



September—  
October—  
November 2019

# CALVARY COMMENTS

## FROM THE PASTOR



In the church we often fall into the mistaken notion that “missions” is about giving hand-outs to people who are unable to help themselves. While this is a noble thing to do, it is not mission so much as charity. According to the dictionary, a “mission” is an important assignment carried out for political, religious, or commercial purposes, typically involving travel as well as the vocation or calling of a religious organization, especially a Christian one, to go out into the world and spread its faith. Being engaged in mission means more than sending money to worthy causes. Being engaged in mission means building relationships with people and organizations so that we can more effectively live as Jesus’ disciples and share the Good News about Jesus Christ with the world. Whether we do “mission” at home or abroad (ideally all churches should be involved in both!), our #1 goal in missions is to build relationships with others in order to advance God’s kingdom. Over the past several years, Avilla Calvary has been working on forming those relationships. We’ve been developing relationships and partnerships with the Avilla Elementary School, Presence Sacred Heart, Restore Avilla, Camp Lakewood, and Costa Rica Mission Projects among others. As we nurture these relationships we seek to fulfill our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Sometimes this work is slow, and sometimes it is fast, but regardless of how slow or fast the work goes, the effort put into developing relationships of trust and mutual appreciation and cooperation within our community and in organizations outside of our local community helps to us live into our mission to make disciples. We cannot make disciples of people with whom we have no relationship! As we continue to foster these relationships and seek out other opportunities for mission, keep our developing relationships with the aforementioned organizations in your prayers that, over time, they might bear fruit for God’s Kingdom!

In Christ’s Service,  
Pastor Shalimar

## SIGN UP TO RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTER ELECTRONICALLY

Do to the increasing cost of postage, we will begin publishing “Calvary Comments” quarterly and offering the option of receiving the newsletter electronically as a PDF document. If you are able and willing to receive an electronic copy of the newsletter in place of a hard copy, please contact the church office to let us know and to ensure we have your updated e-mail address on file. We will continue providing hard copies to those who wish to receive them.



## SEEKING POSTAGE STAMP DONATIONS

One of our most significant office expenses is postage stamps!! We need postage stamps for our grief mailings, newsletters, visitor welcome cards, and other mailings throughout the year. Would you be willing to help us reduce office costs by donating postage stamps? We are in need of both letter and postcard stamps. Every stamp helps. THANK YOU!!

Date and Time for  
**Children’s FALL PARTY**  
to be announced soon. Keep your eyes and ears open!

## EVENTS IN September-October-November Look inside for details

September 11	Choir Practices Resume
September 30	Bishop Trimble in Northeast District
October 5-6	Apple Festival
October 5	Disaster Response Training
October 27	Deadline for inclusion in All Saints Day list of Saints
November 3	All Saints Sunday
November 3	Christmas Charities Benefit Dinner
November 2	Charge Conference
November 24	2020 Estimate of Giving Cards Due

Possible Fall Work Day at Camp Lakewood in September or October—to be determined.



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# Worship

*“Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness.” —Psalm 115:1*

After finishing up our series on Christian Worship we will spend some time with Jesus in the Gospel of Luke then move into the prophets as we close out the Christian Year with a focus on what is to come. Also, the choir will begin singing anthems on September 15th!!

## September 1

12th Sunday after Pentecost

“Christian Worship:

Thanksgiving & Communion”

*We will celebrate communion this Sunday*

## September 8

13th Sunday after Pentecost

“Christian Worship: Sending Forth”

## September 15

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Luke 15:1-10

“Parable of the Lost Sheep”

## September 22

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Luke 16:1-13

“Parable of the Dishonest Manager”

## September 29

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Luke 16:19-31

“The Rich Man and Lazarus”

## October 6

17th Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

Luke 17:5-10

“Faith of a Mustard Seed”

*We will celebrate communion this Sunday*

## October 13

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Luke 17:11-19

“Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers”

## October 20

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Hymn Sing

## October 27

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Youth Sunday

## November 3

21st Sunday after Pentecost

All Saints Sunday

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

*We will celebrate communion this Sunday*

## November 10

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Organ and Tissue Donor Sunday

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

## November 17

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 65:17-25

## November 24

Christ the King/Reign of Christ

Jeremiah 23:1-6

## CELEBRATING THE CHRISTIAN YEAR

### SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

The Season after Pentecost, also called “Ordinary Time” is the longest season of the church year, stretching from Trinity Sunday through Christ the King Sunday, just before the beginning of Advent. The color for the season after Pentecost is green, signifying growth. During this season we are reminded that Christ is with us through the ordinary times in our lives, and not just the extraordinary ones.

