

Thankful—Always and All Ways



Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

I don't know about you but I'm challenged by this scripture from 1 Thessalonians. It is hard to be grateful when times are tough. Yet, I need this verse now more than ever!

Like most of you I'm weary of the COVID pandemic and all that goes with it including masks and social distancing. I find it hard to believe that we are still experiencing all of this as the holidays approach. Back in March I thought surely we would be done with this in a few months. Yet, here we are.

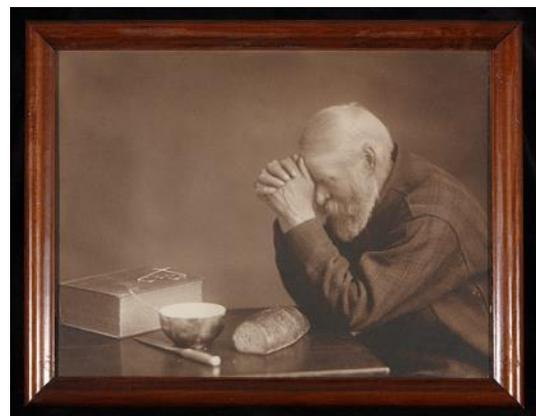
This year with COVID we are facing holidays that may look very different. In fact some of the experts have advised families to avoid gathering in large multiple household groups.

How will we celebrate that most American of holidays, Thanksgiving, under these circumstances? Epidemiologists are asking families to avoid bringing together large multi-household families across state lines. So going "over the river and through the woods" to grandma's house doesn't seem very possible—especially if someone in the family is at high risk because of a serious illness. And Christmas is just around the corner. I was at The Nest gift shop the other day. She has Christmas themed face coverings in stock. I nearly cried in the store thinking about the challenges of trying to celebrate Christmas in the era of COVID.

There is a story about an old pastor who was a model of gratitude and positivity. People in the church and the community made fun of the old man for his effusively grateful prayers. On one day when the weather was particularly miserable and things were not going well in his life, some congregation members nudged each other waiting to hear what the pastor would say. The old man stepped into the pulpit and began "Father God, I thank you that it is not always like this."

I'm also aware that many of our families will also be facing their first holiday season since a loved one has passed away. These hurting hearts will surely struggle.

The Psalms teach us how to pray. I love the fact that the writers of the Psalms are brutally honest with God about their hurts, their pain, their anger and their challenges. They pour it all out in prayer. Yet at the end they express their trust and hope in God. They give thanks for God's faithfulness and presence. I think this can be our model during this Thanksgiving season. We can pour our hearts out to God honestly yet say, "I am thankful you are with me, Abba."



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As the holidays approach I am praying for God to help us remember--and be grateful for--the fact that it is not always like this. I trust that some day we will find a way to move beyond COVID 19. I'm also praying for God to teach us how to give thanks for His abiding presence and provision in the midst of hard time. After all, if we wait for everything to be perfect before we are grateful we will never be grateful. May we be grateful people here and now—in all things and in all ways.

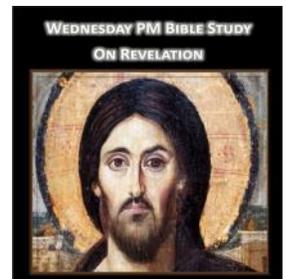
Blessings and peace,
Pastor Beth Ann



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AN UPDATE FROM PASTOR BETH ANN

The Bible Study on Revelation is on hold for right now. It will resume when the COVID positivity rate declines below 7%. This metric is the percentage of new people being tested for COVID in our county who are positive for COVID. Health officials have shared with UMC leaders that this number is a good indicator for risk. You can find this information on the Indiana Government website at: <https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/>.



At this time we are continuing to offer both in person worship and online worship. I encourage everyone to prayerfully consider which option is best for them. Thank you for continuing to wear masks when singing and sit apart from those who are not in your household.

Blessings and peace,
Pastor Beth Ann

VIDEOGRAPHER WANTED

We are in need of a person to film the second Worship Service each Sunday. It will be a paid position. If you are interested call the church office.



Dates & Information

Trustee Report

During October:

1. Replaced the flood light fixture on the front of the church.
2. Cleaned up and reorganized the balcony media equipment and had new equipment installed for transmitting the services on our web page.
3. Prepared a new budget proposal for next year.
4. Turned on the boilers for the winter season.
5. Repaired the door closer for chapel.

