



THE CONNECTION
November 2021
Newsletter



A Note From Pastor Ronnie

I Got Mugged

It happened on a Sunday when we were on vacation. We were visiting a church and we were greeted in the lobby. There we were presented with the gift of a mug with that church's name and logo on it.

In fact, I've got coffee mugs from several churches in my collection.

And now there are new ones on the way!

Our church is raising funds through the selling of some new mugs which celebrate our beautiful stained glass. There are six in the series and we are selling them one at a time.

Many of you have already ordered the first mug for yourselves or for gifts for others. It celebrates the large Good Shepherd window in the Chapel. I'm expecting those mugs to be available for distribution on the first Sunday in November.

Mug #2 is part of a pair (though we are selling them one at a time). It celebrates

Worship Times
Sunday Mornings

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

Office Hours
Mon - Thurs
9:00AM- 4:00PM

Staff Meetings
Mondays 9:30-11:30AM

Lunch
12:00-1:00PM

Office Closures
Thursday, Nov 11
Thursday, Nov 25

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6 of the Apostolic windows in the main sanctuary. Since 12 windows did not fit well on one mug, we've made them to be a pair of 6 windows each. So #2 and #3 will be of the Apostles, and #4 and #5 will be the "I Am" windows of Jesus in the Chapel. The final mug will feature the large Christ Window in the main sanctuary.

The cost is \$20 each- and this is indeed a fund-raiser. All of the profit- every bit of it- will go to support our missionary in Poland, Pastor Kris Kopacz. Covid has taken a toll on his support and I wanted to find a way of continuing to help him.

If you miss out on opportunities for a certain mug, you will have them in the future. But as you can imagine, this could get very confusing with 6 different mugs. So if you missed one, please be patient, and we will announce a time to get one you missed.

These mugs really are unique and eye-catching... but that's because our stained glass is so beautiful.

We are currently taking orders for #2 and we will be placing the order soon. The samples are in the glass case in the lobby near the office. I'm not sure if we will be taking orders for #3 before Christmas, but it is possible.

So celebrate our own church life.... And support Pastor Kris!

Pastor Ronnie

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From The Bottom Of Our Hearts

Thank you to the First United Methodist Church family for your prayers and concerns during our mother's recent illness. You have been faithful servants of our Lord. Thanks be to God!
-family of Maribel Caskey



Dear First United Methodist Church Family,
Thank you for being our mother, Maribel Caskey's, church home. For your kindnesses and prayers, we are thankful. Thank you, too, for the lovely bereavement meal, it was so appreciated.
-God Bless, Tamara and Mickey Bertram.

PUMPKIN PATCH VOLUNTEERS!

What a difference you have made in our community and the life of our children here at FUMC! Thank you for all of your hard work, your smiles, your heavy lifting. We couldn't have done it without you!

**CommUNITY Dinner &
A Very Benevolence Christmas Kick-Off**

Everyone is cordially invited to join us for a wonderful *CommUNITY Dinner* on **Wednesday, Nov 10** at 5:30PM at The Crossroads Center. Menu will be the traditional holiday fare of turkey, dressing, gravy, roll and veg. We will begin taking reservations on Sunday, Oct 31. A donation box will be out to help offset the cost of the meal. Proceeds from our meal will go towards our Benevolence Ministry Christmas program.



Our Harvest Pantry Wagon will greet you at the front of the CRC to accept canned goods & other items that will help fill Thanksgiving boxes for those in need in our community. Items requested are canned yams, stuffing, instant mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, etc.

A Very Benevolence Christmas will officially kick-off that night with our team ready to assist as you pick an Angel from our Angel Tree. Our children come from our community of Crestview and this may provide them with the only Christmas they will receive this year. Please consider participating in this wonderful FUMC tradition!

Tacky Christmas Sweater Contest will take place at the stage of the CRC at 6:00PM! Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place. Prepare to foo-foo that festive sweatshirt in the back of the closet- you may win! (Please no glitter per the campus facility regulations.)

ALSO- as if this evening couldn't get any better- we will have a peek at our Winter Small Group Book Fair table, debuting their new studies coming out in the New Year. Peruse our offerings and sign up, we're saving you a seat!

AND.... AND... AND we are planning for a special guest to make an appearance. Mrs. Claus will be available for photos on The CRC stage beginning at 5:30PM.

