

The Methodist Messenger

November 2020

United Methodist Church ~ Lindsay, Oklahoma

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Sunday, November 1 ~
All Saints Day/ Holy Communion

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Looking to the Life Beyond

Mark 10:17-27

Sunday School 9:45am

Worship 10:55am

Sunday, November 8
23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25;

Psalms 78:1-7;

Matt 25:1-13

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18;

Anthem: *Some Things Never*
Change

Sunday School 9:45am

Worship 10:55am

Sunday, November 15 ~
Stewardship Sunday
24th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalms 123;

Matthew 25:14-30

Anthem: *Hand of Our God*

Sunday School 9:45am

Worship 10:55am

Sunday, November 22 ~
Christ the King Sunday

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24;

Psalms 100;

Matthew 25:31-46

Anthem: *God of the Nation*

Sunday School 9:45am

Worship 10:55am

Sunday, November 29
1st Sunday of Advent

Luke 1:26-38

Mary

Sunday School 9:45am

Worship 10:55am

2020 Chili Corral Café and Bakery

It's time for Our Annual Chili Corral and Bakery. With cool weather coming, chili will sound good. . . We will have dine-in and take-out orders. We know there will be extra take-out orders with "this stuff" hanging around.

Please start collecting supplies, plastic tubs and those recipes for baked goods. We will have our Bakery open. All items need to be covered or wrapped and priced. November 19th will be our cook day for the chili and homemade chicken salad. We will also set up tables for dining and serving. This is a wonderful day of fellowship with laughter (and singing). If you are new to the church, please come join us. We need your help cooking, baking decorating and preparing. This event makes money for items in the church and kitchen that are not on the budget. There is always something in need of the Corral money.

Some of the supplies needed are: HAMBURGER MEAT (regular grind), tomato juice, Fritos, 2-liter bottles of pop, onions, crackers, jalapenos, shredded cheddar cheese, cream cheese, pecans AND BAKED GOODS, for serving and FOR SALE. Look for the posters to sign up for work or to bring your donations. Monetary donations are accepted too!!! Donated items should be at the church kitchen by Sunday, November 15th. Baked goods can wait till Friday morning. Please help with this event. This is a WHOLE church event. If you are unable to help at the church either Thursday, November 19th, cook day, or Corral day, November 20th, please donate, DONATE, or DONATE. Money, donated items and baked goods are needed. If you have any questions, please call Barbara Jo Thomas at 405-756-6485.

“What message does my Lord have for his servant?” Joshua 5:14

I have been asking our Heavenly Father what he would have me share with you. My monkey mind has been swinging in all directions. When we wake on November 4, either Joe Biden will be the new president, Donald Trump will still be the president, or the results of the election will be unclear and emotions will be running high all over the country. I’ve been pondering the uncertainty, anger, fear, and potential division that we all might be facing after the election. Finally, Holy Spirit nudged me and gave me a very clear message to pass on to you. There is something so much more relevant and important to the election. And that is how we respond to the outcome, regardless of who wins. As followers of Christ, we must keep the big picture in mind in order to face the future with confidence. I am reminded of Joshua 5:13-15:

Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, “Are you for us or for our enemies?” “Neither,” he replied, “but as commander of the army of the Lord I have now come.” Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence and asked him, “What message does my Lord have for his servant?” The commander of the Lord’s army replied, “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy.” And Joshua did so. – Joshua 5:13-15 NIV

So, God’s agenda and purposes doesn’t seem to depend on the outcome of the United States Presidential election. The commander of the Lord’s army suggests that **our first priority is personal submission to Almighty God, and worshiping God reverently**. I think God has this, no matter what the outcome.

We may feel like the sky is falling with the pandemic, heightened racism, and the election. But, **God is sovereign**. We are reminded that God puts down one and exalts another, Psalm 75:7. As we look back over the history of the world, God uses all kinds of leaders with all kinds of backgrounds to fulfill His sovereign purposes in the world. God uses faithful followers like Gideon, Deborah, and Moses as well as pagan leaders like Darius and Nebuchadnezzar.

The isolation over the past seven months can leave us feeling abandoned, disappointed, even hopeless. I found depression pushing in on me towards the end of the summer. But, I am reminded that **trials are inevitable in our lives**. *“Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.”* 2 Timothy 3:12 NASB. We are living in a post-Christian nation and we just have to adjust our expectations and mission from the Lord accordingly.

