

River Spirit

— Church of the Good Shepherd —

UNITED METHODIST

FAITH • FAMILY • SERVICE

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*"The Lord is
my shepherd,
I lack nothing."*

PSALM 23:1



Our United Methodist Vision

The Vision of The United Methodist Church

Stepping in faith into a new season of ministry

The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, **love boldly**, **serve joyfully**, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections.



Love Boldly

We passionately love God and, like Jesus, embrace and include people of every age, nation, race, gender, and walk of life.
(Matthew 22:37-39 | John 13:34-35)



Serve Joyfully

With the heart of Christ, we journey alongside the most vulnerable among us, offering care and compassion with joy.
(Psalm 100:1 | Nehemiah 8:10 | John 13:14-15 | 1 Peter 4:10)



Lead Courageously

Following Jesus' example, we resist and dismantle all systems of evil, injustice, and oppression, striving for peace, justice, and reconciliation.

(Joshua 1:9 | Ephesians 6:10)



Important Dates

- Nov. 1** All Saints / UM Student Sunday
- Nov. 5** All Church Conference
- Nov. 8** Fellowship Brunch
- Nov. 12** UWFaith Unit Meeting
- Nov. 22** Stewardship Sunday
- Nov. 28** Hanging of the Greens
- Nov. 29** First Sunday of Advent

All are welcome!



News from the Church Office

Office Hours



Tues, Thurs, Fri
10am–3pm
and by appointment

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We're Here for You!

The church office is here to help with questions, announcements, facility requests, and more. Please feel free to call, stop in during office hours, or send us an email.



Reminders



Submit information for the newsletter by the 3rd Wednesday of the month.



Let us know of any address, phone, or email changes.



If you have a meeting or event to be added to the church calendar, please contact the office.



We are always happy to help! Don't hesitate to reach out.

Stay Connected



Visit our website (for updates, events, and more)



Follow us on Facebook (for news and photos)

*Thank you
for being part of our
church family!*



Christian Education & Faith Formation

Children's Ministry

Sunday
School
10:00am

SUNDAY SCHOOL

FOOD DRIVE



LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF:
BOXES OF OATMEAL
FRUIT SNACKS/POPTARTS

PEANUT BUTTER/TOOTHPASTE/BRUSHES/SMALL BOXES
OF SWEET TREATS/GATORADE/WATER ETC.

PLEASE NO CANS OF SOUP, DRY OR CANNED BEANS.
PERISHABLE ITEMS OR LARGE ITEMS THAT WON'T FIT
INTO A SMALL CABINET

FROM NOW TILL NOVEMBER 22ND!

ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT RUTH FREY-
GSSUNDAYSCHOOL1@GMAIL.COM

Youth Ministry



Sunday School
10:00am



Youth Group
Sundays 11:30am



Bible Study
Wednesdays 5:30pm

All are welcome! ♥

Adult Education



Bible Between Bytes
Wednesdays at 10:00am
on Zoom



Advent Study
TBA



Missions & Outreach



The purpose of our Missions Team is, first and foremost, to serve others. We intend to fulfill our mission by connecting our congregation to the many ways the Church of the Good Shepherd can, and already is, serving others at the local, national, and global levels.

Local Outreach



SENDING HOPE AND EMPOWERMENT AROUND THE WORLD AND AROUND THE CORNER

MIDWEST MISSION DISTRIBUTION CENTER MISSION

was Sunday, October 18 in Fellowship Hall after both church services. Approximately 45 church members joined in the assembly of 100 Personal Dignity Kits. This was our third on-site mission that we have brought to our church. The assembly process was easy and quickly completed. The completed kits were returned to MMDC near Springfield, where they will be distributed to areas in need.

Thank you all who assembled the kits with love and prayers, and the youth group for assisting with clean up.



National & Global Missions



Through your prayers, gifts, and service, we are able to support mission partners across the United States and around the world, sharing Christ's love in meaningful ways.

Current Needs



Please watch for upcoming donation requests and mission projects in the weekly news and bulletins. Your support makes a difference!

Opportunities to Serve



There are many ways to get involved! Whether through donations, volunteer time, or special projects, everyone has a part to play in our mission to serve others.

Thank You!

Thank you for the generous contributions, of over **\$2,200** for **Blanket Sunday**. Your donations reach many individuals who are less fortunate than we are. Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated.



