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WHATS UP AT FUMC?

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Since 1993, Samaritan’s Purse has collected more than 168 million shoeboxes packed with toys and other fun items by people like you, and delivered them to boys and girls in need around the world in partnership with local churches. This year we at FUMC are going to help! How? It’s simple! 1. Find a shoebox. Start with an average-size cardboard or plastic shoebox. If you want to wrap it, cover the box and lid separately. 2. Decide Girl or Boy in an age category of 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14 3. Fill with Gifts, (select a medium to large “wow” item such as a soccer ball with pump or stuffed animal, then fill with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies. 4. Pray. Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. You can also include a personal note and photo. 5. Follow your Box Labels. Donate \$9 online and receive a label to Follow Your Box and discover the destination of your shoebox gift. 6. Drop-off. Bring your box to the church by November 25th and I will deliver them to our local OCC Representative!

Let’s help children all over the world experience the love and joy of Christmas this year!!



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FUMC CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

It’s almost Christmas! Can you believe it? We want to reinstitute an old tradition of having a Hanging of the Greens Celebration on December 1st. That will be the first Sunday of Advent and immediately following the 2nd service we will all stay and decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas season. The last several years this has fallen on to the Bell Choirs, who have done a fantastic job, but the whole church could help and we could be done so much faster! Following the decorating we will have a potluck in Fellowship Hall!

There will also be an opportunity to support our children’s ministries! Since we have so many Christmas trees after our awesome summer VBS we will set them up around Fellowship Hall and people on the day of the Hanging of the Greens can “adopt a tree” for a freewill donation. They are then responsible for decorating that tree however they would like to decorate it!

Then on December 15th, following our Children’s Christmas program we will have a Soup Lunch, where we will have everyone bring a crockpot of your favorite soup and then people can vote on their favorite Christmas tree by putting money in a basket at the bottom of your favorite tree! The winner who raises the most money will receive a gift certificate as a prize! All proceeds will be split between Sunday Funday and Vacation Bible School funds!

So this Christmas join us in a couple of fun meals, lots of decorating and supporting the children of our church and community as they grow in relationship and knowledge of Jesus Christ!

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## Administrative Council

The Administrative Council met on September 17, 2019 at the Church. Present: Beverly Beavers, Marsha Ray, Patty Studier, Judy Corman, Shannon McCord, Pat McCord, Sue Rose, Carole Thompson, Linda Cox, Jana Marr, and Pastor Natalie Faust.

Beverly called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and opened with prayer. Marsha reviewed the minutes of the August 27, 2019 meeting. The minutes were approved as submitted.

### Finance:

The current month's assets were reviewed. Shannon presented the Council with a bill of \$1630.00 for the repair of the entryways, both east and west, to the Educational Unit. Motion made by Carole Thompson to approve the bill, Seconded by Marsha Ray.

Motion carried. Shannon also presented a bill for the rental of a lift which was used to replace a missing piece of fascia on the roof of the Church. The rental fee was \$250.00 plus \$100.00 to fill the lift with gas for a total of \$350.00. A motion was made by Pat McCord to pay the bill. The motion was seconded by Judy Corman. The motion was carried. Both bills had already been paid by Shannon from Ideal Market and the Church will reimburse Ideal Market.

A bill from Scott's of \$1,000.00 was presented for a fresh air intake box for the new furnace and air in the Sanctuary. A motion was made by Linda Cox and seconded by Judy Corman to pay the bill. The motion was carried.

### Trustees:

The awnings have been taken down at the parsonage. The footings will be dug in the basement of the parsonage to start the repair on the wall. A tentative date has been set for November 9th or 10th. There had been a higher than usual gas bill at the Church earlier in the summer. Jerred Ehlers checked for possible gas leaks, but found no abnormal readings. The Council discussed the purchasing of carbon dioxide detectors for the Church. An amp on the carillon was blown possibly due to defective wiring which will be checked. If the wiring is ok then the speakers will be checked. Bats have been a bad problem at the Church. An adult was bitten on 08-28-2019 in the basement when he picked one up off the floor. He is currently receiving the necessary medical treatment. The Trustees approved of hiring Jeff Hutchinson and Tami Mertens to attempt to seal up areas where the bats are getting into the Church.

The cost is \$2400.00. The lift that Tami has extends to 40 feet in height.

Shannon is going to secure a true estimate on a lift for the Church. It will use the same space as the elevator currently does. Shannon is also going to contact Windstream to see if they have any thought about a way to deter the buzzards from nesting next door to the Church.

He is also going to meet with Nate Saathoff on 09-18-2019 regarding replacing the cement in front of the Church and pouring the concrete pad for the Wyatt memorial bench.

### UMW:

Carole reported that the group still needs someone to fill the vice president position. The Fall Pot Luck Supper will be at 6:00 p.m. on 09-18-2019. October 13, 2019 will be UMW Sunday at Church. Marsha Stauss will have the message. The Harvest Festival will be chaired by the Robert Brown family and will be held on 11-20-2019. There will be a funeral dinner for Larry Havens on 09-19-2019.

