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October 2019



# Thoughts From the Veranda

Well, I'm sitting on my veranda dictating this newsletter into my iPhone. So any weird words or spelling errors are not my fault. (I usually catch them.) The burning bushes are starting to burn a little bit. They're not going to be as pretty this year because I had cut them back this past spring, but there's a little red on them, and today is the first day of fall. Soon, we'll be changing our calendars to October.

October is important month, in the year of the church. On October 6 we will be celebrating World Communion Sunday. It's on this Sunday that Christian denominations throughout the world celebrate communion together. But it is not only with other Christians here on earth.

We have this phrase in our liturgy that reads:

*“And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn”*

When we celebrate communion it's not only with those in our presence but it's also with those who have left us and are now in God's presence. We celebrate the Lord's Supper together.

In addition, October is our stewardship month, when we have the opportunity to reflect on what this church means to us and make our commitment to support the church going forward. Watch for my stewardship moments each Sunday in October.

On October 13<sup>th</sup> our Youth will be conducting our Worship service. On October 20<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate Laity Sunday as we are led in worship by the laity. It's always a joy when we have those in our midst that share their faith with us.

Oh yes, another important event In October, all the pumpkin spice flavors are back. I prefer to wait for the peppermint mocha latte in the month of December.

Well, that's it for now signing off from the veranda.

Pastor Bob

# Serving the Lord

## October 2019



### Lay Liturgist

- 8 Dave Brest
- 13 Marilyn Chavalia
- 20 JJ Justice
- 27 Shirley Groves

### Greeters and Ushers

- Bob and Mary Brandal
- Dick and Margie Lisle
- Chris Clapper and Barb Lynch
- Joe Mendlik and Bob Overy



### Charge Conference

Saturday October 12

9:00 a.m. - Noon

LaPorte UMC

2071 Grafton Rd, Elyria

### PPR Consultation

Tuesday November 5

7:15 p.m. Belden UMC

36130 State Rte 303, Grafton

happy birthday



- 4 Joe Yusko III
- 7 Carol Lumadue
- 11 Joe VanKerhove  
Cheryl Hosek
- 12 John Cutter
- 17 Kevin Baldoza
- 18 Windy Hoffmaster  
Libby Kuntz
- 22 Lloyd Miller
- 24 Pastor Bob (Spaulding)
- 28 Kris Lottman  
Ciara Harris
- 29 Hailey Forosa
- 31 Judy Miller

NOVEMBER

- 2 Grace Mei Junhai  
VanKerkhove
- 6 Lynn Westermann

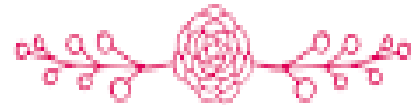


Happy Anniversary



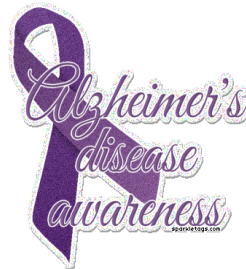
- 17 Dick and Margie Lisle
- 19 Dennis and Amy Bajko
- 22 Rick and Chip Smith

AUTUMN  
IS A SECOND SPRING  
WHEN EVERY LEAF  
IS A FLOWER.



Newsletter Info  
**Wanted!**

Deadline  
for  
**NOVEMBER**  
Carillon  
Articles  
and  
Information  
Wednesday  
October 16



**Alzheimer's  
Group  
Meeting**

Monday October 21  
at 6:30 pm

# Our Church Family who are Away from Us

Please remember those that are not able to be with us due to health and/or physical restrictions. They would LOVE to receive cards, phone calls and visits of ALL kinds at ANY time. Calls and visits are always welcomed. YOU could be the one to make the difference in someone's life!

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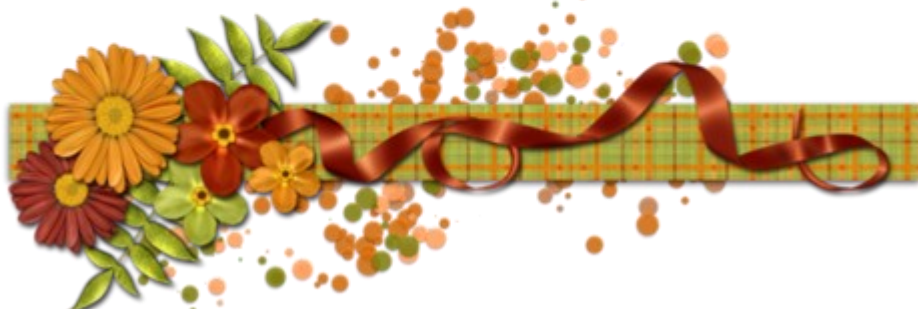
*Count Your*  
**BLESSINGS**

