NEWSLETTER

October 2026

Three Churches ✦ One God ✦ Bound by Love



First United Methodist Church

1019 Wesley Drive
Maquoketa, Iowa 52060
Phone: (563) 652-4420
Website: www.maquoketa1stumc.com
Facebook: Maquoketa First *United Methodist*

Worship 9:00 am

Our worship service is also broadcast on KMAQ (95.1 FM) Radio in Maquoketa At 10:30 am



Delmar United Methodist Church

305 Delmar Ave
Delmar, IA 52037
(563) 574-4789
Facebook: *Delmar United Methodist*

Worship 10:30 am



Preston United Methodist Church

PO Box 181
141 S Stephens St
Preston Iowa 52069
Facebook: *Preston United Methodist*

Worship 10:30 am

Rev. Cephas Davis

Contact Information:

Office - 563.652.4420 | Cell – 903.714.9974
Email cephas.davis@iaumc.org



We Are One Earth Family

On Sunday, October 4, Delmar, Preston, and First United Methodist Churches will gather at Delmar United Methodist Church to celebrate World Communion Sunday. Our theme is “We Are One Earth Family.” I hope you will join us for this time of shared worship, prayer, and Holy Communion.

World Communion Sunday began in 1933 at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The Rev. Hugh Thompson Kerr and his congregation sought to help Christians recognize their connection with one another across denominational lines. They chose Communion as a visible expression of that unity. In 1940, the Federal Council of Churches adopted the observance, helping it spread to churches worldwide. Today, many congregations celebrate it on the first Sunday of October.

That history speaks to us here in Iowa. We worship in three congregations, each with its own people, traditions, and gifts. Yet when we gather at Christ’s table, we remember that we belong to something greater. Across countries, cultures, and languages, Christians share the bread and cup and proclaim the love of Jesus Christ.

Our theme also invites us to carry the spirit of Communion beyond the church doors. If we are one family on earth, we are called to welcome strangers, care for our neighbors, listen across our differences, and seek peace amid division. The table reminds us that God’s grace is both a gift to receive and a gift to share.

Please join us on Sunday, October 4, 2026, at Delmar United Methodist Church, 305 Delmar Ave., Delmar, IA 52037. I look forward to worshiping together as one family in Christ.

In Mission with Vision
Rev. J. Cephas Z. K. Davis
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World Communion Sunday

Worship Service

We Are One Family



Together around Christ's table, we celebrate our unity in a world of many people, cultures, and places.

Sunday, October 4, 2026
10:30 AM

DELMAR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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THREE CHURCHES • ONE GOD • BOUND BY LOVE

Adult Bible Study:

Classes with Steve Schmudde & Jo Johnson are held on Sundays at 10:30 am in the memorial room.

Classes with Steve Kahler and Colleen Petaros will resume **Sunday, October 11th** at 10:30 am in the library.

Prayer Group:

Pastoral Care Need If you have a pastoral care need, please contact Pastor Cephas Davis - 903.714.9974 or Colleen Petaros – 563.321.0450

Youth Group:

Youth Group will start back up **October 7th** for those in 2nd-12th grade! There will be a light supper served at 5pm with Youth Group following from 5:30-7pm. Pick up will be at 7pm at Fellowship Hall. Parents, please come in with your youth on the first night to sign permission forms.





