



Middleton Community UCC

The Communicator

October 2022

MCC Beloved,

Several years ago I presided over the funeral for a woman who died far too soon and left behind a loving family with two young children. The sanctuary was packed – standing room only. And the reception was held outside in the park in front of the church because there wasn't enough room in the fellowship hall. The service was hard, but faithfully celebrated her life and the promises of God. The reception, on the other hand, was an all-out party.

At her request, only desserts were served. Pie, cake, cookies, donuts, crumbles, and bars... there was so much sugar. And then there was the moment, about an hour in, when the young men on her son's baseball team turned up the music and started a dance party. It didn't take long for the adults to join in. The woman loved dancing and I can't imagine a better way for those who loved her to celebrate her life. I sat on the front steps of the church with a tear in my eye and a psalm in my heart; specifically these verses of the 30th psalm:

*Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning...*

*You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth
and clothed me with joy!*

Perhaps it's a bit melodramatic, but I remembered this feeling and this psalm as I drove home after worship on Connection Sunday, which was September 11th. The last two and a half years have been heavy with grief. Not just for the lives lost, though that has been significant, but also for the hopes postponed, plans canceled, and expectations that went unmet. This has been especially true in the lives of churches and at MCC. The grief of saying

goodbye to one pastor and living through the transition of an interim was exacerbated by the pandemic in ways that I think we've yet to realize. But joy comes with the morning.

September was a wild month at MCC - in all the best ways. Connection Sunday was the official kick off to our program year and we welcomed 168 people to worship - more than MCC's had on any Sunday in the month of September since at least 2015 (I didn't go back in the records any farther than that). The Connection Fair after worship (complete with Ice Cream Truck!) was buzzing with energy. On the 18th, Heather Phelps inspired and challenged worshipers to take action against climate change in our Season of Creation. On the 25th we had a lively, lovely baptism, kicked off our Stewardship Campaign, and welcomed a New Member Class that met over lunch. We've also been hearing from various local mission partners about the important work happening in our community and supported by our congregation, who have then been leading sessions with our Adult Sunday School Class.

During the week we've seen the return of Coffee & Conversation, Tuesday Night Fellowship, Choir rehearsals, Youth Groups, and the start of our new Craft and Games Group (see page 11 for details). All the while we're still meeting and worshiping in a hybrid format, allowing you to join us online when schedules or health might call for it.

What I'm trying to share here is that there is so much JOY happening during this season at MCC. I come in and go out with a smile on my face from the energy, ideas, and excitement that is pulsing through our community right now. In the four years leading up to the start of the Covid-19 pandemic MCC averaged 115

people weekly in worship throughout the month of September. This year our average was 118.

Numbers aren't everything. The health and vitality of a congregation is measured by the passion of worship, the work happening in the world, and the love shown between members - all of which I've seen in significant ways over the last half year. But numbers do provide hard data and you should know that Middleton Community Church is coming out of the

pandemic strong, healthy, and growing, thanks to the tireless work of our staff and committed lay leaders. I'm six months into my tenure as your pastor, and I'm grateful daily to be just a part of what is happening here. As I prepare to be "installed" this month I'm looking forward to years of joining you in mourning and in dancing, in grief and in joy, in faith and life and everything that comes with both.

Yours, Pastor Zayna

Annual Stewardship Campaign

Renewing Community for our church, for our neighbors, for a more just and generous world.

Two years ago at this time we were not worshipping in our sanctuary. The stewardship theme that year included "For such a time as this" from the book of Ruth. At that time in their history the Jews were in exile and trying to maintain a religious community without having a temple in which to worship.

Our theme this year is taken from Jeremiah 29:11, a time later in the exile. Jeremiah tells the people that God promises a future filled with hope. Metaphorically speaking, living under COVID may seem like a time of exile, but this is also a time of excitement and hope in our church. For instance, average attendance in September has been higher than the three Septembers prior to COVID.

We have successfully completed ministerial and staff transitions, and our amazingly talented and committed staff will be indispensable in realizing our vision of a hopeful future. So this year we are making a big ask. We are asking members to consider a 10-12 percent increase in giving. This increase is based on initial budget numbers from the Board of Finance. Member

pledges make up the vast majority of our annual budget. Once we have pledge commitments we can then finalize a budget for 2023.

