

INTO THE FOLD

September 2022

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Ponderings by Pastor JoEllyn...

I read this sometime back and thought this article was worth sharing, enjoy, my appreciation goes to:

(Ron Lee Davis, "Rejoicing in Our Suffering," Preaching Today, Tape No. 74.)

Years ago, there was a master violinist in Europe. He would play in concerts, and he had a magnificent Stradivarius violin, extremely expensive. He would play the Stradivarius violin in concert and everyone would whisper in the crowd, "Listen to the beautiful sounds of the Stradivarius."

He would play in churches, and people would say, "Listen to the beautiful sounds of the Stradivarius." He even played before kings and queens, and they, too, would turn to one another and say, "Listen to the beautiful sounds of the Stradivarius." All the glory went to the instrument.

Then one day this master violinist was walking by a pawn shop. He noticed an old, beat-up, worn-out violin. He walked into the pawn shop and asked how

much it would cost. The owner of the pawn shop told him the American equivalent of five dollars. He bought the violin, and he took it home.

He polished it, and he refined it, and he tuned it, and he re-tuned it, and he built some character into that violin. Then, when he was to play the greatest performance of his life in a concert hall, he took out the little, five-dollar, worn-out, beat-up violin that he had polished and refined. He put it up to his chin, and he began to play, and everybody in the concert hall whispered, "Listen to the beautiful sounds of the Stradivarius."

It should be our goal to allow God to "play" us and use us for His glory and honor to the point that people see Him, and not us.

The Bible says in: Matthew 5:16 – *Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

This is truly reflecting the praise to the master musician. Let your life be a mirror that reflects the goodness God give and the

blessings we receive from Him daily.

Praying You Through,

Pastor JoEllyn

Bette's Bits & Bytes:

I began studying about the Feasts, in my home church gathereing, several years ago.. September rolls around & I start thinking about the Fall Feasts of Israel that will soon began...

Rosh Hashanan, known as Feast of Trumpets or Days of Awe, begins Sept 25, ends Sept 27.. Ten days later, Oct. 5 will be the feast, Day of Atonement ,also know as Day of Judgement, (a Day to repent). Five days later, The last of the three fall feast, Sukkot, or Festival of Tabernacles or Booths will begin Oct 9, .. These feasts begin at sundown & end at sundown...

God declares these feasts to be HIS appointed times. In Leviticus 23:1-2, the Lord told Moses, "Speak to the Israelites and tell them: These are **MY** appointed times, the times of the LORD that you will proclaim as sacred assemblies" (CSB) .. He didn't say they were the Jews appointed times.. He said "My"..

As Christians we're not required to keep the Feasts, but shouldn't we want to celebrate with the Father the days that are special to Him?". Since Jesus came & died on the cross for us, Once & For All, I do not believe we will be doing blood sacrifices in the New Kingdom..

The ultimate Day of Judgment of sin will come. Jesus' death demonstrated that sin must be judged. He received the judgement in our place. His resurrection shows that God has appointed Him the Judge (see John 5:21-27; 12:31; and Acts 17:31). The Ultimate Day of Judgement will come when the trumpet shall sound and Jesus the Messiah returns to judge the earth (I Thess. 4:16; I Cor. 15:52). He will preside over the heavenly court. We are called to repent and celebrate the New Creation that has begun in the Messiah (2 Cor. 5:17; Romans 5:12-19; and I Cor. 15:45) and will come in fullness when he returns (Romans 9:19-22). excerpted from <https://www1.cbn.com/rosh-hashanah-and-days-awe>

Feast of Tabernacles will be celebrated in the millennial Kingdom of God. All that God has purposed and planned through His provision as Lord of His people finally will be fulfilled and celebrated in the Millennial Feast of Tabernacles. This realization should prompt us to acknowledge gratefully God's gift of Messiah for us today and His constant "tabernacling" with us through His indwelling Holy Spirit (Mt. 28:20; Eph. 2:22). The future feast will demonstrate openly the unity of Jewish and Gentile people as they alike bow to Jesus as their Messiah and Lord. Today it encourages the Body of Messiah to foster greater unity among all its members before a watching world (Jn. 17:20-21; Eph. 2:14-18). As we do so in the present age, we honor the Lord of the feast who one day will tabernacle with us forever: "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them" (Rev. 21:3). excerpted from <https://israelmyglory.org/article/tabernacles-in-the-millennium/>

As Pam Dixon did, I too, will be stepping out of my comfort zone, with a study

"Unlocking the Secrets of the Fall Feasts".. The study will start Sept 11.. See the Adult Sunday School article for more..

