



A Note From Pastor Julie



On Sunday, October 19, one of our scripture passages in worship included Galatians 5:22-23, which is where Paul talks about the fruits of the Spirit. These are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. I challenged those present in worship in both Quincy and Litchfield to pick one or two fruits of the Spirit to work on in the coming week. The main one I picked was patience.

Did I ever pick a good week to work on patience! A friend from high school invited me and others via Facebook to participate in a 5-day clean eating challenge. The goal is to reduce the processed foods in one's diet. The challenge came with five days worth of menus, a shopping list, and accountability to check in each day. I jumped on this since my eating has not been the healthiest since Oliver was born. I just grabbed what was quick.

The challenge began on Monday morning with breakfast. Since I had not had a chance to go shopping before then, I did my shopping on Monday morning after exercising and got home with barely enough time to put groceries away and get ready go to Rotary. As I put away groceries, I grumbled to my husband, David, that getting back to exercising and eating more healthfully takes more time and work than I am willing to commit. "I may be committed for the first week, but after that I'm done! I'm just too busy!!" Even as the words came out of my mouth, I knew they did not make sense. I was impatient with the fact that being healthier will take work!

The following day was filled with church work from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm. It worked out that David and I would have dinner after my last meeting of the day. Since he was caring for Oliver all evening, we agreed that I would cook once I got home. Although I was tired, I was committed to this challenge and found myself getting excited about creating a meal of teriyaki tofu (substituted for chicken), bok choy, and ginger brown rice.

Somewhere in the process of preparing this healthy meal, I realized how much cooking relaxed me and helped me to wind down after a busy day. If I had not been patient enough to prepare a healthy meal, I would have missed out on this message from God that working on my health would bring unexpected blessings. I wonder what other blessings I have missed out on because I have been impatient! I give God the glory for having patience with me and meeting me where I am!!

Pastor Julie Yoder Elmore

November Events

- ◆ **Turkey Supper and Bazaar** - Saturday, 1:00 p.m. Craft Bazaar in the Narthex.
5:00 p.m. serving begins in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets may be purchased at the door.
Adults—\$8.00; Children 5-12-\$3.00; Under 5-Free!



- ◆ **All Saints Sunday, November 2.** Join us for worship as we will also remember those who have passed away since last All Saints' Day.

- ◆ **Red Cross Blood Drive** at the Litchfield United Methodist Church. Wednesday, November 5, Noon-5:45 p.m. Special "Thanks" to those who help furnish refreshments for the donors, those who serve, set-up, and tear-down. You are appreciated!



- ◆ **Charge Conference** is Thursday, November 6, at 7:00 pm at Litchfield United Methodist Church. Our District Superintendent will meet with SPRC members of both churches at 5:30 pm. Come celebrate how God has been at work in our church and look ahead to how God may be working through us in 2015!! We will also be voting for those in leadership at Litchfield UMC for 2015. All are invited and welcome!!

- ◆ **Lunch with the Pastor ~ Sunday, November 9**

Have you just begun attending Litchfield UMC over the last several months and want to know more about the life and ministries of Litchfield UMC?? Are you thinking about becoming a member of Litchfield UMC??

If you answered yes to one or both of these questions, do we have an invitation for you! While enjoying a delicious lunch, those who are gathered will learn and discuss the history of the United Methodist Church, who we are as a denomination, what our local church is all about, and how our church continues to be a place to grow in faith in Jesus Christ. If you are interested in attending, please call or text Pastor Julie at 517-607-6977. Looking forward to seeing you there!



- ◆ Litchfield United Methodist Church will be celebrating **Bible Sunday on Sunday, November 16, 11:00 a.m.** On this Sunday, we will be giving Bibles to second graders. Those who have come to Vacation Bible School and Good Stuff Club in recent years. You won't want to miss out on the joy and blessing of presenting Bibles to children.



- ◆ **Community Thanksgiving Service - Monday, November 2, at 7 p.m.** This year, the Congregational Church will host the service, and Pastor Julie will give the message. Our church will provide the special music.

- ◆ **Fifth Sunday Offering, November 30,** will go toward Christmas Baskets for those in need.

