



# THE MEETING HOUSE

## WASHINGTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### November 2023

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Thank you, SPPRC and members, for your gifts and expressions of love and support on Pastor Appreciation Day. God is so good, church! He has kept Washington UMC as a house of worship for 185 years and is able to continue to grow and strengthen this church as long as we serve Him and Him alone. "Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded." James 4:8 KJV. I am grateful and appreciative of how the mighty hand of God continues to move in our church and community. Have you seen the Children's Moment on Sunday morning? The youth and fruit of our congregation are being taught the word of God. Thank you, parents and grandparents, for "train[ing] up a child in the way he should go." Proverbs 22:6 KJV.

The Men's Ministry continues to meet on Monday mornings at 9 am and is growing in membership. Celebrate Recovery meets in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday evening at 6pm and is for anyone with any hurt, habit or hangup. Choir Rehearsal is Wednesday evening 7 pm. My Life Youth Group led by Alison Greiner meets on Wednesday night at 6:30 pm and is open to all youth. Through the Bible with Pastor Anthony meets on Thursday evening at 6:30 pm where we share in a light meal together as we meet the physical and spiritual needs to grow stronger in the Lord. As you can see, there are many activities at the church each week. I pray that you will make time to pray for, support, encourage and participate in these ministries.

Speaking of time, remember the three Ts? We are committing our Time, Talent and Treasures to God. God has everything, and everything belongs to Him. Our mind, body, heart and attitude are all useful in worshiping God. The Bible reminds us "whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." Philippians 4:8 KJV. Therefore, in giving tithes and offerings, it is a sacrifice and requires being good stewards of the finances that God allows us to have. He only asks for 10% of our income to be used for the work of the church; such as the utilities and the operational costs. In looking around the church, there is evidence of talented members who decorate, landscape, and serve refreshments. If you are unsure of your spiritual talents, pray and ask the Lord to show you what He would have you do and then commit to doing it unto the Lord. "Then saith He unto His disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few." Matthew 9:37 KJV.

Additionally, we are moving into the holiday season with Thanksgiving, then Advent, which is the time in the Christian calendar where we prepare for the coming of the Lord. Finally, I pray that you continue to P.U.S.H. Pray Until Something Happens. All of us are going through something. God knows what each of us is in need of. We need to pray and communicate with the Lord, learn to listen for and to His voice. What is God speaking to you about your situation? Keep P.U.S.H.ing and know that the Lord is able.

Stay Prayerful, Pastor Anthony

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people who are  
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# NOVEMBER MISSIONS

## Christmas Adoption and Giving Tree

### CHRISTMAS ADOPTION

The money donated for Christmas Adoption allows us to “adopt families” through HACAP to buy presents.



### GIVING TREE

The tree will be in the back of the sanctuary with envelopes as ornaments. Each envelope contains whether a male or female from a nursing home and what they would like to have as a present(s)



## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

### **October 2, 2023**

Present: Rick Meeks, Mike Moore, Lori Bauer, Cathy Kleese, Alberta Thornton, Bob Helscher, Lynda Jarrard; Wayne Kauffman, Trustee. Pastor Anthony;  
Absent: Tom Patterson

Rick opened the meeting with prayer. Mike passed out monthly reports. Lori suggested a letter with pledge cards be sent or given to church members. Mike moved the letter be sent first class mail. Cathy seconded, carried.

Wayne gave an update on expenses to date and possible expenses the Trustees may encounter in 2024.

The committee reviewed the 2023 budget vs actual report. Following much discussion, a proposed budget for 2024 was prepared. Mike will present it to the Admin Council at their next meeting.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be Tuesday, November 14, at 1:30 p.m. in the church library.

Bob moved to adjourn.

Lynda Jarrard, Secretary



## **UWF Meeting Update**

Submitted by Marilyn Whitenack

The Washington United Women in Faith met October 13, 2023, at 1 pm. 14 members met at the Tea Room of Jessica Faselt-827 S 2nd Ave-Washington.

Jessica is a very talented and renowned Opera singer. She talked about her start in singing opera. She also shared the many places she has performed and many honors she has received. We enjoyed listening to a performance she gave us.

A lovely tea and dainty sandwiches with many sweets were served along with Birthday cake and ice cream celebrating 154 years of UMW. After our tea, Jessica invited us to view her beautiful home.

The next meeting will be November 10th in Fellowship Hall for lunch. Our hostesses will be Karen Norman and Margaret Crawford. Our program will be World Thank Offering.



## Washington United Methodist Church



# Worship Committee

## Minutes October 17, 2023

The Worship Committee met on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the Wesley Center Library.