Christ's Love to you all, Shalom,

Bette



The July 20th Meeting of Best Years met at Blacksmith

Shoppe.. Hosted by Iva Wasielewski. Iva said grace, followed by everyone enjoying visiting with friends.

Aug Birthdays: Karen Rison 8/4, Lester Chadwick, 8/9, Dan Hartwick 8/9, Susan Knowlton 8/10, Sue Hartwick 8/21, Harold & Carrie Carlson 8/29 & JoAnn Nickerson 8/31.. No Aug Anniversaries

Attendance prizes were won by: John Smith, Jean Snyder, Debbie Harris, Bette Schaefer, Wayne Kirkham & Jack Cook.

Others present were Mary Kabacinski, Mary Kessler, Ben & Karen Rison, Annette Clark, Steve & Linda Everingham, Shirley Kirkham, Bob Russell, Mike Harris. August meeting to be hosted by Wayne & Shirley Kirkham Stay Vigilant, Stay Safe, & Stay Healthy.

The Aug. 17th meeting of Best Years met at the Blacksmith Shoppe, hosted by Wayne & Shirley Kirkham. Iva said grace followed by lively chatter, and laughter.

Sept Birthday, are Kathy Reese, 9/28. Anniversary Joe & Susan Knowlton 9/7. Attendance prizes of printed t-shirts – "In Our Best Years, were won by 10 lucky people: Joyce Blint, Gail Dailey, Carol Butts, Mike Harris, Pastor JoEllyn, Cathy Reese, Mary Kessler, Myrna Everill, Jeff Elkins, & Dave Bradford..

Others present were: Deb Harris, Lester Chadwick, Bob Russell, Rose Lenig, Sue Hartwick, Bette Schaefer, Ben & Karen Rison, Bobette Elkins, Annette Clark, Linda Everingham, Pam Dixon, Lisa Tucker, Jack Cook, Virginia Bradford, &

special guest Nicklas Masek. Rose Lenig will host the September 21, Meeting.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

We finish the study, "The Women of the Bible Speak" by Shannon Bream, Sunday Sept 4th. Pam Dixon stepped out of her comfort zone to lead the study and she did a super job. We learned the women of the Bible lived timeless stories. We learned that women played a strong & as important roles, as men, in Bible Events...

Our next study begins, Sept 11, on the Fall Feasts "Unlocking the Secrets of the Fall Feasts", The prophecies in the Feasts of Leviticus... Led by Bette Schaefer...

No Adult Sunday School on Sunday Sept 18th, as District Superintendent will be here that day...

Come join us for the discussion.



CHILDRENS SUNDAY SCHOOL

We had good teacher sign up May & June.. But July & August we didn't do so well...But summer is usually busy time for everyone, So hopefully things will slow a bit for September & onward and will be less busy to sneak in a Sunday to teach....

Our goal is to have you teach only one Sunday every other month.. But in order to do that, we need your help in prayerfully considering to take on a week... We ask that you prayerfully consider being a teacher.. Karen is planning on switching things up a bit.. No details yet...

EVENTS & MEETINGS 2022
September/October
Every Tuesday 7:30 a.m.



Pie Making Sunday Sept 11
 after Church..

Staff Parish Mtg Mon Sept 12 6 pm

UMW Meeting

Tues. Sept 13 9:30 a.m.

