



Covenant United Methodist Church

THE ARK

November 2019

Meet a Leader from the Christian Church in India

Explore the culture of India and learn how the Christian church is growing in India. Meet on Wednesday, November 6 from 9:30 to 10:30 in the fellowship hall. People who are church planters in India are in Wisconsin and one of them will be with us for this hour. All are welcome.

Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Service

This year's Thanksgiving Eve service will be held on November 27 at 7:00pm at Holy Family Church, 271 Fourth Street Way. All are welcome! A collection of canned food and toiletries will be taken.

Poinsettias

Poinsettia plants will again be available for the holiday season. This year's colors will be solid red or solid white, and they will be \$12 each. Orders are due December 1.

Grocery Bags

Grocery bag food donations will begin November 3. Brown bags will be available or fill any bag you have! Please fill with nonperishable food items that will be used toward gifts for families and the Fondy Food Pantry.

Angel Tree

We will again be purchasing gifts and food for those in need in our church and from Chegwin School. Brightening the lives of those in need and making Christmas special for those who might otherwise not be able to. More information will be coming soon.



Scriptures for November

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November 3

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 Psalm 119:137-144
Isaiah 1:10-18 Luke 19:1-10
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

November 10

*Haggai 1:15b-2:9 Luke 20:27-38
Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

November 17

Isaiah 65:17-25 Isaiah 12
*2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19

November 24

Jeremiah 23:1-6 *Luke 1:68-79
Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43

Operation Christmas Child

Shoebboxes are available at the church and are due on November 17. There will be a list of suggested items to give you some inspiration.



Please also note that some items are not allowed such as candy or toothpaste. Please include a check for \$9 to cover postage. The loose offering on November 10 will also help cover postage costs.

This program reaches millions of children and families worldwide. God is touching one heart at a time. Every box we send represents one more child who will have the opportunity to hear the Good News of God's love. Thank you for making a difference in the life of a child.



“Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings.”

— William Arthur Ward

May all our hearts be filled with gratitude this Thanksgiving season.

Blessings,

Joel

Joel

SPRC News

Choir director Chris Deaner-Rogers has agreed to utilize her many musical talents to enhance the music ministry at Covenant United Methodist church in another way. Beginning Sunday November 17, she will begin serving as the regular organist/pianist at worship services.

Following in the footsteps of her grandmother, she began piano lessons at age eight. By her mid-teens she had a job playing in a church and began studying the organ. She went on to college where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Performance and Conducting at Emory University in Atlanta. Next came a Master's degree in Church Music and Organ at Northwestern University in Evanston. She has served churches throughout Wisconsin with her husband Pastor Joel.

She will continue as choir director. Since it is difficult to both direct the choir and accompany them, the Staff Parish Relations Committee is seeking a pianist in a limited role as choir accompanist.

Chris describes music as her passion and is excited to take on this new role.

Family Ministries News

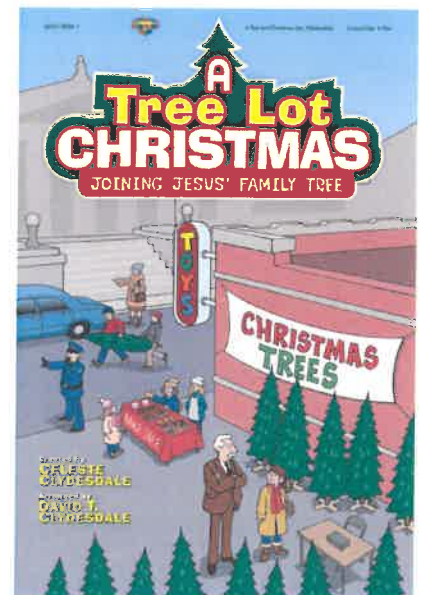
November is here, and this is the time to give thanks. We have many blessings to celebrate. Sunday School is going strong and Confirmation is underway. Our Youth group has set their goals for the year and our Christmas program is getting closer.

November 24 is a celebration for United Methodist students across the conference. We will celebrate by presenting bibles to our 3rd graders, Alexis Beesley, Lily Kutchek, and Jacoby Rivera during children's time in worship.