We hope to receive pledges by November 13 when we will celebrate the generosity of the congregation in worship. On September 24th

we sent out a Stewardship campaign email detailing what is going on in our church and our hope for the future. It contains a link to an online pledge form. If you can't find it in your inbox, it is also on the [church website](#). All the Annual Stewardship packet materials can be found under the "Give"

menu on the church home page.

Much of our stewardship outreach this year is electronic, but if we did not have an email address on file for you, your packet was mailed to you. If you would prefer to receive a pledge packet by mail, contact Anne in the church office and she can get you one. There are also packets on the Stewardship table in the fellowship area.

Thank you for your generosity to MCC.





The Installation of Rev. Zayna Thomley as our Settled Pastor and Teacher October 9th, 2:00pm

Pastor Zayna will be "installed" as our new pastor on October 9th at 2pm. While hosted by MCC, this is a service of the Southwest Association of the Wisconsin Conference of the UCC. It is a formal celebration of the covenant between Pastor Zayna and our congregation and a blessing for our ministry going forward. Join us for an exciting worship service and help us welcome guests from the wider church at a party to follow - there's sure to be cake!

Pastor's Public Office Hours - Barriques on Old Sauk Rd Thursday, October 13th, 20th, and 27th

Come share a cup of coffee, a quick treat, or just a conversation. Pastor Zayna will be working from Barriques and invites you to stop by for any (or no!) reason at all.

Advent Worship Summit – October 8

Join Pastor Zayna and the Board of Worship for a "Worship Summit" on Saturday, October 8th from 9-Noon at the church. During this time we'll look together at the scripture and themes for worship during Advent, Christmas and maybe even Epiphany. Together, we'll think about potential:

- Focus scriptures
- Overarching themes
- Music
- Dramas
- Images
- Design
- ... and whatever else the Spirit might put before us!

The hope is that this would give a large number of our community members the opportunity to weigh in on what is speaking to them in this season, and share creative ideas of how we might mark this season together in worship. We won't necessarily make any decisions or solid plans but the ideas and inspirations from this session will then inform



the staff as we go about the work of planning Sunday morning worship.

If this works well, perhaps it can be a regular thing to plan for special seasons throughout the year! (Though, we'll plan better and probably hold during a less-busy season) This opportunity is open to our entire worshipping community - so please share far and wide, and do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

[Please register](#) so the BOW knows how many to plan for.

Meet Carol Bennington!

MCC's new Youth and Children Coordinator

Carol Bennington comes to Middleton Community Church with a BA in Early Childhood Education and Social Science from the University of Michigan, and a Master's degree in Christian Education from Garret-Evangelical Theological Seminary. She has worked with all ages as a Director of Christian Education and in other capacities.

Growing up in the church and being very active in the youth group were Carol's core foundation. The church was her extended family. She knew with certainty that the congregation sincerely cared about her. Her desire is for every youth and child to know they are unconditionally loved by God and this community of faith, and how they can grow in faith and service. Being part of a caring community has never been more important for all ages. Our pandemic experiences affirmed this for most of us.



Carol is new to Wisconsin having moved from Boulder, Colorado. Originally from Michigan, she knew the Great Lakes were calling her to return and is happy to have found Middleton as her new home. She is delighted to again be surrounded by abundant water, trees and lush greenness!

Carol is passionate about nature, and especially connecting with the Divine through nature. She loves nature walks, especially the woods, and nature photography. Her dreams are of sailing once again. She enjoys learning more about and exploring this beautiful state.

The inclusiveness and genuine welcome of Middleton Community Church is what first attracted Carol to this community. She looks forward to meeting and getting to know all the congregation, and engaging all ages to grow together in connecting faith with daily life.

Undies Sunday - October 9th

Middleton Outreach Ministry (M.O.M.) looks forward to our Undies Sundays, as they always have a need for new undergarments for their clients.

Our next Undies Sunday is scheduled for October 9, which coincides with M.O.M. Executive Director Ellen Carlson's presentation in worship and at Adult Sunday School. M.O.M.'s clothing center can always use foundational pieces for ALL



sizes and genders: socks, underwear, undershirts, bras, camisoles, etc.

