FIRST METHODIST
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THE CONNECTION
October 2026 Newsletter

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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Sound Tech Volunteer Still Needed!

I am so very thankful that two people have stepped forward to join our video team and have been going thru training. This now gives us a good number of people to keep our Video streaming available on a given Sunday.

However, we still could use an addition to the sound team. We have a need at 11 AM with the greater need being at the 9:45 service. If you are interested in learning more, please speak to me or Warren Caruso.

Special Auctions

For about 2 years now, we have auctioned off artistic creations using the 100 year old stained glass and the wood from the pews. We also gave a special ornament to all who attended last year's Christmas services.

We still have a few items to go, but this project is winding down.

To date, this special project has raised: $15,030.02

Those proceeds have gone to a variety of causes and projects including: Missions, Worship Technology, Benevolence, Missionary Pastor Kris, Bereavement meals, and Debt Reduction.

A huge number of hours have gone into the creative artistry of these objects, all willingly and graciously given by the artists who include: Bob McCrory, Alesha Dabbs, Warren Caruso, and Jim Hight. And all of this artistry came from a pile wasting away deep in the basement, hidden for decades!

My heartfelt Thank You to all who created and all who purchased items.
There will be a few items for sale (flat price) at the next CommUNITY Dinner in November. And then the next auction will be in March of next year.

The McLaughlin House

The Charge Conference voted to sell the McLaughlin house (across the street from the back of the church). The current plan is to use the proceeds to pay off the loan on the Crossroads center. That will be a great day.

My Hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus blood and righteousness.

-Pastor Ronnie

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Appreciation Month

We are celebrating both Pastor Ronnie and Pastor Kathy

during the month of **October**!

Card baskets will be placed at the entrance to each worship service

to collect cards for each of our pastors.

Also available next to the baskets are calendars with
prayer prompts for each day in October.
Let's bless Pastor Ronnie & Pastor Kathy!

Parents Night Out

Drop off the kids (ages 6 weeks - 5th grade) on Kids St on **Fri, Oct 2** from 5:30-8:30PM for pizza, games & activities! $10 per child. Register at FirstCrestview.com/events.

Kids Street Fall Festival

Join us for pumpkin crafts, snacks, music and Trick or Treating on **Wed, Oct 28**! Children are encouraged to wear costumes (nothing scary please), and can be dropped off on Kids St at 6:00PM. We will go Trick or Treating (bring your bucket!) at the adult small groups and then have a time for music & praise with the youth.

Angel Tree Submissions

We are excited about the upcoming Christmas season!
If your family needs assistance with Christmas gifts for your children contact the church office no later than **Sunday, Nov 8** with your info. Our Angel Tree will also include our church family shut-ins. Choose your Angel at our next Community Dinner, Nov 18.

MINISTRY UPDATES

Wesleyan Child Care Center

Wesleyan families will gather at the Crossroads Center at the end of October for a fun-filled Fall Festival celebrating fellowship, family, and the joy of community.
Our VPK families will have the chance to get creative by transforming oversized refrigerator boxes into their very own trick-or-treat houses. It will be a morning filled with laughter, imagination, and sweet memories for our children and families.
We are thankful for the opportunity to bring our Wesleyan family together and share the love and joy that makes our school so special.
We can't wait to celebrate fall together!
-Osa Bell / WCCC Director

Children's Ministry

Fall and Christmas are shaping up to be exciting seasons in our Children's Ministry!
We have several opportunities planned for children and families to connect, learn, and have fun together.
Mark your calendars and make plans to join us!

Parents Night Out
Friday, October 2 | 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Parents, enjoy a few hours to yourselves while your children spend an evening having fun with friends! Registration is required, and space is limited, so be sure to sign up soon.
Register online on the church website
https://www.firstcrestview.com/events/parents-night-out--153/2026-10-02

Kids Fall Harvest Festival
Wednesday, October 28 | 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Kids Street
Join us for an evening of fall fun featuring pumpkin crafts, snacks, music, and games! Children will also have the opportunity to trick-or-treat through our adult classrooms.
Costumes are encouraged, but please keep them family-friendly and non-scary. Don't forget to bring a bag to collect your candy!

