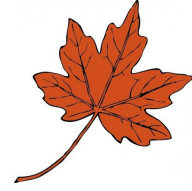
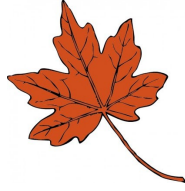


United Methodist Church Newsletter

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This year's Boo Bash event at St. Paul was held at the civic center. Families started streaming in early as the little ones showcased their costumes. One could see an endless line with people from St Paul and the neighboring communities. The sponsors of the event were ready and waiting with Halloween candy and other goodies displayed on the table. Kids were excited and visibly enthusiastic to get through the line. They would pick a piece of candy and would automatically say "thank you". The younger ones repeated their "thank you" s after their parents prompted them to. Even the very little ones who were not able to speak yet smiled with gratitude as they picked the candy of their choice.

As I watched all the happy, smiling, and grateful people. I remembered why gratitude though simple is yet so important. It doesn't take a big happening or an expensive gift. Gratitude is an attitude. It is a decision that we make every day. The kids come to the event ready to say thank you for whatever they get. And this gives them a joyous demeanor even before they get into the building. (Notwithstanding the possible effects of sugar a few hours later!)

In the book of 1 Thessalonians 5:18, scripture says "*In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*". Life is full of ups and downs. Sometimes everything feels perfect, and other times it doesn't feel right at all. But there will never be a time in your life when everything is good, or everything is bad. No matter how stressful things are you will always have something to thank God for. Someone observed, "the Bible doesn't tell us to thank God **for everything**. We're told to thank God **in everything**." We don't need to thank God for everything. You don't have to thank God for bad things, but you can be always thankful for something. You can always find a blessing in your life to be grateful for.

As we enter the month of November when we celebrate the thanksgiving holiday, I want to challenge you to predetermine to be grateful. Not because all is well. But because God is good and has blessed us. The little things in life are some of the reasons we need to be grateful. It is true that there has been a lot of unpleasant things during the season of covid -19, but God has still sprinkled his blessings, both big and small unto us, and for that, we can be intentional about being thankful. Happy thanksgiving!

Pastor Susan Murithi

Prayer Group!

The Prayer Group meets every other Wednesday at 11 am.

November 3rd the group went to Matelyn Retirement Home to pray and worship with the residents.

United Methodist Women

The UMW will be meeting on Nov. 9th at

1:30 pm in the church fellowship hall.

Ladies, please remember your 'Thank Offering'!

JUMPSTART:

Ideas and Inspiration for Post Pandemic

This is a four-hour gathering for all men and women in Nebraska and Kansas interested in hearing and sharing message of God's activities and the hope that God brings.

This is scheduled for **Nov. 13th** from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm at the First United Methodist Church in Hastings, NE.

The content of this gathering will include lunch/snacks, plus a variety of speakers, music and worship.

Cost: \$10 payable on arrival, but please email or phone/text that you can make it so food, etc. can be planned. Message your contact info and how many registering to: Doug Kalleson, dkallesen@nev.rr.com or (402)-563-1570 for landline/voicemail or (402)-909-4088 for text/voicemail.

Sunday

Worship time 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.*

Adult Bible Study

Sunday morning 9:00 am

Children's Education

Sunday School 11:00 am.

-after Worship

during the school year

Youth Group

Wednesday evenings 6:15 pm

during school year

Thursday

Come 'n Go Coffee 10:00-11:00 a.m.*

Prayer Group

Wednesdays at 11:00am

Confirmation– Sunday at 11:20
-every other Sunday Starting Oct. 3rd



***Fellowship and Come and Go Coffee have been suspended until further**

United Methodist Church of St. Paul

MISSION STATEMENT

'Making and Nurturing Disciples'

We are starting a new prayer request list. If you would like your name added to this list, please let the church office know.

Thank you



Note: We can only publish prayer concerns with the permission of the people involved. Also, the Pastor often does not find out about hospitalizations. HIPPA regulations do not allow the hospital to call unless they are requested to do so. Please give us a call (Church 754-4247) if you or someone you know is in the hospital or desires a call. Thank you for your help.

Young Family's Group

A new group started on November 3rd from 6:45pm-8:00pm here at the church. This group will include parents (including single parents!) with kids ages 0–12th Grade. Our first sessions will be about raising a child in a tech obsessed world. This group meets next on December 1st and December 15th. If you have any questions, please let the office know.

