

Parish of the Hills



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PARISH VISITOR

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Parish of the Hills United Methodist Churches

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Office Hours: M, T, Th, F
10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Bethel UM Church: Located on the Corner of
State Hwy. 39 & W
8:00 a.m.—Worship

Linden UM Church: In the Village on Hwy. 39
10:30 a.m. — Worship
Sunday School 9:15-10:15 (see schedule)

First UM Church: 400 Doty Street, MP
9:15 a.m. — Worship
Handicapped Accessible

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Warm greetings!

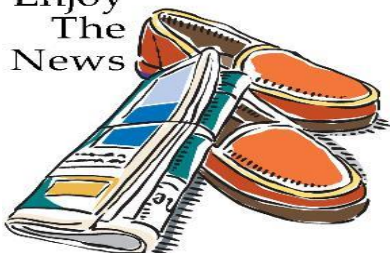
I am Pastor Gary Cole and I will be your interim pastor from September 1 to December 31. I am looking forward to meeting you. In addition to leading worship and preaching I will be available to visit the sick and make pastoral calls. If a visit is desired, please call Marcia at the Parish of the Hills office and ask her to contact me.

Let me share a little about me. I am a retired (2019) United Methodist pastor. My wife Patty and I moved to Dodgeville upon retirement. In May we celebrated our 51st wedding anniversary. We have three grown children. Our oldest is Jemal. He is married to Shelley. He has two grown children and lives in Baltimore. Our middle son is Colin. He is married to Melissa, and they have two children, 13-year-old Jacob and 6-year-old Lily. They live in Mount Horeb and are the reason we moved to Dodgeville. My daughter is Kjirsten. She lives in Minneapolis.

I was born and reared in Southern California. I finished High School in the Seattle area and enrolled at the University of Washington. Two years later I put college on hold and Patty and I were married. When I felt that God was calling me to ministry we moved to Chicago. I earned a B.A. in History and an M.Div. At North Park College and Theological Seminary. I served as an intern pastor in New Rochelle about 4 blocks from the Bronx. When I graduated from Seminary, I accepted a call to serve an Evangelical Church in Ironwood, Michigan. After five years I took a position in Beloit, Wisconsin where I served for 12 years. In 2001 I transferred to the Wisconsin Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. I was appointed to Church of the Pines in Minocqua. After 11 years I was appointed to Menominee Falls and then West Allis.

I have more interests than time and am currently learning photography. I root for the Packers and the Bucks.

Enjoy
The
News



In addition, mission and outreach churches are called to nurture and care for those in their fellowship. When we are at our best we serve as a warm and loving home for all who enter our doors. We have an inborn need to belong to a group, to have a home. Let me share with you the story of three girls who crave home.

In 1931 three Aboriginal girls were removed from their home in Jigalong, Western Australia. Two sisters Molly and Daisy, along with their cousin Gracie were “half-castes,” children of white fathers and Aboriginal mothers. The Aborigine Act of the day allowed the removal of half-caste children from anywhere in the state for placement into residential schools. The fairer skinned children would be educated and married off to white husbands in an effort to cleanse the population of “half-caste” people.

The three girls were ripped from their mother’s and grandmother’s arms and transported by truck and train, sometimes caged, to the school at Moore River. Here they experienced regimented prison-camp-like conditions. Any half-castes trying to escape were caught by trackers and punished severely.

Despite the risks, Molly, Daisy, and Gracie decide to attempt to escape. A key to their success is the rabbit-proof fence, a 1,500 mile-long barrier built to keep the plague of rabbits away from farmlands. One line of the fence runs through the girls’ hometown and served as their guide to freedom.

After walking 1,200 miles in nine weeks, evading trackers, and police, and nearly perishing in the desert, the girls are joyfully reunited with their family.*

Like Molly, Daisy, and Gracie, we will do anything, suffer any hardship, journey any distance, to get where we all most want to be: home. Our church is our spiritual home, but it is not our ultimate home.