- ◆ The **United Methodist Women** will not meet in November. The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 17, where we will make fruit baskets for church staff and cookie tins for shut-ins.

Are Ye Able

A couple of 'cousins' spent a lot of time together. Practically inseparable. If you saw one, then most certainly the other was nearby. One thing they had in common was chewing and spitting. It's hard to know who had the better spitter. It could've been a competition or maybe just a natural (bad) habit. Whichever the case, one thing for certain was a good chew and a good spit were common.

Not the best story to describe two buddies, but there were many other times of just plain frolic and fun. Obadiah, the older of the two, was a bit more calm, cool and casual in his approach to any situation. On the other end, Able could be much more spirited, anxious and curious, with an 'in your face' approach. That's probably why they could get along so well.

A few years ago Obadiah died. A very brief illness and the 'cousins' were now separated. Able lost companionship with Obadiah who could really speak his language with understanding. Hard to know how one may grieve for the loss of a loved one or friend.

"He is a source of every mercy, and the God who comforts us." 2 Corinthians 1:3

Time had passed and Able met up with a new acquaintance. Now Able was the older of the two. A real 'pro' at chewing a spitting and this 'young buck' couldn't keep up. Some habits just came naturally especially if you're a Llama. However, Southdown rams (young buck) chew but lack that spitting gift. Sort of an unfair defense when it's graining time at chore hour. It became a push and shove relationship for many years. Nevertheless, there was some sort of bond between these two creatures.



*"God made all sorts of wildlife, livestock and small animals...
And God saw that it was good." Genesis 1:25*



A few weeks ago Able had a sudden set-back. I had separated him from the other sheep, giving special attention with extra feed, water and care. Able died sometime that night. Even the Southdown ram went out looking for his 'sparing' partner. In his own language he let out a blat that sounded a lot like 'Where are you, Able?' Chore time seemed to have something missing.

Whether it be a 6 foot tall barnyard creature or one small animal that rules your lap, even pets have a special place in our lives.

This November we continue to celebrate lives that made special memories for us. Remember your family and friends who have made that certain bond with you. Share those stories often.

"In heaven there will be only joy". Revelation 21:4

We remember pets and especially people.

*"The Lord is always with us." **

Ron Giacobassi

*Psalm 16:8

ADVENT IS COMING! CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

HERE IS OUR GOD!



Advent is a journey we make each year to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ child. This year's Advent begins on Sunday, November 30. This year's theme is "Here is Our God!" which is taken from Isaiah 40:9. In this season of Advent we will announce the presence of God as found in people, in the world, in the work for justice, in all generations, in the light, and in the Christ Child.

CHILI SUPPER THANKS

The Chili Supper and Pie Auction was a great success. We met our goal and then some. This event was held to raise money for the Christmas Baskets we distribute to those in need in our community. Many thanks to those who helped, worked, and donated to this cause. DeVere Noakes and his helpers were great. We had fun and good food and wonderful pies to auction. Thank you to the Community for your participation, generous support and donations!!.

REFRESHMENT AND LITURGY SCHEDULE

REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE

November 2 Carl & Cheryl Sykes	November 9 Al & Nancy Gaige	November 16 Mike & Carol Ireland	November 23 Doug & Sharon Thompson	November 30 Marcia Ferry Lois Miller
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Plan to stay after our worship service every Sunday
and join in for some good food and fellowship.
Special thanks to those listed above who will be serving.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

November 2 Cheryl Sykes	November 9 Valery Roberts	November 16 Brett Smith	November 23 Tim Chilson	November 30 Tom Beckner
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Special thanks to those listed above who are willing
to assist the pastor in Gathering Words and reading Scripture.
You are appreciated.

Pumpkin Painting with the Good Stuff Club



ALTERNATE GIFT GIVING OPPORTUNITY

United Methodist Giving Tuesday ~ December 2



When Methodists are united, the possibilities of supporting missionaries, projects and communities in need are endless.

On December 2, you can extend the spirit of giving thanks into the Advent season by participating in UMC Giving Tuesday. Every gift made online through The Advance at www.umcmision.org/give on December 2 will be matched up to \$1 million.

