

Pastor Keri
Rainsberger
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October Servants

Liturgist

2 – Lynne Howe
9 – Judy Baer
16 – Rose Black
23 – Scott Stich
30 – Bonnie Broge

Audio/Video Tech

2 – Dean, Cathy, Sharon, Chloe
9 – Dean, Cathy, Sharon, Chloe
16 – Dean, Cathy, Sharon, Chloe
23 – Dean, Cathy, Sharon, Chloe
30 – Dean, Cathy, Sharon, Chloe

Dial-a-Devotion

2 – Janet Lobdell
9 – Norma Klipping
16 – Eleanor Holmes
23 – Pat Phillips
30 – Janet Lobdell

Fellowship

2 – Maryanne Gritzmaker
9 – Cathy Daniels
16 –
23 –
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Lena United Methodist Church

*Rooted in Christ, Growing Towards God, Producing the
Fruit of the Holy Spirit, Spreading Seeds for the Future.*

October 2022 Newsletter



Pray for Healing: Bonnie Broge, Rhonda Ostendorf, the Freeport couple injured in the house explosion on September 13th, Diane Embry (Bruce Wuebben's sister), Burdene Meyers, Dan Kempel, Cherie Biehl Judy Baer, Jim Lawson (Bruce's cousin), Allison (Jeff Baer's niece in New Jersey), Betty Leverton (Marcia Buss' mother), Tammy Wybourn, Aleese & Rhys Stone, Rachel Zipse, Vivien Dascher, Dennis Shultz, Rich & Nancy Plager (Nancy is Eleanor's cousin), Dean Condell (Colleen Rakowska's friend), Jeff Baer, Dana Rakowska, Lisa Wienand's family, Cindy Kerchner, Kim Pluss (Dot Spielmann's daughter), McConnell family (Tammy Edler's sister), Norman Wybourn, Tammy Riemers, Shirley Goldsmith (Pat Edler's friend), Debra Smith, Gretchen Kempel, Ruth Wingert, Dave Mader, Audrey Adleman (Tam Kryder's mom), Sylvia Barr (Pat Phillips' niece), Dorothy Montgomery, Arlene Kryder, Mark Mader, Pauline Lutz, MaryLou Bunker-Langy (Mervin Mader's cousin), Howard Rowe (friend of Jeff and Judy Baer), Michael Reimers (Merv Mader's grandson), Kris Sanders (Barb Feiner's daughter), Sharon Schwartz, Deloris Siemens, Lisa Prindle (friend of Janice Myelle), Judy Welch, Robert Hartwig, Vernon Baer, Frank Edler (Marcia Pax's father) and his wife Sharon, Stacey Biehl (daughter of Cherie Biehl).

In treatment:

Mary Brandt, Linda Farwell (friend of Ryan Stockton), Pat Campbell (Mick Flynn's sister)

Our home-bound members and friends:

Lois Thrasher (Liberty Village); Dorothy Montgomery - Manor Court at Liberty Village
Pauline Lutz, Burdene Meyers – L L C
Ruth Wingert – St. Clare Friedensheim - Monroe, WI
Viola Sargent – Graceland Manor Assisted Living – Monroe, WI

Tithes and offerings can be mailed to LUMC at P.O. Box 336, Lena, IL 61048

Lena UMC 2022 Church Conference – Sunday, October 30 --- District Superintendent Rev. Fabiola Grandon-Mayer will meet with SPRC at 8:30 am. Worship service will begin at 9 am and includes special music by the "No Worries Band". Church conference will begin at the close of the worship service.

