

# United Methodist Church

## November

2024

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**Tues-Thurs**  
**Summer Hours**  
**9am –1:00 pm**  
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Now that we have finished our *Do Unto Others* worship series where we heard Jesus' call to "do unto others as we would have them do unto us," it is time to put what we have learned into action. As we learned during the series, Jesus' words are especially timely in the post-election season when emotions may be heightened, and divisions more visible. Now, more than ever, we are called to rise above our differences and find unity through kindness and respect.

In light of this, I'd like to share a prayer for the days ahead. It's a prayer for all of us—no matter how we cast our vote—that we might walk forward with grace, love, and a spirit of reconciliation. I hope it will be a helpful reminder to each of us to engage thoughtfully and compassionately with one another:

Gracious God, thank you for the blessing of living in a country where "liberty and justice for all" are core values, one where we have the privilege of electing our leaders. Guide our leaders to make wise decisions and to seek to be just, kind, and humble.

Help me to be part of the solution to polarization, and not part of the problem. Lead me to treat those who voted differently from me with kindness and curiosity, seeking to understand their concerns and aspirations, and looking for opportunities to work with people with whom I disagree. Help me to treat others as I want to be treated. Help me to love my neighbors. In Jesus' name, Amen.

As we pray together, let us remember that kindness is not just a word but a series of actions. I encourage each of you to find tangible ways to embody kindness in your interactions, whether it's through a listening ear, a word of encouragement, or simply showing empathy in difficult conversations. Let's set an example of how Christ's love can bridge divides.

This month we will also turn our focus toward stewardship. For the next three weeks, our worship series will be "An Abundant Harvest." We will focus on what it means to live out of a sense of abundance rather than a mentality of scarcity. We will also be learning and praying the Wesleyan Covenant Prayer each week.

As we enter into this active season, both in our church and in our communities, there are a couple of dates that I want to make sure you have on your calendars. First, our annual Charge Conference will be held on November 10th at 3pm at Hasting First UMC. It will be a time to celebrate what we are doing as a congregation, hear from other congregations, share ideas, and be in fellowship together. Second, we will provide worship at Brookfield and Matelyn on November 17th at 1:30pm (barring another outbreak of Covid). Please consider worshipping with the residents that afternoon in addition to worship that Sunday morning. It is meaningful to have church members show up and not just the pastor.

Finally, this month we celebrate Thanksgiving. I just want to say thank you. Thank you for being the church that God has called you to be in this community. Thank you for welcoming individuals and families. Thank you for being a place of worship, study, and prayer. In most of the epistles, New Testament letters, we hear Paul give thanks for the churches. So, I close with this scripture from The Message translation of Ephesians 1:15-19: "That's why, when I heard of the solid trust you have in the Master Jesus and your outpouring of love to all the followers of Jesus, I couldn't stop thanking God for you—every time I prayed, I'd think of you and give thanks. But I do more than thank. I ask—ask the God of our Master, Jesus Christ, the God of glory—to make you intelligent and discerning in knowing him personally, your eyes focused and clear, so that you can see exactly what it is he is calling you to do, grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life he has for his followers, oh, the utter extravagance of his work in us who trust him—endless energy, boundless strength!"

**Pastor Nicole**



# November



3rd	Adult Sunday School– 9am Worship 10 am– Communion All Saints Sunday Children’s Church during worship Daylight Saving time ends-FALL Back	17th	Adult Sunday School– 9am Worship 10 am Children’s Church during worship Nursing Home services in the afternoon
6th	St. Paul Youth Group 6:30pm Finance meeting: 7:30pm	20th	St. Paul Youth Group 6:30pm
7th	Community Office Hrs– 8:00-10:00am Location: Bedhead	21st	Community Office Hrs– 8:00-10:00am Location: Bedhead
10th	Adult Sunday School– 9am Worship 10 am Children’s Church during worship Charge Conference-3pm, Hastings	24th	Adult Sunday School 9am Worship 10 am- Baptisms/New Members Special offering– UMC Student Day Children’s Church during worship
12th	UWF Meeting– 1:30pm	25th	SPPRC meeting 6:00pm
13th	St. Paul Youth Group 6:30pm	27th	NO St. Paul Youth Group
14th	Community Office Hrs– 8:00-10:00am Location: Bedhead	28th	Thanksgiving day
16th	UMC helps at the Food Pantry 9-11am		

## Save the Date!!

This year’s Charge Conference will be on November 10th at 3:00pm. It will be at Hastings First UMC located at 614 N Hastings Avenue in Hastings. We would love to see you there in support of our church.



# UWF Special Mission Recognition Award

During worship service on October 27th, Doug and Darla Voigt were recognized by the UWF for their work they do within the church. They have given abundant time and resources throughout the years and are worthy of an award! They received the Mission Recognition Dedicated Light Award from the UWF. You both deserve it!



*Congrats!*

Pictured, from left: Doug Voigt, Theda Van Horn, Darla Voigt, and Charlene Craig

## **Christmas Cheer is Underway!**



Applications are now available at the Chamber of Commerce and Citizens Bank as well as our church for the Christmas Cheer program. If you, or anyone you know is needing some help, please know these applications are available.



