

NORTH RIVERSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD

THE LEAFLET

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A Pastor's Word

Hello Good People of Woodland!

It continues to be a busy season, full of good and wonderful things! We continue to build relationships with our community members at the Thursday Night Supper Club potlucks and with each other at Share Your Gifts Sunday. We continue to learn more about scripture through Bible and Embroidery. We continue to



worship and praise God in our latest sermon series Revelation: It's Not the End of the World. We continue to serve our neighbor through Drop In Center Meals, food pantry collections, United Way volunteering, volunteering with the International Rescue Committee and ALL THE THINGS! All of this goodness will continue, as you will see in the Leaflet.

Charge Conference is over, and we had a lovely time worshipping and conducting business with other area UMCs at St. Mark's United Methodist Church. We have a good plan in place for next year as we continue to be open to the Spirit's leading as we figure out how to do ministry effectively in the 21st century. We have many, many ideas, and look forward to the new year when we can start having earnest conversations about where Woodland will head next! But, we are getting ahead of ourselves, as we often do. Last Sunday marked the beginning of Advent, the season of waiting and preparation leading up to Christ's arrival at Christmas again this year. Check out the enclosed flyer for our plans for worship and beyond during Advent.

I pray you are well. I pray you find time to rest. I pray that gratitude overwhelms your heart this week and sustains you through hardship.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Valecia

Upcoming Events

A Child is Born

*Nativity Narratives from the
Hebrew Bible*

Join us in Advent hope as we prepare for the birth of Jesus by exploring the birth stories of the Hebrew Bible, including Ishmael & Isaac, Samuel, and Samson.

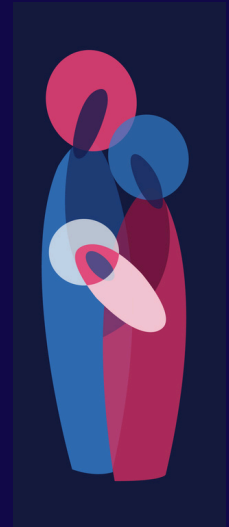
Sundays at 11 a.m.

Activities to benefit Liberation Place: (contact office to RSVP or for more info)

Volunteer - Dec 10, 4:30- 6:30 p.m.

Baby Supply Drive - through December

Baby Shower - Jan 7, time TBD



It's a Sunday School Christmas Party

Friday, December 5th at 6:36 pm
Woodland Youth Center

Bring a "covered" dish + a wrapped gift.
(1 gift per person, value of \$20 or less)

We'll share a meal and
have fun opening gifts

Need a ride? Call Linda Griffin
(719)371-5877



Thursday Night Supper Club

Our community potlucks have been very successful! The first one had a crowd of 22 people, and the 2nd installment had 28. We are taking a short break for Thanksgiving but will return on December 4 with more food and friends. This is a collaborative effort between Woodland UMC and our neighbors to share our resources in terms of food and to share ourselves through fellowship! A huge thanks to everyone who is making this possible.



Volunteering and Giving to Benefit Liberation Place!

Liberation Place is an initiative of the Kansas Birth Justice League that offers support to expectant moms and young families, including material support like clothing, diapers, and formula, and non-material support like education, space, and referrals. They have had a lot of baby clothing donated, and are in need of volunteers to help sort! We will be there Dec. 10 from 4:30-6:30; you are welcome to come for the whole time or come and go as you're able.

We will also be doing a supply drive for them that cultivates in a baby shower for their volunteers and staff. If you're interested in contributing, grab an ornament off our Baby Blessings tree, purchase the indicated item, wrap it, and bring it back to the church to put under the tree. Gifts will be delivered January 7 (time to be determined).

🔔 Reports 🔔

🌿 Share Your Gifts Sunday

On November 16, the church headed to the Scribner ranch just west of El Dorado for an afternoon of autumn country fun! Activities included a hayrack ride, where we could see the baby calves; visiting our friends, the donkeys; and meeting new friends in the Scribners' horses.

Sterling was also there to give roping lessons, and our scripture scavenger hunt included taking pictures that represent the verses from Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. Thanks, Anita, for submitting your pictures (see next page)!

🌿 Notes and Letters from our Members

Dear Pastor Valeria,

Our family wanted to extend our heartfelt Thank You. You allowed us to have our sons birthday celebration in the scout room and that was generous. Blessings,
The Patzkowsky's



🌿 Welcoming New Members Nov-9

On November 9, we welcomed members Taunya Rutenbeck and Mike and Erica Reeves as they reaffirmed their faith. We also welcomed Alice Reeves through the sacrament of holy baptism; welcome to the Woodland family, all!

Woodland Gratitude Trust,

Thank you so much for your generous scholarship!! I am extremely grateful for this as I start my college career!!

Much love,

Addi Scribner

Woodland U.M. Church,

Thanks for the visits, warmth, and kindness you have shown me over the past several months!

Sent for Marty Hartwell

from Rick & Kim Hartwell & family

🎉 HAPPY BIRTHDAY 🎉

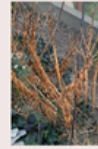
DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sherry Mikesell	12-3
Josephine Brown	12-9
Peggy Mishler	12-16
Barbara Phillips	12-16

**For everything there is a season and a time for every
matter under heaven:**



² a time to be born and a time to die;



a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted;



³ a time to kill and a time to heal;



a time to break down and a time to build up;



⁴ a time to weep and a time to laugh;



a time to mourn and a time to dance;



⁵ a time to throw away stones and a time to gather
stones together;



a time to embrace and a time to refrain from
embracing;

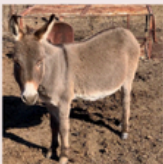
⁶ a time to seek and a time to lose;

a time to keep and a time to throw away;



⁷ a time to tear and a time to sew;

a time to keep silent and a time to speak;



⁸ a time to love and a time to hate;

a time for war and a time for peace.



Sunday School

Class Notes

November 9, 2025

Prayers concerns & Joys

- Janice Brown in the loss of Jim.
- Beth's sister is not well enough for chemo treatment.
- Woodland quilter's made 100 Christmas gifts bags for Children First
- Anita is struggling with healing sores on her ankle due to hives

Lesson Leader: .

Notes: Steve M. continued the study of "Half Truths". This week's statements was, "God helps those who help themselves." Which commandment was this? NONE. It appears nowhere in the bible in fact, it is contradictory to the concept of God's Grace. The statement could be considered a partial truth however when one reflects on the Latin phrase "Ora et labora"- pray and work. We are called to help those in need and should pray for discernment as to how to do so.

Submitted By:

November 30, 2025

Prayers& Concerns:

- Thanks to Craig, Suzy, Taunya, sue, Steve & Anita for setting up the Sanctuary for Christmas.
- Reminder: SS class Christmas Party Friday Dec 5 at 6:36 p.m. Pot Luck, Gift Exchange.
- Beth helped a neighbor with a flat tire on her way to church. And was chased by a lost dog!
- Linda says Jim is getting around better but still has pain issues.
- Steve asked us to remember the homeless, especially in the cold weather.

Lesson Leader: Steve M.

Notes: Steve M. Began sessions based on Matt Rawle's "Experiencing Christmas-Christ Sights and Sounds of Advent." Through the next four weeks we will be reflecting on how our senses; sight, sound, taste, feel make this season one of anticipation and that anticipation coupled with hope produces expectation. Today we began the series with focusing (pun intended) on our sight. Is god in the form of Jesus asking us "Do you see what I see?" Class members shared their favorite sights of the season.

Submitted By: Anita M.



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FRI-SUN
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