

# Sumner Center UMC Newsletter

## October 2025

What a blessing it is to share the poetic talent of Kathy Hawkins!

### **A Farmer's Call**

By Kathy Hawkins

*Looking out the bay window I do see  
The color of fields changing right before me  
The deep green from the well-nourished plants  
And the coolness in the air requiring long pants  
It won't be long and the change of colors will start  
The dark green color will soon depart  
A slight change at first and then a golden sea  
And the smell of drying crops in the breeze  
Brisk evenings begin to make a call  
The short Summer has begun to turn to Fall  
Preparations for harvest and lots of work to be done  
The days ending earlier with the setting sun  
The corn in the silo and hay in the mow  
Will make for happy critters and cows  
Working before sunup to sundown  
Never asking for praise or a crown  
God made special people in the world to feed  
All living creatures around the world in need  
So as the days change throughout the year  
A little kindness and thanks they should hear  
As harvest time ends be thankful for all  
Especially the farmers who have answered the call*



**Sunday Worship:  
In Sanctuary at  
11:15am**

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**Grace and Peace in the name of  
Jesus Christ:**

If you have items you would like to be published in the newsletter, please contact Pastor Bridget by the 3rd Thursday of the preceding

month by emailing your information or dropping at Church. The light of God remains to shine bright in our community only by your generous giving heart! If you would like to donate a gift, you may send donations to the address above or deliver it in person during Sunday morning worship service

# Calendar of Events

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

## October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Parish SPRC Meeting 6:30pm @ Grand Meadow		4
5 11:15 am Worship  WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY	6	7	8	9 Confirmation mission at Wykoff Common For Clothing Drive 5:30-7pm	10	11
12 11:15 am Worship 	13 	14	15	16	17	18
19 11:15 am Worship  Laity Sunday	20 Noon Potluck At Brownsdale UMC	21	22 Confirmation Study 6:30pm	23	24	25
26 11:15 am Worship 	27	28	29	30	31 	Friends and family of all ages are invited to stop by the Racine UMC on Halloween night from 5-7pm for community woodfire oven pizza and Ice Cream. Plus some fun activities for the kids!

# October Worship Schedule

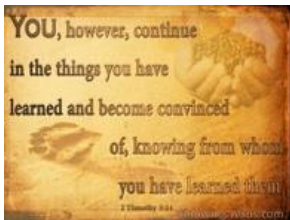


**October 5, 2025**

**Pastor Bridget Leading**

The story we will hear today is of the grateful Samaritan which offers us another image of who and what matters to Jesus and should, therefore, matter to us.

You see, Samaritans were the unlovely outsiders of Jesus' day, and that should bring us today to focus on who might be the outsiders in our community, nation and even world. If we look further in Luke, we see it is a Samaritan, and not the respectable religious people, who demonstrates love for his neighbor by showing mercy. And that is our call from Jesus, to reach out to the strangers, the outsiders, the one's society has deemed undesirable and offer them the hand of God in love, mercy and compassion.



**October 12, 2025**

**Pastor Bridget Leading**

Once again today, we are called to celebrate our faith and to embrace ways of living out that faith that might grow and change but, in the end, will remain true to the words and witness of Jesus Christ. The mentor to the young Timothy focuses our attention on persistent. Both bringing us to the importance of worship and questions of why?

Why do we do what we do? - Why do we read from this ancient text week after week?

How does this book written in a different context by different people over a long period of time have anything to say to us today and the world in which we live now?

The purpose behind the attention to the "why" of worship is to maintain a focus. Distractions abound, and our text draws attention to an inclination to wander off in search of something new to a distracted mind or itching ears.



**October 19, 2025**

**Church Laity Leading**

This week, we're about giving our all. About living full out, about being alive the way Jesus describes living when He said: "I have come that they might have life and have it abundantly" (John 10:10 NRSV). This is what the life of faith offers; That abundant life brings change, challenges status quo, and works for justice and equality. Life poured out in service draws attention.

