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OSAGE UCC MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

From the Pastor's Desk

by Rev. Dixie Laube

The leaves on the trees have changed colors and some trees are completely bare. The crops are almost out of the fields. Halloween has come and gone. We celebrated our saints on November 1: Dora Biederman, Keith Ham, Jeannie Parcel, Eunice Pringnitz, and the many others who have gone before us. It is a worship of tears, gratitude, and hopefully healing as we remember those who have gone before us. We allow ourselves the space to honor them and also to remember how they led us in our faith. We hold a special place in our hearts for them today and always.

Now, we turn our focus to Thanksgiving and Advent, but I really want to focus more on Thanksgiving because I truly feel this holiday has been shoved out of the way over the years. The best show of Thanksgiving, in my humble opinion, is Charlie Brown's **The Mayflower, the Pilgrims, and the 1st Thanksgiving.** This cute show was all about the journey across the ocean. Charlie Brown narrates the show and starts out by stating, "They have a belief in God, a desire for freedom from religious persecution, and they have a dream for creating a new world for future generations. Their adventures changed the course for American History."

Their adventure did change the history and lives that were already in America. When the Pilgrims landed in 1620, it was in late November on the East Coast and it was cold. For several months, they lived on the Mayflower, and ferried back and forth from the shore to build their new storage and living quarters. The first fort and watchtower was built on what is now known as Burial Hill—which contains the graves of Bradford and the original settlers. As you know, more than half of the Pilgrims died during that first winter because of poor nutrition and housing.

Over the first year, the Pilgrims met the Native Inhabitants of the Wampanoag people who had lived in the area for more than 10,000 years before the Europeans arrived. Soon after their settlement was built, they met Tisquantum (Squanto) who taught the Pilgrims how to plant corn, to fish and hunt beaver. It wasn't until 1621 did the Pilgrims and Pokanokets shared the harvest feast of what we know as Thanksgiving today. Would you be able to eat deer, seafood, fruits of the first pilgrim harvest and pumpkin for your Thanksgiving today? Because that is what the first meal was and it morphed into turkey, potatoes, stuffing, green bean casserole, macaroni and cheese, sweet potatoes, and so much more depending on your family heritage.

Thanksgiving is more than what is on the dinner table. It is about being with friends and family and truly enjoying each other's company. I encourage all of you to think about the last time 'thanksgivings' were lifted to God for the amazing life we all lead. AND if it has been awhile, stop reading this, and tell Him how much He is appreciated and how much you Love Him for the amazing life you have. Go on, do it! Being grateful and being thankful in this way, will allow His love to ignite something inside. He will give us all a warm fuzzy feeling this holiday season (instead of that cold worry heart). And may this Thanksgiving and Fall be one of the best years we all have had in quite some time.

1 CHRONICLES 16:34
GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD; HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER



Blessings,
Pastor Dixie

Osage UCC Leadership Minutes
August 26, 2026

The Leadership Meeting was called to order by Pam Masmar, Chairperson at 10:00am in the church parlor. Tony Murphy, Pam Masmar, Pat and Bruce Weis, Pastor Dixie, Dean and Jill Olson were present. Jon Masmar was absent.

Pastor Dixie started the meeting with prayer.

Minutes of the last meeting were read. Dean made the motion to approve the minutes as read; Bruce seconded the motion and the minutes were approved. The Treasurer's report was handed out. Discussion about the church's income and costs were discussed by all. Even though our number is negative, the giving is what it has been in the past year.
The Radon project and the cost of the shades for the sanctuary have been paid out of the general fund. Pat made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Bruce seconded the motion. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Old Business:

The Radon Project will be completed by an electrician by the end of this week.

New Business:

Pastor Dixie is planning a Bible Study on Wednesday nights at 5:30 pm for an hour at the UCC Church without a meal prep. Pastor Dixie will send out invites to other churches.

