**October-November, 2024**  **Bascom Community Church**

“Reaching People with the Love of Christ”

 **Worship on Sunday morning at 10:30**

 **Adult Sunday School 9:30**



**Important Questions Every Christian Should Ask Themselves**

As I was pondering the topic for this newsletter article (translation: praying to the Holy Spirit for some inspiration because I had nothing lol), God brought to mind how easy it is for us to coast in our walk with Christ. Never challenging ourselves, or being challenged by others, about rather we are just talking the talk or truly walking the walk of faith. My research led to an article written by Jannah Esplanada that is the basis for this contribution on uncomfortable questions about our faith walk that challenge us to look in the mirror.

DO I REALLY LOVE MY NEIGHBORS JUST AS I LOVE MYSELF?

Loving others is an essential statement of the Christian faith. In face Jesus said that this was how we would be known as his disciples (John 13:35). This statement requires us to evaluate our actions, or inactions, regarding how we genuinely care for others, even the ones that we struggle to love.

AM I QUICK TO JUDGE OTHERS?

Judging others comes so naturally that sometimes we don’t even realize we’re doing it. Am I quick to make assumptions about people? This question encourages us to pause and consider whether we’re giving others the understanding and grace we hope to receive ourselves.

AM I PRIORITIZING GOD IN MY LIFE?

We are called to put God first in everything we do. Life is full of distractions, and it is so easy to allow something to take precedence over our relationship with God. Is God my focus or just an add on to my life?

AM I HOLDING GRUDGES INSTEAD OF FORGIVING?

This question asks us to let go of old wounds and be forgiving, just as we have been forgiven. It is about freeing ourselves from the burden of feeling resentment and therefore receive some much needed peace.

DO I SUPPORT JUSTICE AND EQUALITY?

Standing up for what is right is supposed to be a Christian characteristic. We are called to be advocates for the marginalized and oppressed. But am I standing up for justice and equality, or am I silent when I need to speak up?

AM I GENEROUS, OR AM I CLINGING TO MY WEALTH?

Generosity is a sign of a heart aligned with God, but it’s easy to cling to our resources out of fear or selfishness. This question invites us to examine whether we’re giving freely and joyfully or if we are holding back when we could be blessing others.

AM I FAITHFUL IN MY PRIVATE LIFE AS WELL AS MY PUBLIC LIFE?

This question challenges us to consider whether our private lives align with our public persona. True faithfulness is about integrity, not appearances (no hypocrisy allowed lol).

DO I PRAY OUT OF OBLIGATION OR GENUINE DESIRE?

Prayer is supposed to be a genuine, heartfelt, loving, and intimate conversation with our Heavenly Father, not just another check on our task list.

DO I TRULY TRUST GOD, EVEN IN DIFFICULT TIMES?

This question encourages us to reflect on the depth of our trust in God, especially when things don't go according to our plans. Do I keep leaning into our faith even when the journey gets bumpy or do I jump ship?

DO I WALK IN HUMILITY OR PRIDE?

Pride has a way of sneaking in, even when we have good intentions. I believe that pride is the root of most of our sins. Am I helping others selflessly or is pride subtly influencing my behavior?

DO I SEEK GOD’S WILL OR MY OWN

Goal-setting is part of living our lives, but are our goals aligned with God's will for our lives? Am I focused on what I want or am I seeking purpose in God's will for my life?

I hope these eleven questions have both challenged and inspired you to grow just a bit more in Christ as they did me. Meditation on them has reminded me of one of Joyce Meyer’s classic quotes: “*I am not where I need to be, but thank God I am not where I used to be*.” If we have the discipline, and courage lol, to regularly review these questions, we will indeed grow into the people God created us to be.

**Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.**

**Ephesians 4:14-15 (NIV)**

God Bless…Pastor Dean

Source: Hope No Matter What



**October-November, 2024 Events**

October 5 Men’s breakfast at GW’s 9:00 a.m.

October 6 Communion Sunday

October 8 Admin. Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.

October 14 Columbus Day

October 31 Halloween

November 2 Men’s breakfast at TBA 9:00 a.m.

November 3 Daylight Savings Time ends

November 3 Communion Sunday

November 5 Election Day

November 11 Veteran’s Day

November 28 Thanksgiving Day



**Adult Sunday School**

The Adult Sunday School Class continues to study lessons as found on RightNow Media. Currently, the Class is studying parables with David Marvin as the featured leader in the DVD series.

As time continues to move forward, it won’t be long for lessons about thanks, together with Advent and Christmas. Where has this year gone??

Please join us on Sunday mornings !!!!

