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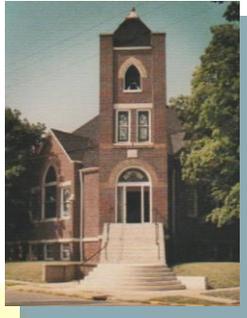
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9 A.M. CHOIR REHEARSAL
10 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL
11 A.M. WORSHIP

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THE HORN OF PLENTY

The symbol that best expresses the abundance that Thanksgiving celebrates is the cornucopia. The cornucopia is an ancient symbol used in both Greek and Roman mythology. In some myths, the goat Amalthea, whose milk fed the infant Zeus, was said to have a horn that was always filled with whatever anyone wanted to eat or drink. In other tales the Roman goddess of plenty, named "Copia," always wore or carried a horn filled with fruits and drinks. The horn of plenty was always full; its abundance could never be exhausted.

Today the cornucopia sounds the joyful noise of God's bountiful blessings, of the abundant, overflowing graciousness that God makes available in our lives. This horn also sounds a note to remind us that we must use our blessings to bless others.

-Adapted from Homiletics, from The Newsletter, Newsletter, Nov. 2000

November Birthdays and Anniversaries

Anniversaries

12th – Bob & Carol Crowder (1966)

24th – Leroy & Eileen Shelton (1945)

Birthdays

1st – Kay Merrill

2nd – Johnathan Sosbe

3rd – Jerry Whalen, Donis Garverick

4th – Bobbie Wetli

5th – Karolyn Barnes

8th – Hannah Dossett

9th – Ethan Grant

11th – Cheryl Luzader

12th – Judy Consoer

20th – Joshua Merrill

22nd – Bryce Woodall

23rd – Karen Holt

29th – Ryan Gray



If you'd like for us to recognize your special day, please pick up a form from the table in the sanctuary foyer, fill it out and turn it in to the church office.

Thank You

Thank you for the very thoughtful gift of a beautiful prayer shawl. I feel very blessed that you thought of me.

In God's love,
Nancy Nash



I thank everyone for the beautiful birthday cards and well wishes. Don't know why, but God has a reason I'm still here at 96 years, I guess.

-Mabel Grimes

REMEMBER THE VETERANS
O beautiful for heroes proved in
liberating strife, who more than self
the country loved and mercy more
than life! America! America! May
God thy gold refine. Till all success
be nobleness and every gain divine!

November Sermons & Scriptures

4th – Psalm 24; Isaiah 25:6-9; Revelation 21:1-6; John 11:32-44; "Saints Redeemed!" / Communion / All Saints Sunday

11th – Psalm 42; Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17; Hebrews 10:11-25; Mark 13:1-8; "Ruth—An Unlikely Heroine"/ Veterans Day

18th – Psalm 113; 1 Samuel 1:4-20; Hebrews 10:11-25; Mark 13:1-8; "A Faith Like Hannah's"

25th – Psalm 132:1-5, 11-18; 2 Samuel 23:1-7; Revelation 1:4-8; John 18:33-37; "The Coming Glory" / Christ the King Sunday



A Day for the Saints

The word *saint* comes from the Latin word *sanctus* and refers to the holy—that is, "set apart from the service of God." In some of St. Paul's letters to the churches he founded, he called all the members "saints." Later, Christians who distinguished themselves by their zeal for Christ, especially the martyrs, were honored after their death by being canonized as saints. The pages of Christian history books are filled with the stories of these very special servants of God.

Several became the patron saints of countries. Ireland's saint is St. Patrick, England's is St. George and Scotland's is St. Andrew.

While the US has no particular saint, Christians here should appreciate all the faithful people who courageously served Christ and delivered the faith to us to follow.

-The Newsletter Newsletter, Nov. 2004

MINUTES of the MEETING
of the
CHARGE CONFERENCE – West District
October 28, 2018
Held at First UMC

Those present from Christ's: Pastor Judi Early, Jerry Whalen, Troy Deckard, and Denise Blacketer

MOTTO: See ALL the People

MISSION: Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Rev. Groves opened the meeting w/prayer. He then thanked the hospitality team for providing refreshments.

