



Greetings!

How quickly the year is passing – here we are almost in the month of November already.

Although I'm not too excited about the World Series this year, I remember fondly being in St. Louis for seminary in 2011 when the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Texas Rangers, and I am reflecting on how exciting it is to be on a winning team. There's always next year, right?

We recently met as a congregation to do some planning for the upcoming year, and it seems like they'll be lots of opportunities for all of us to be able to spend more time together as a church family. If you weren't able to attend, check out the activities posted at the rear of Fellowship Hall and see what we have in store for 2026.

Soon we will begin all the planning and preparation for Advent and Christmas. Of course, Advent is the beginning of the year on the Christian calendar. So, before we begin the New Year it is appropriate that we pause at the end of the current year to count our blessings. As the old song goes, "Count your blessings. Name them one by one. Count your many blessings, see what God has done." That hymn is not in our hymnal but it should be.

That is why we have a day called Thanksgiving Day near the end of November. Our United Church of Christ forebears, the Congregationalists of the Plymouth Colony, thought it was important to take the time to thank God who created all things and from whom all things come. An important part of the day was the sharing. The pilgrims shared with the Native Americans and the Native Americans shared with the pilgrims. Giving and sharing is an important part of our gratitude. It puts substance to our thankfulness. That is why it is appropriate that we think about stewardship in this month of Thanksgiving. It is a time when we remember all that God has given to us and done for us, and in that spirit of Thanksgiving, think prayerfully on how we will respond to God for those many blessings.

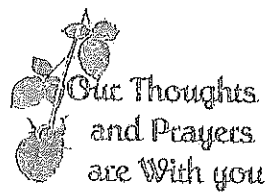
And I think one of those blessings, for me certainly, and for many of you as well, is being part of THIS winning team. The opportunity to gather together to worship in such a generous community is a tremendous blessing. We all have much to be thankful about for being on this winning team.

And so, as we come closer to Thanksgiving Day let's not forget that the God who provided for us in 2025 will provide for us in 2026. When we step out in faith God will not let us down.

May you be blessed with all the rich blessings of our God.

Pastor Jim

Our Church Family



Food Pantry News

During the month of September, 90 people visited the Food Pantry with a total of 275 people being helped.



The Food Pantry needs the following items: fruit, pork & beans, soup, chili, pasta sauce, cereal, pancake mix, syrup & Hamburger Helper. Also, shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes & toilet paper.

PLEASE, NO: mac & cheese or diced tomatoes,

We really appreciate all those who have been donating to the pantry.



Please plan to attend the Congregational Budget meeting on Sunday, November 16th, immediately following worship.

We continue to keep in our prayers: Laretta, Lynn and Ron D., Laurie S., Mike S., Brittney, Debbie & Tony, Bernadette, James C., Mike S., Carrie B., Ruth and Stephanie, the family of Bonnie, and the family of Zachary K.

We lift up in our prayers those who need prayers for their *long-term circumstances*: Carol Jean P.

TOTENFEST

Sunday, November 23rd is Totenfest. If you would like a candle lit for someone who has passed away in the last year, please give the name to the Church office by November 16th.

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

2025 Monthly Attendance Average

January: 21
February: 29
March: 23
April: 38
May: 21
June: 31
July: 19
August: 24
September: 28
October:
November:
December:

September Attendance:

September 28: 24

October Attendance:

October 5: 26
October 12: 25
October 19:
October 26

Our giving in 2025...

Based on our budget for 2025 our offering each week needs to average \$2317.02

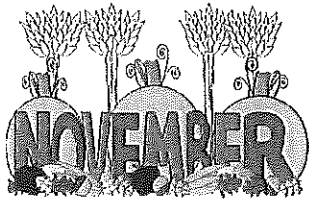
	General Fund	Stewardship
September 28	\$ 210.00	\$ 0.00
October 5	\$ 2,910.00	\$ 545.00
October 12	\$ 900.75	\$ 50.00
October 19	\$	\$
October 26	\$	\$

Our giving in 2025...