Road Trip Crown Point Phil's Friends
 Lunch on the Road

Meijer Simply Give Triple Match

To Benefit Food Pantry
 Saturday, Sept 10
 Michigan City Meijer

Buy a \$10 Simply Give Card

Meijer will Triple Match to make it \$30

**Tell them it is for Galena Hudson
 Kankakee, Wills Food Pantry**

Culver's Give Back

Benefiting the Food Pantry
 Wednesday Sept 14
 Let Culver's Cook for You!

Best Years – Wednesday Sept 21,
 Blacksmith Shoppe Noon

October Meetings

UMW Meeting

Tues. October 11, 9:30 a.m.

JoEllyn Chadwick - Hostess
 Business Meeting

Chicken Noodle Dinner Saturday Oct
 29th 4-7 See Alice for Tickets

All Saints Sunday November 6th to
 remember our loved ones who
 passed away this past year..

TRUNK or TREAT - Sunday October 30th

1st Time we will do – Need you to
 decorate your trunks for a fun time for
 our kids and kids in our community...
 Help to Let Kids know we are a Fun
 Church!! Check the internet for ideas..
 Bible Themes.



Missions & Outreach..

Thank you to those who
 have given to the Kings
 Club to support the Missions of our
 church.

Sherry Iwaszewski gave in honor of
 Paul's Birthday July 10

Iva Wasielewski gave in honor her
 birthday Mar 10

Shirley Kirkham gave in honor of
 Wayne's Birthday Mar 11

Bill & Jean Dare turned in their
 House Bank Collection...

Bette Schaefer gave in honor of
 Roseann Woolverton birthday April 1

Cj Woolverton birthday April 9

Her Birthday May 10

In Memory of Dave's birthday July 5



Happy Belated Birthday to

Mary Kabacinski, July 27

September Anniversary

- 01 David & Jennifer McSurley
- 07 Joe & Susan Knowlton
- 14 Brian & Julie Phillips
- 17 Chance & Lynsey Daley
- 22 Robert & Sharon Reuer

September Birthdays

- 01 Gabrielle Chadwick
- 03 Steven Wasielewski
- 03 Bob Reuer
- 04 Gretchen Krivak
- 05 Maggie Sutter
- 13 Carol Schuck-Dillon
- 14 Michael Ackerman
- 15 Kaitlyn Lullenberg
- 15 Luke Lenig
- 15 Tammy Webber
- 16 Jeannee Nordin
- 16 Aaron Lullenberg
- 16 Scott Thieme
- 17 Brennan Syverson
- 17 Tim Black
- 19 James Dare
- 21 Mike Baird
- 24 Jennifer Gunter
- 26 Barbara K. Davis
- 27 Ann Gropp

28 James Chadwick

30 Kyle Crass

October Anniversaries

- 11 Dean & Denice Tuholski
- 14 Brian & Leslie Witkowski
- 18 Charles Ed & Ginger Lenig
- 17 Matthew & April Chadwick
- 19 Rich & Marilyn Livinghouse
- 23 Bruce & Penny Melton
- 27 Lester & JoEllyn Chadwick
- 27 James & Ashley Chadwick
- 27 Neal & Ashley Tuholski

October Birthdays

- 03 Kayden Wasielewski
- 04 Dave Bradford
- 04 Scott Lenig
- 05 Shirley Novak
- 05 Michael Parker
- 05 Art Schuck Jr.
- 08 Spencer Phillips
- 08 Brian Rinkle
- 08 Chance Daley
- 10 Mary Kessler
- 11 Sandy Wasielewski
- 13 Thomas Wheatbrook
- 16 Mason Phillips
- 18 Bruce (Otto) Wordinger
- 19 Stephanie Wordinger
- 22 Kent Porter
- 24 Jeremy Obenchain
- 24 Cindy Roddy
- 25 Myrna Everill
- 25 James Bowen
- 25 Lilian Huegel
- 26 Samantha Dixon
- 26 Emily Chadwick
- 27 Rhys Chadwick
- 27 Jaime Nickerson
- 28 Madeline Jarka
- 28 April Chadwick
- 29 Doug Williamson
- 29 Cassandra Rinkle
- 30 Jason Bennitt
- 30 Brian Wasielewski
- 31 Riley Moody