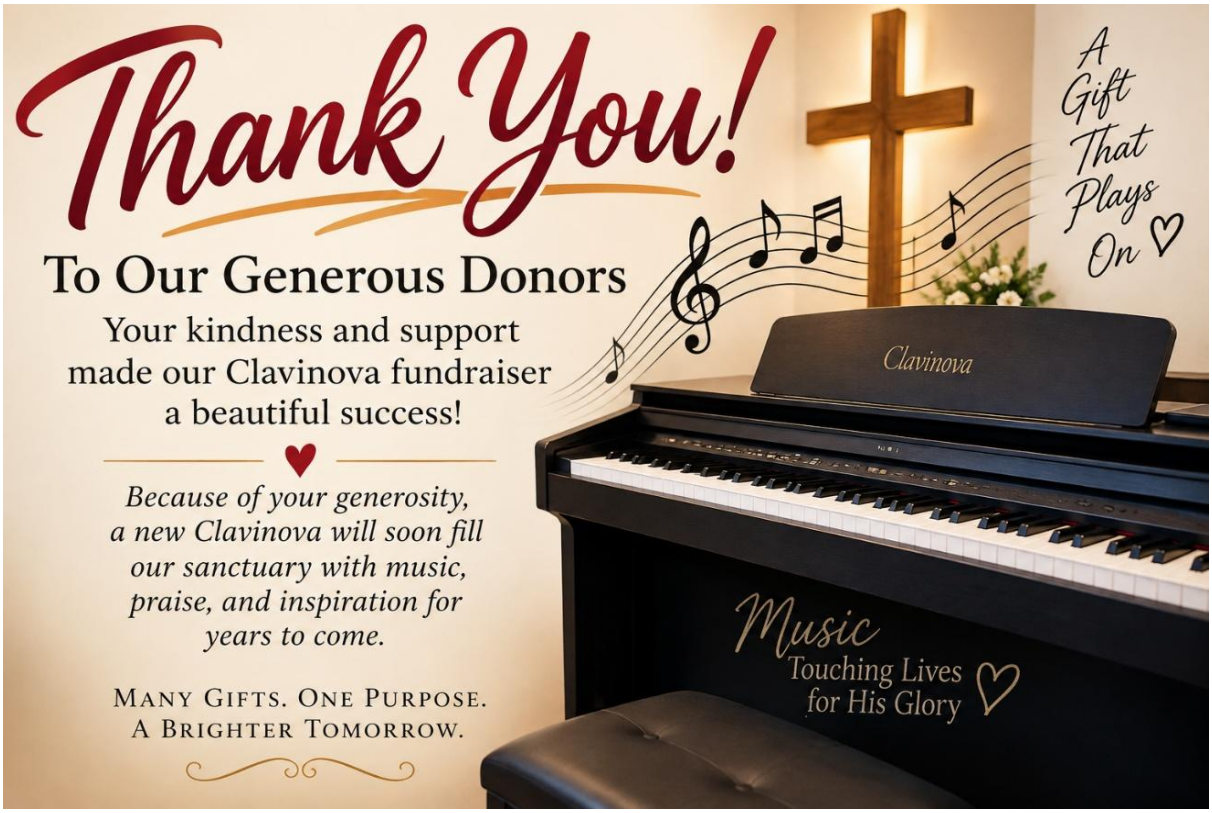


TRUSTEE NEWS

This past month saw the Trustees remarking the parking lot, painting the outside of the basement windows under the sanctuary, and mowing lots of grass. We also believe we found where water was leaking into the elevator control room. By adding molded metal trim to the bottom of the outside brick wall and adding dirt to the landscaping the water should drain away from the problem area. Materials have been bought to replace the lexicon sheets protecting the stained glass in the sanctuary so when the weather is right and volunteers are able that project will be completed. The scrap metal collection has slowed a little, so when you are reorganizing your garage for winter remember to add to our scrap metal collection. With your continued financial support, the Trustees will continue to work to provide a place to gather and worship that we can be proud of.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

The church received 2 generous donations that gave us the necessary funds to purchase a new Clavinova and the dolly to safely move it as needed.



NEWS FROM MISSIONS

WIC

The government Women, Infants and Children (WIC) clinic takes place in our church the first Wednesday and Thursday of each month. Our church supplements the assistance WIC provides for families with 12 diapers, a package of wipes, a book, and the clothing we have available. Another important part of our ministry is visiting with the families who come to WIC and making them feel welcome in our church.
The next WIC sessions are **Wednesday, October 7th** and **Thursday, October 8th** from 9a – 3p**.**
Colder weather is approaching so any jackets and coats (up to 6T) would be welcomed as well.
If you would like to be a part of this ministry, you could also become part of our team!
Team members: Holly Parmer, Rachel Parmer, Becky James, Sarah Hogan, Linda Stewart, Lana Flagel and Ann Otteman.

