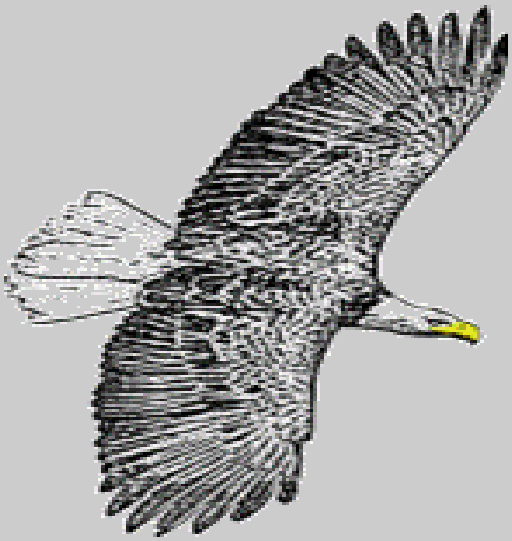
Union Church at Brimfield, UCC

On Eagle's Wings

October 2026



"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint." Isaiah 40:31

GOD IS STILL SPEAKING!

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Pastor's Corner

October 2026

As the first day of fall was yesterday, it got me thinking. As we change seasons and move into fall, it is a good time to settle back into a schedule and to come back to church. We have missed you and hope you know that we care. We would love to see you again. Now that we have hopefully gotten away from the extreme heat and long dry weather we can now get together. Fall is also a great time to reflect on our stewardship. How is it that we are using the gifts that God has given us in our lives. Whether it be financially, or talents or our time. Everything that we have we have been given by God for the building up of his kingdom here on earth. That means that we do not own anything as we can not take it with us. How are we using it for the good of others.

Do our lives attract others to Christ or distract them from Christ? We enter October that month that enters in the fall temperatures and gets us thinking about the holidays that start with Halloween and run through the beginning of the new year. It is a time that you get busy with planning and preparing for everything that is coming up so fast. We all get nervous, and our schedules get hectic with everything that we must get done. It is easy to put our faith on hold and focus on the tasks at hand. Our lives become running from one thing to another. Know that God understands that, and he wants you to know that he is a place you can come when you feel overwhelmed and frustrated. Spend some quiet time in prayer and watch what God can and will do in your life. It is when we take time for God that we will accomplish more and be more rested.

For some reason we think that if we work harder, pray harder, or go to the "faith" gym, we are going to work on our faith muscles and then we will have faith enough to move mountains. But if you look at Jesus, he lived his relationship with God his Father, and it was not that he had to work harder, He just loved him and lived out that relationship in everything that he did and said. We need to learn that we need to experience Jesus, so we know what we are sharing with others. It is not getting better faith, or stronger faith muscles, it is just living out our relationship the way that God has called us to live. God is the giver of faith, and he is also the one who gave you the gifts. He did so that you can share those gifts. Make sure that you are focusing on the important things this fall and that Jesus and Your faith take a priority in the business of life. If we are too busy for God ~ how do we expect God not to be too busy for us? May this fall season bring you a renewed faith and better understanding of the call that God has for you and your family. Thank you for your dedication and faithfulness.

In Christ's love,

Rev. Stephen W. Barch

From the Moderator – October 2026

It's hard to believe it's October already. This year seems to have flown by. We are now into the beautiful fall colors and more enjoyable temperatures and lower humidity. Enjoy the beautiful blessings of Fall that our Lord has given us.

With October comes our Trunk or Treat! This fun evening is always a favorite with the community. Please plan on participating if you can. It's a fun evening for the kids and adults. Watch for more details.

Our Stewardship Sunday will be in November. We will have breakfast after the service to celebrate all the generosity of our congregation. Please carefully consider what you can give to our church. The Trustees use this information to help set the budget for the next year.

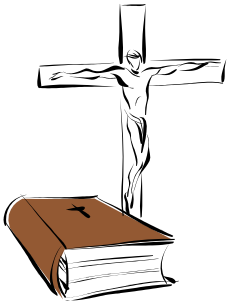
Our Annual Meeting will be in January. We will soon be looking for volunteers to fill some committee positions. We would love to have some new voices and ideas on our committees. Please consider helping with all the work of the church.

The choir will soon be rehearsing for the Advent and Christmas holiday. If you would like to join, please let Connie know. We would love to have new voices added to our choir.

