



United Methodist Church of Owatonna October 2024

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Announcing Our Fall Small Group Study

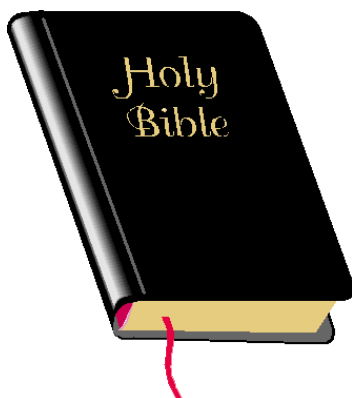
When: After our Sunday Worship Services

Dates: October 20, 27, November 10, 17

Where: Matthew Room

What to Expect: Grab some coffee and a treat and meet in the Matthew Room to explore how Grace is transforming our lives.

Look for more information in the announcements.



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Find us on Facebook:
Owatonna United Methodist Church

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday
8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Sunday Schedule

9:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:15 a.m. Connect Club

Livestream: www.owatonnalive.com
& Facebook

Blessed are you autumn,
Season of the heart's yearning.
You usher us into places of mystery
And, like the leaves, we fall trustingly
Into eternal, unseen hands



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Introducing the "Transformed by Grace" Worship Series and Stewardship Campaign

October Newsletter

Dear Church Family,

The Council of Stewards and I are excited to introduce our stewardship campaign and, new worship series "**Transformed by Grace.**" This four-week journey draws inspiration from our founder John Wesley's understanding of grace and generosity, particularly his impactful sermon "The Use of Money." Through this series, we invite you to learn a little about our denomination and explore the transformative power of God's grace in our lives and communities.

Grace: An Invitation to Transformation

Grace is not merely a gift but God's invitation to a relationship that can change our lives and transform the world. Throughout this series, we will delve into stories of transformation, connecting them to our everyday experiences. You'll be encouraged to see God's presence in unexpected places and recognize the surprising ways God shows up in our lives.

Stewardship Campaign: Transforming Our Community

As part of this four-week worship series, we will be holding our annual stewardship campaign, inviting you to consider how your financial gifts, time, and talents can support the church's mission/what God is doing in and through our congregation. Inspired by John Wesley's teachings, we will focus on earning, saving, and giving in ways that reflect our commitment to God and our community. Through this worship series and stewardship campaign, we aim to transform our church into a beacon of grace and generosity, impacting lives both within and beyond our walls.

Witnessing God's Work in Our Congregation

We also want to celebrate and share how God is working in and through our congregation. Here are a few ways we've seen God's grace in action recently:

Once again our VBS Program was a big success-and it is beginning to bear fruit.

Our Monthly Suppers offer a wonderful meal from Sally Koss and Carol Harvey and nourishment for the soul

Here is how You Can Participate

1. **Join Us for Worship:** Attend each week to fully engage with the series and be inspired by the stories of transformation.
2. **Reflect and Act:** Take time to reflect on how God is calling you to respond in your personal life. Consider how you can use your resources for God's purposes.
3. **Join a small group:** for further reflection.
4. **Support the Campaign:** Prayerfully consider your financial contributions and volunteer your time to support the church's ministries and outreach efforts

Together, let us embrace God's grace and allow it to transform us, our church, and our community. We look forward to this journey with you and are excited to see how God will work through each of us.

**In Christ's Love,
Pastor Lisa & Council of Stewards**

OCTOBER WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

October 6-12: Sam & Maggie Ochocki: Troy; Loren & Mary Olson; Shirley Olson; Audrey Parker; Phillip Parker; Jeffery & Sheri Peach

October 13-19: Dorothy Peterson; Holly Phillips; Judy Phillips; Michelle Pittman & Tony Pyatt: Grace Pyatt; Tom & Patricia Raetz; Howard & Pat Rethemeier

October 20-26: Arlene Rhodes; Jeremy Saufferer; Joseph Saufferer; Kaitlin Schneider; Shelsea Schneider; Mitchell Schneider

October 27-November 2: Todd & Susan Schneider: McKinley; Aaron & Bethany Schroht: Adeline, Weston & August Schroht, Sawyer & Devin Sanford, Makenzie & Olivia Jacobson; Randal & Audrey Schroht; David Schroht; Thomas Schroht; Anthony Seykora

WHY WE PRAY? As Christians, we should be reminded to ask for God's guidance and pray over our friends, family and members of our congregation. Please just take a minute or two daily to have a conversation with God. You can be on a walk, driving, getting ready in the morning...there is never a time that doesn't work for God. He always has time to listen to your prayers!

