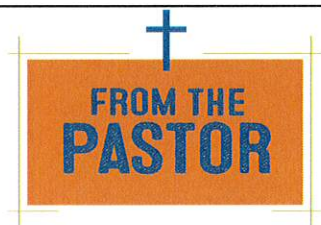




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The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

Why do the wicked live on, growing old and increasing in power? (Job 21:7)

There's a Clint Eastwood movie that matches the title of this article with cool music in the final scene. We can all quickly agree that there is good, bad, and ugly in the world. But people disagree on what is good, what is bad, and what is ugly.

There's also a pretty song called "These are the moments," by Edwin Cain, with these chorus lyrics,

And these are the moments,
I thank God that I'm alive.
And these are the moments,
I'll remember all my life.
I've found all I've waited for,
And I could not ask for more.

Those moments might be with family or friends. The song is used sometimes in wedding ceremonies, as well as funeral memory videos. When we reflect on the good, the bad, and the ugly moments of our lives, what do we come up with? We might recall special family times as good with disappointments as bad, while the heartbreaks and evil in the world exist as ugly. Personally, I would like to experience good family times more often. And it's mind-boggling to me how what the Bible calls bad or ugly can be considered good in our culture. In [Isaiah 5:20](#), the prophet declared, "Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil".

Hopefully, the church is helpful in areas of discernment between good and evil. It's actually a sign of spiritual maturity. Hebrews 5:13,14 says, "Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil." Let's cling to God's Word with a sober awareness that there is wickedness in the world and wicked people. Plus, while we attempt to enjoy the good times in life, we must also resist and battle the forces of evil.

In Christ Love,
Pastor Mo Dunn

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2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 6:00pm Bells 7:00pm Choir	2 7:00pm Bible Study	3	4
5 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship 7:00pm Gymanfa Ganu	6 7:30pm Deacon & Diaconess	7	8 6:00pm Bells 7:00pm Choir	9 5:30pm Gomer Trick or Treat 7pm Bible Study	10	11
12 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship 11:30 Christian Education	13 Canadian Thanksgiving Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples Day	14 7:00pm Trustee meeting 7:00pm Shalom	15 6:00pm Bells 7:00pm Choir	16 7:00pm Bible Study	17	18
19 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship	20	21	22 6:00pm Bells 7:00pm Choir	23 7:00pm Bible Study	24	25 4:00pm Fall Festival
26 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship Reformation Sunday	27	28	29 6:00pm Bells 7:00pm Choir	30 7:00pm Bible Study	31 Reformation Day	



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Niko Robert Lorencovic
was born August 22,
and weighed 9lbs 4oz.
His very proud parents
are Kara and Nikoli
Lorencovic.
Grandparents are Roger
and Linette Roberts and
Vaclav and Brenda
Lorencovic. Congratula-
tions to all!

Congratulations to Micah and Ellen (Sunderland)
Brentlinger on the birth of their son, Calvin John!
He was born on Wednesday, September 3, 2025. A
very proud grandmother, Carol Sunderland.



Doris Joan (Lloyd) Thomas
January 6, 1932 – June 21, 2025

Memorial Fund: Steve and Dina Tadena

Richard and Helen John
Sign Project: Lindsey and Becky Foust

Jesse John
April 26, 1956 – September 13, 1975
Memorial Fund: Becky Foust and Cynthia Spragg

Richard Williams
September 21, 1933 - September 6, 2025
Memorial Fund: Glen and Nancy Adams, Rex and
Sherry Branham, Anonymous Donor, Betty &
Willard Metzger, Sharon Myers, Allan and Ginger
Price, Louie and Jan Siefker



The Stewardship committee has chosen monetary
donations to The West Ohio Food Bank for the
month of October.

Thank you for your school supply donations and
donations to Meals 'til Monday. They are greatly
appreciated.

The fund for the sign in
front of the church con-
tinues to grow. Our total
as of publishing stands at
\$15,020. If you would
like to donate to the sign
just mark your envelope
accordingly and drop in
the collection plate. Or you can mail it to the
church office. Thank you.



