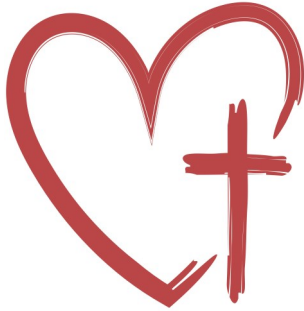


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EXCELSIOR!

“Upward and onward to greater glory!”

The month of October was overflowing with good things happening at Central UMC!
These pictures will show many of these exciting times within our church.

We took in eleven new members!
We volunteered at Kids' Food Basket!
We volunteered at MAP Clothing Closet!
We volunteered at Hope Project!
We packed Emergency Food Bags!
We walked in the Annual CROP Walk!

We were presented a wall hanging in memory of Rev. Lynn DeMoss
We attended Annual Church Conference!



**Kelsey
Cook**



**Eric & Jeanne
Coulon**



**Ken & Pat
McNeill**



**Jon & Miguelle
Newman**



**Mike & Jayne
Potgeter**



**Randy & Jody
Wightman**



**Central UMC distributes healthy food
each month at our Mobile Food Pantry.
Thank you volunteers!**



**This Kids' Food Basket
crew is faithful each
and every month!**



**Central,
you nailed
Crop Walk!
See page 2 for
all the details.**



**Kay DeMoss and Juanita Joiner
“Shine On”
In memory of Rev. Lynn DeMoss**

Mission Possible for November 2024

Nov. 3 — Mission of the Month
United Methodist Student Day

Nov. 10 — Local Mission
Hope Project

Nov. 17— Helping Hand Fund

Nov. 24 — Hunger/UMCOR
Where Most Needed

Monthly Pantry Donation
Jail Ministries

Mission Accomplished September 2024

Mission of the Month
UMC Community House \$395.00

Local Mission
Boys and Girls Club \$255.00

Helping Hand Fund \$191.00

Hunger/UMCOR
Water Sanitation & Hygiene \$255.00

Fifth Sunday
MHS Care Center \$230.00

Pantry
MHS Teen Clinic \$230.00

Reminder...mission offerings can be given any time during the month even though we list our offerings by the week.



November 3, 2024



“Creating safe spaces
for growth and community
in Christ.”

OUR VOTE MATTERS



The UMC has historically emphasized social justice, civic responsibility, and engagement in public life as part of its teachings on Christian ethics and social responsibility.

Participating in our country's political life isn't just about casting our own vote—it requires working together so we can all vote and vote faithfully. There are many ways to get involved—from participating ourselves to supporting others in our congregations and communities.

So LET'S VOTE! Sign the [OUR VOTES MATTER](#) pledge. Find ways to [ENGAGE IN THE ELECTORAL PROCESS](#). And above all, PRAY!

We can all play a role in getting “souls to the polls!”

Sowing Generosity

Join us this November as we sow and grow our gifts.

We will celebrate
our financial commitments
on Sunday, November 24th!



Copies of our 2024 Annual Church Conference Report are now available in the office.

You can pick your copy up or call the church office and we can mail you a copy.

Thank you to those who drove to White Lake UMC on October 20th to attend. We had a great turn out for this yearly meeting.

We Are The Church Banner Update!

I just completed making 105 symbols that will represent each of YOU on our new banner! That means, I have cut 420 pieces of fabric, sewed 420 individual pieces by hand for the symbols, and made 1260 seams to complete each of the 105 symbols! CUMC...I can tell you right now, it's going to be SPECIAL!! All I need to finish this spectacular project are PRAYERS FROM EACH OF YOU and TIME!!!

CROP WALK 2024 was Super Sensational for CUMC

Central had four new walkers this year!! Right after the walk we were told that CENTRAL was ahead of other walking teams! All this was possible because of our dedicated walkers and people like you who generously donated money.

Kelsey and Rob Cook, Lisa Lively, Carol Higginson, Sue Zack, Carol Cross, Julie Husted, Ben Clarke, Cathy Brubaker-Clarke, Berry-McNeill family, Diane VanWesep, Kay Fairfield, Linda Roberts, Randy and Jody Wightman, Deb Dahlquist.

We are looking forward to CROP Walk 2025! It is our hope that Central will have even more walkers next year...that will add more money for our donation.

That's a WIN WIN!

