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From the Pastor's Pen

I hope you have enjoyed the 40 Days of Community Series. It was nice hearing some feedback from people who were challenged and encouraged in the series.

Over the next several weeks, my sermons will be based on themes of All Saints Day, Veterans Day, Stewardship Sunday, Thanksgiving and then we will move into an Advent Series. On the 2nd Sunday of Advent (Dec. 8), we will have another Pulpit Swap and you'll have the opportunity to hear Dr/Rev Nicole Snyder share the message.

Also starting in November, we will be doing a Book Study on Wednesday Evenings & Thursday Mornings that will go a total of 6 sessions; 3 sessions in November and 3 in December. The book is called, ***"The Band Meeting; Rediscovering Relational Discipleship in Transformational Community"***. It's available on [Amazon](#) for \$16.95 for print and \$10.99 for Kindle edition. Or you can get the book through me for \$16. Please let me know if you would like me to order a book for you. Checks can be made out to "Rockton UMC".

This book deals with the Transformational Community environment that John Wesley started that ended up birthing the Methodist movement and is even part of the namesake of Methodism! I'm excited to learn more about this and be challenged. I hope you will too.

Wednesdays @ 6:30pm & Thursdays @ 10am

Nov. 6 & 7 – Read the Foreword & Chapter 1

Nov. 13 & 14 – Read Chapter 2

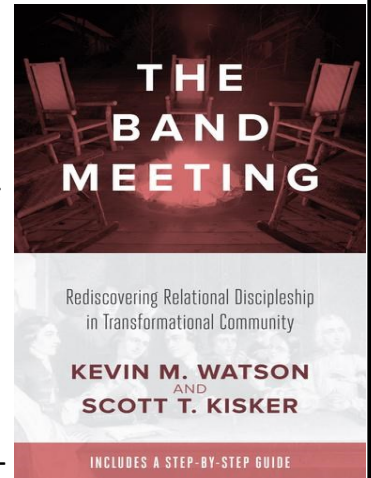
Nov. 20 & 21 – Read Chapters 3 & 4

Dec. 4 & 5 – Read Chapters 5 & 6

Dec. 11 & 12 – Read Chapter 7

Dec. 18 & 19 – Read Chapter 8

Pastor Howie Snyder





Don't Forget...

Turn your clocks back this coming weekend (November 2nd-3rd) so you don't miss church Sunday morning!

USING OUR TALENTS TO HELP EACH OTHER

As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God's grace (I Peter 0:74)

Our **40 Days of Community** small group is initiating a project to last for about 40 days, as an opportunity for everyone in our church to bless each other with our personal skills, abilities, and talents!

In the coming Sunday mornings, we will circulate a clipboard sign-up sheet, with opportunities to sign up for:

- a. the task or ability or skill you are willing **to share** with another church member
- b. the task you are **in need of**

When completed, we will try to match the needs with the need-fulfillers, and notify each other! Look for this opportunity for each of us to further explore "What on Earth We are Here For!" (Rick Warren).

Thank you!

Small group members: John Carleton, Judie Heinschel, RoseMarie Thomas



Each October, during Fire Prevention Week, our Fellowship Committee delivers baskets of treats to the men and women of the Rockton Fire Prevention District. Nancy Bielema and Donna Granath are pictured here with some of Rockton's finest first responders!



There are many things that get done for our church and congregation by members that expect nothing in return for their good deeds. **If you know someone that we should acknowledge please let the church office know.** This month it was mentioned we should express our thanks to:

- The Building Committee for all their hard work to find the right solution to repairing the sanctuary
- All those who helped with packing and storing on the church work day
- Those that joined the members of the Prince of Peace church for an evening of Trunk or Treat



Still Looking for Ties

A year from now, October, 2020, we will be celebrating the 165th anniversary of our church. We would like to celebrate this milestone by creating new banners for the sanctuary. The pattern for these banners has been selected and involves using neckties donated by the members of our congregation. Please take time to sort through those old ties in the closet and bring your contributions to church each week on Sunday morning. We will have a box to drop them in as you enter the church.



Congregational Care Team November 2019



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The confident and dependable group of men and women from our congregation continue to call upon the members

care

of our congregation who enjoy a visit once a month. Now the days may be getting shorter, but the visits still are warm and appreciated. It is a joy to see the smiles that are shared and the hearts that are warmed!

We always have room for "one more". Do you know of someone in need of a smile or a visit? Call the church office and let Pamela know and we will send someone over to make a visit.

Blessings to each one of you.
Mary Louise Muench

Special Sundays Planned for November

November 3 — All Saints Day

(We will honor those who have passed away in the last year)

November 10 — Honoring our Veterans

November 17— Stewardship Sunday

FREE FREE FREE

In the lower hallway of the education wing of our church, you will find many boxes of "stuff" that we have sorted out to give away. If you have a meeting at RUMC, please plan a few minutes to look through the "treasures" in those boxes. We are sure there is something in there that you just can't live without!!

Winter Scarves for Veterans



Please continue to work on those scarves for the veterans at the Drop-in Center in Rockford. We would like to take all of the scarves to them when we serve them dinner at the end of November.