### ALL SAINTS DAY

All Saints Day falls on November 1st and is usually celebrated in worship the first Sunday in November. On this day we remember not only the great historic figures of the church, but people who we ourselves have known and revered as models of the Christian faith. We are reminded that our lives influence and impact others and that we ourselves need to live lives worthy of imitation.

### CHRIST THE KING

Christ the King Sunday, also called Reign of Christ Sunday, is the final Sunday in the Christian Year. Christ the King serves as a bridge between the final Sundays in Ordinary Time and the beginning of the New Year in the Advent Season as focus on Christ’s promised second coming and the coming of the new age which Christ shall reign triumphant and eternal overall of heaven and earth.

**“First, We cannot worship if we are simply an audience or a group of spectators. Worship necessarily requires *participation*; it is something we do....Second, we close ourselves off from worship if we do not expect anything is going to happen. For us to worship, we need a sense of *expectancy*—we come expecting to meet God, to be in God’s presence, give God praise, hear God speak, respond to God’s call, and be touched by God’s grace. We expect that as a result, our lives will be different from having worshiped God. To come with a desire for God and even a slight degree of faith can transform worship from a meaningless routine to a means of grace. —Henry H. Knight III**

## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Sunday, November 3rd @ 9:00 a.m.

On November 3rd we will be reading the names of all those loved ones who have died in the past year, since October 1, 2018. If you would like the name of someone you loved to be read, **please get their name, dates of birth and death, and a picture to the church office by Sunday, October 27th.** Please do not assume the office will already have the information!

# MISSIONS

*“Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.” —Mark 16:15*

## 2019 Missions of the Month

Each month during 2019 we will feature a different mission agency. All undesignated “missions” funds collected during that month will go toward that month’s selected mission.

### SEPTEMBER:

#### **Noble House Ministries, Inc.**

During the Month of September, all undesignated missions monies will support Noble House Ministry, Inc. Noble House provides a safe, nurturing environment for individuals and families overcoming difficulties. They serve an average of 131 homeless men, women, and children each year who wish to embark on a journey of rebuilding, learning, and emerging. Support services are provided. Go to [www.noblehouseministriesinc.com](http://www.noblehouseministriesinc.com) for more information.

### OCTOBER:

#### **Trinity Daycare Ministry**

During the month of October, all undesignated missions monies will support Trinity Daycare Ministry, located at Trinity UMC in Albion, Indiana. Trinity Daycare is a not-for-profit ministry that provides quality childcare for children aged 6 weeks through 12 years in a Christian environment. The program proves a pre-school for children aged 3-5 and before and after school programs for school children. The daycare is overseen by a Board of Directors that meet bi-monthly, composed of parents and church representatives.

### NOVEMBER:

#### **Camp Lakewood**

Camp Lakewood offers elementary and family camps as well as opportunities for church retreats. Part of Impact2818 Outdoor Ministries, Camp Lakewood is one of seven United Methodist camps in Indiana. Avilla Calvary is actively engaged in Camp Lakewood, sending kids to camp and assisting with fall and spring work days. To learn more about Camp Lakewood go to <https://impact2818.org/our-team/camp-lakewood/>.

Missional congregations are calling disciples to live as missionaries, whose primary task is inviting others to journey as followers of Christ. They believe, through faith, all things are possible. They believe the Kingdom that accomplishes inner transformation in disciples will result in external transformation of the world. —Milfred Minatrea

## CHRISTMAS DINNER

BENEFIT FOR AVILLA CHRISTMAS CHARITIES



Sunday, November 3  
@ St. James Restaurant  
11 a.m. until they run out of food  
\$5 minimum donation

Avilla Calvary will once again be providing **pies** for this meal. Please support this community-wide effort to raise money for Avilla Christmas Charities.

## READING BUDDIES

@  
Avilla  
Elementary  
School

**Commit to read with one or more children at Avilla School for 20 minutes each week. Sign up in the Narthex.**

## ADOPT A CLASSROOM

Pastor Shalimar is currently working with Dave Pine and Natalie Williams at Avilla School on an “Adopt a Classroom” program to support new teachers in the Avilla School. Details are still being worked out. Keep your eyes and ears open for updates!

**STAMPS & SODAS  
CANCELED POSTAGE  
STAMPS**

Are sent to Marian Mission Storehouse

**POP CAN TABS**

Are sent to Ronald McDonald House. For more information go to [www.rmhc.org](http://www.rmhc.org)

**“Special Sunday”**

**Offerings**

The United Methodist Church has 6 “Special Sunday” offerings scattered throughout the year. Special envelopes are provided for these offerings.

