November 2026 Newsletter

A Loving Church for a Living Lord!

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Our Mission: To Make Disciples for the Transformation of the World

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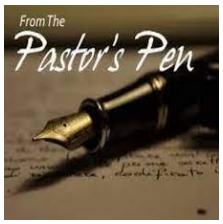


From the Pastor's Pen

A Thanksgiving Reflection for Our Church Family

As Thanksgiving approaches, we are reminded to pause and recognize the many blessings God has placed in our lives. Gratitude is more than a feeling reserved for special occasions; it is a daily choice to notice God's goodness, give thanks for His faithfulness, and trust Him through every season.

Our church family has much to be grateful for: the gift of faith, the encouragement of one another, opportunities to serve, and the hope we have through Christ. Even during difficult times, thanksgiving helps us remember that we are not alone. God continues to meet us with grace, strengthen us through community, and invite us to share His love with others.

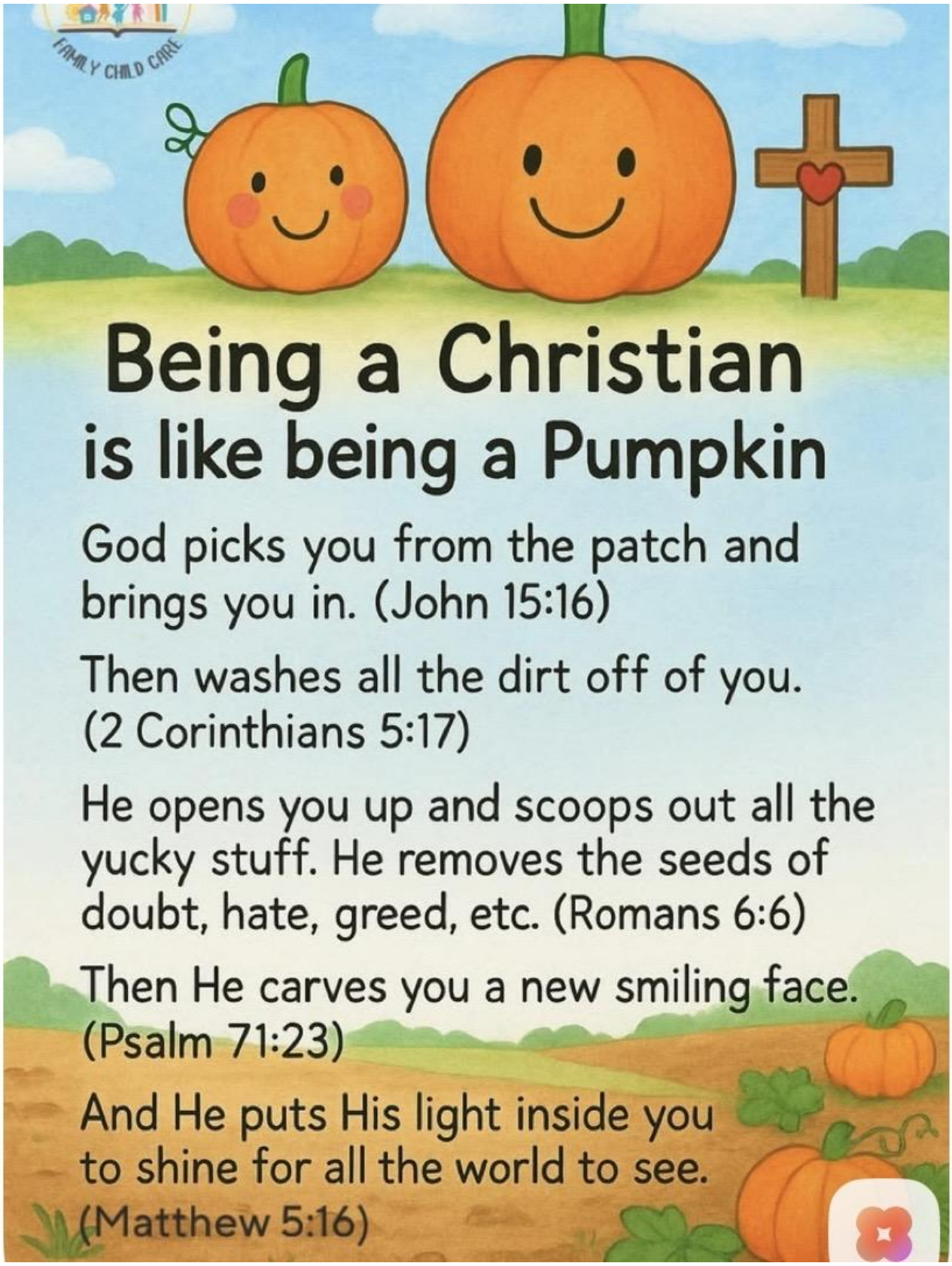
This season, may we express our gratitude not only with words, but also through generous hearts and willing hands. A kind note, a shared meal, a helping hand, or a prayer offered on someone's behalf can become a meaningful expression of thanksgiving.

