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Financial Update

Apportionments, District Askings and Special Offerings are posted on the church office window.

By August 18, 2016, we have submitted \$13,842

of our \$25,686 annual apportionments (a portion meant for others). That catches us up to July 10 or so.

We are continuing our 2nd Sunday Noisy Offering for "A-PORTION-MEANT-FOR-OTHERS" and adding 2nd-5th Sunday School Offerings for the District Askings. Anytime you choose, you can write *Apportionments* in the memo of a check to *St Luke*. Some folk have picked up the *apportionments-missions* cause, hoping to avoid an end-of-year push. You may want to join in designating and/or just giving a little or a lot more to the General Fund to which these offerings have been received recently:

August 7: \$3,752 including \$160- Apportionments; \$105-Building loan; \$13.63-St Andrews Produce; \$45-memorials; \$11-Sunday School.

August 14: \$4,047 including \$386- Apportionments; \$625-St Andrews Produce; \$950-parsonage rental income; \$30-memorials.

August 21: \$2,180.

The balance on the building loan is \$18,971 thanks to St Luke's generous giving specifically for this. It's Amazing!

The 2nd-5th Sunday Offerings at Sunday School will go toward District Askings through December 2016. Our goal is \$757; we have \$307 to date.



**Sunday, September 11
 9:15-10:15 am**

- * Children's Sunday School Returns to Classes by Grades
- * Adult-Seasons of the Spirit Bible Study Continues
- * Adult-2 Class Resumes
- * 7th-12 graders invited to either Adult class

At 9:15 am every Sunday, Pre-K-6th graders study *Deep Blue*, for awe-inspiring adventure, stories, science, arts, crafts, animated videos, and games-all combined into a living-faith experience that will help children discover what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ today! See inside for adult subjects.

We have invited second graders, Peyton Steingrabe and Sunni Moffit, to receive their own *Deep Blue Bible* from St Luke. Teachers are Pre-K-Lisa Marston; 1-3-Tamara Lloyd; 4-6-Pat Patty; *Adult-Seasons*-Carolyn Cook; *Adult-2*-Rose Evans.



Labor Day Sunday, September 7:
 8 and 10:30 am Worship with Communion
 NO CHILDREN'S or Adult-2 SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday, September 11
 8 and 10:30 am Worship with Presentation of Bibles to 2nd Graders and 2nd Sunday Apportionment Noisy Offering, and 15th Anniversary of 9/11, New York.



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Sunday School Offering on 2nd-5th Sundays goes to Central District Askings to support missions like Bidwell, Hawthorne Hill, Women at the Well. First Sunday offering continues to go toward Sunday School administration costs.



Join us for Celebration Sunday
 Special Iowa UMC Christian Education Offering

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One Worship Only
 at 10:30 am

A Potluck Luncheon will Follow 10:30 Worship
 Bring 2 covered dishes to share and your table service.



Upcoming Mission Days:
 Sew Days:
 Tues, Sept 27 & Wed, Sept 28 from 9am-4 pm in Fellowship Hall:
 P.E.T. Day in honor of Keith Willson:
 Friday, October 7 meet at 8 am to carpool to Leighton



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Dear St Luke Family,

The SPRC announced at the June Council meeting, there will be a **10-20-65** Celebration on **Sept 18 with ONE WORSHIP TIME**, a potluck and program. What does that mean?



They said, "The only thing we want you to do, Pastor, is preach the same sermon you did on your first Sunday in your first church."

To which I responded, "Oh Lord, I don't think I could even find it and would certainly have to rewrite it." That has been on my mind until I awoke this past Tuesday morning with the entire special message in mind. I quickly dictated it into my phone and emailed it to myself! I'm getting smarter in my old age!

I think you'll enjoy hearing it, as I truly believe it is God-inspired and those are the very best ones.



And they invited my pastor husband, Mark, to be at St Luke that morning before they even told me, as they had hoped it could be a surprise. That could be a roasty-toasty time with him. Oh no!

SPRC is generously inviting all of us to celebrate some special anniversaries in OUR lives on Sunday, September 18.

10 20 65 Let's start with the last first; that's **65** Biblical. I turned 65 years old in July of 2016.

Until I hit 60, I didn't have trouble growing older as each birthday came and went. Turning 60 was difficult for me and I haven't really done well at acknowledging birthdays since then until one of you wise St Lukers said to me on my 65th birthday, "Would you rather have the alternative?"