We'll be collecting new items both during the morning service time, and also at Pastor Zayna's installation in the afternoon. Alternatively you can order online and have them shipped directly to the church:

Middleton Community Church
Attn: Undies Sunday
645 Schewe Rd., Middleton, WI 53562

MCC is going on the CROP Walk



What IS the CROP Walk?

CROP is a part of Church World Service, which is an ecumenical effort to help hungry people in our nation and around the world.

For the first time in a very long time, the CROP Walk does not fall the same day as our Trunk or Treat! We have a variety of options for ways the MCC family can participate in the walk!

Downtown walk: The Middle School and High School Youth Groups will be meeting up at First Congregational UCC Church to participate in the walk with other groups around the city. We plan to walk the 3 mile walk. Any who wish to join us are welcome to! Carpooling for the church may be an option. We will plan to meet at 12:45 at First Congregational, so we can start the walk promptly at 1:00 with the rest of the group.

Local walk: Dave & Barb Werner are going to lead another group, the same day, that will NOT be going to First Congregational Church. This group will gather at MCC at 1pm on Sunday,

October 16th, and we can choose to walk around the church perimeter or to go over to Pope Farm Park to walk. Should the weather be nasty, we can try it another day OR use the virtual option below!

Virtual walk: Want to help CROP but not up to walking? No problem! Give your donation online at [2022 CROP Hunger Walk - Middleton Community Church](#) . You may give to one of the team members listed or to the team as a unit.

No matter what walking options you choose, [please sign up here](#).

Not able to walk, but still want to support the program: you can [donate online here](#).

If you have any questions, feel free to ask Darci Warner or Dave Werner.

Middleton UCC Blood Drive

We invite you to join us on the morning of October 15th to donate blood. We are blessed with a wonderful facility that allows us to help others. Please consider [signing up](#) and joining us! If you have any questions, please contact Wendy Koran at wendykoran@hotmail.com with any questions. We are also asking a few church members to drop off healthy snacks for the canteen area.

Give Blood. Save Lives.



Middleton Blood Drive Middleton Community United Church of Christ

Fellowship Hall
645 Schewe Rd

**Saturday, October 15, 2022
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**



Adult Faith and Fellowship Opportunities

Adult Sunday School – This fall we will be hosting some of our mission partners to learn more about what their programs do and discuss some of the social justice implications of each. Please join us in the Gathering Room at **10:45am each Sunday** as we learn more together.

October 2 - JustDane

October 9 - Middleton Outreach Ministry

If you'd like to be put on our mailing list, contact Lara Romine, lararomine@gmail.com.

Mind/Body/Spirit

This mindfulness group meets in the sanctuary every **1st and 3rd Thursday at 6:30pm**. This month, we're going to share some articles related to mindfulness and self-awareness. Everyone is welcome! Please join us! [Contact Brian](#) for more information.

Choir

Join the MCC Choir! We are a welcoming group of individuals who enjoy singing and learning about music. Rehearsals are **Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm** and we sing in worship about twice per month. Come once to try it out if you're not sure. It's also a great way to connect with fellow MCC members!

Instrumentalists are needed for worship too! We can support and organize solos and ensembles. Contact Deb Neuman for more information: mccmusic@mccucc.org

Adult Game and Craft Club is a new Fellowship opportunity for adults to connect and socialize with relaxed and fun activities. Adults of all ages and abilities are encouraged to attend.

Join us in Fellowship Hall on the **third Wednesday of the month from 11:00am-12:30pm**. A light snack and beverage will be provided.

Oct 18 – Create a FALL WREATH

Nov 15 – Holiday CARD MAKING with stamps

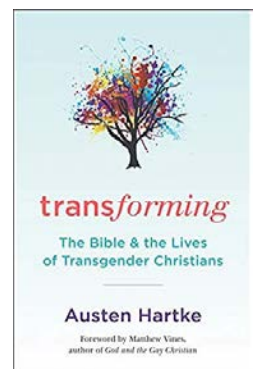
Tuesday Night Fellowship - This group gathers for a meal on **Tuesdays at 6pm**, followed by discussion until 7:45pm or so, followed by clean-up. We sign up week by week for bringing contributions for the meal--usually one soup, bread and drink, and dessert.