Steven C. Longenecker
Chair, Trustees

BIRTHDAYS

Jackson Kraud	11/01
David Danhauser	11/04
Sandy Cox	11/05
Megan Karnafel	11/05
Brad Platt	11/07
Jim Hoffman	11/09
Barbara Leffert	11/12
Dixie Becker	11/15
Arin Deane	11/16
Isabelle Kraud	11/18
Evert Wolfe	11/25
Bill Stilwell	11/29
John Jones	11/30



WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Tuesdays: Prayer, 11 AM, Sanctuary
Wednesdays: Dial-up Devotion & Prayer, 2 PM
 Call 605-313-5919/ Code 635572
 Bell Choir, 5:30 PM, Sanctuary
ON HOLD: Revelation Bible Study

NOVEMBER SCHEDULE:

Wed, Nov 11: **CANCELLED:** JOY Circle
Thurs, Nov 26: Thanksgiving/ Office & LCM Closed
Fri, Nov 27: Church Office & LCM Closed
Sun, Nov 29: First Sunday of Advent

ANNIVERSARIES

Dick & Connie Graf	11/11
Gary & Noreen Provo	11/17
Julia & Bob Glaser	11/18
Phil & Karen Starkey	11/26
Evert & Barbara Wolfe	11/30

NURSING HOMES

McKinney Place: Beverly Hess
 Beverly Vietti
Woodbridge: Mike Doering
 Ruby Palmer-Hinkle
Millers: Betty Thomas

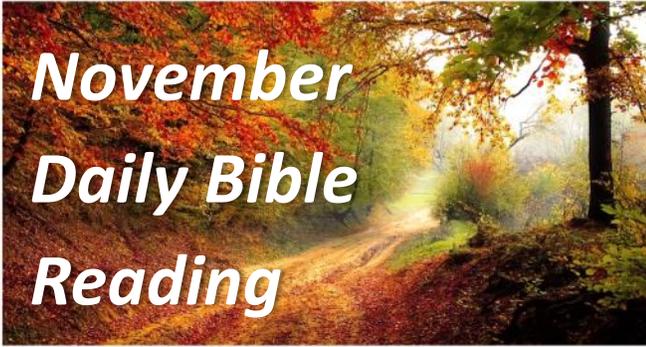
MILITARY SERVICE:

Braxton Baker	Jacob Kaley
Alex Karnafel	Matt Karnafel
Oakley Lewellen	Joshua Lyons
Tim Strubell	

NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Scripture Reader: Dave Miller
Communion: Deb Swartzell
8:15 AM Greeters: Dave & Marj Miller
 Jerry & Ann Miller





PRAYER CONCERNS

- Berkley Slavens
- Sandy Stuart
- Jane Goodrich
- Tim Taylor
- Ed Hanawalt
- Lauren Hanawalt
- Sharlene Arnold
- Debi Garrison
- Laurette Garrison
- Joe Somner
- Debi Garris
- Larry Fry
- Family Relationships
- National & local elections
- Family of Short Conn
- Families of vehicle accident victims



NOVEMBER

1 Luke 21-22	11 John 19-21	21 Acts 23-25
2 Luke 23-24	12 Acts 1-3	22 Acts 26-28
3 John 1-3	13 Acts 4-6	23 Romans 1-3
4 John 4-5	14 Acts 7-8	24 Romans 4-7
5 John 6-7	15 Acts 9-10	25 Romans 8-10
6 John 8-9	16 Acts 11-13	26 Romans 11-14
7 John 10-11	17 Acts 14-16	27 Romans 15-16
8 John 12-13	18 Acts 17-18	28 1 Corinth. 1-4
9 John 14-16	19 Acts 19-20	29 1 Corinth. 5-8
10 John 17-18	20 Acts 21-22	30 1 Corinth. 9-11



Thank you...

Dear friends at Logansport First UMC, As we celebrate our 10th Anniversary we give thanks for you! Because of you, we can celebrate a decade of “doing all the good we can!” With gratitude, Leigh Randall

Beth Ann and others, I appreciate so much receiving the Alive and bulletins you send my way. It helps me keep in touch with what is going on at First Methodist. Sonja’s calls are also great. I love my home here and also my church, but I do miss seeing you all. I see Sheila Host almost every day, have talked to Penny Schaefer but because I’m still quarantined, I probably won’t see her for a while. Keep up the good work at First Church. I hear only good things. Love and Blessings, Donna Lou Smith

Dear Friends in Christ, Now more than ever we need to lend a helping hand to our neighbors recently we have seen an increase in calls for assistance and people coming to our food pantry. You gift allows us to meet the needs of those in our community who are less fortunate. Thank you for your donation. God Bless, Emmaus Mission Center

Dear friends, thank you for the honorarium for the prayer workshop. I put it to my support account at OMS. It helped pay my part of a prayer retreat I went on after your workshop. You blessed me! Now I bless you. Paula Shrock

Little Children's Ministry

It's fall and what a beautiful time of the year! LCM has been very blessed to be able to continue providing care for all of our families. Although the pandemic has forced us to make some changes in our program and activities, we continue to try to keep it as "normal" as possible.