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**Hymns****for each Profession**

The Dentist's Hymn:......................Crown Him with Many Crowns
The Weatherman's Hymn:............There Shall Be Showers of Blessings
The Contractor's Hymn:................The Church's One Foundation
The Tailor's Hymn:.........................Holy, Holy, Holy
The Golfer's Hymn:........................There's a Green Hill Far Away
The Politician's Hymn:...................Standing on the Promises
The Optometrist's Hymn:..............Open My Eyes That I Might See
The IRS Agent's Hymn:...................I Surrender All
The Gossip's Hymn:.......................Pass It On
The Electrician's Hymn:.................Send The Light
The Shopper's Hymn:....................Sweet By and By
The Realtor's Hymn:......................I've Got a Mansion, Just Over the Hilltop
The Massage Therapists Hymn:....He Touched Me
The Doctor's Hymn:......................The Great Physician

**Bascom Community Calendar**

This summer, calendar route personnel completed the Bascom Community Calendar project. Soon, 303 calendars are to be shipped for distribution in October. This year’s order is down 22 calendars from 2023 and 17 calendars from 2022.

Thank you to all individuals who completed calendar routes. Please know that some of our church members complete more than one route. We appreciate your dedication and hard work in completing this project.

Special thanks goes to Juanita Yambert. She takes her time to contact and, in most cases, visit the vendors who purchase ads for the top of the calendar. Thanks Juanita!

 A big thank you goes out to Diane Reiter, owner of I.C. Treats – N – Things, who sponsored the colored calendar picture. The business celebrates its 20th year in front of Meadowbrook Park. If you stop by for a treat, congratulate Diane on 20 seasons of success and for supporting our calendar!

The Church graciously thanks all the other businesses that supply advertisements listed on the calendars. If you see those business owners out and about, thank them for their support!

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Following are the Scriptures that go along with the pastor’s sermons for the months of October-November, 2024:

