



THE CONNECTION

November 2019 Newsletter



Giving Thanks

October 20 was pastor appreciation day at our church and I cannot begin to express adequately how much my heart is overflowing with love for my church family.

I give thanks for all of the cards, letters, gifts, and expressions of love that you have lavished upon me and Melanie. It has been overwhelming.

We want you to know that we feel loved.

Now, I knew that you are a loving people because before I arrived, people bragged on you. For example, my friend and District Superintendent, Dr. Tim Trent, spoke very highly of you. Thus I discovered that you have a wonderful reputation for being a gracious people.

And now, having been here for a few months, Melanie and I have experienced the reality of the

Worship Times

Sunday Mornings

Christ Chapel 8:30AM

The Well 9:45AM

Traditions 11:00AM

Office Hours

Mon - Thurs

9:00AM- 4:00PM

Staff Meetings

Mondays 9:30-11:30AM

Lunch

12:00-1:00PM

Closures

Monday, Nov 11

Thursday, Nov 14 at noon

Wednesday, Nov 27 at noon

Thursday, Nov 28

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kind words we have heard. You do indeed have a well-deserved reputation.

So I wanted you to know that your words and actions are encouraging to me. But this encouragement is not limited to my own personal experience... it goes beyond that. I'm so touched by your love, graciousness and faith that I readily want to invite people to church. I do so, confident that a new person will experience your graciousness and through it, be drawn closer to Jesus.

Some who already know Him will find a new church home. Others will discover faith for the first time and come to a saving knowledge of Jesus.

And the Kingdom of God will continue to grow.

To Him be the Glory.

I am thankful.

-Pastor Ronnie

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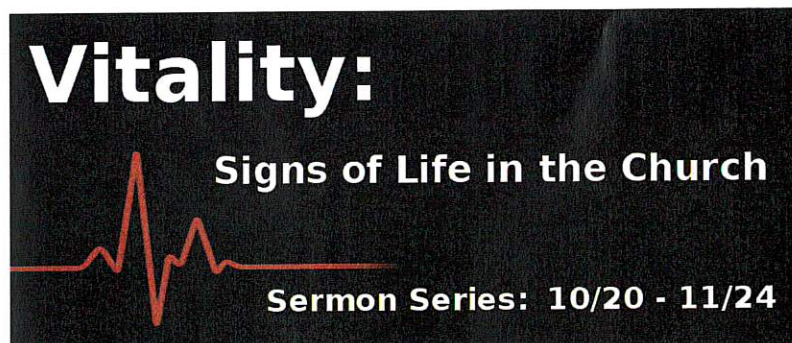
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Pam Myers, Susan Smith

Sexton

Samuel Allen



A look at common characteristics of thriving congregations.

Love Your Church Day

Saturday, Nov 2!

Church family, let's prepare for the coming season of Christmas by loving on our church!

We will have many visitors and we want our buildings prepared for them. Serving TOGETHER will be a great opportunity for the young and old alike. We are not just preparing our buildings, but also preparing our hearts for the celebration of Christ's birth.

We will be doing simple chores for all ages. Be prepared to work indoors or outdoors.

For those that want to work inside we will be creating Christmas cards, sharpening pencils, cleaning windows among other simple tasks.

For those that want to work outside, we will be painting parking lot lines, safety yellow curbing/steps, trimming trees, pressure washing, window cleaning, throwing mulch and other simple tasks.

We look forward to serving with you!

8:30 AM - Meet at Crossroads Center for coffee, refreshments and organize

9:00 AM - Begin to work and serve

11:15 AM - Finish our tasks and cleanup.

11:30 AM - Eat! Our youth group will be serving pizza and drinks. Christmas music will be played.

For more info please contact Jody Woodward or the front office.

We have sign up sheets at the entrance to The Crossroads Center, the office bulletin board, Christ Chapel, or visit fumcrestview.com



Charge Conference

Our District Superintendent Tim Trent will preside over our next Charge Conference on **Tuesday, Nov 5** at 7:00PM in our Main Sanctuary. Please make plans to attend!



Coffee With The Pastor

If you have any questions about FUMC, our Methodist faith, or how to become a member, you are welcome to meet with Pastor Ronnie on **Tuesday, Nov 12** at 6:00PM at Casbah Coffee Co. for some conversation and a cup of coffee!



