



Joi de Vivre (Joy of Life) Newsletter for October

Because joy comes to us in many forms... this newsletter will feature a monthly scripture quote, a couple of things to do and places to experience, some comedy, at times music, sometimes recipes, a list of upcoming UWF events, matters of importance and sometimes the unexpected. **WELCOME to the "Joy of Life"** because when we are happy and fulfilled we can give to others more fully.

Scripture Reading

Proverbs 27:17 - “As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.”

Things You Might Find Interesting To Do:

Take a ride out to Dekalb's Northern Illinois University and listen to an incredible orchestra!



Petrushka and "Moor"

Oct 11, 2025 | 7:30 P.M.

Boutell Memorial Concert Hall, NIU Music Building

The KSO's 49th season opens with a rollercoaster ride through 300 years of classical music beginning with Symphony No. 25 in G Minor by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and concluding with music from the ballet Petrushka by Igor Stravinsky. The concert will also feature soloist Teng Li, principal violist of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, performing the Viola Concerto by Béla Bartók. A pre-concert talk begins at 6:30 P.M. This concert is partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council and also sponsored in part by Ann and James Tucker.

Website: kishorchestra.org

Convenient parking is just across the street from the Music Building.

If you are into the spooky and supernatural, Wheaton Public Library will be featuring a virtual event to scare your socks off.



OCT 21, 2025 TUESDAY - VIRTUAL

Chicagoland Ghosts and Hauntings

7:00pm–8:15pm

Adults

Registration Open

Event Details

Get in the mood for Halloween by joining supernatural history author Troy Taylor for an eerie evening of local history and hauntings. Go beyond the legends and lore to discover the real stories behind the strange tales lurking in our own backyard.

Website: www.wheatonlibrary.org/event/chicagoland-ghosts-and-hauntings-110416

This month's **funny section** features a video made by the Irish comedians featured below. The name of the video is, **“What if there’s an Irish Pope?”**

Click the link listed here:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=JXoK5CMQDK4



Foil, Arms & Hog Comedy Team

P.S. I am of 50% Irish heritage and found it hilarious! But you don't have to be Irish to enjoy it.

UWF EVENTS & THINGS OF IMPORTANCE CORNER



In regard to something very important, I would like to introduce you to the **Manning Family** pictured below. Some of you may already know them, but for those who do not, they are former members of Baker Memorial Church.

The Mom is Hannah, Dad is Aidan, the baby boy is Alder, the younger of the two sisters is Wren and the oldest is Willow. It is **Willow who has a serious illness**, and as such, the family has moved to Florida where Willow is receiving medical treatments for her condition.

It would be so great if you wonderful, kind-hearted women of Baker would send cards to Hannah, Aidan and the girls. **FYI** - Both girls love receiving their own mail.

Their mailing address is:

1050 Cayman Drive

Melbourne, FL 32901



UWF (United Women in Faith) Save the Date Events:

(All members of the church are invited to UWF events)

10/4 @ 10AM – 3PM Purchase With A Purpose



Contact **Betty Erickson** at n9yfc@aol.com if you would like to **help out** on the day of this event or go to **Sign Up Genius**.

10/17 @ 9AM *** Something New***** Starting in October, meet for coffee or beverage of choice, once per month, just to share in morning fellowship where you can make some new friends and/or chat with old ones.**

MAPLE LEAF
COFFEE HOUSE
ROASTERY & ORGANIC CAFE



1 West Illinois Street
St. Charles, IL 60174

Website: mapleleafcafe.com

10/17 Movie Night @ 6PM – “Real Women Have Curves” (Movie lasts about 90 minutes)

Place: Wiley Hall with pizza, salad & popcorn being served.

Afterwards we will discuss the relevance of the movie in our lives.

You can sign up on the church website or the church app.

Plot: *Ana Garcia, an 18-year-old first-generation daughter of immigrants whose dreams of going to college clash with the antiquated goals and desires of her domineering mother. The mother wants her to get married, have children, and oversee the small, rundown family-owned textile factory.*

Real Women Have Curves was adapted from the same-name play by writer Josefina López. We see an ambitious teenager reclaim her space and revel in her womanhood. The movie has some subtitles.

10/25 UWFaith NIC Annual Meeting

Special Guest: General Secretary CEO Sally Vonner

Place: Belvidere, IL

Carpool will be leaving from church at 7:30AM and registration is at 8:30AM. If you are interested in attending, please contact Kim Starr at kimberlyannstarr@gmail.com

10/26 @ 10AM UWFaith Worship Service

Place: St. Marks UMC

8441 S. St. Lawrence Ave.

Chicago, IL

Carpool will be leaving from church at 8:30AM. If you are interested in attending, please contact Kim Starr at kimberlyannstarr@gmail.com

11/2 from 2-4PM BUNCO

Place: Wiley Hall

*****Sign up on the app closer to the date*****

11/16 Pies for Pi Day Sale (Fall Version) & Jar Sale

Place: Baker Hall after church services

*****There will be a Sign Up Genius for this*****

11/17 – 11/21 Madrigal Dinner

***More details in the future.**

*******UWF Reading Program Books*******

Please review the list below. If you have any of these books, please either let Kim know or return them to the church office. Thank you so Much!

Together - Vivek H Murthy
The Loneliness Epidemic - Susan Mettes
Saving Us - Katharine Hayhoe
The Light We Carry - Michelle Obama
The Sun Does Shine - Anthony Ray Hinton.
Pioneer Black Clergy Women - Rev. Dr. Josephine Whitey Field

Blessings,

Sandy

Happy Halloween!