Church Council, youth and children will all meet at 6:30PM. We can't wait to see you there! *Come with bells on!*

'Through the Stained Glass' Mugs

Stop into the church office during normal business hours to pick up your ordered #1 mugs! If you missed out on the mug #1 deadline, Pastor Ronnie will be placing another order for the first mug in the series on Nov 14, so email the church office or stop by and sign the order form. Mug # 2 has been ordered and will arrive soon.



[Wesleyan Child Care Center](#)

Wesleyan students enjoyed their visit to FUMC Pumpkin Patch. They got to pick their very own pumpkin, bowl with a pumpkin, listen to a fun story and color a pumpkin page. Lots of giggles and fun was had by all.



[Childrens Ministry](#)

WINTER RETREAT:

We are exploring Winter Retreats and recently learned that the Blue Lake camp will take place in February. Let Angela know if your child is interested in raising money for and attending or you would like additional information. Email kidsstreetcrestview@gmail.com.



Christmas Pageant December 8th: 6:30 PM

Children's Choir practice will take place during Sunday morning Chapel Time and during the Wednesday night program as follows:

Wednesday Nov 3rd: 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Sunday November 7th: 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Wednesday November 10th: 6:00 PM to 7:00,PM
Sunday November 14th: 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Wednesday November 17th: 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Sunday November 21st: 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Wednesday November 24th - No Kids Street
Sunday November 28: 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Wednesday December 1st: Dress Rehearsal 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Sunday December 5th Dress Rehearsal 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

- Angela Long

[Acolyte Training](#)

Interested 4th and 5th grade children will meet on Kids Street on **Sunday, Nov. 14** at 9:45AM and then travel to the training in the Main Sanctuary at 9:50AM.

If your child is interested in a refresher they are welcome to attend.

Pick up will be on Kids' Street at 10:45AM.

Please Contact Angela Long at kidsstreetcrestview@gmail.com to sign up.



Small Group Reminders

- **ReFit Class:** Refit continues to meet on Monday's and Friday's at 9:45 AM. Wednesday nights will resume in February 2022. Childcare is provided.
- The last day for our Fall Session Small Group is November 17. We will announce our Winter Small Group opportunities that week and have the official **Book Fair** on November 10. Please see Angela Long if you are interested in leading a small group or would like help in finding the group for you and your family.



Soup Kitchen News

As the weather turns to Autumn cool and the days start to get shorter, just know our amazing soup kitchen Soupers are steady cookin' up some good food for our community! We've had some additional volunteer help from high school students and young adults in the community recently, and more have contacted me to find out how they can help.



And ... I have a praise report for you! I was contacted in late October about a Boston butt fundraiser and when I mentioned to the fundraiser coordinator that we wanted some for the soup kitchen, we were blessed by 3 anonymous donors who bought 3 of the Boston butts for us! Thank you, Lord, for such wonderful gifts of food for our community!

Stay tuned for more soup kitchen updates as the holiday season approaches, and as always, if you're interested in helping out on a Saturday morning for a few hours, the teams usually arrive at the Fellowship Hall around 9:30. If you'd like to talk with me about soup kitchen, I attend the 9:45 service but you can always contact the church office.

-In His Name, Eileen Kurtz / Soup Kitchen Coordinator

Matthew 25:35 - "I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

First Church Women's Service Group

The Women's Service Group will be meeting Friday, November 5, 2021 in Room 212 on the breezeway. We'll gather at 9:00 for light refreshments, our meeting will begin at 9:30, and we'll be ready to enjoy the rest of our day around 11:00. In addition to our guest speaker, we'll be talking further about our Christmas plans, how we might be able to help the Benevolence team with the Angel Tree ministry, and some of us have even taken on the task of ironing (lots and lots of) table cloths for various church events! I look forward to our time together and we always enjoy having more ladies join the group.



If you have any questions about the Women's Service Group, please feel free to call the church office, talk with me, or join us for the November meeting.

1 Peter 4:10 - "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."

In His Name,

Eileen Kurtz- Women's Service Group President

Yarn Ministry

"We look for wool and linen, And work with our hands in delight." Proverbs 31:13

How do Yarnies get more fiber in their diet? They go to their local yarn shop... also known as Yarnia or Rm213. Ha ha. Seriously, have you seen our yarn stash???



Nothing like a little crochet & knit humor to get us through this busy season. And busy we are as we prepare for the holidays ahead.

This month's meetings will be held **Tuesdays, November 9 & 23** at 6:00PM in Rm 213. And because November has 5 Tuesdays, we will meet at Panera's at 6:00PM on **Tuesday, November 30**. All are welcome who would love to do a little stitching for the Lord!