Circuit Group

56 people from 10 churches in our Circuit met to fill 600 bags of meals! Each bag feeds 6 people for a total of 3600 meals. We all enjoyed working together as well as socializing over snacks provided by members of the different churches. You will notice 17 familiar faces in the pictures of folks from Delmar, Maquoketa & Preston, including our Pastor! This is what being the hands & feet of Jesus really looks like!!









We continue to collect pop tabs for The Ronald McDonald House. There are collection boxes in the narthex and outside the serving window by the kitchen.

UNITED WOMEN in FAITH

Who we are: We're a sisterhood acting in faith to tackle the hard work of the world without hesitation.

Our Mission: We seek to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities.

At our last meeting on September 23rd, we put together 500 treat bags for the annual Trunk or Treat coming up at the YMCA. We also gathered items for the ingathering for Carol to deliver.

We meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month, usually at 6:00 in the library. Please join us!! Our next meeting will be on **October 28th** at 6:00pm.









THE FALL FESTIVAL DINNER

We are working hard to once again provide a wonderful dinner for our members and the community. Please keep a look out for more information on the silent auction and the sign up for donations and volunteers as the date grows closer.



Fall is a Season of Thankfulness

October 2026

Faith ♥ Family ♥ Community

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever. Psalm 107:1

Count Your Blessings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Charge Conference 3:00 p.m. at DeWitt UMC	5 Plarn Mat Group 9:00 a.m.	6	7 WIC 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. W.O.W. 5:00 p.m.	8 WIC 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	9	10
11 Bible Study with Steve & Jo 10:30 a.m. Memorial Room Bible Study with Steve & Colleen 10:30 a.m. Library	12	13	14 Caregiver Support Group Meeting 1:30 p.m. W.O.W. 5:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting 6:00 p.m.	15 Care Team Meeting 4:00 p.m.	16	17
18 Bible Study with Steve & Jo 10:30 a.m. Memorial Room Bible Study with Steve & Colleen 10:30 a.m. Library	19	20 Finance Meeting 5:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.	21 Circuit Meeting 9:00 a.m. W.O.W. 5:00 p.m.	22	23	24
25 Bible Study with Steve & Jo 10:30 a.m. Memorial Room Bible Study with Steve & Colleen 10:30 a.m. Library	26 Plarn Mat Group 9:00 a.m.	27	28 Worship Meeting 4:00 p.m. W.O.W. 5:00 p.m. UWF Meeting 6:00 p.m.	29	30 Trunk-Or-Treat at the YMCA 	31

Happy Fall Y'all!

In Everything Give Thanks

1 Thessalonians 5:18

October Celebrations

Harvesting Blessings & Celebrating Our Church Family!





October Birthdays

October 1	Karen Hovey
October 3	Mia Shearer
October 4	Mary Jo Williams
October 5	Abby Stowe
October 8	Ann Otteman
October 16	Drake Frame
October 18	Stephanie Sagers & Linda Lane
October 19	Steve Smithson
October 27	Marie Rossmann
October 28	Linda Stewart & Colleen Petaros
October 29	Laura Westphal
October 31	Kevin Williams, Karen Sellers & Pat Hasenbank

October Anniversaries

October 4	Kevin & Tammy Davis
October 13	Hal & Sara Machael
October 18	Aaron & Sherri James
October 19	Geoff & Dede Dammann

May your October be filled with blessings, laughter, love, and plenty of reasons to celebrate!



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Psalm 107:1

Pastoral Staff

APPRECIATION MONTH

OCTOBER



Thank You

to our pastoral staff for your
faithful service, your compassionate hearts,
and your dedication to God's people.

