



The Good News

NOVEMBER 2019

The Angel Tree is Coming

Christmas is coming, and as we have for many years, the Angel Tree for children will be up in the hallway between the Narthex and Becker Hall across from the Library. This year, we have 40 names of needy children from Care and Share from which to choose to purchase Christmas gifts. The card you select will contain the child's wish



list and detailed instructions for your use. PLEASE, you must sign your name by the appropriate number on the clip board for each card you take. This is a terrific project for your Circle, Shepherd Group, Sunday School, Manna class, or Family. We sincerely thank you for your past loving participation.

Be sure to return your items to the tree no later than Sunday, December 1.

If you have any questions, please call Sue Prather at 855-7378.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday, November 28, 2019

Serving line from 11:30 am ~ 1:00 pm

Bring your family and friends, and let us serve you for this Thanksgiving holiday.

Cost: \$13.00 per person

Children age 10 and under eat free.

Reservations must be made and tickets bought no later than

Sunday, November 24th
in the Church Office.

There will be no tickets sold at the door.

Menu:

Turkey and Dressing, Ham,
Sweet Potatoes, Corn Casserole,
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy,
Honey-glazed Carrots,
Cranberry Relish, Homemade Rolls,
Assorted Desserts (Sugar-free too!)
Coffee and Tea

Please notify the church office of when you can help on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday of Thanksgiving week ~ and/or if you can bring a dessert.

Only 3 more weeks of Midweek Manna

Last night before winter break - November 20th
Wednesdays: Meal ~ 5:30 & Classes ~ 6:30

Groups

- Disciple Fast Track New Testament thru 11/20
- Sacred Music thru 11/13
- Spiritual Gifts thru 11/13
- God's Not Dead and God's Not Dead II thru 11/6
- Coloring Your Way to Calm ~ Adult Coloring Classes also on Lower Level: YouthLife (7th grade-HS)

Pre-K thru 6th Grade~Room 20 Infants & Toddlers~Toddler Rm

Sign-ups in the Office for classes and dinner!

We will have a SPECIAL PROGRAM on November 20.

Read Amy's article (page 6) PLEASE JOIN US!



Thank you Lord for all the blessings in our life. We give you thanks, today and all the days to come.



Glimpses of Grace

Rev. Jeanne Williams, Senior Pastor

A quick search on Biblegateway.com of the phrase, “give thanks” merited 79 results. That’s 79 times in the Bible that the exact phrase is used. Topically, there are 23 times when “give thanks” occurs. This is the month of “thanks.” Consumer culture tells us to pause and give thanks this month. There’s often social media campaigns pushing us to give reasons we’re thankful every day leading into Thanksgiving. We even participated last year as a church in a “why I love my church” thanksgiving campaign.

None of this is bad! In fact, I think it’s a really good thing to be reminded to give thanks. But, I do have an issue. Why does it take the month of November for us as a society to stop and return thanks? Now, don’t get me wrong, there are a lot of moments when I really don’t want to give thanks. Like, when one of the kids is sick and I haven’t slept. Or when a loved one is suffering. Or when a wildfire decimates thousands of acres. Yet... our faith tradition, our scripture, tells us to “give thanks in all things.”

It’s difficult to give thanks when a cancer diagnosis is given. It’s difficult to give thanks when your child is incarcerated... again. It’s easy to give thanks when there’s money in the bank, food on the table, and the car is full of gas. Generating a culture of thanksgiving is difficult but not impossible. As we struggle with the disappointments of life, we are instructed to find the good and give thanks. I’m reminded of Job (an often used example in this situation) and how he had very little to give thanks to God for, but give thanks he did.

I wonder... what would it look like if we collectively gave thanks for all things instead of finding the negative? Instead of saying, “Oh, this coffee is too strong!” we say, “I’m so glad someone got up at 5:30 this morning so I can have a hot cup of coffee before worship.” Instead of saying, “I had to park all the way in the back of the parking lot and it’s freezing out today,” we say, “I’m so glad I had to park in the back! That means the last service was full!” Life is all about the perspective we give it. And if we look at the positive and give thanks for the many blessings God has provided to us, maybe the negatives and the pessimism we muddle through life holding tightly to will begin to fall away. Does it make the junk go away? No. But it’s all in how we handle our life situations that we might find a measure of peace and grace.

My prayer is that we all begin to give thanks in all things, even in the muckiness and mire, and begin to cultivate a culture of thanks around us! By the way, I’m thankful for each of you!

Blessings, Rev. Jeanne



The Practice of the Pause

Pause before judging.

Pause before assuming.

Pause before accusing.

*Pause whenever you’re about to react harshly, and you’ll avoid doing
and saying things you’ll later regret.*

Reprinted from Rev. Jeanne’s 10/27/19 sermon at the request of many.



JOINING in the JOURNEY TOGETHER

Rev. Brenda Wideman, Associate Pastor

Give Thanks in Every Situation

¹⁶ Rejoice always. ¹⁷ Pray continually. ¹⁸ Give thanks in every situation because this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

New Testament scholars believe that the earliest surviving Christian writing of any kind was the first letter which the Apostle Paul wrote to the Thessalonians. Thanksgiving and praise are a major theme in the encouragement that Paul sends. Paul knows the suffering and persecution these new Christians are facing. He knows the grief they are experiencing as a result of those in the community who have died. Paul knows that disappointment, suffering, grief, loss, and worry are all villains in our life here on earth, villains which rob us of our relationship with God, villains which imprison and steal the very life itself from us.

