Fall has always been a time of watching the leaves turn in our part of the world. It is an amazing transition from green to golds, oranges and reds. It is a time to savor the view before it all turns brown and later everything looks black, and with winter – white. But it is only one season, and I am so thankful that we live where the seasons change as I love variety in my life. When it is too hot, I wish for cool and when it is too cold I wish for warmth. But I try to greet every season as it comes with a readiness for whatever is ahead.

Fall has traditionally been the time we talk of ‘Stewardship’ in the church. Stewardship is not an annual financial campaign, but a way of life. Stewardship is the management of all that we have in our lives and deciding what portion of that we will share with God through our work with others in the community and in the world. The church is a place created for us to come together with our portions to accomplish this work.

But what if we could see stewardship as something that we do in every season? We all have more gifts to share than just money. Within the church we define our giving when we join as a member. We say we will support the church so it can continue its ministries of mission through our Prayers, our Presence, our Gifts, our Service, and our Witness.

The Giving Development Team wants to draw you a picture over the next year of the ways your church can help you help others by your shared portion to God. We will begin with the traditional financial campaign combined with commitments for other ministry needs as well. We want you to be able to ‘Live, Give and Love Beyond all Expectation.’

We invite you to consider what it might mean for you to ‘Think Greater’ than just an expectation by moving your giving one step up from what you have previously given. Many years ago I was challenged to consider giving a tithe of my money – one tenth of my income to the church. Though that was easy to figure, I was very unsure if I could afford to do it.

I agreed to try it for three months to see what would happen. I have never stopped. It was amazing how God not only used that money for others, but also how I always still had enough. Now, each year I commit to the church 10% of what you pay me and it is the first check I write each month. This has been a great blessing for me.

I am still praying and processing how I can give a tithe of my time and talents (besides what you pay me for). I hope you will explore your stewardship and what all of our portions together can do for others, because every time we go to bless others, God multiplies the blessings and we receive more than we give. Thank you for all that you already give of yourselves...may your blessings multiply and grow!

As Always,
Pastor Cathy
Essential Operating Budget

Balance as of January 1 $6,650
January - August Contributions 140,034
January - August Expenses 157,741
Balance as of September 1 <$11,057>

Every month we need approximately $19,000 to pay our bills.

If you are interested in Electronic Giving, please contact Kristi, 715-246-2464. Electronic giving is an automatic withdrawal from your bank account to the church. There is no charge to you for this service.

Auction Report

Estimated income from ‘Action Through Auction’ is $8,000. Ten percent of that will be put with the 2012 Extra Mile Giving for Missions, which is split between Community Outreach projects and The Mission Commission Projects. The balance will help with our current cash deficit (see above). Thank you to everyone who participated. It was a great day!

Worship Attendance Report

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We welcome Robin Knudtson as the new addition to our staff. She has taken one of the two Nursery Positions.

Worship Themes for October

Oct. 7
World Communion
Matthew 6:19-21; II Corinthians 9:6-8
“Give Wholeheartedly”

Oct. 14
Luke 10:25-28; Colossians 3:12-17
“Love Unconditionally”

Oct. 21
UMW Sunday with Rev. Barb Certa Werner at both services.
10:30 Alternative Worship, Sunday School mini program and Communion.

Oct. 28
John 14:8-14; Philippians 4:4-9
“Beyond all Expectations”

The Sanctuary Air Conditioning Fund is paid in full!
Thank you to everyone who contributed.
We are blessed.
Come Join us for
Great Food and Fellowship
Sr. High Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, October 28th
9:00am - Noon
in Fellowship Hall

NOOMA video series
for Middle and High School Students
Each Sunday in Room 110
Between Services
Christine Melby will facilitate

2013 Calendar Sales
Calendars are $6 each
or
$10 each to sponsor a child
for 2013 Vacation Bible School
Sales will begin in October
Children’s Ministry

October Unit is: “Psalms and Songs”

Psalms is a book of songs and poetry that God’s people in Bible times used in worship. The psalms expressed their feelings about God and their faith. Jews and Christians continue to use the Psalms in corporate worship and in devotional life as they give thanks to God.

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- experience Psalms as songs and poems;
- discover that Psalms were written to express a wide range of emotions, from praising God to lamenting bad situations;
- understand it is okay to express joy and anger with God. God is with us when we experience every emotion;
- explore the Psalms through their sense.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming dates

October:
- 7th — Psalms & Songs Unit
- 14th — Psalms & Songs Unit, movie rotation
- 21st — Psalms & Songs Unit, music rotation, mini program
- 28th — Psalms & Songs Unit

September’s unit was “Teach Us How to Pray”. The kids learned some new songs, made a Prayer Journal and made a string of prayer beads. They put beads on a string to represent the important people in their lives. While they were putting the beads on their string they said a silent prayer for each of the important people. Then they put a bead on for a situation in their life, good or bad. As they were doing this they were silently asking for guidance or forgiveness. They were able to take some beads home so that they could change the beads as they needed. They will also be making Prayer pillow-cases to help them to remember to pray before they go to bed and when they wake up.

