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Experiences and impulses:

Do you remember... Pentecost a year ago? After a long time, after not having had a presence service since the end of November 2020, we finally celebrated service together again. I was very happy about that. But I had to get used to it again. Now it's all back to everyday Sunday life. Celebrate church service, drink coffee/tea together and have a relaxed lunch together once a month. Talking, playing, crafting and enjoying fellowship with coffee/tea and some goodies on Thursdays. The women's group meets regularly and enjoys the community. WomensCorner meets in a nice group and enjoys the evenings together.

And our beautiful garden also invites you to play, celebrate and enjoy the sun outside of the row.

It's nice to be able to be together so naturally. This also helps newcomers to connect more easily.

The pandemic has almost completely faded into the background. The news is full of information about Russia's war against Ukraine. "Can we just enjoy our lives there?"

Someone asked this question last week just put it in the room. I responded with a counter question: "If we enjoy the moment, is it harming the people of Ukraine and Russia or anywhere else on earth where there is great misery?" I admit, a rhetorical question. But I also catch myself from time to time wondering if I don't have to do more.

But I can do that too, maybe even better, if I enjoy life and the moment. I have been told again and again by employees of the UMC World Mission who have returned that people in poor countries in particular are much more happy, although in our opinion their living conditions do not justify this. Does joie de vivre make it easier to cope with crises and emergency situations?

In any case, it does not help me to fear an escalation of the war.



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I then often admonish myself with the words from 1 John 4, 18: "In love there is no fear, but perfect love casts out fear... In the one who fears, love has not yet reached its goal."



I want to grow with you in that love that transforms fear into joy and love. I want to see with you where there is need and my hands and heart are needed to turn that need around.

this is how I would like to celebrate Pentecost with you. To celebrate, that the Spirit of God fills us with all joy and peace also and especially in the face of war, hunger and injustice near and far.

Birthdays

June: 04.06. Marie Cieslik, 17.06. Ulrike Wagner,
22.06. Leila Akkerman,

July: 01.07. Jan Ole Stolze, 03.07. Thomas Braun,
12.07. Ulla Hinrichs and Chandrakeerthi Kmitta,
13.07. Ralf Kirsten, 22.07. Alice Alferink, 23.07. Jens
Olaf Boese, 29.07. Preti Jerosh, 31.07. Biyon
Senapathige and Gabriel Baltuttis



Church services

<i>date</i>	<i>theme</i>	<i>who preaches</i>
05.06.	Pentecost multi-generational service Bring along lunch	Regina Stolze
12.06.	with a community meeting	Regina Stolze
19.06.		Regina Stolze
26.06.		NN
03.07.	Theme service Bring-along lunch	Regina Stolze
10.07.	Iron Wedding H.&S. welcome	Dankmar Fischer
07/17		Jurgen Werner
07/24		Robert Schmidt
07/31		Regina Stolze



Important appointments

Prayer Circle via WhatsApp (collect concerns every Monday from 5:30 pm. to 6:00 pm. and then pray)

Video home group Wednesdays 5.00pm. If you contact me, I'll be happy to email you the link. You can also participate by phone.

women circle: Fortnightly in even calendar weeks at 3:30 pm. home group

[https://meet.jit.si/Hauskreis Recklinghausen](https://meet.jit.si/Hauskreis%20Recklinghausen) teen hangout Info Fabian Akkermann multi-generation meeting every Thursday from 4.00 pm

- Sports and games - cooking together - getting creative - handicrafts Womens Corner Info Leila Akkermann

Announcements

Ricarda and Thorben Akkermann want theirs on July 1st wedding celebrate at our community center. We wish you a fulfilling and mutually constructive future together under the blessing of God.



Heriron wedding (65 years) Hildegard and Siegfried Ermlich celebrate on July 10th. They want to receive God's blessing again as part of the church service. We wish you as a church that God gives you the energy and joy that you need every day.

We are grateful to have you with us. God has made you a blessing among us.

Back to the Roots!



My name is Katrin Hummel, I am 58 years old, married to Dirk, have two adult children and now also two granddaughters, who make me very happy.

The UMC Recklinghausen was my home community from childhood. We lived at Limperstraße 34 because my father was the community caretaker. Even after I had my own family and lived in Haltern for 10 years, I continued to be an active member of the community.

