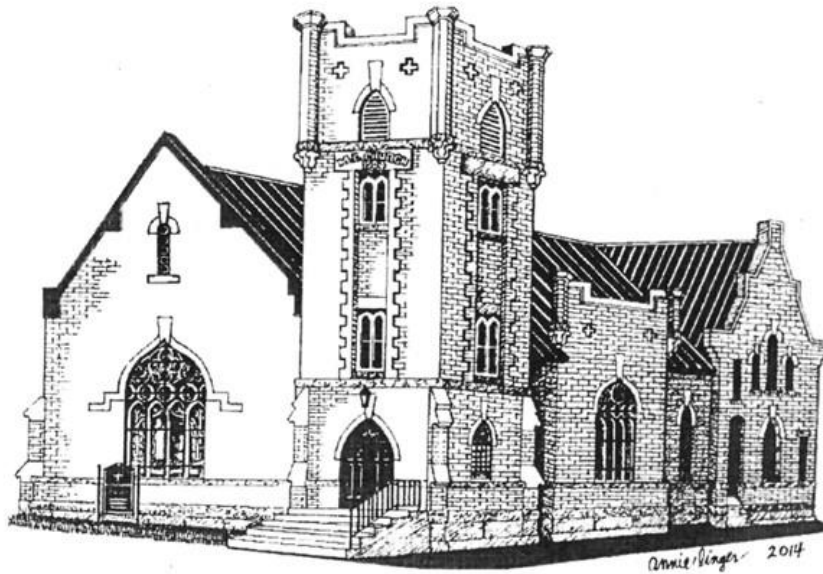


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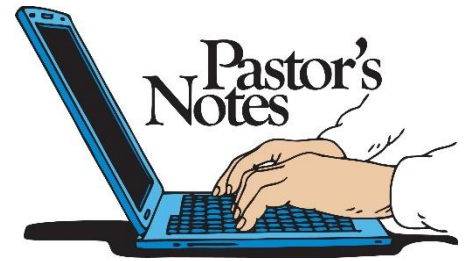
November 2024 Newsletter

Psalm 100

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.



For me, November has always been a time when I focus on giving thanks. We have the Thanksgiving holiday at the end of the month, but think it's a good thing to count our blessings throughout November. In mornings, on my walk over to the church I've been basking in the morning sunlight. Coming from the parsonage, I'm lined up with it so that the sun is absolutely shining off the church, making it glow in the sun. It is just radiant. The sky is a deep blue, and the trees on the surrounding hills are dressed in fall colors. What a glorious image of God's creation around us. How can we not be thankful for God's handiwork all around us.

I also keep thinking about how God got us here to Weston & Buckhannon. As we look back there's no way that this was an accident. We can see God's hand in the events that led up to our move. The Holy Spirit opened doors and presented us with this opportunity. We know that we are here for a reason, and we are happy in our home, blessed to be here at this church, and blessed to be in this town and this region of West Virginia.

Along with the celebration & remembrance of All Saints' Sunday, our worship theme will be Grateful, Thankful, Blessed. I've seen the artwork around for a couple of years now & think this is so appropriate for this time of year. We're also going to make a fun visual of our gratefulness. There will be a tree just beyond the annex, and the platform to the right of the pulpit. There will be paper leaves & mini clothespins. We're asking everyone to take a leaf, write a thanksgiving/blessing on it and pin it to the tree. My challenge to you all is to get 100 leaves with blessings on the tree. We've been given countless blessings, and taking the time to count them is a very important thing. Being thankful & counting our blessings changes our hearts & gives us encouragement. What better thing can we do at this time of year?



SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR OCTOBER

November 3	November 10	November 17	November 24
Rev. 21:1-7	1 Tim 1:12-16	Psalm 107:1-9	Psalm 147:1-11
Mark 12:28-34	Col. 3:12-17	Eph. 1:15-20	Matt. 5:1-12

UNITED METHODIST MEN'S GROUP MEETING

The Men's Group will meet for their monthly breakfast meeting on *Sunday November, 10th* at 7:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. All men of the church are welcome and encouraged to attend!

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER



This month's free community dinner will be on *Saturday, November 23rd* at 4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Everyone from the church is encouraged to attend for fellowship, friends, fun, and food. Volunteers are welcome! Please pray that this ministry will continue to be a blessing to those in need in our community.

MONTHLY PRAYER WORKSHOP

Our next Prayer Workshop is Thursday November 7th at 6:30. This month's prayer focus will be on Giving Thanks. Our Scripture will be Philippians 4:4-7. Everyone is welcome to participate.



OUR NEIGHBOR ITEMS OF THE MONTH



The Our Neighbor Items of the month for November are dry or canned beans, Jelly and Stuffing. Please leave items in the bin marked "Our Neighbor" in the annex hallway of our church or deliver them directly to Our Neighbor Tuesday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Thank you for your continued support of this mission.

FALL BIBLE STUDY

Our new Bible Study will be meeting Wednesday Evenings at 7P.M. We are studying all the books of the New Testament. Between now and Thanksgiving will be the Gospels and Acts. After the New Year, we will look at the Letters and the book of Revelation. Everyone is invited to join! We will be meeting in the Conference Room of the Office Building.



WORLD THANK OFFERING SHOE COLLECTION

The Shoe collection offering will be collected at the UMW Meeting on November 12th at 1:00p.m.

ROANOKE SCHOOL SHOE MISSION

The St. Matthew United Methodist Church Women's Group will again sponsor the Shoe Mission with Stonewall Resort and Foundation. Donations should be made by November 24th. Please make your donations check out to St. Matthew Church Women and mail to Eunice Lattimer, treasurer, PO Box 414, Weston, WV or drop off at the Church Office 120 E. 3rd St from October 1st to November 24th.

For more information call Eunice at 304-269-3596 or the church office 304-269-2428. Thank you for your continual support of this mission.

SHOEBOX MINISTRY



The shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child are out and ready to be filled! They need to be turned in by November 17th. OCC has a \$10 delivery fee. There's a pamphlet in each box with directions and ideas on how to fill them. It also includes a lot of good information about this ministry.

For more information, contact Rosanna Silcott.

Church Officers:

Ad. Council	SPRC	Trustees	Finance
Chair: Ruth Macbeth	Chair Rosanna Silcott	Elected in January	Chair Bob Stultz
Rosanna Silcott	Eunice Lattimer	Juanita Alfred	Judy Staubly
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		Jesse Grub	
		Patty Smith	
		Brad Montgomery	

PRAYER LIST

Ginger Bailey, Scott Walker, Jill Baser, Eleanor Kafer, Glen Brown, Ann Brown, Janie Tenney, Vickie Heater, Family and Friends of Mary Sholes, Family and Friends of Barry Moll, Family and Friends of Jackie Meese, Aidan Linger, Amy King, Becky Westfall, Betsy Martin, Bob Bennett, Bobbi Radcliff, Brad Montgomery, Carol Haan, Dave Lewis, Ginny Lamb, Greg Vance, Ruth Macbeth, Jim and Mary Anne Lamb, Jimmy Bailey, Joey Butcher, John Hinzman, Jordan Heckert, Julia Bragg, Karen Rathbun, Martika Mick, Mark Rupert, Pat Reckart, Shirley Burkhart, Tammy Waple, Cheryl Kelley, Sue Brannan, Dick Smith *To add someone to the prayer list, please contact the office at 304-269-2428.*

