



## OCTOBER SCRIPTURES

October 1

17th Sunday after Pentecost,  
Communion, Choir

Scripture: Philippians 2:1-13  
Message: LOVE, hope, a place to belong

October 8

18th Sunday after Pentecost, Choir,  
3rd Grade Bibles,

Sunday School Children sing  
Scripture: Philippians 3:4b-14  
Message: love, HOPE, a place to belong

October 15

19th Sunday after Pentecost,  
Communion

Scripture: Philippians 4:1-9  
Message: love, hope, a place to BELONG

October 22

20th Sunday after Pentecost, Choir

Scripture: Exodus 33:12-23  
Message: I know you by name

October 29

21st Sunday after Pentecost

5th Sunday Special Music:  
Spiritual Messengers



October 22	11:30am at Perkins North
November 12	11:30am at Trailhead Grill
December 10	11:30am at Hubbell House



Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

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**HARVEST HOME  
DINNER  
OCTOBER 7, 2017  
4-7PM**



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# Pine Chips

LOVE, HOPE, A PLACE TO BELONG

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## Pastor Carolyn's Conundrums:

### Love, Hope, a place to Belong

We want to share Christ's love and hope with all we meet, with all that come into the church. We want to offer a place of belonging in the community, and that belonging, for us, is found in Christ.

People should not become involved in a church because we are a service organization. There are some wonderful organizations out there if you want that. Church is to be soul saving, life enriching through the love offered to us without price through our Lord Jesus Christ.

I once heard a story about a lighthouse that had saved many lives. It was at the heart of the community. It became a place to gather and socialize. Before too long, the light stopped shining and lives were once again at risk from the rocks of the coastline. People started wondering how this could happen. One of the officials visiting stated that it was simple; the lighthouse was to be a lifesaving station, not a social club.

Too often churches lose touch with their purpose; to offer the light of Christ by offering love and hope. Our new mission statement provides a reminder of what we are really about and is to be used by all to guide the ministries here at Pine Island United Methodist Church. We have been given much; we have much to give!



**3rd Grade Bible Sunday will be October 8th.** If you have a 3rd grader please join us at church service that day for the presentation of Bibles!



**Potluck Brunch and Informational Meeting**

On October 29, at 10:30am we will be having a potluck brunch to discuss the siding project.

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## HOMELESS ARE WELCOME



The greater Rochester Family Promise program provides homeless families overnight housing and evening meals in 13 area church buildings; about 40 churches are involved by providing volunteers. Pine Island United Methodist Church is a host site four weeks a year. We will welcome families October 22-28. Family Promise does much more. Parents are assisted with job training, employment, and finding living accommodations; children are provided rides to school and evening tutoring. This is a wonderful ministry in which you may become involved. While volunteers come from many congregations, members of our church provide much of the leadership: among them are Kris Gillard (meals and dinner hosts), Pastor Rick Ormsby (overnight hosts), Don Vang (drivers) and Lisa Beyer (laundry). Talk with them! Volunteers who work directly with guests are required to have training and a background check.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTING OCTOBER 15



Adult classes meet when the children and youth classes are in session. The two adult groups use the same materials and meet at 7:30-8:30 am and 10:30-11:30 am. Pastor Rick Ormsby will lead a 12 week video/discussion series using NOOMA materials. This is an outstanding Bible study which deals with practical living the Christian life. It was very well received when offered three years ago. The host is Rev. Bob Bell whose presentations are engaging and entertaining. Come, join us.

## UNIDOS EN CRISTO



Pastors Carolyn and Rick invite adults to participate in the Unidos en Cristo (United In Christ) weekend experience. Offered three times a year, the next opportunity is November 9-12 (men) and November 16-19 (women) at Evangel United Methodist Church in Rochester. Those attending have sponsors who provide transportation and donate registration fees. Those who have attended include: Donna Beckman, Margie Berg, Wade Bluemer, Mary Bluemer, Jo Canniff, Marilyn Collins, Chris Dietz, Cheryl Finnegan, Bonnie Kundert, Rachel Lange, Vicky Mancilman, Greg Nordstrom, Lynda Jo Nordstrom, Rick Ormsby, Michala Sinning, Al Trelstad, Nancy Trelstad, and Carolyn Westlake. Please speak to them about their weekend. Sometimes called "an experience in Christian Living", UEC is designed to strengthen and renew faith and bring Christians to a new and more alive awareness of living in God's grace. Many will say "transformation" happens in a weekend; most find growth in faith, nearness to God

