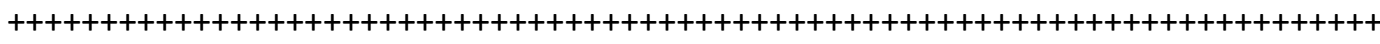


October 2021



Sunday Worship 10:30 am in-person

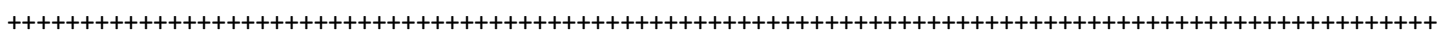
Weekly Worship Services will also continue to be offered each Sunday via
Sumner Centers Facebook page



Sumner Center UMC Newsletter

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Pastors Notes... The beauty of October always has a way of directing my heart to days of old. I find myself more and more in deep thoughts of days gone by and rekindling my relationship with my younger self.

This is the time of year I yearn for a great book, a cup of coffee or tea a snugly blanket and a slice of time on my deck reading, listening to the sounds of fall and enjoying every moment before the cold days of winter are to begin.

Where are your thoughts this time of year? Are you finding time to disconnect with the daily "have to do" list and giving honor to your temple?

One of my favorite authors is Robert Frost –

And His poem "October" always finds its way into my thoughts as the changes of fall start to alter our landscape and the colorful works of our creator give us one more burst of beauty before the darkness of winter washes over the land.

So, I would like to share this poem with you. May the words of Mr. Frost inspire your journey through this amazing and always surprising month.

October

By: Robert Frost - 1874-1963

O hushed October morning mild,
Thy leaves have ripened to the fall;
To-morrow's wind, if it be wild,
Should waste them all.

The crows above the forest call;
To-morrow they may form and go.
O hushed October morning mild,
Begin the hours of this day slow,
Make the day seem to us less brief.
Hearts not averse to being beguiled,
Beguile us in the way you know;
Release one leaf at break of day;
At noon release another leaf;
One from our trees, one far away;
Retard the sun with gentle mist;
Enchant the land with amethyst.
Slow, slow!

For the grapes' sake, if they were all,
Whose leaves already are burnt with frost,
Whose clustered fruit must else be lost—
For the grapes' sake along the wall.

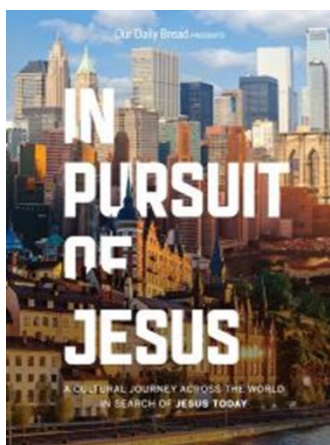


Calendar of Events

(subject to change and/or be added to as the need arises)

October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Worship 10:30 am 	4 In pursuit of Jesus Book study In-person 1:30pm SUMC	5	6 In pursuit of Jesus Book study In-person Wykoff Café Moring session	7 In pursuit of Jesus Book study 6:30pm zoom	8	9 Finance meeting at 12:30pm Ad council Meeting 1:30pm
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Fall Book Study

Travel with Rasool Berry as he visits six countries on a journey to discover how people around the globe uniquely reflect and live out the message of Jesus in their communities. Along the way, he talks with Christians and non-Christians to piece together a mosaic of Jesus. This intriguing series will give your church or small group a rich understanding of how people in various cultures perceive Jesus, and it will challenge you to consider how your own upbringing influences your view of Him.

EPISODE 3 Sweden

Sweden is a very secular and individualistic society where rebelling against authority, community, and the sacred is considered the norm. But even in a location where nature is idolized and the church is dying, Rasool finds glimpses of the holy. *"I like to work here because I know that maybe the church has died, but not Jesus."* —Annahita Parsan

EPISODE 4 Argentina

In a country where democracy is young, freedom is not taken for granted. Neither is community and solidarity . . . or great food. Travel with Rasool throughout Argentina as he joins the tables of new friends to discuss life and liberty.