For the Mini program they will be saying the Lord’s Prayer and singing some songs that they learned.

For more information about our Children’s Ministry Program you may contact:

Michelle Henke
Children’s and Youth Leader
715-246-3988 or mhenke@fronitemap

April Rogers
Children’s Ministry Chairperson
tnsplayer88@yahoo.com
Youth Group

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Thank you to all that helped with “The Sandwich Project” on September 19th. This is one of my favorite missions to do. It shows all of us how blessed we are that we are able to help out people who are less fortunate. And that we can make a difference in someone's life.

With the help of the youth, Mentors, leaders and parents we were able to make 400 sandwiches. We used 35 loaves of bread, 400 slices of cheese and 800 slices of meat. Each of the youth got 3 post-its that they wrote a prayer, blessing or something encouraging for the person who was getting the sandwich and we attached them to the sandwich bags. Each group also said a prayer over the sandwiches. The youth also moved the furniture from the Parlor and Narthex to Fellowship Hall. It was amazing how fast they did that, 10 minutes.

For more information about our Youth Ministry Program you may contact:

Michelle Henke  
Children’s and Youth Leader  
715-246-3988 or mhenke@frontiernet.net

Paula Meisner  
Youth Ministry Team Chairperson  
715-246-6795 or pjmeisner@frontiernet.net
**ADULT MINISTRIES**

**United Methodist Men’s Coffee Fellowship**
Every Wednesday at 9:30 in room 110 (lower level)

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study**
Women of Faith series “Adventurous Prayer”
Wednesdays at 9:30am in the parlor.
Contact Karen Langer, 715-246-2442 for more information.

**Piece Corps sewing group**
Prayer shawls, quilts & more! Thursday, October 18 at 9:30am. Contact Karen Hall, 248-7327

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**“Living the Questions 2.0”**
Sundays, between worship services (9:15-10:15)
Room 105, lower level

LtQ2 is an open-minded alternative to studies that attempt to give participants all the answers and instead strives to create an environment where participants can interact with one another in exploring what's next for Christianity. Featuring thirty acclaimed scholars, theologians and other experts, LtQ2 consists of 21 weekly sessions. The 20-minute video segments include conversations with leading voices of faith, digital stories illustrating aspects of an evolving faith, and concrete spiritual practices and disciplines.

Contact Michelle Johnson 715-246-7438 mjohn112@frontier.com with questions.

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**Book Club**

**Marcus Borg discussion offered**
The New Richmond United Methodist Church Book Club is hosting a discussion of Marcus Borg’s novel, “Putting Away Childish Things”, on Thursday, October 11 at 7:00.

Dr. Borg is an international religious scholar who spoke for 2 days at the New Richmond High School in April. His ideas open a new way of thinking for modern Christians. He has written many books, but has more recently written this novel as an easily understood introduction to his thinking. Numerous people from area churches attended his exemplary workshop and many have shown an interest in continuing the discussion.

By choosing this book, others also are invited to join the discussion. Copies are limited at local libraries, so we would suggest that participants either advertise for copies to be shared by members of their congregation that already have them or purchase them online or at a Christian bookstore. Purchase price is approximately $15.

If you are interested in participating for this one night opportunity, please contact Kay Brooks at 715-246-6703 or reply to this email at LVECNR@frontiernet.net.
A Big Thank You!

This was our 6th “Evening Affair” and it was a huge success. The theme was “A Starry Night” and with much help from the Youth Group and Michelle Henke, the hall was beautiful. Then, all of our table-decorators arrived on Thursday evening to decorate tables with their own theme. We had 14 tables in all and they were so beautiful. We served 97 people and they were all very pleased.

Many volunteers are needed to pull off this fun event. Mary Ann Campbell donated all of the plastic plates, which the dinner is served on; Neal & Joyce Melby donated all of the home-grown Gala beans; and desserts were baked by Phyllis Anderson, Barb Austin, Sarah Ketcham and Nancy Swiggum. Cherry cheesecakes were made by Marlene Bartels and Barb Vander Wyst. Karen Peterson heads up the cooks on Friday morning and Jim Vander Wyst is our “bean cook”. Irv & Mary Sather donated raspberries from The Heritage Center, which were used on the salads and Delores Lorentzen donated all of the butter and wild rice. A special thanks to Terri Montpetit from Pete’s Pizza for ordering us all of the chicken, salad and rolls - and of course, thanks to our wonderful kitchen help and servers! Everything ran so smoothly.

Then, thanks to Kristi Rogers, who puts up with me, handles all the reservations, money and makes the beautiful programs for the evening. Chuck Rang did a wonderful job writing an article for the NR News to promote the dinner. This year’s dinner was to raise funds to help pay off the Sanctuary Air Conditioning. We raised a total of $1,406 - Yeah! What a gracious church family we have, and wonderful friends & neighbors!

-Pearl Christensen

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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS

Immigrants’ rights are human rights, according to the BIBLE.
In Leviticus 19:34, the Israelites are commanded to love the foreigner as themselves and to treat foreigners as equals. So many times we treat them as second class citizens.