-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

Crestview Prayer Network

Crestview Prayer Network meeting is November 3 at David's Catfish House 12 PM. Please come, if you can, our community needs your prayers. Meeting lasts about 1 hour. -Kathleen Woodward



November Greeters, Ushers, Liturgists

Morning Glory / Christ Chapel 8:30AM

Greeters:

Nov 7- Debbie Watson

Nov 14- Alesha & Robert Dabbs

Nov 21- Melanie & Gary Zick

Nov 28- Mike & Betsy Roy

Ushers:

Gary Johnson & Mike Roy

Contemporary / The Crossroads Center 9:45AM

Greeters & Ushers: Aimee Keller & Dan Taylor

Liturgists (In Sunday order): 1. Allen Bell, 2. Dan Taylor, 3. Nell Sutherland, 4. Ronnie Bearden, 5. Dan Taylor

Traditions / Main Sanctuary 11:00AM

Greeters:

Nov 7-F: Margaret Larson & Dax Reeves B. Darrell Smith
Nov 14-F: Edie & Tom Giovanini B. Darrell Smith
Nov 21-F: Betty Stewart & Gary Johnson B. Darrell Smith
Nov 28-F: Viki & Terry Luster B. Darrell Smith

Ushers: Front- Dax Reeves, Terry Luster TBD

Back-Darrell Smith

Liturgists:

Nov 7- Luke Taylor, Nov 14 & 21- Lee Thigpen, Nov 28- TBD

Important Dates In November

Nov 2 - Worship Committee 5:30PM Rm 213
Nov 3- Crestview Prayer Network 12:00PM at David's Catfish House
Nov 5- Women's Service Group 9-11:00AM Rm 212, Youth Fireside Fellowship at the Fordyce's home 4-8:00PM
Nov 7- Daylight Savings Time! All Saints Sunday, Trustees 3:00PM FH, Finance 5:00PM Rm 212
Nov 8- United Methodist Men 6:00PM FH
Nov 9- Yarn Ministry 6:00PM RM 213
Nov 10- CommUNITY Dinner, A Very Benevolence Christmas Kick-Off & Tacky Christmas Sweater Contest, Winter Small Group Book Fair, Church Council - *All at The Crossroads Center beginning at 5:30PM*
Nov 11- Veterans Day! The church office is closed.
Nov 14- Acolyte Training 9:45AM Kid's Street / Main Sanctuary, Long Range Planning 5:30PM Youth Rm
Nov 17- Youth Friendsgiving Feast 6:00PM Youth Rm
Nov 19- Senior Ministry Game Day 11:00AM-2:00PM Asbury Rm in the CRC (for this meeting only)
Nov 21- Children's Committee 12:15PM Kid's St.
Nov 22- December newsletter deadline
Nov 23- Yarn Ministry 6:00PM RM 213
Nov 25- Happy Thanksgiving! Church office is closed.
Nov 28- First Sunday of Advent, December newsletter out, One Blood Big Red Bus 9:00AM-1:00PM CRC parking lot
Nov 21 through Dec 3- Christmas up at FUMC! Please contact the office if you would like to help.

**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 3- Women's Service Group 9-11:00AM Rm 212
Dec 8- Kid's Street Christmas Pageant 6:30PM CRC & Winter Book Fair
Dec 11- Kid's Street Gingerbread Event 9:45AM-11:00AM CRC
Dec 12- Youth Committee 12:15PM Conf Rm, Missions 5:00PM Rm 212
Dec 13- United Methodist Men 6:00PM CRC, January Newsletter Deadline
Dec 14- Yarn Ministry 6:00PM RM 213
Dec 17- Senior Ministry Game Day 11:00AM-2:00PM FH

Dec 19- Cantata in the Main Sanctuary (8:30AM & 11:00AM), Pastor Ronnie preaching at the 9:45AM service, January newsletter out
Dec 21- No Yarn Ministry
Dec 23-Office closure. Merry Christmas!
Dec 24- Christmas Eve! Services will be held at 6:30PM and 11:00PM in the Main Sanctuary.
Dec 25- Happy Birthday Jesus!
Jan 3, 2022- Office reopens. Happy New Year!

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The Hand that Made the Hands

For the hands that tilled,
for the hands that harvested,
for the hands that processed,
for the hands that transported,
for the hands that stocked,
for the hands that sold,
for the hands that bought,
for the hands that prepared,
for the hands that will hold,
for the hand that made the hands,
our hearts are forever grateful.

Amen.

-Ewan Aitken

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