We plan to begin this season with a study of the Hebrew Scripture book of Ruth. Our text for this study will be, naturally, the Book of Ruth, supplemented by an offering from Luther Seminary (ELCA), which can be accessed (for free) at [Ruth - Enter the Bible](#)

Contact Dave Werner with questions at davewerner86@gmail.com or 608-826-0319

Coffee and Conversation

This group is currently reading and discussing *Transforming: The Bible & the Lives of Transgender Christians* by Austen Harke. Purchase your book in your favorite format, or borrow it from the city library.



Oct 5: Chapters 7-9

Oct 19: Chapters 10-12, & Conclusion

The group meets in a Hybrid format on the **first and third Wednesdays**. Church doors are open by 7:45am, the discussion starts at 8:00. Coffee is brewed hot and fresh, hot tea is available also! Everyone is welcome at these discussions.

The Knitting Group will start meeting again on Monday, November 7, using a hybrid style. Please contact Beth Michaels if you wish to join the group with Google Meet. We will meet in the Heritage Room and online at 6:30pm

If you enjoy any needlecraft and would like some fellowship while doing so, please email Beth at bethmichaels57@gmail.com to be added to the group's email list. A link to join the hybrid meeting will be sent by email the day of the meeting.

Children and Youth Faith and Fellowship Opportunities

Connect in Sunday School!

We are happy to offer Sunday School for all ages at MCC!

On non-communion Sundays we offer classes, after Moment with Children for **Preschool** (3 years-preK), **Elementary** (K-4 grade), **5/6 grades** and **7/8 grades**.

High School Youth meet for Faith Formation on the second Sunday of each month from 6:30-8:00 pm. We serve a snack, and spend time learning, but also allow time for fellowship.

We still need **current registrations** for many of our children and youth. Would you please spend a few moments to fill out the appropriate form(s) for your family.

[Children: Birth-4th Grade \(2022/23\)](#)

[Youth: 5th-12th grade \(2022/23\)](#)

Climate Hope Cards

Calling all UCC children and youth

The UCC is launching a national art contest for children and youth that will be part of a larger campaign that will generate hope in making a difference when confronting the climate crisis.

How to participate?: Draw or paint about climate hope, environmental justice, or protecting the Earth. Winners will be selected in November!

[Click here to learn more and register](#)



Volunteers are a critical part of the success of our Children and Youth Programming!

Here are ways you can help!

[Sign-up to be a Nursery Volunteer Here](#)

Youth must be 13 years old, and should sign up with an adult (doesn't have to be a parent)

No diaper changing required!

[Sign up to be an Elementary Shepherd/Assistant Here](#)

Shepherds/Assistant go with the class after Moment with Children and assist the Teacher/Leader with that morning's activities.

No pre-planning required.

Be a Middle School Youth Group Assistant

Most months, Middle School Youth Group meets on the Third Sunday, from 6:30-8:00 pm.

We'd also love to have you join us for the Winter Retreat on Feb. 24-26 and the Lock-in on April 28-29 if possible. (Certainly not required) If you are interested, please talk to Darci or our NEW Youth and Children's Coordinator Carol.

Masks are optional for church activities

Bible Sunday

Some of our children will be presented with Bibles on November 6. If your child is 3 or in 3rd grade, or if your child hasn't gotten a Bible from MCC yet, watch for a message from Darci about Bible Sunday.

October Youth Group

Youth Group will look a little different in October. We have a busy schedule at the church!

October 16-Crop Walk:

Both Middle School and High School Youth groups will participate in the CROP walk on October 16. [Please sign your youth up here.](#) The same link can be used by your youth to solicit donations from friends and family. Everyone in the family is welcome to join us! The walk starts at 1:00 pm. As we get closer, we will see about carpooling from the church to First Congregational Church, or if we will ask Youth to meet us there. If you would be willing to provide rides, please let Darci know!



activity with high community engagement, and its success is thanks to all who either provide spook-tacular trunks, and those who volunteer to help with set-up, clean-up and run games. All our Middle School and High School youth are encouraged to participate! We have so much creative talent! Youth can even 'team up' and come up with a trunk theme together! They would just need to borrow one parent's car! New this year, the BOMF is willing to refund each trunk \$50, with receipts. For more information, see the article on page 5 of this newsletter. All youth who volunteer on this day will have their name entered for a special prize drawing!