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| *Tuesday***1 Oct 2024**   ORDINARY[Psalm 26](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+26)[Job 11 & 12](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JOB+11;12) | *Wednesday***2 Oct 2024**   ORDINARY[Genesis 2:4-25](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=GENESIS+2:4-25)[Job 13 & 14](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JOB+13;14) | *Thursday***3 Oct 2024**   ORDINARY[Psalm 8](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+8)[Job 15 & 16 & 17](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JOB+15;16;17) | *Friday***4 Oct 2024**   ORDINARY[Hebrews 1 & 2](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=HEBREWS+1;2)[Job 18 & 19](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JOB+18;19) | *Saturday***5 Oct 2024**   ORDINARY[Mark 10:1-16](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=MARK+10:1-16)[Job 20 & 21](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JOB+20;21) | *Sunday***6 Oct 2024**   B PROPER 22(27)[{ Job 1:1; 2:1-10](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JOB+1:1;2:1-10)[Psalm 26](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM++26)*or*[Genesis 2:18-24](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=GENESIS+2:18-24)[Psalm 8 }](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM++8)[Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=HEBREWS+1:1-4;2:5-12)[Mark 10:2-16](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=MARK+10:2-16)*(PM, see next Sunday)* |  |
| *Monday***7 Oct 2024**   ORDINARY[Job 22 & 23 & 24 & 25](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JOB+22;23;24;25) | *Tuesday***8 Oct 2024**   ORDINARY[Psalm 22](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+22)[Job 26 & 27 & 28](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JOB+26;27;28) | *Wednesday***9 Oct 2024**   ORDINARY[Amos 5:1-17](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=AMOS+5:1-17)[Job 29 & 30 & 31](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JOB+29;30;31) | *Thursday***10 Oct 2024**   ORDINARY[Psalm 90](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+90)[Job 32 & 33](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JOB+32;33) | *Friday***11 Oct 2024**   ORDINARY[Hebrews 3 & 4](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=HEBREWS+3;4)[Job 34 & 35](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JOB+34;35) | *Saturday***12 Oct 2024**   ORDINARY[Mark 10:17-34](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=MARK+10:17-34)[Job 36 & 37](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JOB+36;37) | *Sunday***13 Oct 2024**   B PROPER 23(28)[{ Job 23:1-9,16-17](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JOB+23:1-9,16-17)[Psalm 22:1-15](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+22:1-15)*or*[Amos 5:6-7,10-15](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=AMOS+5:6-7,10-15)[Psalm 90:12-17 }](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+90:12-17)[Hebrews 4:12-16](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=HEBREWS+4:12-16)[Mark 10:17-31](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=MARK+10:17-31)*(PM, see next Sunday)* |
| *Monday***14 Oct 2024**   ORDINARY[Job 38](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JOB+38)[*(Psalm 68)*](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+68) | *Tuesday***15 Oct 2024**   ORDINARY[Psalm 104](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+104)[Job 39](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JOB+39) | *Wednesday***16 Oct 2024**   ORDINARY[Isaiah 52:13-53:12](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=ISAIAH+52:13-53:12)[Job 40](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JOB+40) | *Thursday***17 Oct 2024**   ORDINARY[Psalm 91](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+91)[Job 41](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JOB+41) | *Friday***18 Oct 2024**   ORDINARY[Hebrews 5](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=HEBREWS+5)[*(Psalm 69)*](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+69) | *Saturday***19 Oct 2024**   ORDINARY[Mark 10:35-45](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=MARK+10:35-45)[Hebrews 6](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=HEBREWS+6) | *Sunday***20 Oct 2024**   B PROPER 24(29)[{ Job 38:1-7,*(34-41)*](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JOB+38:1-7,34-41)[Psalm 104:1-9,24,35c](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+104:1-9,24,35)*or*[Isaiah 53:4-12](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=ISAIAH+53:4-12)[Psalm 91:9-16 }](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+91:9-16)[Hebrews 5:1-10](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=HEBREWS+5:1-10)[Mark 10:35-45](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=MARK++10:35-45)*(PM, see next Sunday)* |
| *Monday***21 Oct 2024**   ORDINARY[Job 42](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JOB+42)[*(Psalm 70)*](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+70) | *Tuesday***22 Oct 2024**   ORDINARY[Psalm 34](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+34)[*(Psalm 71)*](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+71) | *Wednesday***23 Oct 2024**   ORDINARY[Jeremiah 30 & 31](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JEREMIAH+30;31) | *Thursday***24 Oct 2024**   ORDINARY[Psalm 126](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+126)[Daniel 1](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=DANIEL+1) | *Friday***25 Oct 2024**   ORDINARY[Hebrews 7](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=HEBREWS+7)[Daniel 2](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=DANIEL+2) | *Saturday***26 Oct 2024**   ORDINARY[Mark 10:46-52](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=MARK+10:46-52)[Hebrews 8](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=HEBREWS+8) | *Sunday***27 Oct 2024**   B PROPER 25(30)[{ Job 42:1-6,10-17](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JOB+42:1-6,10-17)[Psalm 34:1-8,*(19-22)*](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+34:1-8,19-22)*or*[Jeremiah 31:7-9](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JEREMIAH+31:7-9)[Psalm 126 }](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM++126)[Hebrews 7:23-28](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=HEBREWS+7:23-28)[Mark 10:46-52](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=MARK++10:46-52)*(PM, see next Sunday)* |
| *Monday***28 Oct 2024**   ORDINARY[Ruth 1 & 2](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=RUTH+1;2)[Psalm 146](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+146) | *Tuesday***29 Oct 2024**   ORDINARY[Deuteronomy 6](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=DEUTERONOMY+6)[Psalm 119:1-8](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+119:1-8) | *Wednesday***30 Oct 2024**   ORDINARY[Hebrews 9:1-15](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=HEBREWS+9:1-15)[Daniel 3](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=DANIEL+3) | *Thursday***31 Oct 2024**   ORDINARY[Isaiah 25:6-9](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=ISAIAH+25:6-9)[Psalm 24](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+24)[Revelation 21:1-6](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=REVELATION+21:1-6)[John 11:32-44](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JOHN+11:32-44) | *Friday***1 Nov 2024**   B ALL SAINTS[Isaiah 25:6-9](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=ISAIAH++25:6-9)[Psalm 24](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM++24)[Revelation 21:1-6a](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=REVELATION++21:1-6)[John 11:32-44](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JOHN++11:32-44) | *Saturday***2 Nov 2024**   ORDINARY[Mark 11:1-12:34](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=MARK+11:1-12:34)[Daniel 4](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=DANIEL+4) | *Sunday***3 Nov 2024**   B PROPER 26(31)[{ Ruth 1:1-18](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=RUTH+1:1-18)[Psalm 146](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM++146)*or*[Deuteronomy 6:1-9](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=DEUTERONOMY+6:1-9)[Psalm 119:1-8 }](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM++119:1-8)[Hebrews 9:11-14](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=HEBREWS+9:11-14)[Mark 12:28-34](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=MARK+12:28-34)*(or ALL SAINTS)**(PM, see next Sunday)* |
