



A Note from the Pastor

Saints and Sinners

“Uriah left the palace, and a gift from the king was sent after him. However, Uriah slept at the palace entrance with all his master’s servants. He didn’t go down to his own house.” 2 Samuel 11:8-9 CEB

Most of us are familiar with the story of King David and Bathsheba. We remember how David was on the rooftop of the palace and saw Bathsheba bathing. Even though she was married to Uriah, David was so enthralled with her that he had an affair with her and she became pregnant with his child. David tried to cover up the affair by having Uriah called home from battle to give a status report and encouraged him to go home and be with his wife. But Uriah stayed at the palace, and King David then planned for Uriah’s murder to cover up David’s sins.

At face value, this story is about the fall and redemption of Israel’s favorite king. David sinned before God. He broke four of the 10 commandments. Thou shalt not covet, steal, murder, or commit adultery. The prophet Nathan confronted David concerning what he had done wrong, and although there were consequences, David repented and remained king. God forgave him.

But the question for me is Uriah. He was a faithful soldier in King David’s army. He was so devoted to his king that instead of returning to his home, he slept at the entrance to the palace. In this story, Uriah does nothing wrong, and yet, he loses everything. Where is his justice?

The older I get the more I realize how imperfect this world we live in is. Regardless of how right or justly we live our lives, bad things still happen to good people. That is the price we pay for “free will.” However, although God doesn’t promise us the “perfect” life, He does promise that we will not live life alone. God is with us. That is what Emmanuel means. To live as a Christian doesn’t mean that bad things will stop happening to us. It means that when they do, God walks with us, and we can depend upon His strength to carry us through just as I know God was with Uriah.

Our witness to the world, then, is one of hope and courage. It is a reminder that when one is going through the struggles of life, whether it is cancer, the loss of a job, family/marital problems, you name it, we do not walk alone. We do not have to rely on our strength alone. God is with us, willing to even carry us if we need.

I’ll see you in church!

Pastor Bob

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United
Women
in Faith

The United Women in Faith PURPOSE is to be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative, supportive fellowship, and to expand concepts of mission through participation in global ministries of the church. All women are invited to be a part of this Christian Fellowship.

United Women in Faith will meet on **Wednesday, October 1st at 1:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. The program will be "Pledge Service & Thanksgiving Offering" led by Ruth Anne Beaty. The hostesses are Mary Layton & Beverly McKenna.

All women of our church and their friends are invited to join. This is a great organization providing a lot of excellent services to our church.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE ALL-CHURCH COOK-OUT

Sunday, October 12th

4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Kilbourne Fire Department Building/Shelter



Bring hot dogs & buns and a side dish or dessert to share. Paper products and drinks will be provided. Please bring roasting sticks. Invite friends and extended family - everyone is welcome.



Our thoughts and
prayers are with
the family and
friends of LeAnne

Shoemaker who passed
away on August 29, 2025.

