



<u>Oct. 1</u>	Elizabeth LaRue, Jill Shaull, Kamryn Beers
<u>Oct. 3</u>	Sherry Vavra
<u>Oct. 5</u>	Tom Holmberg, Clint Kelderman
<u>Oct. 7</u>	Heather Lindgren
<u>Oct. 9</u>	Dawn Anderson
<u>Oct. 10</u>	Marcia Alexander, Chris Mayo
<u>Oct. 12</u>	Helen Parcell, Dan Gordy
<u>Oct. 13</u>	Candace Slobe, Dan Adams
<u>Oct. 14</u>	Jensen DeJong, Sandra Parker
<u>Oct. 15</u>	TJ Smith
<u>Oct. 16</u>	Chelsey Johnson, Emma Dawson
<u>Oct. 17</u>	Berniece Tucker, James Bateson
<u>Oct. 18</u>	Jill Kelderman, Ben Adair
<u>Oct. 19</u>	Clark Johnson, Matthew Clark, Travis Walhert
<u>Oct. 20</u>	Darci Brown, Blake Pearson, Clayton Hester
<u>Oct. 22</u>	Anne McLandsborough, Debbie Sedrel, Stacy Ford
<u>Oct. 25</u>	Don Parks, Nancy Burrow
<u>Oct. 26</u>	Angie Dawson
<u>Oct. 27</u>	Troy Boston, Dave Beach, Milena Koppin
<u>Oct. 28</u>	Dawn Deffenbaugh
<u>Oct. 29</u>	Phyllis Fox, Beth Kminek, Tammy Guisinger, Nick Anderson, Haley Rohloff, Dusty Bollinger
<u>Oct. 30</u>	Steve Tolly
<u>Oct. 31</u>	Brett Mowrey

Pastor's Notes:

What a wonderful time of worship we shared together on Rally Day. We are blessed to have wonderful people concerned about helping children, youth, and adults learn about Jesus Christ and grow in their faith. Thank you to all of you involved in these ministries. I am looking forward to a great Fall season and hope that you are as well.

Plans have been made to Launch our Discipleship Pathway in the coming weeks, so you will be hearing more details. Thanks again to all of you that completed an interest survey. The results thus far have been compiled so that we can easily use this information. In the coming weeks we are hoping that more surveys will be filled out and turned in. One of the areas on the survey dealt with spiritual growth and we have noticed those who would like some new opportunities. We are making plans to offer some opportunities and some of you might provide leadership. Another example would be some possible Bible studies that we are planning.

While we intend to make good use of the information from the surveys I want to clear up a possible misunderstanding. If we ask people to sign up for something in which you indicated an interest, please do so. We are not assuming that just because we have an opportunity for something you would like that you are automatically signed up. Ask Karen or myself if this doesn't make sense to you.

A few have let me know that you are interested in membership in our congregation. So if you might be considering membership by transfer or profession of faith please let me know. We will likely be having classes for this during our Sunday School time, maybe in October.

Our Annual Cluster Charge Conference is scheduled for 2:00 on Sunday, October 20. However, we are not hosting it this year, but it will be in New Sharon, in their McVey Building. You are certainly welcome to attend. It will be an opportunity to meet our new District Superintendent, Rev. Moody Colorado.

Pastor Bruce

Bridge Events!

What is a bridge event? Bridge events are events that are held outside the church walls, preferably off church grounds entirely, specifically designed to meet and connect with people in the community.

Harvest Fest/Trunk or Treat on October 27th! There will be a sign up soon for volunteers and trunks!

Mark your calendar for CUMC's **Winter Carnival** on January 26 from 2-4pm.

The Amazing Race is revving up!!! Will you be ready to go on Sunday, October 6th??? We are still in need of a few more firmly committed teams to hold this event. Please contact the office ASAP or sign up in the narthex if you have a team and would like to participate!



College & Military: Is your child off at college or serving in the military? Our church would love to send them encouragement throughout the year. We are also looking for people who are willing to help put these packages together. Please fill out the insert in the bulletin or pick one up in the office.



October Ecumenical Cupboard Challenge!
canned goods

Old Fashioned Methodist Potluck

Sunday, October 13 following Sunday School at 11:30 a.m. Bring a dish or two to share. Drinks and table service will be provided by the Discipleship Pathway committee.



Change A Child's Story

Conferences are October 8 & 10. The past few years our church has offered a wonderful service to the community at the elementary school by reading to younger siblings while the parents are in conferences. Readers will be needed anytime between 1:30-8pm. The sign up will be in the narthex or the Sign Up Genius link soon. The families and teachers appreciate this so much!

The **Finance Committee** report as of August:



	August 2019
Total income	\$215,430
Total expense	\$239,796
	-\$24,366



August 25 Worship Attendance – 125

Sept. 1 Worship Attendance – 123

Sept. 8 Worship Attendance – 177 **Sunday School** - 65

Sept. 15 Worship Attendance – 139 **Sunday School** – 49



Fall has arrived or has it? For those who know me well, I love summer and the heat and humidity. I find summer such a rejuvenating time and especially this summer as we spent two weeks in Germany with our girls, their husbands and our exchange daughter,

Hannah. People have asked if I am glad to be back. Well, the honest truth is that I would love to still be on vacation. Who wouldn't? With that being said, we are off to a great start with Rally Day and the beginning of Sunday School and E.P.I.C. It's a great sound to hear the buzz around the church of all the fall activities starting back up and the anticipation of another year. You are encouraged to be a part of our church family by attending Sunday School, E.P.I.C. and for the adults, there are two wonderful classes being offered right now with more exciting news coming soon! We are the church and let's be it together!

