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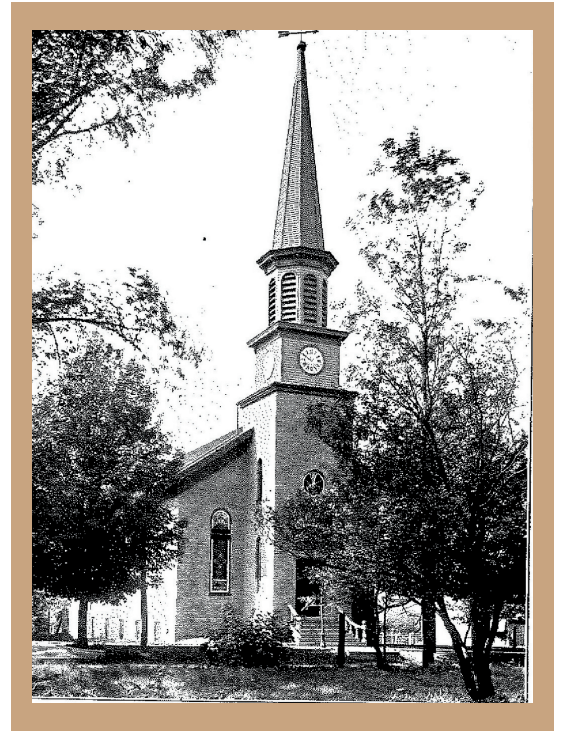
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Join us for Worship In-Person, Virtually, or by Radio!

Worship Services are Thursday at 6:30 pm in the Chapel and Sunday at 9:00 am in the Sanctuary. Both services are Livestreamed to Facebook, YouTube, and our website. On Sunday at 11:00 am you can also tune in to 1600AM WRPN to listen to the radio broadcast of the 9:00 am worship service.

For those who worship through our online opportunities, if you live in the greater Ripon area and would like Rev. Mundell to come by in person to visit and bring you communion, please call our church office at 920-748-2544 to set up an appointment. He is very happy to do that for you!

Deadline for the November 2024 Edition of The Messenger:

Events to be included on the calendar, committee updates, articles, etc. should be submitted to the office by **October 19th** via email to the Church office, osuccripon1@gmail.com, or you may drop your information in the office, or submit it using the the QR code at the right and filling out the short form that is automatically sent directly to the office email. Thank you.

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From the Pastor's Desk



Rev. Dr. Kevin Mundell

The theological colloquy in Berlin that I attended was focused on an interesting question, “What can the church take with it into the third millennium?” The implied question that goes with it is, “What will the church need to leave behind?” The later question is where it really gets hard as many of what we believe to be historical church traditions are really our local or regional traditions and most only go back a hundred to a hundred and fifty years. When you learn that the Germans standing in a circle passing the bread and wine to each other in front of the altar, you realize how we do it with pew communion or intinction are all relative ways and not necessarily historic ways of celebrating communion and neither are their ways.

To get at what we can take with us as a group we visited different ministries in different settings trying to be a church in non-traditional ways. One of these settings we travelled to was out in the countryside about an hour away from Berlin. The parish was eleven villages ranging in size from a hundred and fifty to four hundred people with twelve church buildings, the largest village had two church buildings. The pastoral team was supposed to travel around between all the different sites to provide worship, education and pastoral care which was beyond their capacity.

How this spread-out parish adapted was by finding an old farm building that a church member wasn't using near one of the central villages in the cluster and turning it into a gathering social space with an open room and movable tables and chairs. They added a library, restrooms, and a place for refreshments to be served.

They do not worship in each of the churches every Sunday. Instead, they base worship around community life events. If a family wants to have a baby baptized, they set up the service in their local church building and invite the two or three closest villages to join them for the worship service. They pass out a schedule with which Sundays and in which village churches there will be a worship service and what will be happening in the service and people come. Now part of why they can do this is because their protestant denomination provides a national service every Sunday and people can watch that on their TV when there isn't a service in one of the church buildings in the parish.

The gathering space is where the whole church community comes together from all eleven villages for learning, prayer services, dinners, education classes, art and craft shows, musical performances, theatre performances, dances and whatever else the church community is interested in doing together. The church buildings are worship spaces centered around transitional life events for the community.

What led to this experimenting in this rural setting is their shortage of jobs outside of farming and the lack of young people living in the area. After the removal of the wall between east and west Germany, all the jobs for young people were in the West so they moved and never returned home. The villages are filled with elderly and young families who want to farm and not to many other people. This parish realized that they had to take care of not only loving God with all they are but also loving their neighbor as themselves. What they are taking with them into their future is the need to love your neighbor as much as you love God, or your faith may not be as alive as you believe.