Every gift made online through The Advance this year on December 2 will be matched up to \$1 million. Gifts must be given Tuesday, December 2 from 12:00 am to 11:59 am EST.

UMC Giving Tuesday offers an opportunity to start off the holiday season by giving instead of getting through supporting organizations and missionaries that have been researched and approved by Global Ministries. Giving through The Advance is also a way to give alternative gifts to those in your life who already have everything they need. One hundred percent of all gifts made through The Advance are given directly to the designated project.

Last year on UMC Giving Tuesday, United Methodists collectively raised a record \$6.5 million on line in through The Advance. 11,000 individuals and churches in 34 countries gave more than 16,300 gifts to mission and ministries they believe in. It was a wonderful sign of commitment and extravagant generosity, maximizing the impact of thousands of United Methodists coming together on one day to transform the world.

UMC Giving Tuesday is part of an international movement to extend the spirit of giving thanks into the Advent season. It offers an opportunity to start off the holiday season by giving instead of getting by supporting organizations that are transforming the world.



REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR...

In nursing homes and assisted living: Elnora Beckner, Geri Bennett, Roscoe Corey, Ruth Hamilton, Willie Hinkle, Lorene Ladd, Hazel Rice, and Wes Sutton.

Debbie Kurtz
Randy Jones
Dick Kaleida
Dora Villarreal
Pat Smith
Rolland Hankey

Patty Johnson
Jean Sykes
Olivia Estep
Betty Peiffer
Isabelle Russell
Garrison, Grandson of Larry & Bev

Jason Hill
Garland Chapman
Mindy Zigler
Barbara Miller
Mary Wendorf

Heather Pitts
Bambi Lambright
Monique Yoder
Jeff Warren
Pat Smith



Pray for Paul Webster, our missionary in Africa.
Pray for all who live in places that are violent.
Pray for those preparing for hunting season.

FOOD PANTRY BLESSINGS



The Hillsdale County Community Foundation Youth are having their 7th annual "Fill the Freezer Food Drive Day" again on Wednesday, November 5, at the Hillsdale Market House.

As a requirement of our pantry receiving donated goods, we have been asked to assist in promoting this event. The goal this year is to increase donations by encouraging businesses and other organizations to take up collections and bring them to the Market House on the day of the event. While HCCF Youth will again be purchasing two hours of radio time for a live remote broadcast, word-of-mouth promotion prior to the event is critical to the success of the food drive.

How this event has worked in the past is that donations are brought to Market House beginning in the morning and the collection continues all day until around 4:30. By then the items are divided up and someone from each participating pantry will arrive to pick up their portion of the collection. Sometimes money is donated and then items are purchased and divided between the participants. The youth will be collecting products beginning in the morning through approximately 4:30. The residents of Hillsdale County are encouraged to participate by bringing food items and other useful items to Market house that day. We were asked to provide a list of most needed items in our pantry. Those are: canned fruits and veggies, cereal and toilet paper.

With our pantry currently serving almost triple the amount of people that we served since late spring, we are constantly looking for ways to generate more donations to help meet a portion of the dietary needs of the families who use our pantry.

The pantry has been blessed with a variety of donations. In the past few years a number of local donors have contributed beef, pork, and venison to our pantry. Earlier this year Bob Evans of Hillsdale donated a large amount of pork sausage. Since late September, Don Marshall donated about 75# of beef and currently Betty Peiffer is processing beef for our pantry. We are hoping to participate in "Hunters for the Hungry" program and may be receiving some venison later this season. Our pantry is occasionally blessed with memorial donations for our food pantry as well.

The pantry has raised funds by partnering with Meijer during their Simply Give programs this year. We were just given \$3980 in gift cards to use as we need from their fall program. Thank you to those of you who contributed to that fundraiser.

In October, the Dollar General did a drive for us and asked its customers to donate a dollar which would purchase 2 cans of food for the pantry. Kathy Blonde has gone and collected every week. It's a blessing when local businesses recognize the need in the community and partner with us to serve in this way. Also, our pantry has submitted a grant request for funds to the Hillsdale County Community Foundation. If approved, the pantry's account at the South Central Michigan Food Bank will be credited with funds so we may continue purchasing from them each month.

