

Join us every Sunday:

Worship 11:00am

Sunday School 9:30am

All are Welcome!

You can also join our live-streamed service on Youtube.com!



November 5th-Communion; Concert-4pm

November 19th-Commitment Sunday; Lunch following Morning Worship

November 26th-Christ the King Sunday-Communion

Blessing Box News

Our Blessing Box continues to be a blessing to our community! With cold weather on the way, we will be collecting hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, and socks of all sizes, and food items that can be placed outside and are suitable for cold weather. Monetary contributions are also much appreciated. A big THANK YOU to all those who continue to make this outreach a success!!

The Tuesday Morning Devotional Group meets every Tuesday on Zoom at 9am. To join the group, contact Sharon or Bob Perkinson at: perkinshar@yahoo.com or perkinbob@yahoo.com.



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A Moment for Reflection

Greetings Church Family and Friends,

November is here and needless to say Thanksgiving Day is just around the corner. So naturally I have been thinking about "giving thanks". This led me to thinking about how God wants us to give thanks and praise in all situations. This is so difficult to do sometimes. How are we to do this when times are hard: when a loved one has died, when our health is failing, when a child is sick with a horrible disease, when we suffer financial hardship, when there is war and violence all around the world?

I recently read a Guideposts magazine article by Michelle Cox that suggests 6 ways to find a spirit of gratitude when life is hard:

1) Search for bright spots.

Even when things are bad, there is always something to thank Him for, no matter how small.

2) Help others.

Caring about others and reaching out to them has always helped put my own problems in perspective.

3) Immerse yourself in His Word.

The God who loves us so much that He gave His life for us has tucked hundreds of sweet and precious promises in our Bibles. And somehow, whenever I really need one, He puts His spotlight of grace on it and highlights it for me.

4) Sing.

Sounds crazy, doesn't it? But during one of the darkest times that my husband and I ever walked through, we put some praise and worship music on and sat at our dining room table and sang. I still tear up when I think about how God used those moments to comfort my husband.

5) Pray.

There's something about spending time with Him that provides peace during life's storms.

6) Praise Him no matter what.

It's hard to fathom in the middle of a tough time what the best outcome may be. So thank God in advance for what He's going to do. It will be for the good of all.

God says it best in Psalm 50:15: Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.

Blessings all, Stephanie

Upcoming Meetings

November 13-Stewardship/Finance Meeting-6:30pm via Zoom November 14-Sesson-6:30pm November 15-Worship Comm.-4:30pm (Advent Planning)

Speakers & Format for November Worship Services

November 5-Rev. Cameron Harkness-Communion November 12-Charles McNeel November 19-Darlene McNeel November 26-Christ the King Sunday-John Feuchtenberger-Communion

Lay Liturgists for November

November 5-Chuck Denham November 12-Melinda Testerman November 19-TBA November 26-Jim Harvey



Prayer Requests

Bob Perkinson, Judy Lambert, Carole Dodson, Ken Valko, Melinda & Greg Testerman, Betty Kincaid, Suzanne Compton, Robert Perry, Eddie & Billie Boyd, Sarah Murphy, Tokita Webb, and Chuck & Zella Denham

Steve Hopta, Sheri Neal, Ken Jenkins, Rosa Lee Gay, Kathy Kennedy, Ella Williams, Joan Perkinson, Forrest Palmer, Brenda Jenkins, Randy & Karen Worstell, Kenneth & Judy Gillespie, Marlene Smith, John Goins, Marty Howard, Rosemarie Dixon, Eddie Kirk, Danny Brewer, Betty Colobro, Ralph John, Janice Raines, Nell Bath, Lauren Hicks, Louis Scott, Tamie Brence, Oleksiy Hodonavets, Zac Carter, and Margaret Anne Ridlehuber

REMINDER: If you have an addition for the **December Newsletter**, please have it to the church office by **Monday**, **November 27th**.

Announcements or changes to the prayer list for Sunday's bulletin are due to the church office on **Wednesdays by 11am.**