To learn more go to <http://www.umc.org/how-we-serve/special-sundays>.

**October 6: World Communion Sunday**

**Bishop’s Christmas Offering for Children**

This year we will once again be collecting the Bishop’s Christmas Offering for Children during the Advent Season. The collection bags will be passed out during worship on December 1st.

**Costa Rica Mission Team Report**

Our Costa Rica Mission Team had a wonderful and productive mission trip with Costa Rica Mission Projects, inc. June 15-22! We were honored join our Costa Rican brothers and sisters for worship on two different occasions, spent four days working on building a Sunday school classroom at the Methodist Church in Cocori, and enjoyed a lovely day at Manuel Antonio National Park on our day off. Over the course of the week we practiced being “church” together as we partnered with the Methodist Church in Costa Rica in worship and service. We are eager to return in another year or two as we continue to build on the relationships we have formed. Thank you to everyone who supported us with your gifts and your prayers! We couldn’t have done it without you!

**DISASTER RESPONSE TRAINING**

October 5

9:00 a.m. –5:00 p.m.

Good Shepherd UMC, Fort Wayne

\$15 for an individual

\$25 for a church team of any size

This UMCOR training will equip church teams and individuals to respond effectively when facing a disaster in their communities and beyond.

- Discover which of your church resources can be valuable for disaster response.
- Discern how your church can best serve.
- Prepare for action.
- Speed up response time and shorten recovery time.

Individuals are welcome to train, of course, but teams are urgently needed and are more likely to organize and take action. Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, October 2nd.

Register online at:

<https://inumc.swoogo.comdrt105ftwgsh>

**Presence Sacred Heart in need of Wednesday Outing Helpers**

If you’re looking for a great way to get involved in the community, consider joining Sacred Heart residents for their Wednesday outings! Helpers are needed to travel with the residents to various places and assist with pushing wheelchairs. Outings are on Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Contact Kimberly Ley at Presence Sacred Heart for more information.



**SCOUT ENCOURAGERS**

Contact the church office or sign up in the narthex to be a “Scout Encourager.” Scout Encouragers pray for our scouts and send them occasional notes of encouragement.

# Discipleship

*Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.*  
—Philippians 1:27

## Equip Leadership Conference, District Visioning Day & CHARGE CONFERENCE

Saturday, November 2  
Leadership Conference in AM  
Visioning Day & Charge Conference in PM  
Exact times TBD

All members of the Administrative Council are expected, at minimum, to attend the Charge Conference portion of the event. Others are welcome.

## Sacred Heart Bible Study

Wednesdays at  
11:00 a.m.

@Presence Sacred  
Heart Nursing Home

August 14-October 9  
"Praying the Psalms"

October 16-December 25  
"Faith"

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

As followers of Christ we are all called to live out our faith through acts of service! Here are a few ways you can serve in the next three months:

- ◇ Volunteer to assist Sacred Heart Home with **Wednesday outings**.
- ◇ Sign up to **bake a pie** for the Avilla Charities Christmas Dinner Benefit
- ◇ Sing in the **choir**
- ◇ **Share the love and grace of Jesus Christ** with people in your "mission field": the places where you work, shop, study, and play
- ◇ **Invite** someone to church
- ◇ Volunteer as a **Greeter** and/or **Usher**
- ◇ Sign up to **Bake Cookies** and/or **Set-Up for Cookie Sunday** on September 15, October 29 or November 17
- ◇ **Visit or Send Cards** to our members who are shut-in and/or in nursing homes
- ◇ Contact Don and Karen Crawford about volunteering with the **Avilla Food Pantry**
- ◇ Ask to be trained to run **sound and/or media** during our worship services so we can better "spread out" these responsibilities among members of the congregation
- ◇ Contact Jim Felger or Dale Richmond about ways you can assist with general **maintenance and repair** needs around the church

## Sing in the Choir

Choir practices will begin on Wednesday, September 11th. We welcome anyone who would like to sing to join us for our practices on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m.!

## THE UPPER ROOM

The *Upper Room* devotional is published every other month and is available in the narthex free of charge! Pick up your copy today! Find additional devotional resources at [www.upperroom.org](http://www.upperroom.org).

## Disciple Fast-Track Bible Study

"Into the Word,  
Into the World"  
Luke-Acts

Tuesdays,  
August 20-November 19

Our 12-week study on Luke-Acts continues through November 19th on Tuesday nights from 6:30-8:00 p.m. You can also plug into the study, at a slightly slower pace, on Sunday mornings in the Genesis Sunday School class in room 102.

