



Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World

November 2018 Newsletter of Trinity United Methodist Church

November is full of so many different things, but it is most remembered as the month that has Thanksgiving in it. I have always enjoyed this holiday, for food, family, friends and football. I came across a wonderful piece written by Sarah Ban Breathnach, in her book *Simple Abundance*, which I would like to share with you as you prepare for Thanksgiving in your own way.

An open home, an open heart, here grows a bountiful harvest.
Judy Hand

The turkey is in the oven, filling the air with the fragrance of anticipation, and my heart is glad. The pies are cooling on the rack, overflowing with the fruits of the earth, and my heart is full. Conversation, companionship, and conviviality transform the rooms of this beloved home, and my heart is at peace.

Soon dear ones – family and cherished friends – will gather at the table to rejoice in our bounty of blessings, and with us lift up their hearts in thanksgiving. As the table is set, my heart gratefully remembers the legacy of love and tradition represented in the talismans of freshly laundered linens, sparkling crystal, and gleaming china. The silver shines, the candles glow, the flowers delight us with their beauty.

This is good. This is very good. Let us hold fast to this authentic moment of Simple Abundance. Let us cherish this feeling of complete contentment. Let us rejoice and praise the Giver of all good. Let us exult in our souls' ecstatic accord.

Come, offer grace for the bounty of goodness. Raise the song of harvest home, the glass of good cheer, the heart overflowing with joy. We have so much for which to be thankful. So much about which to smile, so much to share. So much, that in this season of plenty, we can embrace the season of relinquishment. All we have is all we need.

O beloved Spirit, truly You have given us so much, an extravagance of riches. Give us, we pray, one thing more. The gift of grateful hearts. Hearts that will not forget what You have done.

So as we watch the parade, eat the food, and watch the TV, let us remember that we need to keep a thankful heart for the true blessings God has given us. It may be family and friends or something else. As someone once told me, "Any day you wake up is a blessing", that may be a great place to start.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Grace and Peace
Matt

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Sunday Worship: Services @ 8:30am & 11am

Pastor: Rev Dr. Matt Fowler **Associate Pastor:** Rev Curt Copple **Pastor of Congregational Development:** Rev Dr. Bob Folkers
Executive Pastor: Rev Dr. Cole Fowler **Children /Youth Director:** Becky McClanathan **Daycare Director:** Megan Greise
Choir Director: Dr. David Galant **Media Director/Worship Leader:** Matthew Hindley **Accompanist:** Alex Lunardi
Controller: Penny Holzbauer **Facility Coordinator** Koy Potthoff **Administrative Assistant:** Vicky Segers
Building Supervisor: Judy Slavik

Mission Notes

Our **Santa in September** was a success, thanks to all of you who contributed to the Youth Emergency Services (YES). The new clothing and toiletries will help serve those youth who are, for the most part, homeless. The youth center on 28th and Harney is a colorful, warm, and efficient safe space for these youth. They have a hot meal each day, and can shower and wash clothes. Computers are set up for their use as well. We hope to make this an annual project.

It is nearing Thanksgiving and we are preparing to assist **Living Hope** and a local family with selected food items for our boat: canned vegetables (such as sweet potatoes, corn, peas, beets, beans), boxed mashed potatoes and gravy, cake mixes, frosting, jello, cornbread mix, mac and cheese, and any other food item that is appropriate. We will be collecting food through mid November. Thanks in advance for your support.

Dining for Women is going well. In fact, we had three new visitors in October. If you have never participated in DFW, now is your chance. The Friday, November 9th program will focus on girls in rural villages in Kenya who are undervalued and face barriers that threaten their education, health and independence. Enjoy a potluck meal at noon and bring your own table service.

As we have done in the past, we are **collecting gently used, clean coats, new hats, gloves, mittens and new blankets for one of our local shelters**. There will be a designated collection box for these items. Donations will end late November.

If you have an hour on Thursday, November 15th, Missions could use help in making **sack lunches** for the Stephen's Center. We meet at 9am.

Judy Dappen
Mission Chair

Clothing Center Needs

The Clothing Center is in need of plastic grocery sacks for our guests. There are also several items that are being requested that we no longer have in stock:

- plus size men's and women's winter clothing and coats, sizes 2x, 3x, 4x, and 5x
 - men's large (36-38) and extra large (40-42) underwear
 - women's underwear sizes 6, 7, and 8
 - men's warm gloves and hats (These men work outside in the winter.)
 - young girls' and boys' underwear, sizes 4-5, 6-7
 - socks for these young children, sizes 3-8 1/2
 - any boys' jeans
 - sizes 5 and 6 diapers
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Community Thanksgiving Service

This year's Community Thanksgiving Service will be hosted by St. Gerald's on Sunday, November 18th at 4pm.

