

November 2021

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"To live by faith, to be known by love, and to be a voice of hope."



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From the Desk of the Pastor...

*Not everything that counts can be counted.
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-Dr. Charles Garfield

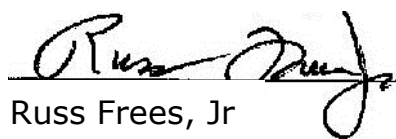
What is truly important?

Every once in a while, the church needs to ask this question. We need to review the various programs and ministries and ask if they are fulfilling what is important to us as a church. We constantly need to remind ourselves of our task and measure our ministries against what we hold important.

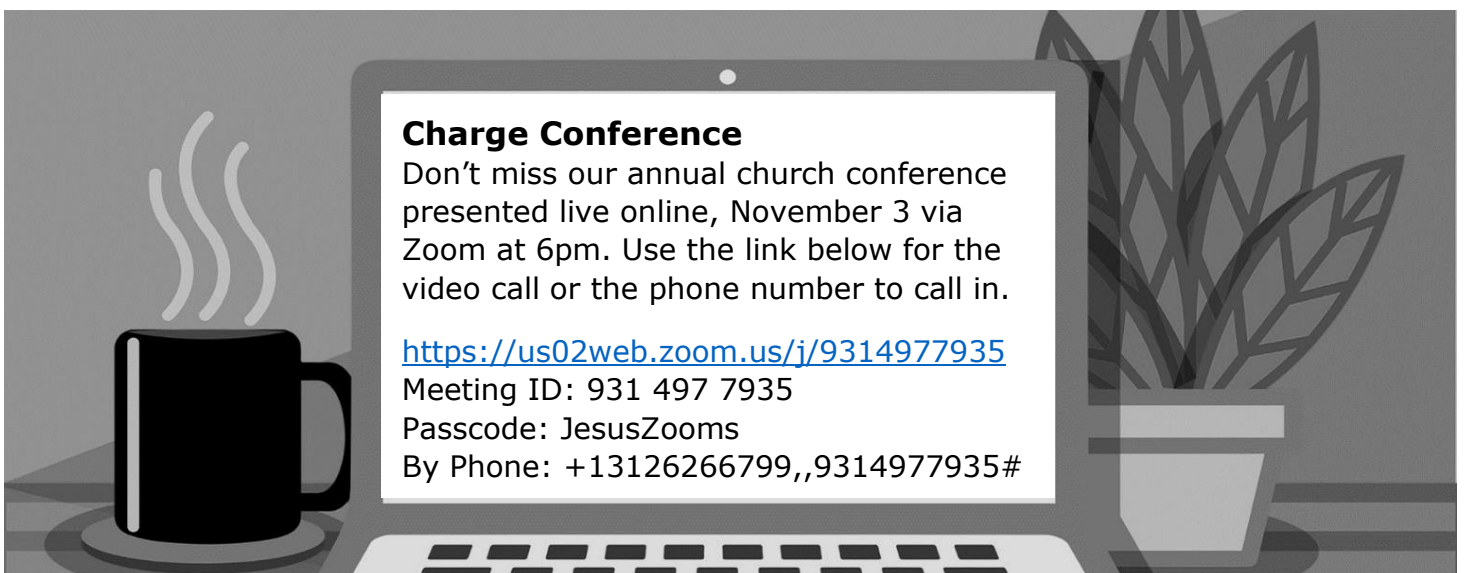
We say often around here that we want to "Live by faith, be known by love, and be a voice of hope." We hold these values as important.

In each one of these "callings", there is an expectation of growth. There is an expectation of intentionality. There is an expectation for discerning what our "next steps" might be to be more faithful, loving, and hopeful. How would you say you are doing personally in each of these areas? How are we doing as a church family?

Our church's leadership team has been asking for each one of us to pray about our next steps. I would invite you to be in devoted prayer for FUMC. May we be faithful to our calling. May we be faithful to the vision God has given to us. And, may we be faithful in all God would ask of us.



