



# Prairie Light

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I found this newsletter article written by Reverend David Mullens and found it to be quite interesting. I hope you find this letter helpful too.

*“An object at rest will remain at rest unless acted on by an unbalanced force. An object in motion continues in motion with the same speed and in the same direction unless acted upon by an unbalanced force.”*

I'm sure you've encountered the above "Law of Inertia" or Newton's first law of motion at some point in your life. Maybe you were in school, or perhaps you heard it on TV, or in some random conversation. IN MOTION OR AT REST? Think about a stalled car. It's just sitting there. Moving a car which is "at rest" is hard. Once you start pushing the car and getting it "in motion" the pushing becomes easier. When you are "in motion" it is easy to stay "in motion." This law works with churches as well. When churches have momentum they are "in motion" and continue to be "in motion." "In motion" churches begin new things; new services, new programs, new bible studies, new preschools, etc. They get rid of what doesn't work (friction) and focus on what does. They add new people to ministries and leadership, enabling them to continue "in motion." It is great to be and "in motion" kind of church. It is exciting! As Newton says, an object keeps doing what it has always done. If it is 'in motion' it continues. If an object (or church) is "at rest" it continues at rest. So an "in motion" church stays "in motion" but an "in rest" church stays at rest. FRICTION: So how does a church (or anything) lose momentum? I'm not a physicist, but when friction enters into the picture as an "unbalanced force" working against the "in motion" the object begins to lose momentum. For a church, friction comes in many forms: programs that no longer work, lack of money, lack of volunteers, lack of interest, people becoming less involved, removing staff, removing programming, etc., etc., etc., SLOWING DOWN SLOWLY: We may not notice when friction begins slowing down the "in motion" though. It happens subtly, slowly, and quietly behind the scenes. Before the members of the church realize, their church is no longer "in motion." Things aren't as exciting as they once were and new things no longer happen. In other words, the church slowly coasts until it moves no longer. THE POWER OF AN UNBALANCED FORCE: In order to get the church back "in motion" from a more "restful state" there needs to be an "unbalanced force" which acts upon it. WE are that unbalanced force! We are the ones who will provide that force to get the church "in motion" once again. Remember the car? Yea. The stalled car. It is hard to get it moving. You have to push hard, but if you do, it starts moving. Then, it gets easier to push. ARE YOU WILLING? It may be the same with the church. It will take more effort, time, and energy to get a stalled church "in motion" than it did to keep it in motion. The question is, are we willing and able to provide that force (or push)? Are we ready to be part of the "unbalanced force" crew? Having goals to match our vision and mission statements is one way to do this. It is about getting us moving. It is about moving forward! It is about following God as God leads us to places of blessings. If we do... we will be glad we did. I hope you found this article helpful, and motivating as I did. Let's get to work!

Peace and Love,

*Pastor Debby*

# October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 2 pm W UMW	3 <b>6 pm W Trustees</b> 6 pm W Glory Ringers 7 pm W Choir	4 7 pm BR/W @ BVNH	5	6 10 am Let Them Sing!
7 Communion W Fish Fry 7 pm BR/W @ BR <i>Job 1:1, 2:1-10</i> <i>Mark 10:2-16</i>	8 No School	9	10 6 pm W Glory Ringers 7 pm W Choir 7 pm BR UMW <b>8 pm W Ad. Board</b>	11	12 School Dismissed @ 12  5 <sup>th</sup> Quarter After VHHS Football Game	13 10 am Let Them Sing!
14 Worship BR Crosslines 7 pm BR/W @ BR <i>Job 23:1-9, 16-17</i> <i>Mark 10:17-31</i>	15	16 10 am W Mobil Food Pantry	17 2 pm W After School Program 6 pm W Glory Ringers 7 pm W Choir <b>7 pm BR Council</b>	18	19	20 10 am Let Them Sing!
21 Worship 7 pm BR/W @ BR <i>Job 38:1-7, 34-41</i> <i>Mark 10:35-45</i>	22	23	24 6 pm W Glory Ringers 7 pm W Choir 7 pm Staff Parish @ BR	25	26	27 9 am BR Food Pantry 10 am Let Them Sing!
28 Worship 7 pm BR/W @ BR <i>Job 42:1-6, 10-17</i> <i>Mark 10:46-52</i>	29	30	31 Halloween	<b>2018 Church Charge Conference is scheduled for Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> @ 4 pm. Location TBD</b>		

## October Birthdays

1. Betty Dummermuth
2. Eric Pishney
7. Jill Gray
8. Phoebe Pitney
9. Danae Adams
10. Emma Yungeberg
12. Brent Martin
13. Wilma Watters
14. Alrik Bergquist  
Robbie Stryker
17. Jami Gillig
18. Toni Wohler
19. Idris Thyfault  
Jerry Williams
20. Nicholas Gordon  
Kalen Martin
21. Bryon Nemechek
22. Bevy Roepke
23. Sherill Hearn
24. Buck Jackson
25. Kinsley Gillig
26. Pat Winkenwader
27. Nicole Porter  
Dan Schmidt
28. Violet Merrill
29. Darla Dick  
Jeff Wagner
30. Drew Mann  
Don Osborne
31. Eunice Larson  
Hudson Nemechek  
Elijah Smith

## October Anniversaries

10. Norman & Betty Dummermuth
15. Lee & Monica Jones  
Don & Sharon King



**Waterville UMC**  
103 W 4<sup>th</sup> St  
PO Box 150  
Waterville, KS 66548

Worship: 11 am  
Sunday School: 9:45 am

Nicole Porter, Administration  
Terry Roepke, Finance Chair  
Tony Mann, Trustees  
Bryce Porter, Treasurer  
Bryce Porter, Staff/Parish Relations  
Bevy Roepke, UMW

**W Trustees meet**  
**Wed, Oct 3 @ 6 pm**  
**W Ad. Council meets**  
**Wed, Oct 10 @ 8 pm**

We are in the process of updating information for the newsletter and on the website.

If you have any suggestions, please contact the office. Thanks!



**Blue Rapids UMC**  
105 W 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
PO Box 153  
Blue Rapids, KS 66411

Worship: 9 am  
Sunday School: 10:15 am

Darren Nemechek, Administration  
Angie Denton, Trustees  
Larry Nolte, Finance Chair  
Larry Nolte, Treasurer  
Becky Pishney, UMW  
Bryon Nemechek, Staff/Parish Relations

**No BR Trustees meeting in**  
**October**  
**BR Council meets**  
**Wed Oct 17 @ 7 pm**

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