Those present were: Shirley Textor, Sue Meeks, Dana Rembold, Chris Marshall, Alison Greiner, and Anthony DeVaughn. Jean Potratz and Linda Soukup were unable to attend. Minutes from the September 19, 2023 meeting were approved as presented.

Pastor Anthony opened the meeting with prayer.

### Committee Reports:

**Technology:** Anthony said the audio-visual system upgrade as discussed at the last meeting is in a holding pattern, as we wait for DB Acoustics' availability. As noted last month, this is going to be a two-pronged process. New projectors, motorized screens and a new mixing board will be added, according to the system design by DB Acoustics. On the audio side, they want to replace everything, because the speakers and some of the microphones have been in the sanctuary since 1980. We still need to get to the point where we have somebody to run the system. The system will be put together in stages, which will also include accommodations for the hearing impaired. Alison noted that the Youth Group TV was buffering a lot during Sunday School this past Sunday, and wondered whether the wi-fi or the TV was the issue.

**Gratitude:** Shirley said the care notes group continues to meet the last Thursday of each month at 1:00 p.m., and they continue to ask for volunteers.

**Ushers/Greeters/Hospitality/Welcome:** Shirley noted we have badges now for ushers and greeters. Anthony said we haven't done any hospitality training yet, which continues to be a work in progress. Passing the plate was completed a couple of times, but now offering plate locations are noted in the bulletin so that guests have an opportunity to give. In addition to automatic bank debits, options for online giving by phone, tablet or computer are being discussed.

**Altar/Decorations:** Thank you to Roger & Lisa Crawford for the beautiful indoor and outdoor church decor!



## Worship Committee Continued...

**Music/Worship Service:** October 22nd-185th Year Church Celebration--The Sunday service will include sharing by five speakers as follows: Judi Fredrick-History of the Church; Dianne Gray-Memories of Music; Rick Bonar-Growing up in the Church; Dave Birney-Memories; and Ann Williams-Memories. There will also be a presentation for Pastor Appreciation Sunday. After the service, a group photo will be taken on the front steps; and after the photo, SPRC Committee members will prepare and serve a lunch for the congregation in Fellowship Hall. Because of the special program, there will be no children's Sunday School this Sunday so that the kids may be present to hear the special service.

December 24th Christmas Breakfast/casual service in the morning at 10 a.m., and Christmas Eve Service that evening at 7 p.m..

**Other Business:** Old Business: The group discussed completing church member photos in the spring rather than late fall/early winter. New Business: October is Breast Cancer month. Pink ribbon and pins were ordered to have available for all congregation members at both the October 22 and October 29 services, and we will order pink frosted sugar cookies from Hy-Vee that are bakery fresh for the October 29th morning refreshments to go with morning coffee.

The next meeting of the Worship Committee will be held on Tuesday, November 28th, (one week later than usual) at 5:30p.m. at the home of Linda Soukup.

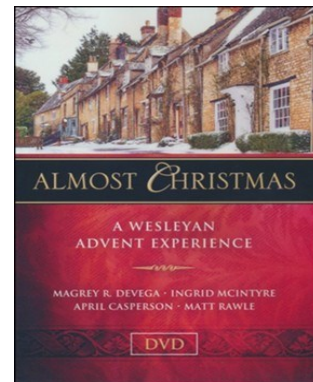
### **ALMOST CHRISTMAS**

#### **An Advent Study**



**Shirley Textor is having  
a 4-week Advent study:**

**November 29  
December 6  
December 13  
December 20**



**It will be from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the church library.  
The books are \$11.00.**

**There is a sign up sheet in the back of the sanctuary or  
you can call the office.**

## BRAIN TEASERS

1. What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth?
2. What do they call pastors in Germany?
3. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?
4. Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?
5. What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?
6. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?
7. What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden?
8. Which servant of God was the most flagrant lawbreaker in the Bible?
9. Which area of the Middle East was especially wealthy?
10. Who is the greatest babysitter mentioned in the Bible?
11. Which bible character had no parents/
12. Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?
13. Did you know it is a sin for a woman to brew coffee?



## ANSWERS

1. Ruthless...
2. German shepherds...
3. Noah-he was floating stock when everyone else was in liquidation...
4. Pharaoh's daughter-She drew out a little prophet from the Nile...
5. God drove Adam and Eve out of the garden in a "Fury"  
David's "Triumph" was heard throughout the land  
The Apostles were all in one (Honda) "Accord"
6. Samson-he brought down the house...
7. Your mother ate us out of house and home
8. Moses-he broke all 10 commandments at once...
9. The area around the Jordan-the banks were always overflowing...
10. David-he rocked Goliath into a deep sleep...
11. Joshua-the son of Nun...
12. Because Noah was standing on the deck...
13. Yep-it is in the bible—it says "He-brews"...