I have visited with other pastors & retirees for advice and prayed about turning 66 in 2017 when I reach full retirement SSI benefits. God has made it clear to me that He is not done with me being a pastor. So I'd like to stay here until God and the United Methodist Church calls me to a new ministry.

Speaking of 2017, YOU, St Luke and I, will be **10** observing OUR 10th Anniversary then! Neither of us has done THAT before. I'm the first of your pastors to remain over eight years. We have done great ministry together, so let's keep on doing so.

2017 is also the 55th anniversary of the founding of St Luke, so we'll have reason to celebrate all year long. Maybe we'll resurrect the best of our 50th to repeat, and knowing you, St Luke, we'll come up with new ideas too.



The 20 also has much to do with you, dear ones. Half **20** of my 20 years as a full-time pastor have been spent with you. I can't wait to see what God has planned for my next 20! Jeremiah 29:11-13 has long been a favorite of mine.

I will always pray for you and ask *Pastor Audrey* for your prayers for me.

Jeremiah 29: 11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

The Central District Asking is an amount of money the District Connectional Ministries Council requests from the local churches to help support Central District ministries. 2016 District Asking at \$2.50/member to be distributed in the following manner:

- 20% or \$.50 to the various District Initiatives in Ministry with the Poor, such as: grants to mission agencies (including, but not limited to: Bidwell-Riverside Center, Children & Family Urban Movement, Hawthorn Hill Ministries) to increase partnerships with local congregations, continuing education for lay persons, etc.
- 12% or \$.30 to Leadership Development here in the Central District and across the world as we support the development of leaders in Nigeria.
- 60% or \$1.50 to Church Growth and Development, or the forming and initiation of new faith communities in several parts of our District. These funds will also be used as seed money (grants) for revitalization of existing congregations in our rural and urban centers.
- 4% or \$.10 for the Global Health Initiative: Eradicating Killer Diseases.
- 4% or \$.10 to Emerging Needs.

Apportionments are Missions

Apportionments = A Portion Meant for Others.

The main way we support the ministries of the church is through our apportioned funds, a method of giving that proportionally allocates the church-wide budget to conferences and local churches. For United Methodists this method of giving has become a strong, generous tradition.

Together, through our connected congregations, we accomplish what no single church, district or annual conference ever could hope to do alone. In this way, each individual, each family, each congregation gives a fair share for the church's work. We combine our prayers, presence, gifts and service to make a significant difference in the lives of God's people.

See more online at: www.umc.org/how-we-serve/apportioned-funds.

September Salvation Army Food Pantry Request
Paper Products and Disposable Diapers

SPRC = Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Members of our SPRC want to have their names included in the newsletter for continued good "relations." They are Lori Leix, Katie Jones, Stephen Pageler, Amy Murphy, and Scott Greene.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

September 4	8 AM	10:30 AM
Ushers	Larry/Darlyne Howard	Karen Clark/Corinne Kleppe
Greeters	Myron/Betty Rhone	Roy/Pat Patty
Readers	Pam Andrews	Leslie Maach
Acolytes	Ron Lisk	Kael/Ella Swarts
Nursery	Parents take turns	Sharon Swarts
Keyboard	Bev Thomas	Jan Lewis
Special		
Projection	Brad Patty	Pam Smith
Fellowship	Dick/Pam Stiles	Marston Family
Care Core	Tamara Lloyd	Kari Ann Munson
Communion	Linda Greene Counters:	Jan Lewis/Pat Patty
September 11	8 AM	10:30 AM
Ushers	Bill/Linda Hotger	Lori Leix/Sue Crook
Greeters	Barb Kaldenberg	Jeff/Amy Murphy
Reader	Dale Dorrell	Brad Patty
Acolytes	Ron Lisk	Kleo Walker-O'Brien
Nursery	Parents take turns	Pat Patty
Keyboard	Bev Thomas	Jan Lewis
Special	Corinne Kleppe/Kali Draper	Corinne Kleppe/Kali Draper
Projection	Peg Ehler	Karen Clark
Fellowship	Mike/Barb Kaldenberg	Amy Murphy
Care Core	Pam Arrowood	Lisa Marston
Counters		Russ Leix/Brad Patty
September 18	NO 8 AM WORSHIP	10:30 AM ONLY
Ushers	<p>WORSHIP WITH US</p>	Rose Evans/Peg Ehler
Greeters		Bruce/Leslie Maach
Readers		Russ Leix
Acolytes		Evan/Emma Grimm
Nursery		Volunteer Needed
Keyboard		Jan Lewis
Special		Choir
Projection		Carolyn Cook
Fellowship		Potluck Luncheon
Care Core		Karen Clark
Counters	Barb Kaldenberg/Rose Evans	
September 25	8 AM	10:30 AM
Ushers	Dick/Pam Stiles	Darin/Sharon Swarts
Greeters	Ann/Ben/Caleb Leonard	Marianne Spaur
Readers	Barb Kaldenberg	Amy Murphy
Acolytes	Ron Lisk	Jacob Murphy
Nursery	Parents take turns	Kali Draper
Keyboard	Bev Thomas	Jan Lewis
Special		
Projection	Peg Ehler	Pam Smith
Fellowship	Pam Andrews	Marianne Spaur
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg	Marianne Spaur
Counters		Jan Lewis/Deb Stoullil