Parents Day Out: Christmas ADVENTure
Saturday, December 5 | 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Children ages 6 months through 5th grade are invited to attend our Christmas ADVENTure! This special event will include Christmas music, crafts, games, snacks, and lunch as we celebrate the joy of the season together.
This event is free, although donations are appreciated. Registration will be required and will open in October on the church website.
Volunteers are needed! If you would like to help with this exciting event, please contact Vicky at the church office or make a note on your Grace Note and place it in the offering plate on Sunday.

Gingerbread Decorating Party
Saturday, December 12 | 9:45 AM - 11:00 AM Crossroads Center
Families are invited to join us for a fun morning of gingerbread decorating and Christmas fellowship. We hope you will make plans to attend this festive family event!

Kids Street Christmas Concert & Happy Birthday Jesus Party
Wednesday, December 16 | 6:00 PM Crossroads Center
Our Kids Street children are already practicing songs on Wednesday evenings in

preparation for this special Christmas celebration. Following the concert, we'll celebrate Jesus' birthday together with a fun party for the whole family.
We hope you'll join us as we celebrate the true meaning of Christmas and support our children as they share what they've learned through music and worship.

We look forward to seeing your family at these special events as we grow together in faith, friendship, and the love of Christ!

-Vicky Anchor - Children's Ministry Coordinator

Missions

There is always something happening at our church!
The proof is in all the ministry and mission presentations in our Missions' Fair. Thank you, leaders, for sharing your group's ministry to serve God. And thank you church family for visiting our tables. We hope you felt led to join one or more of these groups to continue your journey with God.

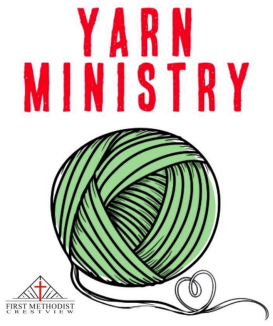
We are so grateful for your participation in the shoe box ministry. There is still time to get your box in before shipment to the processing center. Any donations to cover shipping are appreciated. Make your check out to 'First Methodist' and mark your grace note and/or check for 'Operation Christmas Child' or 'Shoe Box Ministry' on the memo line. For more information on this ministry, you can ask Pam Hight or Marianne Peyton. For online inquiries type in Operation Christmas Child Samaritan's Purse.

A huge thank you to everyone who came to our Community Dinner. Wow, the desserts were fantastic! And thank you to those who helped with the dinner and clean up. We can always depend on our church family to help wherever needed.

Thank you for being God's servants and showing your love for God, our church, and its missions.

With a grateful heart, Pam Hight

Yarn Ministry



Our Yarn Blessing was such a BLESSING!
All three services had beautiful creations laid over the prayer rails to receive prayers for the folks that will be receiving them and to bless the work of the Yarn Ministry's hands.
Osa Bell, Wesleyan Child Care Center's Director, came to Yarnia (Rm 213) and gathered 4 baskets full of nap time blankets and items for her housekeeping centers (like washcloths, doll baby blankets and rugs).
We continue to make scarves, hats, blankets and shawls for FMC's Benevolence & Soup Kitchen Ministries, our local Hospice, and for those in need within our church.
Our meetings in Oct will be **Tues, Oct 13 & 27 at 4:30PM in Rm 213** (aka Yarnia).

We're looking forward to connecting & reaching out to others to further God's kingdom through loads of yarn and love!

-Cathrin Owens

"May the kindness of the Lord our God be upon us; And confirm for us the work of our hands; Yes, confirm the work of our hands." Psalm 90:17
“We look for wool and linen, and work with our hands in delight.” Proverbs 31:13

Crestview Prayer Network

Learn what is going on in the Crestview Christian community!
The Crestview Prayer Network meets the first Wednesday of each month to share fellowship and goings-on in the different churches in the North Okaloosa Area.
The next meeting for the Crestview Prayer Network will be **Oct 7** at noon, at Hideaway Pizza downtown.
Come pray for your hometown!