And so he encouraged the Thessalonians to rejoice always, pray continually, and to give thanks in every situation. Giving thanks in every situation is hard. Oh, it's easy to give thanks when life is going well, but it is almost impossible to give thanks when we are going through difficult times. When we've lost our job, when we're battling a life-threatening illness, when our closest loved-one dies, it is hard to be thankful. Instead, we may feel God has deserted us, that we are on our own.

And yet we know that God not only brings sunshine, God brings rain. Life has good times and hard times, joys and sorrows. None of us escape the hard times, which is why Paul's encouragement is so very important, everyone needs to hear it, if not today, then tomorrow! On each day, God tells us, "Do not be afraid, I am with you." God sees us, knows us, loves us and is there to carry us through. As each new day begins, we may **not** know what the day will bring, but we **do** know that God is there with us, in us, and for us. We can **always** put our hope in that, and for **that** we can be thankful. May your Thanksgiving celebration be one that brings renewed gratitude and hope and joy in the very life which is a gift from God.

Blessings, Pastor Brenda

Are you dreading the Holidays this year because of the loss of one dear to you? Come join us for two gatherings. The first is on Tuesday, November 12th at 4:30pm in the Chapel, "Surviving Grief During the Holidays: A Practical Guide". The second is on Sunday, December 22nd at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary, "A Blue Christmas Service: A Service of Hope and Healing" will be held.

All-Saints Services ~ Sunday, November 3, 2019

A TIME of REMEMBRANCE

Let us give thanks for these brothers and sisters in Christ to whom God has granted rest from their labors.

In Remembrance of:

*Bill Bainbridge
George Brannon
Patricia Brannon
Sadie Brehm
Earl Cummings
*Mildred Davidson
Charlene Irwin

*Ralph Johnson
Shirley Kennedy
*Bill King
Norma McLain
*Clarence Merrill
Richard Severson

Richard van Dyke
Dale Veach
*James Wallis
Harriet Williams
Pressley Williams

*Past/Non member

*Billy Jerman

Ivaleen Seward
George Tompkins



OUR FAMILY

Each month this space is used to tell about the people who are part of our church family. If you know of a graduation, community recognition, someone moving away or moving in, whatever the rest of the church might like to know to keep up with folks, let me know so I can include the information in these pages. Send your information to Brenda Wideman, Associate Pastor of Congregational Care at brenda@lovelearnlead.com or 479-855-1158.

NEW MEMBERS

Kenneth and Ashdon Wilson

We are excited to have two new members of our church family and two new staff members who are serving with us in ministry. Kenneth is our Nextgen Youth Director and Contemporary Worship Leader. Ashdon is our Nextgen Children's Director. They have joined us after relocating from Batesville, where they were a part of Central Avenue UMC, They met at Lyon College and married a little over a year after that. They like to read, hike, and garden when they are not here at the church. Welcome this wonderful couple as part of our faith family!



RELOCATIONS



Lloyd and Lynn Muirhead – have relocated from Brookfield in Bella Vista to Village on the Park in Bentonville. Feel free to send them a card to let them know you have them in your prayers in this transition. 3800 S.W. Mt. Carmel Drive #112, Bentonville, 72712

Pat Pershing – has relocated from Primrose to Jamestown Nursing and Rehab in Rogers. You can send her a card at: Jamestown Nursing and Rehab Center, 2001 Hampton Place, #508A Rogers 72758 and phone 479-367-2338. Keep her in prayers in this change.



IN MEMORIUM

Charlene Irwin – passed away at Circle of Life Hospice in Bentonville on Friday, October 18. She died peacefully with family by her side. Charlene joined our church family in the summer of 1987, but had been unable to worship with us for the past few years for health reasons. She was a resident of Concordia. A memorial service was held at our church on Saturday, October 26, with a reception immediately following. Please keep her children Jim, Nancy, and Jo Ann and all of her family in your prayers as they grieve the loss of this sweet lady.



Jay Saunders – 57-year-old nephew of Mary Johnson passed away in the hospital in Dallas from a serious infection on Saturday September 21st. Mary is his only relative, so she travelled to help with settling his affairs. Please keep Mary in your prayers as she works through this.

Sue Cole – a long-time friend of Kandi Mount, passed away on Wednesday, October 2. Kandi writes, "May we ask for prayers for her husband Jerry, and for her children Melanie, Nicola, Joe and Karen. She was a dear and long time friend Sue was in her mid 60's, and passed away suddenly after being admitted to hospital for routine kidney surgery. Thank you for your prayers. Harry and Kandi Mount and family."

Douglas Carr – uncle of Donna Grainger, who worships with us in contemporary worship, passed away Wednesday, September 25th. Donna was very close to Douglas and was his caregiver in the latter part of his illness. Please keep Donna and her family in your prayers as they journey through this grief.