# CONGREGATIONAL CARE

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

<b>September</b>	8 Carly Smith	23 Sue Gienger
	10 Sharon Shisler	24 Mary Whonsetler
	11 Dawn Targgart	25 Becky Shull
	13 Karen Crawford	29 Macey Richmond
	17 Kent Garman	29 Landon Swogger
	18 Kloii Thomas	
	19 Doug Targgart	
21 Ann Liebing		

<b>October</b>	3 Sherry Kemerly	12 Susie Corbin
	4 Karen Patrick	16 Cassie Richmond
	5 Zach Sarrazine	16 Anna Becker
	7 Gailanna Ransom	20 Jean Wiemer
	9 Carole Foster	21 Peggy Draper
	9 Robert Shull	24 Jerry Becker
	9 Helena Weaver	25 Jackie Wakeman
	11 Steve Sheets	25 Sally Sibert
	11 Lydia Swogger	30 Wyatt Dolezal

<b>November</b>	2 Lee Ann Dolezal	20 Carrie Hunter
	8 Chris Slusher	22 Rheta Igney
	9 Payton Hart	23 Amy Barker
	14 Madisyn Redman	24 Marvin Rodenbeck
	16 Danyelle Lewis	29 Dan Hart
	17 Dave Dolezal	30 Wallace Caskey
	17 Robert Gienger	30 Jason Shull
	18 Dianna Danalds	

## VISITS AND CARDS

Those who are unable to join us in worship love to hear from us! **Brighten their day this fall by dropping in for a visit and/or sending them a card. Addresses can be found in our Church Directory.**

**LaVerna Terrace:** Pat Meyer  
**Chapman Place:** Margaret Ross

**Lutheran Life Villages:** Sharon Shisler  
**At Home:** Nicole Harding

**Orchard Point:** Joy Sneary  
 Dianna Zimmerman  
**Ann VanZile**

**Presence Sacred Heart:** Gene Cogan  
 Wilma Mueller



We lift up the families of the following saints-in-glory as they mourn the passing of their loved ones:

- Harry Draper (d. 6/18/19)
- Anne Windle (d. 8/16/19)

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

### SEPTEMBER

- 1 Terry & Lisa Kemerly
- 1 Wallace & Becky Caskey
- 12 Max & Linda Franklin
- 16 John & Sherry Kemerly
- 17 Andrew & Holly Swogger
- 22 Bill & Star Fetter
- 25 Mark & Angie Smith

### OCTOBER

- 8 Keith & Jean Wiemer
- 20 Adam & Leslie Friedel
- 29 Dave & Lee Ann Dolezal

### NOVEMBER

- 10 Todd & Kathy Hile



*Happy Birthday!!  
 Congratulations to Ann VanZile on her 90th Birthday on June 13, celebrated with all her family and friends.*

## APPLE FESTIVAL

Sign up sheets will go out in September for help with our noodle stand at the Apple Festival on October 5-6! We will need up in the days prior setting up our stand and during the festival we will need help making, serving, and selling the noodles. We depend on everyone who is able to chip in to make our Apple Festival fundraiser a success!!

# 2020 ESTIMATE OF GIVING FORM

Please return your 2020 Estimate of Giving to the Church Office by Sunday, November 24th.

Taking the time to consider and submit your annual "Estimate of Giving" helps you to carefully and prayerfully consider your financial commitment to the church for the coming year and also assists our Finance Committee as we plan our 2020 budget. We encourage you to give proportionally and, if you are able, to increase your commitment by at least 1% over last year, working toward the Biblical standard of 10% if you are not already there. If you prefer to pay electronically, we encourage you to set up automatic payments through your bank or credit union. Thank you for being faithful in your membership commitment to support the church with your gifts!!

In 2020, I/We estimate giving the following amount to the "General Fund":

\_\_\_\_\_ Weekly  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Bi-Weekly  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Quarterly  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Annually

