



The people of The United Methodist Church

November 2018

Psalm 100 includes: "Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations."

Late at night is the time when I'm most likely to think negatively. I could excuse it by saying I'm tired or something. Whatever the reason, it is a time when my thoughts can challenge me. I think this is foreign to some people, but I'm sure that at least a few of you reading this share my proclivity. What to do?

I have always thought that Christians were supposed to get up in the early hours of the morning for their prayer and devotional time. This past year, I've made the evening, just before "lights out," my prime time for devotional reading and prayer. I mention this because this has been a help for me in dealing with this late-at-night inclination.

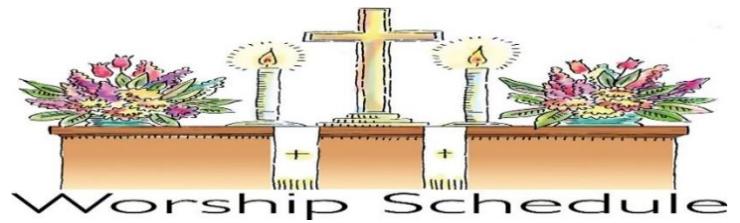
Specifically, I've made it a point to recite the blessings of the day and of my life. It reminds me of all that is good. I am reminded of God's good blessings, of my loving family, the many kind people that surround my life, and the life I am privileged to lead as a pastor. It doesn't take me long to remember that God is good, that life is good, and I am a very fortunate person, even though life isn't always perfect.

The Apostle Paul wrote to the Philippians (4:6-7): "Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

God has indeed blessed us with sunshine and showers, food and drink, clothing and shelter, family and friends, labor and leisure, faith and fellowship, and a thousand and one other blessings. I invite you to join me in fostering a life of thankfulness and gratitude. It has been a help and a blessing for me this year. When we turn a grateful heart to the Lord, we often discover the benefit of peace.

Thanksgiving is a wonderful holiday. May God bless you this month and fill your heart with thanks and praise ... and peace.

Pastor John



November 4

Scripture: Ruth 1:1-18 & Hebrews 9:11-14
Sermon: "Eternal Love"

November 11

Scripture: Hebrews 9:24-28
Sermon: "The Power of Sacrifice"

November 18

Scripture: Mark 12:38-44
Sermon: "I Don't Always Know What Jesus Means"

November 25

Scripture: John 18:33-37
Revelation 1:4-8
Sermon: "Made to be a Kingdom"



Sunday School (K-5th Grade) Fall 2018

Hello from Sunday School at TUMC!

We will be studying in November:
"Different Kinds of Family"

11/4/18- Naomi and Ruth

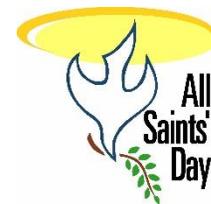
11/11/18-Hannah, Samuel, and Eli

11/18/18-The Widow and Her Sons

11/25/18-Esther and Mordecai

*Service project will be added when scheduled!

Don't forget to turn your clocks back on Sunday, November 4th.



ALL SAINTS DAY November 4, 2018

We will be remembering and honoring those in our congregation (and families) who have died in the last year (since October of 2017). If you want to be sure your loved one is named, please call the church office (866-7271) and share that information with us.



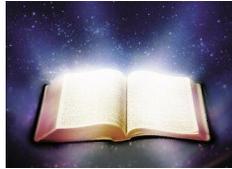
VETERANS RECOGNITION

November 11, 2018

We will be honoring our Veterans this year during both the 8:00 & 10:30 worship services. If you want to be sure your veteran is listed, please call the church office. Thank you!

Sign The Bible....

At the FUND-day Sunday event the Mission Team made available a Bible for Tim and a Bible for Pastor John in which people were encouraged to highlight a favorite meaningful Bible verse and put their name or initials in the margin beside it. These two Bible's will be available for everyone in our congregation to do this very thing. You will see them on the "Mission" table in the Overflow Area for the next couple of months. Please take a few minutes before or after church or Sunday school or whenever you may be at the church for a luncheon, a meeting or SEEK to highlight a favorite and meaningful bible verse of yours. If you're like some of us you may just be highlighting several verses! We will give these to both Tim and Pastor John before they leave on their mission trip the first of the year.