October Birthdays and Anniversaries

10/2	Katelynn Phillips	10/2	Marshall & Pauline Schubert
10/3	Bowman Wybourn	10/3	Mick & Kris Flynn
10/4	Marsha Tessendorf	10/4	Thomas & Lynn White
10/5	Tammy Wybourn	10/6	Kent & Nancy Seuring
10/6	Nancy Seuring	10/6	Curt & Kelsey Goeke
10/7	Cindy Drye	10/6	Kenneth & Sharon Koch
10/7	Merton Holland	10/18	Greg & Bonnie Broge
10/8	Elmer Hybarger	10/23	Jr. & Lisa Dascher
10/10	Jennifer Edler	10/25	Michael & Margory Liphart
10/11	Karlyn Kempel		
10/11	Jack Rausch		
10/12	Mary Hudson		
10/15	David Finkenbinder, Jackson Lampard		
10/16	Bob Buss, Beth Haughan		
10/17	Tyler Bussian		
10/19	Allie Brown, Pam Meier		
10/21	Connie Kempel, Pauline Schubert		
10/22	Larry Buchenau, Rodney Lenz		
10/23	Joanne Gruendler, Vera Kempel		
10/24	Katie White, Joelle White		
10/25	Olga Benson, Laura Setterstrom		
10/26	Shannon McFadden		
10/27	Maryanne Gritzmaker		
10/28	Jeff Stamm		
10/29	Deanna Boyer		
10/30	Renee Buisker		
10/31	Duane Eilders		

From the Pastor's Desk... On September 25th we held a special congregational meeting to consider the congregation's interest in entering into a formal period of discernment about our relationship with the United Methodist Church (UMC). The members present voted to enter into this time of discernment.

Discernment is a way of seeking to understand God's direction for a way forward. In this context, we are seeking to discern if remaining in the UMC or disaffiliating (withdrawing from the denomination) will best enable us to carry out our call to God's ministry. It is a formal process led by our Annual Conference that will be about six-months long and include listening sessions, exploration of our history, values and calling, negotiations, and a special church conference in which a vote of members would be taken to decide if we want to disaffiliate. We will learn more details of what this process will entail soon.

We remain a congregation of the UMC while we are in this period of discernment. We will continue to receive the support and care of our Annual Conference and pastor. We also will remain Christ's church, called to serve the community of Lena. Even as we focus inward for a period to try and discern our future, we continue to be called to shine Christ's light into the world. We still remain a community of love and support for one another, even if we disagree. We will still celebrate joys and lift concerns together. We will still worship, pray, study, and serve together.

The vote on Sunday was divided. Many strong feelings and emotions were shared. Some celebrated the decision, some mourned, and some left confused and uncertain. May God strengthen all of us, no matter where we were on that spectrum. May God give us clarity and hope, and show us how to live out our calling to God's ministry as we spend time together in discernment.

LENA UMC TRUSTEE MINUTES

September 12, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.

Members present were Gary Black, Richard Holmes, Linda Korte, Jeff Stamm, and Linda Voreis and Bruce Wuebben. Absent member was Pete Brown.

Also present was Pastor Keri.

Opening Prayer was led by Pastor Keri.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the July 11, 2022 meeting were discussed. Jeff moved to accept the minutes and Linda K. seconded the motion. Motion carried. The minutes were approved as read.

OLD BUSINESS

Security Cameras and labor with Advance Technologies Inc., has a current bid of \$1,398. Richard will inquire about an additional camera with a view towards the bus. Jeff motioned to approve and Bruce seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Four Oak Stands are being built by Chuck Kraft for a price of \$1,650.

NEW BUSINESS

Sump Pump installation in the elevator pit, with a bid from Molitor Plumbing was for \$2,230. Richard will get a second bid.

Library is being considered for relocation from its current location. It was decided to place a move on hold until the sump pump is installed. The painting of the two rooms could proceed.

Paint two rooms of the current library and possible new location. The painting bid for the old library is \$300. The bid for the Sunday School room is \$350 to \$400. Bruce made a motion to proceed with the painting of both rooms with Dover White, Gary seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Com Ed will be the new electric supplier for the church.

Organ service contract increased from \$350 to \$400.

Linda K. motioned to continue with the same company out of Iowa. Bruce seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Electric Conduit under the fellowship hall floor is rusted and deteriorated. It will need to be replaced with surface conduit. Richard will get a couple of bids.

Water usage at the church showed a big increase. Will need to investigate if there is a leak.

Historical items in the old library need to be gone through. It was suggested to place important items in waterproof totes and store on the upper floor.

Library door needs to be trimmed so it will close.

Closing prayer led by Pastor Keri.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Next Meeting will be November 14, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by secretary Linda Voreis

Lena United Methodist Church - Finance Committee Minutes –

September 13, 2022

Finance Chair, Kim Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and Pastor Keri led us in prayer. Attendees: Kim Nelson, Larry Nelson, Richard Holmes, Scott Stich, Randy Kryder Pastor Keri, and Chris Bartelt.