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St Luke News

Once more we have reason to give our thanks to the members of St Luke. The prayers and cards that were given during the difficult time of my sister, Jacque's, death were a great source of comfort to us. We feel blessed.

Thanks - Jack & Diane Chadwick

Thank you to the Head Family for arranging for the restoration of the "Christ At Heart's Door" picture given in memory of Henry Harold Head which had fallen into disrepair. We will continue to enjoy this artwork which reminds us to open our hearts and let Christ in for years to come. Beckman's Gallery has restored and added a plaque to it. Also, a remembrance plaque has been added to the coat rack in Fellowship Hall.

Thank you to Lucy Eckert for donating the *High Five* activity books for the children's worship bags.

Sunday Morning Special Music or Drama

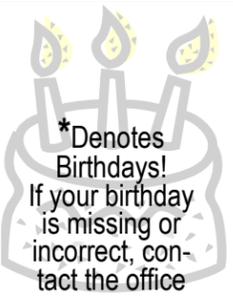
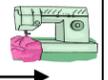
Share your talent with St Luke during Worship Times. Specials can be Musical, Drama, Dance or a Reading.
 Sign-up at the Servants' Counter.

Please--Help Update All Addresses including college students. We are constantly updating addresses of our members & friends. Help us by supplying us with those you know. Thank you.

Worship Assistants

Please find a sub or trade if you cannot do it as scheduled. Then contact the church office so we can print correct names. It's a way for us to get to know one another.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>September</p>		Sept - Dec 2nd-5th Sunday School Offering is for District Askings	 <p>*Denotes Birthdays! If your birthday is missing or incorrect, contact the office</p>	1	2	3 *Jacqueline Huggins *Teresa Rhone
4 8/10:30  Worship – Communion 9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School	5 *Carol Stonner	6 4-10 pm PEO - F Hall 6:30 pm Trustees Mtg	7 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	8	9	10 *Rusty Umbarger
11 8/10:30 Worship – 2nd Sunday Apportionment Offering  15th Anniversary 9/11 9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School *Allison Sheets	12	13 Newsletter Articles Due 6:30 pm Finance Mtg	14 7 pm Page Turners Book Club in Entry 6:30pm Praise Team 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	15 *Abby Stonner 7 pm Quilt Guild - F Hall	16	17
18 One Service Today 10:30 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 11:30 am Potluck Luncheon 6 pm ICIW Worship at Mitchellville	19 Christian Education Offering	20 *Deb Stoullil *Janice Thongvanh 6:30 pm N.O.W. mtg	21 1:15 pm UMWomen mtg @ Kaldenberg's 6:30pm Praise Team	22 *Deb Miller  First Day of Autumn	23	24 *Esther Fifer
25 8/10:30 Worship 9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School	26 *Margaret Gullett	27 6:30 pm SPRC mtg  Sew Days 9am - 4pm Pastor at Continuing Education, DSM	28 *Ron Lisk 8:30 am Collate Newsletter 6:30pm Praise Team	29	30 *Helen Schwarz	

Read Calendar closely for events not appearing elsewhere in Newsletter. Thank you.