"A WAY FORWARD"

Northwest District Meeting on Sunday, November 11, at 2:17 p.m. (CST) at Monticello UMC, 200 S. Main Street



- + A time to hear about proposed changes to language in UM Church Discipline regarding human sexuality.
- + A time to pray together as a church.

BAKE SALE...BAKE SALE



The Mission Team invites all of you fabulous Trinity bakers to contribute items to the annual Mission Team Bake Sale to be held on Sunday, November 18th. Items may be brought to Fellowship Hall on Sunday morning, November 18, beginning at 7:15 a.m. The bake sale will run from 9:00 - 9:45 am in Fellowship Hall. At 9:45 am the baked items will be moved upstairs to the "overflow" and be available there from 10 - 10:30 a.m. Thank you in advance for your delicious contributions!



Annual Charge Conference

Trinity will host our Annual Charge Conference this year on Sunday, November 18th from 3-5 p.m. (CST). All church council members are encouraged to attend.

POINSETTIAS

You can order your poinsettias through the church office (866-7271). Order forms will be available as an insert in the Sunday morning bulletins during November.

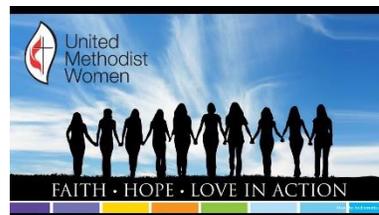


First Presbyterian Church of Rensselaer is holding a series of four free adult classes where you can learn helpful tips on how to support your friends and community members with words

of comfort.

The sessions will be held from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. (CST) on the first three Sundays in November, using the book, "Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart." (The final session during Thanksgiving week will be determined by the participants.) Pastor Jeff Cover will be the teacher.

Each study session ends with a free simple meal. The church is located at 220 N. Cullen Street. Call 219-866-7005 for more information or to reserve a spot.



United Methodist Women

Our UMW will meet on Wednesday, December 5th at 12:00 noon for a carry-in luncheon. We will be having a memorial service for our UMW members who have died this past year. All women of the church are welcome to join us.

THANK YOU



Thank you for the beautiful blanket that was given to Sophia. It is one she will hang on to forever!

Thanks again for thinking of us!

Leslie Davis



Dear Trinity United Methodist Church,

You are an important part of a very generous community.

There are many organizations that you could give to and we recognize the trust and partnership that accompanied

your thoughtful gift (\$4,000.46 Proceeds from our BBQ Chicken Dinner). Your donation will be put to work in the Parks for People to fund improvement to Brookside Park, Staddon/Monnett Park and the creation of a new Dog Park. The major features of the project will add soccer fields, new and improved bathrooms, ball diamonds, a new concession facility, walking trails and a new park just for dogs.

Jasper Newton Foundation



Our Hearts Are Full.....

Our hearts are full from the outpouring of love for the Mission Team's "FUND-day

Sunday for Pastor John and Tim Loughmiller". Thank you for your participation in whatever way you were there. We are thankful you could come and stay to enjoy the afternoon activities, as well as those who popped in in-between other activities taking place! The big ticket item seemed to be the "Wet Sponge in the Face" toss game and both Tim and Pastor John were targets! A special thank you to the youth that helped all afternoon, to Tammy Culp for being a great voice of the Sponge Toss game, Nancy Klockow for sharing your talents making bracelets, Dan Amsler for the competitive and fun Bible trivia event under the shade tree, Steve, Ron and Jason Robinson for handling the grilling duties, the Harper family for the use of their big tent, Alice Smith for your donation of ice cream, the Culp's for the delicious Pork burgers and use of the Popcorn machine, Karri Morris for the popcorn supplies, Steve & Angie Clapp for the use of the Jump House, Katrina Robinson for kid's face painting, Vicki and Barb Robinson for filling 1000 water balloons (!) and to Stacy and Jeff Webb for heading up the always competitive and fun Corn Hole tourney! It could not have gotten set up and tore down if it were not for the hands of many that gave of their Sunday and we are grateful to each and every one of you! God blessed us with a beautiful September day and with each one of you ☑



