

*Prayers for those in the nursing home or assisted living*

*Prayers for healing or for comfort in difficult circumstances*

### First United Methodist Church Staff

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## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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November 1, 2021

## “Faithful Stewards of God’s Infinite Grace”

In our last article as part of this year's stewardship emphasis, we saw that God is the owner of everything and that we are managers and stewards of what God has given us. We considered how each of us has been given gifts of time and talents as blessings of God's grace. We also learned about the importance of using these gifts for God's glory, for the good of others, and for the ministry here at First United Methodist Church.

In addition to time and talents, God has also given us financial resources. For most of us, this means working to secure monetary gain. According to Deuteronomy 8:17-18, God gives us the ability to earn money: *You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today.*

All of us know the old saying, “You can’t take it with you.” That’s why whatever we are going to do with the financial resources God has entrusted to us has to be done in this life. As one person observed, “Do your giving while you’re living so you’ll be knowing where it’s going!”

How we use the money which God has given to us is an indicator of our priorities. Our checkbook and our credit card statements will reveal clearly the things that are really important to us. How we spend our money is, in fact, a barometer of our spiritual temperature and of our personal faith.

Giving is not because God needs anything from us. Giving is God's way of growing Christians. Every time we give for God's glory from hearts that have been redeemed by God's love and grace, we give away a little of our selfishness. Every time we give of our resources that have been loaned to us by God, we grow in grace and in our walk with Christ.

As you consider your life during this time of stewardship emphasis, will you — like the Macedonian Christians — begin by *first giving yourself to the Lord*, (2 Corinthians 8:5)? Will you then be one of the “*Faithful Stewards of God’s Infinite Grace*” who will step out by faith by giving your time, your talents and your treasure to the Lord?

Pastor Rick

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# November



**Saturday Nov. 6, 2021**  
**Set your clocks back**  
**1-hour at bedtime.**

Sunday, Nov. 7: All Saints Day: We will honor our departed members from the last year by the lighting of candles.

Third Sunday of our Stewardship Emphasis.  
Third Lay Speaker Presentation

Sunday, Nov. 14: Holy Communion, Alms Offering

Last Sunday of Stewardship Emphasis.  
Fourth Lay Speaker Presentation.

Sunday, Nov. 21: UMW Sunday. Don't miss the inspiring testimonies!

**2:00 Charge Conference**—Fellowship Hall

Sunday, Nov. 28: First Sunday of Advent

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

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OUR NEW WEBSITE:**

**[www.clintonfumc.church](http://www.clintonfumc.church)**

**Click on the “donate” button.**

### UMW Meeting

Thurs., Nov. 11 at 12:30 pm

Finance Committee Meeting

Wed., Nov. 17 at 5:30 p.m.

Trustee Committee Meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 23 at 6:00 p.m.



### **Second Sunday Servants!**

Paige, Miles, Max, Carter & Quincy collected food and donations for Opportunities, Inc., and Carla Cruson delivered these items.

Thank You!



**November 14:**  
**Non-Perishable**  
**Holiday Food Items**

### **Harvest Celebration Sunday, Nov. 14**

Please bring your **Estimate of Giving Card for 2022** in your privacy envelope. You will place those cards in baskets on the front pews when you come forward for Communion. At the end of Communion, we will have a Prayer of Dedication for all the cards. Thank you.

### **Annual Charge Conference** **Nov. 21, 2:00 pm**

What is a “Charge Conference?” It is a meeting that is presided over by our New District Superintendent, Diana Northcutt. Diana will bring an inspiring message; the pastor’s compensation will be approved, the Nominations Report will be approved, and Lay Servants will be approved.

The Charge Conference will meet in our Fellowship Hall.

Who is a voting member of the “Charge Conference?” All Administrative Council Members.

Our Church is hosting 8 other churches at our “Cluster” Charge Conference. Refreshments will be served at 1:30 pm by our Family Life Ministry.

### **Advent Season Begins, Sunday, Nov. 28**

Advent is a season of four weeks, including the four Sundays before Christmas. The season proclaims the “comings” of Christ—his first coming at his birth, his continual coming in Word and Spirit, and we anticipate his Second Coming in final victory.

The church will be beautifully decorated for the season, including the Chrismon Tree. Each Sunday during Advent, we will have special readings, the lighting of the Advent Candles and special messages.