## PORPORTIONATE GIVING GUIDE

INCOME	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	10%	11%
\$10,000	\$100	\$200	\$300	\$400	\$500	\$600	\$700	\$800	\$900	\$1000	\$1100
\$20,000	\$200	\$400	\$600	\$800	\$1000	\$1200	\$1400	\$1600	\$1800	\$2000	\$2200
\$30,000	\$300	\$600	\$900	\$1200	\$1500	\$1800	\$2100	\$2400	\$2700	\$3000	\$3300
\$40,000	\$400	\$800	\$1200	\$1600	\$2000	\$2400	\$2800	\$3200	\$3600	\$4000	\$4400
\$50,000	\$500	\$1000	\$1500	\$2000	\$2500	\$3000	\$3500	\$4000	\$4500	\$5000	\$5500
\$60,000	\$600	\$1200	\$1800	\$2400	\$3000	\$3600	\$4200	\$4800	\$5400	\$6000	\$6600
\$70,000	\$700	\$1400	\$2100	\$2800	\$3500	\$4200	\$4900	\$5600	\$6300	\$7000	\$7700
\$80,000	\$800	\$1600	\$2400	\$3200	\$4000	\$4800	\$5600	\$6400	\$7200	\$8000	\$8800
\$90,000	\$900	\$1800	\$2700	\$3600	\$4500	\$5400	\$6300	\$7200	\$8100	\$9000	\$9900
\$100,000	\$1000	\$2000	\$3000	\$4000	\$5000	\$6000	\$7000	\$8000	\$9000	\$10,000	\$11,000
\$110,000	\$1100	\$2200	\$3300	\$4400	\$5500	\$6600	\$7700	\$8800	\$9900	\$11,000	\$12,100

### ~~THE STEWARDSHIP CORNER~~

Offerings and income for Jun/Jul/Aug 23,116.84  
 Expenses for Jun/Jul/Aug 23,670.76  
 Year to date offerings: 68,562.59  
 Year to date expenses: 80,494.23

Other Jun/Jul/Aug Offerings

- Missions—Destiny Rescue \$105
- Missions—Costa Rica Mission Projects Inc. \$70
- Missions—Food Pantry \$525
- Missions—Camp Scholarships \$678
- Missions—UMCOR \$145
- Missions—Restore Avilla \$308
- Missions—UM Mountain Mission \$51
- Building fund \$2573
- Trustees \$240

Average attendance for June: 58  
 Average attendance for July: 65  
 Average attendance for August: 58  
 Total # of attendees in Jun/Jul/Aug 134

**PLEASE NOTE:** Income and expenses vary throughout the year. At the end of the year, any deficit is able to be covered by funds raised at the Apple Festival. The Finance Committee chooses to wait until the end of the year to rectify the account due to the fact that income often increases toward the end of the year to make up some of the deficit. While we would ideally like to see all our expenses met by our General Offering income each month, thanks to all our hard work at the Apple Festival every year we are able to continue to meet our bills during those times when our expenses exceed our income. Your financial contributions make a real difference, and we thank you for helping to ensure that our church is staffed, our building maintained, and our ministry to the church and community supported!

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL ATTENDANCE  
 AND FOR YOUR GIFTS!!!**

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# STEWARDSHIP

*Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?" —Luke 16:10-12*

Giving to the church is just one part of a healthy approach to the stewardship of our resources. We are stewards of ALL we have, and we have been given a responsibility to use wisely all the resources God has entrusted to us, whether we have little or much. As you consider your financial commitment to the church in 2020, please take time to review your entire spending plan with the help of this worksheet as you seek to be more faithful and intentional with the resources God has given you. The percentages listed indicate a suggested percentage of your monthly income that should be spent in each category. Each household's spending plan will very considerably given their place in life and their own unique spending patterns. This worksheet is intended to assist you in your budget planning and is not to be submitted to the church.

