



# INTO THE FOLD

# NOVEMBER 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 gathering, several years ago.. September rolls around & I start thinking about the Fall Feasts of Israel that will soon began...

Rosh Hashanah, 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 known 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 September meeting of Best Years met at the

Blacksmith Shoppe, hosted by Rose Lenig.. Iva said grace...

October Birthday, are Dave Bradford, 10/4, Mary Kessler, 10/10, & Myrna Everill, 10/25... Pastor JoEllyn & Lester celebrate 49 years on 10/27..

Strength & healing for Mary Kessler, after hip surgery, Bobette Elkins, health issues, Madeline Jarka in hospital for Covid & Pam Pask, CVA... As of today everyone else is doing well..

Attendance Prizes of Cash to pay toward lunch or other, won by, Ben & Karen Rison, Iva, Gail Dailey, Pastor JoEllyn & Lester, Mike Harris, Bette Schaefer, Virginia Bradford, & John Smith..

Others present were: Mary Smith, Deb Harris, Bob Russell, Jean Snyder, Wayne & Shirley Kirkham, Roxy Hawkins, Dave Bradford. Jean Snyder will host October 19<sup>th</sup>, Meeting. Stay Vigilant, Stay Safe, & Stay Healthy.

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Birthdays for November are Bobette Elkins 11/4, Rose Lenig, 11/11, Jack Cook, 11/19, Ben Rison, 11/25..

Attendance Gifts were won by Pastor JoEllyn & Lester, Wayne & Shirley Kirkham, Linda Everingham, Mike Harris & Dave Bradford, Penny Derucki, & Jeff Elkins.. Everyone present received a beautiful 2023 18 month Nature Calendar.

Others present were, Bobette Elkins, Virginia Bradford, Deb Harris, Jack Cook, Gail Dailey, Cathy Reese, Bette Schaefer, Vada Pulver, Pam Pask, Rose Lenig, Connie Galloway, Karen Rison, Bob Russel & guests Alice Johnson Skeeter Scott, & Nickolas Masek...

The November Meeting will be Tuesday November 15<sup>th</sup> at the Church for the annual Thanksgiving Luncheon....

**Please note the day change to Tuesday** instead of the regular Wednesday. Food Pantry is having their Thanksgiving Give Out Wednesday & Thursday this year...

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The first Sunday of Advent is November 27<sup>th</sup>. Starting that Sunday, the Adult Sunday School Class will use the November/December Upper Room page 40 and the book, "PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS" for our study. The purpose of this study is to prepare to encounter God. Regardless of where we live, God comes to us. As we light the candles of hope, peace, joy and love in the four Sundays before Christmas, we will prayerfully seek to encounter God in new and special ways. Maybe you have not attended the adult class before. Think about joining us so you can fellowship with like friends who love and serve God.

**Come join us for the discussion.**



### CHILDRENS SUNDAY SCHOOL

We ask that you prayerfully consider being a teacher.. 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... Karen is planning on switching things up a bit.. No details yet...

### CHRISTMAS IN ROLLING by Rose Lenig

The Rolling Prairie Business and Community Organization is sponsoring the "MAKE ROLLING COME ABLAZE WITH LIGHTS", which will be judged December 6th. Also, sponsored is a festival, "CHRISTMAS IN ROLLING" held December 10th from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. in down town Rolling.

A committee of last year's winners and business organization members will judge on December 6th the decorations and lights the individual home owners have on display. Three brightest, most joyful and seasonal displays will be judged the winners. First place will receive \$75, second place \$50 and third place \$25. The winners will be announced at the festival.

The festival on Saturday, December 10th, will start off with a parade down Michigan Street. The Last float will be SANTA \_ our own Jack Cook. The committee is hopeful that several groups will enter floats. Our church is planning to enter the parade. We need to have a number of people to help decorate the float and be participants on the float. The Livinghouse family is donating a wagon as well as Wayne Kirkham. Children are needed to act out the

nativity scene for the float or any adults that want to be part of the presentation.