Christmas Cards for Prisoners

All interested in the Christmas Cards for Prisoners ministry are welcome to join in on **Thursday, Nov 21** from 9:00AM-12:00PM in room 212.

****We are in need of Christian Christmas cards and stamps!*

*Please see Anne Campbell or bring them to the church office during normal business hours. ****



United Methodist Men Chili Cook Off

Once again the UMM is hosting a church wide chili cook off contest. We are looking for those great recipes in our congregation. Last year we had 15 entries from which our congregation got to sample the many great tastes and unique recipes. The event will be **Sunday November 10th** located in the Crossroads Center in the Youth Room. We will have tables set up for you to sample all the recipes and carry outs will be available. This is an opportunity for us to come together church wide to support our youth. We need YOU to bring your crock pot favorite recipe and we need EVERYONE to come by to taste and to GIVE generously to the donation box. ALL PROCEEDS will be donated to our youth programs.



How to Participate.

We will begin to set up at 8:00 in the Youth Room at the Crossroads Center. This will allow our 8:30 service members to set up their entries before their service begins. We encourage everyone else to drop off their entries as they arrive before their worship service or small group meets. All entries should be dropped off before the 11:00 hour, as the judging will start at 11:00. The top three entries will be contacted and the winners will be announced at our Community Dinner on November 13th. We will begin clean up at 12:45 so we encourage our 11:00 members to come and join in the sampling at the end of their service. A Donation Box will be located in the Youth Room for the taste testing. Tables and chairs will be available for your convenience. We encourage you to take your time and have Fellowship time with one another. Take out chili will be available.

A Benevolence Christmas CommUNITY Dinner

Our next CommUNITY Dinner, **Wednesday, Nov 13**, will be a special time of celebrating AND supporting our FUMC Benevolence Ministry's Christmas Program!

Angel Tree- we will have a Christmas tree in the foyer of The



Crossroads Center with angel tags containing a child's info on it and 3 gift ideas.

If you would like to donate a monetary amount to go towards a child's gift instead of picking an angel, we will also gratefully accept those. What a beautiful way to sponsor a child for Christmas!

(We will be accepting gift drop-offs in the Cafe area of The Crossroads Center between services on TWO SUNDAYS: Dec 1 and Dec 8.)

We will also have a **canned food** drive for the Thanksgiving food boxes that will be distributed by the Benevolence Ministry. A wagon will be placed at the entrance to the CommUNITY Dinner to collect your donations. Food Box donations requested are: canned veggies & cranberry sauce, stuffing & gravy, mac & cheese, PB& jelly, gravy, canned fruit, oatmeal, and Bisquick.

Our CommUNITY Dinner **menu for the night** will be a full holiday feast of roast turkey, stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, veggies, and roll. A donation box will be available to help offset the cost of the meal. All proceeds from the meal will go towards the Benevolence Ministry and our Christmas program. Serving begins at 5:30PM.

Women's Service Group Cake Sales

Hi Folks, do you remember those wonderful DEAN CAKES we had at Easter, well The Women's Service Group will be taking orders again for Christmas. From **November 3-December 8th** there will be forms out at all services. Payment must be made at the time of ordering. There may be some new cakes this time especially for



Christmas. There will also be cookies as before. You can turn your order in to any of the people, in any service, who belong to our group, Sharon Wykle – 8:30 service, Pat Dreaden 9:45 service and Judy Beard 11:00 Service, or any other ladies in our group that you may know.

Remember, all ladies of the church are more than welcome to join The Women's Service Group for our meetings on the first Friday of each month at 9am in room 213, but if you are unable to make our meetings and would still like to be involved, we can always use background help for our projects.

Just call Sharon Wykle at Home: 850 682 5336 or Cell 850 830 5536 for more information.

-Sharon Wykle

Children's Ministry

The Sunday 11:00 Chapel Time will begin using a new curriculum in November. "Children Worship! offers planned experiences that help children understand what is expected in worship, how to participate, and what our words and actions mean. This thirteen-session worship education resource helps congregations incorporate young children into the worshiping community. Sessions focus on the six actions of worship and cover the following topics: Gathering, Giving Praise and Thanks, Praying, Proclaiming, Responding, and Sending." We hope this will be exciting to the children, parents and congregation as these children become more involved in their time in the service!