Larry made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 12th meeting. Richard seconded the motion and everyone voted yes to accept the minutes as presented.

Kim reviewed the Net Income/Loss Report stating that through June the general fund checking account was \$38,205.49. If we had not received PPP loans and 941 refund during 2020-21, checking account balance would be \$12.93. Also, year to date income through August 2022 is \$82,049 which is about the same level (\$82,249.41) compared to the same time period in 2019.

Kim reviewed the Balance Sheet, July and August P&Ls and August YTD P&L. Highlights follow:

Balance Sheet as of August 31, 2022: All accounts have been reconciled. At the end of August the balance in the General Fund is \$38,205.49. The designated fund balance is \$29,831.96. The amount in the NUDD endowment fund is \$36,393.04 after parking lot bill was paid. The bus maintenance account only has \$37.82 in it after a recent repair bill was paid. Some donations have come in for the church maintenance account and the balance is at \$4945.65, but there are some projects coming up. In reviewing the memorial funds the music account shows \$1455.06, but should only be \$255.06 as \$1200 was put in the music account, but should have been put in the undesignated memorials account. Special music charge of \$150 for the Butlers was paid out of the music account. There is still money left in the audiovisual memorial account which will be used for security cameras.

P&L Reviews

July Profit & Loss comments: July income was quite a bit different from budget (\$8,546 received against \$12,041 budgeted). In the SPRC account we are under budget due to no one filling the open (youth)Ministry Staffing position. Trustee expenses for the month were under budget by \$29.80 and insurance was paid this month. Net income for July was-\$3,940.85.

August Profit & Loss: Income for August was \$8,894 against the budgeted amount of \$15,051.25 and there were 5 weeks this month. In the Worship account, the copyright license was a little more than the budgeted amount. In the SPRC accounts there was no monthly pastor medical insurance as the conference gave a grant for this, saving \$1600. Total trustee expenses were over budget by \$207.77. Total expenses for the month were under budget by \$2,339.61. Net ordinary income for the month was -\$1,230.06, but would have been -\$2,830.06 if not for the pastor medical insurance grant from the conference.

August 31, 2022 Year to Date Profit & Loss: Income was \$82,049. Comments: Total expenses were \$99,197.15 against a budgeted amount of \$105,447.65 Net ordinary income year to date is -\$17,148.15.

Kim said she will be giving worksheets to all committee chairpersons at the beginning of October to begin planning the 2023 budget.

The meeting adjourned at 7 pm. Next meeting: November 8, 2022 @ 6:30 pm

Submitted by Chris Bartelt, Financial Secretary

Lena United Methodist Church – Ad Council Meeting Minutes –September 13, 2022

Ad Council chair, Randy Kryder, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Attendees: Randy Kryder, Kim Nelson, Richard Holmes, Lynne Howe, Pastor Keri, and Chris Bartelt. Other attendees: Larry Nelson. Joys and concerns: Judy Baer has a consult this afternoon in Madison to see what can be done for her back pain. Rhyse Stone has on-going issues.

The minutes from the July 12th meeting were reviewed and one correction was noted. Under “Worship” **Kim** seconded the motion to give a \$150 check to the Butlers. Kim made a motion to approve the July 12 minutes as corrected, the motion was seconded by Scott and the minutes were approved by all.

The minutes from the August 28th meeting were reviewed and the word “progressive” will be removed from the fifth paragraph. Also, two spelling errors will be corrected (globel, and Methoidist). Richard made a motion to approve the minutes with noted corrections and Lynne seconded it. Minutes were approved.

Committee Reports: Membership; Missions; Worship; Pastor’s report; Education –No report.

Trustees – Trustees met on September 12th. Scott made a motion seconded by Lynne to spend \$1600 from the memorial fund A/V account for security cameras (one at the back door and one at the education wing door + an additional one by the bus, if required). The quote for the two cameras was \$1398. Motion was approved. Molitor Plumbing gave a bid of \$2,230 to install a sump pump in the space beneath the church elevator. Another bid may be coming. Lynne made a motion to install the sump pump not to exceed \$2,230. A back-up pump was also discussed. Richard seconded the motion. All approved. Randy made a motion to paint the Library (\$300) and Sunday School Room (\$350). Kim seconded the motion. All approved. Library move to Sunday School room is tabled for now. Organ service contract with Levson has increased to \$400 (was \$350). Water bill at the church has been high for two months. A toilet was found to be the problem. Jerry Edler will repair.