Oct. 5	Dave & Pam Smith	Carson Sunderland
Oct. 12	Donna Martin and Jeni Martin	Genna Thomas
Oct. 19	Dave & Iris Jay	Madi Larimore
Oct. 26	George & Hope Diller	Beckett Sunderland
Nov. 2	Rod & Nancy Watkins	Jameson Thomas
Nov. 9	Derik & Sarah Mooney	Rayna Ogle
Nov. 16	Jeremy & Monica Price	Wyatt Diller
Nov. 23	Janet Alger & Norma Jacoby	Carson Sunderland
Nov. 30	Tim & Joyce Larimore	Genna Thomas
Dec. 7	Aaron & Lori Crider	Madi Larimore
Dec. 14	Marty & Deb Thomas	Beckett Sunderland
		Jameson Thomas

*Please mark your calendars! If you are unable to
be here on your assigned Sunday, we would ask
that you find a replacement or trade Sundays with
someone else on the list. Make sure to call the of-
fice about the change so the proper information
gets in the bulletin.



The Christian Education Committee will be hosting Fall Fest on Saturday, October 25th from 4-6pm at Gomer Congregational Church. There will be crafts, a costume parade, trunk-or-treat, games, and dinner. Trunk-or-treat will begin around 4:15pm. Dinner will be served from 5-5:30pm and will include chili and hotdogs.

We are hoping to increase participation in this year's trunk or treat. We would love for you to join us and help make it special by handing out candy to the kids!

The kids will be singing during the church service on Sunday, October 26th.

October 12th will be the next meeting.



Our 108th Annual Gymanfa Ganu will be held Sunday, October 5, 2025 at 7:00pm. The director for the evening is Truman Littler. The welsh museum will be open that day from 4-6pm.

The Sounds of Worship

Have you ever paused to listen — really listen — to the world around you?

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!" (Psalm 98:4, ESV)

The hum of morning birdsong. The laughter of children. The comforting voice of a friend. Even the quiet moments of stillness. These aren't just background noise — they're invitations to worship.

God designed a world that sings. Worship isn't limited to Sunday mornings or formal songs; it's woven into the everyday moments that tune our hearts to Him. And when we pause to truly

hear it, we are drawn into praise, right where we are.

What sound lifts your heart toward God today? Take a moment to listen. Let it remind you of His love and nearness.

The Best Gift for Your Pastor

October is Pastor Appreciation Month—a time to recognize and encourage those who faithfully shepherd our churches. But if you have ever asked a pastor how to show your gratitude, the answer probably is not a plaque or applause. More often than not, it is simple: "Pray for me."

Even the Apostle Paul did not ask for much personally, except for the prayers of fellow believers. In his letter to the Romans, he wrote: "Now I urge you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God for me, that I may be rescued from those who are disobedient in Judea, and that my service for Jerusalem may prove acceptable to the saints; so that I may come to you in joy by the will of God and relax in your company" (Romans 15:30–32, NASB).

This October—and every month—encourage your pastor by offering your prayers, support, and kind words. Ministry can be demanding, but knowing the church is lifting them up makes all the difference.



Please join us for a carry-in lunch following worship on Sunday, November 2. This lunch is to show Pastor Mo our appreciation for him during Pastor Appreciation Month. The main dish and table service will be provided as well as the drinks. We would like those that can, to join us in fellowship and bring a dish to share. We hope all can attend to help our church celebrate our pastor.

Richard (Dick) Williams passed away September 6, 2025. He was an inactive member at Gomer CC. He is survived by his wife, Sue and his children Jeff (Annette) Jim (Beth) and JoAnne Williams. He was very active in the Boy Scout Troop 84 for many years.

