



# OCTOBER

## Lyndonville United Methodist News

### Upcoming Ministries, Meetings & Programs

Oct 6	<b>No Adult Sunday School</b> Youth Sunday School Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary w/ guest speaker Alan Vleck	10 AM 11 AM
Oct 8	Church Office Closed	
Oct 10	Church Office Closed	
Oct 13	Adult Sunday School Youth Sunday School Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	9:45 AM 10 AM 11 AM
Oct 14	Hope Resales Meeting	6 PM
Oct 20	Adult Sunday School Youth Sunday School Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	9:45 AM 10 AM 11 AM
Oct 22	Ad Council Meeting	6 PM
Oct 27	<b>No Adult Sunday School</b> Youth Sunday School Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	9:45 AM 10 AM 11 AM

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Tues & Thurs

8am to 12pm

##### Service Times

Worship in the Sanctuary &  
Online 11 :00 am

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**Hope**  
RESALES  
\* A Community Thrift Store

Hope Resales Hours  
Wednesday 10AM—1PM  
Thursday 5PM-8PM  
Friday & Saturday 10AM-1PM



**Sunday School for our youth begins on October 6 at 10 AM**  
**Come check us out!**

*All Saints Sunday*

### Remembering Our Loved Ones

As United Methodists we do not venerate the 'saints' but we recognize how important it is to remember our family and friends who have died in the past year. All Saints Sunday is the perfect time to do so. This year the date is Sunday, November 3rd. At this 11A.M. service, we will honor the memory of those whose funerals have been here at Lyndonville UMC between October 1, 2023 and September 30th, 2024.

Their families and friends will be invited. Each of the deceased' names will be called out as a candle is lit and a bell is rung in their memory. It is indeed a holy moment.

We then will take a moment to honor those who have died at any time, in any place as we call out each name and we acknowledge our loss with "Lord, hear our prayer."

Please join us for this moving celebration of remembrance.

Pastor Pam

*Coming in November*

We expect to finish our study of Simon Peter on Nov 3.

For the next 3 Sundays we will look at 3 books in the Bible via the One Hour One Book video series by GCBI.

Nov 10 - Jonah

Nov 17—Philippians

Nov 24—Judges

On Dec 1 we will begin an advent study; Experiencing Christmas—by Matt Rawle

If you would like to join the Book in the Bible studies just show up and bring your Bible and a notebook. If you would like to join the advent study let us know so that we can order books.

**Adult Sunday School**

meets at 9:45 am in the church library.

**FALL BIRTHDAYS ARE THE BEST!**

2 Angela Boyce

5 Thomas Barry

11 Kathy Goldsmith & Judy Waterstram

12 Karlee Rounds

17 Sierra Blonar

21 Colleen Gooding

23 Addilee Strickland

24 Madison Boyle

28 Kylie Iulig

29 Lisa Salen Lima & Harold Kingdollar



Pastor Pam Klotzbach

## Letter from the Pastor

• October 2024 •

Hello Again!

Life sure gets busier in the Fall. I used to think that when the kids returned to school, I would be a free-spirit. Boy, did I get that wrong!

For the church, it is Annual Meeting time which means more PAPERWORK and with lots of internal reflection. To top it off, this year they've changed HOW to do the PAPERWORK, Sigh!

The good part is that church gets busier, too! Although, I don't think of that work as tedious.

First is our All Saints service of remembrance. A very special service for me because as we demonstrate our remembrance of church members who have died this past year, we also remember others who have died. My Mom died this past January.

Then we move to Thanksgiving and on to Advent with lots of carols and the story we know so well. I hate to try to make our worship experience new and heart-filled. We culminate with an 11pm Candlelight Service. We circle the sanctuary light our candles, and as the lights are dimmed, we sing Silent Night at midnight. It gives me goosebumps every year.

So, there is much work ahead, it is satisfying and holy work. I wouldn't mind you adding me to your prayer list so that I might have the stamina necessary to do it all well, in two places!

Happy Fall and Bless You All!

**Pastor Pam**



## Change is in the Air

Change is in the air. We gladly leave the dog days of summer and ease into the autumn season with its fall colors and cooler temperatures. It is a favorite time of year for many, especially our hunters who have been eagerly getting food plots and hunting blinds ready. It is time to gather wood for the stove and rake the leaves in the yard.

However, with the changing of the season comes some not so pleasant activities. In some areas like our own, it is time to pay personal property tax. For many businesses it is the end of the fiscal year which means inventory and looking at the bottom line. As November approaches, it is election time in our country. Election cycles can cause much anxiety for some people, especially Christian voters. Not only are we concerned about economic issues, national security, and foreign affairs, but most importantly the moral direction of our nation. So, what can one do to alleviate the apprehension of leadership change?

First, we must realize that God is always in control. "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, for wisdom and might are His. And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding." (Daniel 2:20–21) Secondly, we have direct access to the One who controls it all. "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God." (Philippians 4:6) Let us continue to pray for our country, her leadership, and that God's will be done.

