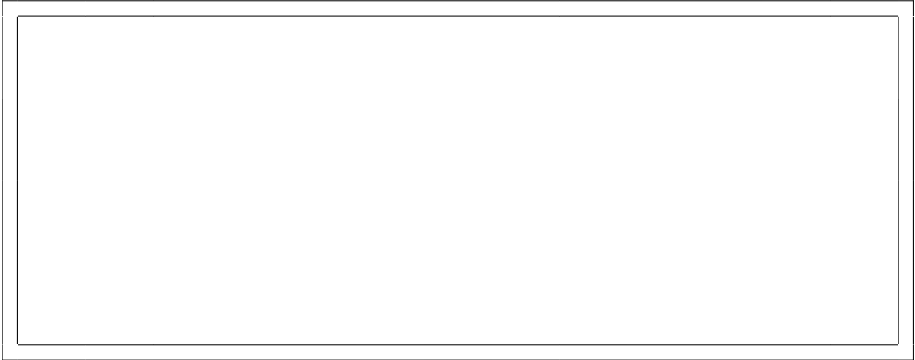




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Services Every Sunday at  
9:30AM Sunday School following



Who had a staff sprout, bud, blossom and produce almonds, indicating that God had chosen him for a special reason?

- A. Moses
- B. Zechariah
- C. Aaron
- D. Nathan



Answer: C (See Numbers 17:1-11, specifically v. 8.)



November/December 2019

Give Thanks!

A while back, I read “First Things First”, a book by Kurt & Brenda Warner (he’s a retired Super Bowl MVP quarterback). In it, they share that one of their “family rules” is that every evening as they ALL – they have seven children – eat dinner together; they take turns sharing what was the best part of their individual day. It is one way they stay connected as a family, and it teaches family members of all ages that God helps them and gives them good things.

Perhaps your family has similar traditions, especially at the Thanksgiving Dinner gathering. There you might take a few moments to share with one another blessings that are especially meaningful to you. This is usually a great time for learning more about each other. It is also a time to remind ourselves that everything we have and are is a result of God’s generous gifts of life, health, jobs, family,

Even in hard times, (I know this year has had numerous challenges for many – loss of loved ones, health crisis, broken relationships, financial worries, etc.) we can have grateful hearts for God’s faithful presence and strength, for the love and support of family and church, and for how each experience in our lives, good or bad, enriches us when we surrender it to the Lord. Giving thanks is an act of worship that is not limited to words, but is lived out in our attitude of service, our financial generosity to God’s kingdom, and the blessing of others by sharing of the time, talents, prayers and resources with which we have been blessed.

May all our lives be lived as if each day is Thanksgiving!

*“In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”*  
I Thessalonians 5:18

In Christ,

Pastor Colleen

Thank You!

I want to thank our Church for the lovely wind chime and for all the kind expressions of affirmation I received from individuals during October’s Pastor Appreciation Month. I appreciate your love and support and consider it an honor to be your pastor as we work together for the Lord.





**Greetings From The Prayer Summit**

From Pastor Robert Morris  
What’s the root (of bitterness) that’s causing that thing (anger, negativity) that you can’t get rid of?

Are you mad at God? Do you need to forgive him?  
Make the tree – root good, then the fruit will be good.  
If you need to forgive yourself, a family member - as an act of obedience, stand up and say “I will”.  
God wants to release you from the root of bitterness.  
We choose to give and receive forgiveness right now.  
I rebuke, by the authority of Jesus Christ, the spirits of anger and negativity to go, in Jesus’ Name!  
Holy Spirit, fill me/us right now anew!  
Lord, Thank You for pulling roots of bitterness from my life.

Amen  
Love in Christ, Becky

**The United Methodist Women**

In November we will be having our thanks offering program. Our Wednesday, December 4th meeting will have **Jan Newton** as a guest speaker.  
We will be having a planning meeting before the end of the year for 2020 programs and meetings of UMW.  
All ladies of the church are invited to join us in this great opportunity to be involved in the mission ministry of the church.

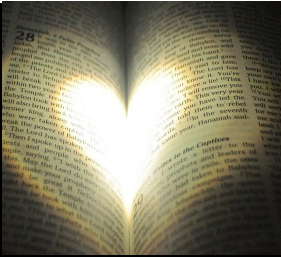


-Jerry Ann Chomko

**UMW will be collecting food for Thanksgiving Baskets the month of November and food for Christmas Baskets the month of December.**

UMW is asking for 8 volunteers to make 2 dozen cookies each for Fairview Elementary School’s Robotics Event November 23rd. All cookies will need to be dropped off by November 22nd. If you would like to donate homemade cookies for this event please contact Jerry Ann Chomko.

