

The Grapevine

October 2024

October Events



Hayride and Bonfire
Saturday, October 5



YAHA Fall Gathering
Monday, October 7



Craft Day
Saturday, October 12



Spaghetti Dinner
Saturday, October 19



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Pastor's Paragraphs

So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up.

Galatians 6:9 (NRSV)

The below text is the contents of my "Pastor's Report" that is included with our Charge Conference paperwork. Each year I sit down to write that report reflecting on the year that has passed, but also looking at the year that is to come. I thought that the words of the report speak well to the place we are as a church, and the future that we face and wanted to share them more widely that just with those that were able to attend the Charge Conference.

-----Original Text from Pastor's Report-----

I recently had the pleasure of sitting down and talking with Joanne Higby. After that meeting I did a quick search of our records and I found that she has been a member at Romeo UMC for the second longest amount of time of any living member, 72 years. It was a very nice conversation, honestly it is one of my favorite things to be able to sit down one on one with people and talk. We covered a wide gamut of topics, of course touching on church issues along the way. But during that conversation she also had brought me a surprise, an 1830 edition of John Wesley's Sermons (Vol 2). It has been in her family for many years, and it was shared with me to be able to look at, not to keep (I promise I'll get it back to you soon Joann!) There were two things that stood out to me as I gently opened the nearly 200-year-old book and turned its pages.

The first was on the inside cover. In it were the handwritten names and notes about the individuals that the book had been passed down to throughout the years. The one that stood out to me was, "Elmore Carlyle: licensed to preach in 1862, Methodist Episcopal Church" (Joanne would be Rev. Carlyle's great granddaughter according to the notes). But immediately underneath this note about Rev. Carlyle was this, "'The world is my parish.'" John Wesley'. That quote is indeed one of Wesley's most famous and spoke to his belief that wherever he was, whoever he was with, it was his responsibility to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with them. He was not limited to the four walls of any building, or any man-made geographical boundary. John Wesley believed it to be his job to share the love of Christ with any and all he could.

That quote quickly jumped to mind as I wrote this report. That spirit that Wesley infused into people right from the start of the Methodist movement is still seen in the people who call Romeo UMC home. I am blessed each day to see a group of people who make an effort to love others. Not because they are family, or friends, or church members, or neighbors, or anything else, but because they believe that all people deserve to be cared for and know of the love of Jesus Christ. Please know that your efforts are seen. There isn't always fanfare and a parade for all those ministries and the actions you take, but your continued commitment to seeing the world as your parish is an amazing example to many.

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Pastor's Paragraphs (continued)

The second thing that I came upon as I was thumbing through Wesley's Sermons was on Pg. 161, and was labeled as *Sermon LXXX - On Schism* (that's sermon 80 if you are struggling to remember your Roman numerals). But the first lines of that sermon read as this:

If there be any word in the English tongue as ambiguous and indeterminate in its meaning as the word church, it is one that is nearly allied to it; the word schism. It has been the subject of innumerable disputes, for several hundred years; and almost innumerable books have been written concerning it in every part of the Christian world.

(he then continues later in the paragraph)

And those of each side have generally, when they entered into the field, been secure of victory; supposing the strength of their arguments was so great, that it was impossible for reasonable men to resist them.

If you have been around the United Methodist Church at all over these past months (and years) you likely know why this sermon from Wesley, *On Schism*, spoke from the pages to me. It has been a difficult time, a time when we have not all been of one mind about the issues we face. But seeing these words from Wesley reminded me that this is not the first challenge that the church has ever faced. It is not the first schism that has ever occurred. And perhaps even more importantly it is unlikely to be the last. It has been a time of adversity. It has been a time that has seen us part ways with brothers and sisters, some of which we have known for some time.