Young Whippersnappers

Kenneth Wilson, NextGen Youth

Hey Church,

In November we are doing some fun stuff! On Saturday, November 2nd, we are heading to Bella Vista Animal Shelter to lend a helping hand. We will be bring some donations (food, blankets, toys, etc.), walk dogs to keep them fit, play with dogs and cats to socailize them which helps them get adopted, and brush or clean any animal that needs it. We look forward to beginning of this relationship with the Bella Vista Animal Shelter, and we hope to return again early next year to help out our furry friends!

Also in November, we will be raising funds on Friday, November 15th, with our Comfort Food Cook-Off. The fundraiser will help us afford trips to conference-wide youth events like Veritas at the end of Februrary and Ozark Mission Project (OMP) during the summer. The fundraiser is open to all. It will be in Becker Hall from 6 to 9pm. If you'd like to participate, the entry fee is \$5 to reserve your table. The 2 categories are *Dinner* and *Dessert*, each category has a "Winner" and a "People's Choice". Your \$5 entry fee buys you a spot in BOTH categories if you'd like to compete in both. If you're attending as a non-participant, then your entry fee is a donation-of-any-size at the door. Also, right before the final votes are announced, there will be a few lucky souls who get to eat VERY HOT hot wings... you can put coins in someone's jar which helps them not have to eat the hottest wing, or you can put cash in someone's jar to make them eat the hottest wing... Yes, I will be one of these people =) . And that's our Comfort Food Cook-Off (Nov. 15, 6-9pm), so bring your most comforting food, and wear comfy clothes too! Some of us might just wear our pajamas, who knows!

Peace and love, *Kenneth*



Children's Chatter

Ashdon Wilson, NextGen Chil-

One of my favorite Thanksgiving memories is from the year that my family served in a soup kitchen at a church in my hometown. My little sister and father packed and hand-delivered meals to 20 food-insecure families in our city, while mom and I helped to prep and serve the in-house buffet of turkey, dressing, and all the fixings. Altogether, there were 500+ meals served that Thanksgiving Day. When we got back in the car three hours later, my parents were shocked at the amount of hunger in our county. My dad kept saying, "I had no idea... I had no idea."

Oftentimes, the things that we are to be most appreciative for are the things that we take the most for granted. My sister and I never wanted for anything growing up – we always had food, clothes, and the newest gadget. Kenneth and I are much the same; we have been extremely fortunate to be called to this church family (even with the ups and downs).

My family walked away from that Thanksgiving experience with a new appreciation for just how much we had to be thankful for – a roof over our head, food in the pantry, and people around us who created an atmosphere of love. It reminded me of something Mr. Fred Rogers once said: "I believe that appreciation is a holy thing... that when we [look for what's best in the person](#) we happen to be with at the moment, we're [doing what God does](#). So, in loving and appreciating our neighbor, we're participating in something truly sacred."

In this season of gratitude, I encourage you to participate in the holy act of appreciation along with myself and our Vista Kids. Look for their Gratitude Tree and perhaps read a few of the things that our children are thankful for. Be on the lookout for Thank You cards, hand-drawn and personally written by our children. Listen for their prayers of thanksgiving, and as always, help them to participate in the sacred act of loving our neighbors.

Please contact me at childrens@lovelearnlead.com or via text at (870) 834-1597.

Ashdon



Amy's Anecdotes
Amy Gilmore, Church Administrator

Thanksgiving

We are excited to have Marlene Clapp cooking our annual Thanksgiving Dinner, however, she cannot do this alone. In order for us to host, we need lots of volunteers to help.

There are a few options, so look at your calendar and sign up in the office:

- ◆ Tuesday the 26th we need 1-2 people at 8:00am in the kitchen to prep turkeys
- ◆ Wednesday the 27th we need at least 5 people at 8:00am in the kitchen and 1-2 people to carve turkeys
- ◆ Thursday the 28th we need at least 5 people in the kitchen, 2 in the dining room, and 2-3 on clean-up

If you have any questions about what the specifics are, please talk with Marlene.

If we don't have enough people sign up to help by November 15th, we can't host dinner. Please call the office with your reservation, and a time where you can help. If we do not have enough volunteers by that date, we unfortunately will have to cancel Thanksgiving dinner.

