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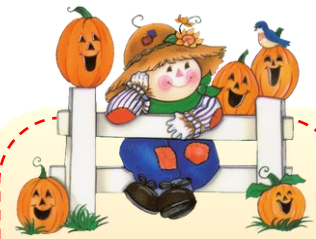


"and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,  
as God in Christ has forgiven you."  
--Ephesians 4:32

I'm sorry. Can you think of two harder words to say in the English language? Why is that? Is it because it requires us to admit we made a mistake, that we did something wrong? I'm sure that I can't be the only person who really doesn't like to admit that they were wrong. Perhaps the only thing worse than being wrong is having to admit it to the 5 year old who calls you out on your mistake (not that it has ever happened to me before).

Even though most of us don't like to seek forgiveness, when we look to the Scriptures we see repeated reminders that when someone asks for forgiveness we should give it to them. We are told to do this because God has likewise forgiven us through Christ, even if we didn't deserve it. There is no shortage of verses that deal with forgiveness, but I selected the one above from Ephesians 4:32 for a specific reason. It not only contains the instruction that we should forgive one another it also tells us how we should behave when doing so.

When you take verse 31 from immediately before it into consideration as well it reads: "<sup>31</sup> Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, <sup>32</sup> and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you." We are not to forgive with an angry spirit, rather we are to put those ugly sinful human emotions aside and to be kind and tenderhearted (or as it is also commonly translated, compassionate) to one another. I think this is important for us to remember in our relationships both within the church but also outside its doors.  
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### Happy Birthday!

Faith Yoder 10/6

Mary Violet Comiskey  
10/15

Bertie Novak 10/26

Kira Raker 10/31

### Happy Anniversary!

Greg & Amy Gordon  
10/27





**October**  
**Memory**  
**Verse**

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**From the Pastor (Continued)**

I asked if saying “I’m sorry” were the two most difficult words to say, perhaps the only ones that are more difficult are, “You’re forgiven”. When someone approaches us seeking forgiveness we are not to offer a cursory “You’re forgiven” or “it’s ok”. Rather when someone seeks true genuine forgiveness we are to embrace that person and offer our genuine “You’re forgiven”. I’ll be the first to admit it is not an easy thing to do, but it is what our heavenly Father expects of us.

Do you have a couple of words you need to say to someone? I didn’t ask which pair of words it might be that you need to say, but I would argue it doesn’t matter. Whether seeking forgiveness or granting it we should treat one another with kindness and compassion, just as our Heavenly Father has treated us.

Blessings,  
Pastor Devin

**Food Pantry Donations**

For the month of October, the Blissfield Area Food Pantry is asking for donations of Hamburger Helper, condensed chicken noodle soup, and crackers.

Donations may be left in the church entrance area. We will see to it that they get delivered to the food pantry.





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### **Charge Conference**

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Our annual charge conference will be on **Sunday, October 1.**

We will have a potluck lunch after worship. The SPRC will meet at 12:30, and the charge conference will be at 1:00pm.

You do not have to be a member to attend charge conference. It is

a time to worship together, reflect over what God has done in our church in the past year, and where He is leading us for the future. However, if there are voting items, only members may vote.

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### **Online Giving**

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A month or two back the Lead Team put out feelers to see if there was any interest in using online giving for the Church. The results showed that there was and we are now setup to receive online giving through a service named SimpleGive. There are several ways you can give.

The first is to visit the giving portal at: <http://my.simplegive.com/emmanuelumc> from a computer, tablet or smartphone. You can choose to setup an account if you wish to use the online giving regularly (including setting up recurring giving that will automatically happen weekly/monthly/etc.) or simply choose to give a onetime gift. When giving a donation you are also able to specify it as for "General Fund" or "Building Fund", etc.

The other option for using online giving is to download the SimpleGive App. Once it is downloaded you can search for Emmanuel United Methodist Church by name or find us by Zipcode, 49228. The App will allow you the same options for giving as the website offers.

You can also find a link to the Online Giving through our website at [www.blissfieldemmanuel.com/giving](http://www.blissfieldemmanuel.com/giving). If you are interested in using the online giving and need assistance with getting it setup, please feel free to contact Pastor Devin.





