

PRAYER LIST

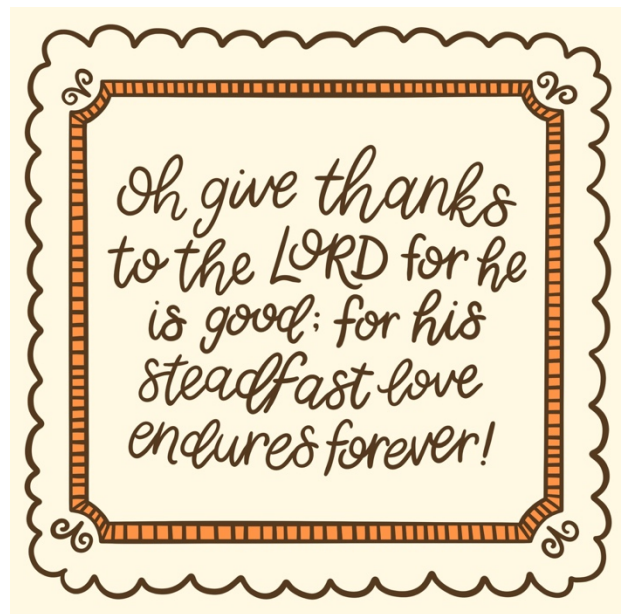
Ginger Bailey, Scott Walker, Eleanor Kafer, Glen Brown, Sue Caufield, Mike Stout, Janie Tenney, Vickie Heater, Aidan Linger, Amy King, Becky Westfall, Betsy Martin, Bob Bennett, Brad Montgomery, Carol Haan, Dave Lewis, Ginny Lamb, The Vance Family, Mary Anne Lamb, Joan Hinzman, Jordan Heckert, Julia Bragg, Karen Rathbun, Pat Reckart, Shirley Burkhart, Ruth Macbeth, Robert Lockhart, Phil Rastle, Marvin Murphy, Amanda Brown, Jim Stutler, Barbara Forinash, Sam Bailey, Cindy Osborn, Jim Turner, C.D. Cole, David Parks, Lucille Hicks, Luke Roselli (Macbeth), Robin Burrough, Vickie Alderson, Cierra Deploy, Sarah Dotson, Lee Anne Mick, J.B. Lambert, Catherine Ratliff, Helen Lemasters



If you would like to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please call the office at 304-269-2428



October & November



SHOEBOX MINISTRY

The shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child will be out and ready to be picked up November 2nd. They need to be turned in by Sunday November 16th. Operation Christmas Child 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.



CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME!

Nolan McNeil DeMarco, son of Andrea and James Demarco Jr., born September 26, 2025 in El Paso Tx. Nolan is a brother to Emery and Isaac; grandson of Dorothy and Rock Garton of Jane Lew, and Gwen and James DeMarco Sr. of Lost Creek.

COMING EVENTS

Sunday School 9:00 AM, Sunday Worship Service 10:00 AM

Parsonage Brunch	Saturday October 18 at 11AM
Community Meal	Saturday October 25 at 4PM
Trunk-or-Treat	Friday October 31 6:30-8:30PM
Sewing Group	Will be meeting by request only
Evangelism & Outreach	Meeting Sat Nov 1 at 10AM
Don't forget to set your clock back on Nov 2!	
Soup-A-Palooza	Saturday November 8 2PM
Community Meal	Saturday November 22 at 4PM
Thanksgiving	Thursday November 27
First Sunday of Advent November 30	



MISSIONS:

OUR NEIGHBOR ITEMS FOR OCTOBER



Our Neighbor Items of the month for October are... cereal, small bags of rice, and spaghetti sauce. 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.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

The United Methodist Women are excited to participate in the annual H&M Motors Trunk-or-Treat hosted by the Robert L. Bland Middle School! This year is expected to have a record-breaking 5,000 attendees. The UWM are collecting candy and money donations that can be dropped off at the table in the Annex. All donations are due by October 26th. Anyone who would like to participate in the event please reach out to Sandy Matthews. Many thanks to everyone who is making this event possible. We look forward to having a fun evening out in the community representing St. Matthew UMC!



Trunk or Treat

ROANKOE SHOE MISSION



The United Methodist Women's group will be participating in the 12th Annual Roanoke Elementary School Shoe Donation. This impactful program provides 180 children with warm winter shoes and socks. Stonewall Resort will be hosting a special event where each student will get to meet Santa and receive their new shoes! Donations can be placed at the UMW Missions table in the Annex or given to Eunice Lattimer. Please make checks out to St. Matthew United Methodist Women. Donations due by Dec 1st. UMW thanks you for your support!



SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR OCTOBER 2025

October 5	October 12	October 19	October 26
World Communication	Can I Get a Witness?	Parables	Parables
John 4:1-15 Woman witnesses to her town	Romans 10:9-15	Psalms 107:1-9	1 Timothy 1:12-7
John 4:16-29	Acts 8:26-40 Phillip witnesses to an Ethiopian	Luke 14:15-24 Parable of the Great Banquet	Luke 15:1-10 Parables: Lost Sheep & Lost Coin



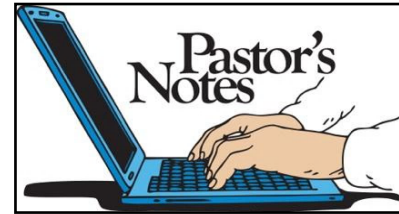
SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR NOVEMBER 2025

November 2	November 9	November 16	November 23
All Saints Communion	Give Thanks to the Lord	For He is Good	His Love Endures Forever
Ephesians 1:1-14	Psalms 106: 1-5, 47-48	Psalms 107:1-9	Psalms 136:1-9, 23-26
Revelations 7:9-17	Colossians 3:12-17	John 10:1-5, 14-18	Romans 5:1-8

PASTOR'S NOTES

Psalm 100

¹Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.



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 I 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. 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.



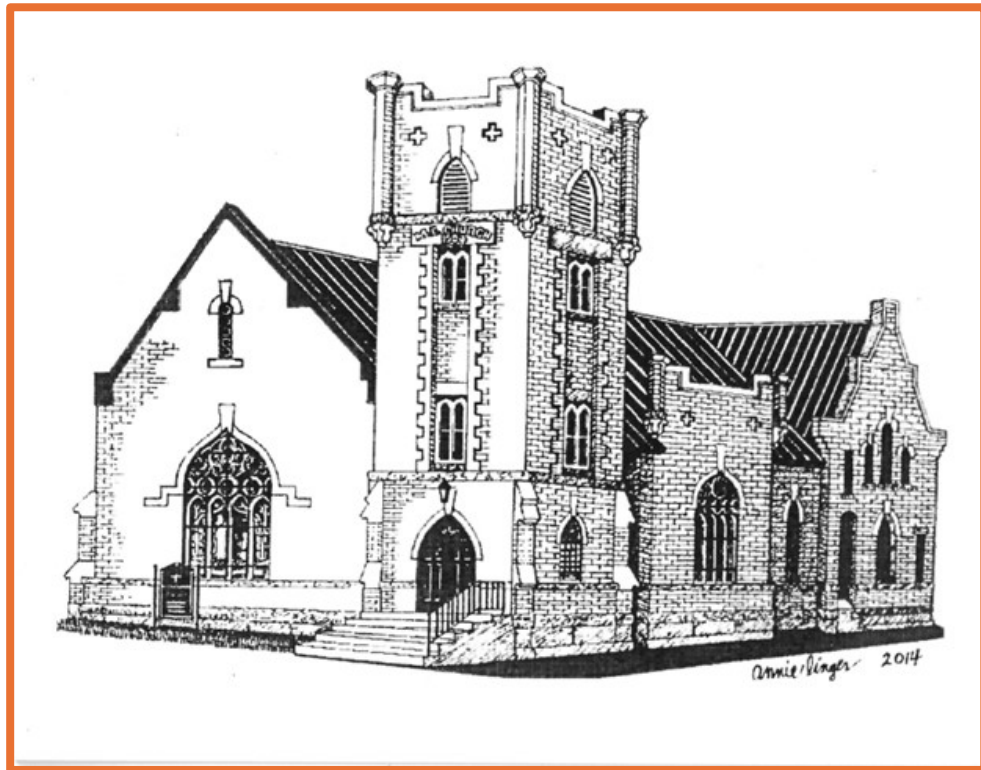
Along with the celebration & remembrance of All Saints 'Sunday, our worship theme for the next 3 weeks will be "Give thanks to the Lord," "For He is Good." "His Love Endures Forever." It can be found in a number of Psalms, and I've chosen 3. I think this is so appropriate for this time of year.

We're also going to repeat a fun & beautiful 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?



Grace & Peace,
Pastor Jeff Aiosa <'/><

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