





# NOVEMBER 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9AM-1PM- Holiday Bazaar 6:00PM Sat Worship
2 Daylight Savings Ends 9:15AM Adult Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship All Saints Day	3 9am-4PM WIC	4	5 6:00 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM Youth 7:30 PM Trustees	6	7	8 6:00 PM Worship
9 9:15 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30AM Worship	10	11 Veterans Day 	12 9:00 Sew 'N' Sews 6:00 Confirmation 7:00 Youth	13 7:00PM Bible 101	14	15 9:15-Noon- Vets Home Bingo 6:00 PM Worship
16 9-15 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30AM Worship 3:00 PM-Charge Conference-Kearney	17	18	19 9:30 UMW 7:00 PM Ad Council 7:00 Youth	20	21	22 6:00 PM Worship
23 9:15 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 6:00PM-Community Thanksgiving-Faith United .....	24 7:00 PM UMM	25	26 9:00 Sew 'N' Sews	27 Happy Thanksgiving! 	28	29 6:00 PM Worship
30 9:15 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship						

DATE	USHERS	SCRIPTURE READER	CHILDREN'S TIME	AUDIO/ CAMERA
11-2	Charlotte Burr	Linda Keiper	Janee Montgomery	Amy/Stacy
	Janee Montgomery			
11-9	Todd Meyer	Sandy Sell	Linda Keiper	Kollars
	Kim Wadkins			
11-16	Ward Eckloff	Cindy Peabody	Carol McGregor	Amy
	Christyne Eckloff			
11-23	Jessica Kier	Denise Catlin	Pastor Doreen	Kollars
	Tyson Kier			
11-30	Dan Sell	Stephanie Leisinger	Kathy Pierce	Amy/Stacy
	Jodi Sell			

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**



<b>11-1 Joni Thornburg</b>	<b>11-9 Nancy Jader</b>	<b>11-20 Jackson Thornburg</b>
<b>11-2 Kathy Leisinger</b>	<b>11-10 Caly Kenkel</b>	<b>11-21 Bob Owen</b>
<b>11-3 Pam Godbersen</b>	<b>11-13 Samuel Kucera</b>	<b>11-22 Debra Fox</b>
<b>11-3 Eddie Winchester</b>	<b>11-16 Carol McGregor</b>	<b>11-24 Heather Smallcomb</b>
<b>11-4 Jacob Kucera</b>	<b>11-17 Delphina Kollars</b>	<b>11-24 Chelsie Bergstrom</b>
<b>11-5 Daniel Leisinger</b>	<b>11-19 Baylee McAtee-Kern</b>	<b>11-30 Lance Bailey</b>
<b>11-7 Ray Winchester</b>	<b>11-19 Emma Christensen</b>	<b>11-30 Carolyn Swanson</b>

## Pastor's Corner

Beloved Faith United family,



As we enter the month of November, my heart is overflowing with gratitude for each of you. During October's Pastor Appreciation Month, I was deeply touched by your gifts, your cards, your kind words, and your prayers. Thank you for the love you poured out, it reminded me once again what a blessing it is to serve this church family.

A special word of thanks to Chad Dolan and Kathy Pierce for leading our Saturday and Sunday worship services during Laity Sunday. What a gift it was to sit in worship, to rest, to receive, and to simply be present without the weight of preparing a sermon. It was a holy relief, and a powerful reminder that the church is strong when the people of God share their gifts.

This spirit of shared ministry leads us beautifully into All Saints Sunday, which we will observe on November 2. This is a sacred time in the life of the Church when we remember the saints who have shaped our faith; grandparents who prayed over us, friends who encouraged us, Sunday school teachers, mentors, neighbors, choir members - ordinary people who revealed the love of Jesus in extraordinary ways. Scripture calls them a **"great cloud of witnesses"** (Hebrews 12:1). I love that image because it reminds us that faith is not a solo journey, it is a relay. Someone passed the baton to us, and now we carry it forward with hope, courage, and love.

As you remember your saints, I invite you to:

### 1. Name Your Gratitude

Think about what your saint taught you, about God, kindness, perseverance, or compassion. Say it aloud. Write it in your journal. Tell it to a child. Gratitude is how we keep their witness alive.