Due to a job-related change of residence, we moved to Hennef an der Sieg in 2001 and ended up as a family in the FeG Rhein-Sieg in 2002, because the UMC communities in Bonn and Cologne were too far away for us.

Although I could not identify with some of the theological views of this FeG, I made compromises and gave hope for change and

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further development. There, too, I worked actively in various areas for 18 years. In all these years, unfortunately, too little has changed in the areas that are important to me. Finally, I gained physical and personal distance from the community during the Corona period and became more and more convinced that I no longer wanted to be a member there.

Unfortunately, I couldn't find a real alternative here. To recharge my batteries spiritually, I go to a home group with Dirk and will attend the services in the local evangelical church in the future.

But membership there doesn't feel right to me either.

And that's why I'm happy that Regine Stoltze has complied with my wish to accept me back into the UMC community in RE.

Kind regards, Catherine

Holiday pastor: 05.-27.07.2022 During this time, contact
Leila Akkermann or Rosemarie Letzig

Children's holiday weeks



05./06..07. 2-4 p.m , dream catcher Andrea Deiß and team costs 4€

12./13.07. 2-4 p.m , knitting and crocheting, Rosemarie Letzig
and team 5 €

19./20.07. 2-4pm , Batik workshop, Rosemarie Letzig and team 7€

28./29.07. 2-4:30 p.m , felt workshop, Gabriele Cohnen and team 8€

04./05.08. 2-4 p.m , wood workshop, Regine Stoltze and team 5€

Registrations are only possible this year online (Ricarda Akkermann) or
via Rosemarie Letzig, by telephone.

We are looking for helping hands especially for the batik. Prior knowledge is
not required. It was great fun last year.

There will definitely be great experiences again with children from all over

Recklinghausen. You are welcome to advertise it.

Finance

I am asked again and again: "What about our finances?" Some of our older siblings
have died in recent years and their regular donations are now missing. Despite this,
the community finances are generally in good shape. New individuals have joined to
help meet our financial commitments to the buildings and to the Church. And we
always make money by making our rooms available to others.

On June 12th we want to take a closer look at this in the community meeting.

Bring some time for this on Sunday.

Future

And then I'm asked again and again: "How is that supposed to work if you're also responsible for the community in Hamm?"



We can also discuss this in the community meeting. First of all, I will work with 25% in Hamm from September. I will preach there on 2 Sundays. Then I would be in Recklinghausen on one less Sunday. However, if we all want it, we can move one service a month from Sunday morning to the afternoon or an early evening at the weekend or during the week and then possibly give it a different form. Then I would be able to be in Recklinghausen just as much and as often. Or we develop completely different ideas.

From February at the latest I can then work with 50% in Hamm. By then, a corresponding rhythm will certainly have worked itself out.

What is good about this new setting: Both communities can find each other a little more and there is already a common structure if one good day I say goodbye to your retirement. Then the cabinet can assign a full-time employee with 100% of both municipalities.

(No translation below)



Hilfe, die ankommt



Liberia – Daniel Penju sorgt für Verkehrssicherheit

In Liberia gibt es keine Pflicht zum Besuch einer Fahrschule. Man kann sich einfach zur Führerscheinprüfung anmelden. Nun bietet das Ausbildungszentrum »Eine hellere Zukunft für Kinder« (BFC) in Buchanan, Liberia, armen und benachteiligten jungen Menschen eine umfassende Fahrausbildung an.

Der Fahrlehrer Daniel Penju berichtet: »Neben den Verkehrsregeln und der praktischen Fahrausbildung bringe ich den Jugendlichen auch Grundlagen zur Technik und Funktion eines Fahrzeuges bei. Besonders wichtig ist mir das Thema Sicher-

heit im Straßenverkehr, damit die viel zu hohe Zahl an Unfällen im Lande zurückgeht.«

Die so geschulten (mehrheitlich) jungen Männer haben eine neue Perspektive für die Zukunft. Denn gut ausgebildete Fahrer sind gesucht und Mangelware. Viele Firmen und reichere Privatpersonen beschäftigen Fahrer, die sich auch um die Autos kümmern können.



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