Our Breakthrough Prayer:

Holy Spirit stir in us this truth in our daily life. The same power that the Father used to raise Jesus from the dead is at work in us. Breakthrough, speak, show and inspire us so we may follow where your Spirit is leading us next at OUMC. AMEN



Newsletter Deadline
For November Newsletter:
Monday, October 14th, 2024



Pastor Lisa Vick is available for home visits and counseling when requested, as well as hospital visits when informed. Remember that the hospital does not inform us of your admission. Pastor Lisa can be reached at (612) 558-5316.



Council of Stewards
Meeting Date:
October 9th, 2024
At 7:00 p.m.
In the Matthew Room

Craft
Day

Friday,
October, 18th
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Join the *KnitWits* in the Matthew Room every Thursday at 4 p.m. to enjoy needlework, conversation and fellowship.

Brenda Ambe is a great resource for knitting challenges and will be present to assist with projects.



Carrie McShane	10/3
Logan Harvey	10/3
Daniel Wieman	10/3
Jan McShane	10/5
David Krause	10/5
Lanny Uber	10/7
Evan Wieman	10/8
Debbie Terpstra	10/8
Gabriel Kasten	10/10
Jane Silvers	10/11
Kermit Urbain	10/13
Robin Frette	10/13
Jeffrey Peach	10/15
Lori Huisenga	10/16
Michael Guthier	10/16
Lucinda Abernathy	10/16
Linda Boorman	10/18
RaeAnn Earl	10/20
Lyle Bohlman	10/23
Dave Hoggard	10/24
Jacob Wieman	10/24
Barb Beck	10/29
Pat Rethemeier	10/30
Lanette Kaplan	10/31



October Anniversaries

Erik & Larissa Buckley



*As our year comes to an end,
please consider adding a little
more to your pledge as an
end-of-the-year gift
to the church for the
General Operating Expenses.
Blessings to you!*

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Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7



If you are unable to make it church on Sunday, and not able to watch on Live-Stream on Facebook, you may go to our church website: www.owatonnaumc.org

1. Click on : **Watch on Owatonna Live**
2. Scroll down to: **Worship Services**
3. Click on: **United Methodist of Owatonna**
4. Then simply choose the service you'd like to watch and click on it.



~ Notes from The Choir Loft ~



Chancel Choir Singers and Jubilee Ringers

We rehearse every Wednesday at:

5:00-5:45 p.m. Jubilee Ringers
6:00-7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir



On October 23rd, due to the Community Meal being served from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. we will adjust rehearsal times to:

4:45-5:15 p.m. Jubilee Ringers
5:15-6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

We welcome new ringers and singers anytime! See Mary if you are interested in joining their ministry of music



MEALS on WHEELS
AMERICA

TOGETHER, WE CAN DELIVER.

Thank you to all our volunteers that help deliver meals to Seniors in our community! Delivering not only a hot and healthy meal, but providing a little fellowship to those who may be feeling a little lonely. We will be delivering again in December. If you are interested please contact Sandy Emry for more information.



United Women of Faith Events:

* UWF Board Meeting:

October 1st, at 1:00 p.m. in the Matthew Room

* Charity Circle Meeting:

October 22nd, at 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

* Faith Circle Meeting:

October 23rd, at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall



* Coffee at Hy-Vee:

Wednesday, October 9th, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

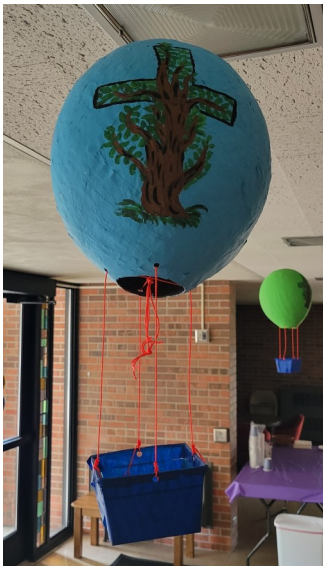


A Big THANK YOU

to all of the ladies and gentleman
that made the

UWF River Valley Dist. Annual Gathering
such a huge success.

We could not have done it with out
each and everyone of you!



