



The husky, rusty rassel of
the tossels of the corn,
And the raspin' of the
tangled leaves, as golden
as the morn;
The stubble in the furries
—kinda' lonesome-like,
but still
A-preachin' sermons to us
of the barns they grewed
to fill;
The strawstack in the
medder, and the reaper in
the shed;
The hosses in theyr stalls
below — the clover
overhead!
O, it sets my hart a-clickin'
like the tickin' of a clock,
When the frost is on the
punkin and the fodder's in
the shock!-

— from James Whitcomb
Riley, *When the Frost is on
the Punkin*

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The Voice on the Village Green

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NOVEMBER 2021

Welcome to David and Shelly Hayes!

Rev. David Hayes will serve as our interim pastor beginning November 22 while Pastor Mary is taking her Clergy Renewal Leave/sabbatical. Many of you know David and Shelly already as they are active participants at NUMC. David is the

Bereavement Coordinator for SouthernCare Hospice in Bloomington and has served as a pastor and missionary for many years. Shelly is the owner of The Clay Purl, the yarn shop in Antique Alley. They are the parents of two adult children and 3 amazing grandchildren.



Pastor Mary's renewal leave begins after worship on November 22 with a special send-off blessing along with a welcome blessing to the Hayes. . She will return to her fulltime responsibilities as pastor on March 1.

All Saint's Day

All Saints' Sunday is Sunday, November 7. Each year we celebrate All Saints' Day by giving thanks for all of those church members and other loved ones who have died in the past year. Each person's name is read and a bell is tolled.

If you have a family member whose name you would like to be included, please send the name, birth date and date of death and a photo (if possible) to the church office as soon as possible -- at least by Nov. 4. There will also be individual candles for everyone to light a candle in memory of a loved one as you choose.

Love God, Love Others, Pass It On!

November Birthdays

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

No anniversaries to announce this month.

From the desk of Pastor Mary....

Many people have asked if I am looking forward to my sabbatical. The answer is, of course, yes! As my dad used to say, “it is great to get away and it is great to come home!” I am looking forward to all that I will learn and experience, and I will be so excited to hear all that you have learned and experienced in my absence.

Many years ago Michael and I visited Barcelona and could see only the outside of the Cathedral of the Holy Family designed by renowned architect Gaudi. Now 40+ years later, the Cathedral is nearing completion. We will be able to go inside and experience the beauty of this architectural wonder that honors the holy family. It is a lesson in patience really — to see in the slow building of a building the gradual change that leads to a whole new creation. God’s way of doing things.

Even more than the fun of travel and learning from other cultures and settings, I anticipate my renewal leave as a time to walk, to have time to develop my skills as a woodturner, to have time with my family and to rework my rhythms of daily prayer. My morning prayer time will include prayer for you all — for you as individuals and for the life and ministry of our church and the plans God has for us.

A Big Thanks From Lee

Dear Friends, Thank you so much for remembering my 99th birthday. It was nice receiving so many cards! The Lord willing, I may make it to 100! Fondly, Lee Gray.

ONLINE GIVING

Go to **www.nashvilleumc.com** and click the online giving button. It’s quick and easy!

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 just because, we hope you’ll make it happen for flowers to add beauty to our worship. Call the church office to sign up!

As you know the church received a generous grant from the Lilly Endowment to fund the cost of my renewal leave. One feature of all Renewal Leaves is for the pastor to be fully away for renewal. I will not be checking in or responding to emails and phone calls. I have full confidence in Pastor David as our interim pastor and in all of the leaders in the church who have stepped forward to help make my leave possible. You all already watch over one another with great love. Thank you!

On November 21 our worship service will include asking God’s blessing on me in my time away, on Pastor David in this interim time and on all of the church as you continue to serve with love and grace no matter who is preaching! I hope you will be there on the 21st — and of course, there will be cake!

Blessings always,
Pastor Mary

Our Life Together

Fill the Grocery Cart! Cereal Needed for Salvation Army Food Pantry

During November and December we will be collecting cereal for the Salvation Army. So fill the grocery cart in the narthex. If you have questions, see Linda Wescott.

Touchless Giving Now Available

In an effort to make the act of giving easier, a TEXT-to-DONATE system through our giving app is now available. Text the amount you want to give — yes, just type \$25 or \$100 or whatever amount — and send it to 844.582.0720. You'll receive a secure link to help you quickly set up an account. If you already have a Vanco account with the church, the money will be deposited immediately. Cool, huh? If you have questions, call Joshua at the church office.