Sunday School: At 8:30 a.m., there is an adult class meeting in the Blue Room. For the Pre-School through 5th graders, they begin with an Opening Time in the music room at 10:30 a.m. where they sing songs, watch the Bible Story for the day and get any announcements. On the first Sunday of the month, we recognize birthdays with special birthday cookies! (Thank you Sandy Powers!) At 10:45 a.m., the children are dismissed to their classrooms. All other classes, 6th through adults, begin at 10:40 a.m.

Participation in Sunday School, Outstanding Attendance & Perfect Attendance will be recognized at the end of the year. Those who have attended Sunday School 80% of the Sundays will be recognized for Outstanding Attendance. If you are out of town & attend another church, bring back a bulletin, give to your Sunday School teacher and it will be marked as present. Check with your individual teachers about Sunday School on Dec. 22. There will not be Sunday School on Dec. 29.

Thank you to all the families who have returned the Family/Student Information Form. Each child and youth who participates in activities with our church will be asked to have this form filled out. Each family will need to fill out only one form to make it simpler for families with multiple children. There are two sides, so please fill out the entire form.

Children to sing in Church: The children will be singing and/or ringing in church on Sept. 29, Oct. 27 and Nov. 24. They will be singing after the children's message. Please have your children meet at 9:15 a.m. in the chapel to practice.

Childcare needed at meetings! We have several young families who are on committees so childcare is needed. Please let the office know if you would be willing to be contacted periodically to help with this.

Free Movie on October 11! Sponsored by the Children's Ministry Network in Oskaloosa. Our church, along with the First Christian Church, the Assembly of God Church and Central Reformed Church are hosting the free movie at the movie theater at 1:30 p.m. since there is no school in Oskaloosa that day.

It's not too early to plan for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany!!

Advent Party: December 1 from 2-5pm Children ages preschool-5th grade are invited to come prepare for Advent by making crafts and gifts, hearing stories and watching "The Star" movie. The children will make gifts for family members if they choose to. Lots of volunteers will be needed to help in the various rooms. Parents, you are welcome to drop off your kids and take this time to do some preparing for the season also. Youth in grades 6-12 are encouraged to come help.

Christmas Program: The Christmas program will be on December 15 during worship. There is a team being formed to plan this meaningful program. Let Karen know if you would like to be a part of this planning team. Each Sunday in November and the first two Sundays in December, Sunday School will be extended by 15 minutes to allow for more time to rehearse for the program. Program practice will be from 10:30-11:00 a.m. and classes will be held from 11:00-11:45 a.m. This applies for preschool through high school.

Epiphany Party: Sunday, January 5 (the day before Epiphany) Andrew Hersom will be helping to plan since he had the hidden piece in the cake last year. Would you also like to be on the planning team along with Andrew?

E.P.I.C. (Experiencing Possibilities In Christ) Youth Group for 6-12th graders


E.P.I.C. is EPIC!!!! Supper is served at 6:00 p.m. and activities are from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The Middle School group is using "Talk Sheets" and the High School group is doing a series called "Who Is Jesus?" Bring your friends! Come join other youth where "YOU BELONG HERE!"

Thank you to those who have signed up to serve these hungry teenagers! The sign up is in the narthex and on the Sign Up Genius. Plan for 20-25 and fix something you can either stretch or something you like to eat for the week!

The Oasis: The Oasis is open around 5:45pm prior to E.P.I.C. Come enjoy a scrumptious treat which sometimes is quite the surprise! Any youth who would like to host the Oasis, let Karen know.

Praise Band: Praise Band practices on the 1st and 3rd Sunday at 5:00 p.m. when E.P.I.C. has a regular meeting. Youth are encouraged to come early for E.P.I.C. and be a part of the Praise Band.

Lunch for Cisy: The Youth will be hosting **LUNCH FOR CISY** on November 10. Watch for more details. Cisy is the Holt International child that our Middle School and High School classes sponsor. Come support our youth and this child from afar!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8:30- Little Creations P.S. 6- Girl Scouts – YR 7- AI Anon - Library	2 8:30- Little Creations P.S. 7- Chancel Choir – F.L. 7:30- Staff Parish Relations Committee – Blue Room	3 8:30- Little Creations P.S.	4 8:30- Little Creations P.S.	5
6 8:30- Chancel Choir F.L. 8:30- Crusaders - BR 9:30- Worship/KMZ 10:30- Children's Sunday School 10:40- Sunday School/ Fellowship Time 3- Amazing Race	7 8:30- Little Creations P.S. 9:15- Staff Meeting 6:30- Boy Scouts	8 8:30- Little Creations P.S. 6- Girl Scouts – YR 7-Habitat for Humanity Board Meeting– Blue Room 7- AI Anon - Library	9 8:30- Little Creations P.S. 6- Finance Committee – FH 6:15 – Education Committee 6:30- Boards of Trustees - BR 7- Chancel Choir – F.L.	10 8:30- Little Creations P.S. 7- Boy Scouts - HH	11	12
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27 8:30- Chancel Choir F.L. 8:30- Crusaders - BR 9:30- Worship/KMZ 10:30- Children's Sunday School 10:40- Sunday School/ Fellowship Time 2- Trunk-or Treat/Harvest Fest	28 8:30- Little Creations P.S. 9:15- Staff Meeting 5:30 End of the Month Meals @ 1 st Presbyterian 6:30- Cub Scouts 6:30- Boy Scouts 7- Worship Committee	29 8:30- Little Creations P.S. 5:30 End of the Month Meals @ 1 st Presbyterian 6-Girl Scouts - FL 7- AI Anon - library	30 8:30- Little Creations P.S. 5:30 End of the Month Meals @ 1 st Presbyterian 7- Chancel Choir – F.L.	31 8:30- Little Creations P.S.	