



Pastor Jess De Los Santos

November 2025

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

Pastor's Corner

"BE GRATEFUL"



"Be grateful for the good things that the LORD your God has given you and your family; and let the Levites and the foreigners who live among you join in the celebration" (Deuteronomy 26:11 GNT).

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Wow, it's Thanksgiving month again. During the Thanksgiving celebration, people typically prepare a large meal with family, relatives, and friends, often featuring big turkeys, stuffing, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, pumpkin pie, and other traditional foods. Many people celebrate by watching American football games, watching parades, and participating in community services. Many people take their time to reflect, expressing gratitude for the many blessings in their lives.

Yes, Thanksgiving is a time to express our heartfelt gratitude to God for all the abundant blessings He has bestowed on us! It is a time for our families, relatives, and friends to gather, share scrumptious food, sing, play, share stories, and laugh together.

Our text says, **"Be grateful for the good things that the LORD your God has given you and your family; and let the Levites and the foreigners who live among you join in the celebration"**. The celebration allowed each family to bow down in gratitude to the Lord and rejoice with the Levites and foreigners who were also blessed by God's gracious hands. This verse encourages God's people (including you and me), with grateful hearts and the inclusion of all people (any cultures) in times of celebration with joyful hearts. The verse begins by instructing the Israelites to be thankful for the blessings God has provided to their families. Then it commands them to include others in their celebration, particularly the Levites and foreigners in their community. Take note, God's blessing is for all. Therefore, gratitude is expected from all.

Yes, it's a community celebration with God's bountiful blessings. It's an act of gratitude and sharing our good gifts/blessings, described as a communal celebration.

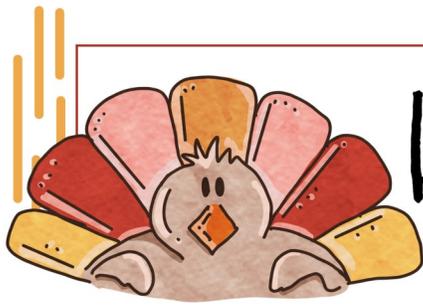
***Levites** - were members of the tribe of Levi, who were dedicated to religious duties and did not receive a portion of the land.

***Foreigners** - were non-Israelites living in the community and were to be treated with kindness and included in communal blessings.

This celebration is a testament of our gratitude for God's provision, showing that the blessings we received are to be shared with others in the community. So, let us rejoice and be glad; let's celebrate God's love, goodness, and faithfulness.



God bless everyone! Have a Fantastic Thanksgiving Day!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>RL Greeter</u> Nov. 2: Joyce Foster Nov. 9: Pam Petry Nov. 16: Gwen Rettenmund Nov. 23: Linda Dufner Nov. 30: Jeanne Parker</p>		<p><u>RL Liturgists</u> Nov. 2: Mary Mattson Nov. 9: Paul Toft Nov. 16: Lisa Mink Nov. 23: Imelda De Los Santos Nov. 30: Jeim De Los Santos</p>		<p><u>Fellowship Hosts:</u> Mike & Heather Madison Paul & Shirley Toft</p>		<p>1 11:00-1:00 Taste of Filipino Culture 2025</p>
<p>2 Daylight Savings 9 RL Adult SS 9 Canton SS Holy Communion All-Saints Day 1:30 Dove</p>	<p>3 4pm Confirmation Class</p>	<p>4 3:30 Worship Meeting</p>	<p>5 10am Missions 1pm UWF Meeting</p>	<p>6 10am Bible Study</p>	<p>7 Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9 9 RL Adult SS Veterans Honored After service— Birthday Cake</p>	<p>10 1:30 Brentwood 4pm Confirmation Class</p>	<p>11 Veterans Day 7pm Finance</p>	<p>12 9am BIG Clean-up 1pm Star Circle 3:30 Church & Society</p>	<p>13 10am Bible Study</p>	<p>14 Pastor's Day Off Setting up for sale</p>	<p>15 9:00-noon UWF Bake/ Plant/Craft Sale</p>
<p>16 9 RL Adult SS 9 Canton SS Blessing of the Orange Pledge cards</p>	<p>17 4pm Newsletter Deadline 4pm Confirmation Class</p>	<p>18 1pm Game Day!! 3:30 pm Invitation & Member Care</p>	<p>19 1pm Trustees 2pm Church Council 5:30 Serving BH</p>	<p>20 10am Bible Study 10:30 Prayer Shawl</p>	<p>21 Pastor's Day Off 11:30 Lunch Bunch</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 9 RL Adult SSS Thanksgiving Offering</p>	<p>24 4pm Confirmation Class</p>	<p>25 9am Newsletter Folders</p>	<p>26 Office CLOSED 1pm Woodstone</p>	<p>27 Office CLOSED</p>	<p>28 Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 9 RL Adult SS 9 Canton SS UMC Student</p>	<p>Dec. 1st Office CLOSED 9am Hanging of the Greens</p>					

