



### ***Simply Great - 2024 Stewardship Emphasis***

Each year, the church goes through the process of creating a budget for the next year of ministry. This requires our finance team to create ministry budgets as well as our operational budgets. While our staff is great at creating amazing ministry opportunities while staying within our budget, we already know that we will absorb some increased expenses in the 2024 budget (adding the nursery school and increased insurance premiums). This does not include the capital expenses we have been addressing regarding the renovation of the Education Building. Your financial pledge to the yearly budget is critical to the success of our efforts to meet the needs of our community and our church members.

So, as we look to being good stewards of our resources, this stewardship season we will be addressing more than the financial part of what God desires from us. We must also consider how we have been growing as His disciples. If we are going to be used by God for building His Kingdom in our community, we must be growing as faithful disciples. Yes, our financial giving is important, but so is our spiritual giving. How are we giving our hearts to glorify God? How are we growing as disciples?

Simply Great will be our theme for this year's stewardship season.

#### **Big Idea of the Series:**

In many settings, "good enough" really is good enough. However, when we consider our calling as followers of Jesus, we cannot settle for being "good enough" followers. We must strive for being great in our faith lives. We must strive to be a great church, filled with great disciples, who learn to be great givers.

#### **November 12, 2023**

**Text:** Matthew 28:16-20, Mark 10:17-27

**Topic:** Great Commission, Great Commandment, Discipleship

**Big Idea of the Message:** A great church is one that is defined by having a great commitment to the Great Commandment and the Great Commission.

#### **November 19, 2023**

**Text:** Luke 19:1-10

**Topic:** Relationship, Discipleship, Seeing Jesus

**Big Idea of the Message:** We usually do not start out being great disciples. That is something that takes time. It starts with a relationship with our Savior. That relationship leads to our redemption — as we recognize the forgiveness offered to us.

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**FUMC Office Hours:**  
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**Monday-Friday**

*"Leading people to  
Christ, Learning to  
be like Christ,  
Loving like Christ."*



November 10 Kevin Holt  
 Alice Morrison  
 Virginia Rhodes Olesen  
 Amanda Phillips McKnight  
 November 11 Cam Sampson  
 Aubrey Williams  
 November 14 Shirley Bready  
 November 15 Beth Lakey  
 Waymon McDade

November 16 Julie Chandler  
 Jacob Delashmit  
 Lizzie Tyler  
 November 17 Weston Baddour  
 Rainey Burgess  
 Jack McDivitt  
 November 18 Rowan Maxwell  
 November 19 Katie Burdette  
 Reece Shipley  
 November 23 Cathy Adams  
 Lydia Anderson  
 November 24 Melanie Enzor  
 Mary Campbell Pence  
 Charlotte Quinley  
 November 25 Trent Thornton  
 November 26 Norma Kugler  
 November 27 Tim Wallace  
 November 29 Emma Joyner  
 Nancy Simpson

## ***GIVING & ATTENDANCE***

### **October 29 2023**

In Person 8:30 service:	71
In Person 11:00 service:	81
Sunday School:	58
Facebook Views 8:30 service:	111
Facebook Views 11:00 service:	163
Offering:	\$4,180.00

### **November 5, 2023**

In Person 8:30 service:	85
In Person 11:00 service:	134
Sunday School:	70
Facebook Views 8:30 service:	236
Facebook Views 11:00 service:	199
Offering:	\$14,533.00

*Pray*  
 WITH US

### **Physical Concerns**

Dennis Cain  
 Donna Jones  
 Doug Jones (son of Donna Jones)  
 Don Kincade (brother of JoAnne Cain)  
 Jackie Wooten

### **Undergoing Treatment for Cancer**

Barbara Blythe  
 Kirk Boyer  
 Opal Brock  
 Janie Hall  
 Bob Lakey  
 Duane Marshall  
 Ann Rivers  
 Donna VanDouser  
 Landon Wilson

### **Condolences**

Family of Judy Sloan Ralph  
 Family of Jim Rhodes

Congratulations to Andrew & Emma Hughes on the birth of their baby girl, Lennie Eliza Hughes. Proud big brother is Grady. Happy grandparents are Nancy & Bobby Hughes. The proud great-grandmother is Lennie Faye Hughes.







Fourth grade students from Tipton Rosemark Academy spent part of their day, November 2, helping out with the Bread of Life Food Pantry. They started their adventure by conducting a food drive, gathering canned goods, boxes of cereal, Mac & Cheese, and pasta, jars of peanut butter and pasta sauce and many other much needed food items. That morning, not only did they deliver wagon loads of non-perishable food items, but they also sorted and stocked them into the pantry! And because they wanted to do more to help, they grabbed all the donated plastic bags and diligently worked to get them “double bagged”.