CHRONOLOGICAL READING OF THE BIBLE IN A YEAR October 2025

October 1 Ecclesiastes 7-9 Psalms 73:1-28
Proverbs 24:15-16
October 2 Ecclesiastes 10-12 Psalms 74:1-23
Proverbs 24:17-20
October 3 Song of Songs 1-4 Psalms 75:1-10
Proverbs 24:21-22
October 4 Song of Songs 5-8 Psalms 76:1-12
Proverbs 24:23-25
October 5 Isaiah 1-3 Psalms 77:1-20 Proverbs 24:26
October 6 Isaiah 4-6 Psalms 78:1-25 Proverbs 24:27
October 7 Isaiah 7-9 Psalms 78:26-58
Proverbs 24:28-29
October 8 Isaiah 10-12 Psalms 78:59-72
Proverbs 24:30-34
October 9 Isaiah 13-14 Psalms 79:1-13
Proverbs 25:1-2
October 10 Isaiah 15-17 Psalms 80:1-19
Proverbs 25:3-5
October 11 Isaiah 18-20 Psalms 81:1-16
Proverbs 25:6-7
October 12 Isaiah 21-23 Psalms 82:1-8
Proverbs 25:8-10
October 13 Isaiah 24-26 Psalms 83:1-18
Proverbs 25:11-14
October 14 Isaiah 27-29 Psalms 84:1-12
Proverbs 25:15
October 15 Isaiah 30-32 Psalms 85:1-13
Proverbs 25:16
October 16 Isaiah 33-35 Psalms 86:1-17
Proverbs 25:17
October 17 Isaiah 36-38 Psalms 87:1-7
Proverbs 25:18-19
October 18 Isaiah 39-41 Psalms 88:1-18
Proverbs 25:20-22
October 19 Isaiah 42-44 Psalms 89:1-13
Proverbs 25:23-24
October 20 Isaiah 45-47 Psalms 89:14-37
Proverbs 25:25-27
October 21 Isaiah 48-50 Psalms 89:38-52
Proverbs 25:28
October 22 Isaiah 51-53 Psalms 90:1-91:16
Proverbs 26:1-2
October 23 Isaiah 54-56 Psalms 92:1-93:5
Proverbs 26:3-5
October 24 Isaiah 57-59 Psalms 94:1-23
Proverbs 26:6-8
October 25 Isaiah 60-62 Psalms 95:1-96:13
Proverbs 26:9-12
October 26 Isaiah 63-64 Psalms 97:1-98:9
Proverbs 26:13-16
October 27 Isaiah 65-66 Psalms 99:1-9
Proverbs 26:17
October 28 Jeremiah 1-3 Psalms 100:1-5
Proverbs 26:18-19
October 29 Jeremiah 4-5 Psalms 101:1-8
Proverbs 26:20
October 30 Jeremiah 6-8 Psalms 102:1-28
Proverbs 26:21-22
October 31 Jeremiah 9-10 Psalms 103:1-22

October Missions

Adult Mission Offering WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



Our October mission offering will be for **World Communion Sunday**.

This is one of the six church special Sundays of the United Methodist Church. **World Communion Sunday** provides scholarships for U.S. racial and ethnic minority students and international students at both undergraduate and graduate levels. Through his sacrifice, Jesus offers us the bread of life. Please give generously for **World Communion Sunday**.

Children Mission Offering UNICEF



Every day, children die needlessly from preventable causes – and they don't have to. **UNICEF takes**

proven, low-cost methods that save children's lives and makes them available regardless of income, ethnicity, or location.

By making a **tax-deductible donation** to the U.S. Fund for UNICEF today, you can provide children with:

- Lifesaving vaccines and insecticide-treated bed nets
- Emergency relief following natural disasters
- Educational opportunities and School-in-a-Box kits
- And much more

Sharing Our Blessings with Others for August 2025

Havana

Total mission \$5,876.36

Adult Mission:
UMCOR \$200.00

Children Mission:
Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood
House \$426.36

JAM \$150.00

Puppet Ministry \$100.00

Roof Project \$5,000.00

Thank you for your generosity
throughout the year to support
our Mission Projects!!

Mary's Office Update

Please notify the church
office at: 309-543-4725
or e-mail

office@havanaumc.org
of any person or persons whom
you would like placed on or
removed from the prayer list.

**Newsletter deadline
October 24th**

Prayer Chain Ministry

If you would like to take part in our Prayer Chain Ministry to receive phone or email prayer requests, please notify the church office or Pastor Bob at 309-252-1136

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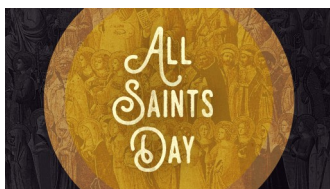


JAM (Grades K-4) & MYF (Grades 5-12)

Please come join us
Every Wednesday
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Meal, Bible lesson & games!!!!

