

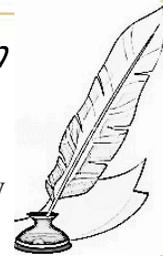
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2018



THE MESSENGER

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF WAUSAU

From Pastor Jayneann's pen



Yes, I could write about Thanksgiving which would give me a chance to write about stewardship. I always like that topic ... especially holistic stewardship. If I did this, I might talk about how we live out our membership vow to support the church through our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. How's that going for you?

But what I'd like to talk about is an idea I had last night as I was writing lists of what I need to do before flying to Tel Aviv next week. I'm writing this on October 1st knowing you'll read it in November. And November means that Advent's coming. Christmas isn't far behind .

No, I'm not asking if you're ready.

Advent and Christmas is such a special, sacred time. We've each been gifted in so many ways. Do we notice the needs around us as we ought? Have we caused someone pain? Have we offended?

I'm sure I have. As a person with Asperger's Syndrome, I offend too easily and never even know it happened. So I've learned to ask forgiveness regularly and as soon as I realize there's a problem.

Forgiveness. Often, when we forget a pick-up time or a get together, when our words get sharp or we mess up in another way, a quick "I'm sorry" will suffice. The other person hears us admit our error and we go on.

As long as we make this a regular practice, we seldom need to do more. But there are those times.

Someone recently wrote a note about connecting with their sister for the first time in years. (I think, how sad! My family's alienation with one of my sibs is hard on me.) Sometimes these estrangements are due to addiction, distance or seasons of life but a lot of the time, somebody has messed up. Someone's verbal filters

slipped and they said something they shouldn't have. Someone took things too personally or let their anger get the better of them.

There are all sorts of ways to get bent out of shape. Then the pain or offense festers... and grows. We avoid calling. We don't return messages. And the gap between us widens. Maybe this happened last week or maybe it's been 20 years.

Next month we celebrate God's giving of the greatest gift imaginable. God gives Christ Jesus as a symbol of the love and caring God has for us - a love that will never end. It seems to me that using this time before Advent to assess my relationships and make amends is a better way to express my own love or gratitude than giving someone a gift they don't need.

I'm well aware that I miss the mark regularly. So I'll approach this holy season as a time to prepare myself and to work to mend breaches. I will ask forgiveness.

Maybe this idea would work for you.

Shalom,



If you're one I've hurt or offended, please tell me. Please. I'd like to make things right but I need to know about it.

Please write to me or, better yet, let's talk



Children's Music
Fun Time!



Milestones

Deaths: We grieve this month with the loss of these members of our church or of our families.

Robin Wiessinger Jones, a former member of our congregation, died Tuesday, October 16. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends at this time, as well as our own congregation



At least a dozen members from First Church joined a candlelight vigil at Mt. Sinai Congregation on October 28 in solidarity with Jewish sisters and brothers in faith, and standing against the hatred that continues to mark our days.



Savvy Seniors will meet on Monday, November 5th at 11:30am at Papillon's Pizza, 1041 E. Grand Ave. Rothschild.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|---|--|--|
| 1 Bryce Vannes
Lauren Atonio
Leisha Krahn
Ricky Surprise | 11 Gerald Gisselman
Kay Zuleger | 21 Emma Allen*
Joan Harvey
Lennon Volkaitis
Marlaine Moede |
| 2 Haley Fons
Tom Kelley | 12 Mary Virginia Quarles | 23 Pete Johnson |
| 3 Brian Smith
Carole Machek
Lisa Riehle | 13 Chad Schepp
Thomas Davis | 24 Paula Hauber |
| 4 Norma Volkman | 14 Buck Sutton
Thomas Lahren | 25 Allen Stamp
Chris Del Conte
Joel Del Conte
Rachael Del Conte
Virginia Day |
| 5 Ella Weiland
Michael Del Conte | 15 Jill Daubert | 26 Charles McCrory |
| 6 Bonnie Horban
Leroy Schoepke
Joan Stroyny | 17 Stephan Ebert | 27 Janet Schlueter* |
| 7 Alberta Cunningham* | 18 Vicki Swanson | 28 Dave Decker
Janet Stroik |
| 10 Janet Lamont
Matthew Carlson | 20 Jayden Grawien
Lincoln Larson
Maria Jauch
Marilyn Zahn*
Robert Gebhardt
Timm Fischer | 29 Bob Firary
Debra Schoepke |
| | | 30 Carla Wadinski
Sue Surprise |

* Signifies a member who for health reasons cannot be at church regularly. We invite you this month to remember these members in your prayers.