**Needs plastic bags
 & Egg Cartons
 September Food
 Pantry Needs...**

Applesauce – Jelly (any kind) –
Canned Sweet Peas

Thursdays 8 am – Noon



Next Give Back day, for Food Pantry Fundraiser, is

Wednesday, Sept. 14th Let Culver's in LaPorte, fix breakfast, lunch, dinner, and they will donate 10% of net sales to the food pantry... Let the cashier know you are there for the kickback.. If you opt for the drive through tell the cashier to donate your receipt to the food pantry... Or if can't visit Culver's that day, just give what you would have spent, in donation to the Food Pantry....

Going on now til Oct 1st Meijer Store in Michigan City Fall Simply Give Campaign..... Purchase a \$10 Simply Give Gift Card, Tell the cashier you would like it to go to our food pantry, Galena, Hudson, Kankakee, Wills Townships and at end of the campaign they will give to the Food Pantry....

Saturday Sept 10, they will double match, which means, they will triple the \$10 amount to \$30.... Wooooo Hooooo!.

Dear Members of the Rolling Prairie



United Methodist Church... Thank you for the (graduation) card & the bookmark gift.

God Bless all of you...

Sincerely, Nolan Ryan

A note from Margaret Rimmer:



Hi Bette and all my friends and Pastor, Thanks for the card and phone calls. Definitely

appreciated, and for sending me the

bulletin each week. I so miss coming to church but you are in my thoughts, and my prayers. My Love and hugs to you all... Margaret...

A Note from Elizabeth Bachman



Last newsletter, I had mentioned about who the secretaries were and under what minister they worked.. I have been in touch with Elizabeth Bachman over these 5 years, and I reached out to her to ask who her, hubby, Rev Clyde Bachman's secretary was?

I thought I would share her lovely reply... Dear Bette, Clyde Bachman, 1953- 1958, did not have a secretary at RPUMC. He planned the order of worship, typed it up, and ran it off on a mimeograph. (He'd once worked at a print shop and knew quite a bit about the Mimeo). He also did that for funerals. Each month he got out a newsletter. I don't recall that anyone helped with folding, addressing, stamping ETC. I know I didn't because I was working full time that first year in Union Mills. Then the babies came after another half year in RP. I wanted to be the wedding hostess but he wanted to do it himself, until after he found out how much time it took. Someone in the congregation (don't remember her name, but can "see" her clearly) was only too eager to do it... Clyde didn't have a secretary in his next 3 charges either... Best Wishes, Elizabeth / Liz Bachman... Thank you Elizabeth for your response..



We have had 2 meetings, July and August, 2022. July meeting was

an inside meeting that began with prayer given by Bette and followed by delicious food prepared by Deborah

Wordinger. While eating we talked about our cares and concerns. This group has become a caring and sharing group! We discussed our treasurer's report and decided to add to the angel fund. That helps with those that get behind on school lunches so that the children never go without lunch. We also will update the amount given for the food backpacks given to those children whose parents struggle on the weekends to provide food.

We discussed the picnic we planned for our August meeting to be on August 9 @ 11 am.

Jean is planning on taking the group to a restaurant as her treat for our December meeting. She said she was thinking of changing it to a different restaurant and we all assured her that we would all enjoy wherever she decided! What a great Christmas gift from a pretty special friend!

Myrna had the program and what began in a short sharing of what god has done for her turned into a group sharing of what the Holy Spirit has meant to others in the group. It was a good program!

Our August meeting was a picnic outside on the 9th @11 am. It turned out to be a beautiful day! We all brought food to add to the taco luncheon. We enjoyed terrific food! (As always!)

We played games after we ate! I think everyone had a good day. The upcoming meeting is September 13 with Karen Fitzgerald as hostess and Rose has the program. We welcome all women to the group and would love for you to join us! See you soon! We are saving you a seat!

