

# Shepherd's Voice

## October 2021



### Help UMOM Halloween

While Covid 19 still stops our church Halloween plans for our neighborhood, we can still support the community by helping out the UMOM Halloween celebrations. Door decorations, doorknob hangars, bags of spider webs and candy are needed for their door-to-door trick or treat walk.

Candy or snack items must be individually wrapped and commercially made. No homemade foods permitted. Please bring donated items to the church by Sunday October 24<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!



### Volunteer Your Time

Have an hour to give to the church? Looking for a once-a-month activity? We need to fill three new 2-person teams for after church counting of the offering. Each team requires two unrelated people. A team would count one assigned Sunday a month and months with a fifth Sunday would rotate through the teams. The counting process has been simplified and takes about an hour. Please contact Suzanne Shaw or Don Boucher if you have questions or can volunteer.



## Happy Birthday

Emma V.	6	James C.	13
Doug H.	15	Jean S.	16
Andrea P.	17	Alison H.	19
Willie Jo S.	23	Betty O.	25

## Happy Anniversary

Vern & Wanda J.	1
Frank & Loland H.	7
John & Janet C.	19



## **Administering Flu Vaccine during the COVID-19 Pandemic**

What is CDC's recommendation regarding drive-through influenza vaccination clinics? Curbside and drive-through vaccination clinics may provide the best option for staff and patient safety during the COVID-19 pandemic in communities with high transmission. Read [CDC's guidance on drive-through vaccination clinics](#).

**Should a flu vaccine be given to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19?**  
No. Flu vaccination should be deferred for people with suspected or confirmed COVID-19, whether or not they have symptoms, until they have met the [criteria](#) to discontinue their isolation. While mild illness is not a contraindication to flu vaccination, vaccination visits for these people should be postponed to avoid exposing healthcare personnel and other patients to the virus that causes COVID-19. When scheduling or confirming appointments for flu vaccination, patients should be instructed to notify the health care professional's office or clinic in advance if they currently have or develop any symptoms of COVID-19.

**When can someone who recovered from COVID-19 receive a flu vaccine?**  
Flu vaccination should be deferred until a patient is no longer acutely ill. This may be different for patients who are already being cared for in a medical setting than it is for patients who are isolating at home. In a medical setting, the timing for vaccination is a matter of clinical discretion. In general, patients who are isolating at home should wait until they meet [criteria for leaving isolation](#) (even if they have no symptoms) to come to a vaccination setting in order to avoid spreading COVID-19 to others. CDC has [guidance](#) for when people can be around others after having COVID-19.

**Can COVID-19 and flu vaccines be administered at the same time?**  
Yes. If a patient is eligible, both influenza and COVID-19 vaccines can be administered at the same visit, without regard to timing as [recommended by CDC and its Advisory Committee on Immunizations Practices \(ACIP\)](#). If a patient is due for both vaccines, providers are encouraged to offer both vaccines at the same visit. [Coadministration](#) of all recommended vaccines is important because it increases the probability that people will be fully vaccinated. It is also an important part of immunization practice if a health care provider is uncertain that a patient will return for additional doses of vaccine.

*This information was pulled directly from the CDC.gov website*

## What's Unique About Wesleyan Theology?

As we prepare to welcome new members on October 17th, I think it's a good idea to remember that the Methodist movement is credited to John Wesley and to explore what is unique about his theology. I wrote a five-page paper on the subject for my current class. I joked about adding the entire paper to the newsletter this month, but Trina said, "NO!" So, you have her to thank for sparing you from that. (Insert smile emoji) Here are a few important points you may or may not know about Wesleyan Theology.