Charge Conference

Our annual Charge Conference will be held on Sunday, November 11th at Rockbrook United Methodist Church (9855 W Center Rd) starting at 2pm.

Education Notes

Pumpkin carving at Trinity was a hit. Thank you to those who attended and created beautiful pumpkins. The church members voted on their favorite, and the winner was Jhetta Bradshaw coming in at 1st place with the most money in her jar, with Sarah and Alexis Tripp coming in at 2nd place. Jhetta's jar raised **\$7.31**, and Sarah and Alexis' jar raised **\$5.71**. Congrats to everyone involved!! It was a fun event. In total, all pumpkin jars raised **\$47.21!**



Thank you to those who donated candy, treats, and time to this year's Trunk or Treat event! The families in attendance really appreciate all the yummy support!! You're the best!



November 10th and 11th is our church **Craft and Vendor Fair**. Youth will set up a table for a **BAKE SALE** in efforts to raise money for their mission trip next summer. Times are as follows: Saturday the 10th from 8am-4pm and Sunday the 11th from 8am-1pm. ADMISSION is FREE. Please come check out the fair.



Red Bird Mission in Kentucky is coming to Omaha to host a craft fair and sell goods made by the natives there. Location will be at Living Faith UMC (182nd and Q St). This church are our friends who traveled to Red Bird with us in 2017. Times are as follows: Friday, November 16th from 5-8pm, Saturday, November 17th from 9am-2pm, and Sunday, November 18th from 11:15am-2pm. Our youth will go visit the craft fair on Sunday after our church services. Feel free to go check it out as well!

Wednesday, November 21st: NO Kids for Christ (KFC) classes and nursery is closed.

Let your light shine!!
Becky McClanathan

(photos on page courtesy of Becky McClanathan)

November Birthdays

- 11/3 Andrea Gonzalez
11/6 Nikki Pace
11/7 Barb Derby
Lorri Hicklin
Judy Johnson
11/8 Payton Lott
11/13 Arley Demarais
Donald Holzbauer
Amber Kane
11/14 Arlyne Weichel
Everett Williams
11/15 Cassie Lee
11/16 Ramona Swett
11/19 Dee Adams
11/20 Hannah Edelman
Chyler Kiobasa
11/21 Austin Hodgen
11/24 Debbie Dodenhof
Mason Johnson
Shayla Karnish
11/27 Ian Frazee
11/29 Ryan Pearson Jr.
11/30 Dustin Hodgen
Amanda Russell



UMW Notes

Thurs, Nov 1st	Naomi Ruth Circle	10am
Sat, Nov 3rd	Meat Pick-up	9-10am
Sun, Nov 4th	Meat Prep in Kitchen	morning
Mon, Nov 5th	Meal Prep & Table Set-up	9am
Tues, Nov 6th	Soup & Pie Meal	11am-7pm
Thurs, Nov 8th	Esther Circle	6:30pm
Tues, Nov 13th	Mary Circle	7pm
Thurs, Nov 15th	Bingo @ Hillcrest Shadowlake	2pm
Tues, Nov 27th	UMW Executive Board Meeting	6:30pm
Wed, Nov 28th	Birthday Party @ Hillcrest Shadowlake (Esther Circle to provide 4 cakes)	

Annual Election Day Soup & Pie Meal

Trinity United Methodist Women will serve their Annual Election Day Soup and Pie Meal on Tuesday, November 6th from 11am until 7pm in the Johnson Community Center. The cost for this event is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under. The price of the ticket includes a bowl of either fresh, homemade chili or chicken noodle soup with homemade noodles, crackers, raw veggies, a piece of pie, and drink. Hope to see you there!

Saturday Book Club

For November, Saturday Sisters Book Club will be discussing *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah. You are invited to join us in Room 205 at 9am on Saturday, November 17th, for fellowship and discussion.

Ralston Archives

The Frank & Velma Johnson Ralston Archives Museum will have a Holiday Magic Open House on Sunday, November 25th.

Daylight Savings

Remember to set back one hour any clocks that need to be set manually before going to bed on Saturday, November 3rd.

Don & Millie's Sunday

Eat at Don & Millie's on Sunday, November 25th from 11am – 5pm and the church receives 20% of your purchase.

Calendar insert

You will find inserted in this month's Beacon a copy of the current calendar for November. Please check the website (trinityralston.org) for the most up-to-date calendar available. Call the church office at 402-331-4054 for more information, or to schedule your event today.