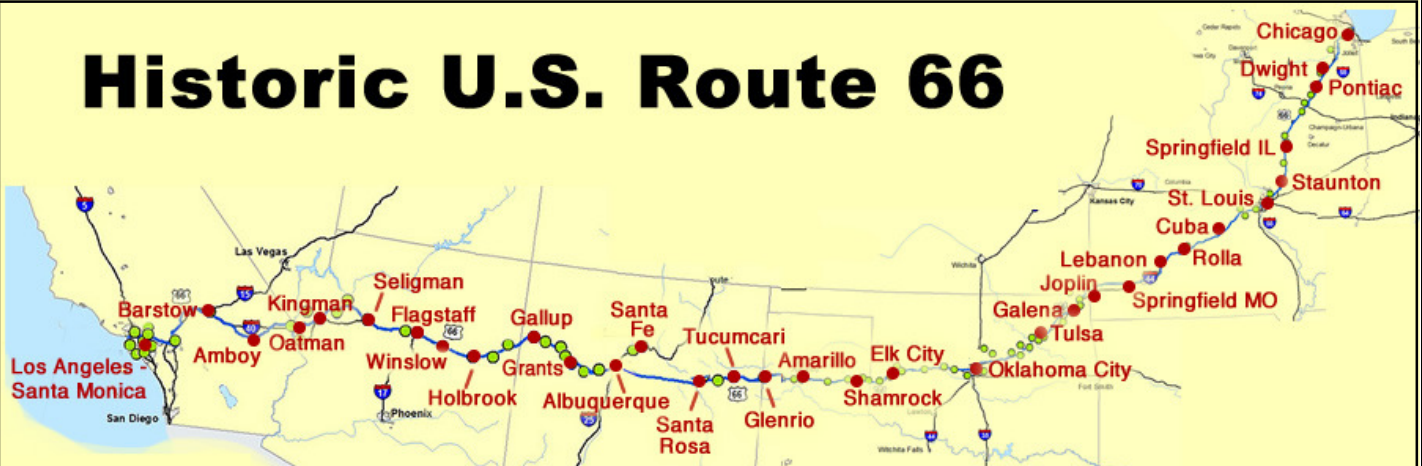


Midweek Manna – comes to a close on November 20th. For our final gathering of the fall Midweek Manna session, we are having a special presentation by Rev. Les Oliver and his wife, Jane about their travels on the historic “Mother Road”, Route 66. They have put this presentation on to other area churches and it has been well received. This event is for everyone...you don't have to be a regular Midweek Manna attendee. However, we do want you to let us know you will be in attendance so we can plan accordingly. We will have a great dinner, so please call the office with your reservations ~ we would love to have you join us for this fun evening.

Amy



Historic U.S. Route 66





Methodist
FAMILY HEALTH

November~December
Mission

MISSIONS




Share the Light

Share Your Light of Peace, Stability and Hope!
For the last two months of the year, our mission focus will be on Methodist Family Health and their *Share the Light* Christmas campaign. You may remember Methodist Family Health from earlier this year where we collected toiletries, paper goods, and clothing items for the tenants of their facilities. In November and December, we are collecting monetary donations.

Methodist Family Health offers programs and services such as inpatient psychiatric hospitalization, outpatient counseling clinics, grief counseling services, group homes, an emergency shelter for children, and more. Methodist Family Health receives no apportionment support from the Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church; instead, they rely heavily on donations made through this special offering at Christmas.

Your contribution makes it possible for Methodist Family Health to continue their mission of giving the best possible care to children and families by treating the whole person; psychiatrically, behaviorally, emotionally, and spiritually.

To learn more about programs and services, please e-mail info@methodistfamily.org or call (501) 661-0720.



Shoebox ministry is always in need of travel-size toiletries such as soap, shampoo, hand lotions, & toothpaste. If you gather them on vacation, please think about donating them. Shoebox packs shoeboxes and baggies for Cooper Elementary, Salvation Army, and other entities in need in NW Arkansas, normally well over 100 packs per month. Whatever you can give is greatly appreciated.

The Shoebox Team

Cooper Schools

“Meet the Need” Mission Report

Together, we have collected over 200 food items and 31 pairs of sweatpants for the children at Cooper Elementary School! *Wow!* Thank you for your generosity and making a difference in our community!

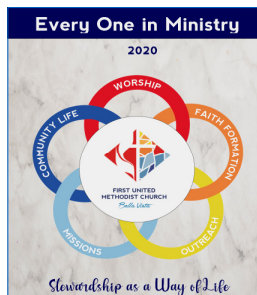
We will continue to collect the bottle tops and cardboard flaps from Coca-Cola products as a year-round mission for Cooper Elementary School. The yellow bucket for these items is on the missions table in the hallway across from the Library.

SNACK PACKS for BACK PACKS

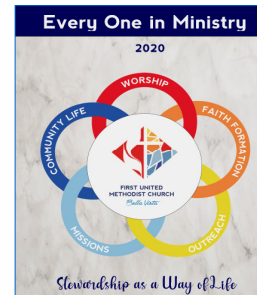
is our on-going mission to provide 20 snack packs per week for students of Cooper Elementary who are in need of food for the week-end. Two “Goat Banks” are out in the hallways across from the Library and the west Becker Hall entrance. Your quarters are needed for us to successfully continue this much needed program. If you would like to “adopt” a Back Pack to be filled every week, your donation of \$5.00 per month will be used for this purpose. Please make out a check to FUMCBV and in the memo write “Back Pack monthly donation”. Thank you for your continued generosity for this new school year as we fill the banks with quarters.



Bring your quarters !
Fill the Banks !
Feed a Child !



Please remember to turn in your pledge cards and EOIM commitment forms as soon as possible, if you have not already done so. Amy will have the schedules done and handed out by mid-December. Please do not forget to include any time you know you will be out of town, so she does not schedule you for that time.





LAY LEADER'S MESSAGE

A good friend of ours and his wife purchased a home in Bella Vista last month. He then went to one of our local agencies for a permit to build a 5' split rail on the empty lot next to the house that came with the sale. He had received a permit from another agency that approved it. Jason has stage 4 cancer and bought the home for his wife to make it easier for her. Last year I had invited Jason to our Pancake Breakfast and he asked me what the United Methodist Men did with the money they earned. I told him we gave it to thirteen different charities. He then wrote us a check for \$1,000 to add to our support.