Jay Launius – 2024  
Maud Church of Christ  
Maud, Texas

## October Prayer Words

The idea is to discover new intricacies of God and God's Word by researching and studying one word a week. Dig in to the Bible, a dictionary, a concordance and pray—ask God to reveal Himself to you through the word of the week and His Word.

**Frost**—Psalm 147; Quote: "Frost is the greatest artist of our clime—he paints in nature and describes in rime." Thomas Hood

**Harvest**—Leviticus 23:22 Quote: "The thankful receiver bears a plentiful harvest." William Blake

**Mist**—James 4:14; Quote: "It is the uncertainty that charms one. A mist makes things wonderful. Oscar Wilde

**Wind**—John 3:8; Quote: "Don't let the winds blow your dreams away... or steal your faith in God." Vin Scully



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*"Remember whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously."*



## I Will Pray For Gumbo

You may be thinking "why would I pray for gumbo?" If you listen to Jimmy Buffett's music you know he wrote a song titled "I Will Play For Gumbo" so my title is a take on that.

I was going thru notes on my phone the other day and found an old one that read "gumbo as a newsletter article: a little bit of everything." I added it in 2019, but for some reason never wrote it. If you like gumbo (which I do) and have eaten a number of variations (which I have), then you know that no two bowls of gumbo are alike. While poking around online looking at various recipes and info about gumbo I ran across an article titled "Theological Gumbo" written by a UMC pastor named Stephen Fife. Look it up, it's a great read. I wish I had written it! <https://um-insight.net/perspectives/theological-gumbo/> The rest of this article draws from both this article and my own notes.

Making a tasty bowl of gumbo may be very similar to making a healthy effective church. If you know much about gumbo you know that it all begins with the roux. Make a great roux and the rest of the ingredients are almost incidental to the result. If you look up gumbo recipes, you'll find that the ingredients are vast and varied including everything from file powder to okra. But it's the roux (with the few staples of roux making) that holds everything together, that pulls all of the individual flavors together, that provides the basis for a great dish. (Beginning to think I may need to make gumbo for dinner tonight!)

Let's think about this in terms of the church. In his article Rev. Fife proclaims that: "We've lost our roux! Which begs the question: What is the roux of our church, or for that matter any Christian church, even the universal church? What is it that binds us all together? What pulls all of the individual "flavors" together providing the foundation of a great church? Just like each person has different gifts and graces so does each congregation. During our recent ministry audit we talked a lot about having a mission statement. Some might think having a common mission is the roux. But is it really? What is the impetus behind the mission? What is the reason we do what we do? Our problem is that we focus too much on the incidentals, ... the secondary ingredients, the offshoots instead of the roots. (Imagine watering the leaves of a plant rather than the roots...)

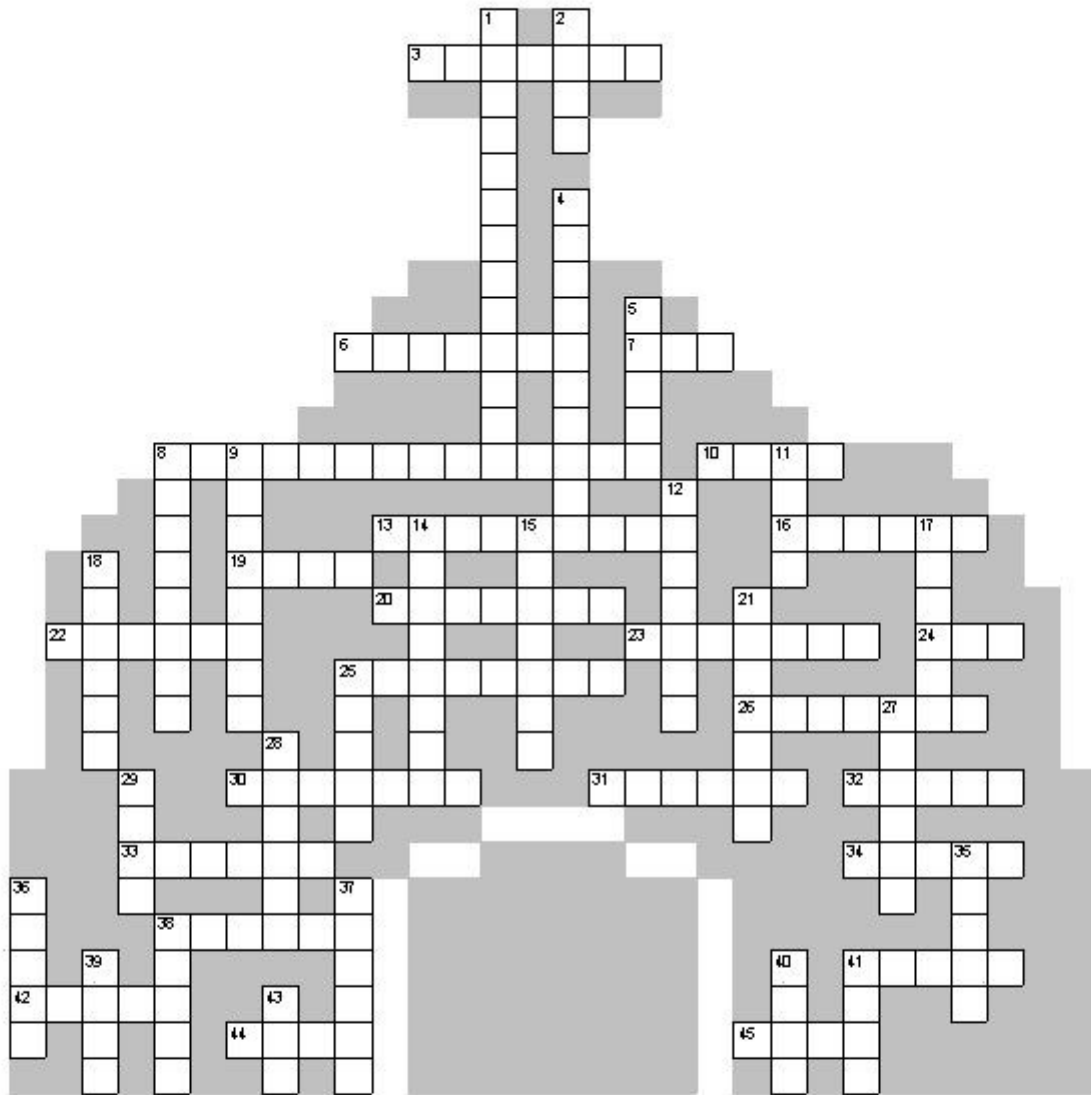
*"<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16.* God's love, made manifest in the person of Jesus Christ who in the greatest act of Love, laid down His life for you, and for me. Jesus is the roux. Jesus' love holds us together. Jesus blends our individual "flavors" to make us an awesome bowl of church!

