

# *The Brooke - October 2017*

Don't you just love the Autumn season? Cooler, but not freezing temperatures. Sweaters. Leaves changing colors. Harvest. Pumpkins. I love it all.

Where I came from, we only had two seasons: Summer and Rainy (meaning Typhoon) seasons. So, when I first saw green leaves changing colors, I was fascinated. Then the fun part – raking the leaves into a pile and then jumping on top of it! Oh, I still remember my father jumping in with me and my siblings at a big pile of leaves and my mother yelling at us all... fun days. Autumn is when school starts, Thanksgiving festivities mean family gatherings, and the preparations for Christmas begin in earnest. For us Christians, another year ends on November 26, 2017. Advent begins on December 3, and Year B of the Lectionary Reading begins. Many exciting days are up ahead.

But for some of us, Autumn can bring new anxieties. In the midst of all this “busy-ness” we sometimes expect too much from ourselves and others. We also fall victim to the “Norman Rockwell” image of the holidays where family gatherings are joyous and bountiful.

Please be mindful of others during the coming months. Does someone you know have difficulty with transportation during the shortened days and earlier nightfalls? Do you feel more lonely during these months? Be more purposeful in your interactions with those around you. Be more kind to yourself. Slow down. “Be still – and know that I am God.” ~ Psalm 46:10

*Pastor Nancy*

## *Church Conference*

Sunday, October 15, 2017

1:30pm ~ SPRC

2:00pm ~ Church Conference

All are encouraged to attend!

## **Sermon Foci for October, 2017**

### **October 1 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost (COMMUNION SUNDAY)**

#### **Readings: Exodus 17:1-7 and Matthew 21:23-32**

The scripture focus is: He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?" Exodus 17:7

#### **Sermon title: "Water"**

In today's story, there is reason to be concerned. The people were in a wilderness, a desert, far from any visible water source. They would, in fact, die if they could not obtain water soon. They had not exhausted any wells or streams, nor polluted any to make them undrinkable. They had simply followed Moses (and God) to a place where there simply was no water to be had as far as the eye could see.

### **October 8 – Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

#### **Readings: Exodus 20:1-20 and Matthew 21:33-46**

The scripture focus is: Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin." ~ Exodus 20:20

#### **Sermon title: "The Ten Commandments"**

Pay careful attention to the "atmospherics" cited by the text itself in verse 18 (thunder, lightning, sound of the trumpet, the mountain smoking). The giving of these commandments was an awe-full experience. The people responded with fear and a desire to flee. Moses told them what this fearful experience was for: to test us. But do not confuse the word "test" with the word "tempt" because God does not and will not tempt us.

### **October 15 – Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

#### **Readings: Exodus 32:1-14 and Matthew 22:1-14**

Scripture Focus is: And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people. ~ Exodus 32:14

#### **Sermon title: "Moses, The Ultimate Middle Man"**

Infidelity of the highest sort had occurred. But the hope embodied in the covenant with Abraham and his descendants, even the faithless among them, prevailed. Moses' persistent and insistent intercession was at the heart of it.

### **October 22 – Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost**

#### **Readings: Exodus 33:12-23 and Matthew 22:15-22**

Scripture Focus is: Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. ~ Exodus 33:12

#### **Sermon title: "If Not Now, When?"**

Look what happens here. Moses does not immediately leave. Moses knew he needed time and guidance to prepare the people for this journey, to begin to enculturate them in a way of life that would be unlike anything they had known in their more settled time at Sinai, and God provided that, too. God is with us in our everyday tasks.

### **October 29 – Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost**

#### **Readings: Deuteronomy 34:1-12 and Matthew 22:34-46**

Scripture Focus is: Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. ~ Deuteronomy 34:10

#### **Sermon title: "Look, But Don't Touch"**

In last week's text, we saw the beginnings of the transition from settlement near Sinai to taking on the journey to the Promised Land. To make that journey start required a clear sense of God's promise to guide and a full year of preparation. This week, that journey is complete. The people have come to the ridges overlooking the land they are to occupy. Moses is still vigorous and sharp as ever. But settling a land already occupied by others is an entirely a new challenge requiring new leadership.

## *United Methodist Women (UMW)*

Thank you for the generous response to the flashlight collection for Rock House Kids. At this printing, there is not a final total so watch for that next month.

The October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at 1 PM at the church with **Paula Capone, Executive Director for Gigi's Playhouse** as our speaker. Hostesses are Hazel Dyke and Mickey Navarro.

Check out the large bulletin board outside the office to learn about UMW's work toward Racial Justice.

## *Diabetes Group*

The group will meet Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 10 AM in the Library. Anyone is welcome to join us to discuss issues related to diabetes management.