- In general, Wesley's theology is based on the Anglican tradition and filled with a Catholic Spirit (a belief that the love of Christ is what binds all Christians together regardless of theology and doctrine.)
- Above all, Wesley's theology is biblically based. His primary concern is that of salvation.
- Wesleyan theology includes a synthesis of seemingly different theologies that are not melded together but held in balance, and also an ever-evolving relationship between God and humankind.
- Wesley did not set out to develop a comprehensive theology of his own or to launch a new denomination. It frustrates some that Wesley never wrote a statement of theology.
- "Wesley knew that good theology informs the best practice of ministry and that good practice in ministry informs the best theology." Therefore, Wesley's theology is both practical and methodical.
- Scripture is always the primary source of religious authority for Wesley, yet Wesley's interpretations aren't bound exclusively by scripture. On various occasions, he considers tradition, reason, and experience. These four sources of religious authority have come to be known as the Wesleyan Quadrilateral, but Wesley never referred to them as such. He believed that tradition, reason, and experience could help clarify or reinforce the truth of scripture but not surpass it.
- Wesley believed the Holy Spirit inspired the formation of the Canon (the books chosen to be included in the Bible as we know it today) and the early creeds. He considered the Methodist movement, "directly in line with the most ancient, orthodox strand of Christian tradition."
- Wesley's "Way of Salvation," is unique. Some reformed traditions believe that people experience an event, or a revelation and they become saved. Wesley believes that salvation is a more gradual process, but there may be experiences along the way that lead us to salvation.
- Wesley outlines three aspects of God's one saving grace. Prevenient Grace is the grace that comes before we are even consciously aware of God's presence. It pursues us and draws us toward God. Justification by grace happens when we become aware of God, we believe, and He begins to reconcile us to himself. It involves God's forgiveness of our sins. It does not require any action on our part, it is a gift from God. Sanctifying grace is our response to God's gift of grace. It is because of God's grace that we desire Christian perfection which is based on the Great Commandment. "You shall love the Lord your God with all you heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." (Luke 10:27) In addition Methodists believe that Christian perfection means the fulfillment of the second commandment to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. "From the first stirrings of grace in the human soul through the consummation of God's work in entire sanctification, the Wesleyan understanding of the "way of salvation" offers a comprehensive vision of the Christian life."

In conclusion, the characteristics of Wesley's theology include a solid foundation of scripture, but the freedom to view scripture through tradition, reason, and experience. Wesley's "Way of Salvation" is unique in the way that it synthesizes the Reformed and Roman Catholic salvation theologies. It also focuses on God's divine love that saves us and empowers us to reach out to meet the needs of the world. I hope you enjoyed this crash course in Wesleyan Theology.

Peace, Pastor Janet

# Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening is coming to our community for a one-day Preventive Healthcare Screening.

They go beyond regular checkups to look inside your arteries for signs of plaque build-up before you have symptoms.

**Shepherd of the Valley United Methodist Church  
will host this event on  
Monday, November 1, 2021**

**Pre-registration is required!** (Please contact Suzanne first if you are interested to be included in the drawing)

Please call toll free **888-814-0416** to register for your screening and receive a \$10 discount or visit [www.LifeLineScreening.com/community-partners](http://www.LifeLineScreening.com/community-partners).

The screening is **not** covered by Medicare. Written results are sent to you within 21 days.

**5 Important Screenings for \$149**, (\$139 with community partner discount) a savings of \$181

- ✚ Carotid Artery Screening (Plaque)
- ✚ Heart Rhythm Screening (Atrial Fibrillation)
- ✚ Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening
- ✚ Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening (PAD)
- ✚ Osteoporosis Risk Assessment

## Martha's Circle Meeting Schedule

Meetings are on Thursdays at 10:30 in Room 1.

Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>    Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>    Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>    Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>    Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>  
Craft & Bake Sale on Sunday Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>  
Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>    Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>    Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>    Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>    Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>    Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup>    Mar. 17<sup>th</sup>    Apr. 7<sup>th</sup>  
Craft & Bake Sale on Sunday Apr. 10<sup>th</sup>  
Apr. 14<sup>th</sup>    Apr. 28<sup>th</sup>    May 14<sup>th</sup> season end luncheon at Virginia's

NOTE: This is a tentative schedule, dates may change as circumstances unfold.