They are due back to our church by **November 22nd**.

Beginning the first week of December, there will be a collection of gloves, hats, mittens and socks to give away.

These will be collected at our church and also at Citizens Bank.

If you would like to purchase a gift for a child or family (\$30-\$35 limit per gift), gift tags will be available at Citizens Bank as well as here at the church. These tags will also be available the first week of December, but you may want to act fast as they will go quickly (especially the tags here at the church). These gifts will need to be returned to the church by **December 13th**.

If you aren't able to do any shopping, financial donations may be made to the church or directly at Citizens Bank.

Please make checks out to Howard County Christmas Cheer.

Distribution day of the gifts will be on **December 20th from 11am-1pm** here at the church.

## October Attendance

October 6th:	72 In-person 19 Views/YouTube
October 13th :	64 In-person 33 Views/YouTube
October 20th:	49 In-person NO Views/NO stream
October 27th:	69 In-person 13 Views/YouTube

## October Offering Totals

October 6th:	\$3,639
October 13th:	\$3,140
October 20th:	\$8,805
October 27th:	\$4,314



### 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.**

<b>Marilyn Wall</b>	754-5100	<b>Martha Voigt</b>	<b>754-4666</b>	<b>Jackie Cook</b>	<b>754-9115</b>
Deb Wells	754-5620	Darla Voigt	750-1401	Charlene Craig	754-5503
Nancy Harrington	750-0279	Rose Ross	754-4993	Mary Ann Rickertsen	754-4038
Theda Van Horn	754-4541	Cherri & Scott Klingensmith	750-0615	Mary Pearson	308-219-0060
Cleo Edwards	754-4853	Charlotte Rasmussen	308-863-2281	Brenda Starkey	750-7967
Nancy <b>OR</b> Mike McCarthy	750-2117-Nancy (775)-830-9521 -Mike			Lory Thomsen	754-4286

# Hurricane Helene/Milton

The Great Plains Conference is requesting your help in the recent hurricanes to hit the US southern states.

Currently the only ask is for prayer and donations to UMCOR.

If interested in giving to this cause, you may write a check to the church and in the memo line write: UMCOR-901670

You may also write checks directly to the Great Plains Conference with this same number UMCOR-901670 in the memo line.

If writing the check directly to the Conference, these will need to be mailed to:

Great Plains Conference

PO Box 4187

Topeka, KS 66604

If you would like to give online, please use the QR code to the right.

You may also click on:

<https://advance.umcmmission.org/p-620-umcor-us-disaster-response-and-recovery.aspx>



## Teacher's Prayers

At St. Paul United Methodist Church, we have made a commitment to our local schools. This has stemmed from both the commitment the Great Plains Annual Conference (Kansas and Nebraska) of the United Methodist Church made entering into partnerships with public schools in their communities to support schools, teachers, and students and our own desire to support the schools, teachers, and students to see our community and world transformed in positive ways.

St. Paul United Methodist Church has several ways that we hope to fulfill this commitment and find new ways to partner with our schools. This year, our congregation is praying for the teachers, administrators, and staff of schools by name, each for a week. If you know of teachers from our congregation that teach at other districts or substitute teachers that would not be listed on the St. Paul district website, please let

Pastor Nicole or the church office know so we can add them to our teacher prayers. Thank You!

**Each Sunday, we will begin praying for the following teachers:**

**November 3– Janessa Slattery, Angela Crone, Anna Thede**

**November 10– Madi Brown, Kurt Harders, Dustin Nilson**

**November 17– Matt Koehn-Fairbanks, Chip Bahe, Cody Wheeler**

**December 1– Boyd Bowder, Stephanie Holdsworth,**

**Maria Montemagni, Doug Voigt, Alex Lindsay**





## Epworth Collection

The UWF is still accepting donations for Epworth. If interested in giving any items, please bring them to the church and the UWF will get them to Epworth. Your help is appreciated!



# In-Kind Wish List!

- Baby wipes
- Toilet Paper
- Paper towels
- Hand Soap
- Disinfecting wipes
- Deodorant
- Kids/Teen Body wash
- Kids/ Teen Shampoo & Conditioner
- Kleenex's
- Newborn, Size 1, 2 & 3 Diapers
- tape (painters, masking, packing, scotch)
- Q-Tips
- Journals
- Bottles of Water
- Trash bags
- Fidget Toys
- Baby Food
- Snacks for all ages
- Juice Boxes
- Cleaning Supplies
- First Aid Kit Supplies
- Diaper Ointment/Cream
- Outdoor Toys
- Adult coloring books
- Markers & colored pencils



## Sunday

**Worship time 10:00 a.m.**

### Adult Bible Study

Sunday morning 9:00 am

### Children's Education

Children's Church  
-during Worship service

## Nursing Home services

On Sunday,  
November 17th,  
Pastor Nicole will visit both  
Brookefield and Matelyn in  
St. Paul to do worship  
services.

