



Paul writes not about how much we have but about how generous we are with what we have:

You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

~2 Corinthians 9:11

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Update on Refugees

We welcomed a Congolese family of six about two weeks ago. With the help of our resettlement team, they are beginning life in Bloomington and getting accustomed to

the U.S. After years of a difficult life, they are very appreciative of Denny Kubal and the whole team. They look forward to getting strong again. The father said "I didn't believe we were really in here until we arrived at home and saw the sign AMERICA (rentals) across the street. Then I knew we were in God's hands,."

You will have the opportunity to meet the family. They have accepted our invitation to our annual Thanksgiving gathering and worship on November 20. We continue to work with the family and assist with things like getting to doctor's appointments and adjusting to a new place and new culture."

All Saints' Sunday

All Saint's Day is the day in the Christian year when we remember all those who have died and whose lives have helped to make us who we are. We celebrate 'the saints' — all who have gone before us and whose lives we remember and study for examples of how to be followers of Jesus.

You will have the chance to light a candle in memory of the saints in your life and we will ring a bell and call out the names of those who have. If you have a family member who died in the last year whose name you would like to include, please call the church office by Friday, Nov. 4 to let us know.



Love God, Love Others, Pass It On!

November Birthdays

11/03	Bob Kirlin Richard Routh
11/04	Tamra Galm
11/08	Lu Brunner Penny Dixon Garrett Tuxhorn
11/11	Bruce Marks
11/13	Julie Miller
11/14	Dorothy Babcock Joan Goodman
11/17	Joan Lennox Charles Roush
11/20	Terry Browning
11/21	Barb Kelp Lisa Thompsons
11/29	Scott Mike
11/30	Judy Zimmerman

Concerns & Joy

- The Congolese refugee family as they adjust to life in the U.S.
- Our refugee resettlement team
- Betsy Kelp-Galloway – thanks be to God for a good report recently
- Marlene Barnett
- Donna Kubal
- Jeff Barnes
- Amanda Lane
- Bob and Chris Kirlin
- Royce Whitaker in rehab in Columbus

Liturgists for November:

Nov. 6	Dick Young – All Saints' Day
Nov. 13	Donna Marks
Nov. 20	Heather Mollo
Nov. 27	Laura Young (1st Sunday of Advent)

Ushers/Greeters for November

November 6 – Bruce and Donna Marks
 November 13--Deb and Terry Beckinger
 November 20--Bruce and Donna Marks
 November 27--Kathy Roberts and Jan Greenlee



Sunday Flowers

For anyone interested in arranging flowers for a Sunday service, we encourage you to do so! Whether in honor of someone's memory or simply to the Glory of God, you can contact a local florist or bring them from your garden! Just be sure to choose a date and add the appropriate information to the Flower Chart across from the church office.

Online Giving

Go to www.nashvilleumc.com and click the online giving button OR Text the amount of your contribution to 844-582-0720—It's quick and easy!

Listening Prayer

Listening Prayer is a group that meets each week for careful listening to a short passage of scripture, with silent attention to God and time for each person to share their own thoughts and experiences.

Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. via Zoom

If you'd like to attend, just click the link below or ask that Pastor Mary send the link to you via email:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/824490447?pwd=OVFMa1dNRIBGaU04WjhaQ0pSWUdEQT09>

Love God, Love Others....Pass It On



Advent Begins Nov. 27 **Theme: What Can't Wait**

It's hard to believe that Advent is almost here again! We begin preparing our hearts and spirits for the celebration of Christ's coming into the world with the season of preparation called Advent. Advent literally means "coming." We wait with eager longing and hope for the coming of Christ.

This year we'll focus on What *Can't Wait*. There are a lot of things that can wait – we can clear out some of the many expectations and demands that really are not that important. But what can't wait? Hope can't wait. We need it every day. Peace can't wait. Joy can't wait. Love can't wait.

Devotional booklets will be available on November 20 to provide guidance for your personal and family devotional time during the season along with an Advent calendar of activities designed especially for families with children. Please pick up your copy from the table in the narthex.

End-of-Year Finance Letters **—from our Financial Secretary, Kathy Roberts**

Thank you for your steadfast and generous giving in 2022. Your tithes, offerings and special gifts have allowed NUMC to put values into action. A few notes as we go into the final months of 2022:

- Would you like a reminder of your tithes and gifts to date? Leave a note in the church office



or contact the Financial Secretary for an interim giving statement. Regular giving statements will be sent in early January, 2023.

- Planning an end-of-the year gift directly from an investment account? Please make sure your name appears on the check or let the Financial Secretary know to expect a check.
- Contemplating a gift of stock? Information about completing a transaction is available in the Finance Office.
- Would you like to make your 2023 pledge or gift in 2022? Indicate this information on your check or leave a note for the Finance Team. Your gift will be reflected on your 2022 giving statement for tax purposes but will be reflected on 2023 statements as a prior year gift to support the current year.
- Giving envelopes for 2023 will be available in the Narthex in December. Giving envelopes are not required but available for anyone who would like to use them.



