

# OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Oct 1	Gerald Anderson Jamin Wilson	Mary Janice Ott Zane Walker	Oct 28	Thomas Bergstrom Gabe Buttermore **
Oct 2	Alayna Longhorn Blayne Stoneburner	Oct 12 Cora Cooper Oct 13 Monte Carlson	Oct 29	August Schroeder
Oct 3	Blayne Sunstrom **	Oct 16 Lee Johnson	** denotes significant birthdays that end in "0".	
Oct 4	Lucinda Holingshead	Oct 19 David Hare		
Oct 5	Alyssa Larson	Susan Heck		
Oct 6	Tim Anderson Myra Shadle	Evelyn Lewiston Oct 21 Anna Haub		
Oct 7	Pam Rubenking	Oct 25 Paul Morgan		
Oct 8	Curtis Jens Angie Kruse	Oct 26 Stef Baitinger Kristin Wilson		
Oct 9	Chandler Good	Oct 27 C.J. Buck		
Oct 10	Lane Brueland	Ryan Nichols		
Oct 11	Tom Cleveland	Scott Young		



# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Gerald & Janice Anderson	October 4th	Tim & Vicki Anderson	October 4th
Josh & Kristin Wilson	October 9th	Pat & Kerry Carson	October 20th
Chuck & Sally Good	October 29th	Connie Larry Mullin	October 30th



My heart felt thanks for the cards, kindnesses and concern during my bewildering summer of 2022. I look forward to returning to my church family. Sincerely, Cathy Aldrich

Thank you to CUMC for the cards, phone calls and prayers. I really do appreciate them. I'm slowly getting back into the swing of life. I don't drive very much but my family will take me any time I need to go someplace. One day, (hopefully) I'll be back in the church again. I miss you all and thank you so much for everything. ~Sharon Crouse.



If there is a loved one that you would like recognized during All Saints Sunday in November, please contact the office at cumc@netins.net or 515-275-4015 so I may add their name to the service. Thank you.



# Impact

He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all— how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

Romans 8:32

## October 2022 Community United Methodist Church ~ Ogden, Iowa

Wondering thoughts of a wayward follower of God,

Well here we are, my last wondering thoughts to you. They come unexpectedly, too early for you and for me. But, as the old saying goes, "Life Goes On". I have heard from some of you with personal remarks that have touched my soul deeply. Living in rural Iowa everyone knows the seasons, life is driven by them. But not only are there weather seasons, but relational seasons. People come into our life for a reason, a season, or a lifetime. As a UMC Pastor I am keenly aware of this. Pastors come and Pastors go. Appointments have seasons. My first "parttime" season, my "First Fulltime" season, my "Community Involvement" season, and now "I thought I was going to retire here, but God had other plans" season. All ran their course as God had planned.

In the beginning, I came with a simple thought, "why we do, what we do, affects what we do". The why we do always needs to be guided by God and not us. In the secular world we are told to listen to other people's opinion, but remember it is all about me! There is more than one way to do something and life has shown us that we are not good managers of our lives. In your faith journey, there is only one voice to listen to and only one way to do things and that is found in our Triune God. This will set you apart from the world. Just as the Bible tells us, there will be conflicts between everyone from strangers to family members. (Luke 12: 53, Matt 10: 35). You must always remember; your faith journey is about salvation and eternal life. You cannot afford to compromise that away. But it is also important as it relates to our great calling, to make disciples for Jesus Christ. We were not given the gift

of the Holy Spirit for our own benefit, but to help us bring people to Jesus. As a Pastor it is my calling to not ignore your cost of accepting this gift of salvation. To accept this gift requires a high cost on your part. Yes, salvation cannot be earned, nor merited, by any amount of works on your part. We are and we continue to be "unworthy servants" (Luke 17:10). However, your Lord still requires you to do His will. To be an obedient servant. You do His works not to gain salvation.... You do His works to tell the world you already have it, and they need it.

Each person of our Triune God has paid and continues to pay to make this gift of salvation possible. John 3:16 and Romans 8:32 tell us of God's sacrifice of His only Begotten Son. God gave up Jesus for us. Jesus sacrificed His Life for us. Even the Holy Spirit has a ministry in, and through, us that has spanned the ages, constantly trying to change the stubborn hearts of sinful people.



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## Sunday Morning

10:00 am Worship  
11:00 am Fellowship

## Staff and Contact Information

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## Church Address—Website

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## Sermons Online

View sermons under “Sunday Services”  
tab online at the church’s homepage.

## Church Calendar

The church calendar is located on the  
website under the “Calendar” menu.

## Office Hours

9:00 am – 12:00 pm, Mon - Fri.

## CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT

Here is our latest Financial Report as of 8/31/2022:  
General Fund Balance = \$(750.21)  
Apportionments due for 2022 = \$16,827.00  
Apportionments Remitted YTD = \$1,732.00  
Average Weekly Giving is \$2,875.29  
Average Weekly Need is \$3,285.70

### On-Line Giving

You can give using Credit/Debit cards or from your checking/savings accounts. Simply follow these easy steps to get started: Visit our website at <https://www.cumcogden.org/>  
Go to the [Stewardship Page](#) & follow the instructions.