May our homes and congregation be filled with joyful hearts as we celebrate God's blessings. Let us enter this Thanksgiving season with humility, compassion, and renewed appreciation for the people and opportunities that enrich our lives. Above all, may our gratitude point others toward the love and goodness of God.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." — Psalm 107:1

Blessings,

In Christ's Service,
Pastor Brian


FAMILY CHILD CARE
Being a Christian
is like being a Pumpkin
God picks you from the patch and brings you in. (John 15:16)
Then washes all the dirt off of you. (2 Corinthians 5:17)
He opens you up and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc. (Romans 6:6)
Then He carves you a new smiling face. (Psalm 71:23)
And He puts His light inside you to shine for all the world to see. (Matthew 5:16)

Food Ministry

The Annual Rotary Christmas dinner will be held on DEC 12, starting at 12:30. It will be a full turkey dinner with all the trimmings for no charge.

Further info on reservations when they become available.

Excitement with the holiday season approaching even with the nonsense going on in Washington affecting various programs. We are building our inventory in anticipation of increased volumes.

With that said, we are trying to make it a little more special for the holidays. We hope this will include handing out turkeys in Nov. Also, various dairy products that we normally don't carry. We are really looking forward to the Nov Boy Scout food drive. We really count on this annually to help with our stores.

If you can help we need cake mixes, cake frosting and cans of cranberry sauce to help enhance our distributions for the season.

Thank you to all !!!

GOOD STEWARDSHIP

Finance Team

Finances look good, keep giving to the Lord!

Blessings,

Tom Brickle

Finance Team Chair

Trustees

Hello United Methodists,

Frost on the ground today. I'm afraid our wonderful flowers will be all done. We have shut down the cooling tower and switched the heat pumps over to heating from cooling. Time to get the storm windows up on the stain glass windows and salt at the doorways.

We have completed some fix it jobs up at Brian and Cindy's house. The stockade fence around the trash toters has been replaced. The steps to the deck repaired and the deck has been stained. Their house should be good to go for a while.

Roman is working at getting room 13 ready for the day care to use for large motor skills. We just have to decide what to do with some old files and old file cabinets and then it should be all set. In addition to that, Roman and some other trustees are slowly getting the attic cleaned out. Things seem to collect up there just like the attic in my home. If you want anything from the attic, let us know because next time you visit the attic, it might be gone.

That's it for now. Hope to see you in church soon.

God bless,

John Mueller

Chair of Trustees

Staff Parish Relations Team

Hi Friends,

Every church context is different, and churches have their own particular needs, just as pastors have their own particular gifts. It is the responsibility of the SPR and Pastor to discuss and prioritize the needs of the church and review the prioritization on a regular basis.

Following the Pastor's yearly review, the SPR Team established recommendations and goals for next year, which have been agreed upon by Pastor Brian and the Team. Each time SPR meets we will review the progress made toward achieving the goals that were set.

Blessings,
Gail Conners, SPR Chairperson

United Methodist Women

Our annual **COOKIE SALE**, during the Village Festival of Lights, is **Friday December 4, 6PM** until sold out. We need bakers, cookie decorators and help selling the cookies that night.
Bakers: Cookies need to be **delivered** to the Church Kitchen **Wednesday December 2 by 4pm**.
Decorating Party: and Assorting the containers with cookies **Thursday December 3 at 1pm**.

Selling the Cookies: Set up in the **Narthex (Good Light and Warm!) Friday December 6, 5:30**

All kinds of cookies are wanted and needed.
Sign up with Melissa Lenhart or Gail Conners.

Thanks!

FYI - Saturday December 12 is the Rotary Christmas Dinner for Seniors at 2pm. Watch for more information.

WORSHIP

Fall is definitely upon us and we are gearing up for a busy Holiday Season. **November 1st is All Saints Sunday** – Our hearts and minds naturally turn to those who have nurtured us on our Faith Journey. Who are those Saints in your life?

We may all feel a bit dizzy this year with the timing of the holiday events. **Advent** begins Sunday November 29, three days after Thanksgiving! So, in order to be ready, we will be **Decorating the Sanctuary after Church on November 22.** Steve and Donna Strub have already chosen the Sanctuary Tree and they report that it is the biggest tree we have ever had!! **Snacks** will be provided to keep us going. Many hands make light work so **please plan to stay and help.**

Thanking you in advance!
The Worship Team

Update Your Contact Information

We have incomplete information for many people. If you had children that grew up in the church and are now on their own, it would be helpful to have their information too. The form provides space for that.

We appreciate your attention to this information so that we3 may serve you well. In addition, we recently made changes to our Church Management Software.

This QR code will take you to the form.

OR: Here is a link to the form:
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