SPRC – Lynne reported the SPRC met on August 14. They approved a request from Chris, office assistant, to have Wednesdays off. They approved salary increases for office assistant and custodian effective January 2023. Also, on the agenda was consideration of a half-time minister beginning with the 2023 – 2024 year and this was approved.

Lay Leader’s Report - Lay Academy is October 22 and 23 at First UMC in Freeport. Cost is \$25. One of the available sessions at the Academy is “Aging & Ministry in the 21st Century”. We would urge someone from the congregation to attend.

Finance – Finance reports were covered at the Finance Meeting earlier tonight. As noted in the Finance meeting, Kim will be getting input from Committee chairs in early October for the 2023 budget.

New Business

1. SPRC recommends moving to a half time Pastor position effective July 1, 2023. Kim made a motion to approve and Lynne seconded. Motion was approved.
2. There will be an informational meeting about the Global Methodist Church (GMC) on September 20th at the Lena American Legion Hall at 6 pm. Then a straw poll vote will be taken on Sunday September 25th after worship to get a vote of the congregation on entering the discernment process. Randy made a motion of affirmation to conduct a straw poll vote on entering the discernment process on September 25th. Richard seconded the motion. Motion passed. One member opposed.
3. The Council decided the next Mustard Seed collection will go to “Raising Hope” Foster Care Closet in Erie, Illinois.
4. The Council decided the Thanksgiving collection will go to Le-Win Ministerial association. We will decide on the recipient of the Christmas collection at the November meeting.

The meeting closed at 8:45 pm with a prayer by Randy. The next meeting will be November 8, 2022 @ 7 pm.
Respectfully submitted by Chris Bartelt, Secretary

Special congregational meeting
9/25/2022 after worship

Attendance: Rose Black, Gary Black, Olga Benson, Wayne Benson, Linda Voreis, Sara Rausch, Jack Rausch, Jan Daniels, Cathy Daniels, Flo Chapin, Marcia Buss, Gary Buss, Tom Edler, Tammy Edler, Constance Spendal, Sharon Hammil, Bob Buss, Carol Buss, Dwayne Robieson, Carol Robieson, Sarah Zimmerman Todd, Lynne Howe, Maryanne Grizmaker, Cathy Rich, Lisa Dascher, Eli Baxter, Isaac Baxter, James Baxter, Boyd Wingert, Bob Boyer, Dean Gerbick, Kim Nelson, Larry Nelson, Marlys Scorsolini, Pete Brown, Judy Baer, Jeff Baer, Elizabeth Gerber, Rodney Lenz, Tam Kryder, Bruce Wubben, Pat Gates, Janet Lobdell, Lisa Stich, Arlene Kryder, Bruce Shelton, Lois Shelton, Judy Buchenau, Larry Buchenau, Joanne Grundler, Pat Phillips, David Finkenbinder, Vera Kempel, Norma Robieson, Evelyn Herman, Beulah Haeft, Marsha Tessorf, Gary Price, Steve Rothschadl, Glenda Rothschadl, Mervin Mader, Debra Smith, Tammy Reimer, Cheryl Biehl, Kathie Schulz, Roger Schulz, Diane Kempel, Kim Baxter, Randy Kryder, Scott Stich, Keri Rainsberger

Keri opened with prayer then provided a brief history, an overview of the discernment process, and an overview of what we are doing today. Randy, Ad Council Chair and Scott, Lay Leader presented additional background information on the “why” of the vote.

Discussion was open to the floor with several sharing and asking questions.

Vote was taken by paper ballot (members only). Kim Nelson and Lynne Howe counted the ballots at the back of the sanctuary. Keri prayed as they were counting.

Vote total:

42 YES Lena UMC should enter the formal period of discernment about our relationship with the UMC

23 NO Lena UMC should not enter a formal period of discernment right now.

Simple majority needed.

DS will be informed of results so that the discernment process can begin.