### On-line Giving using your Smart Phone

With the Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement App you can use your smartphone to give anytime, anywhere! Download the FREE app on your Apple or Android phone. Make one-time or recurring donations. Log in or donate as a guest. Securely and conveniently manage donations using Touch ID/Fingerprint, PIN, or password. To give, search your phone’s app store for Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement and install. Follow the instructions to select our church and start giving.

### TEXT Giving

Simply text a dollar amount (i.e. “10” for \$10.00) to **855-908-1102**. First time users will get a reply text with a link. Click on the link and complete the transaction form. The dollar amount you texted will be the amount processed. Future giving will automatically process using the information you entered initially. You will get a confirmation TEXT which will have other instructions for refunding or making your gift a recurring gift. Or you can Scan the URL code and it will take you to the CUMC giving page on our website



### Electronic Giving Option

To simplify your financial giving to CUMC, consider using electronic giving through your own bank’s website (online bill paying) or authorizing CUMC’s account at Vision Bank to draw funds from your account. You can set up an amount for as often as you like or make single donations. Information is available at church.



## MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES

We are ready to again spread the love of God worldwide with our Operation Christmas Child mission during October and November. Pick up your free shoebox and packing literature in the Courtyard starting on October 9th with our Operation Christmas Child Kick off.

Check out all the great ideas for packing an OCC Shoebox online and have fun. There is also an option to virtually pack an OCC shoebox online right from the comfort of your own home. Search “Build an OCC box” or go online to [www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline). It is really easy, only costs \$25, and takes just a few minutes to click on the items you would like to include.

When you are done, you can bring back your shoebox at any time to CUMC. The deadline for the shoeboxes to be returned is November 6th. Don’t forget the \$9 shipping fee. Have fun packing!

### INGATHERING- FILL A KIT—MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Stop by the mission bulletin board and pick up a school bag and/or a zip lock bag (for personal dignity kits) and follow the directions enclosed and be a blessing to someone in need around the world. Totes are available for finished kits to be dropped off before the October 30th deadline. Thank you for taking the time to make a difference in such a simple way!

### FOOD PANTRY

The second Tuesday of each month is the day the food pantry is open. It starts at 5:00pm and ends at 6:30 pm. Food Pantry is held in the basement of the Community United Methodist Church. Enter the church through the door on the North side of the church. No appointments are needed to attend.



Sunday School for Pre k—8th grade is off and running. There are about 7 kids in attendance with some high school helpers. Starting on October 2nd Tina Krell has graciously accepted leading the High School class. Thank you Tina for taking a lead in the education of our youth. Please consider leading the class if you would like to have an adult class offered also. If God is calling you to help with this type of ministry, please let the office now.

The Sunday School kids will be blessings us in song on October 9th during worship. Please come and enjoy.



### SEEKERS - Thursday at 10:00 am-11:30 in the Church Library.

With Pastor Buck’s new appointment, Sam Mack has offered to guide the Seekers group through “The Epic of Eden” by Sandra L. Richter. It is not a verse-by-verse study but looking at God’s relationship with His people as He tries to rescue them and us from being a slave of death and sin. It is never too late to come and join in.





Dear Friends,

The big event in the immediate future for the CUMC Women's group is hosting the Statewide United Women in Faith Annual Meeting—"Transformative Community: Who Can We Be Together?" on October 1st from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Irene DeMaris, Order of Deaconess and Home Missioner will be the speaker. The meeting will also be available by Zoom. Hope you have your registrations in. We will be serving snacks and a meal to all attendees. If you would like to help, but haven't signed up, please give Sam Mack a call at 970-214-5714.

Our calendar of events for October also include the CUMC Women's Group monthly meeting on the second Sunday of the month after worship and Glory and Faith Circle gatherings along with providing cookies for monthly visits to Accura Healthcare. *(see schedule below for details)*

The CUMC Women welcome any ladies that would like to be a part of the local missions and ministries of the women of Community United Methodist Church. To join, just come to a meeting or contact the office at 515-275-4015

Blessings,

**Schedule for October**

October 1—9:00am—3:00 pm	State United Women in Faith Annual Meeting
October 9— 11:30 am	CUMC Women's Meeting
October 17 —7:00 pm	Glory Circle
October 19 —1:30 pm	Faith Circle
October 27—1:30 pm	Ogden Manor Worship

**CHURCH CHARGE CONFERENCE—October 20th, 2022**

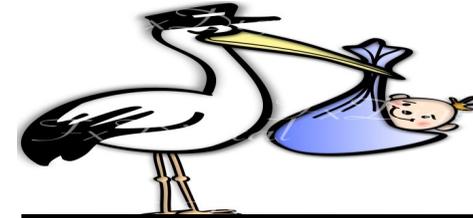
This year, the Circuits decided how best to experience Charge Conference—most Circuits opted for a Circuit-wide Charge Conference with the District Superintendent presiding. CUMC is part of the Aldersgate District participating in the Lincoln Highway Circuit. Our Charge Conference will be Thursday, October 20th from 6:00-8:00 pm at Jefferson First at 307 S. Wilson Ave. in Jefferson. Everyone is invited to attend the Charge Conference.