**United Methodist Women
 Wednesday, September 21
 1:15 pm
 At Barb Kaldenberg's home
 602 E 16th St N**

*"Choose today whom you will serve...
 But as for me and my family,
 we will serve the Lord."*
 Joshua 24:15

Program: Bringing Blessings to the Persecuted by Barb Kaldenberg
 Hostess: Barb Kaldenberg
 Bring *Helping Hand Offering* of socks and underwear for local school children through Salvation Army
 September 24 - District Annual UMW Meeting at Altoona UMC
 October 8 - Iowa Conference UMW Annual Meeting, Decorah

**2nd Annual P.E.T. Mission Day
 In Memory of Keith Willson**

St Luke United Methodist Church volunteers at P.E.T. in Leighton on Friday, October 7th. This will be the second annual day at P.E.T. in memory of Keith Willson, a weekly volunteer there. We will meet in the church parking lot at 8 AM and drive together to Leighton. Bring a sack lunch, work clothes as many of us will be painting. We should be home around 4 PM. Sign up on the Servants' Counter before September 30th.



Sunday School Mission Offering

Each year the Districts of the Iowa United Methodist church select the focus of their District Askings, which are collected with the Apportionments paid by each church. The amount we as a church are asked to give each year is based on our church membership on the first day of the year at \$2.50 per member. To help us reach this goal, the NOW committee has chosen to make District Askings our Sunday School Mission offering of 2016.

On the 2nd through 5th Sundays of the month from September through December 2016 the Sunday school offering will be designated for District Askings. The first Sunday of the month the offering will go toward Sunday School administrative costs which include Sunday School materials.

Corinne Kleppe- NOW missions

News from our Librarian ~ Karen Clark

After several years of research Tosca Lee wrote *Iscariot, A Novel of Judas*, a compelling portrait of biblical history's most maligned character. He has been called a thief, a liar, a traitor and he has been reviled throughout history as the man synonymous with betrayal. While this story tells us of the tumultuous childhood and tenuous family life as the devout Jew, known to the world as the betrayer of Jesus, the reader will also get a surprising view into the life of Jesus as well. At the same time, the reader can not help but ask, "Would I have done differently than Judas?" This book is new to our little library in the corner. You can find it on the Newsletter shelf. Check it out.



**January & March 2017
 Work Trips to MMDC**

Several St Luke groups have gone to Midwest Mission Distribution Center (MMDC) in the past few years where there are opportunities for people of all skill levels, from sorting and counting, to sewing, woodworking, sewing machine repair and more. If you are willing, they will find a job for you! You will be impressed when you see the scope of the work done there and hear about the world wide network they have developed.



St Luke has two more opportunities to experience this ministry and participate in some hands on mission work. We will be staying on-site in the dorm and preparing some of our own food on **January 22-25, 2017** and **March 5-8, 2017**. We will travel Sunday afternoon, work 2-1/2 days and travel home Wednesday afternoon of both trips. Contact Karen Clark with questions, comments or to reserve a place on either or both of these trips.

September 27 & 28 Sewing Days

Another session of Sewing Days is set for Tuesday and Wednesday, September 27 & 28, 9 am-4 pm. We will be sewing 2-handed school bags for UMCOR.

Bring something for our lunchtime potluck, a snack to share if you wish, as well as your sewing machine or serger, thread for sewing on light gray fabric, scissors and other personal sewing tools.



Volunteers to cut fabric will be appreciated. Sign-up at the Servants' Table or contact Karen Clark at 792-0530 or by e-mail: skclark@iowatelecom.net if you would like to join the fun.

September 18, 2016: Christian Education Sunday

100% of the funds received in this offering remain in the Iowa Annual Conference. This offering benefits the Iowa Religious Media Service, Camperships at Iowa United Methodist Church Camps and scholarships for continuing education for salaried United Methodist Christian Educators. Let's celebrate Christian Education in Iowa.

St Luke Produce Table

Bring produce, and/or take produce in exchange for a free-will donation in the Red Bucket for St Andrew Produce Project.





My Story

I have never been much of a swimmer. I hate to put my face in the water. I never became a gymnast. I didn't have the courage needed to fly that high, not to mention I'm not that flexible.

But every four years I am entranced by the summer Olympics. I can't sit still when someone like Phelps or Ladecky swims. I find myself watching anything and everything that is part of the Olympics; marveling at their courage, determination, skill, poise and drive.