Jon Kramer, our custodian will be having a review of personnel when Pastor Dixie can meet with Jon. Others will also attend the meeting.
There was discussion on the need to have two more members who could be available to sign checks for our bookkeeper during the day. There was a motion by Jill to add Joshua Olson and Joannie Graves, and continue with Dean Olson, Tony Murphy, Ann Adams and Jon Masmar as members to be able to sign checks for the Osage United Church of Christ and to do business at the Home Trust and Savings Bank if needed. Reed Kuper's name will be removed from the list at the Home Trust and Savings Bank. Bruce seconded the motion and the motion was carried.
The Osage Fire Dept is asking for donations. Motion to donate $100 was made by Bruce and seconded by Tony. Motion carried.
The board discussed purchasing an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) Pam and Dixie will do more research on this topic.
Dean spoke about the ceiling tiles in the hallway. Dennis Fannin and Dean have had several meetings with a company from Cedar Falls, Iowa about replacing the ceiling tiles in the hallway due to the new air-conditioning unit that was placed in the upstairs fellowship hall in 2025. There is a new quote for just the hallway. Bruce also thought he had someone who would give a quote for the project from Stacyville.
Dean presented the advertisement for the UCC Church from the local papers. Also, a discussion on a new marque sign. The marque sign would be an added advertisement advantage in front of our church.
The food pantry has had lots of activity from the community. We are thinking about passing the plate in church service so that cash will help buy more supplies needed for the Food Pantry.
Shop on State Fund Raiser will be on October 14, 2026, at our church. Spaghetti will be served with all the fixings. Meal will start at 4:30pm until gone. Dean and Jill will be in the kitchen and others to help where needed.
Scholarships – Kendall Olson, and Kaitlyn Olson will be awarded the Olson Scholarship for $750.00 each and Kylie Powers will be awarded the Markham Scholarship for $750.00. Bruce made the motion to give these awards to the applicants. Tony seconded the motion, passed unanimously.
Meeting on October 15, 2026 at 4:00pm with the Session from Eden church at UCC for financial conversation.

Next meeting to be October 8, 2026, at 10:00am.
Submitted by Jill Olson

PRAYER REQUESTS



Family of Betty Brooker
Family of Eunice Pringnitz
Sue Kuper
Elizabeth Uthe
Paul Bishop
Barry Gaarner
Courtney Cordle
Celebration of the Cleveland Guardians
Nancy Duncan
Annette
Myron Kuper
Kara Graves
Pilot in Dubai
Gary Heem
Jeannie Dahley
The Spaghetti supper
Celebration of community at Buerkley's for the Fall Festival
Celebration of thanksgiving for everyone who planned, provided, and served at the Spaghetti dinner



COFFEE WITH PASTOR DIXIE

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

NOVEMBER 12 AT 9:00 AM
KOUNTRY KUPBOARD



WORSHIP NOVEMBER 15 AT 10:30 AM WITH POTLUCK TO FOLLOW IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL



Income to Expenses (Jan. - September):

Total Income: $ 102,146.34

Total Expenses: $ 133,722.55

Net Income: - $ 26,899.96



November 8--Bruce Weis
November 12 --Kris Williamson
November 24--Alex Skuster



November 19--Dean & Diane Steffen

Community Thanksgiving Worship

The Ministerial Alliance invites everyone to our Thanksgiving worship.

When: Sunday, November 22, 2026

Where: Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Time: 5:30 pm

Refreshments served after worship.
Each church to provide 5 pies. Please let Pastor Dixie know if you can make a pie.



NOVEMBER SCRIPTURES



November 1: *ALL SAINTS SUNDAY* --Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22; 1 John 3:1-3; **Matthew 5:-12**

November 8: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; **Matthew 25:1-13**

November 15: Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; **Matthew 25:14-30**

November 22: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23; **Matthew 25:31-46**

November 29: First Sunday of Advent--Isaiah 64:1-9; **Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19;** 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37



EVENING OUT AT TANKS IN RUDD

NOVEMBER 18, 2026

5:30 PM

PLEASE RSVP BY NOV. 16, TO PAM MASMAR: 641-220-2947



FLOYD UMC ROAST BEEF DINNER
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH
11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
$15





VFW SLOPPY JOE FEED
NOV. 19, 2026
5-7 PM
$15.00

SALVATION ARMY RED KETTLE CAMPAIGN
LOVE BEYOND CHRISTMAS

MONEY RAISED IN MITCHELL COUNTY WITH THE SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS KETTLE CAMPAIGN AND DONATIONS RECEIVED, STAY IN OUR COUNTY AND ARE USED YEAR-ROUND TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO THOSE IN NEED. PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING THROUGH THE CHURCH (IF YOU WRITE A CHECK, PUT SALVATION ARMY IN THE MEMO SECTION) OR ON YOUR OWN.

BELL RINGERS ARE NEEDED. IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HELP, CONTACT SARAH KRUKOW AT THE OSAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT 641-732-3777 OR EMAIL AT SKRUKOW@OSAGEPD.ORG. YOU CAN ALSO FIND THE LINK FOR SIGN-UPS ONLINE AT WWW.OSAGEPD.ORG.

DONATIONS ARE ACCEPTED AT ANY TIME OF THE YEAR.



Eden is preparing for a Movie Night!!!