I encourage us to remember that often in these disagreements we like to pick sides, us vs. them, and look down on the other side as if we are the only ones with the "right" answer. Let me be clear, I do not think that the 2024 United Methodist Church has a lock on the only accurate interpretation of Scripture and all things Theological and of God. As Wesley alluded to in his sermon, there has been disagreement in the church for as long as the church has been around. As we look to the future, I leave you again with the words that Wesley concluded his sermon with:

"Happy is he that attains the character of a peacemaker in the church of God. Why should you not labor after this? ... Do what in thee lies, and God will be present, and bring thy good desires to good effect. Never be weary of well doing; in due time thou shalt reap if thou faint not.

We have long stated that as a church we are "looking up, reaching out, caring within". I pray that as we continue to follow the Spirit's leading, we focus on those things we can control. Looking up to God for guidance and wisdom. Reaching out to the community and world around us to share the love of Christ. And caring for those who call our church home through life's peaks and valleys. It is an honor and a pleasure to continue to serve amongst and alongside each and every one of you. I look forward to seeing what God has in store for us all in the year ahead.

God Bless,
Pastor Devin

OCTOBER VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

- 6th Lorraine and Arvid Martin
 13th Doug & Vicky Posey and Linda Eastman
 20th Mischele Makhoulf and Linda Knight
 27th Anna Bonanni, Diane Hodgkin, and Jen Ricketts



GREETERS

- 6th Bob and Lynne Bachholzky
 13th Guy and Julie Jones-Lau
 20th Stella Wheeler and Mary Ann DeForest
 27th Gayle Beitel



Thank you for volunteering to greet.
 If you are unable to greet on your scheduled date, please arrange for a substitute.

USHERS SCHEDULE

- 6th Craig and Judy Engwall
 13th Janet Bauer and Becky Laseke
 20th Guy and Julie Jones-Lau
 27th Phil and Louchrisa Schwan



VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Seasonal Flowers	Mary Jo Hosler	586-337-2692
College Ministry	TBD	
Fellowship Hour	Becky Laseke	586-337-1361
Greeters	Gayle Beitel	248-981-3653
Nursery	TBD	
Sound Board	Dave Beskin	586-872-3797
Ushers	Craig Engwall	586-504-6655
Communion	Janet Bauer	586-752-6166

SOUND BOARD



- 6th Rosso Family
 13th Mischele Makhoulf
 20th Laurie Bennett
 27th Everett Smith

Weekly Meetings

Communion Sunday	First Sunday of each month		
Worship On-Line or In-Person	Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Sanctuary
Fellowship Time	Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Hall
Youth Group Meeting	Sunday	2:00 p.m.	Youth Room
Kitting and Crochet Group	Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	
His Table Community Meal	Tuesday	5:15 p.m.	Fellowship Hall
Santa's Workshop	Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	
UMW Reading Group	Wednesday	12:30 p.m.	

COMMUNION STEWARDS



October 6

Janet Bauer
 Kathy Smith

RUMC October 2024 Calendar

Tue	1 st	Hooks and Needles Group The Chosen Study	1:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m.
Wed	2 nd	Santa's Workshop Women of Faith Reading Group	10:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m.
Sat	5 th	Bonfire and Hayride	5:00 p.m.
Sun	6 th	Communion Sunday Blessing of the Animals Youth Group	1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.
Mon	7 th	YAHA's	Noon
Tue	8 th	Hooks and Needles Group The Chosen Study	1:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m.
Wed	9 th	Santa's Workshop	10:00 a.m.
Thur	10 th	Finance Committee Meeting Church Council Meeting Quilting Class Begins	5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Sat	12 th	Fall Craft Day	9:00 a.m.
Sun	13 th	Youth Group	2:00 p.m.
Tue	15 th	Hooks and Needles Group The Chosen Study	1:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m.
Wed	16 th	Santa's Workshop	10:00 a.m.
Thur	17 th	United Methodist Men Group Quilting Class	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Sat	19 th	Game Day Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser	3:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.
Sun	20 th	Youth Group	2:00 p.m.
Tue	22 nd	Hooks and Needles Group The Chosen Study	1:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m.
Wed	23 rd	Santa's Workshop	10:00 a.m.
Thur	24 th	Quilt Class	7:30 p.m.
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The third annual Blessing of the Animals will be on Sunday, October 6, at 1 pm. The blessing will be held on the greenspace lawn. All God's creatures are welcome to attend.