To be a Christian is to walk with people. Let us get out there and walk together.

God's Grace is Sufficient, God's handiwork is amazing Rev. Dr. Kevin Mundell

Committee News

Altar Guild

The 2024 sign-up book is available on the stand outside of the church office. This sign-up is for each of the sponsorships. Altar flowers are \$25 and Organ flowers are \$16 each. Radio Broadcasts are \$50 per sponsor & \$25 per sponsor per bulletin. Checks for Altar and Organ flowers should be made out to OSUCC ALTAR GUILD. All other checks can be made out to OSUCC. Thank you!



Our next meeting is Sunday, October 20th at 10:15 am. We welcome anyone new that would like to come and join our Altar Guild group. If you have any questions, please contact Caroline Retzlaff at 920-748-2367 or Iona Altnau at 920-748-5391.

Called to Care **Committee**

Nurse Emily holds the Mind, Body, & Soul Clinic every Thursday from 9:00 am until Noon. If you would like a visit from Nurse Emily, please call her at 920-748-2544 during office hours or email her at osuccpnripon1@gmail.com.

Called to Care has organized a Fall learning event for Sunday, November 10th, immediately following the worship service. Representatives from Fond du Lac County ADRC will be presenting a brief presentation on Advanced Directives during Coffee Hour. They will have sample documents to view and the representatives will be available to talk with you one-to-one after the presentation if you have any questions.

The next Called to Care meeting will be held Thursday, October 10th, at 9:30 am in the conference room. New members are always welcome to join us to help provide fellowship and support for members of our congregation. If interested please talk to Rev. Mundell, Iona Altnau, Julie Stellmacher, Dianne Heyn, Caroline Retzlaff, Pat Gittens, or Kathy Lang.



Christian Education Committee

Our next committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 21th, at 5:30 PM.

- **Adult Ed:** Meets at 10:30 AM after Worship Service.
- **Christian Ed Classes:** Sunday School meets at 10:15 AM after Worship Service.
- **Confirmation Class:** We have a class underway. Contact Rev. Mundell if you would like to join the class.
- **Nursery:** We have a child/parent space available in the Southwest Corner of the Sanctuary.

Evangelism Committee

The current issue of *The Upper Room* is available in the East Narthex, the North Narthex, and in front of the church office. There is no charge for this wonderful publication so please do take advantage of using it. There is a large print size and a small size available.



Our next committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 21st, at 6:30 pm.

More Committee News

Mission Committee

Thank you for your donation of hygiene items and money for the Ripon Area School District's Students In Need Fund. Through your generosity we were able to send a check in the amount of \$275 and hygiene items valued at \$250 to the district. A letter of appreciation has been received from them and is on the bulletin board by the office.



We will be hosting an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox drive. The boxes and brochures will be available to pick up in the East Narthex starting in October. This year, the latest you can return your filled shoebox is Sunday, November 17th.

Missions Committee will meet next on Tuesday, October 15th, at 5:30 pm. Anyone interested in joining the committee is welcome to attend.



Worship Committee

Our search for a new Choir Director is ongoing. If you hear of someone who may be interested, please contact Barb Stracy at 920-229-1183.

The next meeting of the Worship Committee is Monday, October 21st, at 4:30 pm. Anyone interested in joining the committee is welcome to attend.

Scott Street Puppet Ministry

The Sunday School puppeteers will be providing the special music on Sunday, October 27th.



Puppeteers meet on Monday nights at 6:15 pm in the Puppet Room. We are always looking for new members and there are no requirements except to have fun and spread God's love. The biggest rewards are the smiles, laughter, and thanks we get from people. Please consider joining us!

If you have any questions contact Amy Borgardt at 920-229-1694 or email her at borgardt4@gmail.com.



Breakfast Sunday Coming Soon

Sunday, October 13th, will be one of the two Breakfast Sundays this year. In addition, on October 13th, we will be honoring our Golden Anniversary couples at this breakfast.

We'll share more information in the worship bulletins as it comes available. Thank you!

Prayer Chain Ministry

In our Prayers:

Tara Koller, 21 unspoken, and all others.

Feel free to use our prayer chain ministry by contacting Caroline Retzlaff at 920-748-2367.



Ministries, Projects, and News

The Ripon Free Community Meals



Participation in our free Community meal continues to grow! We served 130 meals in September, including the portions that diners took home with them and the meals that we served our volunteers.

And, speaking of volunteers, each month is now bring in new volunteers as well! That's you guys and gals, and we appreciate all of our volunteers so very much! Thank you to the moon and back!