January Average:	\$ 1,251.80
February Average:	\$ 797.64
March Average:	\$ 1,827.60
April Average:	\$ 1,777.50
May Average:	\$ 1,078.75
June Average:	\$ 870.60
July Average:	\$ 1,237.25
August Average:	\$ 1,285.00
September Average:	\$ 1,015.00
October Average:	
November Average:	
December Average:	

Please remember to invite our inactive members, as well as your family and friends, to worship. Evangelism and hospitality go hand in hand!

Our Guests



Ushers/Greeters

Nov. 2	Bob Bothe & Jennifer Schulte
Nov. 9	Rick Warren & Mary Anne Lee
Nov. 16	Darryl & Phyllis Freese
Nov. 23	Joyce Noble & Linda Meier
Nov. 30	Christopher Dickmeyer & Bobby Roskowske

Acolytes

Nov. 2	Jennifer Schulte
Nov. 9	Marla Stewart
Nov. 16	Marla Stewart
Nov. 23	Joyce Noble
Nov. 30	Bobby Roskowske

Fellowship Hour Servers

Nov. 2	Food Pantry		
Nov. 9	PPR	Nov. 16	Stewardship
Nov. 23	Worship		
Nov. 30	Christian Nurturer		



Marla Stewart	03
Eileen Tiesing	07
Ernie Meyer	11
Mike Tiesing	16
David Kendrick	24
Cory Hyde	25
Annalee Rolf	30



Food Pantry Schedule

ST. PAUL UCC COUNCIL MINUTES

September 22, 2025

PRESENT: Jerry Gifford, Glenda Keetemen, Jennifer Schulte, Chris Dickmeyer, Karol Keeteman, Rev. Jim Oleson, Joann Jungermann, Treasurer (non-member)

Opening Prayer – Karol

Quorum Count (Four (4) = ½ plus one total Council members) – Jennifer, Quorum present

Review of Agenda – Glenda made motion to accept with changes; seconded by Chris. No discussion, motion passed.

- **Treasurers Report** – Chris made motion to accept as written, seconded by Karol. No discussion, motion passed.
- **Secretary's Report** – Chris made motion to accept as written, seconded by Glenda. No discussion, motion passed.
- **Pastor's Report** – Pastor Jim presented his report. No mileage to report. Jennifer made a motion to approve vacation day for October 26, seconded by Chris. No discussion, motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Worship – Christopher** – discussed Toten Fest, Worldwide Communion Sunday, October 5th.
2. **Grounds Committee – Jennifer** – Security camera fix is in the works, needs to be cooler so they can get into the attic. Internet signals sometimes drop during service when watching the cameras.
3. **Christian Nurture – Jennifer** – trivia night on August 23rd, was attended by appx. 20 people and they raised \$46.00 for food pantry as well as donations. We met on 9/14, and we planned Truck or Treat which will be held on October 11th from 5-7; also on October 12th we are helping with the Planning Meeting and carry in dinner. We are hosting Holiday Bingo on Sunday December 7th, doors open at 4:30 and will start at 5pm.
4. **Stewardship – Glenda** – met and discussed what different offerings to do. Also talked about having Carol Jean come to visit.
5. **Finance – Joann** – working on scheduling a meeting to set budget meeting to present to council next month.
6. **Boy Scouts – Jerry** – they are going to do the haunted house the day of the Truck or Treat on October 11th.
7. **Food Pantry – Karol** – food from Trivia and they have been receiving donations from County Market from time to time.
8. **Bright Futures – Glenda** – they are having a winter warmup on October 9th, which will be doing a coat collection. Also have Christmas in the Community on December 6th. They are in need of volunteers to help with preparing, assisting and clean up for the upcoming events. If you would like to be help, please see Glenda.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Signs – Glenda is waiting for a proof to approve to finalize the sign. Glenda is checking on a metal frame for the church signs.
- Painting hallway in Christian Ed Building – still in progress
- Lights – still in progress
- Sanctuary Thermostat – still working on this
- Sanctuary Flooring – bid has been accepted & signed. Work will begin in 6-8 weeks once bid
- Church Insurance – still in progress of new bids.