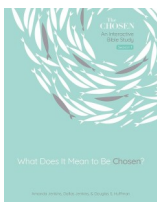


All Saints Day Sunday November 2nd



We will remember the saints of the church who have entered into God's eternal kingdom during worship on Sunday, November 2nd

New 8-Week Bible Study "The Chosen" Church Parlor Mondays at 11:00 AM



Join us for this engaging Bible study based on *The Chosen* series. Come ready for fellowship, discussion, and a deeper look into the life of Jesus and His disciples!

JAM/MYF October 15th 5:00—6:30 p.m.

ATWATER'S GARAGE PACK SHOEBOXES

*Sack Lunch Provided
Parents should drop-off
and pick-up youth from
Atwater's Garage*



Community Food Pantry October Item of the Month: Canned Soup



*Please help us re-supply our Food
Pantry by donating the above
product.*

(Box located outside of Sanctuary)

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Havana FUMC

Oakford UMC

Birthdays

Oct 1 Michael Hedden
 Oct 3 Joann Lynn
 Oct 5 George Caton
 Oct 6 Erik McDaniel
 Oct 7 Johnie Meisner
 Oct 8 Mike Friedrich
 Oct 8 Jody Coots
 Oct 9 Jame Hahs
 Oct 10 Michael Walker
 Oct 11 Bernie Sarff
 Oct 12 Malcolm Lozano
 Oct 12 Connie Montgomery
 Oct 12 Pat Thompson
 Oct 13 Annie Collins
 Oct 13 Christine Fleming
 Oct 14 Abby Pherigo
 Oct 14 Scott Blakeley
 Oct 14 Barbara Dunton
 Oct 14 Zoe Porter
 Oct 14 Haley Yetter
 Oct 15 Dru Bergman
 Oct 15 Drake Skaggs
 Oct 16 Josh Bohm
 Oct 17 Maddox Gamble
 Oct 18 Carter Bohm
 Oct 19 Bill Mitchell
 Oct 21 Randy Rutledge
 Oct 21 Brenda Wolters
 Oct 22 Cheyenne Byrd
 Oct 23 Robert Williams
 Oct 24 Cameron Lippert
 Oct 25 Jane Baar
 Oct 25 Victoria Oney
 Oct 26 Portia Brown
 Oct 26 Jill Friedrich
 Oct 27 Annette Brown
 Oct 28 Calvin Friedrich
 Oct 28 Chase Hughes
 Oct 29 Kaleb Walker



Birthdays

Oct 3 Julie Cook
 Oct 5 Dana Bryant
 Oct 6 Sandy Smith
 Oct 7 Mark Lounsberry
 Oct 9 Karen Boensel
 Oct 9 Jame Hahs
 Oct 12 Lindsey Whitley
 Oct 17 Rod Rademaker
 Oct 18 Dawna Raikes
 Oct 19 Rod Shelabarger
 Oct 20 Susan Brauer
 Oct 23 Chase Gettings
 Oct 24 Drew Stone
 Oct 25 Mavis Brauer
 Oct 26 Hillary Duncheon
 Oct 26 Roszeta Monroe
 Oct 26 Mary Fontana
 Oct 29 Jerry Behrends
 Oct 31 Ronda Sidwell



Anniversaries

10/01/2011 Erik & Rose Raikes
 10/13/2018 Charles & Hannah Hobbs
 10/16/1993 Roy & Julie Cook
 10/18/2008 Rick & Alix Sherren
 10/28/1978 Rick & Karen Boensel
 10/30/1999 Gordon & Brenda Watkins
 10/31/1987 Kris & Carol Blake

Anniversaries

10/03/1998 Mark & Christy Smith
 10/05/2002 Dennis & Cory Kramer
 10/09/2010 Ben and Rachel Daniel
 10/15/2011 Stevan & Heather Hofreiter
 10/16/1971 Craig and Janice Stephens
 10/19/1996 Don & Sue Clancy



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

www.a-printable-calendar.com

Upcoming Calendar of Events

for **Both** Churches

Every Sunday:

8:30 a.m. - Oakford UMC

10:30 a.m. - Havana FUMC

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Weekly Events</u>
10/01	1:00 p.m.	UWF Meeting
10/05	10:30 a.m.	World Communion Sunday
10/06	6:30 p.m.	Mission Meeting
10/12	4:00 p.m.	All Church Cook-out
10/14	6:30 p.m.	Finance Meeting
10/15	5:00 p.m.	JAM/MYF-Atwater Garage to pack Shoeboxes
10/16	1:30 p.m.	Cancer Support Group
10/18	10:00 a.m.	"Crochet 4 Christ"
10/26	7:30 a.m.	Oakford Church Council
	1:30 p.m.	Charge Conference
10/28	6:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting

Bible Study "The Chosen"

October 6th, 20th & 27th 11:00 a.m.

Choir Practice

October 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th at 6:00 p.m.

enTrust Praise Team Practice

TBA

MYF & JAM

October 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th at 5:00 p.m.



Havana FUMC
"Crochet 4 Christ"
October 18th

2025 West District Charge Conference

Sunday, October 26th

1:30 p.m.

Rushville UMC

Weekly Prayer Topics

- Oct. 5 Give wisdom, patience, enthusiasm and encouragement to our ministers as they work throughout our community
- Oct. 12 Inspire us to support our local food pantries and charitable missions, both physically and financially and with food donations.
- Oct. 19 Remind us to be faithful to our church in the ways we promised – by our attendance, our service and our gifts
- Oct. 26 Encourage us to support each other, to reach out to someone, to acknowledge a job well done.

PASTOR APPRECIATION

October 12th



Join us as we celebrate and give thanks for our pastor's faithful leadership and service.

October Acolyte Schedule

October 5th: Madelynn Snedeker

October 12th: Mason Dietsch

October 19th: Emma Strauman

October 26th: Davis Snedeker

If you are unable to Acolyte, please trade with someone and let the church office know either by calling or sending us an email!!

Remember Our Shut-Ins



Clayberg Nursing Center
625 E Monroe St, Cuba 61427
Rosie Moore

Lodge at Manito
1303 S. East Ave, Manito 61546
Bette Lynn Apt. 102
Shirley Lynn Apt. 30
Mary Lou Stephens Apt. 129
Glendora Stout

Independence Village
1201 W Northmoor Rd., Peoria IL 61614
Portia Brown Apt. 327

At Home
Karen Short
PO Box 228
Oakford, IL 62673

OCTOBER USHERS

Ken & Ruth Anne Beaty
Robert Williams

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In Our Prayers

Havana: Gloria Bess; Lynn Coots; Kay Curtis; Debbie & John Duitscher; Don Graham; Buddy Hedden; Robert & Carol Himmel; Murray McKenna; Lori Siltman Nichols; Mark Nichols; Kennedy Parsons; Jo Pedigo; Janet Roper; Kevin & Connie Roper; Ben Showalter; Wanda Shawgo Family; Shawn Sievers; Fred Stadsholt; Craig Stephens; Rosemary Watson

Oakford: John Bell; Ron Burn; Renee Downing; Kenny Fortney; Lisa Johnson; Rodney King; Betty Lynn; Doug McGinnis; Carol McHenry; Greg Matthis; Katie Nichols; Carolyn Parker; Kennedy Parsons; Joe Rumler; Linda Sandidge; Karen Short; Ben Showalter; Scott Smith; Susan Upton; Tim Welch; Lisa Wilhoit
Bishop David Bard; Bishop Kennetha Bigham-Tsai; The Church; Our Country; Those Grieving.....

Please notify the church office of anyone you would like placed on our prayer list or of any changes that should be made. Thank you!

2025 Lemon Shakeup

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make the lemon shake up stand at the Havana Oktoberfest possible this year!!

We will be able to send **\$416.98** to Water is Life for personal water filtration straws and put **\$3,752.82** in the general account. Organic Lemon Juice available for \$5.00.

*Thank
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