Fallfare Final Summary

GOD IS GOOD and YOU ARE All AMAZING! With your generous giving of time, talent, and hard work, Fallfare 2021 was a success with \$12,672.53 being raised. It was a joyful day to be together in person on October 2nd and to continue the great tradition of helping others. For many booths it was a record year in sales despite a rainy afternoon and moving to bargain prices earlier in the day! Having now served as Fallfare Chair, I witnessed all of you who worked so hard behind the scenes with a giving heart to make the day a success — my many thanks! -Heather Mollo

Here are the final numbers for each of the Fallfare Booths. A meeting will be scheduled with the Booth Chairs to allocate the proceeds and the selected missions will be shared with all of you soon.

Adopt-A-Pot:	\$1,084.50
Book Nook:	680.25
Boutique	581.03
Nature's Bounty:	778.75
Silent Auction & Fine Arts:	2,972.00
Unexpected Treasures:	2,268.20
We Love Pie:	854.80
We Made It:	3,197.00
Team Rubicon for Afghan Refugees:	156.00
General Fallfare donation:	100.00
Total:	\$12,672.53

Trustees — Fall Workday and Mask Mandate Remains

Rotting deck boards at the parsonage will be replaced and maintenance projects at the church will be addressed in a Fall Work Day:

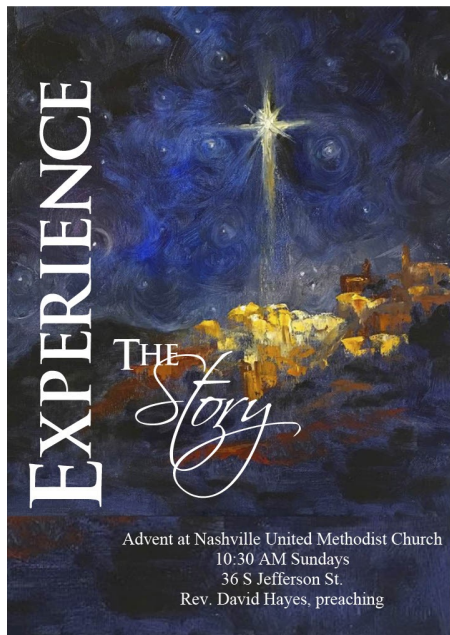
Saturday, Nov. 13, 9:00-noon
If you can help, please come!

With Brown County at the “orange” level again and an increasing positivity rate in the county, the Trustees are staying with their advice that facial coverings be worn in the building.

As always, of course, stay home if you don't feel well. Wash your hands, drink plenty of water and get exercise!

AND SPEAKING OF COVID -- BOOSTERS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR MANY PEOPLE AND ARE COMING SOON TO ALL!





Advent Season

The season of Advent begins November 28! It is a holy season -- full of mystery and beauty and song. Come find your place in the Advent story as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ.

Each Sunday during Advent worship will feature a different character in the story. Pastor David will invite us to identify with these holy people and find renewal in our own faith along the way.

Advent begins Sunday, November 28.

Faith Leads to Advocacy against Immigration Detention

"[The Lord] has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Luke 4:18

These words of Jesus are taken seriously by Denny and Donna Kubal as they work on behalf of people in our country who are being treated badly. That's how Denny got involved in being an advocate for people in immigration detention.*

Denny and Donna became concerned about the problems of the immigration detention system through a presentation given to the Green Room class by Hannah Cartwright, co-founder and legal counsel for Mariposa Legal (a not-for-profit program of the Common Foundation) and founder of the Midwest Immigration Bond Fund (MIBF). Many immigrants are held without bond until they can appear before an immigration judge (which can take many weeks, months and often more than a year.) Even if the judge releases a detainee from jail, high bonds are often set. The MIBF raises money for bonds so that people can return to their families. Denny began to raise funds for the MIBF.

In his work with the bond fund, Denny learned of the proposed expansion of immigration detention in Indiana through a proposed expansion of the Clay County Jail in Brazil, IN. He and Donna (along with Bill and Linda Todd and Pastor Mary) attended a prayer vigil against this proposed expansion. Denny recently published a letter about the issue in the *Brazil Times* which focuses on the high taxpayer cost and lack of taxpayer benefits of the proposed \$25 million jail expansion. (For those interested a copy of Denny's article is available on the church bulletin board.

Speaking out for others and taking action on behalf of those who are hurting are prophetic components of the Christian faith. We give thanks for Denny and Donna and others who provide leadership in this way.

*Note: Undocumented immigrants are typically detained in county jails. I.C.E. (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) pays a daily rate to the county. Eighty-five (85%) of those detained have no criminal convictions. They have jobs, families, even active cases awaiting time before an immigration judge. They have little or no access to legal representation or know-your-rights information. The system of immigration detention creates financial havoc, separates families and raises many questions.

- Be known by the genuine love we show our community
- Share with generous hearts
- Give with the faith that God uses your gifts in ways we that go beyond your imagination
- Pray for people with great passion
- Do everything you can to reach people with the love of Jesus Christ



Why increase your pledge? So the church can plan for ministry...

You may wonder why we are putting so much emphasis on pledging and increased giving for 2022. Maybe an explanation of the reasoning behind this will give some clarity to why we think it is so important.

