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# Notes from the Grove

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## *Senior Pastor's Note*

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

As we once again move toward the Holiday Season, which includes Thanksgiving, Christmas, and then New Year's Day, I want to take just a moment to encourage you to pause and consider just how good God has been to you over this past year.

While there have been many challenges for us, as well as the entire world over the past many months, God is still good! Once again, we are reminded of the fragility of life and that we should do our best to value our loved ones.

I believe the Holiday Season doesn't need to be filled with stress and anxiety when we realize the purpose for celebrating these wonderful times of the year... and New Year!

November brings us the simple reminder that thankfulness is truly the kind of spirit we are to have, and this thankfulness will be more meaningful when we are both thankful to those around us as well as our God above us.

Here's a beautiful verse of scripture on thankfulness out of the Message version of the Bible: **1 Chronicles 29:13 (MSG)**

**13 And here we are, O God, our God, giving thanks to you, praising your splendid Name.**

I encourage you to really focus on this spirit of thanksgiving in advance of all these Holidays, and I really believe God will give you a tremendous appreciation for the Christ of Christmas as well. More than the "tinsel and the toys", and more than "bustle and the noise", is the realization that Jesus came to earth over 2000 years ago for you and I to know the blessed gift of salvation!

Then when these special days are over, take a week to reflect on the events of this past year and determine your goals for the New Year ahead.

Here is a wonderful scripture in anticipation of the New Year: **Philippians 3:13-14 (NIV) 13 Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.**

Press on! This walk with the Lord speaks of tenacity and resolve, yet the same God who has helped you make it through this year in victory will also be there to help you in the year ahead!

So, get out there and enjoy the Holiday Season!

Blessings in Christ  
Pastor Riley

### *November Birthdays*

4 - David Johnson  
8 - John-Annie Roberts  
16 - Tracey Holliday  
19 - Louie Smack  
24 - Susie Gordon  
27 - Barbara Boston  
28 - Doug Waters

**Our Vision Statement:**

*"Every member a good neighbor."*

***Our Purpose Statement:***

**"Our Journey - Knowing, Loving, Serving, Sharing."**

**Some Words from the Education Director**

**Mark your Calendars:**

**Sunday, November 3** All Saint's Day  
 Daylight Savings Time Ends  
 1:00 pm Handbell Choir  
 4:00 pm Prayer Team

**Tuesday, November 5** General Election Day

**Wednesday, November 6** 1:00 pm Community Classes  
 5:00 pm Dinner (\$7 each/\$ 3 under 12/free under 4)  
 6:00 pm Classes/Choir/Youth

**Thursday, November 7** 9:00 am Breakfast Club Denny's on Mobile Hwy  
 9:30 am Ladies' Bible Study/small group

**Sunday, November 10** Veteran's Sunday  
 Flag Retirement Ceremony  
 1:00 pm Handbell Choir  
 4:00 pm Prayer team

**Monday, November 11** Veteran's Day (Parade Downtown) (Our Scouts Participate)  
 No Scouts

**Wednesday, November 13** 1:00 pm Community Classes  
 5:00 pm Dinner (\$7 each/\$ 3 under 12/free under 4)  
 6:00 pm Classes/Choir/Youth

**Thursday, November 14** Newsletter Articles Due  
 9:30 am Ladies' Bible Study/Small Group  
 5:30 pm Guild Circle  
 6:00 pm Men's Club

**Saturday, November 16** 9:00 am Ladies Prayer Breakfast  
**Guest speaker on "Gratitude" Rev. Pam Avery**

**Sunday, November 17** National Bible Week

**Monday, November 18** 5:00 pm TOPS  
 6:30 pm Pack 2 & Troop 2 Scouts

**Tuesday, November 19** 10:00 am Joy Circle  
 12 noon Widow's Walk (place TBA) (change due holidays)

**Wednesday, November 20** 1:00 pm Community Classes  
 5:00 pm Dinner (\$7 each/\$ 3 under 12/free under 4)  
 6:00 pm Classes/Choir/Youth

**Addresses & Other Changes, New Members, Baptisms, Transfers, & Deaths**

**Baptisms:**  
 Chloe Ann Leitman  
 Bella Rose Yates

**If you move, please let the office know your new address. Also, if your phone number has changed, please let the office know.**

**Reminder to All Sunday School Classes, Groups and Scouts**

**We ask that you be sure to clean up the room(s) that you use whenever you are here. There is a vacuum in the custodian's closet (M5) for you to use. Please return the vacuum when you are finished. Thank you for helping to keep the church clean.**

**November Prayer List**

**November 1-2**

Frank & Elise Benson  
 Jim Benton  
 Don & Patricia Birtsch  
 Nuke Black  
 Rebecca Black  
 Virginia Blackshear  
 Rose Blank

**November 3-9**

David & Genevieve Bookman  
 Ray & Sue Booth  
 Barbara Boston  
 Janet Boston  
 Nancy Bowman  
 Chuck & Connie Boyd  
 Barbara Boyden

**November 10-16**

Hayden Brown  
 James Brown  
 Bill Brown  
 Douglas Brown, Jr.  
 Danny & Jamie Broxson, Cameron,  
 Grace  
 Lynda Brunelle