And sometimes... there are Olympians who show us where their heart truly lies. God first, then family and finally the sport they excel in performing. Other times the Olympians learn that lesson later...the lesson of *I am second! God is First!* We all need that lesson in our lives, because we are definitely 2nd place behind God.

Exodus 20:3 "You shall have no other gods before me." Corinne Kleppe - Editor

(The book, *I Am Second*, is in our church library. You can see more online at: www.iamsecond.com.)

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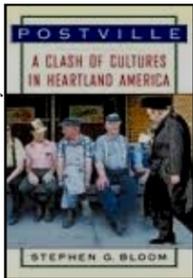
Do You Knit or Crochet?

If we are going to continue giving Prayer Shawls to our graduates and others, we will need those who knit or crochet to make some.

Adult-2 Class

The Adult-2 Class will not meet on Labor Day Sunday.

Beginning September 11 the class will start reading and discussing *Postville: A Clash of Cultures in Heartland America* by Stephen G. Bloom. This is the story of the Hasidic Jews and their move into Postville, Iowa in 1987.



There is always room for more to join the discussion in the 3rd room on the left in Ed Unit at 9:15 on Sunday mornings.



Ocean Sunday

JOB 38:1-18

Our role to

CARE FOR CREATION.

An inconvenient conversation.

This lectionary focus passage highlights the story of creation, **our place** in creation, and the justice of God. Job had lost everything. Like some of us of today, Job had lost that connective wisdom of respect for the earth. Missing is the *wholeness* of recognizing the **big picture** of maintaining the balance of earth's healthy longevity.

How do we at St. Luke respect the *big picture* of earth's longevity when we "church people" continue to look at a *short-term*, near-sighted picture of saving some pennies here and there by purchasing and using products that will go to our landfill and remain there forever, when alternatives are available? Some of us believe that when styrofoam products are thrown away, they just automatically, blink-blink, "disappear" forever! ("Out of sight, out of mind" mentality.) Not true. Just because we do not *see* something, does not mean that something no longer exists.

Whenever we, at St. Luke or at home, choose to use a petroleum-based product, instead of a paper-based or reusable product, we have made a conscious choice to pollute God's planet earth. Some persons live under the delusion that just because an article is thrown away, and no longer seen, then that object is gone. Whatever we throw away in our trash bag still exists somewhere.

IF YOU LOVE THE CREATOR, TAKE CARE OF CREATION

If we are farsighted, we will choose materials that are reusable or will eventually "break down." Styrofoam does not decompose. Styrofoam is not biodegradable. Styrofoam is FOREVER. Styrofoam is a short-sighted instant gratification. Do we consider what kind of a *negative role model* we set for our children and all others when we continue to disregard the long-term consequences of earth stewardship?

Do you have an interest in setting a positive role model for others? What kind of a reputation do you have for living a life which leaves the smallest possible ecological footprint? What are you choosing to be *your* legacy of respect for earth's environment?

In Job 38, Job's "conversation" with God evolves towards God reminding Job that He is the one who created the earth: the sea, dawn, every place, weather, stars, and sky: "*Have you roamed the earth in her entirety, comprehended her vast regions?*"

The Seasons of the Spirit Bible Study Class meets Sunday mornings at 9:15 to read about and discuss issues related to each week's prescribed lectionary readings. Come, join in the learning!

∞ **Lectionary Readings for September 2016** ∞

•Sept. 4: Job 38:1-18 | Ocean Sunday

To glimpse God's greatness and power and our role to care for creation.

•Sept. 11: Psalm 104:14-23 | Fauna and Flora Sunday

To appreciate the divine wisdom of creation.

•Sept. 18: Psalm 29 | Storm Sunday

To explore God's wisdom and the ways we experience God's presence.

•Sept. 25: Proverbs 8:22-31 | Cosmos Sunday

To take delight in God's creation and explore the wisdom of the cosmos.

Self-Help International Helping People Help Themselves Since 1959 Be Part of the Solution

Do you like to sew? Self-Help is pleased to be partnering with *Days for Girls*, a sewing group that constructs feminine hygiene kits for girls in the teen clubs in Ghana. To join a *Days for Girls* sewing group, contact Iowa Representative Kay Hertz at: 515-210-1089 or kayh@daysforgirls.org.