Thanksgiving

First Church Staff along with the Mission Team will be doing a collection on November 18th. This will be going to "The Friends Thanksgiving Dinner" put on by The First Presbyterian Church. Last year they fed almost 500 meals to those who needed them. We hope this will help us to enjoy our Thanksgiving dinner all the more.

If you are going to be hunting, you can always contribute before you go. Just stop in at the church office.

Due to scheduling challenges ahead, December and January Messenger newsletter deadlines are on the 10th of the month preceding.

Care / Outreach



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FAITH · HOPE · LOVE IN ACTION

Circle Meetings

November 2	Executive Meeting at 9 am
November 7	Sunshine Gals at 9:30 am
November 8	Love/Hope UMW Circle at 3:00 pm
November 14	Mary Faith UMW Circle at 9:30 am
November 18	Chili Sunday Fundraiser 8:30 am

Save the Dates

December 10	Advent Fellowship, 7:00 pm (Program will be Center Stage)
December 13	Cookie Baking Day
December 15	Cookie Walk Set-Up
December 16	Cookie Walk

Wills & Memorials Committee

The Wills and Memorials Committee approved funds to be used for a new industrial vacuum, purchased from Nassco of Wausau. These funds were made possible by undesignated gifts, to be used at the committee's discretion, honoring June Paul, Carroll Pieper, Loretta Thario and Leon White.

The Wills and Memorials Committee thanks you for remembering the church in your will and for designating memorial gifts to honor loved ones.

One Way that One Family Lives out their Discipleship

*"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can,
in all the ways you can, in all the places you can,
at all the times you can, as long as ever you can."*

John Wesley

A couple of years ago, Jason and I found ourselves looking to create some Advent traditions for our family that would "do good" and remove some of the focus

on the commercialism that has become associated with the Christmas season. We saw an idea on social media about donating during Advent and we applied this idea to the First United Methodist Church Personal Needs Closet. We bought enough soap, laundry detergent, toothpaste, body wash, and toilet paper for each day of Advent. Every morning during Advent season, our children take turns picking an item to put in our donation box, which we donate after Christmas.

This year, we took one more step as we look for ways to both help others as well as to instill generosity and gratefulness in our children. We talked with Oliver and Emily about their upcoming birthdays and how blessed they are to have parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and godparents who are able to thoughtfully pick out a gift for them each year. With this in mind, we told them that if they wanted to have a celebration with their friends this year, it would not include more gifts, as too many gifts make it difficult to appreciate what has been given. We talked about the Personal Needs Closet and our Advent project and explored the idea of applying this to their birthdays by asking that friends bring a donation instead of a gift. While slightly disappointed in hearing "no presents", they soon understood that while they would be receiving gifts from family in honor of their birthdays, they would be giving gifts when celebrating with friends.

Parents were very positive about this alternative to traditional gifts. Several parents shared with me how much they liked the idea and enjoyed the opportunity to discuss giving with their children as they picked out the donation items. While some of the younger children struggled to grasp who, exactly, the donated gift was "for", it was an opportunity to either begin or add to a dialogue that will only continue as parents talk to their children about what it means to give and to care for others in God's kingdom. I think it also removed a stressor of picking out that "perfect" gift for a child who already has more than enough and refocused that energy on picking out items that would truly be appreciated by someone in need at this time.

For us as a family, this was an amazing opportunity to give to those in our community while also guiding our children toward a more grateful heart. In time, we hope to instill less focus on "stuff" and a greater focus on kindness, care for others, and doing "all the good" they can.

Meagan Fandrey

Mission Offering

The November Mission offering this year will help support the work of the annual Community Christmas Dinner, held now at St. Paul's UCC on Christmas Day.

And, remember, any coin you put – loose – into the offering plate goes directly to the monthly mission without any extra effort on your part!

Random Thoughts by Mike Zahn November 2018

KINDNESS

“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ lend to ‘sinners,’ expecting to be repaid in full. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons and daughters of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.” Luke 6:32-36

This month I am challenging each one of you—in the words of Paul—“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.” Ephesians 6:32

People in this world can sometimes act ugly. They hurt themselves and each other. They grumble behind each other's backs. They judge. They rejoice in other's suffering. They don't listen to each other, they always think they're right, and they rarely show empathy or compassion.