Canton Service is at 9:00 am– Sunday School also at 9:00 am on November 2nd, 16th, and 30th
 Rice Lake's Adult Sunday School is at 9:00 am, Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 am, and Service is at 10:30 am.

Invitation and Member Care

What's Happening in November?

Celebrating November Birthdays!

Cake following service on Nov. 9th.



UMC Lunch Bunch

This casual gathering is held on Fridays near the end of every month at 11:30am. For November it will be on the 21st with place yet to be decided. Everyone is invited and you can bring a friend too!

Please call the office by 3pm on the Thursday before to let Stephanie know if you are coming.



NOVEMBER



Birthdays

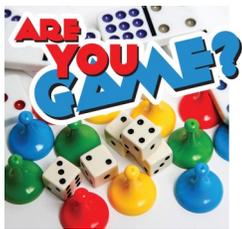
- 2-Lincoln Buergi
- 3-Bev Ricci
- 16- Jehiel De Los Santos
- 16- Jeim De Los Santos
- 16- Anita Sykes
- 17-Layne Manley
- 18-Candy Bandli
- 19-Adalynn Frye
- 20-Ken George
- 22-Jeff Wille
- 23- Rev. Jim Altman
- 25-Jason Rae
- 26-John Rae
- 29-Tawni Hopland
- 30-Derek Spear

Anniversary

- 12- Roger & Anita Sykes

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed then please call the office 715-234-3919 to update your info. Thanks!

Game Day!



This fun fellowship gathering is the 3rd Tuesday of the month (Nov. 18) from 1-3pm. Bring one of your favorite games or play one of ours.

If you don't like playing games please feel free to join us just for the fellowship and laughter!

Save the Date! Christmas Craft Gathering

Tues., Dec. 9th at 10:00 am

Join us for a Christmas craft (or 2), fellowship, fun, and some lunch. More info in the December newsletter but save the date now!

Save the Date! Again!!

Saturday, December 13th we are planning a Jingle & Mingle from 3:00-4:30pm!

Christmas carols and cookies, open to the public. We ask our church family to provide a dozen cookies to share and then we can do a cookie exchange with any left overs.

Just a fun time to sing and share in the blessing of Christ's birth.

Sunday, November 2nd

Daylight Savings Ends



Fall back, not behind!
CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS and
join us on time for worship.

2025 CHARGE CONFERENCE

Save the Date: December 11th at 6pm in Rice Lake for both churches at Rice Lake.

Membership has its perks- you get to vote on the direction of your church!

Canton UMC

NOVEMBER



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

- 4- Cody Halvorson
- 5- Bonnie Pannier
- 8- Leaette Stokes
- 16- Frank Holmes

Anniversaries

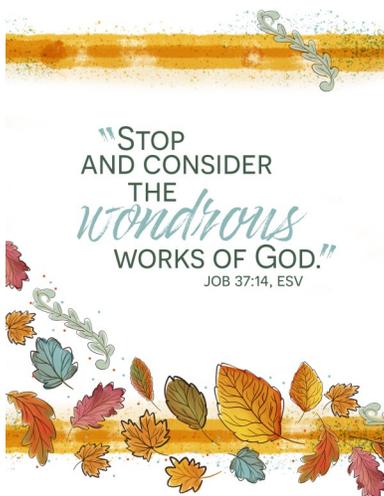
- 17- Del & Michele Halvorson

Please call the office (715-234-3919) if we are missing any of your important dates.

Canton Liturgists

- 1st Sunday: De Los Santos
- 2nd Sunday: Arlene Ciulla
- 3rd Sunday: Halvorsons
- 4th Sunday: Kristie Kringle

If you're interested in being a liturgist, please let Kristie know.



Church

We would like to fill our shopping cart with food and household goods to be delivered to the Cameron Food Pantry in early November. Checks are always accepted also.

The Trustees Committee is looking for help with cleaning and preparing the church for the Advent season. A sign up sheet will be posted.

UWF

The UWF held their annual Spaghetti Dinner on Oct. 11th. A big thank you to everyone who helped.