Finally, and this is the most important part, God wants us to remember that **His people are THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD!** Light brings life, healing, love, and holiness. Light prays for those who persecute them, loves their enemies, and does good deeds of kindness to all people so they will glorify their Father in heaven. Light shines brightest in the darkness and crisis and difficulties are not only times of chaos, but also of great opportunity.

Let our light shine boldly as we practically face the future with confidence. We were chosen for a time like this to make a difference – to be the salt, the light, and the love of God manifested in everyday life. We cannot control what has or will happen in our country, or our circumstances – but, ***we can control how we respond!*** James 1:2-4 says, *“Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.”*

I am deeply humbled by your prayers and extraordinary financial support that has allowed us to respond to the needs of people here and around the world facing significant challenges.

In Christ, we are facing the future together.

Life in the Body of Christ

...Our Presence in Oct. ...

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| Sunday School | 9 |
| Worship | 66 |

...Our Gifts...

Needed Weekly \$4,717.65
Received...

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| Oct. | 4 | \$4,798.00 |
| | 11 | \$4410.00 |
| | 18 | \$1290.00 |
| | 25 | \$849.00 |
| TOTAL | | \$11,347.00 |

\$18,870.60 was needed to meet all of our church needs for the month. **We were under that goal by \$7,523.60.**



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Frances Bunch will be leading a Bible Study in January 2021! Be watching the newsletters for more information coming soon!



Stewardship Sunday will be Sunday, November 15th. Please watch your mailings for your 2021 stewardship card and more information. Prayerfully consider your gifts to LUMC and return your completed card in the offering plate on November 15th.

...Our Thanks...

Thank each and every one of you for your generous memorial gifts given in honor of Mike. Your love and generosity are appreciated.
~Leah Stevens & Family

Dear Pastor Banks, trustees, and all members of Lindsay UMC, - Thank you so much for the generous gift of a church van. We were amazed when Pastor Ron told us about your offer. We will use it for church activities as well as outreach events in Mannsville. We'll be glad to "let our light shine" while using this van.

Thanks again so much, Jayne Deringer on behalf of Mannsville UMC.

Thank you for supporting our Beans & Bingo Fundraiser on October 22. We appreciate each of the time, talent, and monetary gifts we were given.
~ UMYF

Pastoral Calls: Emergency or Non-emergency

When times of crisis, sudden illness, or death happen, your pastor is available any time of the day or night to offer prayers, be a spiritual support, and if need be, offer last rites and prayers for the dying. Call the church office during office hours: 756-2382.

Any other time, please call Jacki's cell phone: 580-445-7464.

November Birthdays

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| 5 th | Mariah Harrison |
| | Arnita Pignitaro |
| 6 th | Talana Keeler |
| | Lance Webb |
| 7 th | Kim Cleary |
| | Jacob Loman |
| | Kamdyn Urban |
| 13 th | Tom Wisdom |
| 15 th | Sean Jackson |
| | Amy Richardson |
| 17 th | Pam Urban |
| 19 th | Gabriel Break |
| | Nancy Rogers |
| 20 th | David Wall |
| 24 th | Virginia McGill |
| 25 th | Hunter Harris |
| 30 th | Bob Cleary |
| | Stephanie Knapp |
| | Dennis Mote |

November Anniversaries

10th Glen & Shirley Kemerling

...UMC Food Pantry...

Each month our church serves anywhere from 10-20 families with our Food Pantry. We are running very low on supplies. Lacie has a list of suggested items on our website www.lindsayumc.com. While we are not the Regional Food Bank any longer. We still serve those who walk through our doors that are hungry. Please consider dropping off food items for those in need. If you would like more information. Call the church office.



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**Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.
The People of the United Methodist Church.**

United **M**ethodist **Y**outh **F**ellowship

Wednesday evenings from 5:30pm-7:00pm with dinner & a lesson.

We are still working on the following study:

Our study is called

"Table Talk Bible Stories You Should Know"

These lessons go back to the beginning.

These lessons come from Genesis, Exodus, and Deuteronomy.

Dinner Plans

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| November 4: | Pulled Pork Sandwiches & Mac n Cheese | Dessert: Salie |
| November 11: | Sloppy Joes | Dessert: Wilkins |
| November 18: | Sandwiches | Dessert: |
| November 22: | UMYF Thanksgiving & Nativity Set UP | 2:00pm |

December we will begin the study

Incarnation: Rediscovering the significance of Christmas



Poinsettias are \$10 each. Please include payment with your order.

