Pastor Keri Rainsberger 815-369-5291 or Cell 614-542-9197

October Servants

Song Leader

- 3 Wayne Benson
- 10 Bonnie Broge
- 17 Scott Stich
- 24 Scott Stich
- 31 Scott Stich

Liturgist

- 3 Liz Gerber
- 10 Judy Baer
- 17 Rose Black
- 24 Lynne Howe
- 31 Scott Stich

Audio/Video Tech

- 3 Dean, Cathy, Sharon, Chloe
- 10 Dean, Cathy, Sharon, Chloe
- 17 Dean, Cathy, Sharon, Chloe
- 24- Dean, Cathy, Sharon, Chloe
- 31 -Dean, Cathy, Sharon, Chloe

Dial-a-Devotion

- 3 Janet Lobdell
- 10 Norma Klipping
- 17 Eleanor Holmes
- 24 Pat Phillips
- 31 Janet Lobdell

Fellowship

- 3 Cathy Daniels
- 10 Sara Rausch
- 17 Eleanor Holmes
- 24 Carol Buss
- 31 -

Sunday School Teachers

Lynne Howe

Lisa Dascher

Cathy Rich

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October 2021 Newsletter



Pray for Healing: Bob Scofield (Marlys' brother-in-law), Todd and Jean (Pat Edler's son and his wife), Tammy Reimers, Richard Weber, Delbert Rich (Gary Rich's brother), Shirley Goldsmith (Pat Edler's friend), Rhys Stone (Larry & Kim Nelson's great grandson), Cindy Kerchner, Jerri Wilson (Bonnie Broge's mother), Sharon Hammill, Gordon Brown (Pete & Allie Brown's nephew), Bert & Jessica Beverage (friends of Kirsten Hollister). Helen Edler, Jackie Edler, Vivien Rose Dascher, Judy Baer, Jerry White (Lavone Gabel's son-in-law), Debra Smith, Gretchen Kempel, Ruth Wingert, Charlotte Engel (Laverne Pax's aunt), Dave Mader, Irene Rainsberger and Grace Cassaday (Pastor Keri's grandmothers), Audrey Adleman (Tam Kryder's mom), Sylvia Barr (Pat Phillips' niece), Pat Milliken, Dennis Dunn (friend of Bruce Wuebben), 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, Darryl Wybourn, Vernon Baer, Tam Kryder, Frank Edler (Marcia Pax's father) and his wife Sharon, Bonnie Broge's dad-Jim, Darold Wubbena (brother of Darlene Pauley) Stacey Biehl (daughter of Sherrie Biehl).

In treatment:

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

Our home-bound members and friends:

Lois Thrasher (Liberty Village);

Pauline Lutz, Chris Liles; Al & Dorothy Owens, Carol Fluegel, Helen Edler (all at Lena Living Center); Dorothy Montgomery (Oakley Courts); Joyce Brinkmeier – Presence St. Joseph Center Viola Sargent – Graceland Manor Assisted Living – Monroe, WI Gail Mayer-Touchmark, Drive #M32 Appleton, WI

<u>Pastoral Visits</u> - If you, or someone you know, would like a visit from Pastor Keri please call the church office 369-5291 or Pastor Keri at 614-542-9197.

Note from Finance: Your offerings to the church can be made by sending them to Lena United Methodist Church, P O Box 336, Lena, IL 61048.