Where is your home? Is there a place you would walk across 1,200 miles of desert to return to? Where is your ultimate home?

In John 14 Jesus talks about the Christian’s ultimate home:

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.”

Our home is in heaven with God. Praise be to God for the eternal home prepared for us.

* The story of Molly, Daisy, and Gracie is told in the movie, *Rabbit-Proof Fence* (Australian Film Commission, 2002), based on the book of the same name by Doris Pilkington.

"Be yourself, everyone else is already taken."
- Oscar Wilde

Mineral Point News
*By: Donna Toay
& Marcia Ajer*

First UMC has had fill in ministers called Pulpit Supply for the months of July and August since Pastor Chris left July 1st. Rev. Dr. Amanda Stein, Jeanne Massey, Karl Gant, Drew Bromley, Rev. Gary Cole, Rev. Sue D’Alessio and Rev. Steve Hanusa have all kindly filled the pulpit. We are so happy retired Pastor Gary Cole accepted a ½ time interim appointment from September 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, which gives us continuity for at least three more months.

Pastor Chris is getting settled in with her new congregation in Adell, Wisconsin. It is a larger congregation, and she does have a children’s sermon there. She still videos her sermons for anyone that is friends with her on Facebook.

Several people from First attended Pastor Chris’ going-a-way party at Bethel. First gave Pastor Chris a plate with a picture of our church on it and a numbered watercolor print also of our church. A good time was had by all.

Megan Toay and Kelsie Toay both made the spring Dean's List for their respective schools. Megan is a psychology major at UW-LaCrosse. Kelsie is a psychology major at Lakeland University in Plymouth, Wi. Plymouth is where Pastor Chris' husband went, and Pastor Chris is now the Minister in Adell about 20 miles south of the University.

Remember to count our blessings:

Be present
Let the day flow with grace
Expect joy. Be positive
Serve with compassion
Speak only kindness
Impart only love
Never forget you are not alone
Give thanks for everything
See goodness in others.

One hundred & fifty-one (151) letters with stamped return envelopes were mailed to 1st UMC Constituents and Members on August 18th asking if they would support their church with prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness to be mailed back by 8/31/23. The response as of September 28th was 34 "yes", 32 "no" & 85 did not respond which our Treasurer has forward to our D.S. Our 2022 stat report shows that 41 households gave to First UMC church. Apportionments are currently shared with First paying @50% of the Parish budget, Bethel 25% & Linden 25% of which @80% is salary & benefits including housing allowance for a full time pastor & the Parish Administrative Assistant. A ½ time or ¼ time local licensed pastor does not receive benefits, a housing allowance & is not involved in the administration of the church.

IMPORTANT DATE: OCTOBER 11th

Our Church leadership continues to work through many organizational details going forward. They look forward to hearing from you, the members, to discuss what is best for the future. These discussions include closing and selling the First United Methodist Church of Mineral Point due to shortage of pastors, lack of attendance, participation, finances including heating & snow removal, aging membership, competition with sporting events, and seven other churches in a community of 2,600, plus our leadership is just plain worn out trying to raise funds for the continuous repair of our old 1865 church. Linden & Bethel will remain open - each with 51 members.

Several meetings have occurred with SPRC and Rev. Dr. Amanda Stein, D.S. prior to September 24th's open meeting. A joint church service was held on Sunday, September 24th at 1st Mineral Point. After church Rev. Dr. Amanda Stein, our District Superintendent held a Summit meeting with 54 in attendance giving an update on the future of Parish of the Hills. As of right now it looks like Parish of the Hills will dissolve and each Church will decide on what happens next including each church finding and hiring a quarter-time pastor as each church does not want to combine into one church. We do have some important decisions to make as to how we will continue to serve our community and membership going forward. A meeting to discuss the next steps will be held on Wednesday, October 11th at Mineral Point Church. Bethel is scheduled to meet with Dr. Stein at 5:30, Linden at 6:15 and First at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. This will be our last OPEN meeting! If you cannot attend, please e-mail any comments you wish to make to the Parish office at pohumc@gmail.com or contact one of your Ad Council members. Please remember we only have a ½ time interim pastor for the three churches until December 31, 2023.