Russ Frees, Jr
Pastor



Celebrate Our Community

Every month we celebrate birthdays and anniversaries of those who call First United Methodist Church their spiritual home. We celebrate community in fellowship with one another. Be sure to greet those who are celebrating this month. Please don't assume we know all of the birthdays and anniversaries among us. Call the church office and let us know your special milestone dates, too!

November Birthdays

11- 3 Kris Nicholson
Holly Selwitschka
11- 5 Carol Brazzale
11- 6 Sherri Peterson
11- 7 Megan Bunke
11- 9 Russ Frees, Jr.
Joyce Jakubowski
11-10 Matt Nourollah
11-11 Gerald Krueger
11-14 Darlene Anderson
Bob Marin
11-15 Terrance Loker
11-17 Frank Jakubowski
11-18 Melia Dillman
11-21 Matthew Peterson
11-23 Megan Weinert
11-25 Jason Selwitschka
11-27 Jodi Dickson
Sandi Tervonen
Heidi Thomas
11-29 Destiney Dillman

November Anniversaries

11-6 Lindy & Daniel Duffey (50)
11-11 Linda & Bob Bartotto (53)
11-27 Jason & Amy Husman (11)

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YOUR Prayer Requests

We would love to pray for you during our Sunday services. Please submit your brief request by mail, email or by phoning the office by Tuesday of each week: 920.235.8430 or firstumc@ntd.net. Pastor Russ will compile them for community prayers during our recorded Sunday morning services.

Church Family News

Opportunities to demonstrate faith, hope and love!

Prayer Concerns

We are honored to join hearts with those who are grieving, sick or hurting among us. Please pray for those listed below. We'd love to pray with you, too. Contact Ann Tulip (379-9055) or the church office at (235-8430) to be added to the prayer chain.

FUMC Members

Marie Gerrits
Chuck Schilling
Bill Calkins
Sandi Tervonen
Roy Carpenter
Carol Dolan

Friends & Family of FUMC Members

Glenn Christman (Pastor Nancy Green's Brother)
Sandy Andrini (Friend of Patsy Pomplun)
Cody Veith (Great-Nephew of Dorothy Kunz)

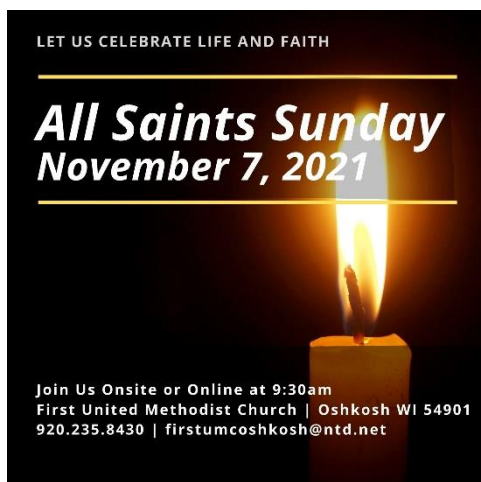
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Welcome New Members

On October 17, 2021, we welcomed several members into our church family. We're glad you're here, Rick Hull, John Swanson, Mark and Carol Brazzale. We look forward to getting to know you better. May God bless you as you serve Him each day!

Thank You!

We are so grateful to the following men who did fall yard clean up in October: Dennis Knickelbein, Ron LaBorde, John Swanson, Dale Tervonen and Mike Thomas. A lot of tree branches and other brush was hauled away. Great job!



All Saints Sunday

On November 7, 2021, we will celebrate the lives of our members & friends who have passed away this year. Please keep their families in your prayers.

Members: Rev. Marvin Rowe, Russell Frees Sr, and Carice Koch

Friends: Edith Frees, Darlene Senner and Esther Mozingo

Christian Education

Adults, students and kids, making time to learn more about God and follow His ways.

Sunday School!

Kids ages K5-8th grade have been meeting on Sunday mornings. Thanks to Kathy Frees and Darlene Jones for teaching the kids each week.

Our director, Kris Wood, has been working behind the scenes in planning for Christmas!

After talking with the Worship Planning Team and the Christian Education Team, we decided that our Christmas program will be pre-recorded and then shared in church on Sunday, December 12 at 9:30am.

If your child(ren) will be involved, we'll arrange for them to be recorded at home/at church. We are planning to do some during Sunday School during November.

