



### Prayer List:

Government officials, World leaders and Local leaders.

Prayers for Alan Stults (Mark Stults brother who is fighting cancer), Holly Hedge, Rich and Sharon Cooper, Brandon Rosenau (Marilyn's son) for a successful liver transplant, Grayson Chapeau, Pat Patterson (cancer), Rhian Elmido, Clifford & Elsie Hanson, Mark Milton (inoperable cancer), Barb Howe, Mary Jo Beug, and Angie Riggs, struggling with cancer (friends of Lorie Umphrey), Larry Jebens cancer problem (Les and Karen's neighbor) and Connie Zimbleman. **Please let Marie know of any changes.**

### Vote!

#### **"Choose wise and respected people." Deuteronomy 1:13**

I heard someone say a few days ago that they weren't going to vote, they would just pray and God would provide. Um... no. That's not what God would want! In Deuteronomy 1:13 the Bible tells us we need to choose some wise, understanding, and respected people, and He will set them over us. Clearly God wants us to vote!

If you would like a good outline for how we should relate to government, politics and our civic duty, I recommend Romans 13. It begins by telling us we should be subject to governing authority, but also says we should do what is right and good. We need to participate in the elections and represent our Christian values!

Last week, Holly and I stopped at the Lawrence County Courthouse and voted. We believe it is our civic duty, and I must say, after voting I felt a sense of relief. We don't have to listen to political ads anymore. Our decisions have been made. We voted with our values... that is, our Christian values, and I hope you do, too! If you have any questions about candidates or issues, here is a link to the ballot question pamphlet at the office of the Secretary of State: [www.sdsos.gov](http://www.sdsos.gov)

Also, I ran across this on Christianity Today's website: *"As Christians, we seek wisdom from the Bible in all areas of life, including our civic duties like voting. The Scriptures offer guidance on how we should approach elections, government, and leadership. Through the Word of God, we are reminded to exercise discernment in making decisions that reflect righteousness, justice, and love for our neighbors. Voting is an opportunity to align our choices with biblical principles, trusting that God ultimately holds all authority and sovereignty."*

Please vote. Early voting is open, and Election Day is just around the corner.

**Pastor Randy**

### New Organist!

**Our new organist is Emma McKirdy-Wilsey.** She begins November 1st. Please welcome her. Next, the Council will make decisions about the leadership of the choir.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Decisions about Worship Time

Council is reviewing feedback and making decisions about the time of the service. There will be opportunity for information sharing and questions on Sunday, Nov. 3rd after the service.

### "Secret Giving "

#### *Mathew 6:1-4*

***"Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."***

The Bible teaches us the importance for giving back - sharing our time, talents, and money. I don't know about you, but I feel extremely blessed by God, and giving back makes sense. So many in this world need help, and it pleases God when we bless others.

Again this year, as part of our planning cycle and creating of our church budget, Church Leadership is planning a special Consecration Sunday for your financial giving in December. The teaching of the Bible helps us know that giving is an act of faith - we give a portion of what God gives us. We will learn more about this as we approach our special day. Please pray about your giving to the church, and on Sunday, December 1st, we each will turn in our "secret pledge" (Matthew 6:1-4) during communion. Your pledge numbers (your intended giving for our church operations) will be used to create our 2025 budget.

We are praying for the continued success of our ministry in 2025! Be watching for more information about the pledge process, and join the growing number of members who have signed up for electronic giving.

Thank you for all you do - financially and with your time and talents!

**Pastor Randy**

**Shirley Jenssen, Moderator.**

**Jim Hood, Treasurer**

### Pastor Randy's Sermon plans this month:

**November 3** - All Saints Sunday - "Heaven on Earth" - Revelation 21: 1-6

**November 10** - "Power of a Penny" - Mark 12:38-44

**November 17** - "Good Citizens" - Philipians 1:21-30

**November 24** - Thanksgiving Sunday - "Wherever You Go"- Ruth 1:1-18

**PASTOR RANDY'S** regularly scheduled office hours are **Monday: 9-11 a.m., Tuesday Mornings, 10:00 a.m. to 11a.m. and Wednesdays from 1 - 3 p.m.** If you would like to schedule a visit or need him, please call the office and let Marie know, or email him at: [pastorandy1057@gmail.com](mailto:pastorandy1057@gmail.com)

**COFFEE TIME:** Looking for a great small group? Our weekly coffee group is a social group with a purpose. We meet every week for an hour, and after some social time, we dig into the Word a bit. This group gets a preview of the scripture and discusses the topic and direction the sermon may be headed on Sunday. **Join our Tuesday group meeting at Burger King at 9 a.m.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT.