The menu for the October 1st meal is Gourmet Chicken Nuggets with dipping sauces, home-made Macaroni and Cheese, Green Beans, Fruit and Juice Jello Salad, and Bread. We would again like to include a variety of home-made desserts to finish the meal.

The desserts you wonderful bakers made for the September meal did indeed excite and delight our diners! When the line at the dessert table backs up, you know you knocked it out of the park. Can we do it again? Let's try!

There are volunteer sign-up boards in the East Narthex again for the next few months of meals. Each month has food prep needs specific to the menu being served. There are different ways to be involved and your time is very much appreciated. Plus you'll have fun too!



Annual Turkey Dinner 2024

Our Annual Turkey Dinner will be on Saturday, October 26th. We'll be serving our normal menu of home roasted turkey, homemade dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, sauerkraut, vegetables, squash, homemade cranberry relish, dinner rolls, and homemade apple pumpkin dessert. Yum!

Tickets are \$13 and are available through the Church Office, Webster's, and Ripon Drug. This year, children 5 and under who dine-in will eat for free!

We are offering the following dining options:

- 11:00 am - 1:00 pm - Delivery service and Drive-Thru service (drive-thru is in the East parking lot)
- 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Delivery, Dine-In, and Drive-Thru service (children 5 and under eat free when dining in)
- All delivery orders must be called into the Church Office no later than Noon on October 24th. The office is closed on Fridays so we won't get any messages left in time to adjust the delivery schedule.

The donation board is up in the North Narthex during the week and is moved to the sanctuary for Sunday service. You are welcome to take as many donation slips as you would like, but please remember to record each slip number along with your name on the sign up sheet. We do need to have all donations (with the slip attached) back to the church kitchen by Monday, October 21, please and thank you!

As with any great meal, there is a lot of prep work and in this case, it does take a village to make this dinner happen. Have you used actual power tools in food prep before? No? Well, we have an amazing opportunity to remedy that lack that involves squash, an antique but ingenious gizmo, and includes safety glasses! Not kidding! But seriously, any time you can share with us to help in any way with prep is so greatly appreciated. Many hands do make for lighter work, much laughter, great fellowship, a sense of accomplishment, and wonderful memories made with great people. Don't discount the squash vs. power tool experience either...

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More Ministries, Projects, and News

Annual Turkey Dinner 2024, continued

The prep schedule is: Monday - cut up bread for dressing and roast turkeys; Tuesday - make cranberry relish, cut and chop celery and onions, roast turkeys; Wednesday - make squash, roast turkeys; Thursday - cut up turkeys in the morning, peel apples and make apple dessert in morning, make pumpkin dessert in afternoon; Friday - set up dining room in the morning.



Pack 3735 and Troop 6737 will be helping in the dining room during the event but we are still in need of volunteers the day of the event for delivery, drive-thru, and dine-in for both the morning and evening times. If you can help out for either time, please let Nancy Henning know at 920-229-3486. It's fun and you'll be making happy memories that will last a lifetime.

We so appreciate your support with this one and only big fundraising event for OSUCC's General Fund! This year, a percentage of our profit will be split between the Ripon Santa Club and Diverse Options Residential Homes.

Matthew 25: Ministries Pill Bottle Collection

3,953 Pill Bottles in 2024!

Thank you for all your donations! We are so grateful for the steady donation of pill bottles of every type and size. Since July, we've sent 4 full shipping boxes of bunnies, make that bottles, down to Blue Ash. Let's keep them multiplying in the closet!

OSUCC is one of the last collection points in the area so this project is very important for helping keep the bottles out of landfills. We send them to Matthew 25: Ministries in Blue Ash, OH who ships the bottles to developing countries who need assistance in the improvement of available medical care.

Please continue dropping off pill bottles (with prescription labels removed) to the church office. If the office is closed, feel free to leave them in the brown plastic basket located on the table in the North Entrance vestibule. Thank you!



Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House

18,824 Pop Tabs in 2024!



Tabs can come from a variety of cans such as pet food, beverage cans, soup cans, tuna cans, etc. We appreciate all of those who have already donated their tabs, or are still working on their collection jar at home! We understand that even friends of friends have begun collecting and donating too, how exciting! Thank you all so very much!

The tabs collected are sent to Ronald McDonald House, who recycles them and uses the proceeds to help fund the general operations expense of the House--keeping it open to serve even more families.



From Our Parish Nurse

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Communities around the country come together to promote breast cancer awareness, education, screening, and fundraising. It is also a time to honor those who have been treated for breast cancer or are living with metastatic breast cancer.

