October 2026

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Reidland United Methodist Church Newsletter

Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10-3

Service Times: Sunday School @ 9AM | Worship @ 10AM



Living The Generous Life

Rev. Dr. Tim Mitchell

Greetings, friends!

Have you ever found yourself caught in the routines and demands of everyday life and wondered, "Is this really what life is all about?" There is a better way to live. *God's way.*

During the month of October, I invite you to join me on a six-week journey of exploration and response as we discover what it means to *Live the Generous Life.*

When we hear the word stewardship, our minds can quickly turn toward money. But biblical stewardship is about so much more. Stewardship is about everything God has entrusted to us—our time, talents, resources, relationships, opportunities, and our very lives. Generous living is not a measure of what is in our bank account. It is a measure of what is happening in our hearts and spirits as we respond to the overwhelming generosity of our beloved Triune God.

Generous living is an attitude of the heart. It is learning to live with gratitude for the blessings and gifts God has given us. It is cultivating a life that reflects the character of Jesus and produces the fruit of the Spirit described in Galatians 5:22–23. It is a life of true freedom.

I invite you to come with an open heart and come ready to ask questions, examine your own life, and to discover what God may be calling you to release, receive, trust, and share as we journey together through this series. Most of all, I invite you to come ready to discover the joy and freedom that can be found when we stop living primarily for ourselves and begin living the way Jesus calls us to live!

Six Keys to Living the Generous Life

1. **Godly Character:** *Every strong life needs a solid foundation. For the Generous Life, that foundation is God and God's character. As followers of Jesus, we are called to allow our character to be shaped by—and ultimately reflect—the character of God.*
2. **Conscientious Stewardship:** *Everything in creation belongs to God. We are not owners. We are managers and stewards of what God has entrusted to us. Generous living means learning to use God's gifts in ways that honor the One who gave them.*
3. **Unwavering Trust:** *The world often tells us to trust ourselves, look out for ourselves, and accumulate more and more "stuff." But the secret to Living the Generous Life is not accumulating more. It is trusting God.*
4. **True Humility:** *Generosity requires perspective. In good times and difficult times, we remember that everything we have ultimately comes from God. Humility helps us recognize our blessings without allowing those blessings to become the measure of our worth.*
5. **Relinquishing Idols:** *What stands between you and God? Sometimes the greatest obstacle to generous living isn't what we don't have—it is what we refuse to let go of. Anything we place ahead of God can keep us from experiencing a truly generous life.*
6. **Abundant Christian Living:** *Jesus calls us to live abundantly and to testify to what He has done in our lives. But our generosity is never about boasting or drawing attention to ourselves. God sees. God knows. And God receives the glory.*

My hope is that this will be a shared spiritual journey in which we discover what it means to live generously. Perhaps, we will even discover that Living the Generous Life isn't simply something we can do, but it is also someone we can become!

Prayer Requests

Prayer Concerns: Kim McLeod, Sarah Henry (Brian Henry's mom), Jason Weiss, Amy Wood, Lynda & Frank Karnes, Chase Curry, Sam Washington, Sandy Keith, John Jenkins, Jim Elwood, Richard Flowers, Carol Ann Rudolph, Trinity Jade, Charles Ramage, Tommy Lyles, Matt Martin, Lonnie Waddy, Breck Klepeis, Joanne Engelland, Craig Brown, Ina Gray, Linda Murray, Russ Wolfe, Ryan Lyles, Henrietta Watkins, Cynthia Hubble, Faylynn Siress, Bill O'Brien, Lyle Hawkins (ALS). Pray for peace in the middle east, for the families and communities affected by gun violence, political unrest, natural disasters and for peace around the world.