October 23-Trunk or Treat:

We are excited to once again be offering a Trunk or Treat to our church families, and the surrounding community. This has consistently been an



Remember:

Middle School Youth Group

is for Youth in 5-6-7-8 grades.

High School Youth Group

is for Youth in 9-10-11-12 grades!

Friends are always welcome!



In September, both youth groups met around the campfire for s'mores and fun. (MS left, HS above)

Trunk *or* Treat



*Presenting MCC's *9th* T-O-T... and you're invited!*



WHO: MCC needs YOU!!

WHAT: Be a fun-loving HOST or VOLUNTEER

- Host a decorated vehicle trunk, as a group or on your own
- Help with crucial tasks before, during & after this community event
- Donate treats and other items in advance
- Hosts receive up to \$50 to offset the cost of costumes & trunk decoration
- This year we will have a traveling trophy award for Favorite Trunk
- Sign-up sheets are in Fellowship Hall or online: middletonucc.org/trunk-or-treat/

We need lots of helping hands to make Trunk or Treat a big success!

WHERE: Middleton Community Church south parking lot

In the event of inclement weather: Trick or Treating will pivot to inside the church as a walk-through event, with decorated tables/booths.

WHEN: 3-5pm on Sunday, October 23, 2022

As visitors move from trunk to trunk, our creative costumed hosts share goodies from their decorated cars. Hosts should arrive ready to decorate their trunks by 1pm.

WHY: To provide a fun early Halloween community event!

Trunk or Treat is a safe alternative that keeps kids out of the street while still enjoying the fun of trick or treating — and gives all who participate, as either a host or a guest, the opportunity to costume up!

Fall Retreats at Camp Balsams

Fall is a beautiful time of the year for a retreat at Camp Balsams, located 6 miles east of Eagle River on Bass Lake. The camp committee will close the summer-only cabins the weekend of October 1-2, but Charlie's Cabin is available all year, and October is a special time in the north woods. Contact [Anne](#) in the church office to reserve the cabin.

Charlie's Cabin has a great room with a gas fireplace, a fully equipped kitchen with a dishwasher, and an accessible bathroom on the main floor, and two



additional full bathrooms on the lower level. There are two main floor bedrooms with queen beds and one bedroom with twin beds. In the lower level there are two bedrooms with twin beds. Church members may enjoy their personal retreat at Charlie's Cabin for \$100 a night. MCC group retreat use is free.

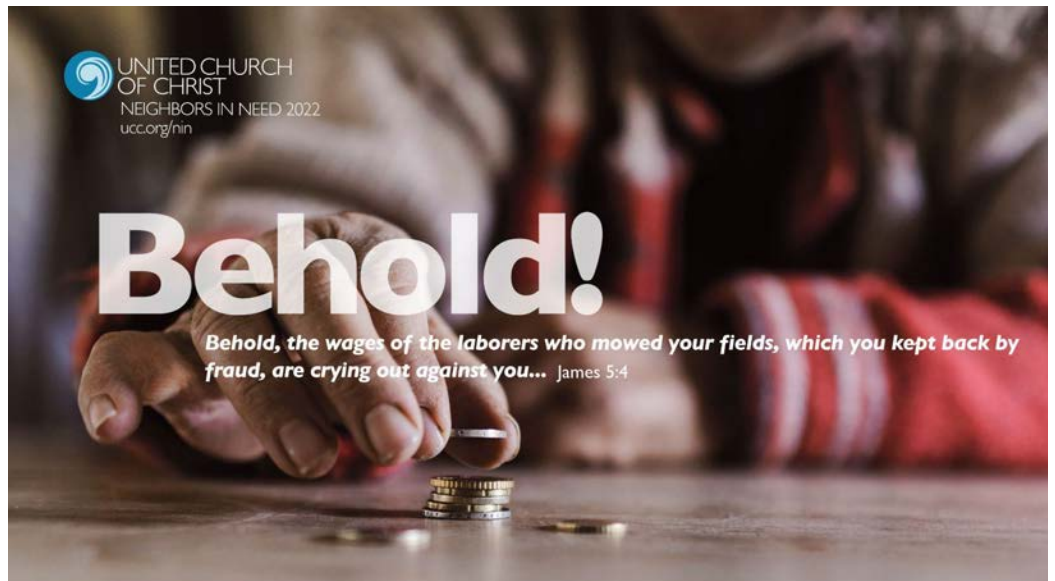
Health care services in the Eagle River area are limited. If anyone in your party has been exposed to COVID-19 or is experiencing symptoms, you should not travel to Camp Balsams.