QUILTING CLASSES

October 10, 17, 24

November 7, 14, 21

7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Come join us for a 6-week quilt class. A pattern will be provided for a quilt to make, or you can bring your own pattern of your choosing. You can even bring your own projects to work on. If you can sew a straight line, you can learn to quilt! Any questions or to sign up for this free class, contact Linda Zimmerman at 586-291-5171



Crafters Needed

Christmas Craft Show and Rummage Sale

Saturday, November 23

9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Space \$30.

For further info call Becky 586/337-1361.

Samaritan House anticipates distributing over 200 food boxes that contain all of the Ingredients to prepare a Thanksgiving meal. Each family will also receive a gift card to purchase the meat of their choice.



Thanksgiving Needs: Deadline is November 1

Chicken Broth	Canned Pumpkin	Brownie Mix
Cranberry Sauce	Evaporated Milk	\$25 Gift Card (Meijer, Kroger)
Canned Green Beans	Pie Crust Mix	
Canned Corn	Gravy Packets or Canned Gravy	

Just a friendly reminder that we can only accept foods that haven't expired and they must have the expiration date printed on them (otherwise they have to be discarded).

Please no glass bottles or jars. Standard size products are preferred.



The Historical Committee is selling 200th Anniversary ornaments similar to the one from the 175th Anniversary (the attached picture is for reference).

Please fill out the attached form to order your ornament and return it to Becky Laseke or Marilyn Welser.

Deadline is October 15, 2024

ORDER FORM FOR 200th ANNIVERSARY ORNAMENT

Name _____ Phone number _____

Please place my order for _____ 200th Anniversary Ornaments @ \$12.00 each.

Paid – cash _____ check _____

Christmas Tea

The United Women in Faith are in the planning stages of the Advent Tea. If you are interested in assisting with the tea or have any ideas which you would like to share, please reach out to any UWF board member: Becky Laseke, Linda Knight, Anna Bonanni, Diane Hodgins, Joyce Benham, or Marilyn Welser.



A graphic for October Birthdays featuring a cluster of colorful balloons (blue, yellow, purple, green, and brown) with streamers. The text "October Birthdays" is written in a large, stylized font. The entire graphic is framed by a border of colorful stars and confetti.

1st Greg Dixon
9th Aloha Hilton
13th Judi VanHoutte
15th Daniel Harrar
16th Shelley Rosso
17th Gregory Hill
18th Judy Engwall
Mischele Makhoulf
Beth Sova
19th Mary Jo Hosler
23rd Jennifer Lamb
Brian Rosso
25th Alison Dixon
Ava Schwan
30th Phil Schwan

pageborders.org

A graphic for a Christmas Craft Show & Rummage Sale featuring a border of holly leaves and red berries. The text "CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW & RUMMAGE SALE" is written in a large, stylized font. The text "Saturday November 23, 2024 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m." is written in a smaller font. The text "\$2 Admission" is written in a smaller font. The text "Take a break from shopping and have lunch. Homemade soup, hot dogs, sloppy joes, baked goods and more are available." is written in a smaller font. The text "Crafters can rent an 8 ft space for \$30 Contact Becky Laseke at 586 337-1361" is written in a smaller font.