October Birthdays and Anniversaries

10/2	Katelynn Phillips
10/3	Bowman Wybourn
10/4	Marsha Tessendorf
10/5	Tammy Wybourn
10/6	Nancy Seuring
10/7	Cindy Drye
10/7	Merton Holland
10/8	Elmer Hybarger
10/10	Jennifer Edler
10/11	Randy Buisker
10/11	Karlyn Kempel
10/11	Jack Rausch
10/12	Mary Hudson
10/15	Diane Burke, 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	James Burke, Maryanne Gritzmaker
10/28	Jeff Stamm
10/29	Deanna Boyer
10/30	Renee Buisker

10/31 Duane Eilders

10/2 Marshall & Pauline Schubert
10/3 Mick & Kris Flynn
10/4 Thomas & Lynn White
10/6 Kent & Nancy Seuring
10/6 Curt & Kelsey Goeke
10/6 Kenneth & Sharon Koch
10/18 Greg & Bonnie Broge

10/25 Michael & Margory Liphart

10/23 Jr. & Lisa Dascher

From the Pastor's Desk: Recently I've been harvesting an abundance of winter squash. It always astounds me how a tiny seed planted way back in the spring can lead to long vines with leaves bigger than my head during the summer and these delicious gourds in the fall.

It takes faith and trust to plant seeds in the spring and wait for things to eventually grow. A lot happens over the growing season. Sometimes, like this year, we have drought conditions threatening to dry up the plants. Other years we have so much rain they could wash away. Bugs and fungus and all sorts of other things threaten the plants. Yet still, most years, something manages to grow.

Sometimes it may seem like what we are doing to live into the vision of God's Reign is so small. We help a few people here and there, spread kindness to those we meet, try to support organizations doing good work, share our faith and hope with those who need hope, or other ways of living out our Christian faith. Those things can seem so small in the face of all the need we see in the world. Still we plant the seeds. We trust that they will grow. We trust that what we do will be added to the soil, rain, sun, pollinators, and so many other contributions from those around us. We trust that God will find a way to grow things even in the worst of conditions.

So let us continue planting, even if the conditions around us seem less than perfect. Even if the upcoming seasons of life are uncertain. Even if what we have to plant seems so small and insignificant. Let us plant, trust, and see what God will grow.



Worship Meeting Minutes August 18, 2021

Those present: Pastor Keri Rainsberger, Richard & Eleanor Holmes, Lisa Stich, Cathy Rich Pastor Keri opened the meeting with a prayer.

Worship Service for Aug. 22; We will hold our Worship service in Fellowship Hall to encourage discussion and brainstorming about what to do to attract and provide for our children and youth. We are in need of people to help with the classes, especially since we have lost Roberta Rogers as a teacher due to her job.

Outdoor Worship; There has been some participation but not as much as Pastor Keri would have liked. She feels she needs a better connection to the community for this sort of activity.

Laity Sunday: October 17th. Scott Stich will work with Pastor Keri to plan this day.

All Saints & Veterans Sunday: These both fall on the same day so we decided to have All Saints on November 7th and Veterans on November 14th.

World Communion: Sunday October 3rd

Advent: Starts November 28th. Richard will get the Advent wreath ready and out but we will wait until the next week to green the Sanctuary so we can have more people helping. It's undecided who will call for the candle lighters.

Rally Day: September 12. A gathering of the children and youth to their classrooms to get started back to Sunday School. We don't know of any children who will be eligible to receive their Bibles, once we find out we can give them out during a Worship Service. Cathy will make out a flyer and ask Chris to help mail it to the children and youth we have listed.

Richard Holmes closed the meeting with a prayer. Our next meeting will be October 6th at 9:30 am.

Cathy Rich

LENA UMC TRUSTEE MINUTES September 13, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.

Members present were Pete Brown, Richard Holmes, Linda Korte, Gary Myelle, Jeff Stamm and Linda Voreis. Also present was Pastor Keri. Absent members were Gary Black, Gary Buss. and Dennis Bussian.

Opening Prayer was led by Richard Holmes.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the July 12, 2021 meeting were discussed. Two items were discussed. The light in the women's restroom was replaced. Richard and Eleanor Holmes took the church's old electronics to the electronic recycling event held at Highland Community College. Jeff motioned to accept the minutes and Gary M. seconded the motion. Motion carried. The minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Tuckpointing on the parking lot side of the church can be done this fall by Dana Keeffer.

Church's eavestrough and downspouts were inspected by Pete and Richard. All of the downspouts are working. The eavestrough has a leak in it. It will be fixed by Josh Endress from Pearl City.