You make a difference!

*"Let us not grow weary in doing good,
for at the proper time we will reap a harvest
if we do not give up."*

GALATIANS 6:9

In Other Church News

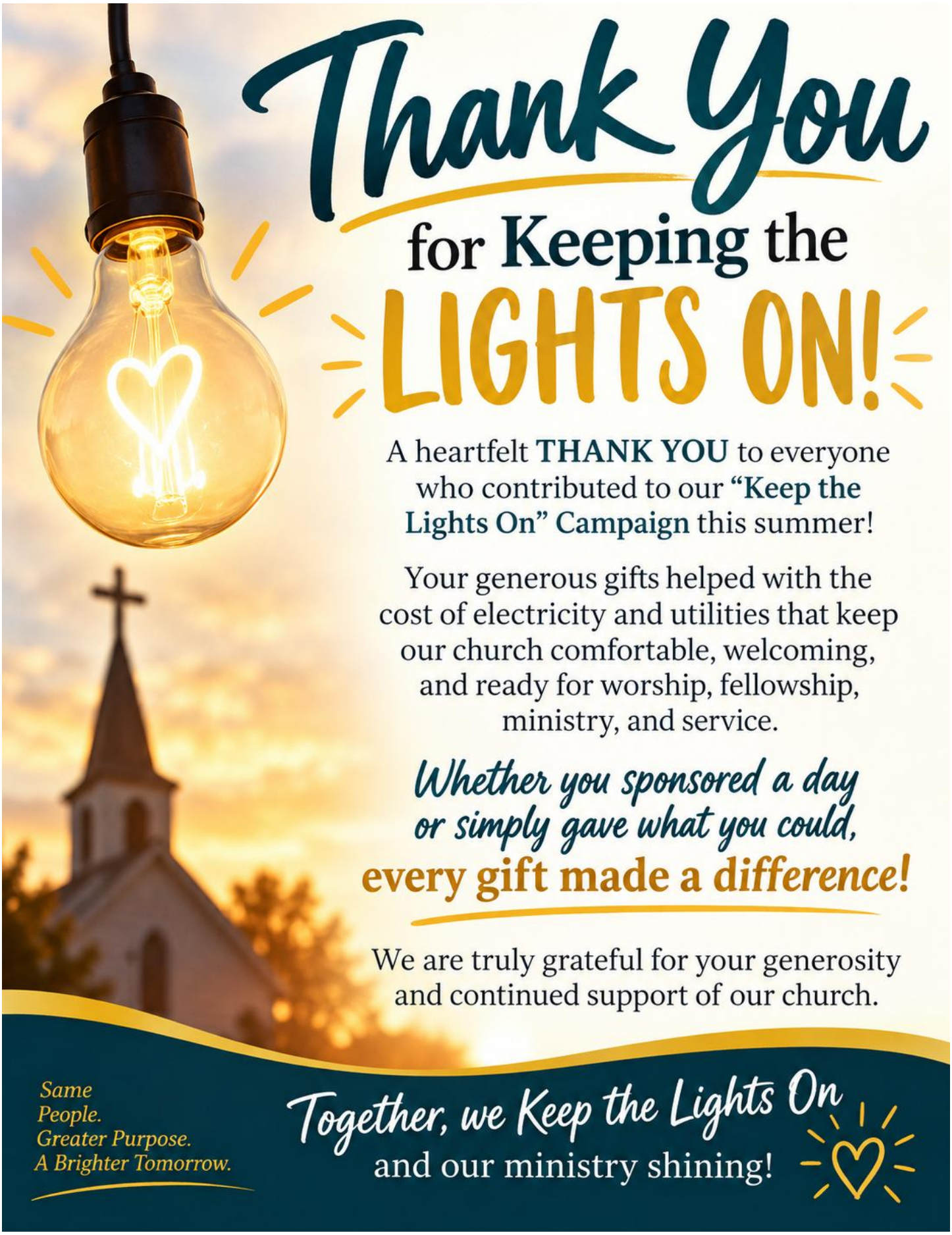


Radio Sponsors October

October 4th - Don & Connie Patridge – In celebration of world wide unity.
Octiober 11th - Tom & Linda Stewart - In honor of Roger Stewart's birthday!
October 18th – Joanna O'Hara – In honor of her parents – Lois & Leonard Campbell
October 25th - Pat Hasenbrink - In honor of her 88th birthday!