God calls the body of Christ to be more, to be different than the world. If a visitor were to observe your behavior, especially toward each other, away from worship, would they be impressed? Would they be attracted? Would they see Christ?

Let's start in our own church—no, better yet, start in your own soul—examine, in your heart, how you treat other people at church, then in the world. Is our church truly a place that is different and full of kindness, love and forgiveness, or are we just like the rest of the world?

Hi, my name is Rachel Bergmann and I have been a lifelong member of Christ United Methodist Church in Merrill. Betsy Duginski is my aunt and godmother which makes James my favorite cousin. I am a junior at Newman High School this year. I enjoy acting, singing, music and performing. I have also been a Girl Scout since Kindergarten and I am starting to work on my Gold Award. The Gold Award is the highest rank in Girl Scouts. For my project, I will be organizing and managing several workdays to make reusable sanitary pads for girls in Africa.

My project, Sani Panties for Sisters, will help to empower girls in Africa. Most girls don't have access to feminine hygiene products to make them feel comfortable and sanitary while they have their period. These girls are using rags, tree bark, old papers, grass, and anything else they can find. These girls also have no clean area to use as a bathroom or anywhere to discard used maxi-pads, while my product will be washable and reusable. According to UNICEF, many African girls miss over 20% of the school year due to menstruation. Many girls drop out around the beginning years of puberty because they know in their culture, monthly bleeding is shameful and taboo.

My first event will be held on Saturday, November 3rd at Christ UMC, 300 North Mill St, Merrill, from 9am - 1pm. I hope that you will consider coming and participating, however, if you cannot or are not a crafty person, but would like to help with my project, I am looking for the following donations: Baby Flannel, Cotton Flannel, PUL (Polyurethane Laminate) fabric, terrycloth, new washcloths, cotton thread, Velcro, and snaps. I will also be collecting packages of women's underwear to send with the Sani Panties. Of course monetary donations are also helpful. I would also love to hold a workday at your church if there is any interest.

My project advisors are Norma Schroder and Dawn Schroder-Silvela. After working with these two ladies for several years on Little Dresses for Africa, I knew that they would be the perfect support team for my project. If you have any questions you can contact me at Rbergyl725@gmail.com or 715-536-8355. You could also contact Betsy if you have any questions about my project. I have also created several prototypes of the Sani Panties if you would like to see what they look like. Thank you for your interest.

~Rachel Bergmann

Calendar of Events

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY

8:00am Morning Chapel
9:00am Education Hour
10:00am Worship, Sanctuary
11:00am Fellowship Time, Parlor
1:00pm Grapevine Faith Alliance Worship

MONDAY

6:00pm Yoga, Rm 19, Lower Level

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

5:30pm Chinese Bible Study
6:30pm Jubilate Bells
7:15pm Chancel Choir, Chapel
5:00pm Adult Study, B.K. Smith
Children's Music, Room 215
6:00pm Wednesday Night Live meal,
Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY

8:30am AA, B. K. Smith Room
7:00pm Boy Scouts, Basement

FRIDAY

Office Closed

SATURDAY

Office Closed

November 7, Wednesday
9:30am Sunshine Gals

November 8, Thursday
3:00pm Love/Hope Circle, Parlor

November 10, Saturday
9:00am Fall All-Church Clean-up
11:00am Missions Guatemala Pre-trip Meeting,
Parlor

November 12, Monday
6:00pm MCCI Implementation Team, B.K.
Smith Room

November 13, Tuesday
1:00pm Personal Needs Closet
5:30pm Board of Trustees, B.K. Smith Room
7:00pm Finance Committee, Rm 101

November 14, Wednesday
9:00am MOM's Club, B.K. Smith Room
9:30am UMW Mary Faith Circle, Parlor

November 15, Thursday
10:30am Downtown Memory Café
6:00pm Cub Scouts, Basement
6:00pm Missions Team, Parlor

November 18, Sunday
8:30am UMW Chili Sunday Fundraiser

November 22, Thursday
Thanksgiving Day
Office Closed

November 25, Sunday
6:00pm UMW Sunday Evening Circle, Parlor

November 26, Monday
7:00pm Ministries Council, B.K. Smith Room

November 27, Tuesday
1:00pm Prayer Shawl Group
5:30pm Worship Design, Parlor
6:00pm Welcome & Communications, Parlor

NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS

Child Safety Protection Month
Hunger Awareness Month
National Alzheimer's Disease Month
National Family Caregivers Month
Native American Heritage Month

November 2, Friday
9:00am UMW Executive Meeting

November 5, Monday
11:30am Savvy Seniors, Papillon's Pizza

November 6, Tuesday
5:30pm Staff/Parish Relations, Rm 101



Opportunities

*Here at First United Methodist Church, a person has all sorts of ways to serve –
inside the building and in the wider communities,
with indoor quiet work, with tasks that involve sweat equity.
There are ways for each person to contribute to building God's realm on earth.
Below are just a few of the ways.*

Fall All-Church Clean-Up

Saturday, November 10

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

- * Please come and help the Aesthetics Team and the members of the Board of Trustees get our church ready for Advent and the Christmas season.
- * Projects will include deep cleaning of the Sanctuary, Chapel, Parlor, BK Smith Room, Fellowship Hall and other heavily used locations in our building. Weather permitting, we may wash some windows and do yard work, too!
- * Please bring hand vacuums, buckets and any favorite cleaning supplies to supplement what we have available at church.
- * Coffee, juice, donut holes and muffins will be provided in the morning.
- * Sloppy Joes, buns and beverages will be provided at noon – please bring a side dish or dessert if you are joining us for lunch.
- * Come for an hour or two or more and help us make our church look even more beautiful!
- * **Remember – this is YOUR church!!!
Please help if you can!**

Questions? Call Sue Kissinger at 715-355-7115

Office Caretakers

Can you sit in a chair? Are you able to talk on the phone? Then pray about joining the church staff for a couple of hours each week or month in the church office. Our administrative assistance works from 8:30 to 1:30. After that we count on servants from the church to be present to answer phone calls and direct inquiries. This could be the ministry God is calling you to join!

Sanctuary or Chapel Steward

Are you someone who likes to have everything in order? Do you care about Sunday morning worship and look forward to it each week? Do you perhaps feel a tug on your heart to make sure that our worship space is at its best for the Big Day? Then you may be called to serve as a Worship Space Steward. Contact Joan at 715.842.2201.



*...the Human One didn't
come to be served but rather
to serve and to give his life to
liberate many people.*

Mark 10:45

Prayer Shawls Ministry

Does doing something special for a person who is going through a tough time fill your heart with joy? Do you enjoy working with yarn? You might like to consider joining our faithful Prayer Shawls Ministry folks. They gather together monthly to knit or crochet, share stories from people who were recipients of shawls, have a bit of bible study and connect with each other. Contact Marian at 715.536.6399.

Worship Monies Counter

Are you good with numbers and recording them? Would you like to be a part of the Sunday worship experience but prefer a behind the scenes role? You might be just the person God is calling to join our Sunday morning money counter corps. Contact Martie at 715.842.2201.

Have you thought of helping as a volunteer at your local school? Or at the Women's Community? Or at The Open Door? Or at any other of the many agencies in our communities? Maybe you have an idea of your own... God calls us to a variety of ministries. Some of them are with or through the church. Many are not. Pray about where God would lead you. Then step out. It can be intimidating at first, but the satisfaction is priceless.

Faith Formation

Sunday Faith Formation Classes - ages 3 through adult - meet between our two worship services. Children meet upstairs, youth meet downstairs, and adults meet in the B.K. Smith room.

FAITH QUEST

Daniel
October 14 - November 11

Grades 2 - 5
Room 212

“My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.” Psalm 121:2

Journey to Bethlehem
November 18 - December 16

“And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. Luke 2:7

MUSIC TIME

For 3 year olds through 1st graders
Sunday mornings from 8:55 to 9:10
Room 215
Led by Mike Zahn

Children in this age group spend the first 10 to 15 minutes of Faith Formation time on Sunday mornings singing with Mike while he plays the guitar.

CHILDREN’S music

The children that meet on Wednesday evenings for Children’s Music will be singing in the 10:00 worship service on November 11th. We have been learning about the Fruit of the Spirit, and one of the songs they will sing is “Growing in the Spirit”. The other song is “I will Enter His Gates” and is based on Psalm 100. Five of the children will do a dance during this song. Come hear and see our children as they share some of what they have been learning on Wednesday evenings. See pictures on page 2, the picture page.