New books in our library:

24 Hours That Changed the World	Adam Hamilton	The One Year Bible	
Embraced by the Light	Betty Eadie	The Psalms Around Us	RSV
Credo	William Coffin	Clouds of Witnesses - 8 books	Guided Press
An Angel a Day & When Angels Appear	Ann Spangler	Jesus Christ - 8 books	Guided Press
This Side of Peace	Hanan Ashrawi	The Case for Christ	Lee Strobel
A Life on the Road	Charles Kuralt	GloryLand	Shelton Johnson
Embracing Faith Devotional		Kindred	Octavia Butler
Hugs for Sisters	Philis Boultinghouse	Come Along	Jane Rubietta
God's Little Devotional for Graduates		Grace Points	Jane Rubietta
Moments of Peace in the Presence of God		God's Gift for Mothers	
Growing in Grace	Michael Sherer	My America	Hugh Downs
Chocolate for a Woman's Soul	Kay Allenbaugh	Cure From the Common Life	Max Lucado
Sustainable Youth Ministry	Mark Davies	Rural Ministry	Shanon Juno
Hugs for Mom	John William Smith	God's Inspirational Promise Book	Max Lucado
Hugs for New Mom's	Stephanie Howard	Gospel Reset Salvation Made Relevant	Ken Ham
Disipline, A Book of Daily Devotions 2020		Who Moved My Cheese	Spencer Johnson M.D.
American Sniper	Chris Kyle	Never Alone	Joseph Girzone
American Gun (history of the U.S. 10 firearms)	Chris Kyle	Romans: The Gospel of God's Grace	Alva McClain
My Life With the Saints	James Martin, SJ	Broken Wings - Why We Suffer	M.R. DeHaan M.D,
Simple Abundance	Sarah Breathnach	Dailey in Christ	Neil Anderson
Conversations of the Heart	Woodie White	Shaking Up-Parkinson Disease.	Abraham Lieberman M
Line o Duty	Terri Blackstone	Parkinson's Disease.Questions/Answers	Robert Hauser M.D.
Why Men Hate Going to Church	David Murrow	Never Walk Alone	Crawford Loritts Jr.
Without You, There is No Us		Healing for Damaged Emotions	David Seamands
The Wounded Healer	Henri Nouwen	Moral Injury-RestoringWounded Souls	Larry Graham
Be Confident	Warren Wiersbe	Play It! Great Games for Groups	Wayne Rice
When I'm on My Knees	Anita Donihue	The Ideals Country Treasury	Ideal Books
Renew My Heart	John Wesley	The Holyland-Picture book to remember her by	
Interpreting Acts - the Expanding Church	Evertt Harrison		
Norman Rockwell, Simple Acts of Friendship	Margaret Feinberg		
Because He Lives	Gloria Gaither		
Time to Get Serious, Daily Devontional			
Wesley and the People Called Methodists	Richard Heitzenrater		
Heros of a Special Kind	Mary Froese		
Friends for Life	Michael Williams		
Prayer of Jabez	242/WIL		
House Calls	610.9/VIC		
Stories for the Heart	242/STO		
Final Gifts	155.9/CAL		
One Nation	974.7/LIF		
A Rainbow of Hope	Billy/Janice Hughley		
Someone Cares	Helen Steiner Rice		
Right From Wrong	Josh McDowell		
Great Bible Stories & Master Paintings	Owen Rachleff		
More Sermons From the Mystery Box	R. Douglas Reinard		
John Wesley: Holiness of Heart and Life	Charles Yrigoyen Jr.		