# Children's coloring page for November 5

The Israelites walked through the Jordan River to get through the promised land. What animals and plants do you think they saw along the way? Add them to the river below.

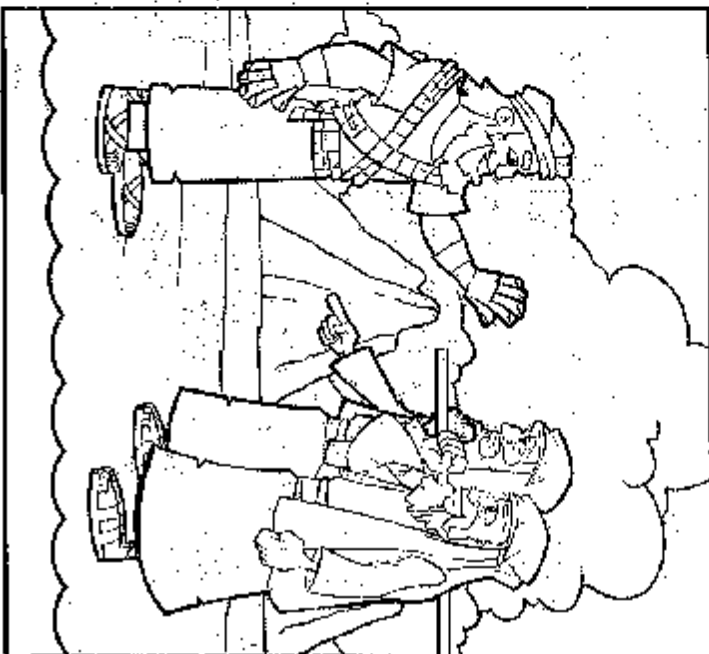
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## Crossing the Jordan

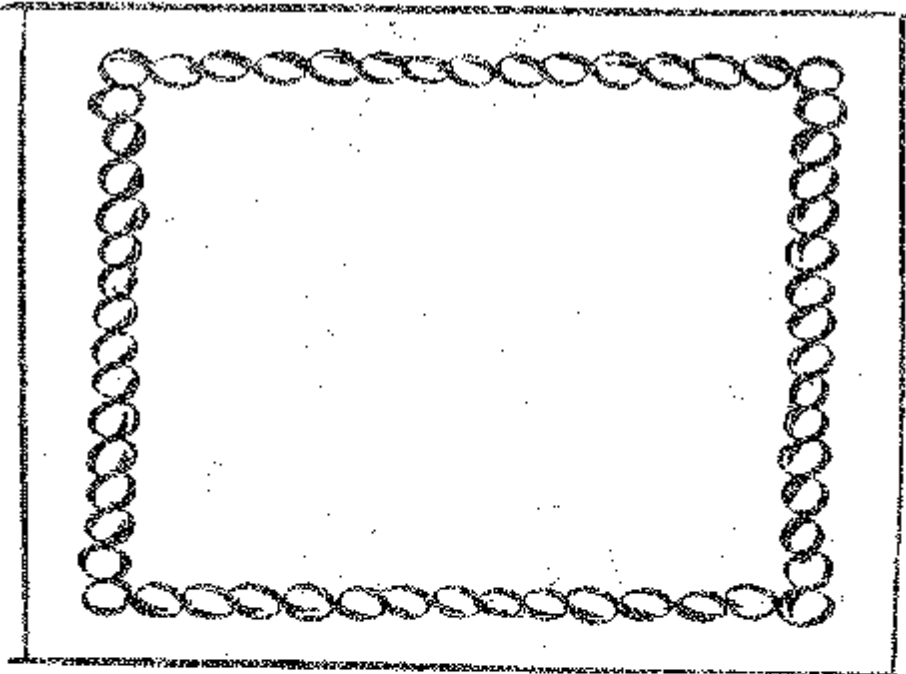
Joshua 3:1-17; 4:1-24

It was finally time to enter the promised land! The river was flooded, so the people couldn't walk through it — but then God made a path!



# Children's coloring page for November 12

Draw something or someone who makes you feel calm and peaceful.

