

The Voice on the Village Green



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“Rejoice always,
pray without
ceasing, give
thanks in all cir-
cumstances; for
this is the will of
God in Christ Je-
sus for you.”

I Thess. 5:16-18

Since we are re-
ceiving a king-
dom that cannot
be shaken, let us
give thanks, by
which we offer
to God an ac-
ceptable worship
with reverence
and awe.

Hebrews 12:28

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Seasonal Greetings

When we think of November we almost always think about Thanksgiving; family gatherings, the feast, being thankful, and of course football. In the church we are always focused on giving thanks, but November for church goes is a very busy month as it starts off with All Saints Sunday.

On All Saints Sunday, November 5th this year, United Methodists publicly remembered and honored those who have passed away. Celebrated on the first Sunday in November, many congregations light candles, ring bells of remembrance, and call the names of those members lost in the previous year as a way of honoring the impact their lives have had on us.



This year we recognized: Robert Kirlin - March 28; Judy Zimmerman - March 29; and Lee Gray - July 15. There were also others, those who may not have been members here at Nashville UMC, but are remembered and missed as well. We continue to pray for all of our families throughout their grieving process.

It is also good to mention that we had “The Church has Left the Building” this passed Sunday with work crews, visitations teams and prayer walks.

This November also brings us a 75 year anniversary. The Triptych, the cabinet in the front of the sanctuary with a cross in it, was crafted by Earl Page and dedicated at a revival held at the Nashville Methodist Church on Friday evening, November 19, 1948. So on the 19th, during our regular worship service, we will rededicate it to the Glory of God with some of Earl’s extended family in attendance. After the service we will journey downstairs to celebrate our annual Church Thanksgiving meal together.

And on November 26 we will be hanging the greens in preparation of Advent and Christmas. These are just some of the highlights of a very busy month—one that isn’t quite over yet. Yes, November is busy ... very busy indeed.

**Love God, Love All,
Serve Joyfully**

November Birthdays

11/03 Richard Routh
 11/04 Tamra Galm
 11/08 Lu Brunnemer
 11/11 Bruce Marks
 11/13 Julie Miller
 11/14 Dorothy Babcock
 Joan Goodman
 Brenda Young-Kelso
 11/17 Charles Roush
 11/20 Terry Browning
 11/21 Barb Kelp
 Lisa Thompson
 11/24 Roy Ice
 11/29 Mike Scott

No November Anniversaries

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 Roy send the link to you via email:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83217694858?pwd=HAKHaOLSQ5SLaRJ78e31qWvDqmAoAN.1>

Concerns & Joys

- Charlie Roush (in hospital)
- Kathy Roberts
- Judy Davis
- The Pruitt Family
- Steve Ketterer has non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.
- Jacob Guler, who has Crohn's disease.
- Judy Smith, who is recovering from surgery.
- For the For the People of Israel and Palestine.
- For the people of Ukraine and Russia.
- For the Church Council as it guides and directs the accomplishment of our mission together: *Love God, Love All, Serve Joyfully...for the transformation of the world.*

November

Greeters

Ushers

19

Bohbrinks

Barnes

26

Youngs

Tom E. & Joe K.

December

Greeters

Ushers

3

Jan G., Kathy R.

Jim T., Ben W.

10

Jenny J., Collie R.

Jim T., Mike G.

17

Beckingers

Tom E., Joe K.

24

Youngs

Jim T., Ben W.

31

Shaffers

Jim T., Mike G.

Back Door Greeters: Georgia Harris and Jack Wescott, with Youngs to substitute.

PSAs:

Snacks for Sunday's are always enjoyed, and volunteers are always welcomed; a sign-up sheet for the rest of 2023 is in the Narthex.

We are updating the church's website. If you are a staff member, please get a bio and photo to the office.

Hanging the Greens and 4th Sunday refreshments, Nov 26: come to church ready to hang wreaths and ribbons!

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!