Sunday School

The Sunday School is still collecting aluminum cans for the Heifer project and will be collecting gifts for "Toys For Tots" in November and early December.

Worship Committee Info for both churches!

Tuesday, November 11th, is **Veteran's Day**. We will be observing it at church on Sunday, November 9th. We will be recognizing members of our congregation who have served in the military.



★ **Veterans Day:** ★
Thank You for Your Service!

Below is a list of the veterans that we know of, please call the church office by Nov. 4th if you are missing from this list:

William Aune	Robert Buss	Jim Campbell
Dale Gonyea	Bernie Kahl	Larry Kilcoyne Jr.
Denny Mattson	Larry Neve	Ron Parker
George Petry	Pete Petry	Harold Quarderer
Mark Toft	Ron Turgeson	

Sunday, **November 16th is the Blessing of the Orange**. Wear your orange to church. This blessing is not only for the hunters but also for the families of the hunters.

Sunday, November 23rd we will have a special **Thanksgiving offering** that day. There will be fruit/veg paper pockets at the usher stand in the Narthex. Choose your special pocket, put your donation in it, making sure to include your name and envelope #, you can also write something your thankful for on the front, then hang your pocket on the tree in front of the sanctuary.

“**Hanging of the Greens**” will happen on Monday, December 1st at Rice Lake UMC. We will begin at 9am with a potluck at 11:30 am. Help us decorate the church for this upcoming Christmas season!



Church & Society

At our committee meetings, we discuss social concerns and issues and ways to make our congregation aware. Our newsletter segment typically provides information on opportunities for education or action and often links to resources if you want to dig deeper or learn more.

One topic of discussion has been the possible effects of the clamp down on undocumented immigrant workers in the agriculture and health care fields. Many of us may feel the consequences, mainly economically, with increases in food prices and the disruption in the food supply chain. Also, if we or family and friends rely on in-home care or nursing home care, the facilities may be short staffed and unable to take new patients. This could mean more people going to their hospital's ER which could result in a back up and fewer available hospital beds.

Here are some statistics and specifics for 2025:

Wisconsin Farmers Union President, Daren Von Ruden in an interview with WJFW Rhinelander (August 25th), stated that 20% of farm workers are undocumented and 70% of all milk produced in Wisconsin is by immigrant labor. Some workers are afraid to show up for work and there is an inability to replace workers. Wisconsin Watch reported on January 13th that our state has 70,000 undocumented immigrants, 47,000 are employed and two thirds have lived in the U.S. for 10 years or more. On October 1st Iowa Public Radio reported that the National Milk Producers Federation is expecting more immigration crackdowns in the dairy industry which relies heavily on foreign-born labor. American Farm Bureau President Zippy Duvall commented June 17th in the Wisconsin State Farmer, "Immigration reform is long overdue to fix the guest worker Visa system to provide stability for those currently working in agriculture" 46% of U.S. immigrants work in the farming industry. Closer to home, PBS Wisconsin Here & Now interviewed John Rosenow, a fifth-generation dairy farmer in Buffalo County. Rosenow stated that he employs 13 immigrant workers. All have Green Cards and his farm is dependent on their labor.

A Wisconsin nursing home report July 4th by PHI (Paraprofessional Healthcare Institute) states there are sporadic losses of employees who have had their legal status revoked and potential workers slow to a trickle with the downturn in legal immigration. Aging of the Baby Boomers fuel more demand for caregivers. One quarter of the estimated 4 million health care aides and assistants in our country are foreign born. An April 3 JAMA article states that 1 million non-citizen immigrants (one-third of them undocumented) work in health care in the U.S. Study findings suggest that deportation of immigrant workers and immigration restrictions may effect the health care of all people in the United States.

Our concerns are summarized in the Milwaukee Independent (August 6); Undocumented workers are already here, already working, and already supporting the systems that benefit all residents. When farms close due to labor shortages, supply chains contract. When health care providers cannot hire support staff, patients suffer. When job openings out pace available workers, local economies stagnate.



DOING
THE MOST
GOOD®

The season of thankfulness has arrived! We are truly grateful through the whole year for our church family and the way we support each other. In November, as we do our shopping, we are often reminded by the sound of bells that the Salvation Army in our area helps to give support to individuals and families that are not quite as fortunate as we are.

It could be fun – this bell-ringing task. Volunteer to work with a friend and you can chat while you ring. Some of the best bell-ringers I have seen were a group of kids who were ringing and singing and having a great time.