### Memorial:

The new Bell Choir music and materials have been purchased. \$300.00 was given for memorials in honor of Gail Breen.

### Sunday FunDay:

The attendance has been good the first two weeks.

### SPRC:

Patty reported the committee has been working on next year's salaries for Pastor Natalie, Jessi Edwards, and Dan McKeown.

### Pastor's Report:

Nominations Committee met on 09-15-2019. The Lay Leadership Committee of 2020 was submitted to the Council. A motion was made by Marsha and seconded by Judy to accept the nominations as submitted. Motion carried.

The Youth Fundraiser raised a little over \$800.00. They also received the \$1,000.00 grant from the Conference. Thirteen youth attended the first youth meeting. Todd and Chelsea Kramp are helping with the group. The youth space will still be used during Harvest Festival and funeral dinners. The rugs and the futons will be moved out of the way.

Pastor Natalie will be speaking to the various groups that use the Fellowship Hall during the week for their activities regarding proper behavior and rules expected of them while using the building. Pat McCord made a motion which was seconded by Judy Corman to draft a letter to the groups to clarify the expectations and boundaries of using the Church's facilities. It will also require the names of the adults that are in charge of the groups, the adults' phone numbers and the schedules of their meetings and events which should be turned into the office. Motion carried.

The Hurricane Relief Fund collected \$346.00

The Annual Charge Conference will be held on Sunday, October 20, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. Natalie Soukup and her Praise Band will be performing later that afternoon and a pot luck will be held. Saturday October 26, 2019 is the date scheduled for 'Trunk or Treat'.



## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCILCONT.

Emily Tietjen has indicated that she will donate her time to paint the Fellowship Hall, if the Church will pay for the paint and supplies needed. The Hall will be painted in neutral tones with perhaps one accent wall. Motion made by Marsha and seconded by Patty to let Emily paint the Hall. Motion carried. Pastor Natalie closed the meeting with prayer. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jana Marr, Ad Council Secretary

## MEMORIAL REPORT

*Francis Stnard*  
from Camie Kroeger  
*Gail Breen*  
from Robert Klein

## United Methodist Women

On September 18, 12 members of UMW gathered for a Pot Luck supper. After prayer, Esther Martin assisted by Carole Thompson, Sylvia Imhoff, Jo Wilbern, and Darlene Hale, accompanist, presented a program of singing and learning of the scriptures and life experiences which inspired hymns and Christian music.

There was no Business Meeting. Carol Thompson reminded members that October 13 will be UMW Sunday at our church. Members will participate in the service.

Next meeting will be October 19 at 1:30 pm with the World Thank Offering.

UMW Secretary,  
Jo Wilbern

## Worship Assistants

### Greeters:

Nov. 3-Linda Cox  
Nov. 10-Coffey Family  
Nov. 17-Lloyd Watts  
Nov. 24-Sylvia Imhoff

### Ushers:

Nov. 3-Joe Wilson, Bill & Mary Hamilton  
Nov. 10-Phil Dean, Roger & Linda Nelson  
Nov. 17-Tony Studer, Steve & Karen Fox  
Nov. 24-Gale Mikkelsen, Arnold Ross, Eldon Thompson

**Counter All Month:** Jana Marr

### Sound Technicians:

Nov. 3-Sandy Borden  
Nov. 10-Angela Garver  
Nov. 17-Jeff Guilkey  
Nov. 24-Jerred Ehlers

**Communion Steward:** Esther Martin

### Acolytes:

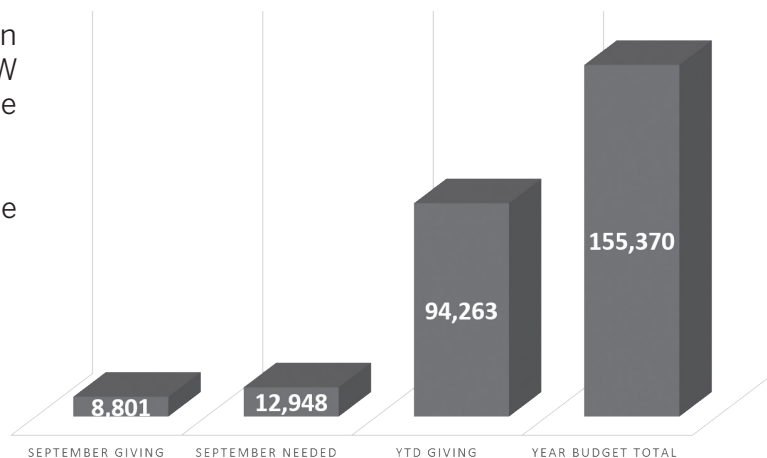
Nov. 3-Dylan Edwards  
Nov. 10-Truett McCord  
Nov. 17-Jordan Duncan  
Nov. 24-Cooper Ehlers

### Sunday Funday:

Theme: Christmas

Nov. 3-Haley Coffey and TJ Seibert  
Nov. 10-Angelica Hermosillo and Claudia Hanson  
Nov. 17-Katrina and Mikynzie Hansen  
Nov. 24-Practice with Pastor Natalie and Haley Coffey