- First, our budget in 2021 was carried over from the previous year as we were in mid-covid. Nobody knew what the outcome would be financially on the church. We chose to leave things as they were in hopes that when we did return to a “normal” the giving and budget would approximate pre-pandemic levels. As we clearly see, we have still not returned to normal yet and our income (our giving) is a reflection of this.
- Our expenses continue as normal, but our giving has been abnormal. I am encouraged by the September giving of \$21,000 and am trusting that this level will continue. I know we can do it. Thankfully we now think that if the \$21,000 of monthly giving can be carried through the end of the year, we will be in a manageable position.

This brings us to why your pledge is essential and why we hope you will increase your giving over last year. We can manage some red ink, but if we have too much we will deplete our savings. If that is the situation we need to make adjustments to our spending. Without major cuts we will not be able to pay our bills going forward in 2022. The only way we can have a good estimate of our income and where we need to go with the budget is to get you to tell us, through your pledge, what you are willing to make happen. Consider spending some time in prayer over this, not only for yourself but for your church family and everyone affected by the programs supported by the church. My prayer is that our pledges and the budget forthcoming from them can sustain and even expand what we can do as faithful servants of Christ.

Bruce Marks
Finance/Stewardship Chairperson

NOTE: You'll be receiving a pledge card in the mail soon. Thank you for your commitment to the ministry of NUMC and to our life together!

Just In Case You Missed It

You should have received a letter recently about Pastor Mary's Clergy Renewal Leave (sabbatical). But in case the letter got recycled, here's the information about who to call should you need assistance and how things will work around NUMC in her absence:

Interim Pastor: Rev. David Hayes

Pastor David's office hours at the church: Thursdays, 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Every other Wednesday, 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Saturdays by appointment

Pastor David's email: david.hayes@nashvilleumc.com Cell phone: 812-720-0593

Pastor David will preach and lead worship and will be available for urgent pastoral needs as coordinated by the Pastoral Care Coordinator (see below). The role of Interim Pastor is a part-time position – Pastor David has another full time job. Many of the pastoral responsibilities will be handled by other people.

Worship Coordinator: Tammera Lane (NUMC Director of Music)

Tammera's email: Tammera.lane@nashvilleumc.com

Tammera's cell #: 812-322-9433

Pastoral Care: Jack Wescott

If you have pastoral care needs such as hospitalization, serious illness or need to let the interim pastor know of a need, please call Jack. Jack will be consulting with Pastor David to share needs and will be checking in with Joshua in the church office. He is the "go to" person when Pastor David is unavailable.

Jack's email: jwescott@bsu.edu

Jack's phone: 812-988-0918 (home)

812-744-6048 (cell)

Administrative Assistant Joshua Lane

Joshua will continue his work in coordinating the administrative tasks of our congregational life: finance office support, worship bulletins, newsletter, administrative support for the work of committees, etc.

Joshua's email: Joshua.lane@nashvilleumc.com

Office phone: 812-988-4666

Office hours: Mondays: OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – noon

A volunteer staffs the office on Tuesdays. Joshua is in the office, Wed-Friday.

Building Care and Maintenance

NUMC Board of Trustees

Personnel

Staff-Parish Relations Committee

As always, the Board of Trustees coordinates the care and maintenance of church property. Annette Kleeman serves as our custodian. Our treasurer, Jim Tichenor, sees that all bills are paid. If you have questions or see a need that needs to be addressed, please call the church office or contact Jack Wescott (Lay Leader), Georgia Harris (Trustee Chair) or David Shaffer (Staff-Parish Relations Committee).

November 2021

Sun		Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		2	3 NUMY 6p Chancel Choir 6:30p	4 UMW	5 World Day Community	6
ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY	8 	9 	10 NUMY 6p Chancel Choir 6:30p	11 Veterans Day	12	13 9-noon Fall Work Day at church and parsonage
14 Fallfare Distribution Meeting 11:45a	15	16 Compassionate Friends 7p	17 NUMY 6p 7 p Charge Conference at NUMC — No Chancel Choir	18 Trustees 7p	19	20
21 Service of Blessing: Send-off & Welcome Stewardship Celebration	22 Pastor Mary's Sabbatical Begins	23 Church Council 7p	24 NO NUMY No Chancel Choir	25 Thanksgiving	26 Office Closed	27
28 United Methodist Student Day First Sunday of Advent: Experience the Story	29	30				

Advent Season

Rev. David Hayes, preaching

1st Sunday	November 28, 10:30 a.m.
2nd Sunday	December 5, 10:30 a.m.
3rd Sunday	December 12, 10:30 a.m.
4th Sunday	December 19, 10:30 a.m.
Christmas Eve	December 24^
6:30 p.m.	Music begins
7:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

*Plans are for in-person and live-streamed. Stay tuned for details.