Little Children's Ministry was able to do its annual Fall Parties and Trick or Treating in the hallways on Friday, October 30. The children dressed up and walked with their class around the building as they trick-or-treated at other classrooms. They visited the Pastor in the Parlor and the office staff. We required everyone to stay in the hallways this year and for the staff to wear masks while passing out the treats to the other classes. It was nice to be able to continue this event for all the

children! We realize the toll that this pandemic has taken on the children, and we are trying to help them feel comfortable as we continue our routines and activities. Keeping things as normal as possible is important.



If all goes as planned, our wonderful kitchen staff will cook and serve a Thanksgiving Feast on Wednesday, November 23. The children will be learning about Pilgrims and Indians and the meaning of Thanksgiving. They will also be making either a Pilgrim or Indian costume to wear during their "Feast."

Christmas will be here before we know it. LCM Board has discussed it, and, unfortunately, we will need to make some changes to our Annual Christmas Program. We have always been very blessed to be able to have all LCM children and families come together for one Christmas program which has brought standing room only to our Sanctuary. This has always been a wonderful blessing! However, due to social distancing and other CDC recommendations, we will not be able to have our program in a way that we have in the past.

The 2020 Christmas program will still happen, but it will be taped for the families to receive as a gift from LCM and their child to watch at home with friends and family. The preschool, toddlers, and school age children will be recorded at separate times. We are excited that, considering the circumstances, the children will still be able to enjoy the season by performing and sharing it with their families. We will send home a notice of the day that each child will be recorded so that they may attend and dress accordingly.



Thank you to everyone who has been so supportive to LCM not only throughout this pandemic but always!

Sincerely,

Belinda Jordan, Director

LCM STAFF

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Treasurer—Julie Slater

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SUNDAY SERVICES:

Open Sanctuary Worship– 8:15 AM & 10 AM
We practice safe distancing and require everyone to wear face masks when entering the building

LIVE STREAMING

10 AM: FaceBook Live @ LoganFirstUMC

CHURCH STAFF

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- ◆ **Financial Secretary:** Nancy Hamilton
- ◆ **Worship Leader:** Ali Williams
- ◆ **Media Coordinator:** Luann Hamilton
- ◆ **Pianists:** Deb Binford, Jeff Smith, Elaine Hall

CHURCH LEADERS

Our Bishop
Bishop Julius Trimble

Conference Superintendent
Rev. Lori Blinn

Associate Superintendents
Rev. Rob Seewald
Rev. John Randall

Church Cluster Crosswind UMC
Pastor Nick Robinson

First UMC
Pastor Beth Ann Cook

Main Street UMC
Pastor Doug Thomas

Wheatland Ave UMC
Bert Stover



Our Mission

The mission of the church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our Vision

REACH • EQUIP • SEND



All Saints Sunday

<i>Diane Martin</i>	<i>November 10, 2019</i>
<i>Donald Hamilton</i>	<i>December 22, 2019</i>
<i>Charles Boonstra</i>	<i>January 9, 2020</i>
<i>Elizabeth Billman</i>	<i>February 8, 2020</i>
<i>Larry Kitchel</i>	<i>May 6, 2020</i>
<i>Gilbert Thomas</i>	<i>June 14, 2020</i>
<i>Edith Beatty</i>	<i>June 23, 2020</i>
<i>Chad Geer</i>	<i>June 29, 2020</i>
<i>Marilou Reason</i>	<i>July 7, 2020</i>
<i>Herbert M. Bowman</i>	<i>August 14, 2020</i>
<i>Jeffery Cox</i>	<i>August 30, 2020</i>
<i>Donel Evernham</i>	<i>September 20, 2020</i>
<i>Carl Carmen</i>	<i>September 25, 2020</i>
<i>Rose Fry</i>	<i>October 11, 2020</i>
<i>Sharon Barr</i>	<i>October 13, 2020</i>
<i>Tad Wilkinson</i>	<i>October 15, 2020</i>
<i>Rosemary Vernon</i>	<i>October 17, 2020</i>
<i>Myra Gray</i>	<i>October 18, 2020</i>