### MONTHLY OFFERING SNAPSHOT FOR SEPTEMBER 2019







# Natalie's Notes

One of my favorite worship services during the year is the first Sunday in November for All Saints Day. During that service we are able to light a candle and remember those we have lost in the last year as their names are read, and also those we had lost in our lives. It is such a meaningful service to me. In building relationships with all of God's people (whether Christian or not) people have impacts on our lives, who we are, who we may become. When those people pass away, they are still with us, living as Saints in our memories and our hearts. For the last five years, I have made a point of taking time in our first Sunday in November service in order for everyone to have that opportunity as well. This year we will lift up and honor those we have lost in the last year: Helen Marie Erickson Betty Hoyt Margaret Simonsen John Adams Judy Pettit Harold Nelson Bill Drake Gail Breen Larry Havens During Communion there will be a time where these names will be read and an opportunity for family and friends of that Saint to come light a candle in memory. Then while coming forward to take communion others are welcome to light a candle for others they have lost in their lives. I pray that

you find this to be a holy moment, an opportunity to reconnect with a loved one in your life in a new and meaningful way. Know that if there are any saints that we've lost not listed, it is either because we were unaware and we do the best we can to make sure we have everyone. Lord, for the multitude of the faithful whom we cannot remember, for the vastness of their number and the distance of their days, we bless your holy name. For the multitude of the faithful whom we do remember because they have touched our lives and given us instruction and inspirations, we bless your holy name. Amen.

Blessings  
Pastor Natalie



## Webber UMC Lord's Acre Sale

**Saturday, Nov. 2, 2019**  
**Supper:** 5pm-7pm  
**Auction:** To Immediately Follow

- Homemade supper including:**
- Hot Beef Sandwich
  - Mashed Potatoes
  - Vegetables
  - Pie
  - Water, Tea, Coffee

Take Outs Available!  
**Free Will Donation!**

## WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY!

Kendra Baker joined our church on October 6th, 2019 by Profession of Faith and was baptized! She became a part of our church by watching from the Nuckolls County Sheriff's Office on Facebook Live as she works many Sundays as a dispatcher and is unable to attend. We are so excited that Facebook Live is such a great ministry and that Kendra is now a part of our church family.



## Happy Birthday

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|---|--------------------------------------|
| <b>4-</b> Shelly Kile                             | <b>12-</b> Dale Adcock, Jeff Guilkey |
| <b>5-</b> Morgan Kroeger                          | <b>14-</b> Jay Ross, Martha Nelson   |
| <b>6-</b> Chad Hansen, Frank Langer               | <b>20-</b> Bill Hamilton             |
| <b>7-</b> Julie Drake                             | <b>21-</b> Ruby Flores               |
| <b>8-</b> Marjorie Stickelman                     | <b>27-</b> Kelly Bouray              |
| <b>9-</b> Bill Drake, Bryan Eggers, Craig Guilkey | <b>28-</b> Ashley Bouray             |
| <b>11-</b> Austin Kroeger, Trent Tietjen          |                                      |

## Anniversaries

- 7-**Robert & Alaina Brown  
**12-**James & Norrisa Flores  
**14-**Harold & Martha Nelson  
**16-**Cliff & Ginger White  
**20-**Calvin & Connie Hayes, Trevor & Jenny Krehbeil  
**26-**Milan & Cathy Ray

### Harvest Festival

**Wednesday Nov. 20**  
**Bake Sale: 12:00-7:00 pm**  
**Meal: 5:00-7:00 pm**  
Adults: \$8.50 (13+), Children: \$5.00 (3-12), Under 2: FREE  
Carry Outs and Deliveries: Add \$0.50

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH**

## COME SERVE AT THE CREST!

**6:45 PM**



## NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- 3rd: Sun.**  
Recognition of our Saints on All Saints Sunday in all Services
- 14th: Thur.**  
Worship @ Kingswood Court @ 4 p.m.
- 15th: Fri.**  
Serve at the Crest Theatre @ 6:45 p.m.
- 16th: Sat.**  
Men's Breakfast @ Webber UMC @ 8 a.m.  
Women United in Christ @ Superior Estates Winery @ 2 p.m.
- 17th: Sun.**  
Children's Choir singing in 10:30 Worship  
Bellissimos ring in 10:30 Worship
- 18th-25th**  
Operation Christmas Child National Collection Week
- 19th: Tues.**  
Memorial @ 5:05  
Trustees @ 5:30  
SPRC @ 6:00  
Finance @ 6:30
- 20th: Wed.**  
Harvest Festival
- 21st: Thurs.**  
Worship @ Good Sam @ 10:30 a.m.
- Dec. 1st. Sun.**  
Hanging of the Greens & Potluck following the 10:30 Worship

## WEEKLY GROUPS

- Wednesdays:**  
Needle Huddle 9:00-11:00 a.m.  
Youth Group 6-7 p.m. & Confirmation 7-8 p.m.  
**WILL NOT MEET ON THE 19TH!!!**  
Bells: Novellas: 6:15 p.m. & Bellissimos 7:15 p.m.  
6th & 13th 6th & 13th