UMW will be collecting batteries as a Christmas gift for Logansport State Hospital. If you would like to donate any AA or AAA batteries please do so before November 24th. For any questions please contact Jerry Ann Chomko.



**Bible Studies**

We are currently offering two different Bible Studies every Tuesday. The 10:00 AM group is beginning a study on I Corinthians. The 6:30 PM group is studying the Gospel of Matthew. Come and learn with us the Word of God and how it informs and instructs Christian life today!



**DECEMBER**

*“Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”  
Luke 2:14 (NIV)*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Chase Center Worship Service 2 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm	<b>2</b> Prayer Summit 12 pm	<b>3</b> Bible Study 10 am or 6:30 pm	<b>4</b> UMW-6pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> J. O. Y. Class 11:30 am
<b>8</b> Youth Group 5-7 pm	<b>9</b> Prayer Summit 12 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm	<b>10</b> Bible Study 10 am or 6:30 pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Pastor Colleen’s Open House 4:30-6:30pm	<b>16</b> Prayer Summit 12 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm	<b>17</b> Bible Study 10 am or 6:30 pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
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<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Prayer Summit 12 pm	<b>31</b> Bible Study 10 am or 6:30 pm New Years Eve Communion 6– 8 pm	<b>A Prayer to Remember What Christmas is All About</b> Lord, I thank You for coming to earth so You could redeem me. When I think of the extent to which You were willing to go in order to save me, it makes me want to shout, to celebrate, and to cry with thankfulness. You love me so much, and I am so grateful for that love. Without You, I would still be lost and in sin. But because of everything You have done for me, today I am free; my life is blessed; Jesus is my Lord; Heaven is my home; and Satan has no right to control me. I will be eternally thankful to You for everything You did to save me! I pray this in Jesus' name! ~ Rick Renner			

\* Please confirm all church dates with the Church Office so we don’t have any conflicts.





### Birthdays

Ron Gordon 12/01  
Carolyn Short 12/02  
Jocelyn Levy 12/04  
Beverly Ahoni 12/04  
Will Scott 12/05  
Rick Denny 12/11  
Alexandra Prouse 12/11  
Ken Alcorn 12/12  
Mia Trexler 12/12  
Tommy Turley 12/12

Tom Joyner 12/13  
Shaunita Cavanaugh 12/15  
Jerry Ann Chomko 12/17  
Maxine Eikelburner 12/17  
Rex Slusser 12/19  
Ross Shafer 12/19  
Pastor Colleen Harden Harden 12/23  
Joyce Shaffer 12/27  
Shelby Ping 12/29  
Samantha Wyma 12/30



### Anniversaries

Ron & Janet Holcomb 12/16  
Duane & Kay Stuart 12/21

### December Volunteers

#### Ushers

Mark Ruhl  
Kelly Ruhl  
Richard Foster  
Nancy Foster

#### Communion Servers

Georgette Beatty  
Janice Babb  
Lorraine Bowman  
Kay Galbreath

### Praying for our schools as New Year begins

In 1 Timothy 2:1-4, St. Paul wrote, “first of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

A number of years before I moved to Logansport, my wife and I made the decision to begin praying for our children’s teachers and school administrators by name in our daily family devotions. Over the course of time, we decided to tell those teachers that we were praying for them. This was received very positively. We prayed for the teachers that God would bless their preparation and teaching of their subject matter. We prayed for the administrators that they would be granted wisdom in the day-to-day management of the buildings and the decisions they would be making.

It wasn’t long before I began receiving emails from other teachers within the schools- at one time we had a daughter in high school and a son in elementary school- asking if we would pray for them also. Of course, we were happy to do this. Then I decided to send emails to the teachers with the actual prayers that we offered to God each day. Now the teachers began forwarding some of those prayers to their co-workers, and again I received requests from other teachers for the prayers to be sent to them also.

Each time my family moved, the list of those receiving the prayers grew as the process began all over again with a new set of teachers and administrators. Yet, even though we moved away from one school district, I continued sending the emails to the previous school’s teachers.

As I drive by the Calvary Presbyterian Church sign on Market Street, I see on the message, “pray for our schools.” I wonder how many people see that sign and think nothing of it, how many people see that sign and actually offer a prayer. And I wonder how many people see that sign and begin a daily practice of praying for our schools. I know first-hand that these prayers are desired and appreciated by many.


