

“A Piece of the Rock”



Fall Issue 2020

Dear Friends and Members of the Rockwell City UMC:

Once again it's time to catch everyone up on news that is delivered safely and in a way that is easily understood. There are two topics for you to be aware of this day.

First, thank you to everyone who mailed in their vote for the use of the Bob Onnen money. Your vote, while not the official Charge Conference vote, gave much needed guidance to the Ad Council and the Trustees.

But now is the time for the official vote.

It is scheduled for Wednesday, September 16 at 7:00 pm. We will meet in person at the church, maintaining the guidelines that the Covid-19 imposes upon us. Our District Superintendent, Ron Carlson, will lead the meeting via ZOOM. At that time we will have any discussion that is still needed, plus the official vote.

The Ad Council puts the following forward as what we will vote for: The Bob Onnen estate will be used to:

- 1) Update the boiler and air conditioning systems in the church building.
- 2) Update the furnace and air conditioning systems in the parsonage. (Jolley Community UMC will pay ¼ of those expenses.)
- 3) The rest of the Onnen money will be used, after approval of the Ad Council, upon recommendation from the Trustees.

There is a point of clarification. The Ad Council affirmed that the east parking lot will be paid for from the Endowment money, as established at a previous Charge Conference.

Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting, and all opinions are welcomed at the Charge Conference.

Second, the Ad Council voted to open Sunday morning worship starting September 13th to include ten households, who will sit at ten tables in the Fireside Room. The term “household” means just what it means: people who live in the same home or apartment. Sunny View people who live in the same apartment are considered to be one household. They will not be counted as one group.

This means that there will sometimes be one person at a table, sometimes two or more people, it just depends upon the number of people who live under one roof. Other social distancing guidelines apply, including temperature checks. We are meeting in the Fireside Room because it is easier to sanitize the room following the worship service. It will be also be easier to follow the six foot separation guideline.

Those who wish to attend a Sunday worship service need to call the office by the Wednesday before. Those who attend a Sunday worship will be put into a rotation list so that others can attend the next Sunday.

The worship service will be very similar to the online services, with no singing, no liturgy and no fellowship time.

And obviously, all of this can change, depending upon how the situation with the virus develops or not.

Many of you have expressed frustration with the fact that the church is closed. I am frustrated as well, because we experience so much of God's love from each other. These worship services won't meet much of that need, and that will also be frustrating. Even so, for now we remain obedient to safe practices, as this is the way we love God and our neighbor and even ourselves in this time. Let us continue to pray for each other and for our congregation in this uncertain time. As my mom would say if she were here, “This too shall pass.”

Thank you, Anita Bane and Mike Hiler, Ad Council Chair



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Ardeth Hildreth
- 5 Clive Clark, Jr.
Brittany McAlexander
Lyle Ellis
- 6 Missy Carver
Jacob Wheelock
- 9 *Dale Scheidegger*
- 10 *Larry Ellis*
- 11 Mary Smith
Clarissa Staton
- 15 Jack Debolt
Delores Smith
Samantha Hiler
John Weiss
- 17 *Harlan Schade*
- 21 Linda Johnsen
- 23 Richard Graffunder
- 27 Joni Patterson
Dorothy Keiser
- 28 *Shirley Crouse*
Vicki Fagan
- 30 Lynne Gentry

September Anniversaries

- 4 Kim & Amy Courter
- 5 Ron & Joyce Weiss
Shane & Cathy Voith
- 6 *Fran & Mary Patterson*
- 10 *Jeff & Sherri Ellis*
- 16 Justin & Rose Strong
- 21 Dave & Linda McClain
- 26 *Harlan & Lorine Schade*
- 28 *Neil & Loretta Koeppen*
Bob & Mary Laverty

If any birthdays or anniversaries are printed incorrectly or left out please contact the office with corrections. Thank you.
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- 2 *Jim Cunningham*
- 4 *Loretta Miller*
- 7 *Gerald Goodwin*
Amy Rastetter
- 8 Amy Courter
Mike Rastetter
- 11 Earl McAlexander
Kylee Betten
- 12 *Bonnie Eldridge*
Shane Voith
Dennis Patterson
- 13 Marlene Johnson
Scott Keiser
- 16 Matthew Clark
Dennis Melohn
- 17 *Don Courter*
- 21 *Ed Courter*
- 23 Sandy Graffunder
- 26 George Zinnel
- 27 Kaye Meyer
- 28 Carroll Darling
Craig Hildreth
- 29 Vickie Filmer
- 31 *Ed Schumacher*

OCT. ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Mike & Lea Rastetter
- 13 *Don & Rachel Patterson*
- 14 *Jim & Marlene Johnson*
- 23 Warren & Harriet McIntire
- 28 *Dale & Betty Scheidegger*

Thank You!

My deepest appreciation to everyone for their prayers and many phone calls for Jay Johnson's illness. Encouragement for recovery and wellness is very welcome. The prayers of many have sustained us during all this time, 6 days of illness, 2 months of hospitalization, 20 days on a respirator and now the rehab. Many blessings for each of you.

Joyce J. and family

Want to thank those who have given me used cards and new cards, stamps and money for stamps. So appreciate all the help to make someone happy.

Many thanks, Joyce J.

Church Family News

Christian love and sympathy to the family and friends of Dennis Patterson. Dennis passed away August 26, 2020. Service will be at Powers Funeral Home, Pomeroy, on Tues. September 1st at 9:30 am.

