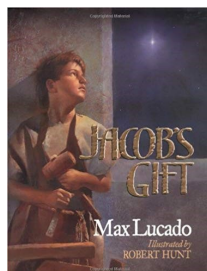
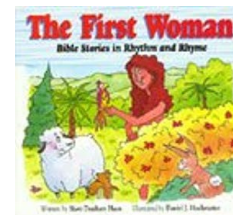
"All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr

December - No meeting due to Christmas



CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

The highlighted book for younger children is
"The First Woman: Bible Stories in Rhythm and Rhyme"
by Sheri Dunham-Haan



Middle to late elementary children will enjoy
the new addition to the library
"Jacob's Gift" by Max Lucado.

Junior and senior high kids should check out
"Imagine... the Great Flood" by Matt Koeiech.



HAPPY READING!

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*Join us on Saturday October 12th for
our annual Fall Work Bee!*



The October Trustee meeting will begin at 8:00 am, followed by our church-wide Fall Work Bee at 9:00 am.

Everyone is invited to help out with small projects to get our church facility ready for the winter season.