**Next time a sunrise steals your breath  
or a meadow of flowers leave you  
speechless, remain that way. Say  
nothing, and listen as Heaven whispers,  
"Do you like it? I did it just for you."**




# October 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3 9:30 am Women's Study	4	5
6 10:00 am Worship Service <b>Holy Communion</b> Open Table Birthday and Anniversary Sunday	7 6:00 pm OutReach Meeting	8 6:30 pm Finance Meeting	9 <b>CARILLON</b> <b>ARTILCES</b> <b>DUE</b> 6:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal	10 9:30 am Women's Study	11	12 Annual Charge Conference at LaPorte UMC 9-noon
	<b>Rummage Sale Set-Up</b>				<b>Rummage Sale</b>	
13 10:00 am Worship Service Blood Pressure Sunday 	14 6:00 pm Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm Administrative Council	15	16 6:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal	17 9:30 am Women's Study	18	19





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20 10:00 am Worship Service 	21 6:30 pm Alzheimer's Meeting	22	23 6:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal	24 9:30 am Women's Study	25	26
27 10:00 am Worship Service Change for Change Sunday	28	29	30 6:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal	31 9:30 am Women's Study	31	31

## 2020 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

PLEASE PUT THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>

Stewardship Campaign Kickoff!



Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>

Consecration Sunday!!!

Pledge cards will be turned in and blessed during Service  
 Celebration coffee hour following Service



# Church Rummage Sale

We Will Be  
Seeking Donations

**NEXT Week**

We will be accepting donations for our

FALL Rummage Sale that will be held on

Friday, October 11 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and

Saturday, October 12 from 9:00 a.m. to NOON

Please bring your gently used items to the “pre-school” area on  
the lower level of the church beginning Monday, October 7

ALSO: Please consider offering your assistance for SetUp

Monday October 7 through Thursday October 10

beginning at 9:00 a.m.

## Youth Bake Sale

# Will SOON Be Seeking Donations

The youth will once again be sponsoring a bake sale during the upcoming rummage sale on October 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for donations of baked goods to be dropped off at the church on Wednesday October 9<sup>th</sup> or Thursday October 10<sup>th</sup>.

Please help if you are able and be sure to mark your donation “For the Bake Sale”.

We will be packaging and pricing at 6:30-7:00 pm Thursday October 10<sup>th</sup>, the night before the sale begins. Thank you!





Sunday, October 27, 2019

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

*Be the light that helps others see. —Anon.*

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**D**r. Frank Rogers Jr., a professor at Claremont School of Theology in southern California, spent several years working with young people in the inner city areas of Los Angeles County. He encouraged teens to tell their stories.

His program was so successful that on one occasion he was asked to be the keynote speaker at a gathering of clergy in Palm Springs. Renting an old bus, he set out with a small group of teens and headed for the conference.

With Route 10 stretching out before them, they got a flat tire right in the middle of a desert. Fortunately, there was a spare, but unfortunately, no jack.

Standing by the side of the road, Dr. Rogers attempted to flag down several cars — three of which were driven by none other than some of the big shots of the church conference at which he was speaking.

Then a rattletrap of a rusty pickup passed by. It was full of migrant workers. The vehicle rolled to a stop and the migrants poured out. They quickly found a jack, changed the tire and refused any kind of payment.

As they piled back in the truck, Dr. Rogers asked the kids: “Did you see what happened here?”

They replied: “Yes! We have a story.”

Arriving a bit late at the conference, Dr. Rogers related the story to the crowded hall, with the students acting out the scene behind him.

The bishop came quickly forward and said, “*Mea culpa*. I didn’t know you were one of us.”

One of the teens quickly replied, “You are missing the point. There is no us.”

And Dr. Rogers completed the thought with this:

“We are all on the side of the road. We need each other to get where we want to go.”

—Melanie Silva

*Prayer: Loving God, thank you for those who are with me in my journey. Thank you for the helpers. Thank you for those who pray, and for those who pass through my life every day. Bless them in a mighty way. In Jesus’ name. Amen.*