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"Bearing Fruit for Jesus!"

"Fruitful Use of Time" is our theme for this week. Time is one of God's most precious gifts to us, so we don't want to squander it. When we seek God's divine guidance through his Word and prayer, we can accomplish much more with our time. We pray that the essays and sermon messages will help us to be fruitful with our time as well as with our talents, and money, which will be our focus the following two weeks. Our prayer is that this series on bearing fruit will challenge you to grow spiritually and to bear more fruit for Jesus. May God's Holy Spirit fill each of us as we grow, serve, and work together. A copy of the essay is included in the mailing, extra copies are available to pick up in the narthex or Fellowship Hall or it will be attached as a link in the e-mailed messenger.

Sunday Is Apple Day!

Upon leaving church on Sunday, you will be given an apple. We hope you will not only enjoy the taste of the apple and benefit from its nutritional value, but we especially want the apple to remind you of the spiritual fruit that Jesus has chosen and appointed you to bear (John 15:16). Ask Jesus to show you opportunities and to equip you to bear fruit of faith by witnessing, serving, befriending and encouraging others. As the Apostle John exclaimed, *"This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourself to be my disciples"* (John 15:8).

THE WEEKLY MESSENGER

We are now Live!

Every Sunday, the 11am service will be shown live on our YouTube channel. Links are also available on Facebook and on the church website. Please click on the link or type in the following to view the live stream - https://www.youtube.com/@uticaumc5212/live.

The 9:00am service will continue to be recorded and will be posted the following week on Youtube.

***Please remember that if you watch the 9:00am service it is a week behind and the 11am service will be the current week.

United Women in Faith

All women of Utica UMC are invited to attend the UWIF meeting in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, October 14th. We begin with a potluck luncheon at noon. Bring a dish to share and your own place setting. Drinks are provided.

At 1:00 our speaker will be Jeff Parsons, the Director of Bay Shore Camp. Come and join us.

World Communion Sunday

World Communion Sunday is one of our special giving Sunday's in the United Methodist Church. We collect a special offering during World Communion Sunday - this offering provides scholarships for US and international students, as well as grants for global inclusion, diversity, equity and access training.

Please consider donating to World Communion Sunday by writing WCS on the other line of your offering envelope. Of you can give online through our e-giving by selecting World Communion Sunday on the drop down menu. Donations for World Communion Sunday will be accepted during the month of October.

Office News

We have reached the end of the 3rd quarter. 3rd quarter giving statements will be available for pick up starting on Sunday, October 11th. Please check your giving statement for any errors. If you notice an error please contact the church office so we can get it sorted out.

It is time to update the prayer list. Please take a look to see if you listed someone on the prayer list. Let the office know if someone can be removed from the prayer list for answered prayers. Please contact the office if you would like to add someone to the prayer list.

Interested in making cards?

Join Kathy Kamlay and friends for a cardmaking event on Tuesday, November 10th at 10:00 a.m. No experience necessary. You'll go home with 5-6 greeting cards ready to send. Sign up (sheet in Narthex) by October 31 to reserve your spot. Questions? Talk to Kathy after service or call 586-979-7875.

Mini Pantry Update

John Wesley – *"Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can.*

I love this quote by John Wesley…he was a simple man yet left behind profound quotes and thoughts.

His presence still challenges us today to "do more"!
Looking ahead I can't help but think of Thanksgiving and Christmas and the abundance we have yet the lack of abundance so many are experiencing today.
Over the next several months I would encourage you to shop all the sales that will be available as we prepare for the Season of Harvest and Celebration.

Instant Mash Potatoes
Gravy
Stovetop Stuffing
Canned Green Beans
Canned Corn
Cranberries
Jello
Cornbread Muffin Mix

(Of course the ongoing needs for "staple items" is always needed and welcome. Peanut Butter, Jelly, canned tuna or chicken, Chef Boyardee, Pasta and Sauce, Pancake Mix and Syrup)

Trunk or Treat

We are 2 weeks away for the Trunk or Treat that UUMC will once again be hosting.
Saturday, October 24th 1:00 to 3:00.

Thank you to Dave Miller who has coordinated the Grill Master Team.
We are still in need of "ONE" additional kitchen crew member. Please contact Melanie Kuzia with questions and to volunteer.