Electrical work in the quiliting room is ongoing. Gary Buss and Kirk Polhill are working on it. Kirk needs to locate the power source.

Parsonage siding repairs will be done by Steve Bonebright. He located the corners that are needed.

Pfile Plastering would like to have the work areas prepared and ready. Some of the trustees will scrape the old plaster after the areas are marked. Richard will call about the timeline and to have the areas marked.

NEW BUSINESS

Garage downspout, behind the church, needs to be added. Pete made a motion to have Josh Endress install one when he is repairing the leak on the church's eavestrough. Linda K. seconded the motion. The motion passed. Richard will contact Josh Endress to ask if he will install a downspout.

Cost of repainting new plastered areas will be discussed.

Dehumidifiers will need to be emptied September 22 through September 30 while Richard is gone. Keri and Pete volunteered to empty them.

Parking lot repairs should be considered for next year.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 p.m. **Next Meeting** will be November 8, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Submitted by secretary Linda Voreis

Lena United Methodist Church - Finance Committee Minutes - September 14, 2021

Finance Chair, Kim Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:39 pm and Pastor Keri led us in prayer. Attendees by Zoom: Jeff and Judy Baer. Attendees at the Church: Scott Stich, Kim Nelson, Larry Nelson, Richard Holmes, Randy Kryder, Pastor Keri and Chris Bartelt.

Randy made a motion to approve the July 13th meeting minutes and Larry seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

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

Balance Sheet as of August 31, 2021: At the end of August, the balance in the General Fund is \$53,353.68. The designated fund balance is \$22,050.84. Comments on balance sheet: Easter collection was paid out. The balance sheet shows \$1347 in the Easter fund yet, which is \$1337 to NIC UMCOR plus \$10 Easter donation that came in after check was sent. Kim will check to see if the UMCOR check was cashed. The amount in the Memorials account scholarship fund is \$14,433.69 (the same as when the June balance sheet was reviewed. We paid \$4000 from that account to this year's scholarship recipients. Kim will check to see if the scholarship checks have been cashed.

<u>P&L Reviews</u>- July Profit & Loss comments: We had a very good month on income for the 4-week month of July. Envelope income was \$22,806 versus budgeted amount of \$10,392, due to a couple large contributions. In July, we also received \$7,755.56 which was a credit on 941 withholding. To note on trustee expenses, account 6608 – insurance was zero against a budgeted amount of \$2415, but that is because the insurance was paid in August instead of July. Net ordinary income for July was \$21,762.29.

August Profit & Loss: Income in August was good at \$10,474 from envelope giving against a budgeted income of \$11,392. We also received a \$500 donation from the Quilters. In SPRC expenses we budgeted \$1600 for Pastor Health insurance and the conference waived the insurance fee for that month. Under trustee expenses it was noted that the Water & Sewer bills for July and August were paid in August. Also the church insurance was paid in August instead of July. Net ordinary income for August was \$-414.70

August 31, 2021 Year to Date Profit & Loss: Net income year to date is \$23,985.72. Comments: Income from envelope giving for January through August was \$94,814 which is very close to the budget of \$94,830. Expense review: in SPRC account, expenses are under budget as we have money budgeted for a youth ministry director but don't have one and also Chris was out of the office in June. Gas bill YTD is over budget due to the large charge last winter.

Other comments:

Kim commented on her "Net Income/Loss Report from 2017 to current" that at the end of August 2021 we ended with \$23,985.72 in the general fund checking account. If we hadn't received the PPP loan of \$12,637 and the 941 withholding refund of \$7,755.56 this year our general fund checking balance at the end of August would be only \$3,593.16.

Kim will now begin working with the different committees to complete the 2022 budget which needs to be completed and submitted on line by October 13^{th} and will be approved at the Church Conference on October 27^{th} . The meeting adjourned at 7 pm. Next meeting: November 9^{th} , 2021 @ 6:30 pm.

