



Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2023

Worship God.

Follow Jesus.

Serve Others.

“Enter with the password: “Thank You!” Make yourselves at home, talking praise. Thank him. Worship him. For God is sheer beauty, all-generous in love, loyal always and ever.”

Psalm 100:4-5 (The Message)

Dear Friends in Christ,

Yes, it's the month to celebrate Thanksgiving. The fourth Thursday of November is always a joy and a time to celebrate. But we all have so very much for which to be thankful that one day in the month is not near enough. As Christians we celebrate with thanksgiving every day of the year.

The apostle Paul writes with joy and thanksgiving to the church at Philippi (and to our church as well) as he writes “I thank my God every time I remember you In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” (vs 1:3-6)

Adam Hamilton in our study of the book *The Walk* suggests that we begin worship with “Thank you” and begin prayers with “Thank you” and begin our day with “Thank you.” He also suggests that the cure for insatiable lust and material acquisition is to express gratitude for spouse and all our present possessions. When we do this with sincerity we will discover that gratitude and thanksgiving replaces the need for more and gives us grace to say “enough.”

This November, let us take the Thanksgiving opportunity to inventory our love for family and our satisfaction with the present blessings of our generous Lord. We will discover a rich satisfaction and joy that is initiated and enhanced with gratitude.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Wade Panse, Pastor

HEALING SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

Our Pastor, Wade Panse, will be offering healing services each Monday in the month of November. Gathering in the Prayer Room of the church, those in attendance will hear a teaching from Scripture about healing, pray together for those with need of healing, and receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. The service will begin at 11:00 each Monday morning November 6, 13, 20 and 27. Please plan to attend one or more of the healing services.

ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

After several years of ZOOM meetings for our annual church business, we will be meeting in person on Thursday, November 2 at 7:30 in the Fellowship Hall of the Church. Our District Superintendent, Dwayne Bagley will be in attendance and leading this annual meeting of the Church. It is at this meeting that we celebrate the ministry we share here in Cassopolis, elect church leaders for the year 2024 and approve the Pastor compensation package for 2024. Rev. Bagley will share a devotional message and we will have opportunity to express our gratitude for his leadership the past six years as District Superintendent of the Greater Southwest District of the Michigan Annual Conference.

THE WALK, FIVE ESSENTIAL PRACTICES OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

Our study on Wednesday evenings of *The Walk*, by Adam Hamilton, will conclude on Wednesday, November 8. For six weeks we have enjoyed the video segments, the discussion of Scripture and the review of the book as we have examined and practiced the essential disciplines of the Christian faith. We have grown in our understanding and appreciation for worship and prayer, study, serving, giving and sharing. Thank you to all who have been reading and studying together. Blessings.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

The tradition of our local church is to read the roll of the deceased on All Saints Sunday. Our church members, family and friends who have preceded us in death since this time last year will be named and honored with the ringing of a hand bell, the lighting of a candle and presentation of a rose on the altar. Always a sacred moment in our worship service, we encourage family and friends to stand when the name is read for a person related or remembered.

All Saints Sunday is always the first Sunday in the month of November. This year our observance will be on Sunday, November 5.

INSPIRATION FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

“I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.”

Eph 1:18-19a

SERMONS SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

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| Nov 5 | All Saints Sunday | The Word that Takes in All Others | Rev 21:1-7 |
| Nov 12 | Rapture | Caught Up in the Clouds | 1 Thes 4:13-18 |
| Nov 19 | Thanksgiving | Thanks and Praise | Psalms 100 |
| Nov 26 | Christ the King | Where Christ Sits | Eph 1:15-23 |

HELP WANTED

On the round, high top table on the south wall of Wood Fellowship Hall is some “work” requiring attention.

Several hundred photos of memorable CUMC occasions/events/people are waiting for some helpers/workers to review, sort, and label. Pick up a handful or more, take them home (Sign the sign out sheet) and record the names of the people/event/date on the back of the photo.

If identifying people, please use the L to R format. If you know the event and/or date, also record that information on the back of the photo. If you are not certain of the photo/event date AND a pastor is in the picture, refer to the CUMC 185th history booklet and record the year (s) of that pastor’s tenure.

IF you take photos home, please return them by Sunday November 19. On that date, all photos will be stored with other CUMC history files.

Questions: contact Dawn: dawnatkinson7@gmail.com or 445-2789.

Thank You!

The following two notes were received from students who take of advantage of the student coffee account at the Savage Bean coffee shop in downtown Cassopolis. Our church contributes generously to support this beverage benefit for local students.