| *Monday***4 Nov 2024**   ORDINARY[Ruth 3 & 4](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=RUTH+3;4)[*(Psalm 72)*](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+72) | *Tuesday***5 Nov 2024**   ORDINARY[Psalm 127](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+127)[Daniel 5](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=DANIEL+5) | *Wednesday***6 Nov 2024**   ORDINARY[1 Kings 17:7-24](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=1+KINGS+17:7-24)[Daniel 6](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=DANIEL+6) | *Thursday***7 Nov 2024**   ORDINARY[Psalm 146](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+146)[Daniel 7](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=DANIEL+7) | *Friday***8 Nov 2024**   ORDINARY[Hebrews 9:16-28](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=HEBREWS+9:16-28)[Daniel 8](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=DANIEL+8) | *Saturday***9 Nov 2024**   ORDINARY[Mark 12:35-44](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=MARK+12:35-44)[Daniel 9](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=DANIEL+9) | *Sunday***10 Nov 2024**   B PROPER 27(32)[{ Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=RUTH+3:1-5;4:13-17)[Psalm 127](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM++127)*or*[1 Kings 17:8-16](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=1+KINGS+17:8-16)[Psalm 146 }](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM++146)[Hebrews 9:24-28](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=HEBREWS+9:24-28)[Mark 12:38-44](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=MARK+12:38-44)*(PM, see next Sunday)* |
| *Monday***11 Nov 2024**   ORDINARY[1 Samuel 1:1-20](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=1+SAMUEL+1:1-20)[Daniel 10](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=DANIEL+10) | *Tuesday***12 Nov 2024**   ORDINARY[1 Samuel 2:1-11](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=1+SAMUEL+2:1-11)[Daniel 11](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=DANIEL+11) | *Wednesday***13 Nov 2024**   ORDINARY[Daniel 12](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=DANIEL+12)[*(Psalm 73)*](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+73) | *Thursday***14 Nov 2024**   ORDINARY[Psalm 16](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+16)[*(Psalm 74)*](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+74) | *Friday***15 Nov 2024**   ORDINARY[Hebrews 10](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=HEBREWS+10)[*(Psalm 75)*](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+75) | *Saturday***16 Nov 2024**   ORDINARY[Mark 13 & 14](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=MARK+13;14) | *Sunday***17 Nov 2024**   B PROPER 28(33)[{ 1 Samuel 1:4-20](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=1+SAMUEL+1:4-20)[1 Samuel 2:1-10](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=1+SAMUEL+2:1-10)*or*[Daniel 12:1-3](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=DANIEL+12:1-3)[Psalm 16 }](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM++16)[Hebrews 10:11-14,*(15-18)*,19-25](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=HEBREWS+10:11-14,15-18,19-25)[Mark 13:1-8](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=MARK+13:1-8)*(PM, see next Sunday)* |
| *Monday***18 Nov 2024**   ORDINARY[2 Samuel 23:1-7](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=2+SAMUEL+23:1-7)[Mark 15](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=MARK+15) | *Tuesday***19 Nov 2024**   ORDINARY[Psalm 132](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+132)[Mark 16](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=MARK+16) | *Wednesday***20 Nov 2024**   ORDINARY[Daniel 7:1-14](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=DANIEL+7:1-14)[Hebrews 11](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=HEBREWS+11) | *Thursday***21 Nov 2024**   ORDINARY[Psalm 93](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+93)[Hebrews 12](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=HEBREWS+12) | *Friday***22 Nov 2024**   ORDINARY[Revelation 1:4-8](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=REVELATION+1:4-8)[Hebrews 13](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=HEBREWS+13) | *Saturday***23 Nov 2024**   ORDINARY[John 18 & 19](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JOHN+18;19) | *Sunday***24 Nov 2024**   B CHRIST THE KING   PROPER 29*(34)*[{ 2 Samuel 23:1-7](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=2+SAMUEL++23:1-7)[Psalm 132:1-12,*(13-18)*](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+132:1-12,13-18)*or*[Daniel 7:9-10,13-14](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=DANIEL+7:9-10,13-14)[Psalm 93 }](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM++93)[Revelation 1:4b-8](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=REVELATION++1:4-8)[John 18:33-37](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JOHN+18:33-37) |
| *Monday***25 Nov 2024**   ORDINARY[Joel 2:21-27](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JOEL+2:21-27)[Psalm 126](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+126)[1 Timothy 2:1-7](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=1+TIMOTHY+2:1-7)[Matthew 6:25-33](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=MATTHEW+6:25-33) | *Tuesday***26 Nov 2024**   ORDINARY[Joel 2:18-27](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JOEL+2:18-27)[Psalm 126](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM++126)[John 20](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JOHN+20) | *Wednesday***27 Nov 2024**   ORDINARY[1 Timothy 2:1-15](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=1+TIMOTHY+2:1-15)[Matthew 6:25-34](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=MATTHEW+6:25-34)[John 21](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JOHN+21) | *Thursday***28 Nov 2024**   B THANKSGIVING[Joel 2:21-27](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JOEL++2:21-27)[Psalm 126](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+++126)[1 Timothy 2:1-7](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=1+TIMOTHY++2:1-7)[Matthew 6:25-33](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=MATTHEW++6:25-33) | *Friday***29 Nov 2024**   ADVENT[Jeremiah 33:14-16](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=JEREMIAH+33:14-16)[Psalm 25:1-10](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+25:1-10)[1 Thessalonians 3:9-13](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=1+THESSALONIANS+3:9-13)[Luke 21:25-36](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=LUKE+21:25-36) | *Saturday***30 Nov 2024**   ADVENT[*(Psalm 76)*](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=PSALM+76) |  |