All orders must be in by Sunday, November 22nd.

**You may take your plant with you after the Christmas Eve Service
on December 24th at 6:00pm.**

Name of Donor: _____

In Honor of: _____

OR

In Memory of: _____

Total Poinsettias ordered _____ Total amount due _____

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### COMMITMENT OF TIME AND TALENT

**NAME(S):** \_\_\_\_\_

**(For married couples: please indicate “H” for husband and “W” for wife.)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Acolyte                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Host Coffee Hour                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Altar preparation             | <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assist in Office              | <input type="checkbox"/> Plan/Help Church Dinners          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assist with Web Site          | <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Committee                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bells                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning/Organizing               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building Repair/Maintenance   | <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare Food                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Ministry           | <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare Snack Supper for Youth    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Moment             | <input type="checkbox"/> Promote Church Activities         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Choir                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Set up for Events                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean up after Events         | <input type="checkbox"/> Sew Costumes when needed          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communion Steward             | <input type="checkbox"/> Summer Camp Helpers               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contact / Entertain Newcomers | <input type="checkbox"/> Teach a Bible Study               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cook for Events               | <input type="checkbox"/> Teach a Sunday School Class       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinate Church Activities  | <input type="checkbox"/> Transport Sick/Aged               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decorate for Events           | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation Bible School             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drive others                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Visit Others                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Night                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer in Mission – Oklahoma   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Pantry                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer in Mission – Internat'l |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Time if Called          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greet Congregation/Newcomers  | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Assistant                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds Maintenance           |                                                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help Sick/Shut-ins            |                                                            |

Other Talents:

## Intercessory Prayer

Lord Jesus, I come to you today and thank you for the privilege of praying for others. I've been the recipient of others' prayers so often I understand how powerful intercessory prayer can be. I ask you first to cleanse my heart and show me if there is any unconfessed sin in my own life so that my prayers for others will not be hindered. I thank you that through your name, I can come boldly before you and pray with confidence, according to your will and know that you hear me.

I lift up those in my neighborhood, in my city, and in my church. Begin with those who follow you and help them influence others for good. Let them be salt and light, pointing others to you. Deepen their love for you and for the people around them. Guard them from hypocrisy or from giving in to temptations that could harm the cause of Christ. Raise up leaders who will serve you faithfully at all costs. Turn the hearts of fathers towards their children, and families toward you. Help them to exemplify your values and make them bold in their faith. Strengthen my own family, and those closest to me, Lord. May our love for You help us to love and forgive others and make a difference in our world.

I pray for teachers, for students, and for all those in authority and leadership, both locally and throughout the world. Give them your mind and surround them with godly counselors who will exercise integrity and work for justice, morality, and freedom. Help them to esteem you, not dismiss you. Send revival, Lord.

I pray for the lost, the hurting, the lonely, the sick, the bereaved, and those who are imprisoned-- behind both visible and invisible walls. Send your comfort, your peace, and your calming presence to those who are without hope. Protect the defenseless and hold them close to your heart. I pray for laborers to tell the good news of Jesus to people around our world. Jesus, my heart cries out for persecuted believers, too. Make them brave and give them your powerful protection. Bind the power of Satan and strengthen believers everywhere.

### ...Our Prayers...

Leah, Shelly, Luke & Marty Stevens Family.

#### **Shut-ins:**

Wilma Johnson,  
Pat Wall

#### **Facing Health Challenges:**

Leah Albright, Rachel Franklin, Tom Herrin,  
Joe Kennedy (knee surgery), Leah Kennedy  
(broken foot) Jacob Loman, Bill Pool, Nancy  
Rogers, Katilyn Spencer, Leah Stevens, Julia  
Murray, Rick Webb

So many needs, Jesus but your name is powerful, and your power is great. So, it's in your name that I pray -- and believe. AMEN

## All Hallows Eve- The Cleansing of the Earth for All Hallows Day

Celtic folk custom, from as far back as the 9<sup>th</sup> century, consisting of mostly Irish, Scottish and Welch peoples, celebrated All Hallows Eve on October 31<sup>st</sup>. This was the last day of the Celtic calendar year. They believed the doors between the world of the dead and the world of the living opened and all the spirits of those who had died the past year would travel from their resting place on Earth to their final resting place in the next world. The Celts put food and drink out for the spirits to refresh and encourage them on their journey.

