

## Special points of interest:

- Trunk or Treat
- November Meal with Trinity UCC
- Apple Dumplings
- Spaghetti Dinner



## October and November 2025

### Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat is October 23rd at the American Legion Park from 5-7pm. Our Church will be participating and will be set up based on "The Star" children's movie since Movie Night is the theme this year. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board to bring supplies for our trail mix that we will be handing out. Please have items to church by Sunday, October 19. See Angie or Autumn with questions!

### Spaghetti Dinner

There will be a Spaghetti Dinner on Tuesday, October 14 at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome to join! The menu will be: Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread and Desserts. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board and all items are needed by Sunday, October 12. We hope you can join us for this fellowship.

### Backpack Program

The Backpack Program at Plains Elementary is in full swing again this school year. If you are interested in signing up to help, there is a sign up sheet on the Bulletin Board. Please plan to meet at 10am on Thursday Mornings to pack the bags. See John Spitzer or Karl if you have any questions!

### November Meal and Service

On November 9th, our Church will be having a joint Harvest meal with Trinity UCC to gather in fellowship and celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. There is a planning meeting in the works, so more details will follow in upcoming bulletins. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for this enjoyable lunch! As a reminder, our service will be at 10am that day, so please plan accordingly.



## **From the Pastor**

### WHAT IN THE WORLD?

As I sit to type this, we are gearing up for “World Communion Sunday” and we’re not too far beyond what I inaccurately identified as “World Peace Sunday” in my sermon notes a couple weeks ago.

What’s the world got to do with our Sunday service anyway? A good question indeed, why did the pastor make us participate in such things? You could probably call it ironic or even hypocritical considering that at times pastors, including myself, talk about the ills of this world. We can make it seem like the world is a horrible place and somehow only a small flicker of light glows from this place and maybe just a couple others. The truth of the matter is that God made a “very good” world. Perhaps it is there where we find some of the answers to the original question.

If we are Christian, we should want some things for this world, especially when it comes to the global church. I’m reminded of the Apostles’ Creed of my youth. The old Lutheran Hymnal still had us saying that we believed in “the holy catholic Church.” Lutherans changed it later (to holy Christian church), possibly because of the confusion I had as a child that we were confessing our belief in a denomination we didn’t belong to. Of course, little case “c” catholic had a much different meaning, which my mother explained to me when I finally asked about it. That’s where I find myself after these recent “world” or “international” Sunday’s.

There are a lot of jokes going around on the internet about how many churches, or Christians in general would be getting a letter from Paul if he was still around. Many are concerned about false doctrine, but I would venture to say that there is not a single denomination that couldn't use a talking to about unity. Paul wrote in Ephesians chapter 4:

“4 Therefore I, the prisoner in the Lord, urge you to walk worthy of the calling you have received, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope at your calling— 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.”

On the days we celebrate something worldwide, we should pray and hope for a unity that we currently do not have, but a unity that we are called to have as God's people. When we celebrate these Sunday's let us be filled with a glimmer of hope that for at least one or two weeks out of the year, we can be united in our belief in as Paul said, the one God who is above all and through all.

## **Congregational Business Meeting**



**Our Annual Congregational Business Meeting has been moved to November 2nd after worship. Please plan to join if you are able as this is the meeting we vote on the budget and slate for the upcoming year.**

## **Book Club**

**Book Club will be meeting October 25th at 10am at the Broadway Coffee House. The book this month is “Jesus Through the Eyes of Women” by Rebecca McLaughlin. Everyone is welcome to join! See Autumn if you have questions!**

## **Apple Dumplings**

**The Women’s Fellowship will be making Homemade Apple Dumplings. They will be ready for pickup after Sunday October 19th. If you would like to help make them, they will be made October 18th! If you would like to donate supplies or have questions, see Elaine Cline.**



## **Communion**

**Communion took place during worship on Sunday, October 5th. It was a meaningful and fulfilling service. On the same note, Pastor Karl would like to offer home communion to anyone who is in need and requests it. If you or someone you know would be interested, please contact the church office or Pastor Karl!**



## **Lending a Hand**

**The pantry next door continues to run low on supplies week after week. The most used items are shelf stable milk, cereals, bread, peanut butter, soups, ready to eat meals, jellies and jams, canned meats, etc. If you would like to donate, there is a box in the foyer or you are welcome to drop it in the pantry anytime! Additionally, please consider donating to the Hygiene Box! Items such as laundry detergent, paper towels, toilet paper, shaving supplies, shampoo, and body wash are all highly used!**

## October Birthday's and Anniversaries

**1 Malorie Tanner**

**3 Jill Cosner**

**Barbara Estep**

**Bailey Hart**

**Daniel Mehaffie**

**Hannah Mehaffie**

**Gary Wine**

**4 John Coffman**

**Zach Walton**

**8 Diana Walton**

**9 Teresa Delawder**

**Faye Fleming**

**11 Jo Repko**

**Harper Sperry**

**Nina Vaughan**

**13 Chad Hill**

**15 Dick Pierce**

**16 Trevor Spiggle**

**17 CC Bostic**

**Rachel Sligar**

**18 Kim Withers**

**19 Drew Spiggle**

**21 Sam Sligar**

**Stacey Vaughan**

**22 Candee McLearen**

**23 Sydney Coffman**

**24 Ashton Dent**

**27 Ally Repko**

**30 Lisa Davis**

**Sherry Harman**

**Payton Messina**

**Josh Pultz**

**Doug Ennis**

**1 Joe and Holly Flory**

**6 Josh and Jessica Pultz**

**Daniel and Hannah Mehaffie**

**12 Lenny and Carolyn Kipps Stowell**

**20 Jason and Krista Withers**

**24 Dan and Candee McLearen**



## November Birthday's and Anniversaries

**5 Michaela Crist**

**7 Jerry Grandle**

**9 Nicholas Sheridan**

**11 Laura Coffman**

**Kevin Flint**

**12 Linda Larrabee**

**13 Linda Biller**

**Carole Crosbie**

**14 Nicolas McLearen**

**15 Eston Foster**

**19 Cardie Magenhofer**

**22 John Spitzer**

**25 Abigail Crist**

**27 Alyssa Wilberger**

**28 Wendy Hart**

**29 Jackson Stokes**





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## **Gospel Hill Beacon October and November 2025**

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