UMW officers met Bishop Hee-Soo Jung and his wife, Im after the District meeting in Barron on Sept. 15th. He spoke about his vision for the Methodist Church in Wisconsin for the coming years. A lovely reception was held after the welcoming service.

UM Women Sunday is October 21. A special speaker from Superior will give the message. Women of the church will participate. The Mission Award will be presented.

Beef Burger Luncheon will be held Oct. 17, with everyone in the community invited.

Thanks to all who helped with the Auction Lunch Sept. 23. We especially wish to thank those who worked or donated bars and cookies, refreshments, and supplies. It was a great team effort, along with the Youth Group, that made it a successful day!

Unit meeting will be Thursday, October 11 in the parlor at 9:30am. Program will be presented by Pastor Cathy. Marion Strandberg from Chippewa Falls, editor of THE WEAVER, our district newsletter will be a special guest. All women are cordially invited to attend!

Rummage sale coming up in November...save your brown bags, and your good, used items for this event!!!
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### Military Peacekeepers

- Ryan Blietz, relative of Phyllis Ross
- Charlie Ennis, nephew of Rob & Chris Ennis
- Philip Gartner, Godson of Mark & Char Mayry
- Cody Gibson, cousin of Lorrie Pazdera
- Tyler Hall, grandson of Don & Karen Hall
- Calin Hehling, son of Connie Hehling
- Adam Hoglund, grandson of Inez Hoglund
- Josiah Koniecki, nephew of Don & Marilyn Jess
- Justin Leistiko, grandson of Inez Hoglund
- Jared O’Connell, son of Dick & Arlene O’Connell and grandson of Jeanette O’Connell
- Kevin and Gregory Ohlfs, sons of Jim & Mary Kaye Ohlfs
- Aaron and Alex Rogers, cousins of Jason & Kristi Rogers
- Zachary Uhrig, nephew of Barb Vander Wyst
- Zach Van Someren
- Alan Young

### Newborn

**Joseph McGwire Green**

was born September 21 to Joe & Lindsay Green. Grandparents in our congregation are Ron & Sandy Green.

### Our Homebound

- The Deerfield Gables
- Alice Johnson and Dana Craig
- St. Croix Health Center
- Howie Espersen and Mae Vehrs
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If you would like to help in any of the above areas, please contact:
- Greeters: Mary Hirst, 715-246-6787
- Ushers: Maybelle Hall, 715-246-2607
- Liturgists: Deb Geving, 715-781-4743

### About Volunteers in Mission
Volunteers in Mission share their time, talents, and money for a specific project. The experience is one of sharing with others and serving God by serving others. Daily morning and evening devotions are held.

The volunteers do more than think, read and contribute money to missions. They live, feel, and "DO". Christ challenges us to be followers of His way!

- September 23-29, 2012: Tornado damage, Harrisburg, Illinois
- Sept. 30-Oct. 5, 2012: Camp Lucerne, Wautoma WI
- Oct. 29-Nov. 9, 2012: Mount Eagle Retreat Center, Arkansas
- Feb. 2-10, 2013: Tornado damage, Tuscaloosa, Alabama
- March 17-23, 2013: Tornado damage, Henryville, Indiana
- April 2-11, 2013: Ozark Manor, Marionville, Missouri
WHAT IS A MONEY AUTOBIOGRAPHY? By Dan R. Dick

All people of faith live in relationship to money and material wealth. As an issue of faith, Jesus speaks more about money than any other topic, save the Kingdom of God. More than prayer, more than sin, more than salvation, more than forgiveness or love, Jesus teaches and preaches about our relationship with money. This emphasis indicates that a healthy self-understanding about our relationship to money and possessions is essential if we are to realize our full potential as children of God. Trustworthiness in our relationship to money is a first step toward faithfulness in all things.

A money autobiography is a reflection process on the role and influence of money and material possessions in our life. It challenges us to explore the past to see how our attitudes, assumptions, and values were formed concerning money and wealth. The money autobiography provides a lens through which we examine how we manage money, and how money manages us. It allows us the opportunity to wrestle with our needs, wants, and desires and helps us understand the lifestyle choices we make. It can even help us set some priorities and goals for the future. What we pursue says a lot about who we are, and the way we order our priorities says a lot about what we believe.

The money autobiography is a tool for your benefit. No one else needs to see what you have written. It is highly recommended that you create a money autobiography journal in which to record your thoughts, reflections, feelings, and observations. Many people return to their money autobiography journal months and years after the initial experience. Every month for the next seven months we will include some questions for you to reflect on/write on.

- What is your earliest memory of money?

- In what ways are you a spender? A saver? In what ways are you generous? Stingy?

- In what ways are you a good manager of money? In what ways are you a poor manager of money?

- Does the fact that 2/3 of the earth’s population lives below the U.S. poverty line affect your attitude toward money? If so, how? If not, why not?

- If you would like to continue to work on this before next month, go to WisconsinUMC.org, push the square labeled “Think Greater” and find the piece that says ‘Money Autobiography.’
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Our mission is to open our hearts, minds and doors to all persons; to nurture the spiritual formation of children, youth and adults; and to continue the ministry of Christ through community service and global outreach.