“Sometimes we have to see the light before we can become the light.”

Linden News
By: *Dixie Edge*

The Sunday School children sang in Church on May 21st and that was their last days of classes until fall. As always, they did a wonderful job, it's always a joy to listen and watch.

Congratulations to Bryler Draves and Hadleigh Vivian who were presented their Bibles on June 11 during Church services, after a year of memorizing and learning about the Bible. Brittany Spurley Clay, their Sunday School teacher presented them. Great accomplishment Bryler and Hadleigh!! Thank you to Becky Richards for leading the services and Brittany for the scripture lesson.

Cheryl Keeney and her daughter Corrine Daniels provided Church services for part of June, July, and August. We are so blessed to have these ladies as a part of our Church Family.

Church services are now being led by Pastor Gary Cole but only through December, thank you Pastor Cole for helping our Parish. Church starts at 10:30.

Thank you to the Rule family for donating Fama's piano to our Church. Fama helped us out many Sundays playing for Church Services. It was time to replace the old one. It took some coordinating to make it happen. Thanks to Bob and Kris for getting the old one removed and picked up. Thanks to Rhoda and her gang; Danny, Lora, Hunter, Zander, Brad and Kurt for coordinating pick-up and delivery to the vestry.

A lively Harvest Home auction was held on Saturday, September 9th. The evening started with opening bids from the little children, who were present to bid on some items. The Adult auction was a lively one with many items to choose from; bake goods, canned items, crafts, garden produce, quilts, mums, candy, honey, and even a bicycle! Our church is very thankful for all those who contribute to the auction and come to help support our church. It is always a great night of fun and camaraderie between the bidders. Larry Springer, who has auctioned for our church for 53 years, had his young grandson, Sam help with some of the auctioneering, the two of them kept the crowd on their toes.

Sunday School will resume on October 8th. New time, 9:15 to 10:15. Ages 3 years old to 6th grade. Sunday school will be every other Sunday October-November starting October 8th (October 8, 22 and November 5, 19). And every Sunday in December to prepare for the Christmas Eve program. Check out their Facebook page "Linden Methodist Church Sunday School" for more information. Thank you to Brittany, Jessica, and Rhoda for making this happen.

Our Church continues to work through some organizational details going forward. We look

forward to hearing from both Bethel and Mineral Point and discussing what is best for the future. Please be assured there is NO discussion on closing our church.

A joint church service with 54 in attendance was held on Sunday, September 24th at Mineral Point. After church Rev. Dr. Amanda Stein, our District Superintendent held a Summit meeting giving an update on the future of Parish of the Hills. As of right now it looks like Parish of the Hills will dissolve and each Church will decide on what happens next. AGAIN, Linden is NOT closing, but we do have some important decisions to make as to how we will continue to serve our community going forward. A meeting to discuss the next steps will be held on Wednesday, October 11th at the Mineral Point Church. Linden is scheduled to meet with Pastor Stein at 6:15 p.m. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

May your days be filled with Good Thoughts, Kind People and Happy Moments.

Bethel News
By: Cindy Reynolds-Doyle

Autumn arrives bringing with it an amazing bounty that fills us with much joy. Colorful produce such as pumpkins, gourds, squash, Indian corn, and shocks of corn decorate our homes and communities. The aroma of caramel apples, apple cider, and apple cider doughnuts is in the air. A new school year has begun with students and teachers together excited about learning. Farmers are busy night and day harvesting the crops. We are reminded to give thanks for the life-giving food that we enjoy daily. Living in a rich agricultural community gives us many reasons to be thankful. Autumn is a glorious time of the year to be reminded the Lord provides in wondrous ways.

