

October 2020 Harbinger

Fall Has Begun



“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:” Ecclesiastes 3:1

We are officially into the Fall season for 2020! I love the Fall, cooler temperatures, orchards, flannel shirts, hay rides, campfires, hot cider.. I especially love the colors of the leaves as they turn before they fall off! I love it all! It just seems to be so short! And then winter comes, but let’s not go there until we have to!

There is a time for everything! When we look at the seasons, Winter; Summer; Spring and Fall. There’s a natural cycle that happens. We come to expect the changes and experience either hot, warm, cold or chilly weather. Sometimes we have longer seasons than others. Sometimes we have hot weather a lot longer than normal in the Summer and a shorter Fall. With that being said, we can most usually count on a change will be happening and usually on a pretty close schedule of time.

God has things planned this way. Is our climate changing, I believe so. Is that a bad thing, I don’t know for sure. Life is about change isn’t it? Nothing stays the same! Ever!

The only one that never changes is God our Creator! He is the same yesterday, today and forever! I am so thankful for that!

In our news today things keep changing all of the time and it becomes hard to keep up and to know what’s true or untrue! Should we be informed, absolutely! Should we always take everything as being true no matter what? No!

The Lord has given us a brain and the ability for us to learn, grow and seek wisdom for our lives and the lives of our loved ones and friends! Wisdom, discernment and truth! We are told in the Word of God to test the spirits. 1 John 4:1-2a “Dear Friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God.”

Also remember “Ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom and revelation, and your eyes will be enlightened with his knowledge” Ephesians 1:17-18

Keep the faith! God goes before us!! Test all things against the Word of God with the power and discernment of the Holy Spirit! I pray all of you are blessed and know that I am praying for all of you!!

With much love,
Pastor Gwen



October Birthdays

5th Melody Quante
13th Sandy Camden
18th Beth Mahuron
Lori Leach
22nd Billie Geise
23rd Kim Hardy
24th Morgan Geise
26th Bill Austerman

QUOTES FROM CHURCH BULLETINS

Don't let worry kill you – let the church help.

Thursday night – Potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.

For those of you who have children and didn't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Sunday a special collection will be taken to defray the cost of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the new carpet will come forward and do so.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be “What is Hell?” Come early and listen to our choir practice.

This afternoon there will be a meeting in the South and North ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.



Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the gift cards. Doing what I am to help more disciples for Christ to transform the world is my mission and I never expected such a generous "thank you". Together we grow in grace.

Blessings. Cindy

Dear Grand Avenue Church Family,

Our family would like to thank you for the flowers, the beautiful service and the wonderful dinner given in honor of our mother. She loved your church and the people there. Thanks also for all the cards and support you gave here since moving. You are truly a blessing.

The family of Jean Ullery



A special thank you to all of you who do so much for the church and the parsonage to keep it running smoothly and looking great! You are so appreciated!

Buy your tickets now!!!!



PANSY PARK QUILT

Piecemakers have made a large quilt (88" x 109"), "Pansy Park", for which tickets are now available. 6 for \$5 or \$1 each. We do not yet have a date chosen for the drawing of the lucky person. Contact Lori Dickerson, Janet Harmeyer, Connie Robb or Sandy Brown. Thanks for your support.

**GRAND AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES
September 8, 2020**

Members present were: Linda Fennell, Connie Pitcher, Robbie Geise, Chad Hodson, Pastor Gwen Pew, Roger Mapes, and Connie Robb as Secretary. Brian Robb was late due to another meeting, Donna Stern did not attend

Gwen opened the meeting with prayer and Connie read the minutes from August, which were read and approved.

The most important item of business has to do with the two leaks in the sanctuary and the breezeway and need to be repaired at the same time. The cost of the repairs is approximately \$6,700 and money is available for the repair. Tim has been backed up and will get to our job hopefully next week (Thursday, Friday and Monday).

Linda has found spiders in the building. She will call exterminator tomorrow.

It was agreed that we would purchase a water softener for the parsonage, which will be installed and maintained by Benny's Plumbing. We have \$750 and the new softener will cost around \$950. **A motion was made by Linda and seconded by Robbie Geise to approve the purchase of the water softener.**

Chad presented the financials and explained the income for August was about normal for this time of year.

Other items brought up by Roger were to put a fence around the patio at the parsonage,

A conversation addressed Sunday School classes, and/or Bible studies. All seem to be in favor of re-starting, some discussion about who, ages, when and where. Also talked about purchasing a new TV which would be wired up and be used in the education building for Bible Studies and Sunday School. Brian has been looking into sets and the cost. Roger thinks we should wait a month or so to take advantage of pre-Christmas sales.

Cindy is still working on camera/lighting problem. As Cindy said in her note, Microcenter updated the motherboard for the Church's Apple computer but that did not correct the problem. Hopefully we will get a new computer for a very reasonable cost.

Gwen asked that we give 2 gift cards (1 for gas and one for dinner to thank Cindy for all her hard, dedicated work in making the computer system workable. Linda is to get gift cards.

Connie Pitcher talked about opening Mission Mart for utility payments but not opening the store until spring of next year. Currently we give \$50 assistance to each eligible person, once a year.

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Gwen talked about Charge Conference, which will be held on November 11 from 7-9 pm (on ZOOM).

Gwen noted that the PPR will need to meet in the near future for planning yearly reviews and housekeeping for 2021. Members of the PPR include: Chairman Robbie Geise, Dave Reeve, Kathy Foerster, Roger Mapes, Connie Pitcher, Brian Robb, Donna Stern

Gwen talked about a new local ministry called STAND, which is seeking to get a shelter in place for victims of domestic violence here in Connersville. They are also promoting anti-bullying. They have asked to use our building for meetings. Four different groups would meet once a month.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be October 13, 2020.

Connie Robb, Secretary

Upcoming Dates to Remember

October 7 – Bible Study begins – 5:30 p.m. – Education Wing

October 13 – Administrative Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m. –
Education Wing

October 18 – Adult Sunday School resumes – 9:30 a.m. –
Education Wing

November 1 – Set your clocks back one hour!

November 11 – Charge Conference 7-9 p.m. – on Zoom in
the Sanctuary – all officers on the Board must attend!

**Pastor Gwen's Office Hours – Tuesday 9 – 11 a.m., Wednesday 11 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Other times by appointment.**