Included in the festival during the four hours will be the following:

1. Visit Santa at the North Pole, whisper Christmas wishes and receive a special gift
2. Decorate gingerbread houses at the fire station and make special decorations at the library
3. Hot chocolate and cookies at the library
4. Wagon rides through the town to view the lighted houses  
4:00 - 5:30 (cst)
5. Bethlehem Alive in the library parking lot
6. Carpenter's Daughters and Blacksmith Restaurant will be open
7. Crafters in the Fire Station
8. Vote on the businesses' Christmas tree decorated
9. Boys' Sacred Heart Apostolic School Choir sing at 5:45 (cst) at the town tree
10. Announce Business tree winner, decorated gingerbread house winner and house lighted winners
11. Light the town tree.

Tell your friends, invite your neighbor about our town's festival. Most of all YOU come and enjoy the love that God has provided.

### EVENTS & MEETINGS 2022

## November / December

Every Tuesday 7:30 a.m.



### November Meetings

- All Saints Sunday - November 6 –
- UMW Meeting Tuesday Nov 8, 9:30  
Final plans for Eucher Night
- UMW Eucher Night – Potato Bar-  
Saturday, November 12  
4:30 – 6 pm cst

**Please note the change of day for Best Years.. It is usually 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of Month, but because of the Food Pantry's great Thanksgiving Food Give out being Wednesday & Thursday this year, because the need is great this year...**

- Best Years** Tues Nov 15 Noon  
Blacksmith Shoppe
- Hanging of the Greens** – Sunday  
November 20<sup>th</sup> – After Church
- Jack Cook 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash** –  
Sunday Nov 20 - 1 p.m. (est) - Noon  
(cst) New Carlisle American Legion  
**RSVP Gwen – 219-214-6676 or  
email gwenzip@gmail.com**
- Advent** begins Sunday November 27  
Commitment Sunday



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



### November Anniversary

- 10 Tim & Paula  
Wheatbrook
- 14 Steve & Mary  
Kabacinski
- 21 Kent & Angie  
Porter

## **November Birthdays**

02 Penny Derucki  
03 Bobette Elkins  
04 Rita Chadwick  
04 Brian Williamson  
06 Ginger Lenig  
07 Joshua Goodspeed  
08 Grace Krivak  
08 Adrienne McCarty  
09 Molly Lenig  
09 Lisa Thresh  
11 Rose Lenig  
12 Jessica Chadwick  
13 Cheryl Pumroy  
13 Brian Phillips  
13 Judy Wordinger  
14 Seth McClelland  
15 Joe F. Watnick  
18 Skylar Phillips  
20 Macy Wheatbrook  
22 Kristin Black  
23 Ashley Tuholski  
25 Ben Rison  
26 Kodey Coffinger  
27 Barry Pumroy  
28 Janice Stroud  
30 Brian Wasielewski

## **December Anniversary**

29 Steve & Linda Everingham

## **December Birthdays**

01 MacKenzie Boswell  
01 Eric Sardeson  
03 Pam Pask  
03 Leslie Witkowski  
04 Daniel Lenig  
04 Neal Tuholski  
05 Alexander Lenig  
05 Camden Rinkle  
06 Holly Williamson  
06 Chris Adams  
07 Pam Dixon  
07 Shirley Kirkham  
09 Cheri Ringer  
11 Jackie Wheatbrook  
11 Susy Lenig  
12 Suzanne Flagg



12 Denice Tuholski  
13 William Dare  
13 Madelyn Syverson  
16 Mackinzie Arford  
18 Alana Witkowski  
18 Jackson Hakes  
24 Charles Ed Lenig  
27 Nicole Sutter  
28 Mike McClelland  
30 Brianna Boswell  
29 Joseph S. Pask



### **November Food Pantry Needs...**

**Need plastic bags**  
**Canned Peaches –**  
**Spaghetti Sauce**  
**Boxed Mac & Cheese –**  
**Peanut Butter (creamy or Chunky)**

**Thank you Everyone for the Egg Cartons. Do not need anymore at this time...**

### **Food Pantry News** by Rose Lenig

First of all, "THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO HELPED OUR CHURCH MAKE ITS QUOTO OF 45 BAGS OF FLOUR AND 45 BAGS OF SUGAR FOR THE PANTY' THANKSGIVING DINNER ITEMS GIVEN AWAY. We even ended up with more than our share with the Christian Church. Because the pantry is expecting 90 families, there will be two days - Wednesday, November 16th and Thursday, November 17th.