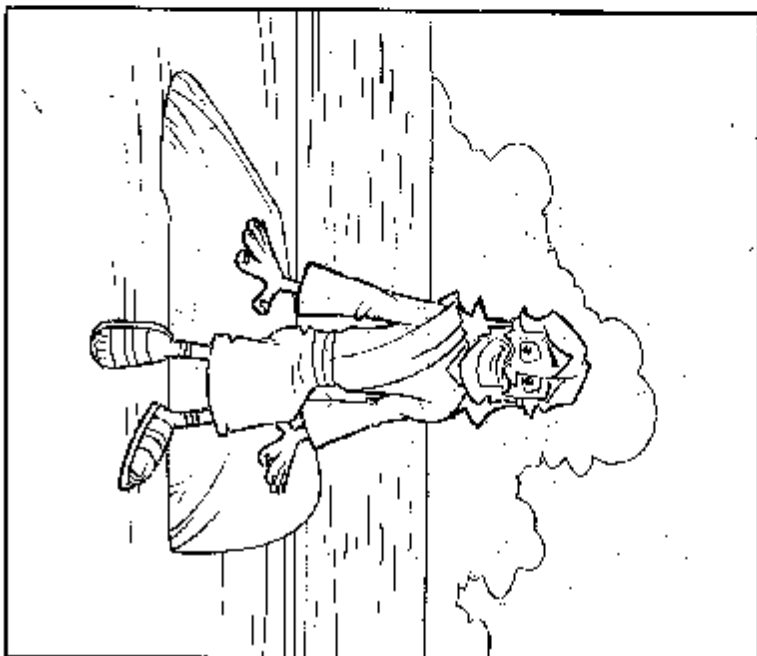


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**DEEP  
BLUE**

**Peace**  
Matthew 5:1-9

Jesus taught the people that even when we are sad, tired, hurt, grumpy, or grieving, we can have hope that things will get better. We can have peace.





Jeremiah wrote about a baby that would be born and become a king. Add a crown to the baby below.

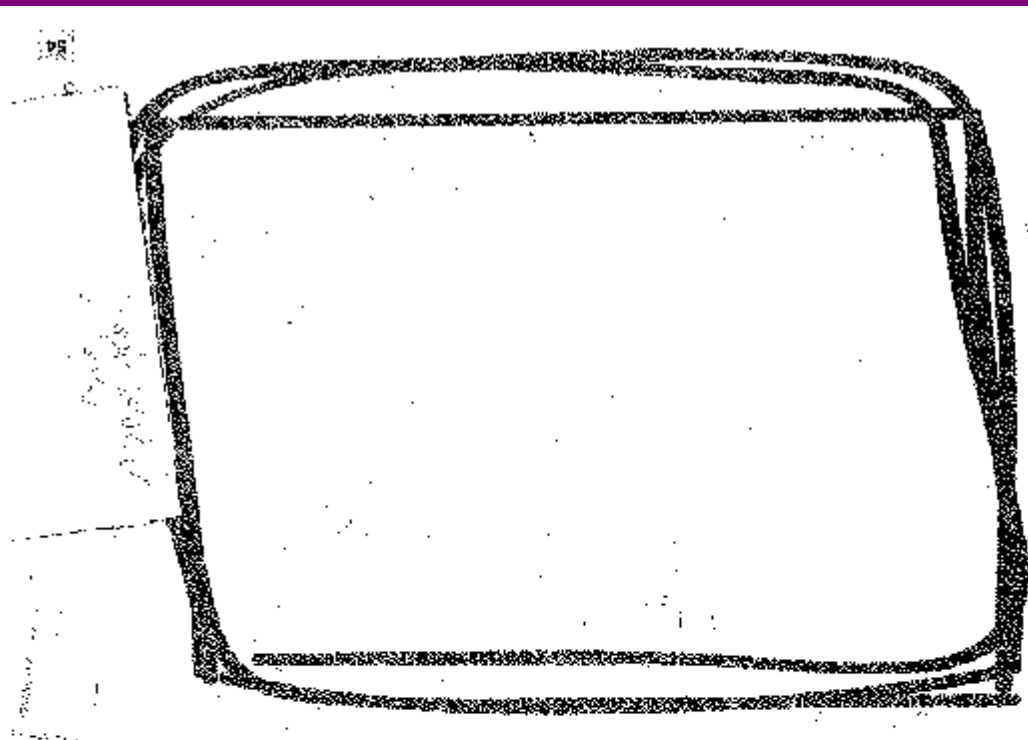


# A Baby Is Coming

Jeremiaš 23:5-8

# Children's coloring page for November 26

There is so much joy in God's world!  
Draw whatever makes you happy!



**DEEP**  
**BLUE**

**Joy**  
Psalm 100:1-5

We worship the Lord with joy!