Romeo United Methodist Church
280 N Main Street
Romeo, MI 48065
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TENATIVE FAMILY MINISTRY EVENTS FOR 2024



October 5, Saturday 5:00-7:00
Hayride and bonfire

October 19, Saturday 3:00-5:00
Game Day

November 10, Sunday 3:00-5:00
Square Dance followed by meal

November 16, Saturday 3:00-5:00
Game Day

December
Secret Santas
Living Nativity

December 14, Saturday 3:00-5:00
Game Day

Wednesday, December 25
Community Christmas Dinner

December 31, Tuesday, 7:00-9:00
New Year's Eve Game Night

Watch for more details to come

The Chosen - Season 4 - Watch & Study



Starting Tuesday, October 1st (and continuing for 8 weeks) join Pastor Devin following the His Table meal at 6:15 as we will be watching Season 4 of The Chosen together. The episodes average around an hour each and after they are over, we will spend a little time talking about them. If you have never seen the show or would like to catch up before we start Season 4 you can find them online at: <https://watch.thechosen.tv/page/seasons%201-3> or you can search for "The Chosen" in your mobile device app store and find them there.

Game Afternoon

Saturday, September 19
3:00 - 5:00

Join us for a time of game or card playing. We'll have some games to play (or bring a favorite of yours), or just sit around and enjoy each other's company.

Bring a snack if you would like to.



YAHA'S (Young at Heart Adults - 55+)

Fall Fun

Monday, October 7 (12 - 2)

Fellowship Hall

Potluck (drinks and table service provided)

Fellowship and Games

Please sign up and join the fun!!!



Bonfire and Hayride

Saturday, October 5, 2024 from 5:00-7:00

Across from Northern Farm Market

74856 Van Dyke, Romeo (New location)

Enjoy a bonfire with weenie roast and a hayride



All are welcome

Please sign up so we can have enough hotdogs, etc.



United Women in Faith

invites you to a:

SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER

At Romeo United Methodist Church

280 N. Main Street, Romeo, MI 48065

Saturday, October 19th, 5:30-7:00pm

**\$10 Per Person \$5 10 years and under
3 years and under – FREE**

Proceeds to benefit Romeo United Methodist Church

Includes all you can eat spaghetti, salad, bread, drink and dessert

Questions? Diane Hodgin @ 248-330-7857

Please sign up at the church



FALL CRAFT DAY

OCTOBER 12, 2024 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. You will have a chair, table space, and fellowship while working on whatever craft you choose to bring.

You can even sit and read a book!

Support our church while having fun. Please sign-up and pre-pay to either Linda Zimmerman or Beth Sova.

Financial Snapshot of the Operating Fund as of 8/31/24

	<u>Actual</u>
Income	\$218,951
Expenses	<u>\$229,372</u>
Surplus	(\$10,421)

2024 Apportionments as of 8/31/24: **\$4,414**

We are most grateful to the family of Ilene Locke for the generous testamentary gift received from the Ilene Locke Family Trust

Romeo UMC needs your Financial Support!

The RUMC tagline has long been "Looking up, Reaching Out, Caring Within". Those three simple phrases embody the Spirit that lives in our church so well. We look up to God and offer our worship and praise. We reach out to our community and beyond through service and mission. We care within through our prayers and support of one another. However, caring within also has to consider the needs we have within our church and its budget. That is what the Operating fund of the Church is used for. The tithes and offerings given weekly go to the operating fund and cover the day-to-day operations and bills of the church. The Finance Committee meets monthly and keeps an eye on the income and expenses. If you have any questions, you can contact Pastor Devin or Tom Callow, Finance Chair. Thank you for your continued support of RUMC.



Romeo UMC Family of Prayer

October 2024

For Our Church Family:

Vi Abercrombie
Don Adkin
Bob Bachholzky
Elaine Roberson

Steve Domke
Kay Nicholson
Sue Rhoads-Sidote
Ted Simpson

Sue Coker
Jim Lindsay
Beth Theisen
Jean Corah

For Our Extended Family and Friends

Kay Nicholson's nephew, Brett, is responding well to treatment for depression and alcoholism, prayers he will stay on this path, Steve Domke's friend, Rick Kirsch, Elaine Parr's sister-in-law's brother, Henry Shoot, Jaclyn, sister of Diandra Khoury, entered rehab and working on sobriety

For answered prayer updates (remove), or to add a new prayer request, please send an email to office@romeoumc.com.