Anyone is invited *and encouraged* to come to  
these services. Please  
meet at **Brookefield Park**  
at 1:30pm in the Chapel if  
interested.



Nov 5	Steve Hancock
Nov 9	Shana Berggren
Nov 11	Jeanne Bruntz
Nov 13	Eric Spilinek
Nov 16	Megan Ohde
Nov 19	Adam Rensch
Nov 19	Melissa Butt
Nov 22	Landon Schmidt
Nov 26	Kent Naylor
Nov 28	Mary Ann Rickertsen

*Happy Anniversary*

Nov 9	Mike & Katelin Coghlan
Nov 25	Dan & Daylene Fox
Nov 30	Loren & Sheila Studley
Nov 30	Gary & Charlene Craig



**United Methodist Church of St. Paul**  
**MISSION STATEMENT**

**'Making and Nurturing Disciples'**

# Baptism

On October 20th,  
Bernadine Eva Faith  
Galloway was baptized  
during church worship  
service.

Bernadine is the daughter  
of Michaela Galloway.



## FOOD PANTRY



Please consider donating items for the Howard Greeley 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.

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| <b>Hamburger Helper</b>                      | <b>Pudding</b>                |
| <b>Brownie mixes</b>                         | <b>Jello</b>                  |
| <b>Cookies</b>                               | <b>Canned fruit- any kind</b> |
| <b>Bar Soap</b>                              | <b>Cereal</b>                 |
| <b>Pork and Beans</b>                        | <b>Frosting</b>               |
| <b>Crackers (Salad &amp; Soup- Saltines)</b> |                               |
| <b>Laundry Soap</b>                          | <b>Shampoo/Conditioner</b>    |
| <b>Toothbrushes/Toothpaste</b>               | <b>Toilet Tissue</b>          |
| <b>Flour</b>                                 | <b>Ketchup/Mustard</b>        |
| <b>Juice-any kind</b>                        | <b>Pie Crusts</b>             |
| <b>Mayo</b>                                  | <b>Pancake Mix/Syrup</b>      |
| <b>Spaghetti Sauce</b>                       |                               |
| <b>Salad Dressings (Ranch/Dorothy Lynch)</b> |                               |
| <b>Dish Soap</b>                             |                               |

### **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 16th** is the 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 hours**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
<b>9:00-11:00 am</b>	<b>4:00-6:00 pm</b>

February is the month for United Methodist Church to donate to the Food Pantry.





# UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH

The meeting was opened on Oct. 15th, 2024 by Charlene Craig, Co-Chair at 1:30pm.

**Attending were:** Darla, Rose, Theda, Ursula, Jackie, Marilyn, Pastor Nicole.

**Devotions:** Darla gave devotions on a "God Of Joy".

**Minutes** of the previous meeting were read by Ursula Sorlie, Co-Secretary. Approved with one correction, Pastor Nicole **has** started visits to shut-ins.

**Treasurer's Report:** given by Jackie Cook. Balance on hand **\$1,373.68**

After further deductions, it was \$1,263.68.

A thank you card will be sent to Vanice Bahensky's family for the \$310.00 donation to UWF.

Motion was made by Darla for Jackie to order a Dedicated Light Certificate in memory of Vanice Bahensky, plus a \$45.00 check donation to Missions. Seconded by Theda. Approved by all.

Discussion on donation to Epworth fundraiser in October. Agreed will not make a donation to the fundraiser. Motion made by Theda to donate \$250.00 to Epworth Village, seconded by Rose.

Approved by all.

**Correspondence:** Great Plains Conference report from Carol Phillips read to all. A thank you to Carol for representing us.

Charlene shared: letter by Janelle Erb, new District President, introducing herself, packet of information with letters from other officers, info on National Missions received.

List of Reading Program books, Great Plains Conference Program Book, "Our Cup Runneth Over".

Webinar UWF News shared by Charlene: October 21, "On These Grounds" screening at 6:00 pm plus discussion on Dignity in School Campaign. October 29 at 6:00pm Topic, Immigration, Detention and Incarceration.

Material available on Midwest Missions, Conference Program book for members, Response Sept./Oct. to review in interested.

**Old Business:** There are still available copies of Grief and Loss as Alzheimer's progresses.

**New and Ongoing Business:** Corsage for Missions Fundraiser continues. Members are encouraged to give to people who go above and beyond in our Church. Pastor Nicole services at Brookefield and Matelyn are going well. We are encouraged to help with these.

The Outreach Committee, Cheryl and Darla, are working on ideas. Funeral Flowers Committee, Deb and Ursula, have cards and vases ready to use.

Charlene is resigning her position as Co-Chair at the end of December. Will need someone to take this position in the New Year.

**Lesson** on "Kindness" given by Darla.



**Next meeting-** November 12th at 1:30pm.

**Lesson:** Ursula **Lunch:** Theda **Devotions:** Marilyn

A Thank Offering will be collected that day.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.



- Ursula Sorlie

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