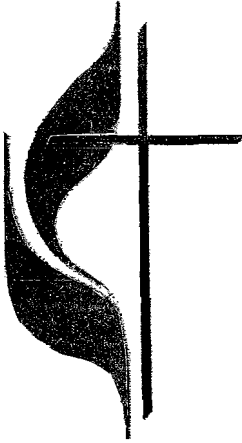


# RUMC'S Guiding Light



**"open hearts, open minds, open doors"**



- Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> - The start of Monday school
- Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> - The Lion's Club Fundraiser at the Republic-Michigamme School - 7:30 p.m.  
A family affair! Listen and dance to the music of The Pasi Cats, a Finnish dance band from the Copper Country.
- Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> - Annual Meeting of the District UMW at the Gwinn UMC 9:30 a.m.
- Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> - UMW Potluck Luncheon and Meeting at Jessie Onkalo's - Noon
- Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> - Harvest Festival - **Trunk and Treating** - Republic UMC
- Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> - Republic/Woodland Charge Conference - Woodland UMC
- Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> - District Double Header - Wesley UMC - Ishpeming
- Nov. ? - Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast - Bethany Lutheran Church - Republic
- Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving Eve Service - Bethany Lutheran Church - Republic
- Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> - Ecumenical Christmas Dinner - Bethany Lutheran Church - Republic

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Pray for our Council Members



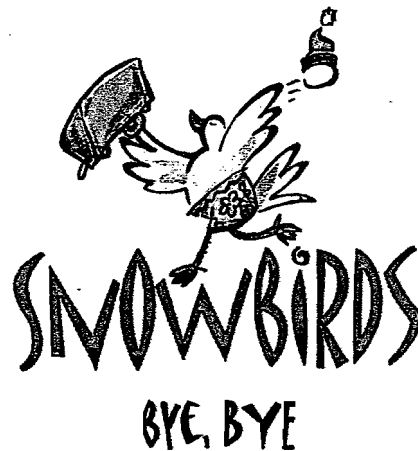
We are busy at work compiling the many reports leading up to the Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> Charge Conference. It is also the time of year when the Committee on Lay Leadership is filling the Ad Council positions for 2010. Please pray for those members of our congregation who have agreed to serve, for those who will stay in positions they already hold, and with a grateful heart for the service of those whose terms are expiring.

"Look for the honest effort, not the perfect job." (from the Upper Room)

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Wesley Wisdom

Do all the good you can,  
By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
In all the places you can,  
At all the times you can  
To all the people you can,  
As long as ever you can.





## TIME TO CELEBRATE



### Birthdays:

#### October

- 01 Regan Cook
- 04 Cory Valenti
- 07 Toni Carey
- 07 Scott Lofstrom
- 18 Linda Allain
- 20 Jessie Onkalo
- 27 Alan Beck

#### November

- 01 Pastor Mark Ryan
- 01 Margaret Tobler
- 05 David Holsworth
- 11 Erin Carey
- 13 Fred Nannestad
- 14 Celia Hicks
- 18 LuAnn Houg
- 21 Elaine Niemi

#### December

- 12 Kathy Hart
- 14 David Allain, Jr.
- 14 Debbie Gransinger
- 17 Brian Cherovsky
- 18 Edith Cook
- 22 Nathan Koski
- 24 Allan Koski
- 25 Melvin Arola
- 30 Philip Koski

### Anniversaries:

#### October

- 10-10 Ray and Marlene Lundberg
- 10-18 Michael and Debbie Gransinger
- 10-25 Todd and Amber Brancheau

#### November

- 11-01 Bill and Margaret Tobler

#### December

- 12-01 Bob and Jeanne Thompson
- 12-18 Bill and Nancy Beery

Share Your  
Faith in Christ



Unknown to many of us, there are busy people in our congregation who spend time and often their own money to repair, fix, replace, paint, mow, clean, make coffee, water plants, empty dehumidifier, and on and on....all so that things run smoothly. Our parsonage has new light fixtures, gutters, sharpened mower blades, plus other upkeep repairs. The entrance to our church has been newly painted, the shed has been painted, plus other accomplished tasks.

To all these people.....A BIG THANK YOU!



Hi Everyone,

Monday school is quickly approaching again. We are very excited about the year ahead. We are planning to start class on Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup> and would love any volunteers. The weeks are going to have themes this year and will focus on what Jesus would want us to do to become good Christians. We are lucky to have a great group of volunteers already, but there is always room for more! If you have a special talent or skill you would like to share with our Monday school kids, it would be fantastic if you could share a little time with us on a Monday morning.