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♥ Congratulations to Mike & Melissa McCully on the birth of daughter, Ainsley Annella McCully, who was born September 24, 2018.
- ♥ Congratulations to Travis and Andrea (Streitmatter) Tatum on the birth of a son, Kolson James Tatum, who was born September 26, 2018.
- ♥ Congratulations to Kenny & Kayla (Fenwick) VanHouten on the birth of a son, Kennon Frank VanHouten, who was born October 10, 2018. Great Grandma is Marvel Fenwick.



Sympathy is expressed to the family and friends of the following:

- † Sympathy to the family and friends of Evelyn Tracy.
- † Sympathy to the family and friends of Dale Stath, who died October 9, 2018.
- † Sympathy to the family and Casey Carter who died October 14, 2018.



Church Office will be closed on Wednesday, November 21st, Thursday, November 22nd and Friday, November 23rd. Have a great Thanksgiving!



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

These birthdays are in our computer. If your birthday is in November and not listed, please call the church office (866-7271) so we can get the information. Thank you!

- November 1 Janelle Harper
- November 2 Lewie Hooker, Kara Parker, Donna Streitmatter
- November 3 John Casey Glover, Michael Green, Nick Green
- November 4 Dorothy Bupp, Judi Davis, Alyssa Goin, Devin Olson, Bob Wise
- November 5 Anson Preston
- November 6 Staci Hannon
- November 7 Steven E. Clapp
- November 8 Dane Harper
- November 9 Lisa Black, Joan Girard
- November 10 Joan Brooks, Cameron DelPrincipe, Luke Goin, Chase Nagel, Alta Stewart
- November 11 Ken Anderson, Barbara Duncan, Toni Jones, Kent Korniak, Diane McClure, Terri Phegley, Amanda Poplawski
- November 12 Gloria Waymouth
- November 15 Kaleb Jones
- November 16 Doug Bailey, Hunter Hickman
- November 18 Linda Buschman
- November 19 Larry Graf, Doug Hannon, Eva Lapsley, Madeline Paulsen
- November 20 Derek Sizemore
- November 21 Dan Amsler, Linda Klahn
- November 22 Colleen Henry, Elise Northcutt, Hailey Schanlaub
- November 23 Emily Gutwein
- November 25 Audrey Amsler, Robert Dobry
- November 26 Alex Sizemore, Earl Walton
- November 27 Lucy Moit, Beverly Scherb, Breann Walker
- November 29 Kevin Moore, MacKenzie Paulsen, Justin Wilson
- November 30 Nicole Bufkin, Evan Green, Scott Hermanson, Michelle Sigman



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

These anniversaries are in our computer. If your anniversary is in November and not listed, please call the church office (866-7271) so we can get the information. Thank you!

- November 1 Rod & Suzi Klingler (4)
- November 4 Louie & Lois Lane (62)
- November 11 Steve & Shannon Rodibaugh (29)
- November 14 Lance & Sheila Barton (31)
- November 24 Jim & Carole Beaver
- November 25 Tom & Martha Lashbrook (54)
- November 27 Tony & Julie Carroll (47)
- November 30 Dave & Shannon Kozyra (22)

Military Personnel

Andy Allen, Justin Bednar, Nic Chapman, Patrick Crum, Myles Debshaw, Andy Meyer, Michael "Rusty" Molenaar, Chris Northcutt, Kaitlyn Paulsen Guss, Kevin Raber, Josh Risner, Katie Shearer Patterson, Ian Shepherd, Josh Sorba, Dr. Wakefield.