Would you like to take home one of our amazing Hot Air Balloons? If you would like to make a donation to next years VBS Fund, one or more of these beautiful Hot Air Balloons could be your! Please contact the office to make arrangements to look at them and make your selection and donation.

Suggested donation of \$20.00

Snow
Removal
Sponsorship
\$ _____

wish list

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1. Sponsor a “Snow Removal”

2. Sensory table for the Connect Club/VBS kiddos
3. Clorox Wipes
4. Mr. Clean Floor Cleaner
5. Bona Floor Cleaner and Starter Set (mop, refill and cleaning pads)

Items for Church “Wish List” may be placed on the shelf in the Narthex. If you wish to donate a **Snow Removal Sponsor**, or money to go towards a sensory table, please write on your giving envelope and all money will go toward the purchase of those specific items. Thank you!



You were so generous with the Lawn Mowing Sponsorships, that we have enough for the months of September and October! We are now shifting our “WISH LIST” request to “SNOW REMOVAL SPONSORSHIP” The funds will go to the parking lot snow removal, sidewalk shoveling, and sand/salt to keep everyone safe during our Minnesota Winter. We are expecting it to be snowy this year and with the rising cost of labor, supplies and gasoline...we might “make up” for last years low snowfall numbers. Look for the new “WISH LIST” (BLUE) Post-it-Notes on the bulletin board.



WINTER COAT DRIVE

- *SWEATERS
- *BLANKETS
- *GLOVES
- *SOCKS
- *COATS
- *HATS

ADULTS
CHILDREN'S
NEW OR
GENTLY USED

A red winter coat on the left and a green winter coat on the right, with a yellow winter coat in front of it. The background is a light blue gradient.

Mission of the Month
For October:
Winter Coat Drive!
Collection can
will be located
in the Narthex

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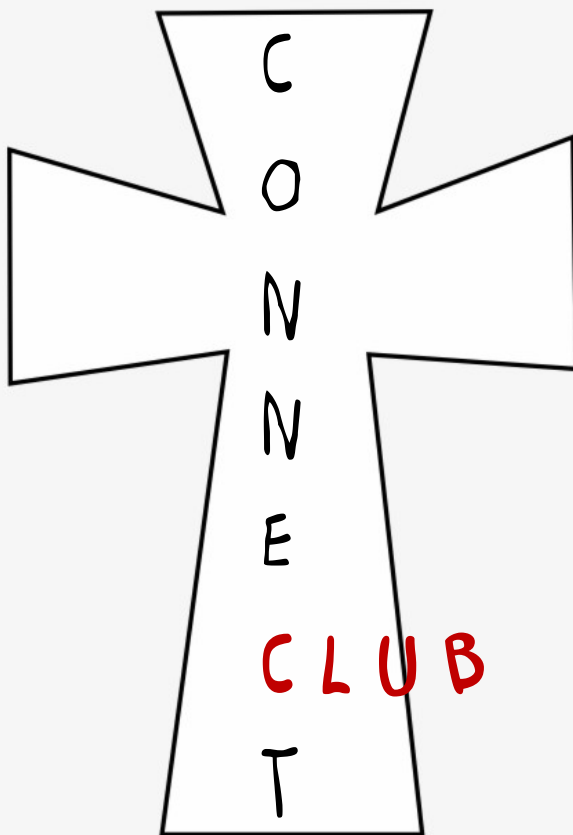


Join us for our Community Dinner

Wednesday, October 23rd, 2024
From 6 to 7 p.m.

Menu: Chili, corn bread, salad, desert and beverages.

Free-Will Donations are very much appreciated to off-set the cost of food and supplies.



Connect Club

Join us every Sunday

after the

Children's Message

For Children ages

3 years and up

Learn about Jesus's love through play,

fun activities and the reading of

scripture.

Reminder:

1. If you have moved, please fill out a card and update your information.
2. If you no longer have a landline, please update your phone number with your cell #.
3. If there are any changes, please provide and update and turn the form into the collection plate, or to the Church Office.

