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October—Soup
November—Canned Ravioli
December—Fruit

To my Church Family,

From the family and friend celebration on Saturday to the delicious cake after church on Sunday it was a very memorable birthday weekend. It is truly a blessing to have you all in my life. Thank you for helping to make my birthday so special!

Fondly,
Winnie



Our Church will be receiving two Waste Management trash carts week of September 21 st
Trash and garbage only is to go into green covered cart. Recycling material only is to go into yellow covered cart. NO garbage is to go into YELLOW covered cart. Also no garbage bags outside carts at street will be picked up.

Thanks

Building and Grounds Committee



Pastor's Thoughts

The Beauty of Change

October is one of those months that reminds us how beautiful change can be. The leaves begin to turn. The green of summer gives way to brilliant shades of red, orange, and gold. The days grow shorter, the mornings cooler, and before long we find ourselves reaching for a jacket before heading out the door.

Change is everywhere. And yet, if we are honest, most of us don't always like change. We like familiar routines. We like knowing what to expect. We like things to stay comfortable and predictable. We may even find ourselves saying, "Why can't things just stay the way they are?" But October reminds us that change is not necessarily something to fear. Sometimes change is simply part of God's design.

The trees don't cling to their leaves forever. They let them go. And perhaps there is a lesson there for us. There are things in our lives that God may be asking us to release. Things like old habits, old hurts, old fears, or even old ways of thinking. Sometimes we hold tightly to things simply because they are familiar, even when God is inviting us into something new. Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 5:17, "

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"

The Christian life is, in many ways, a life of transformation. God is continually shaping us, growing us, and drawing us closer to Christ.

That doesn't mean change is always easy. It isn't. But we can face change with confidence because the God who walks with us through every season does not change.

Hebrews 13:8 reminds us,

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

The seasons change. Our circumstances change. We change. But Christ remains faithful.

So as we enjoy the beauty of October, perhaps we can also take a moment to ask ourselves: What is God changing in me? What do I need to let go of? And where might God be leading me next?

The falling leaves aren't a sign that the tree has failed. They are part of the process that prepares it for another season.

Maybe some of the changes in our own lives are preparing us for something God has yet to reveal. So enjoy the colors. Enjoy the crisp mornings. Enjoy the beauty of this season.

And whatever changes may come our way, let us remember that we don't face them alone. The seasons may change, but God's faithfulness never does.



Missions Committee

"To love one another as I have loved you". John 13:34.

Dated 08/19/2026

The Missions Committee met on Wednesday 08/19/2026. Attendees included Dan Novick (Chairperson), Lisa Bertrand, Pastor Paul Stolzenberg, Lendra Kress, and Kathryn Smith.

Opening prayer by Pastor Paul at 7:03 pm.

Budget: There was a discussion of the Missions Committee Budget for 2026 with Financial Statement of July 2026 presented for review. Total Missions disbursements in July 2026 = \$1,870; Spending YTD = \$5,763; Annual 2026 budget = \$9,100; plus remnants of the 2025 land sale = approximately \$2,900. The checks for Seneca Gospel Mission (\$600) and Rahab Ministries (\$1,000) have been written. Total remaining 2026 Mission funds available = \$6,300.

Seneca Gospel Mission: We supported the Seneca Gospel Mission on 08/16/2026 with about 7 people (preparing and serving food) – which was great! Sign-up Lists for the Seneca Gospel Mission Lunch Volunteers is available on the back table of the Church. Next events are scheduled for Sunday 09/20/2026. Because there is other organization to support Seneca Gospel during the Christmas holidays – we are not scheduled to support for the months of November and December of 2026.

Haiti Missions (Robert Ford Foundation):

We are tentatively planning to support the Haiti Orphanage with donations of vitamins and t-shirts during the month of Oct 2026. There will be a Helping Hands for Haiti Sewing Event on Thursday 9/10/2026. We are looking for volunteers to sew dresses and skirts, and we will then ship them to Haiti. A preapproved \$500 payment, already in the budget, was authorized by the Committee Chairperson (Dan Novick).

Fish of East Aurora: We continue to collect food for FISH. This month we are asking for donations of peanut butter.

RISE Fundraiser #1: On September 18 there will be a fundraising event for RISE at Rob's Comedy Playhouse (located at 3200 Elmwood Ave in Buffalo NY 14217). Tickets will be \$25. Show starts at 7 pm. In addition to the comedy show there will also be raffles. *It has been requested to be a PG13 show.* Pastor Paul has tickets for sale.

RISE Fundraiser #2: There will be another fundraising event for RISE on August 29 from 2-6 pm at the RISE Coffee House at 1643 Hertl Ave, Buffalo NY.. This will be a Karaoke Event with much fun to be had by all! Tickets are \$5 each.

Salvation Army – Buffalo Temple Corps: Kathryn Smith visited the Salvation Army last week and delivered 35 Poncho Back Packs for needy children who are about to start the new school year. Captain Guzman was very happy to receive the donation!

Missions Envelope Donations: We will be conducting Mission Envelope Donations starting on the first Sunday service of each month, and then continuing with a new charity each month. The following charities and dates are identified:

- August – Salvation Army - Buffalo Temple Corps.
- September – Rahab Refuge Ministry. This is a new startup shelter in WNY to meet the needs of female victims of sex-trafficking. It will be the first of its kind to offer shelter for women and their children. It will provide a place of refuge for Christian healing and safety.
- October – One Great Hour of Sharing. This is an international Baptist Charity organization designed to respond to natural disasters across the USA and internationally.
- November – Amy's Place of Hope (tentative pending verification). This is a homeless shelter for veterans in Buffalo NY.
- December - RISE. The RISE Coffee House is operated by Seneca Gospel Mission. The objective is to offer free coffee and Christian fellowship/mentoring to downtown youth.

National Association for Mental Illness (NAMI): There will be a meeting of the NAMI Support Group at our church starting 9/23/2026 at 6-8 pm. The purpose of this meeting is to begin a multi-week course to support the family and caregivers of people who suffer from mental health illnesses. All are welcome to attend.

Brad Bauer – East African Initiative: A frequent supporter of our Church, Brad Bauer, has requested our financial support to participate as a Missionary trip to Uganda October 10-25, 2026. The event is being sponsored by Sundoulos Inc which is making many of the scheduling arrangements, but participants must pay for their own travel expenses. Our Missions Committee voted to sponsor \$400 for Brad Bauer to travel to Uganda. 1st motion by Dan Novick; 2nd motion by Kathryn Smith: In favor: Unanimous 5 – 0. Motion passed.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 9/23/2026 at 7 pm.** All are welcome!

Closing Prayer by Pastor Paul at 8:10 pm.

Submitted Respectfully,

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Happy October birthday to:

- 4—Maverick Vorhis
- 12—Marge Lowrey
- 21—Lisa Bertrand
- 23—Karl Popek

Happy October anniversary to Bill & Lendra Kress, and Aaron & Liz Bove, both couples share the 9th!