CALENDARS

October Greeters, Ushers & Liturgists

Morning Glory / Christ Chapel 8:30AM

Greeters
4- Mike and Betsy Roy
11- Gail and Terry Laskaskie
18- Kaleb and Lindsey Reynolds
25- Kit Callahan

Ushers
David Bloom, Jacob Dabbs

Contemporary / The Crossroads Center 9:45AM
Greeters & Ushers: 1. Jan Lee 2. John & Marcy Pennell 3. Haley Smith 4. Keller family

Liturgists (In Sunday order): 1. Melvin Candelario 2. Aimee Keller 3. Nell Sutherland 4. Jody Woodward 5. Kathy McKinley

Traditions / Main Sanctuary 11:00AM
Greeters and Ushers
10/4. Steve and Kathy Fowler
10/11. Eddie and Jayne Hager
10/18. Glenda McMasters and Judy Beard
10/25. Ed and Joanne Guzowski

Ushers
10/4. Tom Giovanini and Phillip Mathis

10/11. Steve Fowler and Tom Saunders
10/18. Eddie Hager and Dax Reeves
1025. Burt Colt and Dax Reeves

Office door
10/4 — 10/25 Jim Hight

Lock doors and Lights
10/4. Eddie Hager
10/11. Dax Reeves
10/18. Burt Colt
10/25. Burt Colt
Liturgists (In Sunday order): 1. Phil Estrem 2.Kathy McKinley 3. Mark Barfield 4.Sara Fordyce 5. Margaret Larson

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Important Dates In October

Oct 2- Women's Service Group 11:30AM
Parent's Night Out 5:30-8:30PM on Kids St
Oct 7- Crestview Prayer Network 10:00AM CRC
Oct 12- 8th Ave Methodist Men 6:00PM CRC
Oct 13-Yarn Ministry 4:30PM Rm 213
- Worship Committee 6:00PM Conf Rm
Oct 17- Game Night for Grown Ups 4:30-7:00PM CRC
(request nursery by 10/12)
Oct 18- Called Administrative Board Meeting 3:00PM Wesley Hall
Oct 19- November Newsletter Deadline
Oct 20- Missions Committee 6:30PM Rm 213
Oct 27- Yarn Ministry 4:30PM Rm 213
Oct 28- Fall Festival 6:00PM on Kids St
Oct 29- FMC Hosts Cluster Charge Conference CRC 6:00PM

**FH- Fellowship Hall, Conf Rm- Conference Room, CRC- The Crossroads Center*, *Youth Rm- Youth Room*
Please see firstcrestview.com calendar for any updates or changes

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Looking Forward to November

Nov 1- All Saints Sunday
Nov 6- Crestview Prayer Network 12:00PM Hideaway Pizza
Nov 6- Women's Service Group 11:30AM McAlisters/Crestview
Nov 8- Children's Committee 12:15PM Kids St
-Youth Committee 12:15PM Conf Rm
Nov 10- Happy Birthday Party for the Yarn Ministry 4:30PM Rm 213
Nov 11- Veterans Day / Church Office Closed
Nov 15- Trustees 3:00PM Conf Rm
-Finance 5:00PM Rm 212
Nov 16- December Newsletter Deadline
Nov 18- Community Dinner 5:30PM, Church Council 6:30PM, Angel Tree
Nov 21- Game Night for Grown Ups 4:30-7:00PM CRC
(request nursery by 11/16)
Nov 22- Crestview Community Thanksgiving Service at Lifepoint Church 6:00PM
Nov 24- Yarn Ministry 4:30PM Rm 213
Nov 26- Thanksgiving Day / Church Office Closed

Nov 29- First Sunday of Advent

**FH- Fellowship Hall, Conf Rm- Conference Room, CRC- The Crossroads Center, Youth Rm- Youth Room*
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A MOMENT OF REFLECTION

An Autumn Prayer

Dear God, thank you for the rhythm of the different seasons.
Thank you for the beauty of autumn, for the changing colours,
the cooler air and the harvest food gathered.
As I reflect on autumn, help me to see your hand at work,
both within me and in nature.
Help me to fix my eyes on you
so that this season can be a time of gratitude,
blessings and generosity towards others.
Amen

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH INFO

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

Morning Glory at 8:30AM
Christ Chapel

The Well / Contemporary at 9:45AM

The Crossroads Center / FB Live

Traditions at 11:00AM
Main Sanctuary / FB Live

First Methodist Office Schedule

Mon - Thurs 9:00AM- 4:00PM
Staff Meetings Mondays 9:30-11:30AM
Lunch 11:30-12:30PM

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