We are updating our records and need your help. Please fill out this card and return it to the collection plate, or the mailbox outside of the office. We appreciate your help in filling this out in the month of January.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone (1): _____ Cell Phone (2): _____

Family E-mail: _____

Birthday Date (1): _____ (2): _____

List children names and birthday: _____

_____ Check here if we are able to share your contact info in a future church directory.



HALLOWEEN **WORD SEARCH**



M B Y N W G V Z E T F R M H O S D
U A T T E R O C T O B E R Z V Q W
N H S F R A N K E N S T E I N C Z
O A D K E V K P S B J I Y Q S O O
F L R N W E C V P K O G U S C K M
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BONES
DRACULA
GRAVEYARD
OCTOBER
SPIDERWEB


BROOM
FRANKENSTEIN
HALLOWEEN
SCARE
VAMPIRE

CAULDRON
FRIGHTEN
MASK
SHADOWS
WEREWOLF

COFFIN
GAMES
NIGHT
SKULL
ZOMBIE





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p>1 * 10:30 a.m. to Noon PL in S.S.S * Noon PL @ Ministry Lunch * UWF Board meeting at 1:00 p.m. in the</p>	<p>2 * 9:30 a.m. Pastor Lisa at Bridgewater</p>	<p>3 * KnitWits @ 4 p.m.</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6 * Worship with Communion @ 9:00 a.m. * 9:15 a.m. Connect Club World Com-munion Sunday</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 * 10:30 a.m. to Noon PL in S.S.S</p>	<p>9 * 9 a.m. Coffee at Hy-Vee * 7 p.m. Council meeting in the Matthew Room</p>	<p>10 * KnitWits @ 4 p.m. ~Pastor Lisa gone</p>	<p>11 through the</p>	<p>12 15th → →</p>
<p>13 * Worship @ 9:00 a.m. * 9:15 a.m. Connect Club ~Pastor Lisa</p>	<p>14 * Newsletter Deadline gone through</p>	<p>15 * 10:30 a.m. to Noon PL in S.S.S the 15th~</p>	<p>16 * 9:30 a.m. Pastor Lisa at Bridgewater</p>	<p>17 * KnitWits @ 4 p.m. ~MEA ~</p>	<p>18 *9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Craft Day in the Fellowship Hall ~MEA~</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20 * Worship @ 9:00 a.m. * 9:15 a.m. Connect Club</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 * 10:30 a.m. to Noon PL in S.S.S * Charity Circle Meeting @ 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>23 * Faith Circle Meeting @ 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall * 9:30 a.m. As-semble NL 6-7 p.m. Commu-nity Meal in FH</p>	<p>24 * KnitWits @ 4 p.m.</p>	<p>25 * Pastor Lisa gone for training: Be-coming Whole & Holy Lead-ers Workshop</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 * Worship @ 9:00 a.m. * 9:15 a.m. Connect Club Reformation Sunday</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 * 10:30 a.m. to Noon PL in S.S.S</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 </p>		
	<p>Monday's are Pastor Lisa's Day Off. Please call the office for any assistance needed. 507-451-4734</p>					<p>MR: Matthew Room FH: Fellowship Hall PL: Pastor Lisa MOW: Meals on Wheels NL: Newsletter S.S.S.: Sacred Scripture Study</p>

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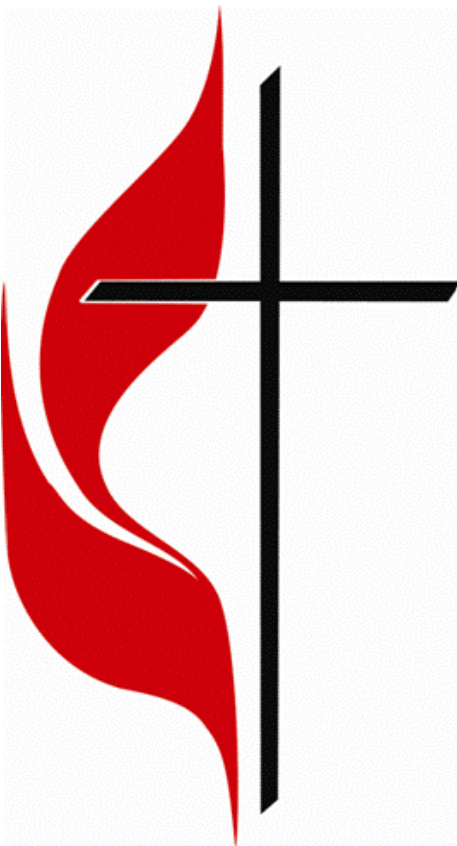
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GROW IN GOD'S LOVE
SERVE ALL PEOPLE
~OCTOBER~

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are available 24-7 on

www.owatonnalive.com

You can also watch live on
Facebook at 9 a.m. Like our page to keep
up to date on events at OUMC!