Save the Date! **Hanging of the Greens: Nov. 27**

Hanging of the Greens – our annual time of decorating the church building for the Advent/Christmas season – will be Sunday, Nov. 27. Enjoy a light lunch and then join the fun of preparing the building for this holy season!

New Bishops Elected in **North Central Jurisdiction**

With the Covid pandemic, the jurisdictional meetings of the United Methodist Church have not been held since 2016. The jurisdictions are the regional bodies responsible for the election of bishops, and they met this week by Zoom. Indiana is in the North Central Jurisdiction and three new bishops were elected: Kennetha Bigham-Tsai

(Michigan), Lanette Plambeck (Iowa), and Dan Schwerin (Wisconsin). Although the placement decisions will not be made until Nov. 5, it is unlikely that any of these bishops would be assigned to Indiana at this time.

Summit Urges Churches to Speak Out against Mass Incarceration

“Where people have hopelessness, it’s the responsibility of the church to fill in that gap. Is the church not the place where second chances happen?”

That was the challenge issued at the sixth National Summit on Mass Incarceration held at University City UMC in Charlotte, NC. The theme was “Restoration, Redemption and Reentry” and national executive director Michael L. Bowie, Jr. said that the church cannot stay silent on advocating against mass incarceration. He urged attendees to go back to their churches and work toward criminal justice reform.

One aspect of reform has to do with the effects of incarceration that continue long after a person completes his or her sentence and re-enters society. One speaker commented, *“Felony records are a darkness that people don’t know we deal with. There are so many things I cannot do because of that felony,”* citing examples like housing applications, applying for professional licenses and many job applications which ask about felony convictions.

The ecumenical summit featured a mix of faith leaders and those who work in the corrections system. Joseph Styles, a reentry coordinator for Correction Enterprises in Raleigh, North Carolina, said the faith community is a natural partner: *“When people struggle, the church has always been the one there to pull them up,”* he said. *“If the corrections system and churches collaborate, we could change the dynamics of how prison reform works.”*

—from article by Joey Butler, *U.M. News*, Oct. 27, 2022.



Food Crisis in Haiti Shifts Focus for Indiana Mission Agency Zami-Fondwa

Because of the Russian war with Ukraine and ongoing unrest in Haiti, there is a serious food crisis in Haiti. Rev. Jamalyn Peigh-Williamson, who spoke at our church a few years ago about her work with Zami-Fondwa, has sent out an appeal for assistance. Zami-Fondwa is working to meet this immediate crisis of the severe food shortage.

Says Peigh-Williamson: “We are blessed to have amazing leaders on the ground with networks of trusted people. They have located rice to transport to Fondwa so our leadership team can identify and distribute food to suffering families.

For \$40/month, you can sponsor the simple nutritional needs of a family. Regardless of the amount every bit helps. NUMC is sending \$150 from the 2022 Missions budget. If you’d like to make an individual contribution, write a check to NUMC with “Haiti Food Crisis” in the Memo line.



NUMC United Methodist Women Support Lucille Raines Home with Special Gift

At their November meeting, the UMW voted to give \$1000 to help provide a new elevator for the Lucille



Raines Residence in Indianapolis. Without an elevator, the facility would have to close which would be a great loss. Owned and operated by the United Methodist Women of Indiana, the residence is home to as many as 49 people recovering from alcohol and drug addiction.

For Children and Families: A Season of Giving Thanks!

Bible Story

Read Psalm 118. What does the psalm writer say over and over?

Read Psalm 118:1 — *“Give thanks to the Lord because he is good, because his faithful love endures forever.”*

Wonder about the scripture together:

- I wonder who you love.
- I wonder who loves you.
- I wonder how God shows God's love to people.
- I wonder how we can show God's love to others.
- I wonder if you can think of one way you can show gratitude to someone today.

Prayer:

Dear God, thank you for being good and for loving us so much. Help us be thankful and to show others your love through our words and action. (Insert family celebrations and requests here if desired.) Amen.

Activities

1. The “Best Thing” Game

Play the *best thing about* game. Think of a person, a situation, a place, and take turns saying things like “The best thing about _____ is _____.” Example: “The best thing about my church is the music we sing.” To help spark ideas, get a pack of wide, wooden sticks, and write down people’s names, places, pets, etc. Place the sticks in a decorative jar, and keep it in a place where the family or children gather. Draw one stick out for each time you play the game.

(from *Building Faith*)

2. Giving Thanks with Popcorn!

Put popcorn in the microwave and have children shout out something for which each child is grateful when you hear the sound of the kernels popping. Keep going until the popping stops!

(from *Building Faith*)

3. Make a Thankfulness Window

Start a stained glass gratitude window each month or season. Tear up pieces of different colored tissue paper, and keep them in a basket or a box. Then have children write down something they are grateful for on each piece of paper. Tape the pieces to a window that gets lots of sun, and watch the window’s design evolve over time. (Tips: If the idea of scraping off all that tape is not something for which you’ll feel grateful – use wax paper over the window!)

