

**ARMA/FRONTENAC
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER**

**9:30 am Worship Service -- Frontenac
11:00 am Worship Service – Arma
Church School – following Children’s Moment – Arma & Frontenac
COME WORSHIP WITH US!!!**

The recent book study that we’ve been having is nothing short of fascinating to me, and the active participation of those who are taking it has not only been encouraging it has been challenging since the book is challenging, and also inspiring.

The book we are reading for the study is *The Painful Truth About Hunger in America* by Mariana Chilton. The book compliments my doctoral studies, since the focus was children and poverty in a globalized world. Little did I realize how much it complemented my “capstone” class in seminary called, “Christian Ministry in a Violent World.” To be honest, I wish I’d written this book because I find it reinforces over and again what I learned in my studies, suspected as a result of them, and my experiences.

Violence is evidenced anywhere there is hunger. I think the reason for it is that it is so easy to dismiss hunger as thinking those who are hungry just need to pick themselves up by the bootstraps when in reality, it seems, any time there has been trauma resulting from violence, the victims are often those who end up hungry.

The problem with thinking people just need to “get a job” or “pick themselves up” is that their lives are often the product of lifetimes if not generations of systemic oppression. Sometimes the oppression is rooted in racism. Sometimes oppression is grounded in greed. Always, the oppression is based in sin.

And what’s sad about this: What could we stand to learn from those who are hungry and poor? What could we stand to learn from good people whose lives have been affected by violence and the trauma that nearly always accompanies it?

Here’s an example: years ago, as I was learning about the Lakota Native Americans, I learned a term for those who might consider themselves among the LGBTQ population. Within some Native American traditions, those who would count themselves among the LGBTQ people are referred to as “two spirited.” Somehow, I ended up in a conversation with my district superintendent at the time about it, wondering if it couldn’t maybe be something United Methodist Christians could utilize, since John Wesley studied Native American spirituality, among other religious and spiritual traditions.

“That won’t work,” my DS at the time told me, “because it isn’t Christian.”

While I am not going to argue the merits of her point, I think she might have missed my point: What I believe is the greater take-away is when we honestly look each other in the eye, face-to-face with an earnest interest in learning from one another in ways that guide our growth as followers of Christ and as siblings in Christ to one another.

Doing that, however, takes hard work, and perhaps that’s the point. To follow Jesus requires hard work. It requires discipline on our part. It necessitates a willingness on our part to face our fears. It entails facing our individual and collective problems because the only way to fix things is to face them.

What’s more is that this touches upon a fundamental aspect of following Jesus: Repentance (changing our ways), so that we grow individually and give others the opportunity to grow both individually and as part of our faith communities.

So, let me invite you to keep on pedaling and see where riding the bike of faith takes you.

Pastor Mark

FRONTENAC NEWS

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DATES TO REMEMBER

October 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29

October 6, 13, 20, & 27

October 7, 14, & 28

October 9

October 10

October 14

October 18

4:00 Prayer Group @ FUMC

4:00 Prayer Group @ AUMC

2:00 BOOK STUDY @ FUMC (do not meet on 21st)

10:30 Pastoral Meeting

10:00 Rev Mark in Girard for D.S. Meeting

1:00 FMW meeting at the church

9:00 – 3:00 Ministry in Motion – Growing Your Church's Impact & Strengthening Connections

(Register by Oct 14 -- \$15 fee) see poster for details

8:00 – 11:00 American Legion Breakfast

4:00 – Charge Conference at Pittsburg First UMC

5:15 Kids First Board Meeting

October 19

October 28

October 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 28 9:00 Ladies Exercise