Reviewed our vision to be vibrant congregations: Core Values: Missional, accountable, called, connectional.

Was asked, "What does a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ look like?" (Silent response). Rev. Groves elaborated, "They look like people inside the church, outside the church; people w/means and people w/little or no means..." Einstein said, something to the effect, that all people are gifted and talented, just depends on the current subject.

Rev. Groves imparted to us several likeable quotes that he had recently heard with his favorite being from Paul Tillich, "Faith is the acceptance of already being accepted."

We were invited to The Table.

We read the Prayer of Initiative in unison: God, what do you have for us next? What dreams do you have for our lives, our churches, our District, our Conference only you can fulfill? Let us be hungry to seek your ways and do your will. In Jesus' name, Amen.

We reviewed the WIG, (Wildly Important Goals) See notes from last year below:

For 2018-2020, the goal of the Cabinet and Extended Cabinet is to make churches wildly intentional w/the focus of becoming missional churches:

2017 – Clergy and laity understand what it means to be missional

2018 – Discipleship training: 100% identify personal and corporate mission fields

2019 – Discipleship training: 100% build relationships and have faith conversations

2020 – 100% of our churches / pastors engaged in life giving changes for Jesus in their mission fields

Rev. Davis asked, "What does it mean to be missional?" He said that it is a person or community living as those who are sent to connect people to Jesus. He then focused on the 2019 WIG goal and outlined connectional opportunities that we have recently been (or will be) invited to attend:

Worship Workshop

Reshape Your Life for Service

Reclaiming Your Discipleship Roots

Breakthrough Prayer Initiative (View the actual prayer in paragraph 7)

Back to Basics

Love Your Neighbor Event

Clergy Workshops

Role of the Operational Team

Collaborative Ministry Options

The last item he expounded on by relating to the church from a pastor's view for growing people to send them forth. He had us repeat the part of the membership vows that say that we will faithfully participate in (the ministries of the church) by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. He also suggested that in relation to the pastor and his/her family, that the congregation find ways to meet with their pastor on a leisurely level—finding ways to build personal relationships between the pastor and members, keeping in mind that the pastor is always under stress.

Recognition of Transition: There are two new full-time pastors to the district, Erin Weaver, Linden UMC and Rebecca Smith, UM Temple in Terre Haute.

Recognized and heard from Pastor Bryan Smith, Fillmore UMC. He has been serving churches for 52 years.

Remembered Pastor Bob Kempf. He retired in July and shortly thereafter, was diagnosed with a brain tumor. Had surgery, but passed into God's glory at 4:15 a.m. October 28, 2018.

Pastor's that have completed their course of study: Pastor Judi Early, Pastor John Overbee, and Pastor Casey Archer.

There are two candidates in their third year of the commissioning process: Ben Biggs and Deb Moore Hardin.

Churches and their PPR staff need to make sure that their pastor completes a mandatory ethics training each year. (Pastor Judi has completed this for 2018).

Pastors are also required to meet with the District Committee on Ordained Ministry each year. Meeting the continuing education requirements is also required. All churches present were asked to support their pastor in these endeavors.

Upcoming events: District Conference meeting is January 13, 2019, at 3 p.m. at Brazil First UMC. Also, the 2020 General Conference vote on delegates.

CHARGE CONFERENCE BUSINESS:

All churches present voted to affirm their committees and leadership for 2019.

All churches present voted to affirm their pastor's clergy compensation package for 2019. (It was noted that Darlington UMC has no appointed pastor at this time)

Certified Lay Speakers: No new candidates; four continued candidates

Candidates for Ministry: One new candidate, Brian Bartlett of New Market UMC; no continued candidates

A quick refresher on navigating through the INUMC.org website to find info. You can always contact Rev. Groves, Rev. Davis, or Katie Swisher to get needed info.

Recited, in unison, the Benediction.

This meeting was adjourned.

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Won't you join me in my experiment?

It seems right that we celebrate Thanksgiving each year during what can be the gloomiest and most dreary month of the year! As a congregation, we've been sitting in the ashes with Job throughout October and you're probably ready for something more hopeful and joyous. Although we express thankfulness throughout the year, families in North America make it a special point to be grateful to God on the fourth Thursday of November each year. If you are anything like me, you have many wonderful memories of sumptuous feasts, joyful comradery with friends and family, parades and football.