The youth have several mission projects set for this year. Helping at Loaves and Fishes and going to a Milwaukee Food Pantry, sponsoring a family from the Angel Tree and going to a nursing home or two to spread some Christmas cheer are just a few. The first two weeks in September we took pictures of the kids as some of the more popular bible stories to create a calendar for 2020. These calendars will be on sale for \$15 each in December before Christmas so mark your calendar so you don't miss out. The profits will be used for future mission trips and projects.

Our Christmas program this year is "A Tree Lot Christmas." This musical is fun and tells the story of what Christmas is all about. We are very excited that this year our program is a family event that includes the Sunday School and choir of Community UMC with our Sunday School and choir. Our program will be Sunday, December 15 here at Covenant UMC at 1pm. We will need a few props and things to add to the performance. We need at least 3 real Christmas Trees (different sizes) and some wrapped gifts or some gift bags to decorate the stage and some baked goods for our "Bake Sale" table. If you can donate a real tree, we will find a good home for it after the program. Our practices are at noon on Sundays so that the folks from Community can get here after their service which ends at 11:30am. Individuals or families from both churches are providing a light lunch for our actors and singers each Sunday. We still need lunches for Nov. 24 and Dec. 8. If you can help us out, please let Carol know as soon as possible.



Cookie Walk News



BIG CHANGES TO THE SUGARPLUM COOKIE WALK
Plans are being made for our 13th annual Sugarplum Cookie Walk. It will be held on Saturday, December 14 from 10:00am to noon in Fellowship Hall and will be open to the public. The Cookie Walk is sponsored by the Sending Forth Committee together with the United Methodist Women and will be set up in the holiday finery to which we are accustomed. Unsold cookies will be boxed and offered for sale to church members at 10:00am following the worship service on Sunday, December 15 and before the Children's Christmas Program at 1:00pm.



COOKIE BAKERS WANTED

Bakers needed to make Christmas Cookies for the Sugarplum Cookie Walk
Sign-up sheets will be in the narthex during the month of November

All proceeds from the Cookie Walk go to Gifts for Families.
For more information, contact Marilynn Roessler at 924.9442



**Declare His
GLORY
AMONG THE
NATIONS**

PSALM 96:3 NKJV

**BRING GREAT JOY
TO CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD!**

Over the past 25 years, Samaritan's Purse has delivered more than 157 million Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts to children in need around the world. This is something God has done. In partnership with local churches, we give these tangible expressions of God's love to boys and girls in Jesus' name. The gifts allow churches to share the Gospel in areas they might not otherwise access, transforming entire families and communities. Many children also participate in our 12-lesson follow-up discipleship program, The Greatest Journey, where they learn to follow Christ and share Him with others. Our church can be part of this exciting ministry of evangelism, discipleship, and multiplication!

**SHOEBOXES AVAILABLE BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 27
SHOEBOXES ARE DUE BACK TO CHURCH ON NOVEMBER 17**

United Methodist Women

Heritage and Rachel Circles met in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00am for our annual brunch meeting, including a number of guests. We had a nice brunch meal followed by our speaker, Kristin Kohlmann. She spoke about working for Project Peanut Butter in several countries in Africa. This product is full of nutrition and staff hold clinics in villages, giving it to families with children who are suffering from severe malnutrition. A child who is severely malnourished can be brought back to a healthy weight using this peanut butter therapy in their diet in 8 weeks! Getting to the children in need is often a challenge because of transportation issues and distance to the villages. She was a very informative speaker and we were able to learn so much from her.

Any lady interested in visiting a circle meeting is invited to our November meetings which are held the first week in November. Heritage Circle meets at 10:45 on the first Wednesday of the month in Fellowship Hall. Rachel Circle meets at 6:30pm the first Monday of the month in a member's home. This month's meeting is at Dea Hebel's home at 366 Southlake Circle.

Any questions or for directions, contact Sandy Kilmer for Marilyn Stillings for Heritage Circle. For Rachel Circle, contact Eleanor King or Dea Hebel.