Want to take your sewing skills overseas? To make this project sustainable, Self-Help is seeking volunteers to travel with Self-Help to Ghana in February 2017 to teach local seamstresses how to sew the feminine hygiene kits to sell in the local markets so that even women and girls not involved with Self-Help can have access to this life-enhancing product.



Do you believe that women and girls should be able to determine their own future, no matter where they're born? Self-Help International does too! Help make that vision a reality by making a donation to the teens club. No gift is too large or too small!

To learn more about these and other Self-Help International programs, visit their website at: www.selfhelpinternational.org.

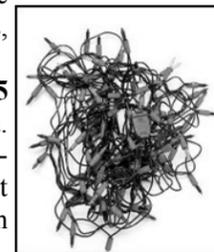


Recycling Christmas Lights

If you are a user of "Christmas lights," you may likely have a few strings to get rid of, each year. **What to do?** These items are not accepted in our recycle tubs. Please don't send them to the landfill to continue to exist and take up space for who-knows-how-many hundreds of years. Bring them to St Luke and place in box in entry.

Did you know there **is** a place where the lights are accepted? On your way, driving to Des Moines on I-80, take the Adventureland exit and head north to the **Metro Waste Authority (MW)**, located in Bondurant. At the Metro Hazard Waste Drop-Off is a "scrap metal" container on-site into which you can place your strings of unusable holiday lights, light strands, and LED string lights.

Set your GPS or head to **1105 Prairie Drive SW**, Bondurant, Iowa. Drop-off hours are Tuesday-Friday, 1-5 pm. The MW is also open the first and third Saturdays of the month, 8 am to noon.



Share this information. Set an example for others that the members of St. Luke care about-**Reducing-Reusing-Recycling!**

September Thanksgiving Ingathering kits

As we move into the month of September our Ingathering kit focus turns to Health Kits. We will still collect school kit items during September so feel free to continue to complete those kits.

UMCOR health kits help disaster victims reclaim their dignity and self-respect and are used as teaching tools with children. When people can maintain personal hygiene, their overall health improves. (2016 Ingathering book) Kits include:



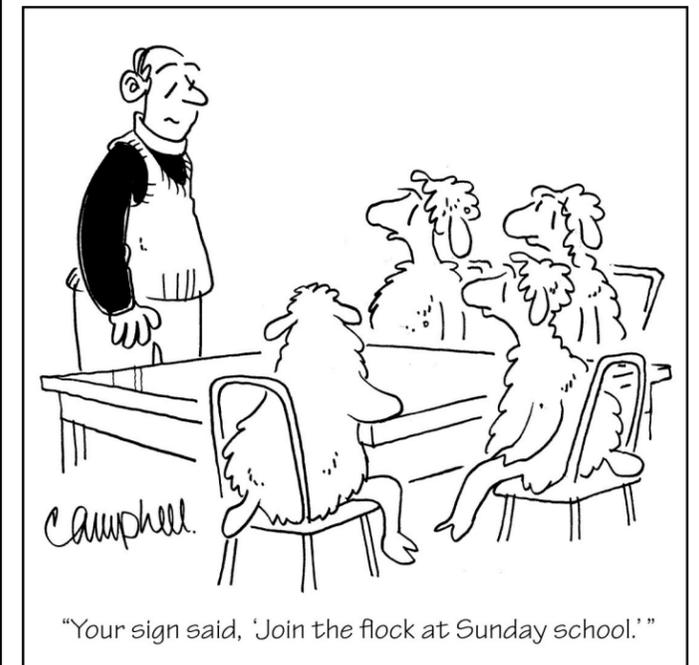
- 1 new hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27")
- 1 bath size bar of soap in wrapper (3 oz or larger) NO Ivory or Jergens, please
- 1 large, **sturdy** comb (not pocket sized)
- 1 new toothbrush in original sealed wrapper - adult sized
- 6 band aids (3/4")
- 1 new nail file or new fingernail clipper (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- \$1 dollar bill

Place the items in the Ingathering box on the table in entry. Or stop by to check on partial kits to see what is needed to complete them.

NOW Missions

UMWomen Helping Hand Offering

UMW is collecting children's socks and underwear during August and September for local school children. There is a basket in the entry for donations.



"Your sign said, 'Join the flock at Sunday school.'"