FAREWELL SUPPER
Bethel hosted a farewell supper in honor of Pastor Chris Droste and husband Pastor Jim Droste on Thursday, June 15th. Members from each of the three Parish of the Hills

congregations attended. A delicious potluck buffet was enjoyed by all. Pastor Chris was presented gifts from each congregation. Time to share stories and memories followed the meal. A heartfelt thank you was given to Pastor Chris for filling the role as Pastor for the Parish of the Hills. Pastor Chris and husband Jim were wished all the best as they journey forward spreading God's love in a new community.

GOSPEL FEST

The Bethel congregation participated in the Gospel Fest on Saturday, June 17th by having a bake sale stand. Several Mineral Point churches worked together to bring the event to our area. A variety of food stands provided treats for the day long fest. A good attendance throughout the day was encouraging. The organizing committee felt the Gospel Fest was a success for the first year. They have a date set for June 8, 2024, again at the Mineral Point Fairgrounds.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Pastor Chris Droste had the honor of receiving new members in the Bethel United Methodist Church on Sunday, June 18th, 2023. Pastor Droste conducted the new member recognition service on her final Sunday worship service at Bethel. The Bethel congregation warmly welcomes Dennis and LuAnn Jacobson, Marcia Ajer, and John Christianson to our church family.

A new member recognition to the Bethel congregation took place on June 25th at the Sunday morning worship service. Lay Leader Jeanne Massey welcomed Deb Douglas as a member of our church family. Earlier in the summer Pastor Chris Droste received Deb as a member of the church. We are very pleased to have Deb join our church family. The Bethel Church Congregation feels very blessed to have these five new members, each offering special talents to share. Once again, welcome to the Bethel Church Family.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

Recognition of two Mineral Point High School graduates took place at the Sunday, June 25th, Bethel worship service. Greg James introduced Graham Fitzsimmons and Cooper Palzkill to the congregation. He shared several memories of

Graham and Cooper growing up in the Bethel Church Family. Lay Leader Jeanne Massey presented gifts from the Bethel Congregation to the honored graduates. Both Graham and Cooper are pursuing careers in agriculture. We wish them much success and may God's blessings go with them now and in the future.

BEST WISHES

The wedding of Andrew James and Kristina Ruch took place at Riverside Community Church in Machesney Illinois. A reception was held in Rockford, Illinois. Andrew is the son of Greg and Kathy James. All of Andrew's first cousins (14) were at the reception to help celebrate the happy occasion. It had been quite a long time since these cousins had been together. Andrew and Kristina James reside in rural Mineral Point on a family farm. We wish the young couple all the best and may God's blessings fill their life with immense joy.

FAMILY REUNION

The Frank Family Reunion was held at Bethel Church on Sunday, August 6th, 2023. Members of the Reynolds and McNeill families attended. The delicious potluck noon meal was enjoyed by all. George and Margaret Frank descendants have been members of Bethel Church for over one hundred years. My grandmother Pearl (Frank) Reynolds and her sister Annie (Frank) McNeill were members of the congregation. Bethel Church holds a special place in the heart of our family members. We thank the families for their generous donation given to Bethel Church in appreciation for the use of the facility.

FARM AUCTION

The Nancy Reynolds and Family Farm Auction was held on Saturday, August 12th, 2023. Merton and Nancy Reynolds raised their family of four on this well-loved farm between Mineral Point and Hollandale, WI. The auction was very well attended on a beautiful summer day. Bethel Church members provided the lunch stand on auction day. The menu included: BBQ, hot dogs, chili dogs, ham and cheese sandwiches, chips, bars, cookies, sweet rolls, donuts, water, pop, and coffee. Thank you to the many people involved in planning, preparing, and working to make it a remarkable success. The team effort worked! This was a fun fundraiser for our congregation.

BETHEL FALL SUPPER AND AUCTION

Our Fall supper, Bazaar and Auction will be held on Wednesday, October 25th, 2023. We hope you will mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend. The meal in the dining room begins at 4:30 p.m. The menu includes barbeque, ham and pulled pork sandwiches, cheesy potatoes, baked beans, salads, pickles, and a cheese tray. Along with an excellent selection of pies, cakes, and desserts. Beverages include chocolate and white milk, lemonade, and coffee. We will happily prepare carry- out meals for anyone wishing to take meals to go.