At this agency he was treated very rudely because he was hard to understand because of the many operations he had on his face and neck. He was denied his permit as he requested. I could go into more detail but the bottom line is, why do people have to act this way, especially those that serve the public. They were judgmental and showed no respect. I wonder if they thought of themselves as Christians. Please add Jason to your daily prayers.

I read a quote recently that I thought could fit our situation. "Stop looking for the perfect church. Go worship a perfect God today, with a congregation of flawed people who need grace as much as you do."

Lou Kaufmann

All men of the church are invited to our next monthly dinner meeting **Wednesday, November 13th - 6:30pm** in Becker Hall as we honor and thank the Police, Fire and First Responders of OUR Community. Chief Graves and Chief Sims will give us an update on the two Departments as we move into 2020. Come on down and enjoy a great meal catered by Rhythm & Q. Please make your reservation no later than Noon - Monday, November 11th - call the church office (855-1158).



MEDIA MUSINGS

Kacy Spears,
Director of Communications

Volunteerism

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

Mahatma Gandhi

If I had to summarize humanity's greatest flaw, it would be that we spend too much time thinking and not enough time doing. We allow our thoughts to take over – to tell us "no," when our hearts want otherwise.

I heard a sermon recently in which the pastor defined faith as the opposite of certainty. If we had more faith in ourselves, more faith in our institution, more faith in our church, more faith that God will provide exactly what we need – how free would we be from our thoughts?

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."

Proverbs 3:4-5 (NRSV)

How can we lose ourselves, free ourselves from our thoughts and insights, in order to lean in to faith and trust? We serve.

Blessings, Kacy

VETERAN'S PHOTOS - If you are a veteran and have not previously turned in a military photo, please bring one to the church office no later than Wednesday November 6th so we can include you in our video salute to veterans on November 10. Please make sure we have your name, branch of military, service dates, and which service you attend on the back. Your photo will be returned.





OUR FAMILY

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Jack & Nona Storck
- 3 Gil & Frances Temple
- 6 Dennis & Marilyn Cox
- 16 Harvey & Georgiana Green
- 18 Jim & Ginger Hudson
- 22 Marc & Janelle Engle
- 22 Reid & Joyce Horle
- 22 Bob & Shari Vermett
- 24 Alan & Judie Packard
- 25 Ken & Jean Swanson



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS (CONT'D)

- 7 Jerilyn Gemberling
- 7 Jeremy Shafman
- 8 Paul Healy
- 10 Connor Klein
- 10 Shirley Wenger
- 13 Jerry Denson
- 13 LeRoy Handel
- 13 Donna Belle Shumaker
- 13 Nancy Veach
- 16 Eli Williams
- 18 Elaine Klein
- 22 Carrie Roath
- 22 Dick Schupp
- 25 Boots Brehmer
- 25 Catherine Luck
- 26 Rene Bladon
- 26 Sharon Lindsey
- 27 Verna Bottjen
- 29 Ed Swanson
- 30 Charlie Crider



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Maryann Johnson
- 2 Jim Johns
- 4 Iona Baxter
- 4 Charles Hill
- 4 Judie Packard
- 5 Darrell Bottjen
- 6 Vicki Forrest



September 2019 Newsletter Financial Data

Information as of September 30, 2019

| | 2019 Actual | 2019 Budget |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Month of September Income | \$ 43,226.19 | \$ 40,854.34 |
| Month of September Expenses | \$ 44,247.80 | \$ 47,617.34 |
| Difference | \$ (1,021.61) | \$ (6,763.00) |
| Year to Date Income | \$ 384,429.56 | \$ 367,689.06 |
| Year to Date Expenses | \$ 402,823.85 | \$ 428,556.06 |
| Difference | \$ (18,394.29) | \$ (60,867.00) |

Income does not include Missions or Endowment Interest

Amy Gilmore, Church Administrator

Additional funds that have been received recently for various mission projects:

- UMCOR-Hurricane Dorian \$ 977
- SnackPacks for BackPacks \$7,027
- Arkansas Disaster Relief \$4,776
- Cooper Elementary School \$250



Stewardship Corner

Living A Stewardship Way Of Life

Author Unknown

Living a stewardship way of life:

- ◇ makes us pleasing to God
- ◇ is a blessing to other
- ◇ brings us true happiness

If we believe the above heading, then all of us should earnestly strive to live a life of faithful stewardship. For which of us does not wish to:

Live a life pleasing to God? Be a blessing to others? Experience true happiness?

Well, I strongly believe that living a stewardship way of life will deliver all of the above. My guess is that some of you reading this already know that this is indeed the truth.

What is a Stewardship Way of Life?

A stewardship way of life involves the following:

-Becoming more and more aware that everything is gift and blessing-that all that we are and have is a gift from God. This means accepting the biblical truth that we own nothing. Scripture reminds us that we come into the world with nothing, and we leave the world with nothing (Job 1) A stewardship way of life involves recognizing God as the sole creator and owner of all that we are and have and accepting the fact that we are merely the stewards or managers of God's gifts and blessings. Our job or mission is to manage and use wisely, and responsibly all God has placed in our care.

-As we grow into a stewardship way of life, we gradually develop a lifestyle marked by generosity. A life of generosity is a clear sign that we do believe and accept the biblical truth that God owns it all. Conversely, when we hoard our gifts and talents, we assign ownership of our good fortune to ourselves and not to God, doing with them as we please.