Sunday, December 6

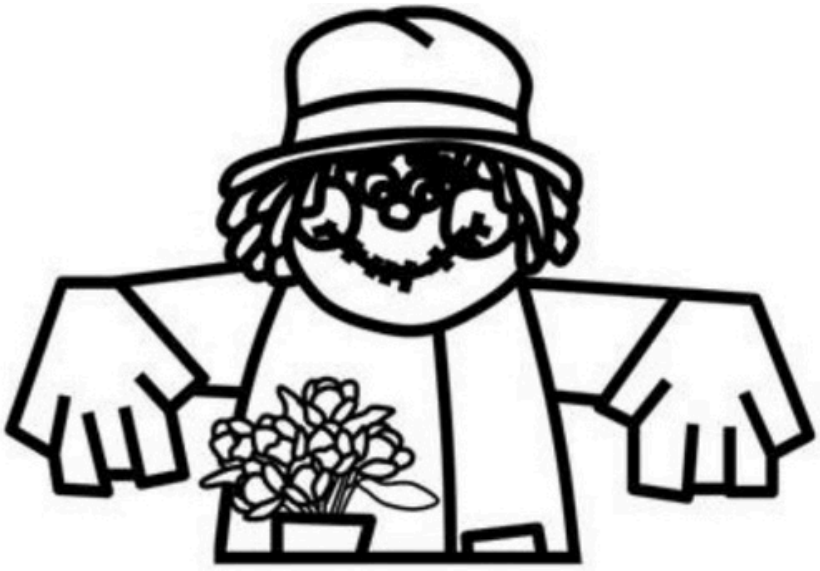
5:00 pm

Rudd Community Center



Popcorn, Water, M&Ms, Skittles, and Licorice will be provided.

If you bring your own lawn chair, please sit it on the sheets that will be laid out on the gym floor. Otherwise, chairs will be set up and provided.



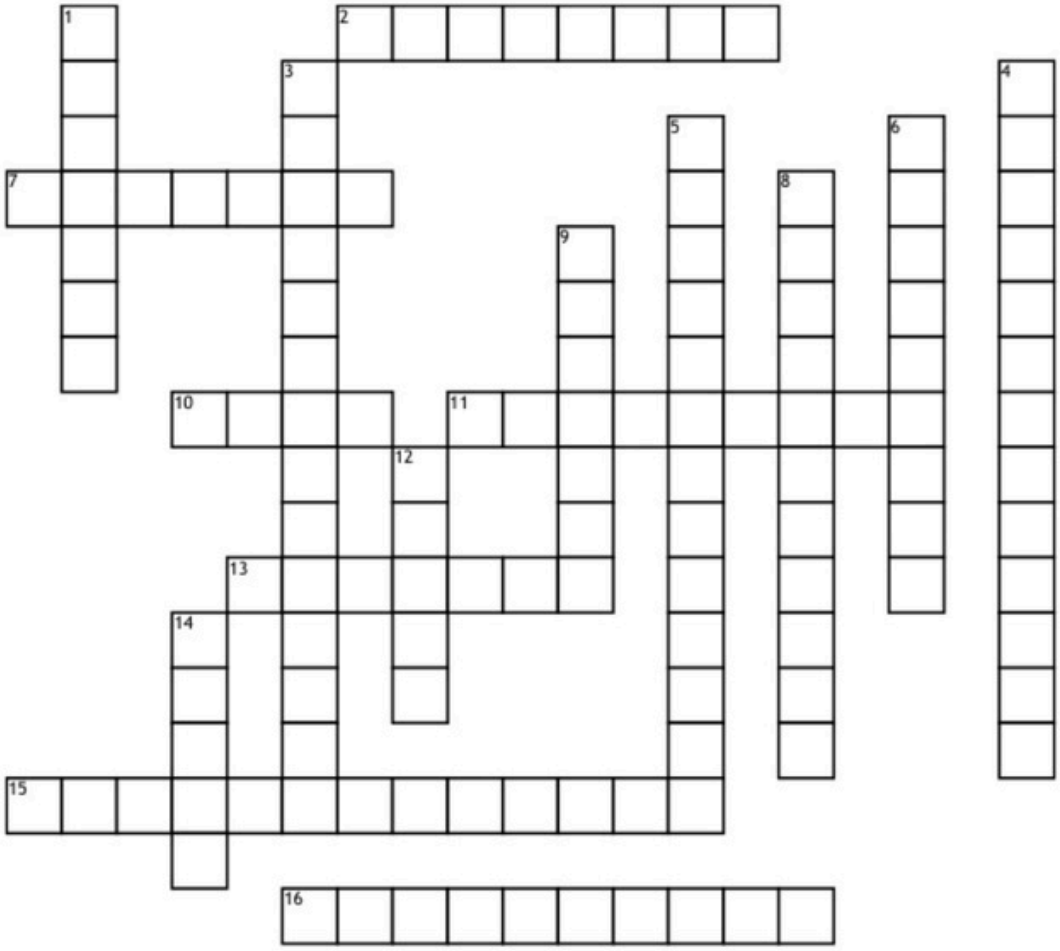
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A Thankful Church