If you want to pray for our schools and don’t know what you should pray about, here are some ideas. Pray for students, teachers, administrators, secretarial/support staff, custodians, cooks, student athletes, coaches, bus drivers, young drivers, parents, legislators who pass the laws governing our schools and create the formulas that fund our schools, new friendships, safety from bullies, safety from outside dangers, special needs students, new students, illnesses, tragedies, and more

If you still want help with praying for our schools, send an email to [prayerforourschools@gmail.com](mailto:prayerforourschools@gmail.com) and you will receive a prayer almost every weekday in your email inbox that you can include as part of your daily devotions. These prayers are now sent to teachers, administrators, students, parents and many people across the United States and even other countries who want to receive these prayers and offer them as their own prayers.

Psalm 141:2 states, “let my prayer rise before you as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.”

Pray for our schools.

-K.C. Dehning (Pastor of St. James Lutheran Church in Logansport)



### Gratitude

As the holidays are fast approaching it is important that we reflect on their meaning. To often Thanksgiving is by passed in the eagerness of the commercial world to show their greed by promoting articles of the Christmas season. Then encourages disregard of why these holidays even exist.

In my disappointment of the above, I find my comfort and security in the hope and encouragement of scripture that our Father has given us.

“Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. and whatever you do, whether in word or deed do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”  
- Colossians 3:16-17

“Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and wonderful deeds for mankind for He satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.”  
- Psalm 107:8-9

“give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus”  
- 1Thessalonians 5:18

“From them will come songs of thanksgiving and the sound of rejoicing, I will add to their numbers, and they will not be decreased, I will bring them honor, and they will not be disdained.” - Jeremiah 30:19

“I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart, I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.” - Psalm 9:1

“and she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for He shall save His people from their sins.” - Matthew 1:21


“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of His government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.” - Isaiah 9:6-7

“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests.” - Luke 2:14

Dear Father,

Oh how thankful I am for your forgiveness. Without it and the love you pour on me I would be nothing, nothing at all. Thank you for each and every day you provide. Thank you for another opportunity to be of use in Your name. Thank you for your son Jesus to show the way to abide in your Kingdom. Thank you for your Holy Spirit to chastise and lead me, especially when I’m faltering or going astray, my heart is bursting with joy because of your love. The love that is patient and forgiving. Thank You Father. In the magnificent name of Jesus I pray to You. Amen

*Judybeth*



# NOVEMBER

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.  
His love endures forever.  
Psalm 136:1 (NIV)*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div><u>Thanksgiving Dinner Prayer</u> Heavenly Father, on Thanksgiving Day, we bow our hearts to You and pray. We give You thanks for all You've done, especially for the gift of Jesus, Your Son. For beauty in nature, Your glory we see, for joy and health, friends, and family. For daily provision, Your mercy and care, these are the blessings You graciously share. So today we offer this response of praise with a promise to follow You all of our days. - Mary Fairchild</div>					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> J. O. Y. Class 11:30 am
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**Birthdays**

Alvin Cody 11/01  
 Elijah Beard 11/02  
 Katey Richason 11/03  
 Kim DuVall 11/05  
 Katrina Neuendorf 11/06  
 Kevin DuVall 11/09  
 Rosalie Klotz 11/09  
 Carla Beard 11/09  
 Kevin Tatman 11/09  
 Sally Short 11/10  
 Shannon Barr 11/10  
 Linda Baer 11/13

Joe Woodall 11/16  
 John Turley 11/17  
 Marilyn Baer 11/18  
 Randy Head 11/18  
 Jeff Richason 11/20  
 Beverly Hess 11/22  
 John McCloskey 11/22  
 Eloise Sanders 11/25  
 Adrienne Scott 11/26  
 Tom Turley 11/28  
 Ryan Edwards 11/29  
 Marjorie Speitel 11/30

**Anniversaries**

Richard & Elaine James 11/17  
 Ike & Betty Gordon 11/19

**November Volunteers****Ushers**

Mary McCloskey  
 Louise Wasko  
 Linda Baer and  
 Children

**Communion Servers**

Howard Brewer  
 Becky Brewer  
 Jim Bird/Max Snider  
 Phyllis Bird/Gloria Snider

***A Message From Bishop Trimble*****Finishing Strong**

Sprinters and long distance runners often have a goal of finishing strong. Students who are nearing graduation with victory in sight want to finish strong.