<b>Who:</b>	<b>Women of the church</b>
<b>What:</b>	<b>Cookie and White Elephant Gift exchange</b>
<b>When:</b>	<b>Monday December 6th, 6:30pm</b>
<b>Where:</b>	<b>Fellowship Hall</b>
<b>How:</b>	Bring 3 dozen store-bought cookies in bundles of 6. Bring a wrapped white elephant gift. Coffee will be served.
<b>Help:</b>	Please let us know if you don't drive (after dark) and will need a ride.
<b>Bonus:</b>	Window displays will be up to view



# October 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
Worship 10:30 am Worship On-Line Any Time			1:30 pm - Prayer Group, zoom	8:00 pm Men's AA, FH	Fun Friday Bingo night, 6 pm, FH	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
World Communion Sunday Worship 10:30 am Worship On-Line Any Time 11:30-12:15 Exploring Membership, PO 1:00 pm Nominating Team			1:30 pm - Prayer Group, zoom	10:30 pm Martha Circle, rm1 8:00 pm Men's AA, FH		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Worship 10:30 am Worship On-Line Any Time 11:30-12:15 Exploring Membership, PO 12-3 Piano Recital, Sanct. 12:30 SPRC, PO	5:30 pm Girl Scouts, FH		1:30 pm - Prayer Group, zoom	8:00 pm Men's AA, FH		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Worship 10:30 am Worship On-Line Any Time 12:30 Leadership Board			1:30 pm - Prayer Group, zoom	10:30 pm Martha Circle, rm1 8:00 pm Men's AA, FH		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Worship 10:30 am Worship On-Line Any Time	5:30 pm Girl Scouts, FH		1:30 pm - Prayer Group, zoom	8:00 pm Men's AA, FH		
31	1	NOTES	Masking and Social Distancing are required for any in-person event of 10 or more. We hope to see YOU soon!			
Worship 10:30 am Worship On-Line Any Time						

## Mark Your Calendars

All Church Picnic November 21<sup>st</sup> at noon

Where: grassy area north of Education Building

Why: to celebrate Thanksgiving and our opportunity to give back through stewardship.

Details: Due to Covid, We still **cannot share food**, so everyone is asked to bring their own. Tables and chairs will be set-up for family groups based on sign-up sheet response. You are welcome to bring a blanket if your family wants to sit on the ground instead.



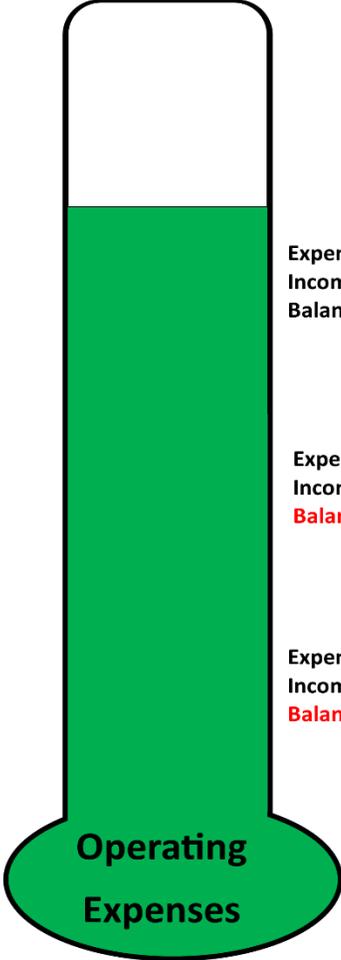
# Finance 2021

Yes, Thank God! we are currently in the black. However, we have several repairs coming up that will quickly change our status. So please keep this in mind as you calculate your giving budgets.

Jan—Aug	
Expenses	\$59,292.32
Income	\$69,854.22
Balance	\$12,561.90

Second Quarter	
Expenses	\$44,079.57
Income	\$41,341.21
Balance	\$ 2,738.36

First Quarter	
Expenses	\$36,078.07
Income	\$34,601.30
Balance	\$ 1,476.77



Operating  
Expenses

## Advent Windows

We need volunteers to decorate the windows of the Education building for our Advent Season.

Get your creative juices flowing  
And claim you window NOW.

See Trina for details.

We plan to reveal the windows the  
First week of Advent.



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