-As we seek to develop a stewardship way of life, we are aware that one day we will have to account for our stewardship here on earth. How well did we use God's gifts to bless the lives of others?

Stewardship of Time

TIME is a very precious gift. We often say that we don't have time for this or that. When it comes to being a good steward of time, the key question is: **What do we make time for?**

Everyone is given the same amount of time, 24 hours each day, 168 hours each week. God's question to us is:

To what extent do we squander **TIME** watching senseless TV shows? To what extent do we use excessive amounts of time on recreation? To what extent do we use time to foster our relationship with God or to volunteer in some ministry that blesses others? Using some of your **TIME** to volunteer is a way of being a good steward. So many of you already do that. If you have not volunteered and have a desire to do so but are not sure what you should volunteer for, I suggest you stop into the church office. Older people or home-bound church members should **NEVER** feel useless. Your hours of prayer are an infinite value to the mission of the church.

Being a Steward of Our Abilities and Talents

In his first letter to us, St. Peter (4:8) writes: "Put your gifts at the service of one another."

I am most grateful for those of you who are already living this Word of the Lord. In doing so, you are blessing our church and wider community. Thank you! However, many others are perhaps sitting on their talents and not using them to bless others. In one of his parables, Jesus has a severe warning for those who bury their talents. Failing to share our talents is like stealing from our communities. Talents and abilities are given to us primarily to bless others.

Being a Good Steward in Our Homes and Workplaces

Every place we live gives us the opportunity to be faithful stewards. To put it briefly, whenever we try to be the best that we can be at this time, we are good, if imperfect, stewards of the Lord. In our homes, we are good stewards when we try to relate well to the people we live with. We are good lay men and women and good stewards when we bring the values of honesty and integrity to our work to help transform the workplace. We are also good stewards when we endeavor to be kind and compassionate employers or bosses, employees or co-workers. Our presence in the workplace can radiate the light of Christ and bring blessings to others. Or we can be a pain in the butt, always complaining, gossiping, and tearing others down. Ideally, we should seek to be good stewards of God's blessings all the time and not just when we volunteer. Each day allows us to be good stewards in our homes when on the phone, emailing, texting, talking to others, at the store, work or recreation, dining, etc.

Ideally, we should seek to be Christ-like at every moment of every day and every place.



From the Organ Console

Broc Hite, Organist/Pianist



Plans gone awry. No, this is not a repeat of October's column, which started with the same three words. This time, the issue was the upgrading of the organ's memory, to better protect against any future chip failures as happened one year ago this month. You might be asking, but we do have a pipe organ, right? Yes, but our instrument has a modern electrical/digital combination action that controls everything from the console to organ cabinet! As a result of this maintenance, the organ was playable, but the combination action for all of the memory levels was not. For two Sundays I switched to easier organ repertoire and some piano pieces until everything was restored. Now that everything is in place, we have reason to be excited as we look forward to celebrating the 50th anniversary of the manufacture of our mighty Casavant in 2021!

As you may have noticed, I haven't put any piano or organ recitals on the books this fall. That was due to planning for other things, including the Mini Hymn Festival, which was delayed until next spring, and my class in Sacred Music, which began on October 16th as part of Midweek Manna. The Midweek Manna class is small in number, though we are enjoying the material. It's not too late to join us, and I really hope you will. I am planning to run the second part of the class, covering the Reformation through modern times next spring. However, we won't be able to do that class unless we get some increased interest now!

Piano Postludes are back this month, with the conclusion of my two-year traversal of Bach's Well-Tempered Clavier, Book One. I am also putting together a short piano program featuring the works of Zez Confrey and other American composers who were active in the 1920s. That will take place either at the end of this year or early next year.

On the organ, I will be playing some short works by Felix Mendelssohn as preludes. On November 8th, I will be making my Oklahoma organ debut playing the Stanford Theme and Variations from the Sonata Celtica that I played as a postlude here on October 20th. It's for a members' recital of the Tulsa Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

On Christmas Eve at 6:30 pm, I'm planning a mini organ recital that will span several centuries of music. So far, I'm planning compositions by Bruhns, Bach, Brahms, Dupré, and Langlais. I'll post that program online soon!

Broc

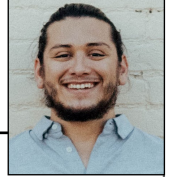
Please join me online!

On the Web: <https://brochite.com>

On Facebook and Instagram: @BrocKeysPedals

In the Belly of the Well

Kenneth Wilson
Contemporary Worship Leader



Hey Church,

As you may have noticed, the band in The Well has grown a little bit! Caitlyn Rowland joins us on and off as a singer, she is the daughter of Beth Bishop, and the granddaughter of Rev. Jim Rowland. We may have to rebrand as the Kenny and the Rowland Family Band, who knows. We are so glad to have Caitlyn with us when she isn't singing for her school choirs. Also, keyboards don't play them selves... well I guess they can these days, but we like our newest member more! Beth Tracy, who some of you might recognize from the local Women's Chorus, has joined us on the keys recently, say hello when you get a chance!

I want to remind you that, yes musicians are important to The Well, but so there are other members essential to our team. So, if you ever have a nudge from the Holy Spirit to use a camera, run the sound, play slides, etc. then let me know! We ALWAYS need more musicians and tech volunteers because people need breaks, vacation, and sick days just like any other thing.