- Church Planning Meeting – set for October 12th, with a carry in dinner. This is to plan upcoming activities for 2026.
- Painting Schoolhouse – Glenda made motion to have Boy Scouts paint the outside of the schoolhouse. Chris seconded. No discussion, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Gift Acceptance Policies/Undesignated Fund
- Internet/Wi-Fi – JoAnn is going to check with Gateway about our internet interruptions.
- Cameras – Chris made motion to investigate BLINK (wireless camera system) for outside which can be saved to a USB. Second is by Karol. No discussion, motion passed.
- Electrical work – we hired Menne Heating, Cooling & Electric to replace necessary electrical boxes for insurance purposes. Glenda made motion to hire Menne Heating, Cooling & Electric to replace electrical boxes. Second, by Chris. No discussion, motion passed.

NEXT MEETING:

- **Date & Time** – October 20, 2025 @ 5:15pm
- **Opening Prayer** – Glenda

ENTERTAIN MOTION TO CLOSE – Motion made by Chris, seconded by Glenda. Motion passed.

CLOSING PRAYER – Lord's Prayer

Respectively submitted,
Jennifer Schulte, Council Secretary

Winfield Bright Futures has a couple events coming up.

December 6 - Christmas in the Community - Collecting gently used household items, sheets, lamps, small furniture, small appliances, toys, bikes, etc. for the annual event. There will be a box in the fellowship hall closer to the date for your donations.

Bright Futures is always looking for volunteers. If you'd like to be on the committee or even if you'd just like help with events, they can always use help. The Christmas event is a really big event and open to all community members. Volunteers are needed to help sort items, set up items on Friday evening and help with event and clean up on the 6th. Even a couple hours are helpful. Bright Futures assists families in the Winfield School District by providing some basic needs for children and their families. Children have a difficult time learning when their basic needs aren't met.

Please see Glenda for more information or if you are interested in helping or have questions.

ROCK AND ROLL



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH 2025

DOORS OPEN AT 4:30 PM

START AT 5 PM



PLEASE BRING A
CANNED/DRY
GOOD OR MORE
FOR THE FOOD
PANTRY!



NON-ALCOHOLIC
EVENT.
CHURCH WILL
PROVIDE
DRINKS



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ITEM REQUEST

FOR FOOD PANTRY:

TOILET PAPER, SHAMPOO/CONDITIONER, SOAP,
SOUP, PB/JELLY, CEREAL, CANNED FRUIT, ANY
OTHER NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS

PLEASE NO: MAC & CHEESE, DICED TOMATOES,
CORN, OR GREEN BEANS!



BASKET RAFFLE
1 FOR \$1
6 FOR \$5



OR CODE FOR
MONEY
DONATIONS



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November Stewardship

Bridge of Hope

This month, we will join with many organizations in Lincoln County to help provide for the Bridge of Hope. You may have heard of this place that helps people who are homeless. They do this by giving some people a short-term place to live while they find affordable housing. They also help people who are not staying there by connecting them with services, such as help with laundry, meals, internet access and finding a job.

Bridge of Hope states that "We believe all individuals should be treated with compassion and respect."

Housing in our county has become more expensive lately. Many of the people in need are mothers with young children. The work being done at Bridge of Hope will lead these families to a more stable life.

This is a good way for our church to join our community as we continue to be "The Church that dares to care".

November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 <i>All Saints Day</i>
2	3 Scouts 7:00 pm	4	5 Food Pantry 11:00am – 1:00pm & 4-6pm	6	7	8
9 Council Meeting 11:30am	10 Scouts 7:00 pm	11	12 Food Pantry 11:00am – 1:00pm & 4-6pm	13	14	15
16 Congregational Budget Meeting 11:30am	17 Scouts 7:00 pm	18	19 Food Pantry 11:00am – 1:00pm & 4-6pm	20	21	22
23	24 Scouts 7:00 pm	25	26 Food Pantry 11:00am – 1:00pm & 4-6pm	27 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	28	29
30		Looking Ahead — Rock n Roll Bingo coming Sunday, December 7 th .				

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Sunday

Book/Bible Study (Sept. thru May).....9:15am

Worship.....10:30am

Coffee and Fellowship.....11:30am

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Member.....Chris Dickmeyer..... 636-376-7043

Member.....Karol Keeteman..... 636-667-5144

Treasurer.....Joann Jungermann..... 636-665-5329
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