A Country Bazaar opens at 4:30 p.m. in the church entryway. Tables will be filled with colorful produce, delicious baked goods, and a variety of handcrafted items. You are sure to find a special take- home treat for yourself or a friend.

The live Auction will take place immediately following the supper. This long- standing tradition at Bethel tops off the evening in a fun way. A nice variety of items will be auctioned off and you are sure to get some good deals. Everyone can be a bidder and with luck you just might be the buyer of something special. Our Fall Harvest Supper, Country Bazaar and Live Auction is our big yearly event. We hope you can join us on Wednesday, October 25th at Bethel Church for tasty food and friendly fellowship.

WELCOME PASTOR GARY

The Bethel Church Congregation is happy to welcome Pastor Gary Cole as he fills the role of Parish of The Hills Pastor through the end of the year. Thank you for coming out of retirement Pastor Cole and sharing God's word at our Sunday worship services. We feel blessed that you will be spending this time with our Bethel Church Family.

IMPORTANT MEETING OCTOBER 11th 5:30 at First UMC to discuss dissolving the Parish and what impact it has on Bethel. Please attend or voice your concerns to your Ad Council or SPRC members. We will remain open.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS: Cory Palzkill (14th), Morgan (Fitzsimmons) Lobdell (20th), and Caleb Wersal (26th).

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES: Chris & Lynn Freeman (25th)

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS: Theron Oellerich (5th), Grace Wersal (8th), Perry Baker (14th), Rose Mohlmann (19th), Ellery Massey (20th), Gentry Doyle (21st), Jeanne Massey (23rd).

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES: Cory & Darlene Palzkill (14th), Tanner & Bree Ann (Reynolds) Terrill (14th). **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:** Sophie Jacobson (15th), Mike Doyle (16th), Karen Oellerich (16th), Jennifer Reynolds (28th) and Caprice Massey (30th).

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES: Casey & Morgan (Fitzsimmons) Lobdell (8th), Rob & Caprice Massey (15th), Bob Baker & Robin White (21st) and Greg & Kathy James (28th).

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS: Lynn Freeman (1st), Melissa (Doyle) Jacobson (8th), Matt Wersal (8th), Bree Ann (Reynolds) Terrill (8th), Scott Fitzsimmons (11th), Dennis Jacobson (11th), Jackson James Reed (12th) and Cooper Palzkill (28th).

THINK KINDLY, SPEAK THOUGHTFULLY, GIVE GENEROUSLY, AND LIVE THANKFULLY FOR ALL THE BLESSINGS YOU ENJOY.

NEEDED QUARTER-TIME PASTORS: **May 5-11, 2024, Onalaska UMC First-** **Ever Licensing School in Wisconsin.**

The purpose of the Licensing School as a Local Pastor is to foster the spiritual growth and skill development of persons called into ministry. Students will share in collegial fellowship, worship, study and practical experience, which will enable them to qualify for a License as a Local Pastor and service in a congregation. The school emphasizes practical preparation for ministry, and the development of attitudes that will lead to future growth by each participant. The focus will be on understanding the local congregation(s) and leading the congregation(s) in worship and preaching, sacraments, weddings, funerals, pastoral leadership, Christian education and formation,

spiritual formation, evangelism and mission, and pastoral care. Registration fee is \$750. Contact Mary Beth Scow (pastormarybeth@hotmail.com) or Cathy Hamblin (aacath@hotmail.com).



The Ecumenical Emergency Food Pantry of Mineral Point area and Linden rely on local individual donations. Please give!