### 2. Carry the Baton

We honor those who have gone before us not only by remembering them, but by living out their faith in our everyday lives. Make the call. Offer the prayer. Bring the casserole. Extend the forgiveness. These small acts are how God continues their legacy through us.



This month we will also gather for our Charge Conference on November 16 at Kearney First UMC. This is our opportunity as a church to celebrate what God has done, make decisions for the future, and join in worship with our district family. Every member has a voice, so I encourage you to come, participate, and help shape the next chapter of our ministry.

As we move toward Thanksgiving, I am praying that gratitude would not be just a feeling we experience for a day but a way of life we practice daily. Some of us carry both grief and gratitude in this season, and that's okay. God meets us in both. As the psalmist declares, *"From one generation to another, we will tell of Your marvelous deeds."* The story continues - through you.

Thank you, Faith United, for your love, your faithfulness, and your witness. I am honored to be your pastor.

With love in Christ,  
**Pastor Doreen**

### **Confirmation Class Spotlight: Growing in Faith, Learning to Lead**



On October 19, our confirmation students stepped into leadership with confidence and joy as they served waffles and hosted fellowship time after worship. With smiling faces and willing hands, they greeted members, prepared food, served our congregation, and modeled what it means to be a church family that serves one another in love.

This experience wasn't just about breakfast, it was about discipleship. Our students learned that confirmation is not only a class they attend, but a calling they live. They are discovering that the church is not something we watch, but something we *are*.

As we continue on this journey, please keep our confirmands and their mentors in your prayers. Encourage them when



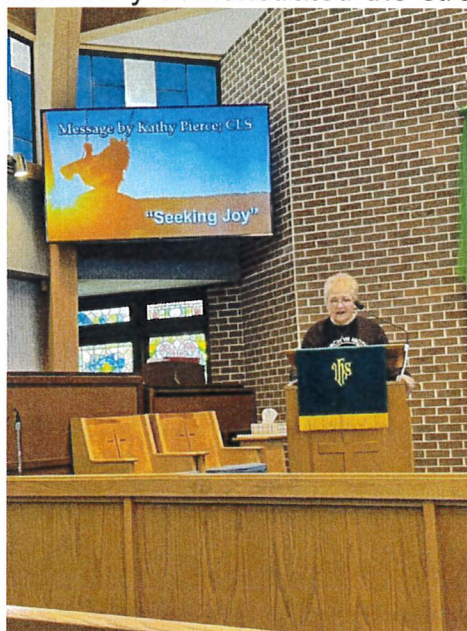
you see them. Ask them what they're learning. They are not just the future of the church; they are the church *right now*.

Thank you, Confirmation Class, for inspiring us with your service and reminding us what joyful discipleship looks like!



### Thank You, Chad and Kathy

A heartfelt thank you to **Chad Dolan** and **Kathy Pierce** for leading our worship services during Laity Sunday. Your messages, prayers, and leadership not only blessed our congregation but beautifully demonstrated the strength of lay ministry in our church. It was a gift to see our members step forward in faith and use their talents for God's glory. We are grateful for your willingness to serve and for reminding us that worship is the work of the whole people of God!