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

OCT 1 Linda Manion

Oct 4 Lynette Downing Bunn

Oct 6 Katy Ulepich

Oct 6 Terry Vanderpool

Oct 6 Dana Musser Gonzalez

Oct 8 Kayari Hamilton

Oct 9 Debbie Vanderpool

Oct 10 Jeremiah Reagan

Oct 11 Karma Fields

Oct 17 Tonya Harris

Oct 21 Colin McCartney

Oct 23 Jacob Reagan

Oct 24 Max Zafuta

Oct 30 Emily Myers

GREETER & USHER (2) WORSHIP LEADER (1) VIDEO DISPLAY

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OCT 5 Michael Creel

Linda Lee

Oct 12 Carrie McGowen

Linda Case

Michael Creel

Oct 19 Kathy Southard

Addie Lillich

Rhonda Riley

Oct 26 Kathy Oppliger

John Oppliger

ACOLYTES

Oct 5 Max Morris

Oct 12

Oct 19

Oct 26

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Melody Leibbrant

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Nikki Knaup

Rhonda Riley

As you can see, we have several openings to assist with the services. The sign-up list is located on the clipboard in the fellowship hall. Please feel free to volunteer to help with services.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct 5 Communion Sunday
Oct 8 Administrative Board at 6:30
Oct 10 AUMC Education Committee – “Fun in the Park” – 5:00 pm
Oct 12 Sunday “FunDay” service with tailgate potluck following service
Oct 19 Charge Conference at 4:00 pm at Pittsburg First United Methodist Church
Oct 25 AUMC Education Committee – “Pumpkin Carving” – 10:00 – 12:00
Oct 31 Trunk or Treat at Northeast HS parking lot – 6:00 – 8:00
Nov 2 All Saints Day Service – with carry-in dinner following church

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Oct 2	Dianne Reiken	Oct 11	Eileen Prettyman
Oct 4	Dale Parsons	Oct 12	Gage Cowan
Oct 7	Mandy Jones	Oct 15	Hilary Duderstadt
Oct 10	Sharon Starr	Oct 15	Jihye Hall

OCTOBER READERS

Oct 5 Joan Cleland
Oct 12 Karen Bedene
Oct 19 Diane Cameron
Oct 26 Steffie Peternell

OCTOBER GREETERS

Marlee Jones
Dennis Bedene
Eileen Prettyman
Steffie Peternell

U.M.W. NEWS

There comes a time when good things must come to an end and this is what is happening to the Women's Christian Fellowship Bible study group and monthly luncheon. We will continue to meet from time to time for lunch and renew our friendships whenever the ladies wish to get together. We have had a long relationship with our church, first as the UMW and then as the Fellowship group, but it is time to discontinue as a Bible study group. Thanks to all of you who have participated through the years and supported us in our endeavor to learn and spread God's word.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

--“FUN IN THE PARK” – AUMC Education Committee will be serving Frito chjili pies at the Arma park starting at 5:00 om on Friday, October 10th. We will also offer games for anyone in the Park to participate in from 5:00 – 6:30. Come join the Fun!

--“PUMPKIN CARVING” – AUMC Education Committee will be hosting a pumpkin carving event on Saturday, October 25th from 10:00 to 12:00. School age children are welcome to join us for this event. This will take place in the church parking lot.

--“ARMA TRUNK OR TREAT”

--The AUMC will participate in Trunk or Treat at Northeast HS from 6:00 – 8:00 on October 31st. Anyone wishing to donate candy may leave the candy on the table in the Narthex.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The fall chicken and noodle carryout will be Sunday, November 23rd. More details will be included in the November newsletter.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

ARMA UMC ALL SAINTS DAY

The Arma UMC will celebrate All Saints Day on Sunday, November 2. This year we will also have the traditional carry-in dinner following the worship service on All Saints Day.

CHARGE CONFERENCE

The 2025 Charge Conference is scheduled at 4:00 pm on Sunday, October 19, at the Pittsburg UMC. Anyone from either congregation is encouraged to attend.

SAMARITIN'S PURSE PROJECT

The Arma UMC will participate in this worldwide project again this year. Shoeboxes will be available on November 2 and will be due back by November 16.