Oatmeal, pancake mix, syrup, jams, jelly, peanut butter, cereals, canned chicken, canned tuna, sloppy Joe, chili, beefaroni, beef stew, spam, hash, spaghetti with meatballs, beef ravioli, skillet meals, rice, instant potatoes, canned fruits: peaches, pears, fruit cocktail, pineapple, applesauce, boxed milk, canned milk, muffin mixes, cake mixes, Ramon noodles, bean soups, baked beans, macaroni & cheese, spaghetti sauce, pastas, diced tomatoes, tomato sauce, cream of chicken soup, mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard, salad dressings, instant or canned potatoes, beets, canned sweet potatoes, pumpkin, cranberry sauce, kidney beans, flour, sugar, crackers, Jello's, puddings, cooking oil, coffee, tea, fruit drinks, shampoos, deodorants, lotions, bar soap, shaving items, toothpaste, laundry detergent, toilet tissue, facial tissue, paper towels, cat food, dog food, litter.

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walk. Strive for excellence, not perfection. Don't make excuses. Don't argue. Get organized. Be kind to people. Be kind to unkind people. Let someone cut ahead of you in line. Take time to be alone. Cultivate good manners. Be humble. Realize and accept that life isn't fair. Know when to keep your mouth shut. Go an entire day without criticizing anyone. Learn from the past. Plan for the future. Live in the present. Don't sweat the small stuff. It's all small stuff.

Top 16 Things Money Can't Buy:

Time, Happiness, Inner Peace, Integrity, Love, Character, Manners, Health, Respect, Morals, Trust, Patience, Class, Common Sense, Dignity and Salvation.

10 Ways to Love:

LISTEN without interrupting, SPEAK without accusing, GIVE without sparing, PRAY without ceasing, ANSWER without arguing, SHARE without pretending, ENJOY without complaint, TRUST without wavering, FORGIVE without punishing and PROMISE without forgetting.



When we give from the heart, we receive unexpected blessings—especially the joy of making a difference in someone's life.





Oct. 01	World Communion Sunday
Oct. 08	Apportionments
Oct. 15	Boiler Fund - heat
Oct. 22	Improvement Fund
Oct. 29	Boiler Fund - heat
Nov. 05	Boiler Fund - heat
Nov. 12	Apportionments
Nov. 19	Boiler Fund - heat
Nov. 26	Improvement Fund

Live beneath your means. Return everything you borrow. Stop blaming other people. Admit it when you make a mistake. Give clothes not worn to charity. Do something nice and try not to get caught. Listen more; talk less, every day take a 30-minute















AUGUST 2023 – for the record

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
30 	31	1	2	3	4	5 Gallery Night
6 8:00 Bethel Svc. 9:15 First Svc. 10:30 Linden Svc.	7	8 Partisan Primary	9 Linden met with D.S.	10 7:00 Ad Council at 1 st with D.S.	11 6:00-8:00 Jammin' on the Porch, Orchard Lawn	12 Nancy Reynolds Farm Auction
13 8:00 Bethel Svc. 9:15 First Svc. 10:30 Linden Svc.	14	15	16	17	18 2 nd annual Blues & Roots Festival, Orchard Lawn	19 Mabel Gribble's Funeral at First UMC
20 8:00 Bethel Svc. 9:15 First Svc. 10:30 Linden Svc.	21	22 5:30 Parish SPRC meeting at 1 st	23 6:00-8:00 Jammin' on the Porch, Orchard Lawn	24 24-27 Art Adventure & Showcase (SRA)	25	26
27 8:00 Bethel Svc. 9:15 First Svc. 10:30 Linden Svc.	28	29	30	31  County Fair	1  County Fair	2  County Fair