Loss of a Loved One: the family of Fred Faulkner, the family of Giles Robinson, the family of Charlie Marshall, the family of Nathan McCallum, the family of Doris Alderdice Norsworthy Morris, the family of Debbie Briggs, the family of Mary Lynn Hillmann, the family of Cheryl Lawson

Cancer Patients: John Jenkins, Gene Jenkins, Jaymie Smith, Bridget Garrett, Mike Hamilton, Tiffany Jenkins, Rita Banks, Dawn Gavin, Bobby Brockman, Yumi Takei Renshus, Katy Walker, Carolyn Pitt, Don Twitty, Patty Dedmon, James Hubble, Jeff Cooper, Linda Smith, Kelly Walker, Andrew Porter, Jennifer Tucker, Tonya Goodale, Mary Anderson

Military: Jake Seidel, Laine Sharpe, Jonnie Worrell, Zake Thompson, Justin Story

Please notify the churh office with prayer requests and updates while Pastor Katie is on maternity leave. If the office is not informed of prayer requests, they will not be included in the bulletin or Friday email. Thank you!

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Innovative church giving

We appreciate your tithes to Reidland United Methodist Church. Your gifts allow us to continue the vital ministries within our church and community.

Mini Food Pantry
STOCKING SCHEDULE



OCT 5 - OCT 11	LEAP OF FAITH
OCT 12 - OCT 18	PAIRS AND SPARES
OCT 19 - OCT 25	JANET JENNINGS
OCT 26 - NOV 1	CONGREGATION
NOV 2 - NOV 8	SOUL SISTERS
NOV 9 - NOV 15	LEAP OF FAITH
NOV 16 - NOV 22	PAIRS AND SPARES
NOV 23 - NOV 29	JANET JENNINGS

October Birthdays

2 Richard Flowers
Kim McLeod
3 Patti Hosford
4 Brian McClure
8 Jane Flowers
Brian Henry
9 David Humphrey
Connor Williams
10 Anne Cox
14 Mandy Story
18 Gary Lovett
21 Lynda Karnes
24 Russ Wolfe
26 Connie Markgraf
30 Steve Spraggs



Happy Birthday



October Anniversaries

2 Brian and Melissa Henry
3 Will and Anne Cox
5 Ed and Diane Bach
7 Kenny and Donna Kerr
10 Ken and Dorinda Green
22 Brett and Peggy Chapman
Mike and Kim McLeod

you ♡ me FOREVER + EVER

PCM IS IN NEED OF:

pasta sauce & pasta



United Women in Faith

October 14th at 10:00 a.m.

UWF will now meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month!

Upcoming Events

Blessing of the Animals

Join us for a special time of prayer and thanksgiving for our beloved pets!

October 4th at 2:00pm

by the playground



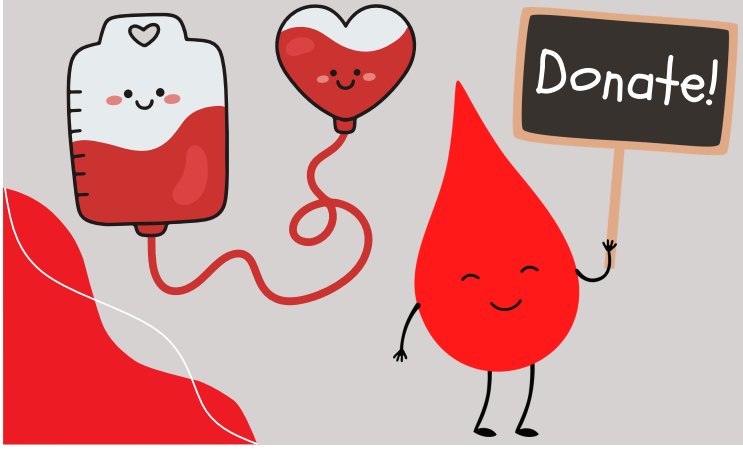
Upcoming!

Blood Drive

October 11th, 2026

10:45 a.m.-2:45 p.m.

Reidland UMC Fellowship Hall



Holiday Food Drive Kickoff Potluck

Sunday, October 18th following the service

Help us launch our Holiday Food Drive by bringing canned goods to get us started and join us for food and fellowship!

Please bring sides & desserts to share!