Breast Cancer Facts and Stats:

- 1 in 8 women in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime
- In 2024, an estimated 310,720 women and 2,800 men will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer
- When caught in its earliest, localized stages, the 5-year relative survival rate is 99%
- There are currently over 4 million breast cancer survivors in the United States
- An estimated 42,250 U.S. women will die from breast cancer in 2024

Advances in early detection and treatment methods have significantly increased breast cancer survival rates in recent years. Early detection includes doing monthly self-breast exams along with scheduling yearly clinical breast exams and mammograms.

Breast Cancer Signs and Symptoms: (if you notice any of the following contact your healthcare provider)

- A change in how the breast or nipple looks or feels- may include nipple tenderness, a lump, thickening in the breast or underarm area, or a change in the skin texture with enlargement of pores in the skin of the breast sometimes described as orange-peel texture
- A change in the breast or nipple appearance-may include unexplained change in size or shape of the breast, dimpling anywhere on the breast, one sided swelling or shrinkage of the breast, recent asymmetry, or a nipple that is turned slightly inward or inverted
- Any nipple discharge- may be clear, bloody or milky

Please note that all lumps should be investigated by a healthcare professional, but not all lumps are cancerous.

Ways to reduce Breast Cancer Risk:

- Maintain a healthy weight
- Eat fruits and vegetables
- Stay physically active
- Do not smoke and limit alcohol consumption
- Schedule your screenings

Facts about Male Breast Cancer - Although male breast cancer is rare, accounting for less than 1% of all breast cancer diagnosis in the United States, the mortality rate in men is much higher than women. This is primarily because men are less likely to assume a lump is breast cancer and are overall less aware of breast cancer, which can cause a delay in seeking treatment. Breast cancer in men may occur at any age but is typically identified in men ages 60-70. Factors that increase a man's risk of developing breast cancer include family history of breast cancer, age, genetics, and higher estrogen levels. Men should be familiar with how their breast tissue typically looks and feels so they can detect and report any changes in tissue.

For additional information or to donate to Breast Cancer research visit <https://www.nationalbreastcancer.org/>



October Duties

Liturgist

October 6 Kelly Mundell
October 13 Jamie Prellwitz
October 20 Heidi Schwanke
October 27 Keith Mulder

Gatekeepers

October 6 Pete & Kathy Schieler
October 13 Tom & Julie Stellmacher
October 20 Rick & Barb Stracy
October 27 Sue Wrzinski, Emily & Dennis Burk

Audio Operator

October 6 Keith Mulder
October 13 Phil Manthei
October 20 Kelly Mundell
October 27 Bob Meyer

Coffee Hour

After 9:00AM Worship with Coffee and Juice - For those who feel comfortable, feel free to join us!

Communion Servers

October 6 Dianne Heyn and Patti Schaalma

Usher/Greeters

October 6 Team 3
October 13 Team 4
October 20 Team 5
October 27 Team 6

Altar Guild Monthly Committee

Iona Altnau, Peg Buelow, Bev Garro, Marge Mundt, Barb Schouten

Van Drivers

October 6 Tom Carr
October 13 Tom Stellmacher
October 20 Rick Stracy
October 27 Jackie Bogucke

Call Church Office by 12PM Thursday before the following Sunday to reserve a seat!

Bulletin Delivery

- Mailed out on Wednesday's
- Kay Quinn will deliver to Russell Manor
- Iona Altnau will deliver to Maplecrest Manor

October 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 5:00 pm Sharing Table Community Meal 6:30 pm Pack 3735 Den Mtg	2	3 9:00 am Mind, Body, Soul Clinic 5:15 pm Sr Choir 5:45 pm Lego Club 6:30 pm Worship Service with Communion	4	5
6 Neighbors in Need 9:00 am Worship Service with Communion 10:15 am Sunday School 6:30 pm Lego Club	7 6:15 pm Puppets	8 6:30 pm Pack 3735 Den Mtg	9	10 9:00 am Mind, Body, Soul Clinic 9:30 am Called to Care 5:15 pm Sr Choir 5:45 pm Lego Club 6:30 pm Worship Service	11	12
13 Anniversary Sunday 9:30 am Worship Service 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Breakfast 6:30 pm Lego Club	14 1:00 pm Science Club 6:30 pm Church Council Mtg	15 5:30 pm Missions Mtg 6:30 pm Pack 3735 Den Mtg	16	17 9:00 am Mind, Body, Soul Clinic 5:15 pm Sr Choir 5:45 pm Lego Club 6:30 pm Worship Service	18	19 November Messenger Deadline
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