

Hello,
October!

With your arrival, we embrace the cozy comforts
of autumn and the beauty of falling leaves





THE SOUTHSIDE CONNECTION

Making God's love visible as we welcome, care for, and serve all.

Greetings Church!!

As we step into October, we embrace the beauty of fall, a season that reminds us of God's incredible creation. As the weather cools and we gather around warm meals and fires, let's take time to reflect on God's blessings in our lives. This month, I encourage you to keep a gratitude journal—write down three things each day that you are thankful for. Let's cultivate a spirit of gratitude together!

In this season of gratitude, the changing leaves symbolize transformation, and just as nature shifts, so too can our hearts and lives when we walk closely with Christ. This walk is transformational. This walk is the path of discipleship.

In this light, I would like honor our Methodist roots and create opportunities for small groups. It is always good to remember that discipleship is both an individual and shared experience that is rooted in the good and loving nature of our creator.


If you are interested in exploring the possibilities of creating a new small group. Let's talk!

We are also looking for additional help with our livestream and slides during our Sunday morning worship service.

If you feel led to serve in any capacity, please reach out to me. Your gifts and talents can make a significant impact in our church and community.

Friends, as we enjoy this beautiful season, let's remember to be a light in our community. May we walk in faith, serve in love, and reflect Christ's love in all we do.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jen



AD COUNCIL

September 23 was the 3rd quarterly Administrative Council meeting and the first with Pastor Jen.

These items were discussed and if you would like further information please ask any of the Council members:

- * Replacement of the old copier. (Update: it has been donated to a refurbish center and a much smaller, but for our church efficient new one has been ordered).
- * Our investments are doing well, but we are running, for the year, a \$20,000 deficit (see our financial reports).
- * When our DS Karen Hernandez was guests speaker a few weeks ago, she wanted to give to our church, but since she doesn't carry cash or a checkbook had no way of doing so. She strongly recommended we look into that option and, thanks to Beth, that is now a reality.
- * Updated who can sign checks on the account, as some are no longer available.
- * Voted to accept the pastoral compensation package as set by our conference.
- * Set November 4th as our charge conference date.
- * Keep up with our website with the help of Jenny, Sharon and Thom Juhl (from Meridian UMC), who did much of the work setting it up in the current format.
- * Recognize Curt for all his commitment and work with the sound and online broadcasting of our services on October 6th.
- * Building maintenance: gutter cleaning, fellowship hall carpet, church cleanup day, who can we get involved to help.
- * Paid custodial labor and the legal requirements
- * Pastoral report from Pastor Jen.
- * Next meeting set for December 2nd.

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October ²⁰²⁴

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29	30	1 Sack Lunch & Bible Study 11:30-1 pm	2	3 Thursday Message 10am on Facebook Pastor Visitations	4	5
6 Worship 10am in person/ Facebook HOLY COMMUNION	7	8 Sack Lunch & Bible Study 11:30-1 pm	9 Cookies & Cards @ 12:00 UWF 1:30	10 Thursday Message 10am on Facebook Pastor Visitations	11	12
13 Worship 10am in person & on Facebook	14	15 Sack Lunch & Bible Study 11:30-1 pm	16	17 Thursday Message 10am on Facebook Pastor Visitations	18 SALVATION ARMY Serving a Meal 11:00 am	19
20 WEAR PINK Worship 10am in person/ Facebook	21	22 Sack Lunch & Bible Study 11:30-1 pm	23	24 Thursday Message 10am on Facebook Pastor Visitations	25	26
27 Worship 10am in person & on Facebook Koins for Kids	28	29 Sack Lunch & Bible Study 11:30-1 pm	30	31 Thursday Message 10am on Facebook Pastor Visitations	1	2

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SBUMC News



Cookies and Cards will be on **Wednesday, October 9, 2024 at 12:00 ~** right before the **UWF meeting**, which is at **1:30 pm**.

Giving opportunity--- If you'd like to donate to UMCOR to help with Hurricane Helene, **make checks out to Southside but notate** (mark cash envelopes and on online giving) to **UMCOR-Hurricane Helene**. 100% of giving goes to UMCOR.

Upcoming Outreach Opportunity---**We are serving a hot meal at the Salvation Army on Friday, October 18, 2024, at 11: 00 a.m.** If food insecurity in our community matters to you and you want to help make a difference in our community, join us! We will continue to have opportunities to serve.

October is breast cancer awareness month. Let's wear pink on Sunday, October 20, 2024, to help raise awareness and raise hope!

We are planning a **Trunk or Treat event for October 30th** -- stay tuned for more details and sign up opportunities!

Prayer Boxes Are Here. We have just received a new supply of Prayer Boxes. They are available in the church office for anyone who would like to take one home or give one to someone else. Each has a small hole in the top through which a written request to God can be placed. Since there is no way to get the request back out, the message is totally personal and cannot be seen by anyone but God.

Pastor Jen needs your help-- if you see a new face on Sunday during our worship service, please make sure to welcome them and let Pastor Jen know. We want to be sure to give them a Welcome Bag and invite them to our coffee hour after our service.

All Saints Sunday is November 3, 2024. We will have a special moment during our worship service to remember and pay tribute to the saints in our lives that we have lost.

OCTOBER

BIRTHDAYS

3 - Sheree Welshimer
13 - Pieter Middelhoven
25 - LaDonna Readmond
28 - Betty Twitchell
30- Lolo Raass Jr.

ANNIVERSARIES

5- Shane & Catherine Schamber



If we missed your Birthday or Anniversary,
please let the church office know.

SERVING THE CHURCH IN AUGUST

Liturgist

6- Linda Skogsberg
13- Monica Stone
20- Barbra Young
27- Mary Dennis

Children's Message

6- Barbara Hayhurst
13- Barbara Hayhurst
20-
27-

Greeters

6- Lily Sorenson
13- Barbara & Dee McAlister
20- Bob & Anya Marks
27- Lily Sorenson

Coffee Hour Hosts

6- Tom & Barb Young
13- Sherrie Barnett
20- Darlene & Deanna
27- ????

Sign up sheet is by the coffee in the Narthex ~

Sign up anytime or contact Jenny @southsidebumc2014@gmail.com

SOUTHSIDE NEWS

Finance Reports

For the month of August:

General Fund income was \$8,676.38
and expenses \$10,173.79
for a net (-) \$1,497.41

Our investments continue to accrue funds, so that's good news

For the year:

General Fund income was \$78,084.06
and expenses \$98,433.00
for a net (-) \$20,348.94

Considering our investments, we're solvent, but we do need to think about long-term solutions with such a sizeable deficit.

A full set of the most current financial reports are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Feel free to come in and take a look.



Faith in Action

Little Red Wagon

Nonperishable food donations can be put in the Little Red Wagon located in the Narthex. Your Faith in Action team will deliver them to the Salvation Army.

Kids Collecting Coins

The 4th Sunday of each month is set aside for "Koins For Kids"

These donations are used by the Faith In Action Team to provide school supplies and other needed items for local area children.

Habitat For Humanity

You CAN donate your Aluminum CANS for recycling.

Just drop them in the blue barrel in the fellowship hall.

They are taken to Western Recycling, which gives 3 times the refund amount to Habitat for Humanity.