Submitted by Chris Bartelt, Financial Secretary

Lena United Methodist Church - Ad Council Meeting Minutes - September 14, 2021

Randy Kryder, Ad Council chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Attendees by Zoom: Jeff and Judy Baer. Attendees at the Church: Scott Stich, Kim Nelson, Randy Kryder, Richard Holmes, Pastor Keri and Chris Bartelt. Other attendees: Larry Nelson.

Joys and concerns: Prayers for Debra Smith, Cherie Biehl, Mervin Mader on the death of Deb and Cherie's brother and Mervin's brother-in-law, Jeff Smith, who passed away last week. Services were held in the Carbondale area. Kim made a motion to approve the July 13 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Richard and approved by voice vote.

Committee Reports: **Membership** — Judy Baer thanked everyone who helped with the "float" entry for the parade. We will put the pictures, that were on the bus, up in the church and also put them in the newsletter and post on the church facebook page. Judy also said they will soon be looking at long term membership to see if there will be a recognition this Fall.

Trustees – Women's bathroom light has been replaced. Pfile can start the plastering in 2-3 weeks. An eavestrough is leaking. Josh Endress will repair the eavestrough. We will also ask Josh to put a downspout on the garage. Dana Keeffer can do the tuckpointing in the back of the church this fall. Cost will be about \$3000. Steve Bonebright will repair parsonage siding. Jr and Lisa Dascher will repair church sign on Hwy 73 south of Lena. Men's group will reimburse them for expenses.

SPRC – Tammy couldn't attend. She emailed her report that September 28th at 6:30 pm the SPRC will be meeting to review job descriptions and salaries and the children's ministry position.

Lay Leader's Report - Scott reported that there will be a Lay Academy on October 16 and 17 at Harvard. Anyone can register and attend. Chris will add the information to the church newsletter. Lay Sunday at Lena UMC will be on October 17. The service will be handled by all lay people.

Finance – Finance reports were covered at the Finance Meeting earlier tonight. Kim will be working with the different committees to develop the 2022 budget

Education – A special meeting was held August 10 with low turnout. It was determined at that meeting to have a special service on August 22 in Fellowship Hall and involve the entire congregation. Outcome of the August 22 service:

Broad – Pray; Seek God's guidance; Sense of welcome and inspiration; Developing relationships Specific - Provide good quality Sunday School; Provide a Parents Night Out

Judy Baer said Dan and Christin Flucke will be visiting the area and will be at Sunday September 26 worship service.

Missions: No report. We need to figure out how to do this outreach and become aware of opportunities.

Worship – Worship committee met on August 18th. We will continue in person and on-line worship. We need to make sure worship time is a "kid-friendly" service.

Pastors Report: - Pastor Keri reported she is in the process of ordination work. Her paperwork is due in January 2022 and interviews will be held in March. She is planning a trip to Ohio to visit her grandmother October 11 thru 16. If anyone has shut-ins or elderly family who would like a Pastoral Visit, please contact the church office or Pastor Keri and she will visit them. Chris will note this in the bulletin announcements. The Council decided the Mustard Seed collection in process will go to Tyler's Justice Center. We will decide on recipients of Thanksgiving and Christmas collections at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8:26 pm with a prayer by Pastor Keri. The next meeting will be November 9, 2021 @ 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Bartelt, Secretary



Report on Lena Fall Festival

This year we got a later than usual start on preparing for the Lena Fall Festival. There were a number of reasons, but mainly it was that Jeff and I have both had continuing health issues (not Covid). We are so grateful for those who were able to respond to our call for help.

At our Administrative Council meeting Larry Nelson suggested we use the bus rather than trying to do a float on the trailer as usual. When the float committee gathered we were grateful to see Lynn Howe, Pat Phillips, Richard and Eleanor Holmes and four of our teens who were Tabitha Roenneburg, Casey Roenneburg, Morgan Gerber and Mikaela Nieman as well as Jeff and me. As the committee discussed ideas we decided that Larry's idea of the bus was a great idea. We also decided that our theme to go along with the parade theme would be "Our Traditions Are People Working Together".