Cheryl Lenig RPUMW secretary

Our Sympathies to the families of:

Richard Knowlton 8-20-2022
Brother Joe (Susan) Knowlton

Lyle Syverson – 8-19-2022
Father Neal Sue Syverson

Donald Kabacinski – Aug 8, 2022
Father-in-law Mary Kabacinski



Susan Knowlton (health stress) Victoria Breitzman, (injured during Marine training, Mark Fickle grand daughter), Tina Paul (Surgery Kidney Stones, sister Jeff Bobette Elkins), Deb Boe (hard fall broke nose & left ankle - very bruised & sore, friend Bobette Jeff Elkins), Diane Sudman (Lung Cancer friend Karen Fitzgerald), Dave Wilson (Health issue, friend Karen Fitzgerald), Mike Harris (eye health, Central Serous Retinopathy) Amy Ringer (treatment for eye ulcers working, niece Pam Dixon), Bill Dare, (Return of Lung Cancer), Sue Syverson (doing well after sinus surgery), Bruce Melton (doing well after back surgery Aug 9), Mary Kessler (hip pain, replacement Sept 20), Susan (unknown health issue, lab technician, Pam Dixon), Roger Primmer, (Kidney stones, friend of Food Pantry Rose), Rosetta Primmer, (Stomach Surgery, not healing, friend of Food Pantry, Rose), Jean Snyder, (Tests show everything good with heart.), Evelyn Pilar, (home after rehab Millers, mother of Sherry Paul Iwaszewski), Jameson (2), Zander (3) Enochs (health issues, Courtney & Denny Masek nephews), Sharon Stacy, (health recovery, friend of Food Pantry, Rose)

Margaret Rimmer, (COPD) Scott Theime (home hospice)

Joe Knowlton (transferred to VA Friendly Majestic Nursing Care in Goshen),

If you want someone on the prayer list, please fill out new request card or call Pastor JoEllyn or Bette 219-778-2910

If someone needs immediate prayer because of emergency, or a surgery taking place, or anything you believe just can't wait til Sunday, call Pastor JoEllyn or Bette to get the Prayer Chain activated...

There is power in prayer. In the Gospel of John, Jesus says, "Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you

ask me anything in my name, I will do it."



Eric Nieto US Army- grandson-in-law June Lenig

Kaily Collins Tirone, US Army granddaughter

Marjorie Olah

David Armstrong US Army – grandson-in-law of Jean Snyder

Garrett Obenchain Air Force Reserves - Son Jeremy & Stefanie Obenchain.

Grandson Rose Lenig Dylan Elkins Air Force – brother of Brandon Elkins

Jacob Adams Army- grandson Chris Adams

Craig Carlson (pilot) Air Force – son Harold & Carrie Carlson

Matthew Chadwick Army – son Lester & JoEllyn Chadwick

Michael Showalter Marines - grandson, Wayne & Shirley Kirkham

Matthew Rompca Air Force - nephew, Shirley & Wayne Kirkham

Katelyn Williamson Marines - Granddaughter of Jim Williamson

STAFF/ PARISH NEWS

The committee has met two times this year and will be meeting in September to complete our responsibilities for the CHARGE CONFERENCE. In January our meeting consisted of organizing and planning the year. In April we met with each of our staff individually. At this meeting the committee developed a check list of responsibilities for each staff, talked about any problems each had in accomplishing these responsibilities and any suggests each had to improve doing their job.

The committee went over the suggestions the District Superintendent presented in the ZOOM conference which provided guidance to the committee. One of the work sheets helped the committee along with Pastor JoEllen establish the goals believed to be the most important for our congregation.

OCTOBER is PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH. The Pastor has an exhausting responsibility to GOD and to this congregation. Too often we do not show our appreciation for all the Pastor does. The month of October is set aside to tell Pastor JoEllen how much you appreciate her. Hopefully, you will thank her throughout the whole year. Here are a couple of ideas that might give you some thought:

1. write a note thanking her for a particular thing she did
2. if you are crafty, make her one of your crafts
3. take her to lunch (she likes to eat)
4. Make her one of your favorite dishes
5. send her some flowers.or give her one of your special plants
6. you can always just tell her how much you appreciate her

PARSONAGE REVIEW

In August members of the trustee and the staff/parish committees reviewed the parsonage. Everything was in good conditions except for a few items. All the appliances were in good working order. Joyce has done an excellent job of keeping the parsonage well tuned. Thank you, Joyce.