## MY MONTHLY SPENDING PLAN

|                                  |       | TOTALS   |                                         |          |
|----------------------------------|-------|----------|-----------------------------------------|----------|
| <b>EARNINGS/INCOME PER MONTH</b> |       | \$ _____ | <b>7. HOUSEHOLD/PERSONAL (15-25%)</b>   | \$ _____ |
| Salary #1: (net take-home)       | _____ |          | Groceries                               | _____    |
| Salary #2: (net take-home)       | _____ |          | Clothes/Dry Cleaning                    | _____    |
| Other income (less taxes)        | _____ |          | Gifts                                   | _____    |
| <b>1. GIVING</b>                 |       | \$ _____ | Household Items                         | _____    |
| Church                           | _____ |          | Tobacco/Alcohol                         | _____    |
| Other Contributions              | _____ |          | Cosmetics                               | _____    |
| <b>2. SAVINGS (15%)</b>          |       | \$ _____ | Barber/Beauty                           | _____    |
| Emergency                        | _____ |          | Books/Music/Etc.                        | _____    |
| Long-Term                        | _____ |          | Allowances                              | _____    |
| Other                            | _____ |          | Personal Tech.                          | _____    |
| <b>3. DEBT PAYMENT (0-10%)</b>   |       | \$ _____ | Extracurricular Act.                    | _____    |
| Credit Cards                     | _____ |          | Education                               | _____    |
| Education Loans                  | _____ |          | Pets                                    | _____    |
| Other Debt                       | _____ |          | Miscellaneous                           | _____    |
| <b>4. HOUSING (25-36%)</b>       |       | \$ _____ | <b>8. ENTERTAINMENT (5-10%)</b>         |          |
| Mortgage/Taxes/Rent              | _____ |          | Restaurants/Fast Food                   | _____    |
| Maintenance/Repairs              | _____ |          | Movies/Events                           | _____    |
| Utilities                        | _____ |          | Babysitting                             | _____    |
| <b>5. AUTO/TRASP. (15-20%)</b>   |       | \$ _____ | Travel/Vacation                         | _____    |
| Car Payments                     | _____ |          | Fitness/Sports                          | _____    |
| Car Maintenance                  | _____ |          | Hobbies                                 | _____    |
| Parking/Public Trans.            | _____ |          | Other                                   | _____    |
| <b>6. INSURANCE (5%)</b>         |       | \$ _____ | <b>9. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (5-15%)</b> | \$ _____ |
| Auto                             | _____ |          | Child Care                              | _____    |
| Homeowners                       | _____ |          | Out of Pocket Medical                   | _____    |
| Life                             | _____ |          | Legal                                   | _____    |
| Medical/Dental                   | _____ |          | Counseling                              | _____    |
| Other                            | _____ |          | Other                                   | _____    |
|                                  |       |          | <b>10. MISC. SMALL CASH (2-3%)</b>      | \$ _____ |
|                                  |       |          | <b>TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME</b>             | \$ _____ |
|                                  |       |          | <b>LESS TOTAL EXPENSES</b>              | \$ _____ |
|                                  |       |          | <b>INCOME OVER/(UNDER) EXPENSES</b>     | \$ _____ |



Dear friends, Thank you for your continued financial and prayer support. You are a blessing to us and to the work in Zambia. God bless you, Ken & Debbie Vance

Calvary UMC—Thank you for remembering the ministry of Life and Family Services with your gift. We appreciate your heart for all that happens here. Together we can make a difference for the women and families in Noble County. Thank you! Debbie Derby

I want to thank everyone for the prayers and get well cards and thank Pastor Shalimar for visiting us in the hospital and also at home. Larry has a long way to go but thank God for being with us. Thanks for caring. Love, The Burkharts

Dear Friends, The dear people you helped with your gift to UMCOR may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be Thank You! —UMCOR

Thank you to everyone who helped make noodles during the month of August! This is truly a congregation-wide effort and you are all appreciated!

—Avilla Calvary UMC

Thank you to those who provided breakfast and lunch for the Avilla Days Car Show. You are appreciated!

—Avilla Calvary UMC

Thank you so much for all your support for our Costa Rica Mission Trip! We couldn't have done it without you!

—Costa Rica Mission Team

Thank you to everyone who helped out at the Rummage Sale in August. You're awesome!

—United Methodist Women

A huge "thank you" to Todd Hile for mowing the church lawn this season and to Angie and Cobin Moriarity for mowing the parsonage lawn. You did an awesome job and we love you!

—Avilla Calvary UMC

Thank you to Chris Mettert for recording more music into the Clavinova for our choir and congregation!

—Avilla Calvary UMC

## HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES

Monday, September 2nd for Labor Day  
Thursday, November 28th for Thanksgiving



## NEWS FROM OUR SCOUTS

### Boy Scout Troop 115 & Cub Pack 3115

Our Boy Scouts are already up and running for new school year. Our Cub Scout Pack will start up again on August 25th for boys and girls in grades K-5. For further information contact Larry Corbin at 246-1660.

### News from Carolyn Veit

It is finally happening...The end of an era...I will be leaving Haiti. I have been here since October 14, 1976...I had come thinking it would be for 2 years...that turned into 3...then, one project led to another...one idea led to the next...43 years later here I am at another crossroads...LEAVING HAITI.

Definitely now...I plan to make my exodus the end of October...this year...2019...in 3 month's time...My mom is in need of elder-care...and my family keeps growing up without me...I do have plans to come back to visit Haiti...keep involved from afar...But for now...here I come Indiana.

Clinical services will be continuing with only local staff...as they have been for 98% of the time. An average of 60 patients per day are seen. The Birthing Program employs two midwives and a OB/GYN visits weekly to manage high risk ladies. The Haitian staff delivers daily commitment in the face of continued instability and uncertainty here in Haiti.