## JAMACIA IN JANUARY

The current JAMAICA project is a major renovation of the roof of the Methodist Church building in the village of Stettin. As always, no one will be asked to do work beyond their ability. Not everyone will be on the roof; there will be plenty to do at ground level. While in the familiar Brown's Town Circuit, this will be a new community for our work. The team dates are January 9-22 (2018). Housing will be at the manse (parsonage) with Reverend Earl and June Harrison as hosts. Their home is luxurious by OC Ministry standards. There will be seven work days. We will be tourists on weekends, taking in the sites, shopping, and resting. Cost is \$1,800. A passport is required. The first team meeting is Saturday, November 4th, 10am to 12 noon, at Pine Island United Methodist Church. We'll learn about Jamaica, deal with travel issues, review the project, do paperwork, and meet team members. Contact: Rick Ormsby, 412-1946 or raerickormsby@gmail.com



## WAB NEWS

The Women's Advisory Board would like to thank everyone that has participated in one way or another to the Harvest Home Dinner, in the past, present and future. A special thank you to the co-chairs and committee chair persons, as they put a lot of planning, time and hard work into this event. Everyone working together and doing their part, helps to make this a great success. New changes are happening this year with take-out being done in the Sunday School rooms, and the event is a week earlier.

The Harvest Home Dinner is the major source of fundraising for the Women's Advisory Board, along with private donations and funerals. It is through these that the WAB is able to support some local missions and Church improvements past and present, such as the following: Pine Island Food Shelf, Food for Friends, Family Promise, Upper Room devotional material, kitchen supplies, coffee hour, Wednesday Night Suppers, Confirmants, elevator check-ups and repairs. They have replaced the pre-cast steps on the Church's Main Street side, installed ceiling fans in the Fellowship Hall kitchen and dishwasher room, and added electrical outlets in the support of the take-out changes this year.

We are looking for baskets and donated items as well as baked goods for the Bazaar and Silent Auction this year. Proceeds this year from the Bazaar will go toward the siding project. Again thank you for your continued support

Vicky Mancilman Chair WAB

### It's almost here!

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2017

**A HUGE THANK YOU** to all who have agreed to donate or help with the Harvest Home Dinner. Without you it would not be possible! If you have not been enlisted, please contact us and let us know what you would like to do. There are opportunities for everyone! If you have a new phone number, please let the church office know so that we can update our records. Thanks so much.

Apples & potatoes are being donated. Tammy Markham is donating apples. You may contact her at 356-4067 to get your apples for pies. Potatoes will be available in the back of the Church on Sunday, October 1 and thereafter. Turkeys should be picked up at Island Market on Friday, September 29 to allow a full week for thawing in the refrigerator. Turkey bakers please note: considering food safety issues it was determined that turkeys should be prepared and brought into church whole in the baking bag surrounded by their juices. Gravy is made at Church.

Pies are to be delivered to the church by 10am if possible, on Saturday. It is best if you can bake your pies in disposable pie pans. If purchasing pies, Perkins and Costco have pies acceptable for our "home made" dinner. Please label all food dishes or pans you bring in for the dinner so you get them back afterward. They will be placed in the small Sunday School room straight ahead from the main stairway,

Bazaar items should be at church by 3:00 pm on Saturday, October 7.

In accordance with food safety guidelines, anyone involved in any way handling food is expected to wear a hair net or cap (or similar head cover-visor, headband, etc.) and gloves. Hair nets, caps and gloves are provided in your work area. If you choose to wear your own head cover, it must be clean and in good taste as should all clothing. Name tags should be worn by all. We have new red aprons to be worn by all who will be interacting with the public.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact anyone on the Harvest Home Dinner Team. Thanks for all your help!!