**November 17-23**

Tom & Mary Buntin  
 Marjorie Byrd  
 Tom & Sharon Cacciatore  
 Clark & Paddi Cain  
 Richard & Judy Cannon  
 Mary Carrick

**November 24-30**

Billy & Joan Carter  
 Joyce Childers, Claudia Coon  
 Elaine Clark  
 Lavern Cooper  
 Tom & Linda Danks  
 Patsy Dean

Sunday Activities

Sunday School 8:30 am  
 Worship 10:00 am  
 Prayer Team 4:00 pm

**Worship  
 Service  
 Opportunities**

Wednesday Activities

1:00pm Daytime Classes  
 6:00pm Evening Classes  
 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal

## Sisters in Service

The Sisters in Service mission circle wishes to thank our church family for supporting our work with the homeless by purchasing discount coupon books in September and October. We were able to raise \$400 from this fundraiser!

We are preparing to visit the Washburn Center on November 16th to deliver winter clothing, laundry supplies, and toiletry items. The one item that we don't pass out second-hand to the folks there is men's and women's underwear. So in preparation for our last trip of 2024, we are having "Undy Sunday" to collect donations of new underwear and gently used/new socks on Nov. 3rd. All sizes are needed and there will be collection boxes in the Narthex and the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you so much for helping us to serve as the hands and feet of Jesus in our community. May God bless you and your families with a safe and Happy Thanksgiving! - Carol Laguens

## Wesleyan Women

The Wesleyan Women will be meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of November 12, 2024. Arbeiter Circle will be our hostesses. We will be choosing names from the list of our shut-ins to gift for Christmas. So, come get the name of someone you want to bless with something special. Also, Wesleyan Women will be having a big bake sale on Sunday, November 17th. Buy a goodie to enjoy now and one to freeze for the holidays! All proceeds go toward missions. Thanks for your support.

## Harvest Sunday

Harvest Sunday is Sunday, November 17th. This is a time for our congregation to share their bounty with those who are not as fortunate. Elijah's Pantry needs your help to add some Thanksgiving type foods to our bags. Suggested items are: boxed dressing, canned cranberries, turkey gravy packs, instant potatoes, canned vegetables, canned sweet potatoes (yams), and boxed desserts. (ex: brownies, cake mix and frosting, jello, pudding, etc.) There will be Harvest bags with the suggested foods list for you to take home to fill and bring back on November 17th and place on the altar. Bags will be in the Narthex the first Sunday in November.



## Some Words from the Education Director - Continued from Page 2

6:00 pm Last Gardening Class ("Preparations for Your Spring Garden")

**This is the last Wednesday night until January**

**Thursday, November 21** 9:30 am Ladies' Bible Study/small group

10:00 am Arbeiter's Circle

11:30 am Lunch Bunch

6:00 pm Sisters in Service

**Sunday, November 24** United Methodist Student Day

Decorating for Christmas Season

1:00 pm Handbell Choir

4:00 pm Prayer Team

**Saturday, November 23-Sunday, December 3** Fall Break No School

**Monday, November 25** 5:00 pm TOPS/No scouts

**Tuesday, November 26** 10:00 am Daytime Thanksgiving Service

7:00 pm Thanksgiving Service at our church

**Thursday, November 28** Thanksgiving

If you are a **Grandparent** raising (in full or part time status) your **grandchildren**, let Janet know. We have been asked to start a support group for those of us in this situation. Don't know what that may look like, but I do need to know who is interested in participating.

**The next Ladies' Prayer Breakfast will be Saturday, November 16 at 9 am.** Bring breakfast food to share and enjoy a guest speaker, Rev. Pam Avery, this month. If you would like to participate in this program, please contact me for more information. I would also encourage you to invite your praying friends to participate regardless of whether or not they attend our church. Unity at a time like this is vital to our community.

We are still building a group of volunteers in our church who are willing to help **clean Sunday School rooms** once a week and help **wipe down tables in the Fellowship Hall**. I would like to know who would like to participate in a **phone ministry**? We would like to call our Silver Patrol list at least once a month and perhaps others who may need a loving touch from their church family. Also if anyone would like to be a part of a **hospital visitation team**. We have a few volunteers already - is God asking you to help? Let me know.

I have been meeting with a core group of volunteers to take a look **at present and potential programs**. We would love your input about what you would like to see happen in our church and community. We really want to be a "cradle to the grave" church! If there is a program that we no longer do that interests you and your family or a program that you see other churches doing, let me know and we will look into it.

Please watch the weekly bulletins for any other upcoming dates and events.

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[Facebook Messenger as well](#)

## Children's Department

The holidays begin now!

### Mark your Calendars:

**Monday, November 4** 6:30 pm Pack 2 & Troop 2 Scouts

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If your child or grandchild needs to be placed on the Angel Tree this year, please let me know. It will include a toy, book, and an outfit.

If you are at least a third grader this year, we can place you on a waiting list to be an acolyte. When someone retires off the list, then you will fill that spot. Let Miss Janet know if you wish to be on the waiting list. You have to have your parent's permission to participate. You have to be patient!

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Be sure to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night.



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