



Pastor's Pen

Dear faithful Steward of Christ UMC,
Greetings in the name of our Savior Lord Jesus Christ!

I trust that it is going well with your soul. And it is well with my soul as well. Time flies by fast and it has already been 90 days serving as your Pastor at Christ UMC. I am blessed to be part of such a faithful community who are committed to one another in love and charity. I have been witnessing great enthusiasm in every area of ministry at CUMC as you share your time, talents, and treasures.

It is that time of the year when we at Christ UMC begin to reflect on Christian Stewardship. "There was a story told about a mighty warrior mounted on a magnificent horse trotting down a road. Everyone, of course, made certain to get out of his way. He noticed, however, directly in his path, in the very middle of the road, was a sparrow. The bird was lying on its back with its feet in the air. The horseman drew near the bird, and dismounted. This warrior, went to the sparrow and asked, "Are you dead? And if not, what are you doing in the middle of the road with your feet in the air? "No, I'm not dead", answered the bird. "But I heard the sky might fall down, and I'm helping to hold it up." The warrior cracked up with laughter and said, "You silly bird! Even if the sky did fall down, what difference could you possibly make with those puny, spindly little legs?" "Well", explained the sparrow, "**you do what you can do.**" (Bishop Michale Lowry, UMC). In this powerful story we find the inner gift of grace, prompting this little bird to do such a generous act cheerfully.

Dear church, as you are aware the "Stewardship is an act of trust, not obligation; Stewardship is a response to grace, not pressure. And Stewardship is not a campaign, it is a spiritual practice.: Therefore, the more we engage in the means of grace, in giving and serving others the more grateful, we become, to experience Christ's presence here and now. It is by the saving grace of Christ and the work and contributions of countless members and leaders over the years that allow CUMC to continue to be healthy today.

Trusting in your giving and following current income trends, our Finance committee is carefully drafting the 2027 budget and putting together the financial report for 2026. Please look for the stewardship letter and pledge cards that will be sent to you soon. Continue to pray for our Christ Community. As the Thanksgiving season approaches, I pray in Jesus' name that abounding blessings are poured upon you and your household in a hundredfold.

Grace and Peace, NAMASTE

Pastor Satya Sudhakar

October 2026 Newsletter



October 4

19th Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
"That they All may be One"

Psalms 133

John 17:20-23

* **McHenry CROP Walk 1 p.m.**

October 11

20th Sunday after Pentecost
"The Faith of a Persistent Mother"

Matthew 15:21-28

* **Craft Show**

October 18

21st Sunday after Pentecost
Laity Sunday
Pastor Karen Sersen
Guest Speaker

"What We Leave in the Dirt"

Psalms 99:3-5

* **Craft Show**

* **SCVN Presentation at**
11:30a.m.

October 25

22nd Sunday after Pentecost
"Faith Story of the Early Church"

Acts 2:42-47

* **Trunk or Treat 3 p.m.**



October Birthdays

Marlene Adamson 10/1
Blayne Gustafson 10/1
Muriel Wright 10/2
Don Deak 10/10
Larry Fournier 10/10
Shelli Moring 10/23
Amy Huibregtse 10/24
Dave Dodge 10/28

October Anniversaries

Terence & Elena
Agabin 10/6
Craig & Shelly
Lugston 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

Fall Church Clean Up 🍁 Saturday, Oct 3 🍁 9 a.m.

It will be a beautiful day to work together inside and out to get our church ready for the season. All levels of experience and families are welcome. If you can, please bring gloves, rags, rakes and/or brooms. Many hands make light work.

McHenry CROP Hunger Walk 🍁 Sunday, Oct 4 🍁 1 p.m.

Let us come together as a community to end hunger one step at a time. Help us to raise funds to provide lifesaving support, tools and programs that will help families feed themselves. Consider joining the walk and/or making a donation. See Debbie Thomas or see the weekly E-news to sign up or make a donation.

Praying Stitchers Ministry 🍁 Monday, October 12 🍁 1 p.m.

Praying Stitchers invites all who know how to or are willing to learn to sew, knit or crochet! Can't make a daytime meeting? You can still participate! Sew a pillow case (we have an easy pattern). Knit or crochet a 12x12 square (or several) and one of our ladies will put them together making lovely prayer shawls. For more details, see Cheryl Fournier.

SCVN Presentation 🍁 Sunday, Oct 18 🍁 Following Service

On Sunday, Oct 18th, the Nurturing Team will sponsor a brief presentation by the Senior Care Volunteer Network following the service at 11:30 a.m. A light lunch will be provided for those attending. The presentation will include information about SCVN services, like rides to appointments and medical equipment available to borrow, along with information about volunteer opportunities. Please sign up in the lobby. We invite you to finish up your shopping at the craft show and then come to the presentation.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Sunday School Class 🍁 10:15 a.m.

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

Trunk or Treat 🍁 Sunday, Oct 25 🍁 3 p.m.

Join us 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 sign up in the church lobby.

Youth Group 🍁 Sunday, Oct 11 & 25 🍁 4 p.m.

We invite all youth to come and meet you friends and have an evening of fun on Sunday, Oct 11 & 25.



October Collection

Toilet Paper Drive



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



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LET US GIVE

Greetings from the Mission Team!

In October, the items collected will be **TOILET PAPER** and delivered to all three pantries (Algonquin/LITH, Crystal Lake, and Grafton food pantry).

The Annual Craft Show is almost here! Coming up this month, we still need items to sell! This Craft Show will take place following worship on **Sunday, Oct 11th and 18th**. Any items you wish to donate will be greatly appreciated. Please send photos of items to be shown in the e-news to Michele Linner.

Sneak Peak



The Wednesday Spirituality Group invites you to join their service day at **Feed My Starving Children** at the Schaumburg location on **Wednesday, October 14, 9 - 11 a.m.** Please see the weekly E-news to sign up.

It's Culver's time again! We have a fun-raising event on **Monday, October 26th from 4-8 at the Huntley location**. Watch for a sign-up sheet to help. If you can't help, come and eat!

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.

We need your help-to-help others!!

**Thank you for being a partner of Christ's
ministry through your generous gifts!**



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