Kris Gillard 507-208-6479 (cell), Rachel Lange 507-272-0814 (cell), Cher Knutson 507-356-4022, Margie Berg 507-356-4358 and Vicky Mancilman, senior advisor 507-356-4671

Bazaar chairperson: Vicky Mancilman

## BOB MADSEN

Bob Madsen was born and raised in New London, Minnesota which is between Wilmar and St. Cloud. He came to Rochester to work for IBM and live in a more rural area. Other job offers were in larger metropolitan cities. He is a retired hardware engineer, but also worked in development, manufacturing and procurement.

"I look forward to going to church," he said. Not just this particular church, but even on road trips, he and his close companion Diane look for a church to attend. According to Bob, one his favorite things about PIUMC is Pastor Carolyn's messages during worship services.

One of the benefits of interacting and getting to know people, including at church, is spelled out in one of Bob's favorite Bible verses-Proverbs 27:17: "...as iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another" Life Applications Bible.

He has four grandsons, two from his son Bryan and his wife Laura; two from his daughter Stephanie Anderson and her husband Karl. Bryan and his family live outside of Fountain City, Wisconsin. Stephanie and her husband live in Somerset, Wisconsin. "Yes," said Bob, "My grandsons are Cheeseheads."

Between Bryan and Stephanie, Bob and his wife had triplets that were born prematurely and died within two days. This loss had a profound effect on the family.

Diane Wosmek is also from New London. Bob hunted deer for 45 years with Diane's family, who lived across the road from his ex-in-laws. Bob went to school with some of Diane's siblings. She is a nurse at Rice Memorial Hospital in Wilmar. She and Bob maintain a somewhat long-distance relationship at a distance of 3-1/2 hours. She and Bob enjoyed getting to know people on the Red Bird Mission Trip in 2009.

Bob served in the Army National Guard Infantry Unit during the Vietnam War. He loves hunting and fishing, hiking and bicycling, and traveling. You may remember that the small church in Adak, Alaska was on the prayer list for a long time. Bob said that the last time he visited Adak, the church had dissolved and his contacts had moved.

He takes an annual fishing trip to Canada with his friends. They caught over 2,000 fish during one trip. Of course, most of those are catch-and-release, but many are for tasty dinners. At the end, they award trophies in fun for achievements such as the biggest fish caught.

Bob said, "I grew up poor and never dreamt I would have gotten to the stage where I could do things like fly to Canada for fishing."

After his mother was divorced when Bob was nine, she became involved a church that had the characteristics of a cult. To the outside world, the church was known as "Christian Convention." To members, it was known as "The Truth." The rules were extremely restrictive: no TV, no radio, no Christmas tree, no sports, scouts or other outside activities. Women had to have long hair and wear only dresses. Other churches were considered false churches. A steeple on the building was the height of foolishness.

Bob said, "The people were told that if they left the cult, they would go to hell. I never professed to that church, but the experience left me with defensiveness against churches."

Bob has explored several different churches. He went to the Lutheran church in Stewartville. After his divorce, he went to the Evangelical church and the Douglas Methodist church. Needing a change, he looked around for a church home. At some churches, he felt invisible when no one greeted him. At a Methodist Church camp, a friend recommended Pastor Greg Strunk who was transferring to PIUMC. At PIUMC, he was impressed that Shelly Shelstad remembered him from one service to another.

"Being greeted is so important," said Bob, who no longer felt invisible. He thinks it would be good if people sat beside different people at service instead of the same place each week. That way, they would get to know each other better.

Bob likes volunteering for activities at the church that he enjoys and at which he is good. He serves on the Trust Fund Committee which was started for donations designated for specific projects. The committee invests the funds and decides how the funds get dispersed.