Special Offering – Neighbors in Need

Neighbors in Need is one of the four special mission offerings of the United Church of Christ and supports ministries of justice and compassion in the United States.

In 2022, the Neighbors in Need "BEHOLD!" offering focuses on economic justice. With inflation impacting all of our households, we wanted to provide a way to discuss this through a faith lens.

One-third of the offering supports [Council for American Indian Ministry \(CAIM\)](#). Two-thirds are used by Justice and Witness Ministries to provide grants to UCC churches and organizations as well as supporting a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.



Special offering envelopes will be in the bulletins at MCC on October 2, but contributions can also be made by mailing checks to the church office (put Neighbors in Need in the memo line) or using our online giving portal through October 5.

Adult Crafts and Games

MCC is launching a new Fellowship opportunity for adults to connect and socialize with relaxed and FUN activities. This is a great way to meet new people and re-connect with neighbors and friends because – let’s face it – a lot has changed since we have been together in community! Adults of all ages and abilities are encouraged to attend.

We will gather in Fellowship Hall on the **third Wednesday of each month from 11:00am-12:30pm**. A light snack and beverage

will be provided. Laura Crow and Geri Cupery will serve as initial hosts. We welcome your ideas and assistance as we move forward.

Check out our FALL SCHEDULE and make plans to attend!

- **October 19** – Create a FALL WREATH for yourself or to share (*Interested? Please sign up in Fellowship Hall by October 16 so we have enough supplies*)
- **November 16** – Holiday CARD MAKING with stamps

Post-COVID Transition Team Update

MCC's COVID response is tied to the current COVID-19 Community Level in Dane County. When the level is LOW, masking is completely optional. When it rises to MEDIUM, masks are required while singing. [Find the current level here.](#)

- Masks are optional at worship and in Sunday School.
- Small groups can decide for themselves whether masks will be worn.

The Post-COVID Transition team will continue to monitor COVID conditions, and may reinstate stricter policies if COVID transmission worsens again.

Our church strives to provide as many opportunities to connect as possible, and for that reason we are continuing the livestreamed service as well as hybrid activities. We will also continue streaming the service to Fellowship Hall, where worshipers are welcome to sit and watch the service.

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Weber at moderator@middletonucc.org



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Follow us: <https://www.youtube.com/MiddletonUCC>

Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 8am to noon

Stay in touch: Contact the staff via phone and e-mail. If we don't answer the phone, please leave a message; our voicemail messages are automatically forwarded to staff email.

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Ways You Can Support Our Mission Partners

Middleton Outreach Ministry

For current pantry hours and procedures, [Click HERE](#).
[Current Top 10 most requested items](#)
To donate, visit momhelps.org and click "Donate."

The Road Home Dane County

Support vulnerable families (including Healing House, a joint ministry with Just Dane).
Visit trhome.org/ and click "Donate."

MCPASD School Feeding Programs

[Click HERE](#) for more information or to donate.

Madison Schools Feeding Programs

free meals to all children 18 and under
Visit <https://food.madison.k12.wi.us> for times and locations for food distribution.

Middleton Youth Center

[Click HERE](#), and then click "donate to the Youth Center here."

Orion Family Services

Orion Family Services can now accept online donations at www.orionfamilyservices.org. If you're interested in getting updates about their work, you can sign up to receive their newsletter.

Horizon High School

Visit horizonhs.org and click "Donate."