Love God, Love All, Serve Joyfully

Words to Ponder

As I try to figure out things about Nashville UMC and the surrounding community, along with getting into some pattern of regular living ... I seem to continuously be introduced to new things and opportunities. (Habitat Building, Serving or Cooking at Mother's Cupboard, eating pancakes cooked by Lions, PTO, the October Tourist Season, etc.) A recent one is this newsletter. Some have asked: When is the next newsletter coming out? Or, Have I missed the recent newsletter?

I will be the first to admit that "newsletter creation" is not anywhere near the top of my gifts and skills list ... so be gentle when you point out misspellings and typos. But, we (Josh and I) are going to get into that "pattern of regular living" as best we can and as soon as possible. So, with that being said, together we are going to do this thing.

As I have been learning things about Nashville and its inhabitants ... I also have been letting folks know a little more about me. It was no surprise to anyone to find out I'm extroverted to the max. Probably not a shock or surprise to know that I love to work with my hands ... specifically woodworking (I think it was told very early on that I was once a Shop Teacher). But, did any of you know that I absolutely love to read poetry?

I find the word play fascinating - the rhyming - the meter - the double / triple meanings behind words or phrases - the unbelievable fact that some poems written hundreds of years ago are still just as relevant in today's modern world. I enjoy going to poetry readings and hearing the inflection of voices - the passion of the reader - the bringing of the written words to life. It just gives me the shivers.

Along with me cutting and creating some kind of doo-dad out of lumber, I could also be telling the story of Casey at the bat, or about a bridge builder looking after a young lad, or trying to decide which path to take, or just asking the question "If?" Anyway, just a few lines to let you in on what is happening in my head and in my life. I can't wait to find out little tidbits about all of you as well. So, if you are ever in the church near my office ... poke your head in and tell me something about you that most don't know. Makes life more interesting that way.

I will sign off for now ... I have miles to go before I sleep.

Bless you my friends - Pastor Roy



From the Finance Team

Thank you for your faithful giving in 2023. As we come to the end of the year a few reminders:

All giving for 2023 should be in the church office by December 28, 2023. Giving after that date will be deposited and credited to 2024. If you need a reminder of your 2023 pledge amount or your giving for the year to date, please leave a message with the Finance Team and a giving statement will be provided to you.

NUMC can accept gifts of stock. If this is an option, let the church office know, and you will be connected to the firm that handles this for the church.

If you are making a gift directly from a financial institution or investment firm, please make sure it includes your name so that it will be credited to your giving account.

2023 Giving Statements will be available by January 15.

Please contact a member of the Finance Team if you have any questions,

- Jim Tichenor, Becky Courtney-Knight, Kathy Roberts



Got A Minute to Make Someone's Day?

Seeking twelve people to volunteer a few minutes to wish fellow parishioners a happy birthday. Chose a month; we'll provide a list of birthday dates, names, and phone numbers for you to give best-wishes. It is such an easy way to bring a smile. Come share the love!

From The Nurture Committee, call Tamra Galm at (812) 988-4673 to help bring birthday blessings!

Children's Ministry at NUMC

Staff-Parish Relations Committee decided we're shifting our focus away from finding a very part-time employee to fill the role of Children's Minister—a more difficult task than expected—and moving towards a system of rotating volunteers. We still have to get the nurse cleaned out, as it turned into an impromptu storage room in the wake of FallFare. But look forward to more news on a volunteer signup for Children's Minister, and please consider joining in!



Habitat Update on the Tuckaway House

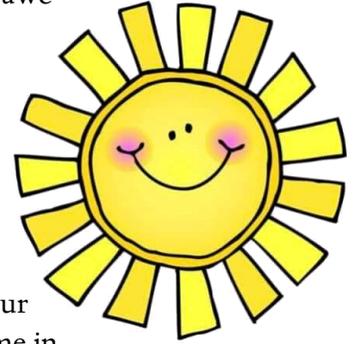
The Tuckaway house is almost under-roofed and closed in! Sub-contractors will take care of the next steps, which include HVAC, roofing, and dry-wall. No volunteers will be needed until after Christmas,

at which point the house will be ready for siding, painting, flooring, cabinetry work, and trim. Especially in the wake of other local organizations pulling support, volunteers will be needed for this now more than ever!

Also, the recent fundraiser-dinner collected nearly \$22,000—a fantastic accomplishment!