# October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion Sunday 9am Sunday Worship /Choir 10:15am Fellowship & SS 10:30am Choir Practice 10:30am Usher Training	2 HHD Prep Week	3 HHD Prep Week 7pm Trustee Meeting	4 HHD Prep Week 11:30am Rotary 6pm Meal & Children's Worship 7pmSPRC	5 HHD Prep Week	6 HHD Prep Week	7 <b>HARVEST HOME DINNER</b> BAZAR & SILENT AUCTION 4-7PM
8 3rd Grade Bible Children's Sabbath 9am Sunday Worship /Choir 10:15am Fellowship & SS 10:30am Choir Practice	9 6pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship 7pm Boy Scouts	10	11 11:30am Rotary 6pm Meal & Children's Worship <b>Deadline to sign up for Creed Book</b>	12	13	14 9am PC meeting in Mankato 9am-3pm District Fun Days in Stewartville
15 Communion Sunday 9am Sunday Worship 10:15am Fellowship & SS	16 NS 6pm Lions	17 NS PINE CHIPS DEADLINE 6pm Worship Meeting 7pm Finance Meeting	18 NS 11:30am Rotary 6pm Meal & Children's Worship	19 NS 10:30am Bible Study at PH	20 NS	21
22 Family Promise 9am Sunday Worship /Choir 10:15am Fellowship & SS 10:30am Choir Practice 11am Lunch Bunch at Perkins North	23 Family Promise 6pm Girl Scouts in Library 7pm Council in Heritage	24 Family Promise 6pm Girl Scouts in Library	25 Family Promise 11:30am Rotary 6pm Meal & Children's Worship 6:30pm Creed Study	26 Family Promise 6pm Girl Scouts in Heritage	27 Family Promise	28 Family Promise
29 Spiritual Messenger 9am Sunday Worship 10:15am Fellowship & SS 10:30am Potluck Brunch	30	31 <b>Happy Halloween</b>	PC = Pastor Carolyn NS = No School SS = Sunday School	PH = Pine Haven BB = Better Brew	<p>Send Good News and Great Joy! Pack a Shoebox &gt;</p>	

## MISSION CORNER

**October Mission Box is for Operation Christmas Child postage.** Operation Christmas Child is a mission we have supported for many years. Every box filled and shipped brings the good news of Jesus Christ and His love to children around the world. It is now \$9 to ship a box. Let's spread the Word together!

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

**Operation Christmas Child** We will be packing boxes during Sunday School on **November 12 & 19**. Blessing of the boxes will be on **Sunday November 19**. They will be dropped off that afternoon at Calvary E-Free church in Rochester. Please bring gifts for boxes or cardboard shoe boxes or plastic box shoe boxes in to Church by **Sunday, November 12**. Plastic shoe boxes can be found at Walmart at a great price! There will be a drop off box located in the Narthex.

**Ideas include:** Soccer ball with pump, Stuffed animal, Toys (puppets, trucks, etc.), Doll (baby, Barbie, etc.), Musical instrument, Outfit, Shoes.

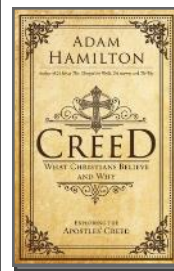
**Other Suggestions:** Toys: Include items that children will immediately embrace such as toy cars, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), etc.

School Supplies: pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc. Non-liquid Hygiene Items: toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, washcloths, etc. Accessories: T-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), etc.

**Do Not Include:** Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions

**PINE ISLAND SHARING SHELF:** October is Peanut Butter Month.

## NEW ADULT STUDY



**Creed-** exploring the Apostles' Creed, by Adam Hamilton. This Video study will be starting October 25<sup>th</sup>, on Wednesdays at 6:30pm. If you would like a book (not a requirement to attend the study) please contact the church office or sign up on the sign-up sheet in the back of the Sanctuary, by Wednesday, October 11th. The book cost is \$13, if cost is prohibitive and you would still like a book, please see Pastor Carolyn, funds are available to make sure you receive a book.

Do you have questions about foundational Christian truths such as the purpose of life? Believing that powerful answers are embedded in the Apostles' Creed, Adam Hamilton examines it to explore *what* Christians believe and *why* it matters. Topics are:

1. God
2. Jesus Christ
3. The Holy Spirit
4. The Church and the Communion of Saints
5. The Forgiveness of Sins
6. The Resurrection of the Body

**AUGUST FINANCE:** Monthly income: \$ 9,729, Monthly Expenses: \$11,519

Both giving and attendance is down slightly.