**THE KING'S MEN** will meet in the Fireside room **Sunday, November 3rd after worship.**

**DEACONS MEETING** is on **Sunday, November 10th in the Fireside room after Worship.**

**NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING** will be held on **November 24th at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room**

### **MISSION NEWS:**

**A BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who donated to the United Church of Christ Neighbors in Need Special Offering in October. As a result of your donations we were able to donate \$200 to Neighbors in Need.

Our **Chili/Soup Lunch on October 20th** was a great time for food and fellowship. In spite of the earlier time, lots of chili and soup was enjoyed by all. A **BIG THANK YOU** to all who helped by providing food and helping with serving and clean up. We received \$206 in our Free Will Offering. This will go into our church's Pew Cushion Fund.

Our **Missions Advent Project** will once again be The Elder Tree. This year we will be buying gifts for residents of The Dorset Home. Look for the Elder Tree to be up in the back of the church on or before Sunday, December 1st. There will also be more information about our Elder Tree in the December Inspire.

### **Women's Fellowship:**

Once again Women's Fellowship will be doing a Dedication of Funds on the first Sunday in November. We have been doing this annual WF fund raiser for the past several years instead of a bazaar or craft fair. If you would like to participate in the Dedication of Funds, there will be envelopes in the **November 3rd bulletin** to receive your donations.

**Who is the Holy Spirit and what gifts does He have for you?** Our Monday morning Bible study continues for **November: 4th, 18th and 25th. PLEASE NOTE: November 11th - NO CLASS.** We meet at 10 a.m. in the Fireside Room. There is a sign up sheet in the hall outside the sanctuary. For more information contact Sally Levengood 605-642-2329 or [sally.levengood@gmail.com](mailto:sally.levengood@gmail.com)

### **Choir Director**

**We are now seeking applicants** for the position of choir director. We prefer candidates who have formal training and some previous experience leading a choir. To apply, simply forward a brief resume and names and contact information for one or two music related references to the Choir Director Search Committee at the Church Office. **Deadline for applications is Friday, November 8th, or until filled.**

November 11th, 2024

... Thank You ...

**VETERANS**

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

**Office Closed**

*November 11, 2024*

# ~ NOVEMBER 2024 Calendar ~

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11/03</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>All Saints Service/ Communion/ Fellowship</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>11/04</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Women's Bible Study</b>
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>11/05</b>	<b>Election Day</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. Coffee @ B.K.</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11/10</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship/Fellowship</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>11/11</b>	<b>Veterans Day</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>NO BIBLE STUDY</b>	
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>11/12</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Coffee @ B.K.</b>
		<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Council Mtg.</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11/17</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b> <b>After Service Women's Fellowship</b> <b>Turkey Dinner Potluck</b>
		<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Brett Walfish (viola)</b> <b>Katie Smirnova (violin)</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>11/18</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Women's Bible Study</b>
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>11/19</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Coffee @ B.K.</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>11/20</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Women's Fellowship</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11/24</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship/Fellowship</b>
		<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Council Mtg.</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>11/25</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Women's Bible Study</b>
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>11/26</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Coffee @ B.K.</b>
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>11/28</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>	<b>Thanksgiving</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>11/30</b>	<b>Hanging of the Greens 2:00 p.m.</b>	



**Thursday November 28th**  
*Happy Thanksgiving!*

**Marie's Office Hours:**  
M,T,W,T: 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
Closed Fridays

**November Altar & Tables  
Committee**  
Cindy Merkel (both)

## INSPIRE

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## November Birthdays

12th: Rosalie Aslesen  
15th: Clinton Covell  
20th: Jason Johnston  
Keith Bergstrom  
21st: Beth Novotny  
June Kinkel  
Larry Reuppel  
Nicolle Covell  
24th: Karen Collins  
25th: Danette Bryant  
30th: Shirley Brost

*Happy Birthday!*

## November Anniversaries

11/1: Keith & Marna Bergstrom  
11/29: Les & Karen Turgeon  
*Happy Anniversary!*

## November Liturgists

3rd: Jim Hood  
10th: Renee Stewart  
17th: Brian Eberhard  
24th:

## November Ushers & Greeters

3rd: Katie Hood  
10th: Katie Hood  
17th: Katie Hood  
24th: Katie Hood

## October Attendance & Facebook Viewers

Oct. 6th: 48/ Viewers: 3  
Oct. 13th: 46 / Viewers: 1  
Oct. 20th: 53 / Viewers: 3  
Oct. 27th: 47 / Viewers: 3