Wisconsin Conference UCC

Emergency Response Fund to support churches facing significant financial challenges
Give online at wcucc.org by clicking the red "Donate" button at the top of the page.

Dane County COVID-19 Emergency and Recovery Fund

Funds will be split into two approaches: Short-term emergency and Long-term response and recovery.
[Click HERE](#), then click "Donate Here."

Red Cross

There is currently a severe blood shortage. To make an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org
Financial donations are also appreciated. [Click HERE](#) for all the ways you can donate.

Voces de la Frontera Direct Relief Fund: COVID-19 Relief for Undocumented Workers

Voces de la Frontera, is raising critical funds to ensure the most vulnerable members of our communities will be able to meet their basic needs. Donate at <https://bit.ly/VocesReliefFund>

MCC Care Ministry

If you would like a telephone check in, please contact Jim Neuman at jneuman253@gmail.com or 829-0698. We can also help you problem-solve to get your needs met. The card team sends cards to members, friends, and immediate family who are at home or on our church prayer list.

If you would like to be a part of our Care Ministry, receive services or make a referral, contact Jim Neuman at 829-0698.



Birthdays & Anniversaries!

Happy October Birthday!

Lana Audhya	Sophie Murray
Sophie Audhya	Jim Neuman
Cal Avery	Zack Paulsen
Erica Avery	Mike Peterson
Ryan Barthel	Aurora Pop-Vicas
Caitlin Besadny	Tom Rajkowski
Everlynn Birmingham	Evan Rogers
Grant Borchert	Lara Romine
Randall Doersch	Paul Romine
Claire Dvorak	Emerson Schoenke
Martin Falk	Dale Slusser
Mark Gessler	John Snell
Abbie Hannam	Noah St. Clair
Wendy Koran	Dotty Stluka
Emily Kuhn	Dan Sullivan
Cayla Lucas	Asa Thomley
Courtney Maher	Katherine Vater
Kayla Meier	Jones Wallman
Ruth Munz-Kalinke	Maya Wallman
Caleb Murray	Frank Wilkins

If we missed yours, please contact the church office.

Happy October Anniversary!

Cari & Terry Anderson
Lynn & Peter Burke
John & Peggy Comerford
Jeff Durkee & Kristin Friel
Cristie & Eric Fredrickson
Larry & Sherry Gustafson
Chad & Laura Halverson
Tamara & Jeff Jackopin
Clayton & Traci Janikowski
Anthony & Wendy Koran
Brent & Emily Lockwood
Bill & Gail O'Neal
Lisa & Mark Opitz
Joyce & Leilani Robertson-Hoyt
Carol & Stan Scheel
David & Jennifer Wiens
Frank & Judy Wilkins
Eric & Kelly Wilson

*Did we miss yours?
Contact the church office
and let us know.*

October 2022

Click the links to join the online meetings. Visit our [Google Calendar](#) for dial-in instructions.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p align="center">Sunday worship: 9:30am In-Person and LiveStream at youtube.com/MiddletonUCC</p>						<p>1 MAFPG Harvest Dinner (if raining)</p>
<p>2 9:30am Communion Worship (YouTube) 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Adult Sun School H</p>	<p>3 10am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Board of Mission and Stewardship 6:45pm Bd of Christian Ed 7pm Board of Worship</p>	<p>4 1pm Mad City Quilt Guild Meeting 5pm Discernment Cmte 6pm Tuesday Night Fellowship</p>	<p>5 8am Coffee & Conversation H 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7:45pm A/V Tech Check</p>	<p>6 6:30pm Mindfulness</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9 9:30am Worship (YouTube) 9:45am Sunday School 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Adult Sun School H 2pm PZ Installation H 6:30-8pm HS Sunday School</p>	<p>10 10am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Board of Finance Bd of Membership and Fellowship</p>	<p>11 6pm Tuesday Night Fellowship</p>	<p>12 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7:45pm A/V Tech Check</p>	<p>13 11-1 pm Pastor's Public Office Hours 5:30pm SWA Mtg 6:00pm Condo Assn Mtg 6:30pm Mindfulness</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 8am-12pm Blood Drive Sign up here!</p>
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[BLUE](#) indicates online meetings/events

H indicates hybrid (in person or online)