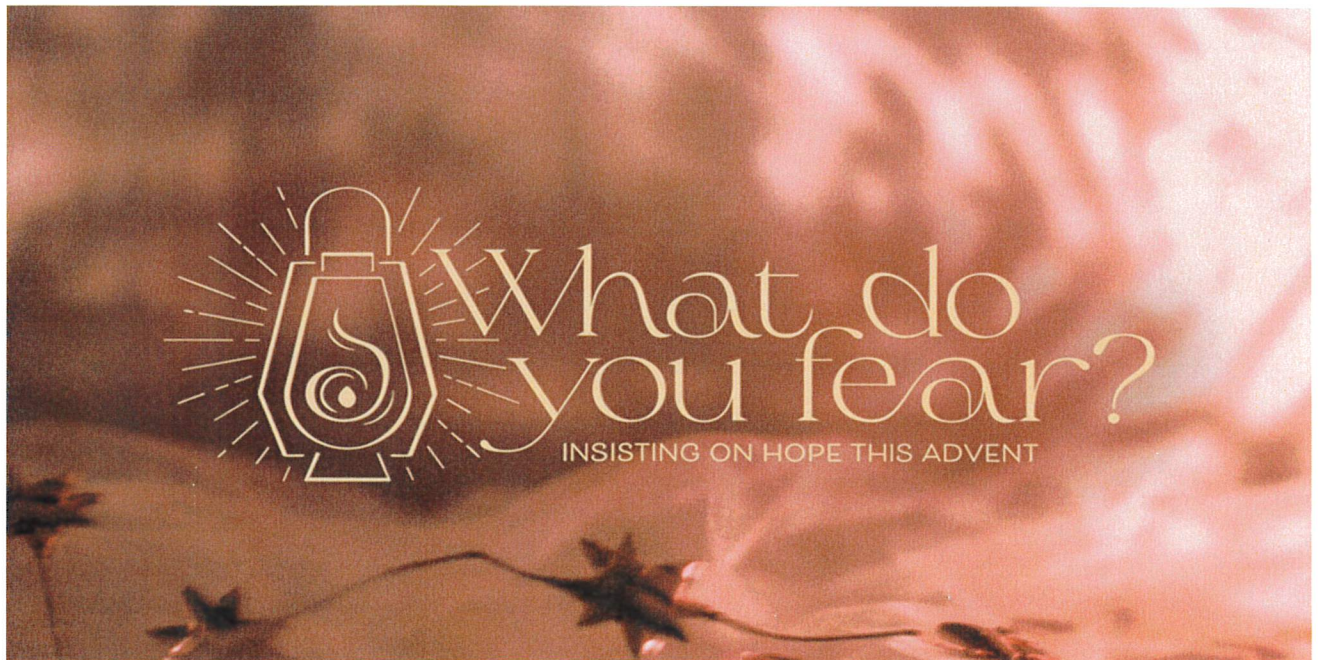


## Community Thanksgiving Dinner – November 23

We are excited to once again partner with the Gibbon Baptist Church to host our annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 23. This special event is more than a meal, it is a celebration of community, gratitude, and the love of Christ shared around the table. Everyone is welcome, whether you are a member of either church, a neighbor, or simply someone seeking fellowship during the holiday season.

This dinner is made possible through the generous hearts of volunteers who prepare food, serve meals, greet guests, and help create a warm and welcoming atmosphere. If you would like to volunteer, donate a dish, or help in any way, please see Sandy Sell. Your participation, no matter how big or small, helps us extend the spirit of thanksgiving to our entire community.

Let's come together in gratitude, fellowship, and service as we share God's abundance with others!



Advent is a season of holy anticipation. Our series this advent, *What Do You Fear*, will remind us that even in fear, hope takes root. You're invited to a season of honest reflection and growing hope. Full details coming soon this November.



## 🔔 Holiday Bazaar Is Almost Here! 📺

The holidays are just around the corner, and so is our **Annual Church Bazaar!** This is one of our biggest fellowship and fundraising events of the year—full of fun, food, and community spirit. There are many ways you can participate:

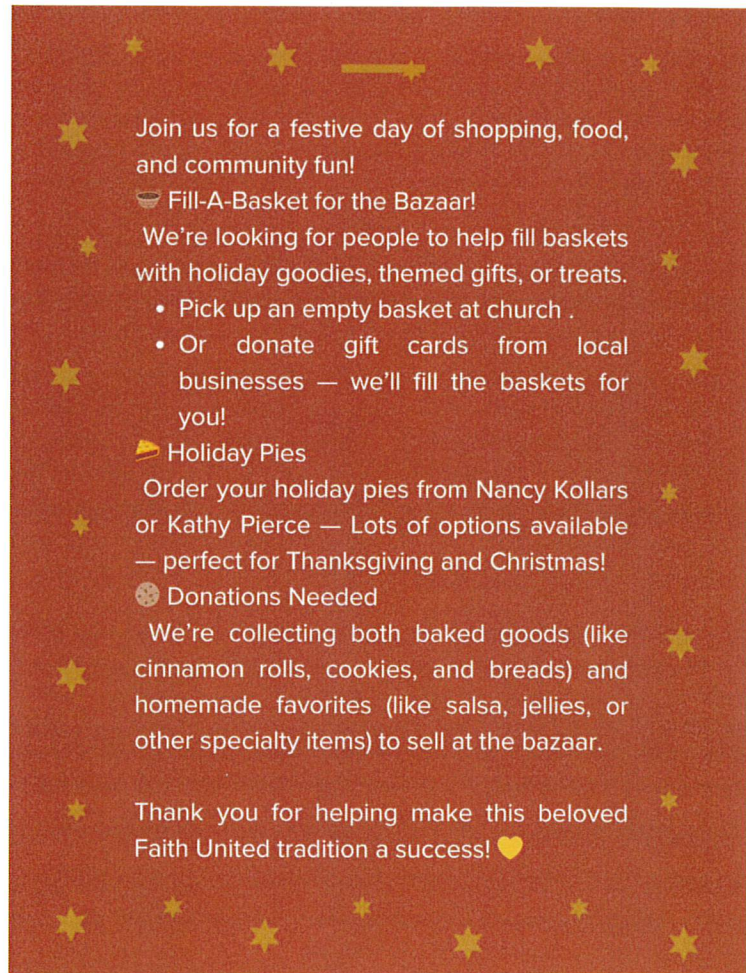
- **Fill a basket** or donate a **gift card** to help us create themed gift baskets
- **Order your holiday pies** from Nancy Kollars or Kathy Pierce
- **Bring baked or homemade goodies** (cinnamon rolls, cookies, salsa, jellies, etc.)
- **Volunteer to help** or simply stop by to shop and support!

📅 **Saturday, November 1 at 9:00 AM**

📍 **Faith United Methodist Church, Gibbon**

📄 **More details can be found on the flier.**

Let's come together to make this bazaar a joyful success for our church and community!



# NOVEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

## All Saints Day Sunday November 2nd

We would like to invite you and your family to join us in celebrating All Saints Day as we honor and recognize loved ones that have passed this last year.



## HOLIDAY PIES READY FOR SALE

Sew 'N' Sews have been busily working on creating their famous Pie selections for the fall sale. They have the following flavors available this year: Peach, Strawberry Rhubarb, Cherry, Apple, Blueberry, and Pecan and Pumpkin. All pies are \$10 except for Pecan and Pumpkin, and they are \$12.00. Contact Nancy Kollars (468-5961) or Kathy Pierce(308-216-0072). Each pie is made with lots of Love!

## VETERANS HOME BINGO SAT AM NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>

Mark your calendars to help volunteer for a fun morning at the Vet's Home In Kearney on Saturday November 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am. We will be done by noon. If you are available to help, please get with Mel Murr or Nancy Kollars. We have really enjoyed our time visiting with the Vets and sharing a morning of fun with them. We provide the prizes and cookies!

## UMM to Meet Monday Nov 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM

The United Methodist Men will meet November 27<sup>th</sup> in Fellowship Hall. Please plan to show your support for the men's group.



## Faith United Hosting Community Thanksgiving

Join us for this year's community Thanksgiving meal and show your thanks with your friends and neighbors.

This year's meal will be on Sunday, November 23rd at 6pm. The event is organized by the Gibbon Ministerial Association and will be hosted by Gibbon Faith United this year and food supplied by our church as well as the Baptist Church. The meal is free and open to everyone in the community. We encourage you to invite people to attend as we celebrate the gift of community.

Like any good Thanksgiving meal, there are a few staples that are a must. If you would be willing to help provide some of the food for the meal, please get with Sandy Sell (308-468-5544) or contact the church office at 468-5521. We are looking for someone to roast turkeys and hams, and several people to bring a salad, side dish, or dessert.

There will be a donation basket that night for the GMA fund. This fund is used to help with such needs as gas vouchers, grocery assistance, rental assistance, and hotel rooms for stranded travelers. Every request is approved by 2 GMA Churches before funds are given out, and our combined efforts help our assistance go farther. Come support our community working together for Christ.

## No November Sat Night Potluck

There will be no Saturday Night Potluck in November due to everyone's busy schedule plus we are hosting the Community Thanksgiving this year. Thank you!