If you need supplies, we have free yarn, various sizes of knitting needles and crochet hooks available at the church - down the stairs, first room on the right. Please help yourself to what you need.

You may drop your finished scarves off in the church office or contact me and we will make arrangements to pick them up. If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Thanks, Margo Leden



SISTERS IN CHRIST

Sunday, November 10, after church



Do you want to learn how to make a delicious vegetable beef soup? Do you want to learn how to can it? Join Sisters in Christ on Sunday, Nov. 10, in the RUMC church kitchen after Sunday service to make the soup and to can it. We use the soup to give to church members who are shut in or ill. Sharon Ruff will be teaching us and it makes for a fun Sunday afternoon. We hope to see you November 10th.

Phyllis DeGraff



What's Up With the Building?

Thanks to all of you who came in for the Church Work Day October 19th to ready the sanctuary for inspection/construction and ensure the contents are out of harm's way. There are still some items that have yet to find a temporary home but our Storage Group assures us all will be stored away for the Craft Sale next month. Please be sure to respect the safety barriers that have been set up to restrict access to the sanctuary. Only groups making inspections or prospective workers should be in the closed-off areas.

So, what is up with the building? A question that is asked a lot these days. Since a decision was made to fix the sanctuary, a Building Committee has worked constantly on what is making the roof-sag/wall-lean and explore potential solutions. So far, the building has been examined by some of our church members with expertise, two structural engineers, a group of architects, and we have had two different contractors present their ideas on possible fixes. Unfortunately, the opinions of all of these professionals have varied widely on how to approach this. Our main focus now is on finding a structural engineer that will work with us to clearly define the problem, propose a safe, reliable fix and continue to seek solutions from contractors. We are having difficulty finding such an engineer (several have turned us down) that wants to go to the next step and work with us on a building of this age where the problem stems from work previously done many years ago. The other problem, as you can probably guess, is to find a solution we can afford. Everyone agrees we could fix the building by putting up a completely new roof and rebuilding the south wall but that would be a huge cost. The proposals from contractors have been more affordable but have varied widely without the guidance of an engineer. We hope you will be patient as we continue our search for a structural engineer that will work with us to find a safe, affordable, aesthetically-pleasing fix that the conference will approve and will meet local building codes.

John Carleton

Chair of Building Committee

**TRUNK
OR
TREAT**



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ENJOY SOME PICTURES FROM THIS YEAR'S TRUNK OR TREAT!





OUR PRAYER TEAM WILL RESUME ITS MEETING TIMES IN NOVEMBER!

Come and be part of our church Prayer Team. It meets from 10:00-11:30 a.m. every 2nd and 4th Tuesday morning of the month at the home of Bruce and Mary Louise Muench, 6918 Saladino Drive in Roscoe. Ruth Melles will introduce us to a fresh thought on prayer each week. All are welcome!!

Let Us Pray For:

Recovering from health issues:

Judy Cunningham (second surgery on her foot)

Continued prayers for:

Charlie Cunningham (returning to prison this month)
Family of Mary Jo Schenk
Family of Chuck Stull

Prayer requests will appear for about 1 month after submission. Contact the church office to add or remove names. **For an urgent prayer request, call Sharon Ruff to start the prayer chain: 815-229-1932**

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Abby Hellinga | 16 Jerry Ruff |
| Gretta Wulf | Kelsey Wulf |
| 2 Abbie Stevens | 18 Bob Lawhorn |
| 3 Mark Koehmstedt | Tena Stenzel |
| 6 James Shotliff | 24 Loren Floto |
| 7 Sue Miller | 28 Gayle Lovejoy |
| 8 Keith Knoespel | 29 Phyllis DeGraff |
| 14 Lori Oostendorp | |
| 15 Jill Knoespel | |

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Leigh and Joanna Geddes
- 3 Art and Darlene Matlock
- 6 Eldon and Carol Hamilton
- 18 Brian and Sheri Zimmer
- 25 Ron and Phyllis DeGraff



November 2019

Sun

Mon

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Fri

Sat

					1	2 Fusion Service 5:11 pm
3 Worship 10:45 am (At POP)	4 Trustees 5:00 pm Choir 6:00 pm	5 Fellowship Committee 9:00 Worship Committee 10:00 am	6 Book Study 6:30 pm	7 Book Study 10:00 am	8	9 Fusion Service 5:11 pm
10 Worship 10:45 am(At POP) Honoring Veterans Sisters in Christ Soup making after church	11 Choir 6:00 pm	12	13 Book Study 6:30 pm	14 Book Study 10:00 am SPRC 6:00 pm	15	16
17 Worship 10:45 am (At POP) Stewardship Sunday	18 Choir 6:00 pm Building Committee 7:00 pm	19 Finance meeting 7:00 pm	20 Book Study 6:30 pm	21 Book Study 10:00 am Ad Council 7:00 pm	22 Veterans Dinner	23
24 Worship 10:45 am (At POP) Food on the 4th	25 Choir 6:00 pm	26 Community Thanksgiving Service Cross and Crown Church 7:00 pm	27	28	29	30