"Jesus Christ is the great love of my life. It's impossible to talk about my faith without talking about freedom and passion." — Lydia

EPISODE 5 South Africa

In this Rainbow Nation where echoes of racial segregation still exist, there's a shared concept that "there's always room for one more." Journey with Rasool to South Africa to find an eclectic mix of strong-hearted people who face their cultural challenges with both grace and trepidation. *"I think that Jesus contradicted and broke all the rules. It's the way Jesus did everything. He went against the culture of the time."* — Grant Stevenson

EPISODE 6 Galilee

Israel is a small country in physical size, but it's spiritual importance reverberates throughout the entire world. People from three major religions—Judaism, Islam, and Christianity—both live and visit here which makes it an ideal location for Rasool to ask, "Who do you think Jesus is?" *"[Jesus] was definitely a character who was very charismatic and very challenging to the Jewish establishment at the time."* — Rami Feinstein

EPISODE 7 Jerusalem

We've traveled the world in pursuit of Jesus, so completing our travels where Jesus physically walked seems appropriate. If we can understand who Jesus is and why He came, then just maybe we can understand more about who we are and what our purpose is. *"If you pray in the name of Jesus, you will see a big difference in your life."* — Sabha Asmah

CLASS OPTIONS

CLASS OPTIONS (BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 20TH – NOVEMBER 1ST)

STEWARTVILLE UMC (IN-PERSON) – MONDAYS @ 1:30 PM - LED BY PASTOR LAURA

WYKOFF UMC (IN-PERSON) – WEDNESDAY MORNING @ WYKOFF CAFÉ – LED BY PASTOR JEFF

ZOOM IN THE EVENINGS – MONDAYS 6:30PM - LED BY PASTORS JON AND BRIDGET

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR PASTOR ASAP SO THEY MAY GET A STUDY GUIDE TO YOU

October Highlights

Weekly Worship Series

“Born to Trouble”

The human condition seems rife with difficulty from birth to death. We are, as “Comforter” Eliphaz declares in a rare moment of clarity, born to trouble as the sparks fly upward (Job 5:7). What word can we bring to those who know the depth of this experience? Join us for our worship series “Born to Trouble.”



Elly May Ann Apenhorst

Born August 15, 2021

Parents: John and Nicole Apenhorst

Upcoming Baptismal date: October 31, 2021



Check out Sumner Center UMC's new website: <http://www.sumnercenter.com>

In the history of our church website, look back to a combined one created for the Racine & Sumner Center churches by three members (Les, Robert & Jean) of the Sumner Center church. The next one was set up by Nicholas Hawkins, one raised in our church. We used that one until we were told we would have to start paying for it. While we do have some minimal costs now, with each new website maintenance becomes easier.

Explore your new website, we hope you will find it useful. Suggestions as to what more you would like to see on it are welcome.

Jean McNamara



When you see Jean, be sure to thank her for all the work she did on our new webpage! And be sure to share the webpage address with your friends and family. Jean has added a great amount of information, history and special touches!

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Autumn Word Scramble



1. ANIRY _____
2. GANREO _____
3. SEEBMTRPE _____
4. OCREBOT _____
5. RLLCOUOF _____
6. RCAON _____
7. UTNMAU _____
8. KTYAACSH _____
9. OEBREVMN _____
10. AEFL _____
11. STAERV _____
12. PERAS _____
13. SOSEAN _____
14. EAKDR _____
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24. UCENSHTST _____

1970'S TV WORD SEARCH PUZZLE



ALL IN THE FAMILY
BARNEY MILLER
BIONIC WOMAN
BONANZA
BRADY BUNCH

CHARLIES ANGELS
EMERGENCY
FANTASY ISLAND
GOOD TIMES
GUNSMOKE

HAPPY DAYS
HOGANS HEROES
LAND OF THE LOST
NIGHT GALLERY
POLICE WOMAN

ROCKFORD FILES
THE JEFFERSONS
THE ODD COUPLE
THE WALTONS
THREES COMPANY