Please continue to pray for continued support of our mission to help our neighbors in need. God bless you.



GIFT BOXES FOR FARMERS

Over the last several weeks, Litchfield UMC has been collecting items to create goodie boxes for some of the farmers in the Litchfield area. Because of your generosity, during the week of October 20, nine boxes were assembled and delivered. The boxes contained water, snack mixes, apples, and various other treats. A card of encouragement accompanied each box, communicating to the farmers and crews that Litchfield UMC is praying for them during this harvest season. Immediately, we received messages of gratitude from several farmers. Here are a few of those messages:



From Bruce & Adam Blonde Farms via Facebook:

“Just wanted to say thank you to the Litchfield United Methodist Church for the goody box that was given this evening! As they are showing their support to the local farmers during this busy season!”

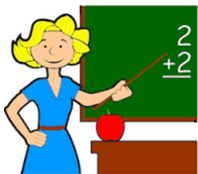
From John Gear via Facebook:

“Got a nice box of goodies from the Litchfield United Methodist Church today. A thank you to the farmers for feeding the world. I am very honored to be part of this industry and humble that even small farmers like myself get a thank you for what I do.”

From Litchfield Grain “The Mill Gang”

“Many Thanks! We LOVED the surprise snack box! You were right, this is a busy time of year, and they came in handy for a zip in our day. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.”

REACHING OUT



We want to be a source of encouragement to the teachers and other school staff who serve the Litchfield Community Schools. In November, we want to extend a \$20 gift card to each of the 17 teachers for classroom materials. For the staff and superintendent, we will provide a gift of home-baked goodies. This year there are 10 new teachers in the local school, and we want to welcome them to the community. Including the 7 veteran teachers, we want all the teaching staff to know that we appreciate their work, and we care about the education our children are receiving.

Are you able to “sponsor” a teacher or two? Would you like to provide baked goods for the other gifts! A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board, or you can see Cheryl Sykes.

Thank you for helping us to reach beyond the walls of our church to share Christ’s love. May you receive many blessings for your generous efforts.

GOD IS GOOD!

A gentlemen and his wife were in Monday with a gift of \$500 for the Food Pantry. He shared that the pantry had helped them out many times in recent months with food. He came into some unexpected money and wanted to give back. Yes, God is good. All the time, God is good!


“Let’s not get tired of doing good, because in time we’ll have a harvest if we don’t give up.”

Galatians 6:9, (Common English Bible)



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L-Litchfield Q-Quincy

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Please check the weekly bulletins for changes, updates, & locations.		If your birthday or anniversary is missing, please call the church office with your information.				1 1 pm L Bazaar 5-7 pm L Turkey Supper
2 9 am Q Worship 10:30 am Q S.S. 9:45 L Adult S.S. 11 am L Worship 5-7 pm L Youth Group	3 3 pm L Knit & Craft 5:30 pm L Boy Scouts 7 pm L Bible Study	4 10 am L Bible Study	5 6 am L Prayer Time 9:30 am Q Bible Study Noon—5:45 pm L Blood Drive	6 1:30 pm Q Quilters 3:30 pm Q Prayer 7 pm L/Q Charge Conference at LUMC	7	8 1 pm L Girl Scouts
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November Birthdays

3-Caleb Dickinson
4-Scottie Steele
8-John Pinter II
10-Alyssa Blonde
11-Garrett Griffiths
19-Fred McMillen
20-Dealia Bigelow
21-Matthew Finegan
21-Vena Wade
22-Dallas Finegan
22-Bev Reasoner
28-Amy Barrington
30-Kristen Beckner

Anniversaries

10-Al & Nancy Gaige
16-Adam & Alyssa Blonde
22-Scott & Alissa Ferery





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Office Hours

M-W-TH 9:00-3:00

Food Pantry Hours

M and TH 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Sunday School 9:45 AM

Worship 11:00 AM

Youth Group

First, Third, and Fifth Sunday

5:00 PM

