

Weekly Enews for October 13 – October 22, 2017



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This Weekend



Test your luck and play bridge on Friday the 13th

Church bridge starts up for 2017-18 on Fri., Oct. 13, 6:30 p.m., at George and Mary English's home at 4103 Windy Ridge Trail, Rockford 61101. Bring your partner and come for dessert and an evening of friendly bridge. Please call George and Mary at 815-397-4883 by Mon., Oct. 9, if you can come or if you have questions. New people are always welcomed!



Blood pressure screenings will be held at Our Master's Center on Sunday, October 15, 10:30-11:00 am in the library.



**Red Wagon Sunday
Pantry Collection
Next Sunday, October 15**

The Red Wagon Sunday collection of non-perishable food and monetary contributions for local food pantries, helping those with a food crisis, is October 15. Canned fruits and vegetables, cereal, macaroni & cheese, peanut butter, rice, and pasta and other non-perishable foods are always needed. Monetary donations can be made by writing a check to CUMC with “food pantry” noted on the memo line.

Wagons and other containers for your donations will be located at the entries to the church at both locations. Your support of those having a need is appreciated.



Combat Hunger

Join the Rockford Area Crop Hunger Walk

**Sunday, October 15 at 2:00 pm at Riverfront Museum Park,
711 N. Main St.**

It isn't too late to sponsor a walker or even show up, register, and walk. The walk starts at 2:00 pm at Riverfront, with registration and/or check-in and music from 1:00 until the start. The Walk will go on rain or shine.



Jean Drive in October

The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a jean drive for the Rockford Public Schools #205 families in transition program. Children's sized jeans for boys and girls are needed. Please keep this in mind when you're shopping. Collection in October will be in the cupboard in Alpine Fellowship Hall marked Rockford Public School families in transition. At Our Master's there will be blue bin labeled the same as above. Call Karen Weedman at 815-791-3079 with questions.



**No Thanksgiving dinner at
Christ UMC this year**

We're taking a break this year and will not be hosting a Thanksgiving dinner. We wanted to let you know now to give you plenty of time to make other arrangements.



Life is Sweet Women's Retreat
Save the Date:
Saturday, November 4, 2017
8:30 am—4:00 pm
Christ UMC Alpine Center
Coffee House
Free Child Care
Led by Pastor Dee Mede



Caravan Circle
Wednesday, October 18,
9:30 am

We will be going to Rosecrance's Hillman House. This is a recovery house for teenage boys. We'll tour the home and learn about their programs and services. We'll carpool from Alpine Center and Our Master's Center at 9:30. The address is 2415 East State Street,

Registration forms are at the Connection Centers. Sign up now! More details are in the October issue of The Flame and included on the registration form. Cost is \$12.00—payable at the door

Click below for a registration form:

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/c43350e32578a3e12a397316a/files/e4dabc74-5970-4dfe-adb6-90726b356bde/Women_s_Retreat_2017_Registration_Form.pdf



**Alpine Landscape Team Fall
Trim & Clean Up
Saturday, November 11,
8:00 am—noon**

We plan to trim and edge all of the sidewalks around our Alpine Campus. If you can help, bring trimmers and edgers, and any other landscaping tools you like to use. Also bring rakes to rake leaves. We need your help! Please come join us as we work together

at the southwest corner of E. State and Hollister. Parking is on Hollister. Afterwards, we'll go to Stockholm Inn for breakfast/lunch, devotions, and meeting. Everyone is invited to attend.



**New Adult Group Opportunity
Mercy with Justice—begins
October 19**

Facilitator: Pastor Scott S. Himel

Start Date for the Fall: Thursday, October 19th

Meeting Time: 7:30 to 9:00 AM

Frequency: 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month

and enjoy the fresh air and exercise. Questions? Call Jack Schroeder at 815-399-9160.



Good Grief
Thursday, October 26
5:00-7:00 pm,
Alpine Coffee House

Good Grief is a grief support group for widows and widowers. No sign-ups necessary; just come as you can.

October 26 – Surviving the Holidays-Guest speaker will be Melinda Hagerman

Other upcoming meeting

dates: November 16, December 18 (will meet for coffee and dessert following the Blue Christmas worship service.), and January 25.

Location: Alpine Coffee House

Description: The aim of this group is twofold: reflect on the presence of injustice within our society and how we're called by our faith to address it, then take action to address these issues. The first meeting of the month will be a time of reflection, sharing, and Scripture study focused on themes of mercy and justice; the second meeting of the month will involve an activity that addresses a particular need of our local or worldwide communities. Examples of activities might be serving breakfast to persons suffering from poverty, organizing the people of the church to sign a petition, arranging meetings with city officials about issues of injustice in the Rockford community, etc... The group will decide where to focus its energies and talents. The hope is that persons can attend this group, do some good in the world, and then head on their way to work. Please call or email Pastor Scott with any questions (630/212-9210 or shimel@christumc.cc). **No sign up necessary or book to order. Just come to the first meeting on**



**United Methodist Men Fall
Communion Breakfast
Saturday, November 11
Freeport First UMC,
503 N. Lily Creek Rd, Freeport
8:00 am: Gathering;
8:30 am: Breakfast; 9:30 am:
Worship/Communion**
Guest speaker is Steve Nailor,
National President of the UMM.
Special music by Dan Holmes.

October 19.



**New! JAM Parents Group
Beginning October 18,
6:00-7:15 pm
Alpine Coffee House**

Join us for a relaxing evening in the Alpine Coffee House while your child/children attend JAM. It will meet every week that JAM meets, 6:00-7:15 pm, beginning on Wednesday, October 18. Paula Versino will be the facilitator. Some activities might include book studies, topics in parenting, game night, and possibly knitting. Bring your ideas and areas of expertise to our first meeting on October 18!