Wednesday Evening Adult Study

Wednesdays, 5 pm
B.K. Smith Room

We’re most of the way through our study of *Christianity and World Religions* but you’re welcome to join us for the last couple sessions.

This video-based study explores the four major other world religions – Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism – and compares beliefs of each with those of Christianity.

Christianity
AND
World Religions
Wrestling with Questions People Ask



Theology on Tap

Taking a break until January

Do you like having philosophical/theological conversations outside the church building?

Theology on Tap is a chance for people who’d like to get together to share conversation about the day’s topic, while enjoying a relaxed atmosphere. Enjoy some food or drink, or not as you choose.



CHANCEL CHOIR

Rehearses on Wednesday evenings in the chapel at 7:15. If you like to sing, then come and join us as we prepare music for the 10:00 service on Sunday mornings and for Lessons and Carols on December 16th.

JUBILATE BELLS

The Jubilate Bells will be playing in the 10:00 worship service on November 4th. Come and hear our handbell choir as they ring during this service.

Conference and Connections

Our New United Methodist Visiting Chaplain Rev. John Wells

Rev. John Wells is our new United Methodist Chaplain. We welcome John to this chaplaincy. He is recently retired as pastor of Elm Grove UMC congregation and began this chaplaincy position July 1st.

John has been a parish pastor for over 43 years, serving a mix of small rural, multipoint parishes, mid-sized, smaller city parishes and larger multi-staffed larger congregations. He comes with many years of visiting his congregation and community folks while they were hospitalized and brings a caring and compassionate presence to the bedside. John is married to his wife Julie and they now live in the Madison area in Fitchburg to be close to their grandchildren.

This chaplaincy is a part-time position of 20 hrs. a week. Our chaplain visits United Methodists hospitalized in the three general hospitals in Madison... St. Mary's, UnityPoint Meriter and University Hospital. He finds out who to visit through the daily hospital census under those listed as 'Methodist', or by requests that come by phone from pastors or other Methodists throughout the Conference. With the request and patient's permission, John contacts the patient's pastor on their behalf to communicate their parishioner's hospitalization and concerns.

The United Methodist Hospitals Ministry Committee oversees this chaplaincy position and is comprised of lay and clergy in the surrounding Madison area. This committee meets regularly with the chaplain to provide support and guidance.

If you have a request of John Wells our chaplain to visit someone hospitalized in Madison, please contact him directly. 920.723.5378; MadisonHospitalsChaplain@WisconsinUMC.org

John is also able to visit your church to share with your congregation about this healing ministry of visitation provided to our hospitalized United Methodists. We appreciate your support of this chaplaincy through prayers and financial gifts through your church's mission giving to this chaplaincy program.

Join the Conference on Facebook



Are you connected with the Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Church on Facebook? 'Like' the Conference page to keep up with UMC news during the week, get updates, and be the first to know about new resources available for you and your church. Go to facebook.com/wisconsinumc and 'Like' the Conference Facebook page!

~ Our Breakthrough Prayer ~

We believe at First United Methodist Church in the power of prayer. We believe that God has great things in store for all of God's children, for us as individuals and in relationships and communities.

In September, we took our congregation's prayer life to a new level. Our goal is to connect with God even more deeply and to notice God's activity more than we ever have before.

What might God have in store for First Church or for our communities through our ministry? We don't know yet. But as we keep praying, God will clarify our vision – in familiar ways and in ways we hadn't even considered. Join your friends at First Church with this Breakthrough Prayer:

God of power, God of grace, guide us to connect our soul purpose with you and your will. Break through in the life of First Church with fresh possibilities to work your will in our church, our communities and our lives. Amen.

Make the commitment to pray – every night and every morning at 9:03 (or when it works for us) for God to do God's great thing in the life of First Church. If you're hearing about this for the first time, or if you haven't started, simply start where you are. Begin now.

Resources for Ministry

A Financial Narrative for November 2018

This is the time of the year when the finance committee and the church talk a lot about “stewardship.” What does this term really mean? I’ve heard some interpret it as the time of “Give, Give, Give!” But I’d like us to see it as much more than just that.

As I described last month, this is when we are putting together the budget, and to be able to balance that, we need to know how much money we can expect to take in. The question is, how do we as members know what we should give? As you’ve doubtless heard, it is up to each one of us to decide what is appropriate for us. And I’ve been warned at stewardship training meetings never to say, “Give us lots of money or we won’t be able to pay the bills.” That’s not going to inspire anyone to contribute.