John Wesley and His World	John Pudney		
		2005 Volume 3	
NOVELS:		Kill the Messenger	T. Hoag
		The Queen of the Big Time	A. Trigiani
The Revelation	Beverly Lewis	Murder of the B-School	J. Cruikshank
The Atonement	Beverly Lewis	A Northern Light	J. Donnelly
The Redemption of Sarah Cain	Beverly Lewis		
The Red Tent	Anita Diamant	2005 Volume 4	
Readers Digest Books:		Bait	Karen Robards
1961		Mosaic	Soheir Khashoggin
To Kill a Mockingbird	Harper Lee	One Shot	Lee Child
The Agony and the Estacy	Irving Stone	Driving Through Clouds	Nicola Linsay
The Winter of Our Discontent	John Steinbeck		
Fate is the Hunter	Ernest Gann	2006 Volume 1	
		True Believer	Nicholas Sparks
1983		One Soldiers Story	Bob Dole
The Secret of Annie Oakley	Marcy Heidish	The Undomestic Goddess	S. Kinsella
Talk Down	Brian Lecomber	The Double Eagle	J. Twining
Jeweled Path	Rosalind Lake		
A Solitary Dance	Robert Lane	2006 Volume 4	
		False Impressions	J. Archer
2000 Volume 5		At First Sight	Nicholas Sparks
Ghost Moon	Karen Robards	Sun at Midnight	R. Thomas
The Empty Chair	Jeffery Deaver	Cover Your Assets	Patricia Smiley
Hawke's Cove	Susan Wilson		
The Color of Hope	Susan Madison	2007 Volume 6	
		No Time For Goodbye	Linwood Barclay
2000 Volume 6		Daddy's Girl	Lisa Scottoline
Before I Say Goodbye	Mary Higgins Clark	Thunder Bay	William Krurger
Julie and Romeo	Jeanne Ray	I Heard That Song Before	Mary Higgins Clark
Demolition Angel	Robert Crais		
Winter Solstice	Rosamunde	2008 Volume 2	
		Bad Blood	Linda Fairstein
2001 Volume 3 Select Editions		The Long Walk Home	Will North
Villa	Nora Roberts	The Blue Zone	Andrew Gross
24 Hours	Greg Iles	Iris & Ruby	Rosie Thomas
Nora, Nora	Anne Rivers Siddons		
Force 12	James Thayer	2008 Volume 3	
		The Ghost	Robert Harris
2002 Volume 1		The Choice	Nicholas Sparks
Envy	Sandra Brown	The Watchman	Robert Crais
Secret Sanction	Brian Haig	Her Royal Spyness	Rhys Bowen
Entering Normal	Anne LeClaire		
		2009 Volume 2	
A Mulligan for Bobby Jobe	Bob Cullen	The Brass Verdict	M. Connelly
2005 Volume 2 Best Fiction		Cross Roads	Belva Plain
Between Good & Evil	R. Depue	Guilty	Karen Robards
The Dive	P. Ferreras	Hannah's Dream	D. Hammond
Rough Edges	J. Rogen		
		2009 Volume 4	
The Dogs of Bedlam Farm	J. Katz	Silks	D. Frances
		Very Valentine	A. Trigiani
2005 Volume 3		Chasing Darkness	Robert Crais
Skywriting	Jane Pauley	Water Stone, Heart	W. North
Gregory Peck - A Charmed Life	L. Hanney		

The Holy Thief	Rabbi Mark Borovitz	2009 Volume 6
Hot Lights, Cold Steel	M. Collin M.D.	Love in Bloom / Pursuit
		Serendipity / The Nine Lessons

Roberts / Robards
Shaffer / Milne

Large Print:

Point Blank Protector	Stephanie Newton
White Thorn Woods	Maeve Binchy
Yours Are the Hands of Christ	James Newell

DVDs:

Beyond Belief -#1 Long Range Hunting	
Beyond Belief - # 2	
Birdie and Bogey	Janine Turner
Boot Hill & Vengeance Vallet	Burt Lancaster
Defiance	Daniel Craig
Definitely, Maybe	Ryan Reynolds
Delta Force	Bill Engvall
Down & Derby	Pat Morita
Geisha	
God's Ambassador	Billy Graham
Great American Westerns 4	
Great American Westerns 5	
How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days	M. McConaughey
In Good Company	Dennis Quad
Invisible Children	
James Stewart Westerns	
Legands of the West - 4 movies:	
One Eyed Jack	
The Sundowners	
The Big Trees	
Vengeance Valley	
Lethal Weapon	Mel Gibson
MacArthur, General Douglas	Gregory Peck
Pirates of the Caribbean	J. Depp/O. Bloom
Pirates of the Fortuga	Cartoon
Prime	M. Streep/U.Thurman
Road to Perdition	Hanks/Newman/Law
Somethings Got to Give	J. Nicholson/D. Keaton
The Bear - Wild Life	
28 Days	Sandra Bullock
Vanilla Sky	Tom Cruise
Vietnam - the Battles & the Courage	Sam Elliott/Capshaw
When Harry Met Sally	B. Crystal/M. Ryan
Wrangler	J. Fahey/T. Bergen

PRAIRIE NORTH FALL 2022 LAY ACADEMY

Saturday, October 22
8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday, October 23
1:00 pm - 4:30 pm



Cost \$25

Includes: Box lunch (Saturday only), snacks, water and coffee.
Each student will need to purchase their own book.

