



Utica United
Methodist Church

Weekly Messenger

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"Artificial Intelligence"

I have to admit I have been known to use AI for assistance. Most recently I asked AI to help me "pray for the broken world of today". In less than 15 seconds my friend, Joy Chat (that's my name for her) responded to my request with the following:

- *Begin with honesty before God.
- *Pray for healing of hearts.
- *Pray for peace with justice.
- *Pray for courage and love in yourself.
- *Use scripture as prayer

Then Joy provided me with scripture to read, to contemplate, to pray over.

- *Psalm 51:10
- *Matthew 5:9
- *Roman 12:21

Finally Joy provided me with a prayer to pray, she encouraged me to:

- "Plant seeds of love where there is hatred"
- "To use me as an instrument of God's peace"
- "To pray for wisdom for our leaders"
- "Healing for our communities"
- "Hope for the hopeless"

Can you believe she did all that in less than 30 seconds. I like so many are desperate for God's mercy upon this broken world. I like so many are broken in spite of our faith.

HOWEVER when we look at the I AM Statements of Jesus we have our answers, our hope the source of all our needs. There is nothing "ARTIFICIAL" about God, his son Jesus Christ and the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Heavenly Father,

This is a prayer from my heart to yours. These are my words, sincere and created as I call upon your mighty name. Lord use ME, use US as a vessel of hope. Let our light shine in all we do. There is nothing "artificial" about your followers, Lordso with conviction in our hearts we offer this prayer of HOPE, HELP and HEALING for this broken world.

In Your Mighty Name We Pray, AMEN.

Joy Chat and Martha Powers

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Ministry Opportunities

Blood Drive Success

We did it!!! Our church made **105%** of our blood donation goal on October 22. Collectively, we were able to help up to 69 people with our donations.

Every person who helps is important.

Thanks to everyone who set up for the drive, restored the Fellowship Hall, managed the refreshment table, and registered donors. We couldn't have done it without you.

Pies for Baldwin

We will be supplying pies for Baldwin Center in Pontiac for their Thanksgiving Dinner for the Homeless. We need 30 store bought pumpkin or fruit pies (NO CREAM PIES).

Sign up sheets will be available starting this Sunday. Bring pies to the church by noon on Sunday, November 23rd. Thank you for your continued support of this program.

Together in Mission

United Women in Faith

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, November 12th in Fellowship Hall at noon with a potluck luncheon. Bring a dish to share and your own place setting. Drinks will be provided.

At 1:00pm our program will begin with Michelle O'Hara from Sullivan Funeral Home to speak on Financial Planning for Heaven-Bound Years.

We welcome any women or men to attend this program.

Commitment Cards

Thank you to everyone who turned in their commitment cards last Sunday. If you have not returned your card, please make sure to turn yours in soon. You can drop them in the offering plate on Sunday morning, or you can mail them to the church or bring them to the office during office hours.

Mini Food Pantry

Thank you for your continued support of the mini food pantry. Please remember the mini food pantry as you are grocery shopping and consider picking up a couple of items from our needs list.

- Cereal
- Mac & Cheese
- Pancake Mix and Syrup
- Soups
- Canned Meats - Tuna, Chicken, Spam, etc.
- All styles of Pasta
- Jars or cans of Pasta Sauce

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Trunk or Treat Event



Thank you everyone!



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SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES:

9:30AM

with Organ, Choir and Handbells
in the Sanctuary

11:00AM

with our Worship Band
in Fellowship Hall

Online Worship

A recorded service will be
available online on
Facebook, our church website and
on YouTube beginning at
9:00am each Sunday.

OFFICE HOURS:

**Monday - Friday
8:00am-2:00pm**

Mini Pantry

**Food and Monetary
Donations are being
accepted.**

**Suggested foods canned
meat, pancake mixes and
syrup, small peanut butter
and jelly, boxes of
crackers.**

Keep Connected

If you are not signed up for our
Weekly Messenger email, you
can do so on our website by
clicking on the "More" tab, then
"Weekly Messenger; on that
page you will find a place to
register for our weekly email!



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Our Mission

Inviting people to rely
on Jesus to find
unexpected purpose,
peace and joy.

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Deadline Information

Announcement Loop/Vertical TVs—

End of day on Tuesday each week
Messenger Articles and Prayer List by

Noon on Wednesday each week.

Announcement made during service
by 1pm Friday

E-mail rachelle@uticaumc.org or
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Going on vacation; can't make it to church?

How about using E-giving so you can still give your offering for
those times when you can't be here **The E-giving tab is on our
church website: www.uticaumc.org**

If you need assistance, call the church office.

Celebrate Recovery, Thursday, 6:30pm