SEPTEMBER 2023 – for the record

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
27 September 	28	29 	30	31  County Fair (8/31-9/4)	1 Pastor Gary Cole ½ time interim pastor starts (9/1/23-12/31/23)	2  County Fair
3 8:00 Bethel Svc. 9:15 First Svc. 10:30 Linden Svc.	4 <u>Labor Day</u>  County Fair	5	6	7 Bethel meets with D.S.	8 6:00-8:00 Jammin' on the Porch, Orchard Lawn	9 7:00 Harvest Home Auction at Linden
10 (Patriot Day: 9/11) 8:00 Bethel Svc. 8:30 Choir Practice at 1st 9:15 First Svc. with Choir 10:30 Linden Svc.	11 Patriot Day: 9/11	12	13	14 6:30 Trustees and Ad Council at FUMC	15	16
17 Constitution Day Citizenship Day 8:00 Bethel Svc. 9:15 First Svc. 10:30 Linden Svc.	18 <i>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</i> 	19	20	21	22 9/22-24 Cornish Festival, Pendarvis Pub Night & MP Walking Tour	23 1 st Day of Autumn  Taste of MP
24 9:00 Service at 1 st with D.S. 10-11:30 Parish Summit Mtg	25	26	27	28 Collate Parish Visitor (Linden)	29	30

OCTOBER 2023

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<p>1</p>  <p>WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY 8:00 Bethel Service with communion 9:15 1st Service 10:30 Linden Service with communion</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>  <p>OCTOBER</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8:00 Bethel Svc & baptism of Silas Rolli son of Alex & Emily Rolli 8:30 Choir practice 9:15 1st Service with communion & choir 9:15-10:15 Sunday School at Linden 10:30 Linden Svc</p>	<p>9</p> <p><u>Columbus Day</u></p>	<p>10</p>  <p>PUMPKINS!</p>	<p>11</p> <p>LAST OPEN MEETING re: dissolving the Parish of the Hills with Rev. Dr. Amanda Stein at 1st UMC 5:30 Bethel 6:15 Linden 7:00 First</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:00 Ad Council Meeting at 1st</p>	<p>13</p> <p>MP Walking Tour</p>	<p>14</p> <p>A Ghostly Gathering (SRA)</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Laity Sunday 8:00 Bethel Svc. 9:15 1st Service 10:30 Linden Svc</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Fall Art Tour (20-22)</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8:00 Bethel Svc. 8:30 Choir practice 9:15 1st Service with choir 9:15-10:15 Sunday School at Linden 10:30 Linden Svc</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>United Nations Day</p> 	<p>25</p> <p>4:30 Bethel Fall supper, bazaar & auction EVERYONE WELCOME!!!</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>8:00 Bethel Svc. 9:15 1st Service 10:30 Linden Svc</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p><u>Halloween</u> trick or treat at Shake Rag Alley</p> 	<p>1</p> 	<p>2</p> 	<p>3</p> 	<p>4</p>

NOVEMBER 2023

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<p>29</p> 	<p>30</p> 	<p>31</p> 	<p>1</p> <p>All Saints Day</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Driftless Film Society 11/2-5 MP Opera House</p>	<p>3</p> <p>World Community Day</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p>  <p>TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK! (All Saints Sunday) 8:00 Bethel Svc with communion 9:15 1st Service 9:15-10:15 Sunday School at Linden 10:30 Linden Svc with communion</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>  <p>6:30 Trustees 7:15 Ad Council at 1st</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Veterans Day</p> 
<p>12</p> <p>(Organ & Tissue Donor Sunday) 8:00 Bethel Svc. 8:30 Choir practice 9:15 1st Svc with communion & choir 10:30 Linden Svc</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> 	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Thanksgiving Sunday, Int'l Bible Week (19-25) 8:00 Bethel Svc. 9:15 1st Svc 9:15-10:15 Sunday School at Linden 10:30 Linden Svc</p>	<p>20</p> <p>(Dec/Jan issue)</p> 	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Thanksgiving Day Happy Thanksgiving</p> 	<p>24</p> <p>Thanksgiving</p> 	<p>25</p> <p>Thanksgiving</p>  <p>Small Business Saturday</p>
<p>26</p> <p>(Christ the King Sunday, 8:00 Bethel Svc. 830 Choir Practice 9:15 1st Svc w/choir 10:30 Linden Svc</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> 	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Collate P/V (Bethel)</p> 	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Santa Day Shake Rag Alley, Gallery Night, Candlelight Shopping, Fireworks</p>