## Monday School is Fun!

There will be a lot of exciting things going on in the next few weeks and months as we will be trying to put together a very special Fall Harvest Festival for everyone in our town! This will definitely be a night to remember for all! We are also asking anyone who would like to help us with a Harvest Festival to contact us, as we are in need of volunteers to help run games and hand out candy in our very own version of Trick or Treating, but we will call it **Trunk or Treating**. On Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> we are going to have the Harvest Festival right in our church parking lot. I am hoping I will have many volunteers to decorate their trunks and hand out candy to the children of Republic at the close of the Harvest Festival. PLEASE mark your calendars for this special and fun-filled night. More details will be coming.

As you see, this year is off to a busy start with Monday school, Harvest Festival and soon to come Christmas Program. I would appreciate any help or donations. This month we are collecting candy and small toys for our Harvest Festival. There is a box in the back of the church for anyone who would like to help us with donations. If you have any ideas to help us make our children's programs more fun, please see Regan with your ideas. Thanks!

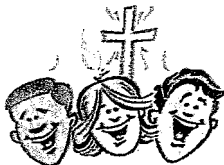
Regan Cook

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16 children from the community of Republic attended summer sessions at Camp Michigamme during June, July and August. It is an Outreach program that originates in Monday school and is made possible through donations from our church, the Republic Community Service Youth Group, and the Marquette District of The United Methodist Church.

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Youth News

Please watch for information leading up to the fall start-up of the Youth Group by Linda Allain.

## Ladies on the Move



Since our last newsletter, United Methodist Women met in June, July, August and September for a pot luck lunch, a business meeting, devotional time, and a time for friendship. We also accomplished some good projects. We hosted a "Welcome" reception for Pastor Mark and Karen their 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sunday with us. Karen has become an active part of our group and says we are a "fun group of ladies!!" We helped with the all church picnic following a cold, but heart-warming outdoor service at Munson Park.

At our August meeting Courtney Holsworth was our guest speaker and she shared her experiences playing basketball in Sweden, Estonia and several other Baltic Sea Countries. *Thank you* Courtney for sharing your experiences with us. Breanna Houg and Tabytha Chappa were also our guests at that meeting. It was held at Maribelle's cabin, and we set a record attendance of 27 members and guests. The end of August we helped co-ordinate and put on a pancake breakfast following our regular church service. The purpose was to raise money for our winter fuel fund. Those in attendance were very generous contributing \$1,054.00. However, we are prayerful that those of you who couldn't join with us that morning will want to add to that amount. If so, please be sure to designate "Fuel Fund" on your contribution. Envelopes for that purpose can be found on the back table in the sanctuary.

Several of our ladies plan to attend the District Annual Meeting of the UMW at the Gwinn United Methodist Church on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are proud to report that our participation in the promotional projects of the District have been successful. We collected a **LARGE** number of school supplies for our Republic-Michigamme local school. Last December our church had a Christmas tree on which we hung mittens, scarves, and knitted hats to be given to local children and adults. Our ladies helped bring the total items placed on the tree to 75. Plans are being made to do the same kind of tree again this year. Please participate in making this a successful outreach project.

The Farmers' Almanac predicts a cold winter!! Soon the summer people will be heading south. A smaller, but capable group, will be continuing on with regular church activities. **WE ARE TRULY BLESSED!**

Janet O'Dell, President

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### GORDON FOOD SERVICE

Our church has a Fundraiser Account at GFS. If our purchases total a minimum of \$499.00 each quarter, our church will receive a rebate check of 5% of the amount we spend. When you "shop" there, tell them to credit Republic United Methodist Church.

## ***RYAN'S RAMBLES***

I want to write a short note to share with you what is coming up in the near future. We have Monday school coming up; it is scheduled to start on the 28<sup>th</sup> of September. Please pray for those who are working on this project as they will be interacting and teaching the youth of the area. We prayerfully hope to make a difference in the lives of the youth, and most importantly, the lives of the extended families. There is also a festival coming up. We plan to have a Harvest Festival. This will be for everyone to enjoy. Please come yourselves and invite others to come and have fun with you. It is on the 24<sup>th</sup> of October.

Then we have Thanksgiving coming up. In celebration of this holiday, we are collaborating with Bethany Lutheran for a joint service with them at their sanctuary. The time will be announced later as the month progresses. The reason that Bethany volunteered to host again is because the invitation was extended to me to deliver the message. As you know the visiting pastor preaches, and they extended the invitation. That Sunday is also the first week of Advent. So we will be busy for awhile. We also have the migration happening during this time; our snowbirds will be traveling between now and November. Please join with me in praying for safe travels and a speedy return.

I would like to express a few personal words. I thank all of you for welcoming Karen and I into your family. Karen and I feel right at home and are thankful to be able to serve you. It is my prayer that we will be able to serve you in the name of Jesus, and that our relationship will continue to build as it has so far. I truly expect God to move, that we will see his work in all of us. May the Lord be with you all.

Pastor Mark