As always, keep anyone suffering in any way in your prayers. Pray for our country and our leaders and pray that the truth will be known.

Prayerfully submitted,

Coleen Martin



The Worship Care Team met September 13, 2026

Members: Joyce Carlson, Sue Savage, Tonja Gunter, Vanessa Hartley, Bev Johnson & Ginny Emerick

- Advent & Christmas Choir Practice has started. Contact Connie for more info.
- Community Luncheon—October 13th @ noon. The menu will be Italian beef sandwiches, chips, salad or veggie, desserts & beverages. Contact Bev Johnson or Joyce with any questions.
- Grief/Loss Group—Every Tuesday afternoon 3—4:30pm
- Adult Bible Study--- Every Tuesday evening 6:15pm to 7:30pm
- Stewardship Sunday will be November 8th.

As always, if you have any suggestions or concerns about the worship service please let us know.

Also, we are always looking for music talent.....if you sing or play an instrument and would like to share a song during worship we would love to have you.

Our next meeting will be October 11th @ 8am.

STUFF-A-PEW

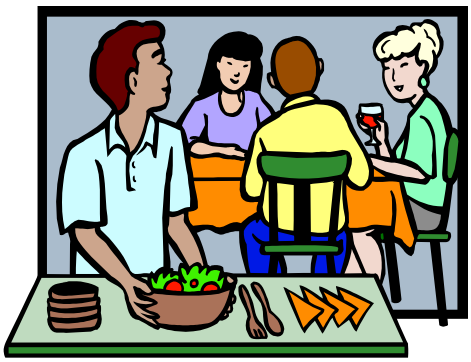
BEGINS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH
TO BENEFIT THE
BRIMFIELD AREA FOOD PANTRY

More info coming soon.

There is still plenty of time to join our Holiday Church Choir.

Please see Connie if you are interested.

Union Church Luncheon
Tuesday, October 13 @ Noon.



HOW TO HEAR GOD'S VOICE

~Without confusing it with your feelings~

Feelings are real, but they are not always reliable instructions. God can use my emotions to reveal something, but a strong feeling alone does not mean God spoke.

START WITH THIS TRUTH :

God's voice will never contradict God's Word.

If the direction requires disobedience, dishonesty, compromised boundaries, or behavior that contradicts Scripture, I do not need another sign.

GOD'S VOICE

- Aligns with Scripture
- Brings clarity, conviction, and wisdom.
- Can withstand prayer, time, and wise counsel.
- Calls me toward obedience and growth.

MY FEELINGS

- May align with what I currently want.
- May create urgency, anxiety, or impulsiveness.
- May change with my mood or circumstances.
- May look for comfort, control, or immediate relief.

*QUESTIONS TO HELP ME DISCERN : *

1. Does this agree with Scripture?
2. Does it reflect God's character?
3. Am I seeking God's will ~ or permission for what I already want?
4. Can this survive prayer, patience, and wise counsel?
5. Is this producing godly conviction or fearful pressure?
6. Am I willing to obey if God's answer is different from mine?

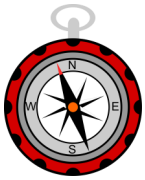
IMPORTANT REMINDER :

Peace does not always mean 'yes,' and discomfort does not always mean 'no.' Sometimes obedience feels uncomfortable because God is stretching me.

KEY SCRIPTURES :

John 10 : 27 * 1 John 4 : 1

James 3 : 17 * Proverbs 3 : 5-6



I do not have to force clarity. I can pray, test what I hear, wait without panic, and trust God to make my next step clear.

WIDER SERVICE TEAM

October

Trunk or Treat- October 24th 4-6pm

Watch for more info coming soon. Any questions, please contact Allison Porter.

December

- Brimfield Christmas Walk will be December 5th from 5-7pm. Watch for more info coming soon.
- The Women's Fellowship Cookie Walk date TBA asap
- **Next meeting TBA**

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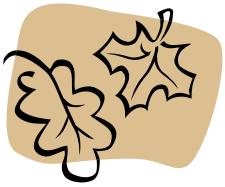
Birthdays

3- Vicki Johnson
7- Jere Blundy
9– Jane Strevils
Rich Monk
14– Finn Parod
15—Woodrow Pacey
26— Roxy Ludolph
28– Ashley Savage

Anniversaries

12– Jeff & Tara Blundy
13– Brian & Ginny Emerick
18– Mack & Lori Conway
22- Cordt & Emily Hicke
29– Bill & Judie Foust



COLLEGE & SHUT IN CARE PACKETS ~

As always, looking for any donations.