The main concerns were the windows. After 50 years, there is a

need to replace them. Some leak air. All of them have the wood of the window peeling showing bare wood. Painting them would mean painting again down the road. Replacing the windows would be with a material that will last for a long time and not need to be painted. Also, the heat and air conditioning for the room that was used for pastor's office is not connected and this needs to be repaired. The drapes need to be cleaned.

SOUND BOOTH

Neal has asked that more people be trained to help on Sundays in the Sound Booth. Alana Witkowski, Olivia Obenchain, Ben Rison helped this summer. Olivia has gone to college. Brandon Elkins has started the learning process. Neal would like one person with him each Sunday in the Sound Booth. Neal may not always be available, as August 28 showed and no one was there to do the job, but if others are trained there won't be a problem.

Neal would like a signup sheet for each Sunday. Please contact the STAFF/PARISH COMMITTEE and say you are interested. chairperson, Rose Lenig. This is who has signed up:

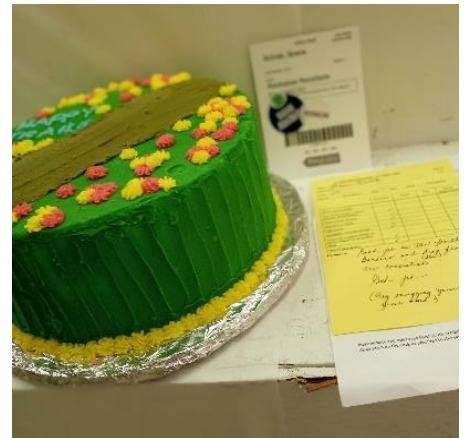
- 1st Sunday-----
- 2nd Sunday-----
- 3rd Sunday Brandon Elkins
- 4th Sunday -----
- 5th Sunday-----



Alana's Doll Sewing Project



Grace's Cake Entry
Happy Trails



Alana & Mini Esquine



Grace, Strawberry &
Ribbon Awards



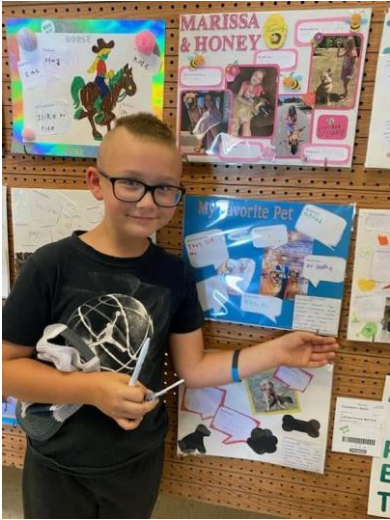
Alana's Pygmy Goat



A Girl of many Ribbon Awards



Grant's Project Entry
Quackers the Duck
Grant & Bunny



Kayla's Ceramic Project
Kayla & Calf
Kayla & Mini Equine



Maddie enjoying the Fair
Iva, Pastor JoEllyn, & Bette
At the Fair to see & support the
Youth with Their entries..





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Dated Material

September 4, 2022
13th SUNDAY after Pentecost
Jeremiah 18:1-11
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (UMH 854)
Philemon 1:1-21
Luke 14:25-33

September 11, 2022
14th SUNDAY after Pentecost
Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
Psalm 14 (UMH 746)
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

September 2022
SCRIPTURE READINGS
From UMC Lectionary Calendar

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Church Office Hours
Mon – Wed 10.- 2
Thurs 12 - 4

Pastor JoEllyn Hours:
Tues & Thurs
12 pm – 4 p.m.
Other times by appointment

September 18, 2022
15th SUNDAY after Pentecost
Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
Psalm 79:1-9 or Psalm 4
(UMH 741)
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13

September 25, 2022
16th SUNDAY after Pentecost
Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 (UMH 810)
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31