Thinking ahead to hurricane season this year; in the past, I have bought goats, seeds, nails, tin...things to help with reconstruction. Since this season is my last 'hurrah'...I have everything 'ready' so that I have less to be thinking about as my own time for departure draws near.

In any case, for your and my own planning purposes, I wanted to share this news with you...After October 25, my address will be...1217 Lima Road North, Kendallville, Indiana...

But most importantly, I think you again for all of the prayers and support you have given so generously to me. I am so glad that God brought me here! Again, Thank you! —Carolyn Veit

### MEETINGS in Sept/Oct/Nov

**Trustees:** Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6 @ 5:30 p.m.

**Lay Leadership:** Sept. 4 @ 6:30 p.m. & Sept. 18 @ 7:30 p.m.

**Finance Committee:** October 2 @ 6:30 p.m.

**Staff Parish Committee:** October 9 @ 7:30 p.m.

**Administrative Council:** October 16 @ 7:30 p.m.

# Keep Alert

The end of the Christian Year brings us to a time of focus on the second coming of Christ and the promise of a judgment day followed by a new heaven and a new earth. Search for these words from Mark 13:33

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### A BIT OF HUMOR

One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Johnny was staring up at the large plaque that hung in the foyer of the church. The seven-year-old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside the boy, and said quietly, "Good morning son."

"Good morning pastor" replied the young man, focused on the plaque.

"Sir, what is this?" Johnny asked.

"Well son, these are all the people who have died in the service," replied the pastor. Soberly, they stood together, staring at the large plaque.

Little Johnny's voice barely broke the silence when he asked quietly, "Which one sir, the 8:30 or the 10:30 service?"

-- Author Unknown

# Singing our Faith

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"  
 UMH #694

Written by Anglican priest Henry Alford in 1844, the hymn addresses the common theme of harvest festivals, called in England the Harvest Home, which is celebrated in English churches usually during the month of September. A thanksgiving service would be held in the church, where the bounty of the harvest is collected, displayed with the fall trappings of pumpkins and autumn leaves, and then dispensed to the needy. And, of course, unlike the humanist that is essentially grateful to only himself, a true Harvest Home celebration acknowledges the provision of God, as did the Pilgrims in 1621 and the ancient Hebrews in their Feast of Firstfruits in the spring on the first day after Passover at the time of the barley harvest. The first verse focuses on the physical harvest, the second is based on the parable of the wheat and the weeds (Mt. 13:24-43) and the parable of the seed growing secretly (Mt. 4:26-29), and the last two verses focus on Jesus' return and the day of Final Judgment.

*Come, ye thankful people come, raise the song of harvest home; all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin. God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied; come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.*

*All the world is God's own field, fruit as praise to God we yield; wheat and tares together sown are to joy or sorrow grown; first the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear; Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.*

*For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home; from the field shall in that day all offenses purge away, giving angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast; but the fruitful ears to store in the garner evermore.*

*Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring the final harvest home; gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin, there, forever purified, in thy presence to abide; come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.*

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| 1<br>9am Worship<br>10am SS                                                                     | 2<br><b>Labor Day</b><br>Office Closed | 3<br>9-11:30am<br>Food Pantry<br><br>6:30-8pm<br>Disciple Bible<br>Study  | 4<br>11am Bible Study<br>@ Sacred Heart<br><br>5:30pm Trustees<br>6:30pm<br>Lay Leadership<br>7:30pm Member-<br>ship Care Comm. | 5<br><br>6:30pm<br>Scout Leader's<br>Round Table                                  | 6  | 7  |
| 8<br>9am Worship<br>10am SS                                                                     | 9                                      | 10<br>9-11:30am<br>Food Pantry<br><br>6:30-8pm<br>Disciple Bible<br>Study | 11<br>11am Bible Study<br>@ Sacred Heart<br><br>6:30<br>Choir Practice                                                          | 12<br><br>6:30pm Cub &<br>Boy Scouts                                              | 13 | 14 |
| 15<br>9am Worship<br>10am SS<br>11am Immanuel<br>Lutheran Church<br>Community Picnic<br>in Park | 16                                     | 17<br>9-11:30am Food<br>Pantry<br><br>6:30-8pm<br>Disciple Bible<br>Study | 18<br>11am Bible Study<br>@ Sacred Heart<br><br>6:30<br>Choir Practice<br>7:30pm<br>Lay Leadership                              | 19<br><br>6:30pm Cub &<br>Boy Scouts                                              | 20 | 21 |
| 22<br>9am Worship<br>10am SS                                                                    | 23                                     | 24<br>9-11:30am Food<br>Pantry<br><br>6:30-8pm<br>Disciple Bible<br>Study | 25<br>11am Bible Study<br>@ Sacred Heart<br><br>NO CHOIR<br>PRACTICE                                                            | 26<br><br>1pm Avilla School<br>Evacuation Drill<br><br>6:30pm Cub &<br>Boy Scouts | 27 | 28 |
| 29<br>9am Worship<br>10am SS                                                                    | 30                                     |                                                                           |                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                   |    |    |