## *Healthy Churches/Hopeful Future*

As a follow-up to the four sessions attended by Brooke Road members and because we have a new Pastor, the Northern IL Conference is providing a trained leader to meet with each church that has a new Pastor. On November 11, 2017 from 9 – 11AM, Jackie Wills will meet with Brooke Road to help us begin to develop a process for solving issues within the congregation. The title of the training is "The Rules of Christ" and is for everyone – but especially committee chairs, committee members, new nominees to committees and anyone else.

## *Monthly Finance Update*

The Finance Committee has provided the following Current Fund information:

**August income: \$13,242.69    August disbursements: \$11, 333.71**

This information is always available by contacting Joanne Talbott (Finance Chair), or Sandy McCallum (Treasurer).



## *Crop Hunger Walk*

**Sunday ~ October 15, 2017 ~ 1:00pm**  
**711 North Main Street (Discovery Center)**  
**Registration: 1:00pm    Step-Off: 2:00pm**

If interested in being a walker or sponsor this year, please speak with Judy Parks.

## *Rockford District Fall Lay Academy*

**October 21 & 22, 2017 at Belvidere First UMC ~ 3610 Bonus Ave. ~ Belvidere, IL 61008**

This Fall's academy will be hosted by Belvidere First UMC. All Laity are welcome. You don't need to participate in the Lay Servant Program to attend. The courses will help you better understand your role as a lay person in your church and assist in developing and nurturing your special gifts within a fellowship of Christian friends. For more information, please call 815-544-3479.

## *Rock House Kids*

All are cordially invited to:

### **Get to Know Us Open House**

Sunday, October 15th ~ 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Rock House Kids ~ 1325 7th Street ~ Rockford, IL 61104

Desserts and refreshments will be provided. Tours of our facility will also be offered.

Please RSVP to 815-962-5067 x103 or [barb@rockhousekids.org](mailto:barb@rockhousekids.org)

Directions: one block north from Broadway and 7th Streets on west side of street  
(parking is on the north side of building)

## *Directory Update*

### **Ardene Friest**

Autumn Village ~ Room 106

915 Elm Avenue E

Menomonie, WI 54751

## *All Saints Sunday*

During worship Sunday, November 5, 2017 we will celebrate those saints from The Brooke who have died this past year. A special invitation will be sent to families of those saints. Following this special celebration, names submitted (please see form below) will be lifted as well.

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**Name of deceased loved one:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Person submitting:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your contact info:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please submit this form to church office by October 29th**

# Day of Compassion

Presented by One Body Collaboratives



Saturday, October 21, 2017  
11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Trinity Learning Center (TLC)  
207 N First Street, Rockford, IL 61107

## Bring Items and Host A Drive

One Body Collaboratives currently partners with many Gap Ministries in the Rockford area which distribute items to those in need. We are asking for your help in filling the closets with much needed items. Collect items at your church or place of business in advance of the event. A list of items needed can be found at [www.OneBodyCollaboratives.com](http://www.OneBodyCollaboratives.com) click on Compassionate Impacts.

## Register to Serve Needs

The event will feature a demonstration of software for community members to find opportunities to provide needed items or to volunteer services to those in need.

## Give Generously

Make a donation to the Compassionate Impacts project to help our ongoing efforts.

For more information, visit our website at [www.OneBodyCollaboratives.com](http://www.OneBodyCollaboratives.com)

Day of Compassion

One Body partners with Gap Ministries to provide needed items to struggling families. We are asking for your help to fill the closet with needed items and supplies!

*Gap Ministries are held at host churches and supported by all of our Partner churches. One Body talks to the families and coordinates the appointments and supply drives.*

### How can you help?

Every month we have to turn families away. Please take this list shopping with you and help us fill our Gap Ministries!

**BABY ANGEL** providing basic baby items.  
Host: Willow Creek Presbyterian, Second First

- Baby Wipes
- Diapers
- Diaper Rash Cream
- Baby Wash
- Bottles

**PAPER ANGEL** providing a supplemental package of toiletries for families.  
Host: Bethany Presbyterian, Brooke Road UMC, Family Bible Fellowship, Hilltop Ministries

- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Facial Tissues
- Deodorant

**HOPE CLOSET** providing household items for displaced families.

Host: Forest City Fellowship

- Plates (set of four)
- Glasses (set of four)
- Small saucepan
- Frying pan
- Silverware

**IMAGE** is an eight week, biblically based support group providing incentives for attendance facilitated by church volunteers.

Host: Court Street UMC, Multi church support

- \$20 Food Voucher
- \$20 Gas Voucher
- \$15.00 Ten ride\*
- \$16.00 Seven day unlimited \*
- \$1.50 Single ride\*

\* These are tickets for local bus rides through RMTD

**SALEM CLOTHING CLOSET** providing clothing for the entire family.

Host: Salem Lutheran

- Socks (children's/men/women's) NEW ONLY
- Underwear children's/men/women's) NEW ONLY
- Clothing for men, women and children (gently used) seasonal preferred.