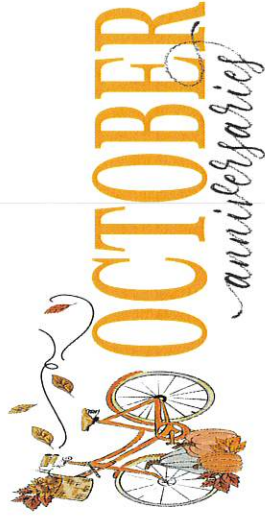


- 2 Kara Siefker
- Grace Martz
- 3 Jean Shank
- Gabrielle Martz
- 7 Will Watkins
- 9 Bob Grandbois
- Deb Thomas
- Tyler Shrider

- Ryan Price
- 11 Lynn Metzger
- 13 Peg Grandbois
- Dennis Jay
- 16 Emma Larimore
- 18 Darlene Montooth
- Jacob Evans
- 19 Madison Jackson
- 21 Todd Kohrn

- Tammy (Kohrn) Nicely
- 22 Doug Born
- 23 Norma Jacoby
- 26 Maxine Brooks
- 29 Cindy Clevenger
- Louie Siefker
- Rita Siefker
- 31 Logan Fisher

Penblwydd Hapus i chwi!
(Happy Birthday to you in Welsh)



- 16 David & Pam Smith
- 18 Cheryl & David Craig
- 19 Rob & Kristina Barnes
- 22 Jeff & Stephanie Evans
- 25 Tom & Wilma Evans
- 26 Andrew & Kate Clevenger
- 29 Richard & Diana Bok

Special dates

- Pastor Appreciation Month
- World Communion Sunday, October 5
- Pastor/Clergy Appreciation Sunday, October 12
- Columbus Day, October 13
- Indigenous Peoples Day, October 13
- Reformation Sunday, October 26
- Reformation Day, October 31

From Knowing to Becoming

Get to know Jesus well because the more you know him, the more you'll love him. And the more you love him, the more you'll want to follow him. And the more you follow him, the more you'll become like him. And the more you become like him, the more you become yourself.

—Ned Erickson

Christian Symbol

VERBUM DOMINI MANET IN

AETERNUM — Latin for "The

Word of the Lord Endures

Forever," this motto of the

Lutheran branch of the Protestant

Reformation comes from 1 Peter 1:25.

Frederick the Wise, ruler of Saxony and one of

Martin Luther's earliest and most influential

supporters, had the VDMA symbol sewn into

the right sleeve of the official garments worn

at his court. The symbol also appeared on

banners, flags, swords, and uniforms,

representing the unity of the Lutheran laity in

standing firm in their faith.

Bible Quiz

The book of Jonah tells the story of a prophet who ran from God, faced a storm, and learned about God's mercy. Which of the following statements is true?

A. Jonah told the sailors he was running from God, and they threw him overboard.

B. The fish that swallowed Jonah washed up on the shores of Joppa.

C. Jonah preached in Nineveh for forty days and forty nights.

D. After the city repented, Jonah rejoiced and built an altar to the Lord.

Answer: A (See Jonah 1:9-15)



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The Beauty of Stewardship

Stewardship has to do with how we manage our time, talent, resources — basically our entire lives. It's a beautiful concept when properly understood. Here are the basics of good stewardship:

God is the source of all creation, including our lives. God is the primary owner of all that exists. We are blessed by being given the task of managing well all that we have influence over: our lives, our abilities, our minds and bodies, our time, our part of the earth, our finances, our children, our church buildings, our automobiles, etc.

Although we can make decisions regarding each of the above, ultimately we are responsible to God. Sooner or later, we must give an account of our management of God's creation and of God's gifts.

When we properly use the talents, resources and property that God allows us to manage, we find great joy. Think of planting a garden which soon overflows with colorful flowers, wonderful vegetables and flavorful herbs, etc. God gave us the plot of ground, God gave us the seed, God gave us the wisdom and strength to bring forth such beauty, such good things to see or eat, or smell. Yet we did the work, with God's help, to make it a reality. Like Adam we tilled it and kept it. But God gave the increase. God's provisions and our labor brought the garden to its fulfillment.

Good stewardship enables us to do something positive and wonderful with the money God has allowed us to have. What feels better than knowing one has managed money well? Our bank account, our checkbook and our portfolio tell the story. When money is handled well, we have enough for ourselves and are still able to give to God's work.