United
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The UWFaith Unit
meeting has been
rescheduled to
Nov. 12 @ 7 pm.

Join us in Fellowship Hall
for our World Thank Offering.

Prayer Blankets

It's time to make Prayer
Blankets again. We will meet
on Tuesday, November 2nd,
from 9-11 in the big Sunday
School Room. All are welcome
to help. Please bring a pair of
scissors suitable to cut fleece.



New UWFaith Circle

The New UWFaith Circle, whose purpose will be to do ministry
in the community, will meet on **Sunday, Nov. 8th**, after the 10 am
service in the big Sunday School rooms. The Circle is open to
any woman who is interested. Come join us.

Share Your Blessings and Salvation Army Angel Tree

We will be offering the **Share Your Blessings**
and **Salvation Army Angel Tree** gift giving
again this year. Your support of these projects
spread holiday cheer and joy beyond our doors.



For some in our community the holidays can be tough. Every year the Church of the Good Shepherd has been the hands and feet of Jesus by helping those in need with holiday gift giving. We partner with the Kendall County Food Pantry Share Your Blessings and Salvation Army Angel Tree programs to make Christmas a little merrier for those in need in our community.

Each of these organizations provide a list of family's christmas wishes and the United Women in Faith organize these wish lists into gift buying opportunities for you. We will put out gift tags with a wish list item noted on it, in the Gathering Room. You can pick up a gift tag with a wish list item noted on it, be Santa's helper and purchase the requested item(s), and then return the item(s) you bought, with the gift tag attached, to the church before the due date.



Important Dates:

Nov. 2
Prayer Blankets

Nov. 12
Unit Meeting

Dec. 4
Chili Supper

Mark your Calendars for the Chilli and Baked Potato Bar Supper
on Dec. 4th in conjunction with Oswego's Christmas Walk. A great way to warm up and support a good cause.



Be watching the weekly eblasts for more information!
Feel free to contact Shar Momich 630-567-4994 | sharmomich@gmail.com with questions.



United Methodist Men

Our Mission Statement:

"To help men grow in Christ, so others may know Christ."

Purpose



To be a creative, supportive fellowship of men who seek to know Jesus Christ, grow spiritually, and seek daily his will.



Core Discipleship Focus



The Man

Developing spiritual leaders in everyday life



The Ministry

Building one another through fellowship and service



The Mission

Making a difference in our church, community, and the world

Our Vision



Every man in The United Methodist Church as an effective disciple of Jesus Christ.



*"As iron sharpens iron,
so one person sharpens another."*

Proverbs 27:17



Coffee Hour



Grab a coffee and join the UMM in person or online **Friday mornings at 7am**. Join us to find out what is happening with the United Methodist Men and the church.



Kendall County Food Pantry



We are always looking for people interested in helping with the UMM stocking of the Kendall County Community Food Pantry on **Wednesday evenings at 5pm**.



MEN'S LUNCH



The United Methodist Men will be having their monthly Men's Luncheon at Roadhouse 71 at 4571 IL-71, Oswego on **Wednesday, November 18 at noon**. Please join us for fellowship and a fine meal.

Fellowship Brunch

Sunday, Nov. 8th
9:15 - 10:30am

Theme:

Thankful for You



Menu:

- ★ Egg casseroles
- ★ Tater tots
- ★ English muffins
- ★ Fruit truffles
- ★ Fruit
- ★ Muffins
- ★ Breads
- ★ Juices

Join us for a delicious breakfast, good fellowship, and a chance to connect with friends new and old. All are welcome!

Church Ornaments



Front

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.

Matthew 3:16

Back

The 2026 ornament has been designed, as in the past, by Church member Tracy Johnson. The dove, on the front of the ornament is a rendering of the descending dove at the top of the window given in memory of C. Ferdinand Shoger, by his wife Minnie Shoger. According to "The Stories of the Windows" written by The Church of the Good Shepherd History Co., the dove symbolizes purity, peace and serves as a messenger of God's will.

The reverse side of the ornament displays Scripture, Matthew 3:16.

This year's ornaments are
\$13.00 each.

A limited amount of previous years' ornaments will also be available for purchase for \$10.00 each.

We anticipate the ornaments to be available for purchase from the church office and Sunday mornings between services beginning Nov. 8th, in the Gathering Room.