We are too often overly deliberate about selecting ingredients that are compatible, that we like, that don't offend, that fit the plan, that are predictable, and taste as expected. Just as some flavors seem opposite but are actually quite complimentary (think sweet and sour, or sugar and salt). We need to learn to appreciate our distinctiveness (both individually and collectively) and learn from each other instead of playing spiritual wack-a-mole. After all we are all equally beloved by God. Jesus died for all of us not just the ones we're comfortable with. We are made different by design, if we will love Jesus, the Holy Spirit will combine our different "flavors" into blessings according to His purposes.

Rather than finding opportunity in our unique gifts, seeing them as assets, we spend too much time distinguishing ourselves from each other, focusing on how we are unlike, that what binds us together (our roux) almost completely escapes us. Think about that – we spend so much time focusing on what divides us that we lose sight of Jesus (our roux). When we do that, we lose our flavor, we become watered down, bland and maybe burnt and bitter. Bland gumbo is disappointing, bitter gumbo is just bad.

The first rule of gumbo making is also the first requirement of an effective church... it starts with the roux. Begin with Jesus.

# People of the Bible



**Across**

- 3. Title of the kings of Egypt
- 6. Deceives Samson
- 7. First woman
- 8. Builder of Babylon; takes Jerusalem captive
- 10. First man
- 13. Father of John the Baptist
- 16. Queen who helped Mordecai save the Jews
- 19. Brother of Jesus
- 20. A prophetess and judge of Israel
- 22. Aaron's sister who leads a victory song
- 23. Called out of his tomb
- 24. Afflicted by Satan
- 25. Saul's son; loved by David
- 26. Paul's young "son in the faith"
- 30. A king known for his wisdom
- 31. Thrown into the lion's den
- 32. Swallowed up by a great fish
- 33. Jacob's eldest son
- 34. A shepherd boy who God chooses to be King
- 38. Destroys Jericho
- 41. Betrays the Christ
- 42. Led the Israelites out of Egypt
- 44. Built an ark
- 45. Marries Boaz

**Down**

- 1. First to see the risen Christ
- 2. Killed Abel
- 4. The handwriting was on his wall
- 5. A fisherman who walked on water
- 8. Cupbearer to Artaxerxes I; rebuilds Jerusalem's wall
- 9. Jacob's youngest son
- 11. First murder victim
- 12. Son of Abraham and Hagar
- 14. One of the three who survived the fiery furnace
- 15. Father of the faith
- 17. Was transported into heaven in a chariot of fire
- 18. Brought Nathanael to Christ
- 21. A tax collector who became an apostle and an author of the gospel
- 25. Wrestles with an angel
- 27. A doubtful one
- 28. Mary's husband
- 28. Had a coat of many colors
- 29. Mother of Jesus
- 35. The promised son of Abraham
- 36. Ruth's mother-in-law
- 37. Lazarus' busy sister
- 38. The Christ; the Son of God and Savior of the world
- 39. Hairy hunter who sold his birthright
- 40. First king of Israel
- 41. Wrote the Book of Revelations
- 43. Abraham's nephew; his wife turned to a pillar of salt



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The One Anothers of Scripture

Love one another—John 13:34

Pray for one another—Colossians 3:13

Bear with one another—Galatians 6:2

Accept one another—Romans 15:7

Serve one another—Galatians 15:13

Speak truth to one another—Ephesians 4:25

Be hospitable to one another—1Peter 4:9

Be at peace with one another—Mark 9:50

From the book *Graceland* by Ruth Chou Simons

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