Please plan now to attend each Sunday.

**Second Sunday Servants, November 14.** Please bring: gravy mixes, stuffing mixes, cornbread mixes, yams, marshmallows, canned vegetables, instant potatoes, cranberry sauce, Jello or anything else to use in a holiday meal.

All food donated will go to Opportunities, Inc. to support those in need in our community. Thanks

### **Services Live and Recorded** **On Our New Website!**

Check out our new and improved Website at **[clintonfumc.church](http://clintonfumc.church)**. You can now watch our services live at 9:30 am Sunday, or you can watch any service for the last year at your convenience!

Please get this information out to all your family and friends! THANK YOU to all who are making donations through our new website!



**YOUTH - SUNDAYS**  
**5:00— 6:30 PM**  
**YOUTH CALENDAR**  
**SEE THE BACK OF**  
**ENCLOSED CALENDAR**

**Sunday Night Youth, NEW TIME 5:00-6:30 pm**, great fellowship, devotion, fun games, and snacks provided.

**Youth Girls Bible Study (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)**, Wednesday nights 7:00-8:00 pm at Braums.

**Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 5:00-6:30 pm**, we’ll have our first Turkey Olympics in the Youth Room. This will be a great event to invite your friends to come join us.

**Monthly Youth Event Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-6:00 pm at Split Decision.** The cost is \$10 for bowling, and axe throwing for 2 hours. Invite your friends to join in on all the fun!

**Colin McCartney - Youth Director - 405-816-7378**



**Children’s Event is Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> 11:30-1:30 pm**, lunch provided in the Fellowship Hall.

**Children’s Sunday school class (K-4<sup>th</sup> grade)** is continuing the Bible Circus series, all children are welcome to join us.

**5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday school class** is doing the Connect series; all children are welcome to join.

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### **Children’s Messy Halloween**

Thank you to all the parents and volunteers that helped with the last children’s event: Messy Halloween.



**Facebook Live** - Each Sunday we broadcast our service on Facebook Live.

Please invite those who are unable to attend church, or those who don’t have a church home, to watch the service on Facebook. Please be sure to “share” our service to your own Facebook page. This is a great way to reach others for Christ!

*Thanksgiving Blessings*



Dear church family,  
We are in the process of figuring out our Christmas cantata this year. We are very excited about it! We will need one or two narrators, so if you feel like being a narrator let me know!

**Wednesday evenings**, we will continue to have choir practice at 6:30 followed by praise team practice at 7:30

**Sunday mornings**, we will continue to have praise team practice at 8:30 followed by choir practice at 9 o’clock.

**Wednesday evening, November 24**, we will not have choir practice or praise team practice, the day before Thanksgiving.

**Sunday morning, November 28**, we will have praise team and choir practice as usual.

God bless you all, Shirley

### **UMW NEWS**



**UMW meeting**, parlor, 12:30 Thursday, November 11. Sylvia Robart will provide the refreshments. The November meeting is dedicated to World Thank Offering. If you've

been saving your coins, it is time to give them to this offering. We will be setting up the holiday tree in the foyer and inviting our church family to bring gifts that teenagers would like. These will be donated to the Christmas Connection. Also, we are looking forward to a UMW led church service November 21.

**UMW-Led Sunday Service** has been set for November 21. The women of our church will lead the service in the absence of our pastor. Several women will be sharing their testimonials this day in lieu of the pastor's sermon. We invite all to come and hear what they have to share.

### **Christmas Connection**

Church family, UMW will once again be collecting items for Christmas Connection. We would ask that you bring items that teenagers would enjoy to add to our holiday tree in the foyer. **The tree will be set up 5 Sundays beginning Nov. 7 and ending Dec. 5. Items will be picked up and delivered Dec. 10th and distributed Dec. 11th.** Some suggested items are: pajama pants (flannel/fuzzy), socks/fuzzy socks, makeup, electric razors, hair dryers, curling irons, hair straighteners, variety baskets (hair brush, combs, etc.), hair products (scrunchies or teleties, head bands), Axe kits (shampoo, body wash, body spray), electronics, LED lights that change color for a bedroom, blankets, perfume/cologne, headphones, ear buds, jewelry, purses. Thanks ahead for supporting this ministry.

**Carla Cruson - UMW President - (405) 474-8119**