If you wish to sponsor a Sunday broadcast ($28.00), please ccall the office at (563) 652-4420 to sign up. Thank you for considering this opportunity to help spread the word of our faith!

Listen to our Sunday broadcast every week on KMAQ 95.1 FM @ 10:30 a.m.


Thank You
for Keeping the
LIGHTS ON!
A heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to our "Keep the Lights On" Campaign this summer!
Your generous gifts helped with the cost of electricity and utilities that keep our church comfortable, welcoming, and ready for worship, fellowship, ministry, and service.
Whether you sponsored a day or simply gave what you could,
every gift made a difference!
We are truly grateful for your generosity and continued support of our church.
Same People. Greater Purpose. A Brighter Tomorrow.
Together, we Keep the Lights On
and our ministry shining!

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP



2nd Wednesday of each month
1:30 P.M.

First United Methodist Church
1019 Wesley Dr. Maquoketa

Join in person or by Zoom

USE EAST ENTRANCE

For more information contact
Sally at 563-221-1081 or
Sally918@osterhausrx.com

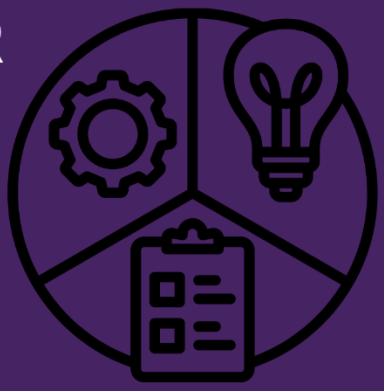
2026 SUPPORT GROUP DATES

JULY 8 **AUGUST 12**
SEPTEMBER 9 **OCTOBER 14**
NOVEMBER 11 **DECEMBER 9**





PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE



Are You Prepared for the "What Ifs"?
IPOST, POA, DPOA, Living Will
Long-Term Care, Skilled Care,
Assisted Living. And more!

Wednesday
October 28, 2026
10–11 AM

Maquoketa Library,
Community Room

Join us for an informative conversation for older adults and their care partners. Bring your questions and learn practical tips from Stephanie Hartz, LISW, a social worker with more than 20 years of experience. With knowledge, compassion, and experience, Stephanie will help you feel more confident navigating the road ahead.

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Questions? Call Sally at
563-652-5611, Extension 5.