Peace and love, Kenneth

P.S. read Galatians 6:9!



ARUMC NW DISTRICT

We cordially invite you to the Northwest ARUMC District-wide Charge Conference. Join us as we celebrate our connection and combined ministries along with the business of your local church charge conference and hear a word from Bishop Gary Mueller. This gathering is open to all. We look forward to a wonderful time of fellowship as we prepare to enter into the season of Advent.

When: Sunday, November 24, 2019

Time: 3:00 pm

Where: First United Methodist Church,
Russellville

304 S Commerce Avenue, Russellville AR 72801

Please Join Us!



THANK YOU

Thank you so much for all of your donations during your Cooper "Meet the Need" Project Your congregation has truly been a blessing in helping to meet the needs of our students and families. Thank You for everything,
 Buddy Herndon Counselor, Cooper Elementary

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
BUSINESS REFERRAL PROGRAM

There are various businesses and individuals who are members of our church who would like to offer their services to our congregation. For referrals to them, and completed business from church members, they will contribute up to 25% of their profits back to the church. In some cases, this can be quite significant.

Dr. Gretchen Magee, audiologist from Better Hearing and Balance has joined the cause. We also have some Realtors who are members: Carolyn Sutton ~ Doug Grant ~ Lou Kaufmann. They will donate 25% back to the church, on any commission earned.

Any business member or individual of the church who would like to participate, please let Janet Walton, church Secretary, know to get on the list.

AmazonSmile - An Easy Way to Give

Are you shopping for holiday gifts? Did you know that a small amount of your purchase could go to your church?

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Once there, under the search bar, choose where you would like Amazon to send a percentage of your purchase.

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UNITED METHODIST MENS CLUB

President's Message

On behalf of the Methodist Men we would like to thank all the Methodist women who helped at our October pancake breakfast. We could not have done it without you gals. We are very blessed.

Our next monthly meeting will be Wednesday November 13th at 6:30 PM in Becker Hall. This is a special one as we honor and thank the Police, Fire and First Responders of Our Community here in Bella Vista.

All men of the church are invited - you're already a member our group. Come on down and enjoy a great meal catered by Rhythm & Q. Chief Graves and Chief Sims will give us an update on the two Departments as we move into 2020.

Please notify the office by Monday November 11th if you plan to attend.

FRIENDS OF CHRIST is a small study group dedicated to supporting each other as they dig deeper into their own personal relationship with Christ Jesus. They meet the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month from 1:30-3:00pm in the Parlor. All are welcome.

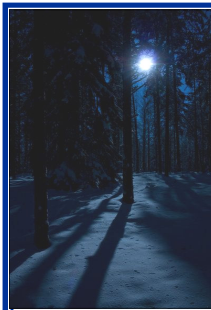


Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

Rev. Jim Rowland facilitates this group. Please join them the 2nd and 4th Sunday evening at 4:00 pm in the Parlor, and meet other grandparents who are in the same position as you. Share stories, concerns, questions, joys, second chances, practical ideas, and hope with others.

PRAYER REQUESTS

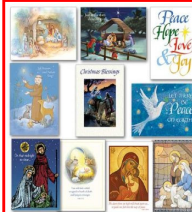
As a church family we lift each other up in prayer for both our collective joys and our concerns. Prayer requests should be sent to Rev. Brenda Wideman at brenda@lovelearnlead.com or 855-1158. You may also complete a Prayer Request Card in the Narthex or Becker Hall and drop it in the Prayer Boxes there. They are checked daily.



Walking through the Dark: A Practical Guide to Holiday Grief

will meet Tuesday, November 12th at 4:30 in the Chapel. Time will be spent looking at grief during the holidays and giving suggestions for dealing with it at this time of year. Discussion and sharing of stories are encouraged. The session finishes with words of Hope, Encouragement, and Remembrance.

Please remember to wear your name tags at all church events and activities. This will give our newer members an easier time of learning your name, and you theirs. If you see someone you do not know, introduce yourself and welcome them to FUMCBV!



WESLEY SHEPHERD GROUP

began their 4th annual Christmas Card Project for our homebound members on Sunday, October 13. The cards will be delivered the first week of December.

Please sign a card provided on the tables at each church entrance EVERY TIME you come into the church, and your family could each sign a card of boxed cards you may have at home. If you have any individual or boxed Christmas cards you will not be using this year, please bring to Church and leave on the "card" table in the narthex for others to sign. Unless you are signing with a group or family, please only have one signature per card.

Please do not seal the envelopes. We will need to see inside each card so they can be divided between all the persons receiving them without them receiving duplicate cards. Last year we delivered to over 50 recipients—the more cards you sign, the more cards they will receive! Thank You.


Giving Made Easy - Scan the QR code with your smartphone to make an electronic gift to your church! This is a one-time gift. If you would like to set up a recurring gift, see Amy Gilmore in the church office.