Across

2. 2 Cor. 9:11 We are enriched so that we can be_____

7. Heb. 12:28 we are receiving a _____ that cannot be shaken

10. Psalm 147:7 _____ to the Lord with thanksgiving

11. Psalm 9:1 I will tell of your _____ deeds

13. 1 Cor. 15:57 He give us the _____ through our Lord Jesus Christ

15. 1 Thes. 5:18 give thanks in all _____

16. Col. 3:17 whatever you do in _____ ___ _____

Down

1. Phil. 4:6-7 Do not be _____ about anything

3. Rev. 4:9 living creatures give _____ ___ _____ and thanks...

4. 2 Cor. 9:15 Thanks be to God for his _____ gift

5. Psalm 7:17 I will give thanks to the Lord because of his _____

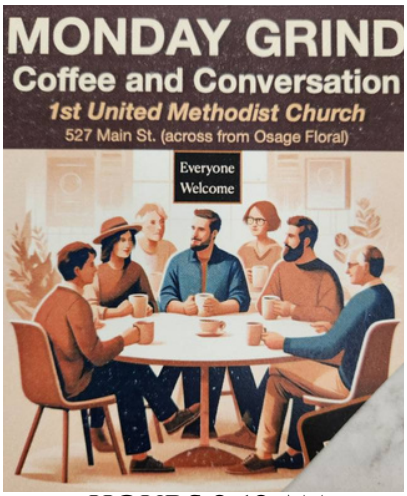
6. Psalm 107:8-9 give thanks to the Lord for his _____ love

8. Col.2:6-7 we are to be "_____ with thankfulness."

9. Psalm 69:30 ... and shall _____ him with thanksgiving

12. Psalm 100:4 Enter His _____ with thanksgiving

14. Col. 3:15 you were called to _____. And be thankful.



HOURS 8-10 AM



November 5: Biscuits & Gravy
November 12: Pancakes
November 19: Waffles
November 26 is Thanksgiving...no breakfast

ADVENT



Let Pastor Dixie know if you would like to do special music during one of the Sundays in Advent.

Pastor Dixie is also seeking out readers for the Lighting of the Advent Candles, which starts November 29.

Church Decorating

We will decorate the church after worship on November 22 for Advent/ Christmas. If you are able to stay and help do this, please make arrangements. We will have the manger scene set up in the front of the sanctuary, decorated a little more this year than the simple scene from two years ago. Please speak with Pastor Dixie to hear how she would like this to look.

Thank you to everyone who is able to help!!!!

Pastor Dixie

NOVEMBER





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 ALL SAINTS DAY **Communion Sunday** Osage UCC 9:00 am Eden Presbyterian 10:30 a Bible Study 5:00 p	**2** CPR Training at UMC 9 a Presbytery Cohort 10 a Cedar Falls	**3**	4 Grief Support Group 2-4 p Bible Study 5:00 p	**5** Leadership Meeting 10 a Days for Girls 1-3 p	**6**	**7**
8 Osage UCC 9:00 am Eden Presbyterian 10:30 a Bible Study 5:00 p	**9** Presbyterian COM 4 p	**10** Nora Springs 2 pm	**11** Clergy Cluster Rowan 10 Faith Home 2:30 p Bible Study 5:00 p	**12** Coffee with Pastor at Kountry Kupboard 9 a	**13**	**14** Woven Conference in Waterloo 9-5
15 **Eden Presbyterian** 9:00 am **Osage UCC** 10:30 a **Potluck following worship** Bible Study 5:00 p	**16**	**17**	**18** Grief Support Group 2-4 p Tanks Night Out 5:30 p	**19** Ministerial Alliance 10 a Days for Girls 1-3 p	**20**	**21**
22 Osage UCC 9:00 am Eden Presbyterian 10:30 a **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship 5:30 p at Our Savior's Lutheran Church**	**23**	**24**	**25**	**26** 	**27** Eunice Pringnitz Memorial 1:00 pm	**28**
29 First Sunday of Advent Osage UCC 9:00 am Eden Presbyterian 10:30 a	**30**					