Now living this Christian life might wear us out, but it comes with a promise. The promise that the Lord will stand by us in strength". We who are called to give everything find that there is more of everything than we knew, because of the one who stands by us. We are sent with a challenge, but more powerfully, we are sent with a promise.

**October 26, 2025.**

**Pastor Jon Leading**

Every encounter with Jesus brings transformation. At the very least, we see ourselves in a new light, in all our humanness.

But as you read the gospels have you ever wondered - What it would have been like to actually encounter Jesus face to face?

We can't know for sure, of course, but today we can get a glimpse of what happened to a wee little man named Zacchaeus, a tax collector, who did meet Jesus.



# October Prairieland Parish Events

**Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**...SPRC meeting 6:30pm @ United Church of Grand Meadow

**Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**... Confirmation Mission project (Wykoff clothing drive 5:30pm – 7pm). All are welcome to come to the Wykoff Commons and help them set up for the clothing drive

**Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**...First zoom meeting for our Confirmation class via zoom 6:30pm



**October 19<sup>th</sup> – Laity Sunday – This is a great opportunity to invite your family, friends and neighbors to come to church and enjoy a full participation of church members leading worship!**



**Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**



**Racine UMC will host their annual  
Spooktacular Community Halloween Event  
Stop in and enjoy-Woodfire Oven Pizza  
Ice Cream  
Fun activities for all the little goblins**

6-8pm

**Wykoff United Methodist Church**

**CLOTHING DRIVE**

**and**

**GIVEAWAY**

**at**

**WYKOFF COMMONS**

(Former School Building, 201 W. Bartlett Street)

**Saturday, Oct. 18 & Saturday, Oct. 25**

**10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

**and**

**Wednesday, Oct. 22 & 29**

**4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**CLOTHING COLLECTION**

**Thursday, Oct. 9**

**3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**Friday, Oct. 10**

**1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**Wykoff Commons**

**Clothing pickup available**

**Call 507-346-1056**



## *A moment each day in the Word!*

May you find opportunity each day to grab your Bible and share time with God.  
And may these October Bible verses strengthen your faith and trust in the Lord.

**October 1** ~ Habakkuk 2:4

**October 2** ~ Hebrews 11:1-3

**October 3** ~ Romans 10:17

**October 4** ~ Hebrews 11:6

**October 5** ~ Galatians 2:20

**October 6.** ~ 1 John 5:4

**October 7** ~ 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

**October 8** ~ Proverbs 3:5-6

**October 9** ~ Psalm 28:7

**October 10** ~ Psalm 9:10

**October 11** ~ Psalm 32:10

**October 12** ~ Psalm 56:3-4

**October 13** ~ Mark 5:36

**October 14** ~ Psalm 112:7

**October 15** ~ Romans 15:13

**October 16** ~ Jeremiah 29:11

**October 17** ~ Romans 12:12

**October 18** ~ Isaiah 40:31

**October 19** ~ Romans 8:24-25

**October 20** ~ Romans 15:4

**October 21** ~ Psalms 39:7-8

**October 22** ~ Romans 12:12

**October 23** ~ Galatians 6:9

**October 24** ~ Romans 8:25

**October 25** ~ Ephesians 4:2

**October 26** ~ Psalm 37:7-9

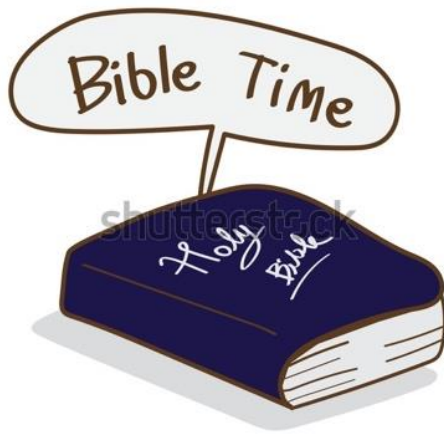
**October 27** ~ Philippians 4:6

**October 28** ~ 1 Corinthians 13:4

**October 29** ~ Proverbs 15:18

**October 30** ~ Colossians 3:12

**October 31** ~ Ecclesiastes 7:8-9



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