Parents can record their own children at home if that works best. The key is planning ahead so we can include many of you! We can tailor your parts based on interest.

As their parents, YOU are also welcome to be involved. Do you sing, play an instrument, like to narrate, or want to do a reading? Alllll good!

We have lots of costumes for you and your kids. :D (The outfits can be dropped off or picked up.) Please let me know asap or by early November at the latest, if your family will be involved.

*Much love,
Kris*

You can contact Kris Wood, Christian Education Director, for more details. 920.420 6321 or MsKrisWood@gmail.com

SCRIP ORDERS

Sharon Wertsch will be taking Scrip orders the first Sunday of each month. Want to place an order or have questions? Please see Sharon.

Reminder: Holiday Bazaar Cancelled

Due to the Covid variants we will not be having bazaar again this year. UMW is hoping to have the talent auction this Spring. So get your creativity juices flowing!

Ruth Greisinger, UMW President.

Thanks Again!

"You all have been so patient, kind and thoughtful to us as I recover from back surgery. Thanks for the notes and gifts you've sent." –Kris Wood

Stewardship Great Quotes on Giving

November 2021

Sometimes a great quote sticks with you, rings true, and really makes you look at something in a new way. Stores like Hobby Lobby seem to have based a large part of their business models on the fact that we love having great quotes hanging in our homes. As we approach Thanksgiving, I hope you find these giving quotes inspiring.

"Make all you can, save all you can, give all you can." ~John Wesley

never be able to repay you." ~John Wooden

"He who obtains has little. He who scatters has much." ~Lao-Tzu

"You can have everything in life that you want if you will just help enough other people get what they want" ~Zig Ziglar

"No person was ever honored for what he received. He was honored for what he gave." ~Calvin Coolidge

"Remember this – you can't serve God and Money, but you can serve God with money." ~Selwyn Hughes

"It is possible to give without loving, but it is impossible to love without giving." ~Richard Braunstein

"I judge all things only by the price they shall gain in eternity." ~John Wesley

"You can't have a perfect day without doing something for someone who'll

"It is more blessed to given than receive." ~Jesus, Acts 20:35

Rev. Jason Mahnke, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

Choose Your Favorite Giving Method!

We are grateful for your ongoing giving to our church family and related programs and ministries. We love to partner with you as we serve our great God, our church and our community. Please choose the giving method that fits you best. Thank you!

- **Automatic Withdrawal:** Vanco offers automatic, electronic funds transfer (EFT) from your checking or savings account. You can pick up a form in the church office.
- **Mail** your contribution to church at 700 W. Linwood Avenue, Oshkosh, WI 54901
- **Offering Plate** You can bring your tithes and offerings to church services

*Remember to plan for year-end giving.
There are people who will benefit for generations as we give together.*

Thanksgiving

by Nancy Sutton

Thanksgiving is such a special day
My favorite one I'd like to say.

The turkey is in the oven stuffed with yummy dressing
And the family is there to thank God for his blessings.

There may be sunshine or rain or snow on the ground
But there's fun and laughter inside with family around.

We eat until we're stuffed, play games or just chat
Forget all our troubles, what could be better than that?

So enjoy the day, eat all you can consume
Just remember there's still pumpkin pie
So be sure to make room.

Happy Thanksgiving!



Time Change

Remember to set your
clocks back
on Sunday, November 7
Daylight savings time
ends next weekend.

Other Important Dates

- **All Saints Day** Sun. November 1
- **Thanksgiving** Thurs. November 25
- **Advent Begins** Sun. November 28
- **Christmas Program** Sun. December 12
- **Christmas Eve** Fri. December 24
- **Christmas** Sat. December 25

Church Calendar to be Revived!

Our church calendar will be included again in the December Carillon!

Attention all ministry leaders and committee chairs: Please call or email with your Event Name/Date/Time no later than Nov 15 to be included in the newsletter.

Please send your information like this to Dianne at firstumc@ntd.net
Christian Education Cmte/Zoom Call/11.2.2021 at 6pm **OR** Worship Planning Cmte
Meeting/Lounge/11.2.2021 6pm