We would love to see some new faces!

Fund Fondy Alternative Giving Event

As part of Giving Tuesday, the Fond du Lac United Way and 20+ area nonprofits are holding an alternative giving event on Tuesday, December 3 at Thelma Sadoff Center for the Arts from 4:30-7:30pm. Enjoy a meaningful shopping experience by supporting local nonprofits organizations. Do you have a sister, co-worker, or friend who has everything? Rather than giving a physical item, gift them a donation to a cause they are interested in. For example, do you have a friend who loves to read, but owns enough books to fill a library? Gift them a donation to Fond du Lac Literacy Services that helps an adult in our community improve his/her reading ability.

UMW Book Review

Have you heard of Fanny Crosby? She was born blind in 1820, yet she wrote many of our beautiful hymns including "I Am Thine, O Lord", "Rescue the Perishing," and "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine."

Evangeline Booth was born in London in 1865 and along with her parents, helped the poor and started the Salvation Army. Mary McLeod Bethune was born in slavery, picked cotton as a child and went on to learn to read and started a school for black girls in Florida, and was there confronted by the Ku Klux Klan. She later traveled to Washington DC and was honored by presidents Calvin Coolidge and Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Read their stories and more with the new book "When Others Shuddered," a small but intriguing book about eight women from the 1800s who made a difference in their world and ours. -Nina K.

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men met Saturday, October 12 at 8:00am at Rolling Meadows Restaurant. Only 4 men were present! The men will not be selling packages of meat from Brandon Meats, but we will again be selling chocolate bars. All profits from sales are earmarked for church apportionments. Look for boxes and help support the church. The UMM bought and delivered 3 boxes of socks, underwear and sweats to Chegwin, Riverside and Parkside Elementary schools. It breaks my heart to think about kids going to school with no socks, etc. The men can only do this with support from you: THANK YOU! We are still looking for more men and more projects. Join us, help us. (We raised \$377.72 in the coin challenge. Thank you to all who participated! This money will go the Pastor's Goodwill Fund.)

-Darrell Jewson, UMM chair

Liturgists

November 3: Darrell Jewson
 November 10: Marilyn Stillings
 November 17: Diane Weider
 November 24: Marilyn Roessler



Ushers

Head Usher: Bill Kelley
 Ushers: Dave Miller and Bill Olson

Acolyte

Riley Dehnel

Birthdays

Deb Hoffman-Ashenfelter	11/1	Germaine Patt	11/14
Miriam Wicke	11/2	Del Jewson	11/20
Linda Mielke	11/6	Carol Schumacher	11/22
Vicki Vossekui	11/8	John Barfknecht	11/27
Doug Duitman	11/9	Cindy Paasch	11/27
Gary Miller	11/9	Jerry Stillings	11/30

80+ Birthdays

Germaine Patt celebrates 91 years on
 November 14



Fellowship Hour

November 3: Trustees
 November 10: Heritage Circle
 November 17: Rachel Circle
 November 24:

There are still dates open for fall and winter fellowship treats. Please get your group to sign up for a Sunday!

MISSIONS

across the street & around the world

November 3: Loaves and Fishes
 November 10: Operation Christmas Child
 November 17: Boys and Girls Club
 November 24: UM Student Sunday

Our Members Who are Homebound or in Assisted Living

At Home: Red LaPlante

Woodlands: Shirley Lentz

Dick Welch

Donna Born

Donna Handley

Villa Loretto: Geraldine Justman

Anniversaries



Revs. Joel and Chris Deaner-Rogers celebrate
 26 years of marriage on November 5

Chuck and Sandy Kilmer celebrate 62 years
 of marriage on November 9

Tim and Jan Klaske celebrate 40 years of
 marriage on November 24

Giving with Tithe.ly

- Tithe.ly app
- Text "give" to 920-267-4801
- Use the "Donate" button on our Facebook page
- Our website covenantforyou.church/give



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**Reminder: Deadline for Ark
submissions is the 15th.
Please get your content to the
office by this date for the next
month's issue. Thank you!**

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