The Worship

Committee is seeking volunteers to light Advent candles this upcoming Advent Season.



Advent begins on November 28th. Usually a family or a couple will volunteer to help with this meaningful demonstration during the Christmas Season. If interested in helping, or have any questions, please contact the church office or Darla Voigt.

October Attendance

October 3rd:	64 In-person 71 views/FB
October 10th:	64 In-person 77 views/FB
October 17th:	62 In-person 83 views/FB
October 24th:	75 In-person 54 views/FB
October 31st:	76 In-person 57 views/FB

October Offering Totals

October 3rd:	\$2,930
October 10th:	\$2,171
October 17th:	\$1,465
October 24th:	\$765
October 31st:	\$1,275

School Children Milk Money



Our church is committed to give milk money to the St. Paul Public Schools for those children who otherwise would not have it available. Please keep this mission in your prayers and consider donating to this wonderful cause. Make sure and note it on your check.

Just a couple of reminders:

Confirmation is still going strong, they meet every other Sunday around 11:20 pm. The next meeting will be on November 14th.

Also, there is a Bible study group that meets every other Tuesday at 1 pm. This is held at Ursula Sorlies's home. The next session will be November 16th. That will be the last session for November.

Our church would like to encourage everyone to come back to in person worship. Masks are not a requirement at this time but we do have them available if you choose to wear one. Our sanctuary is large which helps to make it easy to social distance.

If you are still unable to come to in person worship, please feel free to watch services on-line on Facebook under *United Methodist Church in St. Paul, Nebraska*. These services are now a live-streamed service! If you can't watch on Sunday Morning, you can always watch anytime under the "videos" section. We encourage you all to do so! Also kindly 'like' our church Facebook page and share our services with friends.



Nov 1	Regan Clymer	Nov 15	Matt Harrington
Nov 4	Bill Greenway	Nov 19	Adam Rensch
Nov 5	Steve Hancock	Nov 23	Terri Alberts
Nov 9	Shana Berggren	Nov 26	Kent Naylor
Nov 11	Jeanne Bruntz	Nov 28	Mary Ann Rickertsen
Nov 11	Madison Nyberg		
Nov 13	Eric Spilinek		



Nov 9	Mike and Katelin Coghlan
Nov 25	Dan and Daylene Fox
Nov 30	Gary and Charlene Craig



Food Pantry

The United Methodist Church is responsible for operating the Food Pantry every third Saturday from 9-11 am. If you could volunteer to help any one of these Saturdays, it would be greatly appreciated.

November 20th is our next work date. Precautions are taken to insure the health and protection of both the worker and the consumer.

Thank you, Theda Van Horn

Food Pantry

The **Food Pantry** here in St. Paul is always looking for food donations. Please help us stock the shelves. Any food or paper item is accepted but these items are in high demand every month.

Hamburger Helper

Brownie mixes

Applesauce

Pork and Beans

Salad Crackers

Laundry Soap

Paper Towels

Chocolate Pudding

Jello-Not Strawberry

Mandarin Oranges

Frosting

Dish Soap

Shampoo

Toilet Tissue

Food Pantry hours

Saturday 9:00-11:00 am
 Tuesday 4:00-6:00 pm

Beginning in 2018, February will be the month for United Methodist Church to donate to the Food Pantry.

November Calendar



Nov 2	Bible study– at Ursula Sorlie’s home– 1 PM
Nov 3	Prayer Group 11 am-Matelyn Youth Group 6:15 pm Choir practice 7:30pm Young Family’s Group 6:45 pm
Nov 7	Adult Sunday School 9am Worship 10 am Children’s Sunday School– after Worship All Saints Sunday
Nov 9	UMW meeting 1:30pm
Nov 10	Youth Group 6:15 pm Choir at 7:30pm
Nov 14	Adult Sunday School 9am Worship 10 am Children’s Sunday School– after Worship Confirmation group meets after Worship
Nov 16	Bible study– at Ursula Sorlie’s home– 1 PM
Nov 17	Prayer Group 11 am–meet at church Youth Group 6:15 pm Choir practice 7:30pm
Nov 20	UMC helps with Food Pantry 9-11 am
Nov 21	Adult Sunday School 9am Worship 10 am Children’s Sunday School– after Worship
Nov 24	NO Youth group
Nov 25	Thanksgiving Day
Nov 28	Adult Sunday School 9am Worship 10 am Children’s Sunday School– after Worship Confirmation group meets after Worship 1st Sunday of Advent

Christmas Cheer update:

The Christmas Cheer applications are now available. Pick them up at UMC, St. Paul Chamber of Commerce and Citizen’s bank.