Children's Christmas Pageant: The children invite you all to come out in December for our Children's Christmas Pageant, The First Christmas, on **December 11th** at 6:30 pm. Practice is on Wednesday nights

at 6 pm.

Wednesday Kids Street Schedule

5:45 pm – Check In begins (ages 6 weeks to 5th grade)
 6:00 pm – Children's Choir (ages 5 years to 5th grade)
 6:30 pm Kids' Street Bible Lesson/Activity followed with Fellowship Time
 7:30 pm Parent Pick-up on Kid's Street

K-5 will spend November learning about the Lord's Prayer. The Sunday and Wednesday night lessons will focus on Praise, God's Will, Asking and Forgiveness. Thank you to all of the volunteers and teachers delivering the Epic Teachings of the Bible to our children.

Children's Ministry Annual Volunteer Training will be held on November 4th and November 7th. There are three times available. Please pick a date and time below and sign up on Kids Street or by contacting Angela Long. (334) 488-2065. The training is for new volunteers, those who need annual renewal, and for anyone interested in volunteering with the Children's Ministry.

November 4th 5:00pm to 7:00 pm or
 November 9th 11:30 am to 1:30 pm or
 November 9th 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
 Location: Kid's Street / Childcare provided

Please contact Angela Long at fumc.angelalong@gmail.com with any questions or if you would like to be a part of our Children's Ministry activities.

Yarn Ministry

We are full fledge into Fall! Can you just believe it?

We are currently going through our shelves and packing these squishy blessings out the door to those who are in need of joy and comfort.

Are you needing a baby blanket or prayer shawl as a personal gift? We've had quite a few requests so we would like to make these available to you for a minimum \$20 donation. All proceeds will be put back into the Yarn Ministry to purchase supplies. Please see one of our Yarn Ministry members or call the front office during normal business hours.

Our one November meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov 12 at 6:00PM in room 213. Also, we will have one December meeting, Dec 10... OHMYGOODNESS! I'm going to go through serious Yarnie withdraw! Just think how much stitching we'll (hopefully) get done in the next few months! Our regular meeting schedule resumes on January 14, (circle that date in red, Yarnies!) Anyone interested in crocheting, knitting, or looming, or would love to learn, you are welcome!

-Cathrin Owens



October Greeters**Christ Chapel 8:30AM**

Nov 3- Alesha & Robert Dabbs
 Nov 10- Gary & Jan Rohr
 Nov 17- Debbie Watson
 Nov 24- Gary Johnson

The Crossroads Center 9:45AM

Nov 3- Ralph and Doris Milone
 Nov 10- Kim and Allen Bell
 Nov 17- Jim and Aimee Keller
 Nov 24- Cathy Thigpen, Pat Dreaden and Judith Brinkley

Traditions 11:00AM

Nov 3- Mark Young, Dax Reeves
 Nov 10- Judy Beard, Scott Sallberg
 Nov 17- Elaine Mantle, Suzanne Long
 Nov 24- Linda Biondi, Troy Thurman