Worship at Central

Available online: **LIVE**

<https://www.facebook.com/muskegoncentralumc>

And on our YouTube Channel: **LATER IN THE DAY**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZUQe2i7FzjtcwwSG7Ednw/videos?view=2&flow=grid>

Central Cares

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 — Susan Seastrom, Marie Rood
- 6 — Dorothy Robbins
- 7 — Dan Melinn
- 8 — Eric Coulon
- 10 — Julie Seastrom
- 12 — Don Vanderlaan
- 14 — Huey Husted
- 15 — Valerie Lundholm
- 16 — Nicholas Lundholm
- 20 — Javan Terpstra
- 23 — Michael Potgeter
- 25 — Erika Paulson
- 27 — Doug Clarke
- 30 — Bill Brookstra



Hymns from the Heart "SOLI DEO GLORIA"

On October 8, 2017 we sang three hymns from my first hymn challenge...*Hymns from the Heart*. Bonnie Borgeson and Sue Zack participated in the challenge and using familiar hymn tunes, wrote their own texts based on favorite passages from the Bible. This month I want to share the second hymn Bonnie wrote for that challenge.

For many years 1 Peter 2:9-10 has been a favorite passage: **"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were no people but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy but now you have received mercy."** I think it resonates with me because of the common human need to *belong*. *I belong to God's own people. Think of that!*

The tune is Beach Spring, an early American hymn tune from the *Sacred Harp*, 1844. It is used for two hymns in the UMH; the one we sing most if "Lord Whose Love Through Humble Service."

Says the Lord, "You Are My People"

*Says the Lord, "You are my people, out of darkness into light."
We were lost in sin and folly, till God's love made all things right.
Tell the story of God's mercy, which has changed and made us whole.
Tell the Story of God's mercy, which as changed and made us whole.*

*Christ the Savior lit our darkness with his sacrifice of love.
We became God's holy people, won to live in heav'n above.
Sing his praises, sing his praises. Alleluia to the Lamb!
Sing his praises, sing his praises. Alleluia to the Lamb.*

*By his mercy God redeemed us, who were helpless and estranged.
God has called us, all together, to serve others in his name.
We are able, we are able, by God's strength this work to do.*

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- 1 — Supper House 3:45 p.m. (Temple UMC)
- 3 — Worship 9:30 a.m. (In-Person & Virtual)
Going Deeper 5 p.m. (Conference Room)
- 4 — Joy Bells 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
Women's Ensemble 630 p.m. (Sanctuary)
- 5 — Staff Mtg. 11:00 a.m. (Conference Room)
- 7 — Red Letter Christians 10:00 a.m. (Conference Room)
Blood Drive 11 a.m. (Lower Level)
- 10 — Worship 9:30 a.m. (In-Person & Virtual)
Call To Prayer 11 a.m. (Conference Room)
Mix & Match Team Mtg. 11 a.m. (Library)
- 11 — Joy Bells 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
Women's Ensemble 6:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)
- 13 — Leadership Council Mtg. 5:30 p.m. (Conference Room)
- 14 — Romeo's 8:30 a.m. (Carmen's Café)
Juliet's 9:00 a.m. (Cherokee Restaurant)
- 17 — Worship 9:30 a.m. (In-Person & Virtual)
Going Deeper 5 p.m. (Conference Room)
- 18 — Mobile Food Truck 4:30 p.m. (CUMC Parking Lot)
Joy Bells 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
Women's Ensemble 6:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)
- 19 — Outlook Deadline 8 a.m.
Book Club 10 a.m. (Library)
Building Team Mtg. 11 a.m. (Conference Room)
MAP Clothing Pantry 12:30 p.m. (Temple UMC)
- 21 — Red Letter Christians 10:00 a.m. (Conference Room)
MAP Clothing Pantry 12:30 p.m. (Temple UMC)
- 24 — Worship 9:30 a.m. (In-Person & Virtual)
Call To Prayer 11:00 a.m. (Conference Room)
- 25 — Joy Bells 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
Women's Ensemble 6:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)
- 26 — Custodial Crew Mtg. 11 a.m. (Parish Hall)
- 28 — Volunteer at Kids' Food Basket 9:30 a.m. (1537 S. Getty)

Church Office Hours

**Our regular office hours at the church.
Tuesday — Thursday 9 a.m. — 2 p.m.**

Special Request:

- ♥ Please keep Connie in the church office updated on any of the prayer requests you have made on behalf of your friends and family.
- ♥ **Where to send important information!**
Please send to all addresses.
- ♥ Juanita Joiner for the Newsletter:
jjoiner@muskegoncentralumc.org
- ♥ Connie Jones for the Church Calendar:
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Have news for the Outlook? See page 3 for submission addresses. Next Outlook deadline is **November 19**. Thank you!



All Saints' Day
November 3, 2024

Troy Carpenter
Lynn DeMoss
Doris Elwell
Joyce Lewinsky

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who Thee by faith before the world confessed;
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia, Alleluia!