To be considered a recipient, **all completed applications must be returned by Friday, November 19th, 2021 to the**

United Methodist Church.

Beginning the first week in December there will be mitten/stocking cap/sock trees at three locations,

United Methodist Church, St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, and Citizens Bank. If you’d like to purchase a gift for a child or family (\$25-\$30 limit per gift), gift tags may be picked up at any of these three locations as well. Wrapped items should be returned to the same location from which you selected a gift tag no later than

December 10th.

The Christmas Cheer packages will be distributed on **Friday, December 17th, 2021 between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm at the Methodist Church.**



Don’t forget! Daylight Saving Time ends on November 7th. Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour before bed on Saturday the 6th!

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women met October 12, 2021 at 11:30, at the Sweet Shop for lunch. We went to the church after lunch. Charlene Craig opened the meeting. Marilyn Wall gave the devotions.

The minutes were read and approved as read.

The treasurer's report was given with an ending balance of \$1210.23.

Correspondence: Epworth Village sent a letter telling how we can bid on line for things on the auction. Prairie Rivers UMW news letter can be read online. A thank you from Epworth Village for the article we sent to them was read. The leftover school bags were given Hospice.

Old Business: Carol Phillips delivered the articles to Epworth Village and Hospice.

New Business: Special Mission honorees were chosen and will be honored at a Sunday morning service. UMW Sunday was placed on hold. The Schwenk's do not want a fundraiser. The new UMW Program "Healing and Joy" has arrived. The serving of funeral lunches was discussed with suggestions of possibly men helping and serving only salads or desserts.

Next meeting November 9, 2021 at 1:30. Mary Ann Rickertsen will give devotions, Ursula Sorlie will serve lunch and Darla Voigt the lesson.

Mary Ann Rickertsen
Secretary

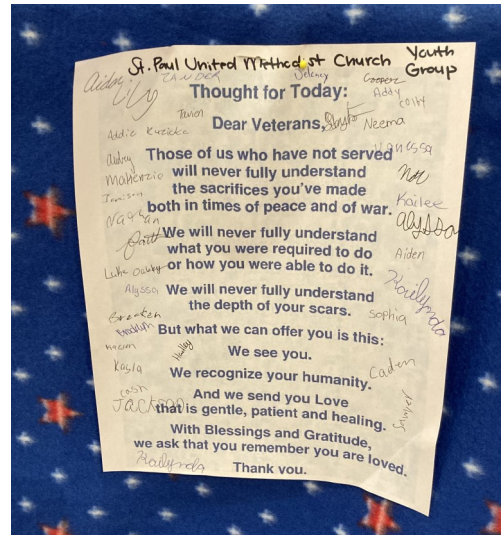
United Methodist Church Prayer Chain

The purpose of the prayer chain is to offer special prayers for individuals in critical need. The chain cannot be activated without the permission of the family in need. Call prayer requests to the church office 754-4247. The prayer request will be called to the first person on these lists. Each caller then calls the next person on the list. If that person is unavailable, a call should be placed to the following name and contact made with the first party later in the day. Last name on list does not call anyone. We are in need of more people joining the prayer chain. Praying for each other is an important ministry that we can do for our church family. If you would be interested in becoming part of this mission, please contact the church office. We are in need of more people joining the prayer chain. All you have to do is pray for someone as the requests are made. Please consider this request to help.

Marilyn Wall	754-5100	Martha Voigt	754-4666	Jackie Cook	754-9115
Deb Wells	754-5620	Rose Ross	754-4993	Charlene Craig	754-5503
Nancy Harrington	750-0279	Darla Voigt	750-1401	Mary Ann Rickertsen	754-4038
Theda Van Horn	754-4541	Lory Thomsen	754-4286	DeEtte Lukasiewicz	750-0246
Cleo Edwards	754-4853	Charlotte Rasmussen	308-863-2281	Brenda Starkey	750-7967
Ashley Meyer	308-627-2808	Vanice Bahensky	754-7873	LuAnn Todd	308-380-5022

Youth Group Makes Blankets for Veterans

The Youth Group was busy the first couple of months since it began in September. These are tie blankets made for the vets at Asera Care Hospice in Grand Island.



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