**Family and Friends in Our Prayers**

Please pray for our CUMC friends Micki Larsen, Barb Petrone; Gannon VandeWall, Freda Perdue's great-great nephew; Cathy Aldrich; and especially our friends that are shut-ins or in care centers.

**Members and Friends in Care**

**Ogden Manor:** Norma Jean Herridge; **Green Hills:** Dixie Jensen  
**Westhaven:** Millie Henriksen; **Suites of Ankeny:** Vivian Christensen



*Look What the Stork brought to Ogden!!*

Hallie Ann Wilson

8/04/2022

Dorothy Kay Fuller

8/12/2022

**PARSONAGE UPDATE**

The roof on the parsonage has been replaced and we are waiting on the siding to be delivered to begin the siding replacement process. Also being replaced is the patio door and some windows. The claim on the church's roof is still pending.

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Again, there is a cost of this "Free Gift" to the one who accepts the gift. It costs us the denial of self, life, and possessions. Galatians 2:20 states it clearly, "and it is no longer I who lives, but it is Christ who lives in me". This next statement may sound harsh, but the reality is this... we can be a slave to this world's approach to life, or we can be a slave to God's approach to life which is eternal. We cannot have both. If you put God in the driver's seat of your life, you cannot be a backseat driver too. What we must do is, as the old songs says, "Trust and Obey for there's no other way...". Our Triune God has and is paying the high cost to offer us this gift of salvation.... Are you paying the high cost of accepting it?



It has been my honor to serve these past 3 years as your Pastor, your guide in this blessed journey of faith. I call it a blessed journey because even though this congregation has split, collectively-together there are more people worshipping and involved in the life of the church than there has been since I have been year. Lost sheep have been found. Our paths may never pass again, at least until the time Jesus returns, but you all will not be forgotten in my heart and prayers.

And All God's people said.... AMEN.

*Pastor Buck  
540 Center St.*

*Pastor Buck's email and phone will remain the same. Lansing, IA 52151*

# October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>All services will be Livestreamed online at <a href="http://www.cumcogden.org">www.cumcogden.org</a> under the "Sunday Services/Live Stream" and can also be viewed anytime. Previous month services can be viewed under the Sunday Services tab.</i></p>						<p>1) 9:00am—3:00pm Statewide United Women in Faith Annual Meeting</p>
<p>2) 9:00 am Sunday School (PreK—HS) 10:00 am Worship w/ Communion 11:00 am Fellowship w/ Reverend Doctor Jaye Johnson <i>Director of Congregational Excellence</i></p>	<p>3)</p>	<p>4)</p>	<p>5) 5:00 am Men's Bible @The Well</p>	<p>6) 10:00 am Seekers</p>	<p>7)</p>	<p>8) </p>
<p>9) 9:00 am Sunday School (PreK—HS) 10:00 am Worship w/ Reverend Doctor Lanette Plambeck Dir. of Clergy &amp; Leadership Excellence 11:00 am Fellowship 11:30 am CUMC Women's Group</p>	<p>10)</p>	<p>11) 5:00 pm Food Pantry</p>	<p>12) 5:00 am Men's Bible @The Well</p>	<p>13) 10:00 am Seekers</p>	<p>14)</p>	<p>15) <b><u>COOKBOOKS ONLY \$5.00</u></b> <b><u>GET YOURS NOW</u></b> Heavenly Helpings, Second Servings cookbooks</p>
<p>16) 9:00 am Sunday School (PreK—HS) 10:00 am Worship w/ Reverend Ron Carlson —DS <i>Dean of the Appointment Cabinet</i> 11:00 am Fellowship</p>	<p>17) 7:00 pm Glory Circle</p>	<p>18) </p>	<p>19) 5:00 am Men's Bible @The Well 1:30 pm Faith Circle 7:30 pm Leadership Board</p>	<p>20) 10:00 am Seekers</p>	<p>21)</p>	<p>22)</p>
<p>23) 9:00 am Sunday School (PreK—HS) 10:00 am Worship w/ Reverend Melissa Drake Superintendent of Aldersgate District 11:00 am Fellowship</p>	<p>24)</p>	<p>25)</p>	<p>26) 5:00 am Men's Bible @The Well</p>	<p>27) 10:00 am Seekers 1:30 pm Ogden Manor Worship</p>	<p>28)</p>	<p></p>
<p>30) 9:00 am Sunday School (PreK—HS) 10:00 am Worship w/ TBD 11:00 am Fellowship</p>	<p>31)</p>					