Sunshine Friends

Sunshine Friends, our social group for special needs individuals, continues to meet on the first Tuesday of each month. We had an awesome summer together, which included a movie night and watching the fireworks!



Our fall is off to a great start, as we got to be a part of FallFare, and at our October meeting we came in costumes and decorated pumpkins. And then a magician came on the November 7th meeting here in Nashville UMC, and everyone had a great time.

We are always looking for new Sunshine Friends, and welcome all who are looking for fun and friendship. Come join us for all the fun, festive, and even magical shenanigans we get up to!



Church Left the Building

This past Sunday's "Church Has Left the Building" was a wonderful success! We had ten teams with approximately sixty people total. Most of these folks went out into the world to do lend a hand and some time to those who could use it. The tasks accomplished included raked/blew leaves, cleaned yards and flower beds, cleared up cluttered decks, visited nursing home residents, and created hand-made cards for various people.

Afterwards forty volunteers came back to the church for dinner and fellowship after. A big thankyou to everyone involved!



New Roof, New You

Leaky shingles on the steeple roof have now been replaced with sealed green metal—hooray!

Staff-Parish Christmas Gifts

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee is again going to raise funds for Staff Christmas Gifts. We will have baskets for donations out in the Narthex during the Sundays in December. We appreciate the congregation's support in the efforts!

Thankyou,
-Staff-Parish RC

Community Conversation: Creating & Strengthening Connections

The Brown County PACE initiative invites you to join them at Town Hall on November 16 at 4:30 p.m. for a facilitated conversation about strengthening support for a resilient Brown County. Free pizza is included!

"The need for connection and community is as fundamental as the need for air, water and food."

--Dean Ornish

"The opposite of addiction is connection."

--Gabor Mate



Town of Nashville

How's Brown County Doing? Tell 'Em Yourself

The Brown County Community Catalyst grant is gathering the perceptions of citizens related to community health and well-being.

Findings will be used to identify and prioritize community needs

(programming, services, and support), as well as future training opportunities.

Complete the survey here with this QR code or link below by 12/15/23:



https://iu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0fGeCcFhY8qdzFk

Survey also available at these websites:

- Brown County Library
- Town of Nashville
- Brown County Health Department

Naloxone Distribution Renewal

Church & Society is making a motion that Nashville United Methodist Church continue to have Naloxone on site to distribute as requested. The Health Department provides us with the Naloxone free, and also has provided training on how to distribute this. We at NUMC have never had anyone take us up on this offer of Naloxone. However, we feel it is a community service to have this available and a Christian example within the community. We were the first location in Nashville outside of Centerstone to have the Naloxone on site, and the example has been a positive one for the community, and now Naloxone is available at several places.



November 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Listening Prayer 10a Backpack P. 12p Bells 5p Choir 6p NUMY 6:30p	2 UWF/UMW 9:30a	3	4 UM Clergy Spouses 8:30a
5 All Saint's Day Sunday Worship 10:30a	6 Boy Scouts 7p	7 Sunshine Friends Magician 6:30p	8 Listening Prayer 10a Backpack P. 12p Bells 5p Choir 6p NUMY 6:30p	9 Staff-Parish 5:30p	10	11
12 Sunday Worship 10:30a (Church Has Left the Building)	13 Boy Scouts 7p	14	15 Listening Prayer 10a Backpack P. 12p Bells 5p Choir 6p NUMY 6:30p	16 Trustees 7p	17	18
19 Triptych Sunday Worship 10:30a Thanksgiving Meal 12p Community Hymn Sings 6p	20 Boy Scouts 7p	21 Worship Committee 3p Compassionate Friends 7p	22 Listening Prayer 10a Backpack P. 12p	23 Thanksgiving Day 	24 <i>Maybe just stay home today...</i>	25 Team 2 Mother's Cupboard 1p
26 Sunday Worship 10:30a Hanging of the Greens	27 Boy Scouts 7p	28 Team 1 Mother's Cupboard 1p Church Council 7p	29 Listening Prayer 10a Backpack P. 12p Bells 5p Choir 6p NUMY 6:30p	30		