There is a list of ideas on the bulletin board & extra copies next to the item collection baskets.

Monetary donations to help with shipping are great too!

Tara is the contact person.

Our Mission Focus for the Month of

OCTOBER

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

What is Neighbors in Need?

Neighbors in Need represents one of several ways the UCC expresses its financial commitment to justice and compassion throughout the U.S. Funds from NIN support the UCC's justice advocacy programs and are also distributed to a wide array of congregations and nonprofit organizations who work to support justice and who help neighbors in their communities, across the country and in Puerto Rico. One– third of the offering supports the council for American Indian Ministry, including the 20 American Indian congregations in the UCC. Two-thirds of the offering supports justice advocacy and direct service projects such as justice with peace programs and community grants.

Two-thirds of Neighbors in Need supports program initiatives and direct grants offered by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries. Small but essential grants are made throughout the year to congregations and organizations engaged in community organizing, public policy advocacy, and direct service.

Although grants are made to address a wide range of justice priorities, a significant portion of these grants are made to address issues of hunger and poverty.

Through our generous gifts to Neighbors In Need, the United Church of Christ is offering hope to millions of people; we are transforming lives, the nation, and our world.

Praise be to God !

2026 Mission Giving to Date:

Jan –Blankets +/ TOH : $235

Feb—NH : $155

March—OGHS : $225

April—Common Place : $185

May— Strengthen the Church : $213

June—Peoria Rescue Ministry : $ 215

July—CPA : $ 160

Aug—CJT : $ 165

Sept—HPI : $ 185

Serving at Union Church *OCTOBER 2026*

October 4, 2026

Greeter
Constance Monk
Usher
Jim Martin
Lay Reader
Coleen Martin
Children's Story

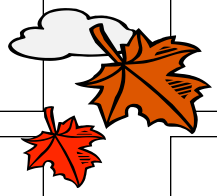
Sunday School
Communion
Sound System
Rudy Carlson

Donuts
Mariola Kabat

October 11, 2026

Greeter
Linda Williams
Usher
Rudy Carlson
Lay Reader
Mariola Kabat
Children's Story
Pastor Steve
Sunday School
Tonja Siegel
Sound System
Tim Siegel

Donuts
Linda Williams



October 18, 2026

Greeter
Ginny Emerick
Usher
Linda Williams
Lay Reader
Janet Fishel
Children's Story
Pastor Steve
Sunday School
Kelly Walker
Sound System
Rudy Carlson

Donuts
Constance Monk

October 25, 2026

Greeter
Janet Fishel
Usher
Tonja Siegel
Lay Reader
Kelly Walker
Children's Story
Pastor Steve
Sunday School
Emma Blundy
Sound System
Tim Siegel

Donuts
Joyce Carlson

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Worship 9am Stuff-A-Pew begins	5	6 **Grief & Loss 3-4:30** **Bible Study 6:15-7:30pm**	7	8	9	10
11 Worship Care Mtg 8am Worship 9am Trustees mtg 10am	12	13 **Luncheon 12pm** Grief & Loss 3-4:30pm **Bible Study 6:15-7:30pm**	14	15	16	17
18 Worship 9am	19	20 Grief & Loss 3-4:30pm **Bible Study 6:15-7:30pm**	21	22	23	24 **Trunk or Treat** **4:00-6:00pm**
25 Leadership mtg 8am Worship 9am	26	27 Grief & Loss 3-4:30pm **Bible Study 6:15-7:30pm**	28	29	30	31

On Eagle's Wings Newsletter

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Pastor	**Rev. Stephen Barch**
Sunday Worship Service	**9:00 AM**
Pastor's Office Hours	**Tuesdays 1pm-7pm**
Grief & Loss Group	**Tuesday Afternoon 3-4:30pm**
Adult Bible Study	**Tuesday Evenings 6:15-7:30pm**
Children's Bible School	**During Sunday Worship**
Office Hours~	**Tuesday 1-6pm**
	Friday 1pm-5pm
	Or by appointment