Marketplace has a good ringing area and so does Hobby-Lobby. If you are really strong and hearty, you could sign up to ring outside Wal-Mart. If you don't sign up for that one, be sure to bring some money to drop into their bucket to reward them for going "above and beyond" their duty.

Seriously, the Salvation Army needs volunteers and many hands make light work – and beautiful music.

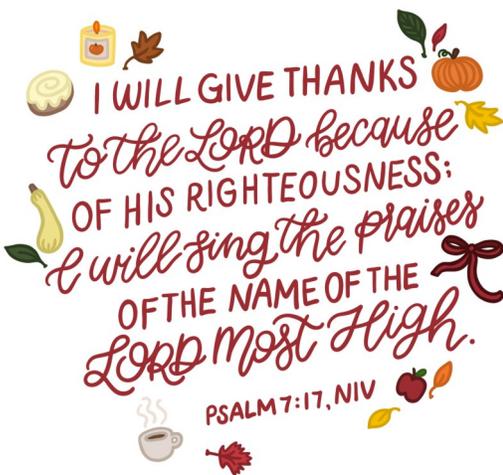
From the Barron County Salvation Army Facebook page:

The holidays are right around the corner and the Salvation Army could use your help! We need volunteers to bell ring for the Salvation Army Kettle Campaign. Go to <https://www.registertoring.com> to sign up or call Patty at 715-554-4928 to sign up by phone. Sign up early to get your preferred date and location. THANK YOU!!!!

Missions Committee

Our Missions Committee has been busy and we would like to take a few minutes of your time to tell you what we've been up to. In April the committee started planning for Paste, Paper, Pencils. Applications were provided to the FORK packers to go in each bag at the end of the school year. Additional applications went out to organizations involved in family assistance. Then came the golf open. Letters were mailed, food and door prizes were planned and lists were made. Many helpers made the golf day a success. After the open the focus turned to the Paste, Paper, Pencils applicants. Gift cards were ordered and sent out. This year 102 cards were sent out to 47 families. At the fall meeting members discussed what donations the committee would make with the loud offering funds. It was decided that \$300 each be given to FORK, the Rice Lake Food Pantry and the Salvation Army. For several years the committee has agreed to earn these funds from donations and loud offerings so we thank our congregation for the support that made these gifts possible.

Our next projects will be the Mitten Tree and Christmas gifts for the residents of Heritage Lakeside. Right now Heritage Lakeside is averaging 45 residents. The gift requests have changed this year. They include: men's or women's sweat-shirts and sweatpants in sizes medium to 2X, body wash, shampoo and conditioner, detangler spray, body spray and stuffed animals. The activities director commented that many residents really like their stuffed animals. We will also collect funds for haircuts. The individual currently providing haircare charges \$15 a cut. Mark haircut donations clearly to avoid any confusion. A tree will go up in the narthex to collect hats and mittens again this year. Those items will be given out in partnership with Toys for Tots. The deadline for both projects is December 1.



Big Clean-up, Wed., Nov. 12th at 9am

Fence panels, wooden posts, heavy wooden dividers, ice cream buckets, over-all junk is getting cleaned out from the basement and shed. If you have stuff being stored here (except for the craft supplies in the Sunday School/craft room) then please take it home. If you are interested in any of the stuff we want to get rid of, show up on the 12th or talk to Linda Dufner, Lisa Mink, Gwen Rettenmund, Heather Madison, or Denny Mattson.

WEEKLY READINGS



November 2

Holy Communion

All-Saints Day

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Psalms 119:137-144

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4,
11-12

Luke 19:1-10

November 9

Birthday Cake

Veterans Honored

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

Psalms 145:1-5, 17-21

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,
13-17

Luke 20:27-38

November 16

Blessing of the Orange

Pledge Card Sunday

Isaiah 65:17-25

Isaiah 12

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

November 23

Thanksgiving Offering

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalms 46

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

November 30

UMC Student Day of offering

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalms 122

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44

Did you know you can find the weekly scriptures on our website calendar?



United Women in Faith

Meeting Wednesday, November 5th @ 1 p.m. Bring your Thank Banks!

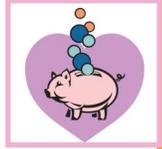
The World Thank Offering is a way for members of United Women in Faith to show gratitude for God's blessings and to raise funds to improve the lives of women, children, and youth. Some of us drop a coin in our banks to give thanks for daily blessings, while others add coins and dollars in thanks for special joys in our lives.