(from *Building Faith*)

And here are some links to cool stories and a music video about being thankful –

Music video:

Hide Me In Your Heart: Steve Green

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cLfwXzN4pdI&ab_channel=SteveGreen-Topic

Stories to hear read aloud:

Thankful for Eileen Spinelli

<https://youtu.be/IBqr-hel4s8>

The Berenstain Bears Count their Blessings

<https://youtu.be/SV2cGmw2j98>

Five Thanksgiving Craft Ideas

Here are five ideas for making something special for Thanksgiving! You can add these scriptures that remind you that we belong to a tradition of giving thanks. The Bible is rich with wonderful words of gratitude!

- Psalm 107:1 *Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!*
- Psalm 118:24 *This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*
- Colossians 3:15 *And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And give thanks.*
- 1 Thessalonians 5:18 *In every thing give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

1. Paper Turkey Craft

Turkeys make great gratitude crafts. Not only do we celebrate this great bird at our annual feast, there are also lots of spaces on which to write our thanks! The blogpost shows how one craft can result in a flock of different-looking turkeys, all of them beautiful with their feathers of thankfulness.



2. Craft Stick Turkey

A simple circle with googly eyes and craft sticks of thanks make the most of what is likely in your craft closet! Use the picture at left as a guide, focusing on the “feathers” to list parts of our lives for which we are thankful. With such a simple project, more time can be spent really encouraging children to brainstorm their thanks, instead of hurrying through with easy answers.

3. Thankful Garlands

Looking for something less glitter & glue? Words or images of gratitude can be written or pasted on strips of paper to make a garland, or on leaves to create a Thankful Tree. While many the crafts on this page are very elegant, you don’t need fancy papers or stamps to make an impact!

4. Paper Bag Cornucopia

You can make a cornucopia out of brown paper, either rolling an off-center cone, or a more 3-D version with a brown paper bag. Cut out simple shapes to represent fruit and vegetables and write words of thanks on them before gluing them into the cornucopia.

5. Thankfulness Placements Print a favorite prayer or table grace in the middle of paper cut the size of placemat. Surround it with words and pictures of gratitude.



November 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 All Saints Day	2 Bell Choir 5p Vocal Choir 6:30p NUMY 6p	3 UMW 9:30a	4 World Communion Day	5
6 All Saints Sunday	7	8	9 Bell Choir 5p Vocal Choir 6:30p NUMY 6p	10 Staff Parish 6:30p	11 Veterans Day	12
November — Celebrating Stewardship in 2022 and Looking Forward to 2023 Please prayerfully consider your pledge and return on Nov. 27 or Dec. 4						
13 Organ Tissue Donor Sunday	14	15 Compassionate Friends 6:30	16 Bell Choir 5p Vocal Choir 6:30p NUMY 6p	17 Trustees 7p	18	19
Ongoing in November — activities to assist Refugee family						
20 Thanksgiving Dinner 12p	21	22 Church Council/ Finance 7p	23 Bell Choir 5p Vocal Choir 6:30p NUMY 6p	24 Thanksgiving Day	25	26
<div> <div></div> <div>International Bible Week: Nov. 20-26</div> <div></div> </div>						
27 United Methodist Student Day (offering) 1st Sunday of Advent 1:00 HANGINIG OF THE GREENS	28	29	30			

Thanks to NUMY Volunteers!

Thanks to all who have provided NUMY meals. This year's NUMY group (Nashville United Methodist Youth) meets each Wed at 6 pm and we are grateful to those who have provided meals. Also much thanks to Linda Martin who is serving as our Lead Volunteer. Linda has her counseling office in the church and is passionate about working with young people. We continue to search for a new youth minister; anyone interested in the position or who would like to suggest someone, please contact Pastor Mary.

News and Notes from the Church Librarian

Greetings from the church library! Now that FallFare is over and our days are shortening, it's time to read and reflect on our path with God.

The first book I'd like to recommend is "Keeping Spiritual Balance as we Grow Older" by Molly and Bernie Srode. This book lists 65 creative ways to use purpose, prayer and the power of spirit, to achieve a meaningful retirement. Providing readings and practical exercises to reintroduce you to your spiritual side, help you overcome obstacles of aging and add meaning to your everyday life.



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Another interesting book is "Christianity and World Religions" by Adam Hamilton. It examines Christianity and tries to answer questions about Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam and Judaism, four of the most prominent world religions.
~Diana Wright



Fall Fare Spice Still Available

Fall Fare Spice is a special blend of fall spices created by Nashville Spice Co. in honor of the 50th anniversary of Fall Fare. We're so appreciative of this support and encouragement. All of the proceeds of the first 100 containers go directly to Fall Fare and a portion of the profits sold at the Nashville Spice Company store will also go to support the mission work of Fall Fare. If you have a chance, drop by the store to say 'thank you.'



You can still get one of those first 100 bottles but you better get one fast! See Deb Beckinger or Jan Greenlee for assistance. Only \$10 and they make great gifts.