Preston United Methodist Church

Soup Supper



Chicken Noodle - Chili -
Vegetable Beef
Potato - Taco Soup
Sandwiches - Dessert

Location Change:
Spragueville Community Center

106 S Division Street, Spragueville, IA

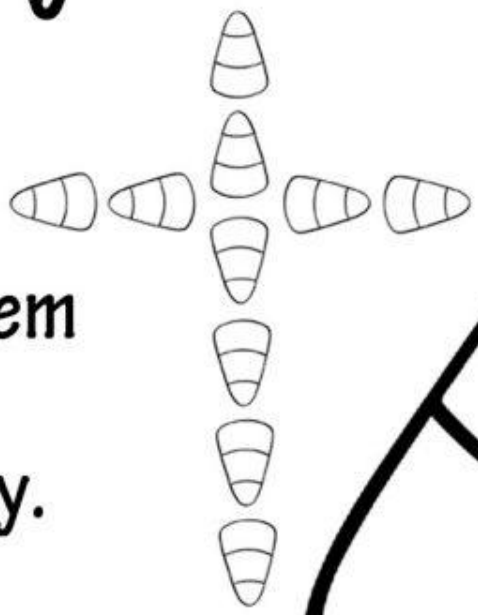
Friday, October 23rd

4:30-7:00 PM

~ Bake Sale ~

Adults - $12.00
Children (6-12 years) - $5.00
Ages 5 and under are FREE

Count your Blessings

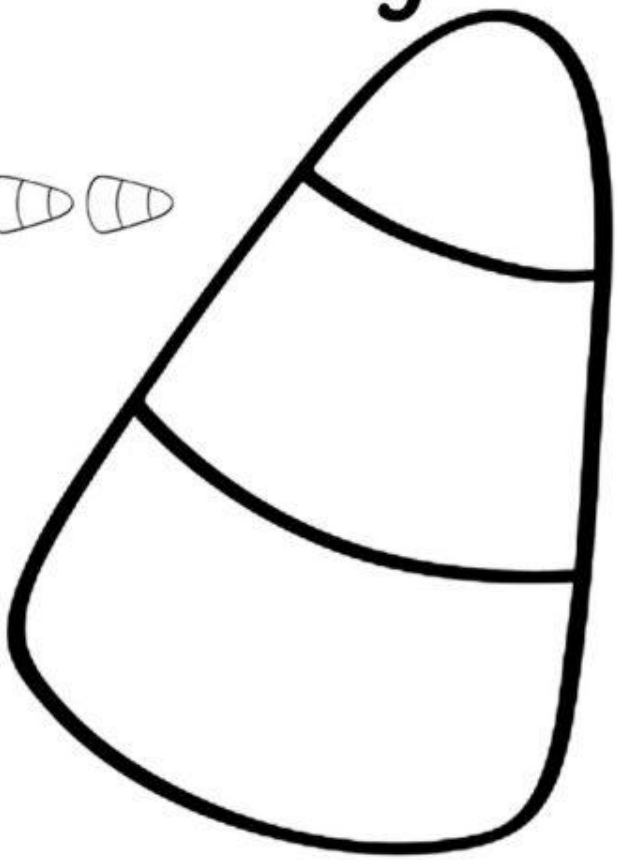


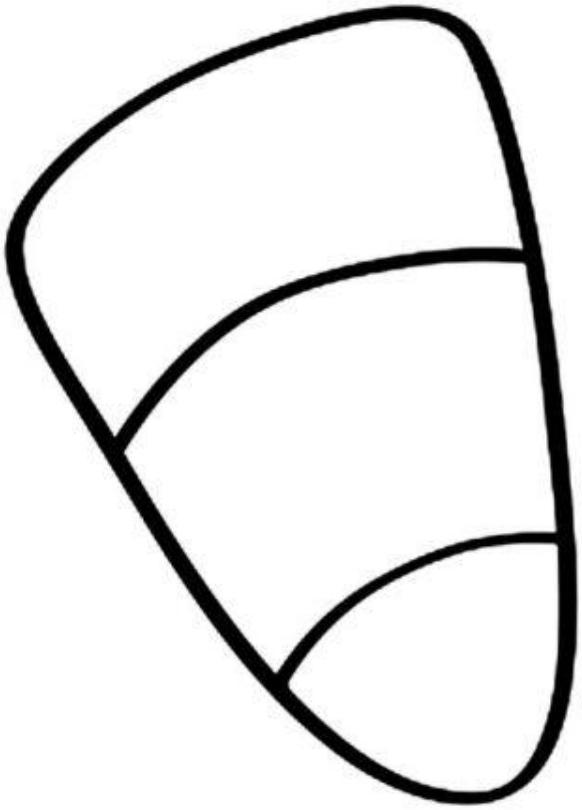
And

Name them

Day by day.

You'll be reminded





Christ Jesus' love

Overflows to you,

Right now, in

Nearly every way.