The living wore disguises to conceal their identity from any troublesome spirits and went to visit friends and relatives with treats to celebrate the fall harvest and new year to come November 1<sup>st</sup>. They carved lanterns made from rutabagas, turnips and potatoes. They hollowed out the vegetables, carved scary faces and placed a candle inside to scare away evil spirits. Their intent was to scare away evil spirits so as to cleanse the Earth of their presence so the saintly spirits could have safe passage on All Hallows Day- their New Year's Day.

As Christianity moved into the Celtic lands the beliefs and customs of the two groups were melded together. When Irish immigrants came to America they brought their traditions with them and All Hallows Eve was shortened to Halloween. It was celebrated by the nation as a harvest festival with hay rides, taffy pulls and corn popping parties and costumes.

Trick or Treat with candy treats became popular in America in the 1950s by the Baby Boomer generation. It provided a way to visit many neighbors in a single evening and an economical and fun way to share with the growing number of children. Vandalism had risen and law enforcement discovered giving treats cut down the number of "tricks" hence the chant "Trick or Treat". Pumpkins grow in abundance and are one of America's oldest known vegetables replacing the Irish rutabaga for All Hallows Eve lanterns.

In summary- All Hallows Eve (Halloween) was a Celtic religious event being thankful for the harvest and sharing the bounty with their community. They cleansed the Earth through their religious rite for those who'd passed in the last year in preparation and remembrance of them on All Hallows Day- now known as All Saints Day. As Christianity was introduced throughout the Celtic culture, they blended the customs of both beliefs uniting God's people.

Thank you to Jane Pool for sharing this lesson  
with us here and during children's moment  
in worship on October 25<sup>th</sup>. ~ **Lacie**

# November 2020

| Sunday                                                                                                          | Monday | Tuesday                              | Wednesday                   | Thursday                                 | Friday                                                                                          | Saturday                         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Daylight Savings</b><br>1                                                                                    | 2      | 3                                    | 4                           | 5                                        | 6                                                                                               | 7                                |
| <b>All Saints' Day</b><br>Holy Communion<br>Sunday School<br>9:45am<br>Worship 10:55am                          |        | Prayer Group<br>6:00pm               | UMYF 5:30pm<br>Choir 5:30pm |                                          | World<br>Communion Day                                                                          |                                  |
| 8                                                                                                               | 9      | 10                                   | 11                          | 12                                       | 13                                                                                              | 14                               |
| Men's Breakfast<br>Sunday School<br>9:45am<br>Worship 10:55am                                                   |        | UMW 9:30am<br>Prayer Group<br>6:00pm | UMYF 5:30pm<br>Choir 5:30pm | Bloodmobile<br>11am-6pm                  |                                                                                                 |                                  |
| <b>Stewardship</b><br>15                                                                                        | 16     | 17                                   | 18                          | 19                                       | 20                                                                                              | 21                               |
| Sunday School<br>9:45am<br>Worship 10:55am                                                                      |        | Prayer Group<br>6:00pm               | UMYF 5:30pm<br>Choir 5:30pm | Chili Corral Cook<br>Day                 | Chili Corral Cafe<br>& Bakery<br>10:30am-1:30pm<br><br>Annual<br>Conference. via<br>ZOOM at 1pm | Annual<br>Conference via<br>ZOOM |
| <b>Christ the King</b><br>22                                                                                    | 23     | 24                                   | 25                          | 26                                       | 27                                                                                              | 28                               |
| Sunday School<br>9:45am<br>Worship 10:55am<br><br>UMYF<br>Thanksgiving<br>Nativity Set Up &<br>Dinner<br>2:00pm |        | Prayer Group<br>6:00pm               | NO ACTIVITIES               | THANKSGIVING<br>DAY<br><br>OFFICE CLOSED |                                                                                                 |                                  |
| <b>1st Sun of Ad-<br/>vent</b> 29                                                                               | 30     |                                      |                             |                                          |                                                                                                 |                                  |
| Sunday School<br>9:45am<br>Worship 10:55am                                                                      |        |                                      |                             |                                          |                                                                                                 |                                  |