# OCTOBER

*when you find me, i'll be kickin' da leaves*



2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <b>Adult Sunday School 9:15</b> <b>Worship at 10:30</b> <b>Charge Conference</b>	2	3	4 <b>Dinner Together 6:00 pm</b> <b>Classes for all ages 6:30-7:30 pm</b>	5	6	7 <b>Craft Day 10am—10pm</b>
8 <b>Adult Sunday School 9:15</b> <b>Worship at 10:30</b>	9 Columbus Day	10	11 <b>Dinner Together 6:00 pm</b> <b>Classes for all ages 6:30-7:30 pm</b>	12	13	14
15 <b>Adult Sunday School 9:15</b> <b>Worship at 10:30</b>	16	17	18 <b>Dinner Together 6:00 pm</b> <b>Classes for all ages 6:30-7:30 pm</b>	19	20	21
22 <b>Adult Sunday School 9:15</b> <b>Worship at 10:30</b>	23	24	25 <b>Dinner Together 6:00 pm</b> <b>Classes for all ages 6:30-7:30 pm</b>	26	27	28
29 <b>Adult Sunday School 9:15</b> <b>Worship at 10:30</b>	30	31 Trunk or Treat 5:30-7:00 pm Halloween	1 <b>Dinner Together 6:00 pm</b> <b>Classes for all ages 6:30-7:30 pm</b>	2	3	4

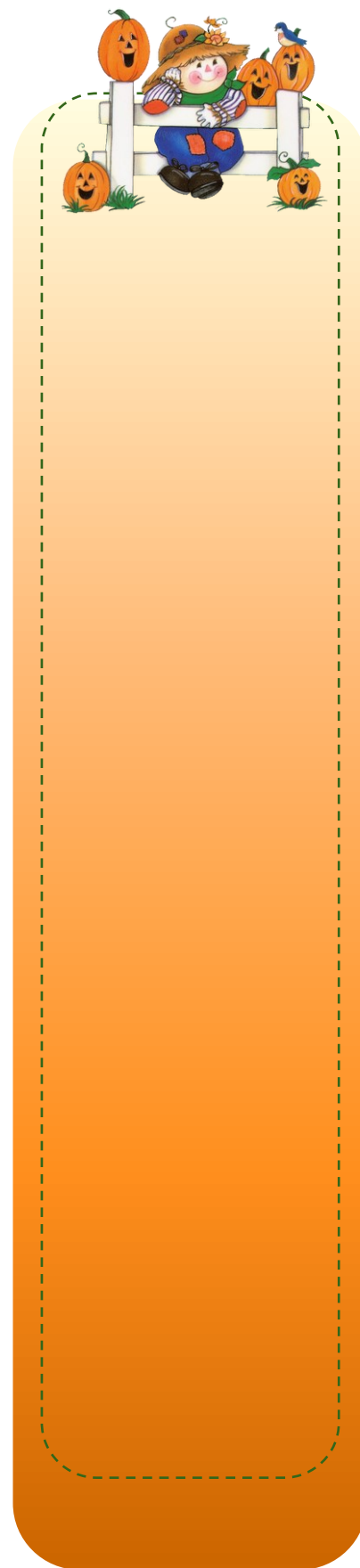




EUMC Annual Trunk or Treat  
Tuesday, October 31  
5:30-7:00 pm

For several years now, we have opened our doors during the time of Blissfield Community Trick or Treat and offered refreshments, a resting place, and a bathroom to our neighbors who are out celebrating. It has proven to be a wonderful opportunity to get to know the families in our neighborhood and share the love of Jesus with them.

If you would like to join in the fun, you are welcome to bring your decorated car so kids can “trunk or treat” with you, or come on inside and decorate a table in the narthex, pass out treats, and have a great time!



**“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people” -1 Timothy 2:1**

**Those needing continued healing and strength:**

- Wendell & Alice Goetz
- Cathy Jenkins
- Jim & Millie Tipton
- Kate Noelanders
- Lyna Mae French
- David Dexter
- Mary Roback
- Zayne Warren
- Our covenant missionaries, Mary Gladstone-Highland and Kristen Brown
- Our nation, state and local community and those in leadership positions



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