This year's Thank Offering theme is 'How does giving cultivate hope?' So first I thought, how do we define hope? I feel it is a positive expectation of the future. Hope is something we choose to have. "It is a skill everyone can acquire especially if we seek a community that practices hope even in difficulty." (T. Daines, mybestself101.org) UWF is one such community. This organization fosters hope by offering opportunities for women to grow in their faith. By empowering us with skills and knowledge, we can have a hopeful outlook for the future because we have faith that there are good things to come. Hope to see you at our next meeting! Kathy Wagenbach

'Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep His promise.' Hebrews 10:23 NLT

World Thank Offering Suggestion for November:

Add coins for every good thing about where you live.



Bake & Plant Sale Crafts & Collectibles

November 15, 9 to noon.

Sale is open to the public and some unsold items may be out for purchase on Sunday morning.

We will be setting up Friday the 14th from 1-3.



Star Circle meeting November 12th at 1:00 pm.
Don't forget to bring a Thanksgiving food item for the food pantry!

Prayer Pals

On Sunday, Oct. 26th we had sundaes after worship to celebrate our Prayer Pal program. We had 10 people who held each other up in prayer throughout the year. Our participants for 2024-25 were: Donna Cook, Imelda De Los Santos, Connie Kilcoyne, Kristie Kringler, Mary Mattson, Maggie Maust, Lisa Mink, Jeanne Parker, Mary Pautsch, and Pat Turgeson.

If you would like to participate this year, please fill out a paper with your name, address, birthdate and any other special prayer needs or celebrations you would like to mention. I will gather these names and prayerfully match you with a partner. After that, you pray for your person, and if you wish, send them cards or small gifts to celebrate birthdays, other special days or concerns. It is a fun way to get to know someone in our church family and an important way to support them through prayer.

Thank you to all who participated this year! I look forward to seeing who will sign up. The more the merrier!

If you have questions you can call Candy Bandli 715-736-3412.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Birthday: _____

Please note below other important dates or events that you would like to share with your prayer partner.



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Worship Service: 10:30 am
Adult Sunday School: 9:00 am

All our worship services can be heard on your phone by dialing 1(855)788-3919 or watch us on Facebook.

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Facebook— search for First United Methodist Church of Rice Lake, make sure to “Like” us and Facebook should notify you when we go “Live.”

You-tube— you can find the latest Sunday services on our You-tube page: First UMC of Rice Lake Media. Facebook is deleting the videos after 30 days so I am moving them to Youtube weekly.

Over-the-Phone— Call 1-855-788-3919 and sign up for it to call you automatically any time we go “live” by pressing 1 when it asks you to, or you can call or email the church office to manually add you to the list that is called automatically, OR you can just call in every week. If you call before the service “goes live” you will hear some of last week’s service but it will switch over automatically to the new service. Just hang on the line.



Stewardship & Finance Committees

What's Your Story?

As the days grow shorter and chillier, leaves turn yellow, orange, and red, pumpkins show up everywhere, and your church finance committee's thoughts turn to budgets and stewardship.

Stewardship is a year-round task – caring for the good gifts that God has given us. These gifts include the beautiful natural world, our loved ones, our money and material goods, our time and talents, and our church. At this time of year, we ask you to consider how you will respond to these gifts from God by pledging your support to First United Methodist Church for 2026.

Those of you who heard Rev. Carolyn Saunders speak a few weeks ago enjoyed her stories of how this church made a difference in her life when she was a young teacher and as she was called to ordained ministry. Each of us has a story of how First UMC has touched us and our loved ones. Over the next few weeks, we'll hear stories from members of our congregation about how their lives have been impacted by this church. As you listen to them, consider your own story – whether it's about support and comfort offered during difficult times, the sharing of laughter in the kitchen, or the camaraderie of mission trips and projects. Maybe your story is about feeling the presence of God during worship, or deepening your faith through Sunday School or a Bible study, or sharing the story of Jesus with a young person.

We hope that you will consider jotting down a few words about why you are grateful for our church and why you choose to support it with your prayers, presence, gifts, and service. Note cards for this purpose will be available in the narthex, where they will be displayed with your responses, which can remain anonymous.

On November 16, we ask that you turn in a pledge card with an estimate of giving for 2026. As you prayerfully choose how much to pledge, consider all the gifts you have received from God and all the ways that God has touched your life through this church. We may be a smaller, older congregation, but we can still do amazing things with the help of God. Through your generosity, we can make new stories and new connections for people in our congregation, our community, and the world.