Dear United Methodist Church, Thank you so much for donating money to the Savage Bean (coffee shop) for student coffee. Whenever I want to hang out with friends after school, this is the first place we go. My favorite part of my week is every Friday when me and my best friend come here after school and catch up on homework and hangout. Thank you again! Sincerely, Breece

Dear United Methodist Church, Thank you so much for donating to Savage Bean Coffee. It means so much to me and so many more high school students to have something to do after a long day and not have to worry about cost. I'm sure I can talk for may other students when I say we appreciate it so very much. Sincerely, Savanna

Thank you dear Church for observing Pastor Appreciation Month by contributing a generous check to Asbury Theological Seminary in my honor. Asbury is dedicated to the training of men and women for ministry around the world. I am a graduate and a former staff member of Asbury Seminary, so I appreciate very much your kindness and generosity by giving this gift in my honor. Blessings.

Rev. Wade Panse

From Connie Zablocki:

For everything you have done... for everything you have given... Thank you.

Thank you for the blanket, it is very pretty.



Congratulations to Connie Zablocki who was the lucky winner of the beautiful CUMC 185th Anniversary Quilt created by our very talented ladies of the Sewing Sowers.

HUMOR FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Church Sign: No Tricks, All Treats, Come and Worship with Us



It was a beautiful afternoon on the 1st of October when 71 walkers and 2 dogs from over ten churches assembled at the Council on Aging track. Our church family raised \$340. The total pledges for the 2023 CROP Walk reached almost \$13,000. Funds will be used by Church World Service to provide food, clean water, and many more programs to those whose homes and livelihoods have been wiped out by war, natural disasters, and climate change. Locally 25% of the funds will be shared by five food pantries in Cass County. Thank you for your continued support!



This project delivers not only the joy of what, for many kids, is their first gift ever, but also gives them a tangible expression of God's love. It is such a blessing to participate in this wonderful ministry. National Collection Week will be held November 13-20. For further information, contact Karen Wright who is our project leader for Operation Christmas Child.

Love acts and funds that CUMC has done during November 2022- November 2023

We record and upload our church services on the internet.

Donation in honor of Pastor Wade to Asbury Theology.

Donation for Savage Bean Coffee shop for a safe haven for the Cassopolis students to gather and socialize.

Donation to Domestic Assault home.

Donation to Cass County Special Olympics. Helping to pay for warmup jackets and holiday dances.

Donations of Monies and Food to Helping Hands of Cass County.

Helped Neighbor pay for removal of lightning damaged tree.

Packed Backpacks for 40 students at Sam Adams Elementary School for 4 weeks.

Christmas by Candlelight service and dessert celebration for entire community.

Donations for College scholarships.

Lap robes, pillowcases, baby bibs, adult bibs to organizations that help those in need.

Contributed to Library Spooktacular.

Personal care items, bedding, food @ Thanksgiving time to Domestic assault.

Hats, Gloves, mittens given to the children at Sam Adams Elementary School.

Sewing Sowers donated homemade items to COA, CC Medical Care Facility.

Sewing Sowers also made pillowcases to be included in Operation Christmas Child boxes.

Donation for Village of Cassopolis fall fest kids games prizes.

Made DeColores stoles for weekend #142 made by Sewing Sowers.

Donation for a church member for gas and medicine while having cancer treatment.

Shut-in meals.

Pick up those who do not drive so they can attend church.

Sewing Sowers finished quilts of deceased member Pat Williams that she started for her family members.

Graduation gifts for students

Comfort Quilt and tote bag by a member of the church for a Cancer survivor (Wade and Patti's daughter).

SW Mi College food bank donation.

Donations to Ukraine, Florida, Hawaii, Kentucky, and Turkey disasters.

100% Ministry Shares.

Crop Walk at COA.

MSU Wesley Foundation donation.

40+ Operation Christmas Child boxes.

Adopt a family or 2 at Christmas that needs gifts and food.

To honor our Special Olympics church member, Chris Nickel, we presented him with a quilt made from his Special Olympic t-shirts created by the Sewing Sowers.



NOVEMBER



| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | |
|---|---|---|---------------------|--|--------|---|--|
| | | | 1 Anne Felton | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
| 5 Worship 10AM Holy Communion Jerry Garber | 6 Mike Watts | 7  Election Day Mark Williams | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11  VETERANS DAY | |
| 12 Worship 10 AM | 13 | 14 Sewing Sewers 10 AM | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | |
| 19 Worship 10 AM | 20 John Kelley Mary Alice Johnson | 21 Sewing Sowers 10 AM | 22 | 23  Happy Thanksgiving Jeff Singleton | 24 | 25 St Paul Lutheran Food Pantry 11:30 - 1 PM | |
| 26 Worship 10 AM | 27 | 28 Jerry & Jeanne Garber  | 29 Sherry Hilden | 30 Sue Loux | | | |

If your special date does not appear on this calendar, please let the office now.