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From Our Pastor

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

I Thessalonians 5:18

Welcome to full fledged Fall! It's November! We will be living from freezing temperatures some mornings and basking in 70 degree sunshine on other days. We will have lived through a hotly contested midterm election, observed All Saints Sunday remembering friends and loved ones during worship, and see hockey and basketball seasons open in full stride! We will honor Veterans. We will see the last of Fall harvests and sit at table with friends and family coming from distances on Thanksgiving Day. Some will be gratefully recovering from illness and some may face the challenges of ill health not seen coming!

Life will be both routine in work, school, and leisure; but for some the unanticipated will also appear either for joy or sadness. We will arrive at Advent by the end of the month!

Life in the faith community will see the whole spectrum of "rain falling on the righteous and the unrighteous alike." We pray to be blessed and to be a blessing!

Paul seems to have it about right:

Give thanks in all circumstances. What comes our way only determines how and WHAT we pray for, not WHETHER we pray. And the thanks is not for the "rough" times but for the help during rough times!

Circumstances. A word that covers a multitude of things impacting our life. And we are "pray-ers" in all circumstances.

Pray for one another in November a month packed with possibilities and predicaments, progress and purpose, potential and power! Yes, pray and give thanks!

Blessings for the Month!

Pastor Barry

Men's Breakfast

Please note the time change.

The November Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, November 3. Breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

Men, we hope you can join us. This is a time of good fellowship and good food.

Fellowship Supper

Our monthly First-Wednesday Covered-dish Fellowship Supper will be November 7. We will begin at 6:30 p.m. Come and join us.

Choir Notes

Advent and Christmas are drawing closer. We will discuss possible November practice times.

Bible Study

The Bible Study led by Rev. Travis Perry continues. The group meets at the home of Lytle Hodge on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. The address is 507 Hazelwood Drive, Smyrna.

Bucket Offerings

In November our bucket offerings at Sunday morning worship will be donated to the Good Shepherd Home in Murfreesboro. This is a children's home.

Happy Birthday to:

Mike Harris	November 10
Gaylord Dorn	November 12
B. L. Rhodes	November 12
Mary Lee Vanderkooi	November 16
Margaret Perry	November 17
Lynn Fann	November 18
Ruth Kitchen	November 19

Happy Anniversary to:

Loren & Mary Lee Vanderkooi	November 2
Danny & Martha Fraley	November 16

Charge Conference

Our 2018 Charge Conference will be at 6:30 p.m. on November 4 at Kedron. Rev. Lloyd Mabry will officiate.

Faith Formation

Plans are moving toward a Faith Formation group for Youth later this fall. See the Pastor for details.

Food Bank

You may bring food donations for the local food bank to the church the first and second Sundays of the month. Place the food items on the pew in the narthex. The food will be delivered to our local food bank. The suggested items for November are canned or dried beans. All non-perishable foods are accepted and appreciated.

Laity Meeting

The Rutherford County Laity Fellowship will meet on Monday November 26. The meeting will be at Bethel UMC, 4286 Sulphur Springs Rd., Murfreesboro.

Thank You

Children and Youth Game Night was October 20. All were invited including adults. Thanks to Doug and Dee Rouse for their leadership and all their work to make this event enjoyable for those who attended. Lydia and Emily Rouse also helped.

Outreach

On October 28, a special offering was received to be donated to the United Methodist Committee on Relief. This offering was for response to the Florida hurricane.

1 Samuel 2:2 prayed by Hannah was the quotation in the October newsletter.

Which Psalm? (A Psalm of thanksgiving)

“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.”

--NRSV

Things for which to give thanks:

- The teenager who is complaining about doing dishes because that means he or she is at home and not on the streets.
- A lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning, and gutters that need fixing because it means I have a home.
- The space I find at the far end of the parking lot because it means I am capable of walking.
- My huge heating bill because it means I am warm.
- The complaining I hear about politics because it means I have freedom of speech.
- The clothes that fit a little too snug because it means I have enough to eat.
- The music I don't enjoy because that means I can hear.
- The alarm that goes off in the early morning hours because it means that I am alive.

--Unknown

Thanks-doing

The French word for *thanksgiving* is *Fête d'actions de grace* or literally, “feast of thanks actions.” When we give thanks, as well as celebrating all that we have received, what can we *do* to show our gratitude to God? Not just one day, but all year long? How can our thanks-giving become thanks-doing?



November Calendar

Saturday, November 3:

8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Sunday, November 4:

All Saints Sunday

Daylight Saving Time ends.

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

6:30 p.m. Charge Conference

Tuesday, November 6:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, November 7:

6:30 p.m. Fellowship Supper

Sunday, November 11:

Veterans Day

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, November 13:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, November 18:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, November 20:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Thursday, November 22

Thanksgiving Day

Sunday, November 25:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. December newsletter information due.

Monday, November 26:

6:30 p.m. Laity at Bethel UMC

Tuesday, November 27:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study



"No—think outside the box."

Psalm 100:4

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name."
Write the letter from each shape into the same shape below.