Thank you for all you have given and done to help First UMC share God's love.

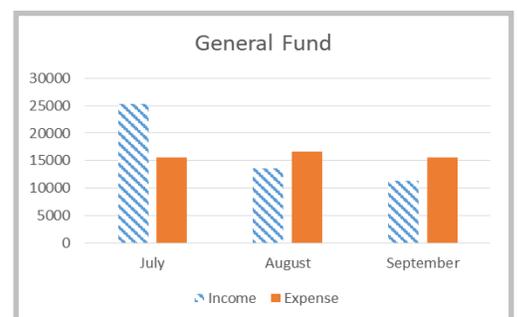
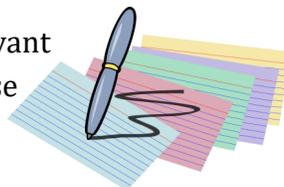
The First UMC Finance Committee

“What's Your Story?” Inspiration- If you don't know what to say here are some questions to get you started.

- Why do you support First United Methodist Church?
- How has the church impacted your life?
- What are some treasured memories of life in this congregation?
- What are your hopes for the future of our church?

Jot down your answers to any of these questions or any thoughts about the church. We will share them anonymously when we dedicate our pledges in November. Cards available outside the office.

If you are unable to make it to church but still want to share then please mail or email your response to the office and Steph will write it out for you.



What is stewardship?
Stewardship is not just raising funds;
It's raising Christians.
Stewardship is not a matter of budgets;
It's a matter of faith.

Wisconsin Annual Conference Making a Difference- Food Insecurity

“Isn't it sharing your bread with the hungry and bringing the homeless poor into your house, covering the naked when you see them, and not hiding your own family? Your light will break out like the dawn, and you will be healed quickly. Your own righteousness will walk before you, and the Lord's glory will be your rear guard.” Isaiah 58:7-8



Greetings Companions in Christ,

On my morning walk today, the crisp, cool air and beautiful array of colors awakened my spirit to this new day that God has bestowed. I pray that today blesses you with freshness in spirit and faithfulness.

As a nation, we continue to live through a government shutdown that, if it continues, will impact those who receive SNAP, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits. On November 1, 2025, approximately 42 million Americans could lose this essential food assistance, creating a crisis for the most vulnerable. As Christians, we have an opportunity to serve.

It is with great joy that our United Methodist congregations have worked with food insecurities and have strong community relationships to connect people needing food. However, we are facing an unprecedented situation, and we should prepare for this possibility. There are things we can do:

1. Increase food collection and distribution from your congregations to local food pantries or meal sites.
2. Consider partnering with the Food Bank or another similar resource. A list of those is available at <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/foodshare/resources.htm>.
3. Plan a food drive and hygiene drive at your local congregation and make your church a collection site. Remember that people may have to choose between food and other household products like shampoo, toothpaste, diapers, and wipes.
4. Volunteer at a food pantry to help distribute food.
5. Volunteer at a community meal to help cook, serve, or clean up.
6. When grocery shopping, consider purchasing a second or third item to share with those in need.
7. Donate items that are needed. Check out this resource for ideas, <https://www.feedingamerica.org/hunger-blog/what-donate-food-bank-and-what-avoid>
8. Donate funds to purchase food.

We are generous people, called by God to share with the hungry, love our neighbors, and live compassionately. May we answer the call to step up and into God's mercy, love, and grace.

Shalom, Rev. Barbara Certa-Werner
Clergy Assistant to the Bishop



WHAT IS UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY?

United Methodist Student Day is observed to emphasize the value of education. Contributions received through this special Sunday support scholarships for UM students pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees.

Contributions serve as a practical expression of support, providing both financial assistance and spiritual encouragement. Through scholarship funding, we demonstrate the church's commitment to developing principled leaders for a worldwide community. This investment fosters community transformation and empowers future leaders.

Originating in 1872, this fund was the first offering collected in UMC Sunday school classes to support children's education. Recognizing education as a key investment in the church's future, the initiative began as a Children's Fund and was renamed Student Day in 1940.

Thanks to your generosity, over \$200,000 was raised last year to fund scholarships for UM students. Every dollar collected on UM Student Day goes directly toward these scholarships. Applications open in January each year, and with a general online application, students can be considered for any of the scholarship programs. Learn more about how to apply or donate to scholarships [here](#).

One of the beautiful things about The United Methodist Church is that, together, we can accomplish far more than any one congregation can on its own. Together, we create academic opportunities for a new generation of principled Christian leaders.