Instead I’d like for us to think about what the church does for us and what that enables us to do for our community. How can we as Christians be a vital part of that? First and foremost, we need to live our lives as followers of Christ: Attend and help lead worship, participate in faith formation classes, serve at the Personal Needs Closet, help serve the Community Meal, attend Wednesday night dinners at church, participate

in a mission trip, etc, etc, etc. Everything we do with others can help build up the relationships with others and Christ that makes us a vital church community. This is the true stewardship we are called to.

But how does that relate to the budget, you ask? This mindset enables us to live a life of abundance, not just asking how we can pay the bills, but realizing that we can give generously of all that we are. Once we realize that, we can begin to think about how we can also give of our material wealth to whatever degree we are called and able. Yes, your financial stewardship is necessary to allow us to pay the bills, but without your commitment to be a faithful Christian, that would be pointless.

So give. Generously. Of all that you have, not just to help balance the budget, but to make our church a living community.

Beautify the Church Office

Did your Norfolk Island Pine get too big for the room while it was outside all summer? Would you like to gift it to a location where people will truly appreciate it?

The church office is looking for just such a plant. Call or email Joan at the office to talk about giving your plant a new home.



Mission Giving Without Pain

UMW collects Kwik Trip bottle caps, pull tabs and “box tops for education” for missions. Kwik Trip caps go to Harbor House, a UMW sponsored women’s shelter, “box tops for education” are sent to Redbird Mission in Kentucky, and pull tabs are sent to Ronald McDonald House. For your convenience there are collection baskets in the parlor. And remember, aluminum cans are collected for our own mission trip.

Help Your Church Do Ministry

Would you like to give of yourself to the church but don’t know how? Do you have a secondary laptop (Windows 10 or newer) at home that you could gift to our ministries? This could be your way to serve the

First United Methodist Church is in need of one (or possibly two) laptops. The “Volunteer” computer in the office is old enough that it can’t do the work asked of it. The laptop attached to the projector uses Window 3 and does not support newer PowerPoints or videos.

FUMC Wired

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Thank you for opening your doors for our community health screening in your community. It is because of your generosity that Life Line Screening continues to be able to bring these health screenings into your area and for that, we are very appreciative.

We look forward to working together again!

We appreciate all your help and support with hosting this community outreach event.

Sincerely,
Debbie Walsh
Life Line Screening

A Thanksgiving Recipe

by Joan Stroyny

Open up one large heart,
place it gently in God's hand;
knead it with His spirit,
spread out as far as you can.

Fill this heart with cups of hope,
freshened in each new day;
evenly layer tablespoons of joy,
life's dreams are on the way.

Stir in firmly packed memories,
embedded within your soul;
pour on His protection and forgiveness,
the gift of salvation will unfold.

Mix together children, family and
friends that are known;
sprinkle with kindness and good cheer,
and your blessings will be sown.

Combine above ingredients with prayer,
singing praises to God above;
bake on high the message of Thanksgiving,
and this heart is a feast of love.



Just so that you make sure to mark your calendar now, before it fills up.

- December 2 1st Sunday in Advent
- December 3 Savvy Seniors
- December 9 2nd Sunday in Advent
- December 10 United Methodist Women Unit Advent Gathering
- December 13 Cookie Baking Day
- December 16 3rd Sunday in Advent
Lessons & Carols
Cookie Walk
Mission Store
- December 19 Messy Church & Caroling
- December 23 4th Sunday in Advent
- December 24 Christmas Eve Services
2:00 p.m. in the chapel
4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary
8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary

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WORSHIP IN NOVEMBER

Sermon Series: *It's Really About Relationships*

Sunday Worship Times

8:00 a.m. Morning Chapel 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

*With Holy Communion on the 1st Sunday of the month.
As United Methodists, we practice Open Communion.
All who are seeking God are welcome at Christ's table.*

Sunday, November 4

All Saints Sunday

Theme: What's in Our Hearts

Text: Luke 19:1-10

Sunday, November 18

26th Sunday after Pentecost

Theme: Two Lessons from the Third Cardinal

Texts: Proverbs 3: 27-28; Matthew 11: 28-29; Matthew 11: 22

Sunday, November 11

25th Sunday after Pentecost

Theme: Scarcity or Abundance

Text: John 6:1-15

Sunday, November 25

Christ the King Sunday

Theme: Follow Him

Text: Matthew 4:12-22