October Activities at FUMCBV



November 2019

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| <p>3</p> <p>BP ✓ Between Services 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Srv 2:30 Troop Committee</p> | <p>4</p> <p>9:00 Calico Spec Projects 9:00 Staff Planning Retre 11:00 PEO-BL 12:30 Women's Chorus 1:30 Audit 5:50 Girl Scouts 6:00 Disciple II 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus</p> | <p>5</p> <p>9:33 Men's Golf-Dogwood 1:30 Audit 6:00 Scouts</p> | <p>6</p> <p>8:00 Quilters 8:30 Men's Emmaus 9:00 Disciple III 9:30 UMW Board Mtng 3:15 Chancel Bells 4:45 Chancel Choir 5:30 Manna Dinner 6:15 Youth Life 6:30 Manna Classes</p> | <p>7</p> <p>9:00 Old Sew & Sews 9:00 Bazaar Follow-up 10:07 Men's Golf-Highlands 12:30 Caregivers Support 6:00 Worship Bnd Rehirs 6:30 Scouts</p> | <p>1</p> <p>10:00 Prayer Shawl</p> | <p>2</p> <p>HELPING HANDS 8:30 Amp Big Book 9:00 Helping Hands 11:30 Avalon Shep Grp 12:00 Youth-Animl Shelt 6:00 Broc rehearse</p> |
| <p>10</p> <p>HONORING VETERANS 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service 1:30 Stewardship Team 2:00 Finance Team 2:45 Concordia 3:00 Cole Burger Piano 4:00 Grandparents Spprt</p> | <p>11</p> <p>9:00 DAR 10:30 Staff Mtng 12:30 Women's Chorus 1:00 Calico Board 1:30 Friends of Christ 6:00 Disciple II 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus</p> | <p>12</p> <p>9:00 Communicatns Aud 9:00 PEO-BR 9:33 Men's Golf-Highlands 1:00 Sarah Circle 1:00 Wesley Sheprd Gro 1:00 BV Book Club 4:30 Holiday Grief 6:00 Scouts 6:30 SPRC</p> | <p>13</p> <p>8:00 Quilters 8:30 Men's Emmaus 9:00 Calico Newbies 9:00 Disciple III 3:15 Chancel Bells 4:45 Chancel Choir 5:30 Manna Dinner 6:15 Youth Life 6:30 Manna Classes 6:30 UMM Dinner</p> | <p>14</p> <p>9:50 Men's Golf-Dogwood 1:00 Hope Circle 4:00 Small Grp leaders 6:00 Evening Circle 6:00 Worship Bnd Rehirs 6:30 Scouts</p> | <p>15</p> <p>10:00 Prayer Shawl 6:00 Youth Fundraiser</p> | <p>16</p> <p>8:30 Amp Big Book 10:00 SAR 6:00 Broc rehearse</p> |
| <p>17</p> <p>7:00 Handbell Practice 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service 12:30 CCM Mtng</p> | <p>18</p> <p>9:00 Martha Circle 10:30 Staff Meeting 11:00 PEO-CD 12:30 Women's Chorus 5:50 Girl Scouts 6:00 Disciple II 6:30 Cub Scout Board 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus</p> | <p>19</p> <p>12:00 Men's Golf-Scotsdale 1:00 Naomi Circle 6:00 Scouts</p> | <p>20</p> <p>8:00 Quilters 8:30 Men's Emmaus 9:00 Disciple III 3:15 Chancel Bells 4:45 Chancel Choir 5:30 Last Midweek Manna 6:15 Youth Life 6:30 Last Manna Classes</p> | <p>21</p> <p>9:58 Men's Golf-BVCC 2:30 Emmaus Btful Clrs 6:00 Worship Bnd Rehirs 6:30 Scouts</p> | <p>22</p> <p>10:00 Prayer Shawl</p> | <p>23</p> <p>8:30 Amp Big Book 6:00 Broc rehearse</p> |
| <p>24</p> <p>8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service 3:00 NWD Chrsg Confrenc 4:00 Grandparents Spprt</p> | <p>25</p> <p>9:00 Calico Cut-ups 10:30 Staff Meeting 12:00 Men's Support GRP 12:30 Women's Chorus 1:30 Friends of Christ 6:00 Disciple II 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus</p> | <p>26</p> <p>9:33 Men's Golf-BVCC 6:00 Scouts</p> | <p>27</p> <p>Church closes at NOON 8:00 Quilters 8:30 Men's Emmaus 9:00 Calico Dog Beds 9:00 Disciple III</p> | <p>28</p> <p></p> | <p>29</p> <p>CHURCH CLOSED</p> | <p>30</p> <p>8:30 Amp Big Book 6:00 Broc rehearse</p> |
| | | | | <p>THANKSGIVING Dinner 11:30-1</p> | | |



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The Wesley Series Concerts of
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Dr. Cole Berger,

Piano

Sunday, November 10th

3:00pm

Featuring works from
Bach, Beethoven, Albéniz, Price, Messiaen, Dun,
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Dr. Cole Burger currently serves as Instructor in the College of Musical Arts at Bowling Green State University. Dr. Burger holds degrees in piano performance and economics from Northwestern University and the University of Texas. He has performed in Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall as a First Place Winner of the American Protégé International Piano and Strings Competition, in addition to prestigious venues throughout the United States, Europe, and Asia. He was the very first performing artist to appear in the Wesley Series. This is a free concert, open to everyone. Please come enjoy!

Daylight Savings Time ENDS
Sunday, November 3rd at 2:00am ~
On Saturday night,
November 2nd,
set your clock back one hour.
Change your smoke detector batteries!