## THE RECIPE CORNER

Recipes taken from the:  
*"Heavenly Fare for Saints & Sinners" Cookbook*

### Cheezy Lasagna Soup

From the kitchen of Tammy Negrete

- |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| 1 lb. ground beef  | 1 med. onion, sliced                  |
| 2 lg. green peppers-chopped  | 1 (6-oz) can tomato paste             |
| 2 cloves garlic-finely chopped                                       | 1 T. packed brown sugar               |
| 6 c. water   | 1-1/2 tsp. Italian seasoning-crumbled |
| 2 (14-1/2) cans diced tomatoes in olive oil, garlic & spices-drained | 1 can Italian tomato soup             |
| 2 c. uncooked Mafalda (mini lasagna) pasta                           | 1-1/2 c. Italian-style croutons       |
| 1/4 tsp. pepper  |                                       |
| 1-1/2 c. (6-oz) shredded mozzarella cheese                           |                                       |

Cook beef, onion, green pepper, and garlic over medium heat, stirring occasionally until beef is browned and onion is tender. Drain. Stir in water, diced tomatoes, and tomato paste until blended. Stir in brown sugar, Italian seasoning, tomato soup, pepper and pasta. Heat to boiling, reduce heat, cover and simmer 10 minutes until pasta is tender. Top with croutons and cheese when serving.

### Cheddar-Garlic Biscuits

From the kitchen of Joyce Peiffer-Smith

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 c. Bisquick original baking mix | 2/3 c. milk                     |
| 1/2 c. shredded cheddar cheese    | 2 T. melted butter or margarine |
| 1/8 tsp. garlic powder            |                                 |

Heat oven to 450°. Stir baking mix, milk and cheese until a soft dough forms. Drop by 9 spoonfuls onto ungreased baking sheet. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until golden brown. Stir together margarine and garlic powder. Brush over warm biscuits. Makes 9 biscuits.





# CELEBRATE NOVEMBER Birthdays!



**Bold names**  
Are+ 90+

1  
Ryan Frieze  
Duane Van Winkle

2  
Kayla Beatty  
Noah Enfield  
George Moore

3  
Eric Schoonover

4  
Lyle Thomas

5  
Lisa Carr  
Jeff Lueck

6  
Connie Bauer

8  
Ryan Loy

9  
Barbara Wehr

10  
David Ross

11  
Collin Murphy  
Tanner Murphy

12  
**James Kennedy**  
Judy McCarthy

14  
Jeff Crone

15  
Shannon Powers  
Bruce Watson

16  
Jack Greiner

17  
Corrine Phelps  
Jennine Wolf  
Cora Young

19  
Ty Stender

20  
Karen McFarland  
Aidan Miller  
Oma Munn

21  
Dana Crawford

22  
Mark Bohr  
Cathy Ross  
Abby Threlkeld

24  
Michelle Sisco-Ortiz

25  
Fran Darbyshire

26  
Kira Ropp  
Linda Sturdevant

28  
Henry Charlier

30  
Shawn Loy  
Blakely Williams

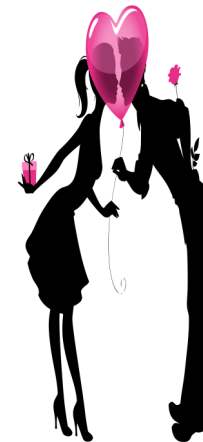
*Dave & Toni  
Adrian  
Nov. 4th  
40 yrs.*



*Barbara & Lester Wehr  
Nov. 19th  
40 yrs.*

*William & Linda Quigley  
Nov. 24th  
15 yrs.*

*Paul & Sally  
Beezley  
Nov. 26th*



# November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Handbell practice 5:45 p.m.-FH Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.-Sanctuary MYLIFE 6:30 p.m. WC Praise Team 8:00 p.m. Sanctuary	2 Bible Study 6:30 p.m.-Library	3	4 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS TONIGHT FALL BACK
5 All Saints Sunday Communion S.S. 9:00 a.m. Adult-Sanctuary S.S. 10:15 a.m. Youth-YR Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:10 a.m.-Library	6 Men's Fellowship 9:00 a.m.-Library Pastor's Day Off	7 Prayer Meeting Zoom-11:15 a.m. Celebrate Recovery 6:00 p.m. FH	8 Handbell practice 5:45 p.m.-FH Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.-Sanctuary MYLIFE 6:30 p.m. WC SPRC- 6:30 p.m. Library Praise Team 8:00 p.m. Sanctuary	9 Bible Study 6:30 p.m.-Library	10 UWF Lunch Meeting 12:00 p.m.- FH	11 Veterans Day
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Sunday School:  
9:00 am. Adult-Sanctuary  
10:15 a.m. Youth-Wesley Center

Sunday Worship  
Traditional Service: 10:00 am