“A happy person is not a person in a certain set of circumstances, but rather a person with a certain set of attitudes.”

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**August, 2024 Administrative Board Meeting.Minutes**

**August 20, 2024**

Present: Carol Reisner, Bob Manz, Deb Lutz, Marcia Abbott, Ed Smith, Jeanne VanBuskirk, Pastor Dean, Pam Dunson, Carolyn Thallman, Helen Emerine, Lori Clay Not present: Mike Prosser

Minutes taken by Lori Clay

Pastor Dean opened with prayer.

Regarding the church building, the parking lot is to be sealed next Thursday, August 29th by Tri-County Sealing. The cost is $3148.00. The Raise the Roof balance is $3384.68. The bid was up 35% over 2021’s bid so a second bid was secured from Bush’s Tri-County Sealing. That bid was received at $98.00 above previous bid, so we are staying with Tri-County.

The five-year inspection of the well was completed on August 1, 2024. It appeared to fail due to a lack of a non-corrosive screen in the vent. Chuck Popenberg & Pastor Dean were to remove the cap, install spring and then disinfect well. Upon future inspection by Pastor Dean, the screen was located and contact was made with the Ohio EPA representative. The report had not been filed yet and was corrected and violation removed. The well was not opened.

Regarding the parsonage, there were no discussion points other than Pastor Dean power washed the parsonage during his vacation. He has also applied fertilizer, so the grass is very lush.

Helen Emerine presented how the team addressed the process of creating the bylaws, followed by a discussion of the proposed bylaws. The team, consisting of Pam Dunson, Carolyn Thallman, Nick Reinhard, Jeannie VanBuskirk, Pastor Dean and Helen Emerine met 5-6 times.

Discussion followed about necessary changes, rewording, items left out, typos, etc. The Board discussed everyone’s thoughts and feelings on the content of the bylaws. Ed Smith thanked everyone who was on the bylaws committee. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, August 27th at 4:00 p.m.to go over the revised copy after changes are made.

During our October meeting, we will be reviewing our Safe Sanctuary policy, which is necessary for insurance coverage reasons.

The financial report was given by Laura Clay. The current checkbook balance is $13,471.86. Ed Smith motioned to accept the report, Deb Lutz seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

There was no old business.

In new business, the Park family requested that they be allowed to provide Lions Club dinners since there is no longer a United Methodist Women group to do so. They will use the money they receive from the Lions Club toward replacing the church’s front doors. Helen Emerine motioned to allow, Bob Manz seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Juanita Yambert and Nick Reinhard are reaching out to Union UCC to let them know that our thoughts and prayers are with them as they go through their church closing.

The meeting was adjourned.

**September 3, 2024 Special Administrative Board Meeting.Minutes**

Present: Carol Reisner, Bob Manz, Deb Lutz, Ed Smith, Jeanne VanBuskirk, Pastor Dean, Pam Dunson, Helen Emerine, Lori Clay Not present: Mike Prosser, Carolyn Thallman, Marcia Abbott

 Minutes taken by Lori Clay

Pastor Dean opened with prayer.

The corrected copy of church by-laws was discussed. A few additional updates were added. Ed Smith motioned to accept the bylaws after revisions are made, Bob Manz seconded the motion and the motion carried. Pastor Dean will make the updates and give the copy to the Tiffin University law class under the direction of a local attorney to make sure all the wording is legally correct. As soon as we get it back, he will notify the board and it will then be printed for the congregation to review.

Some ongoing issues with the Blessing Box were discussed. After discussion, it was decided that we will lock the box and re-evaluate the situation. Pastor Dean and Helen Emerine will do some checking and share the information with the Board.

Next meetings will be October 8th at 6:00 p.m. and December 10th at 6:00 p.m.

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