Secondly, the pantry has been blessed by the love that has been shown us by you and the community so that we can have the funds to buy the food given to the clients and for food given to us to keep the pantry stocked. For the 5th year the pantry has received a \$3,000 grant from the Unity Foundation. This year's budget is \$36, 075. Thanks to you and the community for participating in the

money makers - Culvers, Dollar Dogs and Bake Sale at Kablin's as well as the financial donations and food.

Thirdly, each year Sue Hartwick, the director, puts out a survey for the clients to respond to. There are three questions. Here are the questions and some of the responses.

1. What kind of experiences you've had at the pantry?
  - A, Volunteers always kind and make you feel good
  - B, Kind to my 11/2 granddaughter. She enjoys saying "hi" to everyone.
  - C. Pantry is generous with food.
  - D. Spread Christ's love
  - E. Great servers and warm greetings and great selections of food
  - F. Polite and caring
  - G. When I am down the volunteers are here to help and I have no worries
  - H. Compassionate
2. What could the Pantry do better?
  - A. Offer flour and sugar
  - B. Go through the line faster
  - C. Have more quantities of food so Pantry doesn't run out
3. How has the Pantry made a difference in your life?
  - A. On a fixed income, the pantry is a life saver
  - B. Makes me feel more adequate so I don't have to worry about buying food or paying bills
  - C. A God send so I can feed my son and me
  - D. I know I will have fresh milk, eggs and meat every two weeks when I wouldn't have any
  - E. Cut in my food costs enabled me to pay my utility bills

F. Changed my mind about Christ's love for people. Your serving with joy rubs off on others positively

G. Over years when I lost my job, like now, haven't been able to afford food with or without food stamps, but the pantry is always here

H. Getting fresh fruit and vegetables has helped to provide delicious meals for our family of 7, especially since my nieces were placed with us in June by DCS

I. Without the pantry I would go hungry

Here are the volunteers for the Pantry.

A. Greeters, client check=ins and guiders as clients select food

Mary Smith, Phyllis Austen, Deb Wordinger, Sue Sanders, Cheryl Lenig, Cathy Farrington, Joy Simmons, Sue Hardwick, Diane Stoval, Becky Gaff, Shirley Kirkham, Rose Lenig.

B. Keepers of the food on shelves and refrigerators, giving out the milk, meat, eggs, bread, and fresh fruit and veggies, and helping clients load their cars.

Dan Hartwick, Steve Everingham, Roger Seering, Michael Ventralla, Doug Gaff, John Smith, Wayne Kirkham, Eric Hunke and Eric's daughter, Cassie, when not in school.

These volunteers come from the five churches that support the Food Pantry. Several come because they want to help and live in the community. If any of you would be interested in helping, please let anyone of those named, your interest. Usually, the volunteers come for 2 hour shifts a couple of times a month.

### Contributed by Jean Snyder

Meeting Jesus does not inevitably lead to His becoming our personal savior. We must make room in our life for Him; we must choose Him and accept Him as our Savior by claiming His presence. We must let Him be

Lord of our lives. That decision involves opening ourselves to Jesus, and receiving Him into our lives. Because Jesus comes to us in love, He refuses to exploit or manipulate us, to be coercive or invasive, for to do so would contradict the very nature of love. If we would be loved by others, we must let them love us. We must be vulnerable and reachable enough that others can get close enough to love us, including Jesus. So Jesus approaches the threshold of our being with beckoning love, and He waits for us to open our life to Him from the inside.