Goal: 1,000 Food Items

Breakfast Meeting 8AM

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Saturday, October 17th

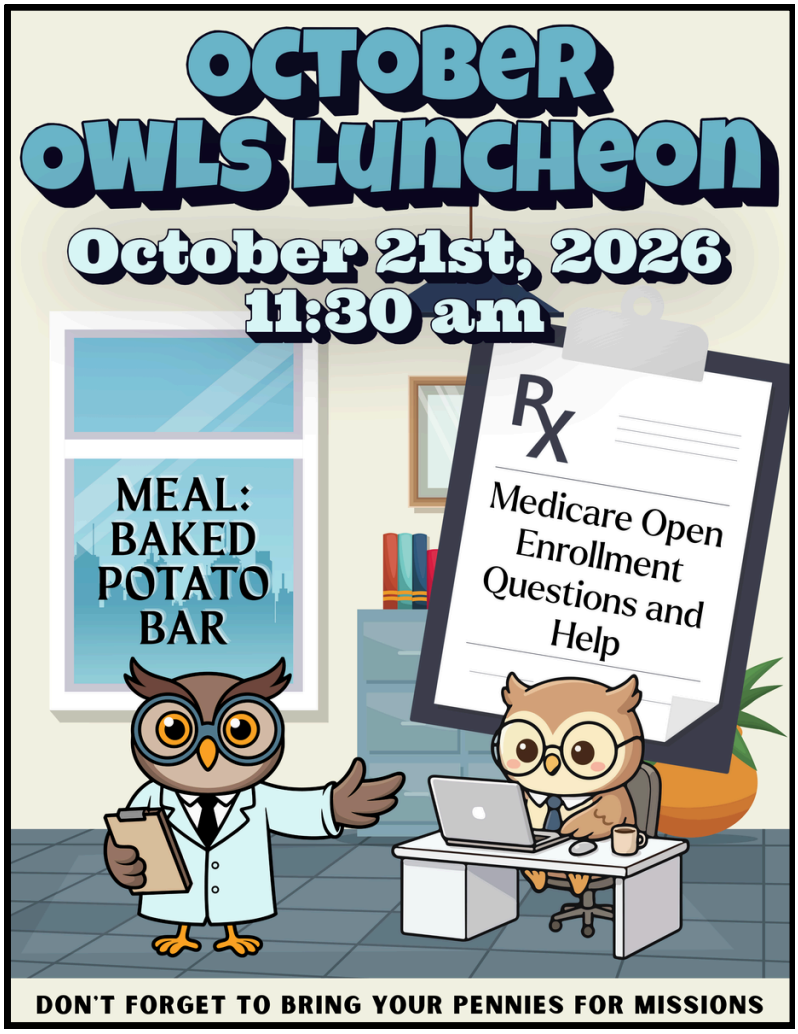
Upcoming Events

Butterfly Tribute

Starting October 18th, paper butterflies will be available to memorialize loved ones that have died over the years.

All Saints Sunday is November 1st, 2026

If you have a loved one in your immediate family that passed away in the last year and would like them to be honored aloud on All Saints Sunday, please let the church office know. Church members that have passed will automatically be on the list. We look forward to honoring all of our Saints!





REIDLAND
United Methodist Church

CHARGE CONFERENCE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14TH AT 5:30PM
in the RUMC FELLOWSHIP HALL

FORMS ARE DUE ON: November 30TH





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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 6:00 PM Pew & Brew 2.0	2	3 Giles Robinson Funeral Service Visitation: 1 - 2PM Service: 2PM
4 World Communion Sunday 2PM - Blessing of the Animals 5:30 PM Joyful Ringers	5	6	7 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	8 6:00 PM Pew & Brew 2.0	9	10
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18 Holiday Food Drive Kick Off Potluck 5:30 PM Joyful Ringers	19	20 6PM- Church Council	21 11:30 AM OWLS Luncheon 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	22 6:00 PM Pew & Brew 2.0	23	24 Fellowship Hall Reserved for Private Event
25 11AM- Hospitality Craft & Chat 3:00-5:00 5:30 PM Joyful Ringers	26	27	28 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	29 6:00 PM Pew & Brew 2.0	30	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN