

**Upper Room:**

The September - October Upper Room publication is in the Narthex. Please take one and read for your daily devotionals. Compliments of the Growth group.

**Pocket Crosses:**

New Pocket Crosses have been made by Mary Grants and Mary Smith. They will be on a table in the Narthex. Please take one, compliments of the Growth group.

**Free Little Library Box:**

Check out the books in the "Free Little Library Box" in the side yard of the church. Books are available for all ages.

**Church Website:**

Website address: [www.mex1umc.com](http://www.mex1umc.com)

Email Chuck Parker with anything you wish to include on the website. [aparker@twcny.rr.com](mailto:aparker@twcny.rr.com)

**Bulletin Items:**

To submit items for the bulletin, please email your information to [fumcmexico@gmail.com](mailto:fumcmexico@gmail.com) by Thursday.

**To Contact Pastor Brandin Greco**

Pastoral Emergencies – 315-378-7963

Office Hours:	Monday	Off	
	Tuesday	Mexico	3 – 6 pm
	Wednesday	Lycoming	On Call
	Thursday	Lycoming	On Call
	Friday	Mexico	9am – 12pm
	Saturday	Off	

**Marlea Munger, Office Coordinator:**

Office Hrs: Monday and Friday at 9 am.

Church email: [fumcmexico@gmail.com](mailto:fumcmexico@gmail.com)

Office Phone #: 315-963-3066

**Announcements****Prayer List:**

Our Church, Family of Pam Griswald (Parker), Aiko, Barb Sheldon, Ben M., Bob Loomis, Cathy Clark, Clara, Coleen, Connie Smith, Dana New, David Anderson, David Delong, Dean Upcraft, Deb McCoy, Diane Sullivan, David Hubbard, Elin McGruder, Esther Granger, Ed Lighthall, Gerald Cole, Janice & Ken Gregory, Jean Irwin, Jeremy Spencer, Jim Scott, Jim Sheldon, Joan Phelps, Johanna Delong, Karen Grover, Karin Parkhurst, Kim – beginning chemo, Kurt Bessel & family (prayers for his daughter, Sky – fighting cancer), Lindsay, Lisa Buske, Mose Zook, Nathan Anderson, Pete Myles, Rachelle, Robby & his family, Robert, Roger Delong, Scott, Sharon Dominicos, Sister Ann Hogan, TJ, Tim Mack, Tyler Mills, our country and teachers and children returning to school.

**Sunday School:**

We are doing a 10-week series on Creation. Lisa Spencer is temporarily leading Sunday School, however, we are looking for more teachers. Please see Pastor Brandin if you would like to teach.

**Coming this Fall!****Confirmation Class:**

There will be a Confirmation Class for children ages 12 – 18 years (October).

## **MISSION OUTREACH:**

### **Blessing Box: Seven for September 7**

On behalf of Outreach we ask for folks to consider purchasing seven items this month to help fill the Blessing Box pantry. Yes, we know September has 9 letters, but it originates from 'septem' (seven in Latin), as September used to be the 7th month.

- sauce (salsa, tomato, soy, steak)
- soup (canned, packaged)
- soap (body, dish, laundry)
- spaghetti (or any other pasta, canned or dry)
- stew, sausage, sardines, salami (canned - or any canned meat)
- sweets (sweet relish, pickles, sugar, stevia, suckers (lollipops), sweet tarts)
- cereal (isn't the English language fun?)

As an aside, September is Hunger Action Month, a national effort on behalf of Feeding America which partners with food banks to meet community hunger needs (and less hungry does not mean full). If one child, elder, human and yes, pet, has a belly or body with fewer pangs for the evening, our mission is well served. We assume positive intentions; do not judge and keep filling the box. Many of us have heard how this simple wooden structure has given a meal, filled a need, or provided a pure sense of relief for the moment. Thank you for the difference you make.

**Crayons for Kids/Operation Christmas Child:** Some of us are old enough to remember wanting a box of new crayons. I was so excited when in the 4th grade, I received my very first Crayola 64 Count Box of crayons. Many of my friends had them, and I was filled with joy to have a box filled with choices to explore, express, and emote, even though I was never very good at staying in the lines or conforming to a set of 'art rules'. I did not get any 'A's and the best my parents could hope for was 'improving'. However, this is not about me; this is about children throughout the world living in trauma, sensory deprivation - **a colorless world**. Wouldn't it be wonderful if every shoebox filled from our congregation had at least one box of new crayons, and perhaps two, along with a sketch pad, so that we, through the grace of God, can bring some brightness to humanity. Crayons are 50 cents a box at many stores this month; for a few dollars you can help color a child's life and so much more. A collection bin is in the narthex. On behalf of Mission Outreach. Carol

## **October Moments:**

### **Pillowcase Dressmaking Workshop:**

Wednesday, October 8, 2025 from 11 – 1 - So far we have made 22 pretty dresses from pillowcases for the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. 9 ladies have worked diligently – yet had fun making these cute dresses that will be inserted in the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Experience in sewing is not a necessity...just a willingness to follow directions for measuring the material. Come and join us this Wednesday from 11 - 1. All hands are welcome.

### **Choir Rehearsal:**

Wednesday, October 8, 2025 @ 5 pm – New members are welcome!

### **Open Mic Night:**

Thursday, October 9, 2025 from 6 – 8 pm – Sign-up is from 6 – 6:30. Entertainment starts at 6:30. First Open Mic Night of the Fall Season. If you have a vocal or instrumental talent you wish to share, this is your opportunity. Fun and fellowship plus snacks in our Fellowship Hall.

### **“Fresh Expressions of the Rural Church” Book Study:**

Friday, October 10, 2025 @ 6 pm @ the Mexico Public Library - Pastor Brandin encourages all those who are in growth and outreach ministries to attend but all are welcome who have a heart for their small country church and the community that surrounds it. Books are available on Amazon for \$15.47 for the paperback and \$9.99 for kindle. If one is unable to purchase the book but would like to attend, please let the pastor know; he will help with this opportunity. If you plan to attend, please let Pastor Brandin know.

### **Roast Pork Dinner:**

October 25, 2025 - A delicious roast pork dinner sponsored by the Men's Club will be served in the Fellowship Hall.

### **A Look Ahead to November:**

#### **Chili/Coat Giveaway:**

Saturday, November 1, 2025 - The Men's Club continues to collect coats for the annual coat and chili giveaway to be held on Saturday, November 1. There is a collection box in the Narthex.

### **Ad Council Meeting:**

Wednesday, November 5, 2025 @ 6 pm.