Watching them work together with eagerness, joy and diligence, and with the common goal of getting food to the hungry, reminded me of what true disciples of Christ look like. Thank you TRA, for your continued support of the Bread of Life Food Pantry, your servant heart and for the sweet reminder.



Saturday, November 4, the Bread of Life Outreach Ministries opened the *Share the Warmth* coat closet for the 2023-2024 winter season. In the span of two hours, twenty-six coats were distributed along with hats, scarves and gloves. Twenty of those coats were adult sizes!

The coat closet is in need of larger adult sized coats, both men’s and women’s. Each year the demand is greater than the supply, please check your closet for any gently used coats you no longer use, and let your friends and neighbors know we accept all coat donations year round!

The coat closet could also use hats and gloves, for all genders and all sizes.

# COSTUMES & CANDY

## 2023

What a night!! In the short span of two hours, over 400 individuals of ALL ages enjoyed costumes, candy, hamburgers, games, music, and dancing. It was an amazing time of community fellowship! This year’s *Costumes & Candy* was a great success, thanks to a support of a community minded congregation.

Many “veteran” table hosts, along with several “newbies”, went all out decorating tables and dressing up in unique costumes to greet the parade of children and their families that made their way through the CLC throughout the evening. The *Wild for Jesus* crew entertained the masses with stage performances and by engaging the crowd in several line dances. Over fifteen stations were set up to collect or win candy and prizes, thanks to the generous candy donations, we never ran out!

Meanwhile, back on the loading dock, Jenny and Jeff Nix, with some help from Michael Pence, kept the burgers going on the grill and loaded onto the food table. The crew cooked 396 burgers and only lost two through the grates, to me, that is note worthy!

The evening was full of fun, fellowship, smiles and joy. Next year should be more of the same, make plans to join in the experience and share Christ’s love with the community.



# COSTUMES & CANDY

2023





## TRIBUTES & MEMORIALS

In Memory of **Jerry Honeycutt**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Voncile Baxter

In Memory of **Nancy McDonald**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Ann Rivers

Education Building Renovation Fund by Milton and Sharon Southall

In Honor of the **McDow Family**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Henry and Betty Glass

In Memory of **Liz Turner**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Ann Rivers



A grief group is meeting every Wednesday **at 5:00 p.m.** in the New Beginnings room. For more information, contact Cathy Adams at 901-355-3428.



## **Event Calendar**

### **Sunday, November 12:**

8:30 AM: Modern Worship-Christian Life Center

9:45 AM: Sunday School

11:00 AM: Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

4:00 PM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

### **Monday, November 13:**

10:00 AM: Pickle Ball - Christian Life Center

12:00 PM: United Women in Faith Meeting-Fellowship Hall

### **Tuesday, November 14:**

9:00 AM: Women's Bible Study-New Beginnings Room

### **Wednesday, November 15:**

9:00 AM: Thanksgiving Dinner Setup - Christian Life Center

10:00 AM: Pastor's Bible Study - Christian Life Center

6:00 PM: Church Thanksgiving Dinner-Christian Life Center

8:00 PM: Worship Band Practice - Christian Life Center

### **Thursday, November 16:**

7:00 AM: Men's Prayer Breakfast - Fellowship Hall

10:00 AM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

### **Saturday, November 18:**

8:00 AM: Bread of Life Food Pantry, Covington

### **Sunday, November 19:**

8:30 AM: Modern Worship - Christian Life Center

9:45 AM: Sunday School

11:00 AM: Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

4:00 PM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

6:00 PM: Community Thanksgiving Service - Sanctuary

### **Monday, November 20:**

10:00 AM: Pickle Ball - Christian Life Center

### **Tuesday, November 21:**

9:00 AM: Women's Bible Study - New Beginnings Room

10:00 AM: Line Dancing - Christian Life Center

4:00 PM: Pickle Ball - Christian Life Center

7:00 PM: Young Adult Group - New Beginnings Room

### **Wednesday, November 22:**

10:00 AM: Pastor's Bible Study - New Beginnings Room

6:00 PM: Children & Youth Bible Study

8:00 PM: Worship Band Practice - Christian Life Center



## WORSHIP TIMES

**Modern Worship**  
Sundays at 8:30 a.m.  
Christian Life Center

**Traditional Worship**  
Sundays at 11:00 a.m.  
Sanctuary



## United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith will meet Monday, November 13th at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Chris Brent from the Tipton County Election Commission will be demonstrating the new voting machines. Lunch will be provided.

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