**SCHOOL SUPPLY CLOSET** providing needed supplies all year round.

Host: Central Christian

- #2 Pencils
- 24-count Crayons
- Washable Markers
- Spiral or Composition Notebooks (wide and college ruled)
- Folders

**JUST IN TIME FOOD** providing food for families in transition.

Host: First Covenant

- Cereal
- Mac N Cheese
- Soup
- Rice
- Spaghetti sauce/ spaghetti
- Canned meat



Consider a financial donation to help stock our Gap Ministries and support the work of One Body! One Body is a 501 c 3 and your donations are tax-deductible

One Body  
PO Box 1633  
Rockford, IL 61110

# October Birthdays and Anniversaries

**5th**

Zachary Cowan  
Greg Campbell

**7th**

Don Doyle

**10th**

JoAnne Carlson

**14th**

Jackie Parod

**17th**

Ardene Friest

**18th**

Yavonne Lockwood

**22nd**

Amy Whitlock

**29th**

Deborah Vidad

**5th**

Greg & Kim Campbell

**8th**

Tom & Doreen Boese

**13th**

Rick & Terri Pomeroy  
James & Pat Tucker

**20th**

Joe & Joella Warner

**22nd**

Cal & Sandy McCallum

**29th**

Jerry & Nancy Wickson

## *Our Military*

Matt Cowan, Matt Crabtree, Scott Dickson, Thomas Helser, Will Hoyum, Ian Long, Joshua Mattson, Jonathan Modler, Jerry Nettles, Stacy Huser, Christine Tornow, Tommy Turnure, Ryan & Kate (Vowles) Levack

## *Our Homebound*

June Durham, Ardene Friest, John Pippel, John Sauer, Doug Skrinkski, Charlene Taylor

## *Family and Friends*

Chris Beebe, Dorothy Benjamin, Rick Bried, Marion Carlson, Dorothy Carpenter, Mary Danekas, Lil Dietz, John Houghtaling, Mike McClanahan, Phil & Vivian Schwab, Ronna Tewell, Laurece Thompson, Shirley Walker

# October 2016

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<u>1</u> <b>9:00am</b> Sunday School  <b>10:00am</b> Worship  <b>5:00pm</b> Girl Scouts	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>8</u> <b>9:00am</b> Sunday School  <b>10:00am</b> Worship  <b>5:00pm</b> Girl Scouts	<u>9</u>     <b>5:30pm</b> Christian Ed	<u>10</u>   <b>1:00pm</b> UMW  <b>5:30pm</b> Finance  <b>6:30pm</b> Trustees	<u>11</u>   <b>6:00pm</b> Worship Committee  <b>7:00pm</b> Sanctuary Choir	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>   <b>9:00am</b> SPRC
<u>15</u> <b>9:00am</b> Sunday School  <b>10:00am</b> Worship  <b>1:30pm</b> SPRC  <b>2:00pm</b> Church Conference  <b>5:00pm</b> Girl Scouts	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>   <b>10:30am</b> Paper Angel Closet   <b>5:30pm</b> Outreach  <b>6:00pm</b> Council	<u>18</u>   <b>10:00am</b> Diabetes Group   <b>6:00pm</b> Celebration Choir  <b>7:00pm</b> Sanctuary Choir	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>
<u>22</u> <b>9:00am</b> Sunday School  <b>10:00am</b> Worship  <b>Noon - ?</b> CP meal prep  <b>5:00pm</b> Girl Scouts	<u>23</u>   <b>12:30pm</b> Serve meal at Carpenter's Place	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>   <b>9:00am</b> Breakfast at Alpine View   <b>6:00pm</b> SPRC  <b>7:00pm</b> Sanctuary Choir	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>   <b>9:00am - 3:00pm</b> Quilters	<u>28</u>
<u>29</u> <b>9:00am</b> Sunday School  <b>10:00am</b> Worship  <b>5:00pm</b> Girl Scouts  <b>5:00pm</b> Book Group at Warners'	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>				

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*Church Office Hours*

Monday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
Tuesday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
Wednesday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
Friday **CLOSED**

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**BROOKE ROAD**

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**1404 BROOKE ROAD**

**ROCKFORD, IL 61109**

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

*At The Brooke*



*Our Mission*

to transform lives  
through faith, love and service

*Our Vision*

to be a transforming congregation of  
believers to serve the community,  
renew lives, and build faith.



**Sunday School ~ 9:00am**

**Worship ~ 10:00am**

**(Nursery available for NB - 4 years)**

**Fellowship ~ Following Worship**

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