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| 6<br>9am Worship<br>10am SS<br><br>9am-5pm<br>Apple Festival                                                                  | 7  | 8<br>9-11:30am<br>Food Pantry<br><br>6:30-8pm<br>Disciple Bible<br>Study  | 9<br>11am Bible Study<br>@ Sacred Heart<br><br>6:30pm<br>Choir Practice<br>7:30pm<br>Staff/Parish | 10<br><br>6:30pm Cub &<br>Boy Scouts           | 11                                                                     | 12                                                                                                        |
| 13<br>9am Worship<br>10am SS                                                                                                  | 14 | 15<br>9-11:30am<br>Food Pantry<br><br>6:30-8pm<br>Disciple Bible<br>Study | 16<br>11am Bible Study<br>@ Sacred Heart<br><br>6:30pm<br>Choir Practice<br>7:30pm<br>Ad Council  | 17<br><br>6:30pm Cub &<br>Boy Scouts           | 18<br><br>5-8pm<br>Trunk or Treat &<br>Fall Festival @<br>Sacred Heart | 19                                                                                                        |
| 20<br>9am Worship<br>10am SS<br><br><div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 50px; height: 20px; margin-top: 10px;"></div> | 21 | 22<br>9-11:30am<br>Food Pantry<br><br>NO BIBLE<br>STUDY                   | 23<br><br>NO CHOIR<br>PRACTICE                                                                    | 24<br><br>6:30pm Cub &<br>Boy Scouts           | 25                                                                     | 26                                                                                                        |
| 27<br>9am Worship<br>10am SS<br><br>Names for All<br>Saints Day due to<br>office                                              | 28 | 29<br>9-11:30am<br>Food Pantry<br><br>NO BIBLE<br>STUDY                   | 30<br><br>6:30pm Choir<br>Practice                                                                | 31                                             |                                                                        |                                                                                                           |

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| 3<br>9am Worship<br>10am SS<br>11am Christmas<br>Benefit Dinner<br>@St. James<br><br><b>All Saints<br/>Sunday</b> | 4                                                    | 5<br>9-11:30am<br>Food Pantry<br><br>6:30-8pm Disci-<br>ple Bible Study  | 6<br><br>11am Bible Study<br>@ Sacred Heart<br><br>5:30pm Trustees<br>6:30pm<br>Choir Practice | 7<br><br>6:30pm<br>Scout Leaders<br>Roundtable             | 8                                                                  | 9                                                                                          |
| 10<br>9am Worship<br>10am SS                                                                                      | 11<br><b>Dec-Jan-Feb<br/>Newsletter<br/>Deadline</b> | 12<br>9-11:30am<br>Food Pantry<br><br>6:30-8pm Disci-<br>ple Bible Study | 13<br><br>11am Bible Study<br>@ Sacred Heart<br><br>6:30pm<br>Choir Practice                   | 14<br><br>6:30pm Cub &<br>Boy Scouts                       | 15                                                                 | 16                                                                                         |
| 17<br>9am Worship<br>10am SS                                                                                      | 18                                                   | 19<br>9-11:30am<br>Food Pantry<br><br>6:30-8pm Disci-<br>ple Bible Study | 20<br><br>11am Bible Study<br>@ Sacred Heart<br><br>6:30pm<br>Choir Practice                   | 21<br><br>6:30pm Scouts<br>Thanksgiving<br>Dinner          | 22                                                                 | 23                                                                                         |
| 24<br>9am Worship<br>10am SS<br><br><b>Christ the King<br/>Sunday</b><br><br>2020 Estimate of<br>Giving Cards Due | 25                                                   | 26<br>9-11:30am<br>Food Pantry<br><br>6:30-8pm Disci-<br>ple Bible Study | 27<br><br>11am Bible Study<br>@ Sacred Heart<br><br>NO CHOIR<br>PRACTICE                       | 28<br><br><b>Thanksgiving<br/>Day</b><br><br>Office Closed | 29                                                                 | 30<br><br>Fellowship Hall<br>Rental—Shull                                                  |

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