



The Christian Messenger, October 15, 2025
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The Fire Is on High Under Soup Day

UPDATED! Just 2 weeks away! Thank you for the super start of preparing for our annual Soup Day and Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 1! We have all the meat and truly appreciate all the donations. Read on to see where you can plug in!

Our annual Soup Day and Bazaar is just around the corner on Saturday, Nov. 1 from 11 am – 2 pm! It is a wonderful day for us and the community to COME TOGETHER, to ENJOY some good soup and pie, FIND something special at the bazaar and silent auction, with the proceeds going to our RAMP fund which is used to repair and maintain our beautiful historic church.

We have started sign-ups for donations and for working Friday the 31st or Saturday the 1st. We will be having a prepping work time on Thursday the 23rd from 3 pm-5

p.m. downstairs for prepping pickle jars, paper supplies, trays, etc. If you can plug in one or more of these ways, please respond to Teresa Gentry at (573) 248-7588 or the church office at (573) 221-0783. THANK YOU!

VOLUNTEERING – We are in need of volunteers on Saturday the 1st. Giving an hour or two to help at the bazaar tables, in the kitchen with keeping the food moving along or with cleaning a few dishes (the cooking will already be done), serving food and drink in the gym, clearing tables. It is great to come together to help share the workload.

PIE DONATIONS – We need more pies as we are known for serving all pie at our event. We would like to get a count of pies by signing up at worship service, calling the church office or Teresa Gentry (573)-248-7588. Non-frig pies can be brought to the church on Friday, pies needing to be refrigerated should come Saturday morning by 10:00 a.m.

TICKET TIME – Tickets are now available at the church office, during worship services, or by calling Sandy Conn at (573) 221-1429 or calling the church office. Selling advance tickets helps insure people remember and attend. Consider taking a packet of 10 tickets. Perhaps you could give them to others as tokens of appreciation. And remember we do offer carry-outs.

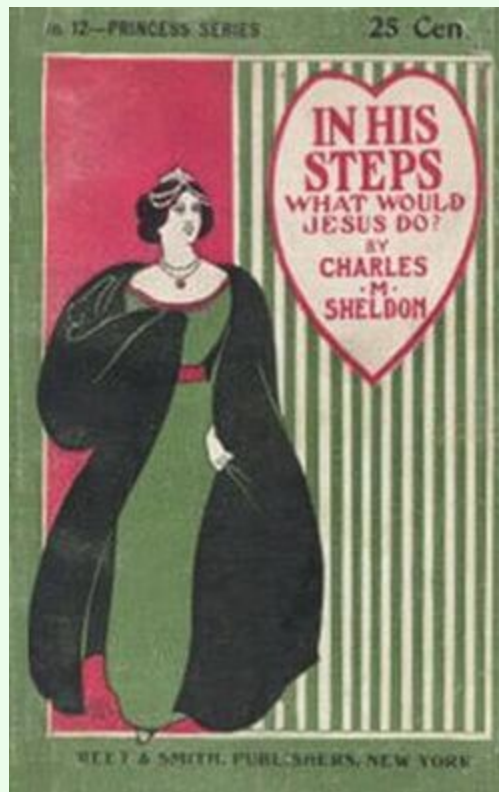
SILENT AUCTION – Our Silent auction is a fun fundraiser. Please consider donating an item or a basket (or box or any container) with any theme items you choose, for adults or children. We had a generous donation of varying size baskets, and you can pick one up at the back of the sanctuary. You can sign up on Sundays or call Deb Wasowicz at (573) 406-4673.

BAZAAR TABLES – We are looking for donations of crafts, baked goods and food items only to sell at our bazaar tables. You can price or leave it for us to price. We are always excited to see what appears! You can bring those items in the week of October 26 and put them in the conference room downstairs.

SOUP DAY YARD SIGNS – We have found our yard signs are very effective in getting our event publicized! Do you have a good yard or know of a good spot that gets traffic where we could put out a small yard sign? Signs can be picked up at the back of the sanctuary. Please call Kathy Livesay at (573) 248-6247 if you haven't already responded at church or on our church Facebook page, or need a sign delivered. Thanks!

Teresa Gentry

It's stewardship season! Watch for your pledge/estimate of giving card and Time and Talent Survey in the mail soon!



One Step In His Steps

Says an old saying: “A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.” Sometimes that step is the hardest, sometimes it’s simple. But it is always essential if we’re to move toward a desired change.

This past Sunday, Doug Job introduced his “One Step” sermon series by inviting us to imagine one step to increasing our stewardship of care, connection and cooperation this coming year.

On Sunday, October 26, the series continues as Doug raises how we follow in Jesus’ footsteps, drawing on Charles Sheldon’s 1896 novel *In His Steps: What Would Jesus Do?* Though reading (or re-reading) it before the sermon won’t be necessary, if you like you may find a free version online here: [In His Steps](#).

An optional brown-bag lunch and book/sermon discussion will follow worship in our conference room.



Roof Replacement to Begin Next Week

Starting next week we are asking people to not park on the upper parking lot. Our roofing contractor will be moving his equipment and the roofing materials will also be delivered next week for the roofing replacement on the sanctuary and Dulany buildings. The contractor will be starting on Tuesday, October 21st and the entire front of the church will be closed for safety reasons, except for Sunday, October 26th; the front door will be open for services.

Thanks,

Ralph Fredd



Fall + Food + Farm = Fun!

YOU are invited to a “fall fling” hosted by the adult Sunday School class on Wednesday, October 22 at 5:30 pm at the Gentry home at 8920 County Road 418. Fire pit on the back deck. Hot dogs, drinks and smores provided and appetizers to be carried in. Come join the fall weather and fellowship.

The Gentrys

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WEeCare

Preschool/Daycare 573-221-6858

WEeCare Bulletin Board

After going “large” at Big Truck Night last week, WEeCare’s next event of note is Trick or Treat on Thursday, November 30 from 9:30-10:30 am in our gym. Our costumed students will collect goodies from tables sponsored by Hannibal-area businesses and organizations. Our treat will be the pictures!

Happy Birthday!

16 Katy Welch

17 Larry Taylor

18 Roger Grebe, Brandon Himmel



Happy Anniversary!

16 Richard & Tanya Dauma

18 Kevin & Kerri Willing

19 Brandon & Stephanie Himmel



This Week's Events

Youth, Midweek check-in, Waffle
Wednesday, 10/15 from 6 - 7:30 am

Transition Team, Wednesday, 10/15 at 6 pm, conference room

Folklife weekend, Saturday, 10/18 & Sunday, 10/19

Donuts & Disciples, Sunday, 10/19 at 9:30 am

Adult Volleyball, Monday, 10/20 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm



Serving in the Lord's House: October 19, 2025

**If you cannot serve in your scheduled spot, please find a replacement and contact the church office with their name. Thanks!*

Offertory Prayer: Sherry Lewellen

Communion Prayer: Carl Watson

Call to Worship: Amy Erwin

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Lori Coones & Steve Terry

Hospitality: Donna Klene

Meal volunteer:

Greeters: Al & Linda Kennett

Ushers: Jeff & Teresa Gentry

Sound: Carl Watson

Video: Paul Schreider

Serving Deacons: Tim & Susan Ledbetter; Stacey Graves & Suzi Schanbacher

Global Ministries (DOC & UCC) Weekly Prayer Request

Have something for an upcoming newsletter?

Send in photos of FCC family and events! Upcoming events? Announcements to share with the FCC family?

Contact the church office!



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