Proceeds from ornament sales support the General Fund.

Nativity Display



We are excited to announce that the Nativity Scene Display will be back this year for the Oswego Christmas Walk on **Friday, December 4.**

As you unpack your Christmas decorations, please consider letting us borrow your Nativity set for our display in the sanctuary. We take special care with your sets.

A signup sheet and dates for drop off will be located in the Gathering Room. Please label your boxes and nativity with your name and phone #.

Any questions, please call Pam Dodson at 630-554-1203.

How Can You Serve?

The nominations committee is looking for members for the following committees.

- ★ One more Trustee is needed
- ★ One more Staff Parish
- ★ Two more Nominations
- ★ Memorials Chairperson

If you feel you could help in any of these positions, please see any member of the nominations committee or contact Diane in the church office.

All Saints Sunday

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026

On All Saints Sunday, we give thanks for the faithful lives of those who have gone before us and now rest in God's eternal love.

We remember their witness, their faith, and the ways they have blessed our lives and our church family.

"They are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who is seated on the throne will shelter them with his presence."

REVELATION 7:15

We Remember

We give thanks for the lives of the following loved ones who have gone before us this past year and now rest in God's eternal care.

Alice Besch, Mother of Cliff Besch
Gary Blocker, Father of Kevin Blocker
Seth Bonebrake, Son of Michelle Songer
Gary Bornancin, Brother of Dennis Bornancin
Verne Brown, Grandfather of Billy Leleika
Gwen Dreyer, Sister of Stan McGraw
Rev. Philip M. Dripps
Bonnie Ederati
Wen Gualtieri, Mother of Jennifer Kaufman.
Hazel Wolf Hise, Aunt of Barb Wood
Dave Holdeman
Marlis Hutchinson, Mother of Beth Carter

Joseph Johnsen
Deanna Jones, Sister of Ed Bradley
Ron Mallec
Judy Nott
Candace "Candi" Pence, Sister of Jackie Herhalt
Danny Penns., Son in Law of Judy & Bob Mead
James Peterman, the brother of Judy Luytjes
Marilyn Punke, Beloved Friend of Bob and Jeanni Baker
Fred Randazzo, father of Joel Randazzo.
Nancy Schroeder
Delroy Sweeney, Uncle of Sara Poniatowski
Fred Turk, Father of Susan Severson
Paul Yarbrough, Jr., Nephew of Tom & Cheryl Todd

*Happy
Birthday!*

May your
new year be
filled with
God's blessings
today and
always!

November Birthdays

11/1	Pam Fabere	11/15	Judy Bieritz
11/3	Daniel Carty	11/17	Ted Arison
11/3	Nate Giffin	11/18	Jeanni Baker
11/3	Lucas Ingram	11/18	Arlene Bentley
11/4	Lynne Reinert	11/18	Naomi Farrow
11/5	Bea Dunteman	11/20	Judy Hafenrichter
11/6	Debby Ingram	11/21	Denny Bornancin
11/7	Jim Bonebrake	11/21	Tyler Roberts
11/7	Pat Herhalt	11/22	Neil Schilling
11/7	Stan McGraw	11/23	Nicholas Logston
11/7	Crystal Robinson	11/24	Elizabeth Adeofe
11/7	Barb Schilling	11/24	Chuck Bentley
11/10	Jacquelyn Mendez	11/25	Jackie Herhalt
11/11	Dick Kolloff	11/26	Denny Hard
11/11	Carlene Lindo	11/26	Allison Hartness
11/13	Pam Roberts	11/26	Judy Mead
		11/28	Ruth Kurtz
		11/30	Sara Poniatowski

*Give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good;
his love endures forever.*

PSALM 107:1

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*"For I know the plans
I have for you,"
declares the Lord,
"plans to prosper you
and not to harm you,
plans to give you hope
and a future."*

JEREMIAH 29:11

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Preschool**

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Teacher's Aide: Vincenza Ferguson



Choir Director

Jonathan Tatar



**Organist &
HandBell Choir Director**

Cheryl Todd



Pianist

Sue Gilla



**Reborn Praise Band
Band Leader**

Jon Conover



Custodian

Bonnie Kennedy

We're Here for You!

Whether you have a question, need prayer, or are looking for ways to get involved, our church staff is here to help. We are grateful for the people who serve in these important ministries and for all who make our church a welcoming and caring community.