This year, I want to add a time of being thankful to my daily devotions. My starting point each day will be a passage from scripture. A quick search on the internet offered several compilations of verses related to being thankful or expressing thanks. For my experiment, I plan to use the list found at: <https://heathercking.org/2014/11/26/30-bible-verses-on-thanksgiving/>. Some of the recommended text seemed redundant, so I made a few revisions. Here is the list that I will be using:

OLD TESTAMENT

1 Chronicles 16:34
1 Chronicles 29:13
Psalm 7:17
Psalm 9:1
Psalm 28:7
Psalm 30:12
Psalm 69:30
Psalm 75:1
Psalm 86:12
Psalm 95:2-3
Psalm 100:4
Psalm 105:1
Psalm 106:1
Isaiah 12:4
Jeremiah 33:11

NEW TESTAMENT

1 Corinthians 1:4-5
2 Corinthians 4:15
2 Corinthians 9:11-12
2 Corinthians 9:15
Ephesians 1:15-16
Philippians 4:6
Colossians 2:6-7
Colossians 3:15-17
Colossians 4:2
1 Thessalonians 5:18
2 Thessalonians 1:3
1 Timothy 4:4-5
Philemon 1:4
Hebrews 12:28-29
Revelation 7:12

My plan is simply to write out one verse per day in a notebook and then add any comments, observations, specific prayers, or whatever else comes to mind as I reflect on the daily reading. At the end of the month, my goal is to have something that I can refer back to when I feel vulnerable or out of sorts.

I invite you to join me in this special devotional time of being more deliberate (or should I say, Methodical?) in seeking out reasons for being grateful in this season of thanks. There is a lot to be thankful for each and every day.

Blessings,

Pastor Judi



It was a "BOO"tiful night

Well, it was dark and cool, but our annual trick or treat soup supper was warm and friendly.

There was a steady flow of children and parents, by our calculations 208 including our own congregants, coming through to warm their souls; and if you can measure success by empty soup caldrons, then we were a big hit!

Thank you to the ladies that hosted and decorated for this event.



Yep, that's Carol Kline



Just one of the cool decorations done by the ladies.



Ruger and Laura



Lookin' Good, Linda



Some of you noticed the carved pumpkin on the attendance check-in table, but could not discern what it was. It may have been too light in the hallway. It was the face of Jesus.

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| <u>EACH SUNDAY</u> 9 a.m. Choir 10 a.m. SS 10:45 a.m. Coffee 11 a.m. Worship | <u>WORSHIP LDR</u> Loretta Whalen <u>ALTAR FLOWERS</u> | <u>GREETERS</u> 4 th – The Luzaders 11 th – Linda Miller & Eileen Shelton 18 th – Ruth Grant & Linda Melevage 25 th – Gail Horton & Jane Remley | | | <u>ACOLYTES</u> The Remleys <u>USHERS</u> Andrew Blacketer Joe Hutchins | <u>CLEANING</u> PPRC <u>COFFEE HOST</u> Outreach Cmte. |
|  | | | | 1 All Saints Day 7 p.m. Thirty on Thurs. Prayer Time | 2 | 3 Set your clocks back one hour at bedtime  |
| 4 Communion All Saints Sunday 10 a.m. Upstairs Ladies | 5 | 6 Pastor Judi to Clergy Meeting | 7 10 a.m. Bible Study @Trinity UMC | 8 7 p.m. Thirty on Thurs. Prayer Time | 9 | 10 |
| 11 Veterans Day | 12 | 13 | 14 10 a.m. Bible Study @Trinity UMC | 15 7 p.m. Thirty on Thurs. Prayer Time | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 10 a.m. Bible Study @Trinity UMC. | 22 Have a blessed Thanksgiving Offices Closed No Prayer Time  | 23 Offices Closed | 24 |
| 25 Christ the King Sunday Bucket Sunday | 26 | 27 | 28 10 a.m. Bible Study @Trinity UMC. | 29 7 p.m. Thirty on Thursday Prayer Time | 30 | Advent Begins December 2 |