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NEWSLETTER



1 Corinthians 3:11

“After all, no one can lay any other foundation than the one that is already laid, and that foundation is Jesus Christ.”

I remember very clear the time when the Board of Ordained Ministry was interviewing one of the candidates for ordination. One of the Board members wanted to force upon the candidates appearing before the Board that there are other ways that lead us to God. The idea was that Jesus was not the only and absolute way to go to heaven. I felt very uncomfortable as I was sitting in a room with ordained clergy and laity members of the Board and someone was promoting this idea that is contrary to the Word of the Lord. This person wanted to promote false doctrine ... doctrine contrary to our own nature and core values.

The Apostle Paul wrote almost half of the New Testament and according to some theologians his teaching and preaching modulated everything else written in the New Testament. In 1 Corinthians 3:11 he declared that, “After all, no one can lay any other foundation than the one that is already laid, and that foundation is Jesus Christ.”

“No one” means “no one”! We can name any person in the world and that person would be included in the list of “no one” able to do that. The foundation is Jesus Christ; the one who gave his life as the ransom price for the sins of the

whole world. So, no other person, no other religion in the world, no matter how fancy or sophisticated that religion may be, no other foundation can be laid down than the one that has been already established by God.

In natural religion, people want to lay down their own foundation. They want nothing to do with Jesus. It is a worldly form of religion that tries to justify humanity by its own actions. It is another way that the creative minds of humanistic thinkers have invented to try to acquire salvation. Very often we hear them saying, “Jesus is not the only way to God”. But when we read the Bible, God's Holy Word is consistent in telling us that Jesus Christ is the only way. He is the only foundation by which we can approach God. Why? Because Jesus is God. He took human form and descended from heaven to us, so we could meet Him in all His splendor and glory, but only through Jesus Christ.

Since no one can lay any other foundation than the one that is already laid, let us build our lives around the person of Jesus Christ. He is the unshakeable Rock of the Ages. Let us grow in the Lord by spending time in His Word and bringing others to the knowledge of the Lord. Let us build our lives in Jesus because any other form of religion is only sinking sand. Only Jesus will lead you to an encounter with God Almighty. Do not follow humanistic religious ideas pretending to lay another foundation to reach heaven and Jesus. Knowing Jesus will make the different between salvation and eternal condemnation.

Welcome back to Sunday School Classes and Church Services!

Pastor Rey Díaz

Sunday Schedule

Fennimore: Worship at 8:00 AM and 6:30 PM
Christian Education (Ages 3 to Grade 6): 9:15 AM
at Fennimore UMC
Confirmation: 7:15 PM at Fennimore UMC

Stitzer: Worship at 10:30 AM

FENNIMORE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

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Article by Kim Cathman

Well, no one can say anything bad about the weather we've been having. It's been absolutely gorgeous!

Fall Harvest is going strong ... Apple festivals are in full swing ... Craft fairs are starting up ... so much to do!

When we think about October, the first thing that comes to most of our minds is Halloween. But what about the other 30 days leading up to the spookiest of holidays?

Some of the fun facts about October – The travels of Christopher Columbus, and of course, the wild German celebration of beer that is Oktoberfest!

The anglo-saxons had a different name for October, calling it Wintirfylith. This name refers to October having the first full moon of the winter season.

In early Germanic, October was known as Weinmond, meaning wine month. This must have been before Oktoberfest!

October is known as the best harvesting month for many crops including apples, carrots, corn, grapes, onions, potatoes and squash. Oh, and obviously pumpkin, too!

The opal is the birthstone of October. It is the only birthstone that isn't crystalized and can take on many shapes and colors. It was also a favorite of Cleopatra. Opal deposits have even been discovered on Mars. How cool is that!?

Here's one of our favorite October facts:

The World Series of Major League Baseball always starts in October. The first World Series took place on October 1st, 1903, with the Boston Americans winning it all.

The most recent World Series began on October 26th, 2021 with the Atlanta Braves winning their 4th championship.

As with all the months, our list of fun facts about October would not be complete without highlighting some of the strange days on the October calendar!

October 2nd is International Coffee Day.
October 8th is National Kick Butt Day.
October 15th is National Grouch Day.
October 29th is National Cat Day.

October is the national month for a lot of snack food! National Pizza Month, National Seafood Month, National Popcorn Month and National Pork Month are all in October!

Here is one of the most interesting October facts: Over 50% of the US population buys a pumpkin in October!

In fact, the October pumpkin industry sells \$708 million pumpkins each year. Carving jack-o-lanterns is definitely one of our favorite October traditions!

Important dates in American history:

- Christopher Columbus landing in the Americas on October 12, 1492.
- Also, the Great Chicago Fire occurred on October 8th, 1871 destroying the city and leaving 100,000 people homeless.
- In October 1886 France gifted the US the iconic Statue of Liberty.

Meetings

Our October meeting will be on Wednesday, October 23 at 6:00 PM – at Fennimore UMC. We'll discuss our Holiday Missions and Cheer Plates as well as planning our Potluck. Election of officers are done in October as well.

Our Potluck is planned for the first Wednesday in December.

Pumpkin Cookies Nancy Wells

1 Cup Shortening
1 Egg
1 Cup Sugar
1 tsp Vanilla

1 Cup Pumpkin
2 Cups Flour
1 tsp Baking Soda
1 tsp Baking Powder
1 tsp Cinnamon
1 Cup Raisins
½ Cup Chopped Nuts (optional)

Cream Shortening and sugar; add vanilla, egg and pumpkin.
Add dry ingredients; add raisins.
Bake at 350 degrees for 10 – 12 minutes.

Icing

3 Tbl Butter
4 Tbl Milk
½ Cup Brown Sugar

Boil together; cool.
Add powdered sugar until spreadable/frosting consistency.
Frost cooled cookies,

Thought for the month from Kim, UMF President:

As we prepare ourselves for the fall and long winter, why not take a bit of time to remember our Care Facility Residents. The newsletter lists them by facility. Drop in, send a card, make a call if you can, any amount of time is appreciated. Maybe pick a person or a facility and take a few minutes to say hi! It can make their day for sure. Life gets busy we know, but I see so many whose families are far away or working so much, that visits are far and few between. Not judging, I just know how long the day can get for many. Think about it, **it's a good thing!** Their hearts smile, and yours will too!

Heavenly Father, I ask for Your peace to fill my heart and mind this October. Amid life's challenges and uncertainties, grant me the serenity to remain calm and trust in Your plan.

Let Your peace guard my heart and keep me from anxiety and fear. May Your presence bring comfort to my soul. *John 14:27*

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” Lord, fill my life with Your peace, and help me to trust in You fully, no matter what comes my way. Amen.

Care Facility Residents

Please keep our residents in your prayers!

Divine Rehabilitation and Nursing

Vicki Quincy
Sue Lewison

Orchard Manor

Christina Cathman
John Michel
Bill Rotramel
Doris Schneider

Morningside Assisted Living

Marilyn Brodt

Park Place Senior Living

Geraldine Croft
Duane Furrer
Joann Schrader
Anna Grunder

Soldiers Grove Health Services

Janet Barnes

Riverside Transitional Care (Lacrosse)

Donna Blackburn

Aspire Senior Living (Oshkosh)

Harriet Brun

Jonah C., Koy K. and PJ V. working at the Sunrise Apple Orchard Concession Stand.