November Ushers

8:30 Christ Chapel- Bill Myers and Robert Dabbs

11:00 Traditions- Team 2

Leader: Scott Sallberg
 Darrell Smith, Dax Reeves, Burt Colt, Elaine Mantle

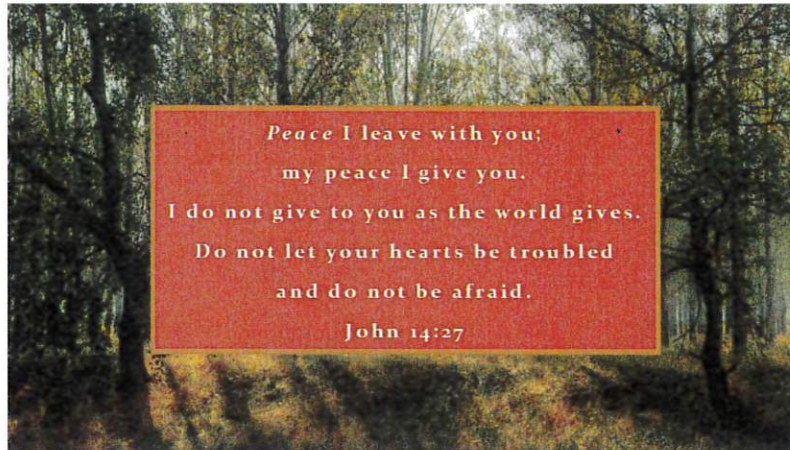
Important Dates in November

Nov 1- Women's Service Group 9-11:00AM Rm 213
 Nov 2- Love Your Church Day 8:30AM-12:00PM (Rain Date is Nov 16)
 Nov 3- Trustees 3:00-5:00PM Conf Rm,
 First Day to Order Dean's Cakes from Women's Service Group
 Nov 5- Charge Conference w/ DS Tim Trent 6:00PM Main Sanctuary
 Nov 10- UMM Chili Cook-Off 8:30AM-12:30PM CRC, Finance 6:30PM Conf Rm
 Nov 11- United Methodist Men 6:00PM FH, Church Office Closed for Veteran's Day
 Nov 12- Coffee With The Pastor 6:00PM Casbah Coffee Co, Yarn Ministry 6:00PM Rm 213
 Nov 13- CommUNITY Dinner, Church Council, Christmas Angel Tree & Food Drive 5:30PM CRC
 Nov 14- Church Office Closes At Noon
 Nov 15- Sr. Game Day 11:00AM-2:00PM FH
 Nov 16- Youth Bonfire at the Fordyce's
 Nov 17- Long Range Planning 5:30PM Conf Rm
 Nov 18- December Newsletter Deadline

Nov 21- Christmas Cards for Prisoners 9:00AM-12:00PM Rm 212
Nov 22- Happy Timer's to Hub City BBQ 11:00AM
Nov 24- Christmas Tree Decorating & Pizza Party 12:00-4:30PM CRC
Nov 27- Office Closes At Noon
Nov 28- Office Closed for Thanksgiving
**FH- Fellowship Hall, Conf Rm- Conference Room, CRC- The Crossroads Center, Youth Rm- Youth Room*
Please see <http://fumcrestview.com/calendar-1> for any updates or changes

Looking Ahead To December

Dec 1- Angel Tree Gifts Drop Off at CRC between services,
One Blood 8:00AM-1:00PM
Dec 3- Women's Service Group Christmas Party 6:00PM Youth Rm
Dec 4- Worship Committee 5:00PM Conf Rm, Youth Wrap Party 6:00PM Youth Rm
Dec 8- Angel Tree Gifts Drop Off at CRC between services,
Children's Committee 12:00PM Conf Rm,
Last day to order Dean's Cakes from Women's Service Group members
Dec 9- UMM Christmas Party 6-8:00PM CRC
Dec 10- Yarn Ministry 6:00PM Rm 213
Dec 11- Kid's Street Christmas Pageant 6:30PM CRC
Dec 14- Kid's Street Builds Gingerbread Houses 10:00AM-12:00PM CRC,
Dean's Cakes Pick-Up in CRC
Dec 15- Dean's Cakes Pick-Up in CRC, Missions 5:00PM Conf Rm
Dec 16- January Newsletter Deadline
Dec 20- Sr. Game Day 11:00AM-2:00PM FH
Dec 22- Christmas Cantata 8:30AM & 11:00AM Main Sanctuary, Contemporary Service 9:45AM CRC
Dec 23- Church Office Closes at Noon
Dec 24- Christmas Eve Service at 6:30PM Main Sanctuary
Dec 25- Happy Birthday Jesus!
Dec 24 through Jan 1 - Church Office Closed
Jan 2- Church Office Opens for the New Year!
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Autumn's Peace

Oh Lord, may this Autumn,
You bring perfect rest
for those who are feeling
weary and hard pressed.
May You send to them,
peace and tranquility
may You bless them too
with hope's serenity.
Oh Lord, may this Autumn,
Your mercy sprinkle down
on all of those who need
to sense Your calm around.
May you give to them,
a peaceful, settled mind
so that for a season
Your quietness they may find.
Oh Lord, may this Autumn,
bring a needed reprieve
so those who are weary
Your peace can receive!
-Deborah Ann Belka

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