To enter into that intimate relationship where Jesus becomes our Savior is to let Jesus be with and within us, person to person, on the emotional and volitional levels of our being. It is to respond to the contagion of His presence. It is to let down whatever defenses we have in place so that we come together heart to heart, so the the spirit in Him touches and resonates with the spirit in us. It is to meet Him with our deepest feelings and fears, with our aspirations and imaginations, with our desires and loyalties, with our creative energies and self-understanding. It is to meet Him with our shadow side and our hidden face, risking His acceptance of all we are--- even those things about ourselves we have rejected and tried to disguise. It is to meet Him with the expectation that what happens between Him and us will enlarge life with fulfillment and beauty. It is to enjoy with Him that same pervasive sense of well-being and excitement that quickens in us when we spend unhurried time with good friends or when we share intimate moments of oneness with those we love. It is to meet Him with gratitude and a sense of wonder over the gift of Himself that Jesus offers.

From *Forever Beginning* by Donald J. Shelby



The October meeting of UMW was held on October 11. This

meeting is the business meeting for the year. Officers are elected and are as follows for 2023.

President-Jean Snyder

Vice President -Bette Schaefer

Secretary-Cheryl Lenig

Treasurer- Debbie Harris

Nominations- Rose Lenig

Prayer Calendar- Myrna Everill and Pam Dixon

Program resources - Vada Pulver,

Funeral dinners- Jackie Wheatbrook,

Karen Rison, Iva Wasielewski,

Bette Schaefer, Bobette Elkins,

Jean Snyder, Connie Galloway, Renee

Meyers, and Debbie Harris (caller)

Cards and flowers- Connie Galloway

We adjusted the hostesses and program hostess for each month in 2023.

The budget for 2023 was all adjusted.

One fund was added for deserving children's shopping which is called

"shop with a cop" in LaPorte. We also

paid for a new "pack and play" and

batteries for toys that were dead in

the nursery. Connie Galloway is

making sure the nursery is staffed

and that there are working toys.

We received a thank you from Phil's

Friends in Crown Point. This is the

organization that makes care boxes

for cancer patients. They were able

to use the items we took except for

decks of cards from casinos. Those

cannot be used so we will remember

that for the next time we take items.

We are continuing this as a mission

of ours for the future, possibly on a

similar basis at our church.

We then planned the upcoming

Euchre night, November 12th. We

will have a baked potato bar, salad,

drinks, and desserts and snacks later

in the evening. The cost is \$10 per

person for Euchre and potato bar.

Prizes will be \$25, \$15, and \$10. We

are planning for 50 people but can

adjust those numbers if needed. We are hoping for another fun night! Next month's meeting is November 8. Bette and Debbie are hostesses. We will bring the thank banks to that meeting that we've filled throughout the year for our many blessings. This money goes to the world thank offering and helps many women and families throughout the world. We are busy this time of the year. We are so thankful for the friends we have at UMW. Please join us next month! We will be saving you a seat!! Cheryl Lenig secretary

**Our Sympathies to the family of:**

Marguerite Schroeder – 10-13-2022  
Sister Mike & Deb Harris



Janice Stroud (caregiver, strength & peace, daughter Margaret Rimmer), Diane Bali (Acute Amiloid Leukemia, Rose's cousin), Susan Knowlton (rehab Millers, Low blood pressure), Jeff Elkins (health issues), Bobette Elkins, (Health), Emma Jae Monroe (newborn, ICU breathing issues, great niece June Lenig), Bill Dare, (Treatment for the return of Lung Cancer), Bob Wideman (Health, Cheryl/Steve Lenig's Dad), Sharon Campos (back on oxygen), Mary Kessler (home from Miller's after therapy), Pam Dixon (Cancer treatments), Arsenius Clemans, (heart surgery when a little older, June Lenig's great nephew), Margaret Rimmer, (breathing/COPD)

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 till 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

These are the people who will be in the Sound Room running the screens & sound with Neal Syverson....

Thank you everyone!!

- 1st Sunday Neal & Ben Rison
- 2nd Sunday Neal & Dave Bradford
- 3rd Sunday Brandon Elkins
- 4th Sunday Wayne Kirkham
- 5th Sunday Alana Witkowski





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November 2022

Dated Material

*September 4, 2022*  
**13<sup>th</sup> 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*  
**14<sup>th</sup> 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*  
**15<sup>th</sup> 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**  
**16<sup>th</sup> 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