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1 Living as a United Methodist (UM Heritage)

This advanced course is required to become a certified lay servant. This course will explore the special gifts of theology, witness, and organization that the United Methodist Church brings to the church universal, how we got where we are today, and how our distinctive emphases are still needed in the 21st-century church. Student Book: *Living Our Beliefs: The United Methodist Way* by Kenneth L. Carder

2 For the Common Good: Discovering and Using Your Spiritual Gifts (NEW)

This course offers a scriptural understanding of spiritual gifts as always given "for the common good." Student book: *The Method of our Mission* by Prof. Lacey C. Warner

3 Embracing Personal Prayer

At the end of this course, you will be able to establish a daily practice for communicating with God and listening for God's answers. Student book: *Lord, Teach Us to Pray: A Study to Personal Prayer* by Margie Burger

4 Justice in Everyday Life

This advanced course, takes an in-depth look at the Social Principles of The United Methodist Church – the church's attempt to speak on contemporary issues with which it is confronted today. Student book: *Social Principles of The United Methodist Church 2017-2020* by United Methodist Church

5 Lay Servants as Christian Transformational Leaders

This course will guide lay servants to be more empowered to lead their congregations toward vitality. Student Book: *Lay Servants as Christian: Participant's Book* by Marc Brown, Kathy Merry, John Briggs

6 Aging & Ministry in the 21st Century

This is a practical guide for building ministry for older adults. While a popular perception is that the aged are needy and infirmed, Gentzler affirms that the majority of older adults have plenty to give. Student Book: *Aging and Ministry in the 21st Century: An Inquiry Approach* by Richard H. Gentzler, Richard H. Gentzler Jr.

All books may be purchased
at your favorite bookseller

QUESTIONS?

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, October 4 3:00-4:30 pm - Northern Illinois Food Bank's Mobile Pantry will be in Orangeville at the Jane Addams Trail Parking Lot, West High St. & Ewing Dr. (East of IL 26)

Wednesday, October 5 6:30 pm. Candidates Forum/Debate at Lena American Legion Home, 316 W. Main St. Lena. Sponsored by Lena American Legion Auxiliary.

October 2022 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8:00 am – Men's Breakfast
2 9 AM Worship- In-person and On-line + Communion, Fellowship; – Adult SS Book Study	3 10 am - UWIF 5:30 – 7:00pm Girl Scouts- Fellowship Hall	4 1 pm Quilters	5	6 5:30-8 pm – Kids Night Out	7	8
9 9 AM Worship- In-person and On-line; Fellowship; - Adult SS Book Study 6pm – Edler/Kryder Bible Study – Fellowship Hall	10 10 am – M&M group 1:30 pm – Stagecoach Quilters	11 1 pm Quilters	12	13	14 Newsletter Deadline	15 7am – Men's Bible Study – Fellowship Hall
16 9 AM Worship- In-person and On-line; Fellowship; - Adult SS Book Study	17 5:30 – 7:00pm Girl Scouts- Fellowship Hall	18 1 pm Quilters	19	20	21	22
23 9 AM Worship- In-person and On-line; Fellowship; - Adult SS Book Study	24 10 am – M&M group	25 1 pm Quilters	26	27	28	29
30 8:30 am- SPRC with DS 9 AM Worship- In-person and On-line – No Worries Band; Church Conference	31					

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October 2022

1st – 8:00 am – Men’s Breakfast
3rd – 10 am – UWIF meeting
9th – 6 pm – Edler/Kryder Bible Study
10th & 24th 10 am – M&M Group
14th - Newsletter Deadline
30th – 8:30 am SPRC w/DS
 No Worries Band at Worship service
 Church Conference after Worship service

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