We have a need for 3-4 volunteers to help set up and then clean up before and after the event. If you are part of the Set Up Team please plan to arrive at 11:00.

If you are participating in Trunk or Treat Alley please plan to arrive anytime after 11:30. You will be directed to your assigned location in the Parking Lot.

Please contact Martha Powers @ 586-703-1668 with questions and to volunteer .

Join us for
Dinner and Discussion

Can questions of faith, doubt and religion really be answered over a dinner?Using *Dinner with a Perfect Stranger by David Gregory* as a guide, we will share a simple meal as we seek answers to our questions.

This 4 week discussion begins October 6 and goes thru October 27 on Wednesdays at 6:00-8:00pm
.
Please RSVP to Peggy (586-557-0208) or Dave Miller (586-381-1246) by October 3.

Featured Library Books

Five Practices of Fruitful Living

By

Robert Schnase

Five Practices of Fruitful Living provides an honest, practical, and winsome guide to the spiritual journey. By repeating and deepening certain fundamental personal practices, we cooperate with God In our spiritual growth. These five practices --to receive God's love, to love God in return, to grow in Christ, to serve others, and to give ourselves fully—as we attend to them and develop them, help us settle ourselves in God and become instruments of God's grace.

Robert Schnase is currently serving as the bishop for the Missouri Conference of the United Methodist Church.

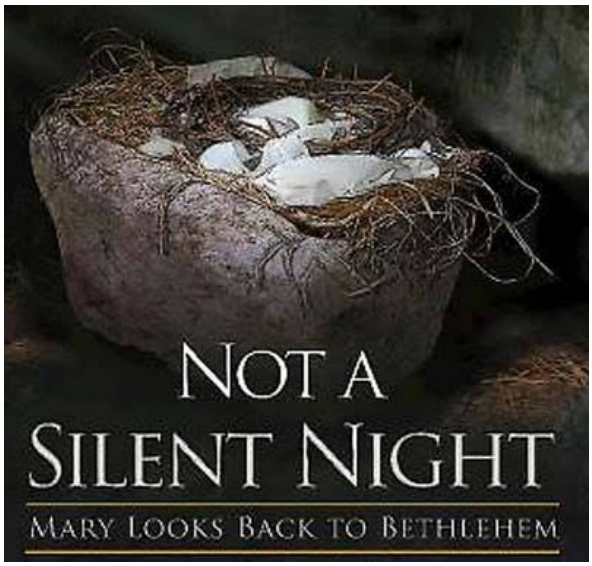
Call letters 248.2.

Advent Study

Imagine Jesus from Mary's point-of-view—proud of her son, in awe of his gifts and mission, guided by love for him as a person and so much more. In this book, Adam Hamilton begins at the end, with Mary at the crucifixion and resurrection; travels back in time as she witnesses his life and ministry; and ends at the beginning, with the Christ child born in a stable, Mary's beautiful baby. This year, experience Advent and Christmas with Mary.

The five sessions are:
1. Beginning with the End
2. The Piercing of Mary's Soul
3. Amazed, Astounded, and Astonished
4. Mary, Full of Grace
5. It Was Not a Silent Night

You are invited to share this beautiful
Advent Study by Adam Hamilton.
We will meet Tuesday's at 11:00 am in the
Conference Room adjacent the Office.
November 17th, November 24th, December 1st,
December 8th and December 15th.
The study book is available online. If you need assistance ordering or have any questions please contact Martha Powers @ 586-703-1668.



Blood Drive

Utica United Methodist Church

8650 Canal, Sterling Heights

Wednesday, October 21, 2026
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

To schedule an appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: UTICAUMC or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

Scan to be directed to RapidPass®

Come to give blood Oct. 19-Nov. 22 for a $10 Amazon Gift Card by email PLUS earn 200 bonus points toward exclusive Donor Rewards! See rcblood.org/Maze for details.

Scan to schedule an appointment.

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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THE WEEKLY MESSENGER

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!

"Like" us on Facebook!

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 office@uticaumc.org

E-Giving

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

Watch the 11am service Live on our YouTube Channel every Sunday morning

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