We first thought we would put people dressed up on the bus, but then realized the windows are tinted and so it is difficult to see inside. We were blessed that Tabitha is an excellent artist and could draw our pictures. Even though she was sick she was able to complete the last one at home. The coloring was done by Pat, Casey, Morgan, Mikaela, Jeff and me. All of the beautiful lettering of the labels was done by Lynne Howe. Lynne made several trips to the church to complete them as we all completed the art work.

Meanwhile Kim Nelson did the lettering on both of the banners for the bus. I believe Eleanor helped cut out the letters. Richard made arrangements for a spot to keep the bus at Jeff Stamm's building.

Jeff Baer. Eleanor and Richard Holmes and Bruce and Lois Shelton put the pictures on the bus windows and the banners on the bus. Jeff and Pastor Keri walked the whole parade route despite Jeff having been sick on the previous Monday. That's a long parade route, approximately three miles! Sadly, I missed the whole Fall Festival as I had the flu that Friday and Saturday!

Richard and Eleanor Holmes, Bruce and Lois Shelton took the bus apart and returned it to the church in great condition! The pictures that Tabitha drew were on display at church last Sunday in the sanctuary if you haven't seen them.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH OUR PARADE ENTRY!!! We appreciate you!!! Sincerely, Judy Baer







Easter collection thank you:





September 9, 2021

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October Calendar - 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 8 am – Men's Breakfast 9:30 - UMW
3 World Communion Sunday 9 AM Worship - In person and On Line through Facebook 9:45 - Sunday School	4	5	6 9:30 am – Worship Meeting	7	8	9
10 9 AM Worship – In person and On Line through Facebook 9:45 – Sunday School	11 1-3:30 pm – Stagecoach Quilters – Fellowship Hall	12	13	14	15 Newsletter Deadline 5-6:30 pm – Girl Scouts – Fellowship Hall	16 7 am – Men's Bible Study – Fellowship Hall
17 9 AM Worship – In person and On Line through Facebook 9:45 – Sunday School Laity Sunday	18	19	20	21	22	23
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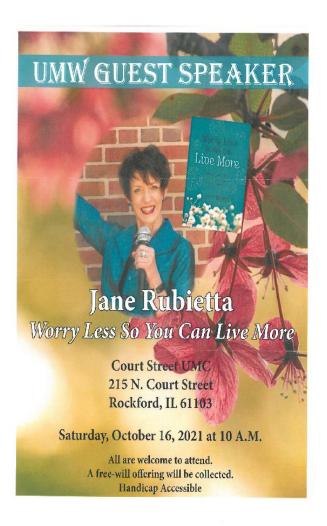
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<u>Save the date: October 16 and 17</u> – Prairie North Fall Lay Academy at Harvard: First UMC. Anyone can register and attend. (https://www.umnic.org/calendar/prairie-north-fall-lay-academy). Registration deadline is October 9th

Pictures needed for veterans window display: The Lena American Legion Auxiliary will display pictures of veterans and active duty military in a November window display Please send pictures of veterans (deceased or living) or someone in your family currently serving, to Julia Moore, PO Box 21, Lena, IL 61048 by October 10th.

<u>Save the date – Wednesday, October 27</u> - Church Conference with DS, Rev. Fabiola Grandon-Mayer at Lena UMC. (SPRC will meet at 5:45 pm, conference begins at 6:30 pm). All members are invited.

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2nd - 8 am Men's Breakfast; 9:30 am – UMW

3rd - World Communion Sunday 6th - 9:30 am - Worship meeting 11th - 1-3:30 pm - Stagecoach Quilters

15th - Newsletter Deadline; 5-6:30 pm Girl Scouts

17th – Laity Sunday

29th – 6:30 pm – Girl Scouts – Fellowship Hall

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