I have had the privilege of speaking at a number of celebrations for people who are nearing retirement or finishing a term before moving on to a new assignment. These occasions are a great opportunity to thank them for their faithfulness and encourage them to similarly finish strong.

If you are in a church with an uncertain future due to dwindling attendance or insufficient finances, I encourage you to ask good questions and offer fervent prayers. Dear God, How do you desire to use us for your mission? How can we finish strong? These are questions your Conference Superintendents and district and conference leaders can help you with. It may be a season for new life or new focus. How can we get this missional thing right in our community or context for ministry?

Thank you for the many ways you share the Gospel of Jesus Christ in your communities. As I leave this week for Africa University, I am reminded of the hundreds of ways we as United Methodists touch and transform lives as a Church.

But there is still more to do. We have less than 100 days left in 2019. I want to finish strong, and I invite you and your church to finish strong with me this year.

I believe God's mission of reconciliation and redemption will be advanced by those who are determined to finish strong. For some, that may look like fulfilling your tithes and offerings. If you are a layperson, lay leader, or lay member to Annual Conference ask the question: If we have more than enough, why would we not finish strong? If you are clergy, active or retired, leading worship or engaged in a worshipping congregation, ask the question: Are we going to finish strong? Will we give more or less than last year? Shouldn't our goal always be to be more generous, not less?

My mother is my role model for stewardship. At age 97, she supported the church with her tithe when she was enthusiastic about who her pastor was and when she felt the Conference was neglecting the smaller churches. She prayed for the pastor, church and the bishop when segregation was in vogue, and she supported the church even when some of her friends left for other churches. She voiced her opinion for change when she wanted to see change and kept showing up and supporting the church when change didn't come as she would have desired.

Her theology is simple: "All I have comes from God." God doesn't ask for it all, nor does God ask for what we do not have. As my mama would say, "God has been consistently good, so I want to be consistent and finish strong."

...let it be so for our churches in 2019 and beyond.

Be encouraged,  
 Bishop Julius C. Trimble



*"Go and do likewise."*  
LUKE 10:37

# Mission News

The first week of November I will be handing out the annual envelopes for our Thanksgiving/Christmas offering. This money will all be used to purchase extra food for the baskets that will be given out to families in need. You will have until November 17, 2019 to return your offering.



*Make a Difference!*  
**DONATE**

If you would like to donate a turkey for Thanksgiving or a ham for Christmas, please let me know.

As in the past, if there is any money left after purchasing food, it will be put in the Good Samaritan Fund.

If you know of a family in need, please give the name to me, Eloise Sanders, along with their address, a list of names for all adults and children in the family, and their phone number.

The first week of December I will be handing out the Christmas Angels. Please spend \$20 to \$25 on your gifts so that all children in each family will have comparable gifts. Please wrap your gifts.



This Missions Committee will be having a Bake Sale at the Rural King store on Saturday, December 14th, 2019 from 7 am until 2 pm. We would appreciate any help you can give us in the way of baked goods. These will be accepted on Friday, December 13th at the church for packaging and pricing.

In December we also have our Annual Advent Collection with all monies going to our missionary Ken Vance. This collection will be accepted for a month after the envelopes are handed out.

Thank you for your help and generosity in these Mission projects.

Eloise Sanders  
Mission Chairman



November Loose Coins will go towards  
Thanksgiving Baskets.  
December Loose Coins will go towards  
Christmas Baskets.

As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 the Finance Committee is enacting a new policy for Church Fundraising.

To ensure that the priorities and mission of the church are met, all fundraising for Logansport Main Street United Methodist must first be approved by the finance committee. The request forms are in the Church Office. If the money is to be used for building issues, the Trustees must also give their approval.

Thank you in advance for your compliance with our new policy and we look forward to working together in the ministry of our Church.

-Finance Committee

## Christmas Eve Worship

Our Christmas Eve Worship Service will be held at **6:00 PM** on **Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>**.

This special service of Christmas carols and Holy Scripture is a beautiful way to bring into focus the true and holy reason we celebrate this holiday season.



## New Year's Eve Communion

Send out 2019 and Welcome in 2020 by celebrating God's Grace to us through Holy Communion. This will be an open table where individuals, families, and friends can come at any time from 6-8 pm to receive this holy sacrament, give thanks for the Lord's blessings this year and commit the coming year to the Lord in prayer.



## Thank You

I want to thank Ike Gordon for painting the posts on Mike's sign at the office and parking lot. Thanks for taking care of them. Ike also painted the porch at the office and the doors at the church; they look very nice.  
Thank You and God Bless,  
-Betty McManus