

October 2025 Newsletter

People are illogical, unreasonable, and self-centered.

Love them anyway.

If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives.

Do good anyway.

If you are successful, you will win false friends and true enemies.

Succeed anyway.

The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow.

Do good anyway.

Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable.

Be honest and frank anyway.

The biggest men and women with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest men and women with the smallest minds.

Think big anyway.

People favor underdogs but follow only top dogs.

Fight for a few underdogs anyway.

What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight.

Build anyway.

People really need help but may attack you if you do help them.

Help people anyway.

Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth.

Give the world the best you have anyway.

You see,

**in the final analysis it is between you and God;
it was never between you and them anyway.**

-Do It Anyway, Mother Teresa

I learned this poem several years ago by Bishop Sally Dyck. It's known that Mother Teresa adapted Kent Keith's original text of Paradoxical Commandments. In our brutal and senseless world, in this tumultuous time with violence and hate, how can we live as followers of Jesus Christ? If you make your own paradoxical commandments, what would you fill in the blank: "_____ anyway"?

I invite us to dive deeper into discipleship with me this fall.

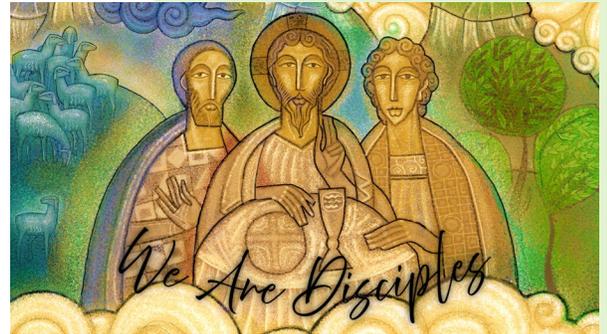
Looking forward to seeing you in worship and other ministry events.

We are on this discipleship journey together!

Peace & Blessings,



Pastor Mi-Sook Yoo



October 5
World Communion
Sunday
"Love Boldly & Truthfully"

* **Taste of UMC Potluck**

* **Fall Church Clean up**
Sat, Oct 11, at 9 a.m.

October 12
Laity Sunday
"Serve Joyfully & Humbly"
Speaker,
Gary Gruebnau

* **Missions' Craft Sale**

October 19
"Lead Courageously &
Faithfully"
Speaker,
Rev. DS. Wendy Harman

* **Church Conference**
at 11:10 a.m.

October 26
"Do It Anyway & Again"
* **Giving Presentation 11 a.m.**
* **Trunk or Treat at 3 p.m.**



October Birthdays

Marlene Adamson 10/1
Blayke Gustafson 10/1
Taylor Purcupchick 10/2
Muriel Wright 10/2
William Lee 10/6
Don Deak 10/10
Larry Fournier 10/10
Shelli Morning 10/23
Amy Huibregtse 10/24
Lin Huizen 10/24
Dave Dodge 10/28

October Anniversaries

Terence & Elena
Agabin 10/6
Craig & Shelley
Logston 10/8

If you are celebrating your birthday and/or anniversary this month, but do not see your name, please call the office and let us know.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

SMALL GROUP GATHERINGS

Contact each group leader or call/email the church office to join the conversation. Check the weekly e-news or your leader's email for their in-person and zoom meetings.

Spirituality Group, Wednesdays at 9 a.m.

Linda Mullen mullen520@comcast.net

Women's Bible Study, Thursdays at 10 a.m.

Lisa Greenwood lisajogreenwood@yahoo.com

Amy Doyle amybryandoyle@aim.com

Men's Group, Saturdays at 7:30 a.m.

Bryan Doyle amybryandoyle@aim.com

World Communion Sunday Potluck 🍂 Sunday, Oct 5 🍂 Following Service

Let us come together and join our fellow Christians around the world in fellowship on World Communion Sunday, Oct 5, following the service. Please sign up in the lobby.

Fall Clean Up 🍂 Saturday, Oct 11 🍂 9 a.m.

Please come and help us at our Fall Church Clean-Up and prepare it for the upcoming season on Saturday, Oct 11 at 9 a.m. All levels of experience and families are welcome. We will be cleaning inside and out. If you can, please bring gloves, rags, rakes and/or brooms. In case of inclement weather we will reschedule to Saturday, Oct 18.

Annual Church Conference 🍂 Sunday, Oct 19 🍂 Following Service

Please join us for our annual Church Conference. We will approve next year's budget and nomination of the church leadership. It is also a time to celebrate the ministry we have served together throughout the year.

Planned Giving Presentation 🍂 Sunday, Oct 26 🍂 Following Service

Leaving a Legacy of Love: 8 Mutually Beneficial Ways to Give
Join us for a presentation on planned giving on Sunday, Oct 26 following service. Alexis Alm and Joe Greenwood will talk about gifts with tax advantages, gifts that provide an income stream, non-cash gifts and easy ways to get started.

Trunk or Treat 🍂 Sunday, Oct 26 🍂 3-4:30 p.m.

We welcome you for an afternoon of fun, favorite costumes, and safe trunk or treating! If you would like to participate by decorating your trunk and handing out candy, please keep an eye out for the sign up in the lobby coming soon.

Feed My Starving Children 🍂 Wednesday, Oct 29 🍂 9 a.m.

The Wednesday group invites you to join their service day at Feed My Starving Children at the Schaumburg location on Wednesday, Oct 29, 9 - 11 a.m. See the weekly E-News to sign up.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Sunday School Class 🍁 10:15 a.m.

We are now offering in person Sunday School for children. After Children's Time during worship, the children will be dismissed to the Sunday School room. If you have any questions or would like to teach the class, please contact Mindy Zeppo at mamcall27@yahoo.com.

Youth Group 🍁 Sunday, Oct 26 🍁 3 p.m.

Come meet your friends and learn and share a great time of fellowship and fun!

Trunk or Treat 🍁 Sunday, Oct 26 🍁 3-4:30 p.m.

Calling all of our families and friends to join us for a spooky good time celebrating Halloween and Trunk or Treating.



Youth Group resumed!



New awning & furniture in the patio



**Medicare
Presentation
from
Elderwerks**



**Welcome our newest family!
Ken & Joyce Smith, Amy Trende,
Tom & Marlene Adamson, Karen & Mark Sersen
(from left to right)**

October Collection



Toilet Paper Drive



You can drop off gently used clothes & shoes in the bin.

 **Reach Everyone**
with Acts of kindness & build Communities of Hope

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LET US GIVE

Greetings from the Mission Team!

*New In October, we are having our 2nd Annual TP (toilet paper) drive for all three food pantries. Each Sunday, we are encouraging you to bring toilet paper to support our local food pantries. We will then distribute the TP at the end of the month to the three food pantries we support (Algonquin/LITH, Crystal Lake and Grafton).

5th annual Craft Sale – it's getting close now, so start thinking about what you might want to donate for our upcoming Craft Sale on October 12th and 19th . So start up those sewing machines, glue guns and paintbrushes and let's get creative!!

Please drop off items by Saturday, October 11th . Any questions, ask Michele Linner.



Preview of items that will be sold at the Craft Fair:



If you have questions or want to contribute to the food pantries in any way (donating food, delivering food, monetary donation), please contact Michele Linner. Her contact info is: 815-861-6890 (cell) or email her at mlinner@sbcglobal.net.

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