

November 4, 2021

THANKSGIVING DINNER

Matthew 25 verse 40 “And the King will say, I will tell you the truth, when you did it to the least of these my brother and sisters, you were doing it to me.” Together as a church, you will have a chance to help provide a Thanksgiving Dinner for our community.

What You Can Do:

On the day before Thanksgiving (Wednesday, November 24th), starting at 9:00 a.m., turkeys need to be prepared, sweet potato casseroles need to be made, and baked.

On Thanksgiving Day, starting at 7:00 a.m., help is needed to get everything ready for dinner. We will be doing things a little different this year. People may come inside from 11:00-12:15 and then from 12:15-1:00 it will be a drive thru. This way we should be able to accommodate those who are comfortable dining in and those who do not want to come in. We will be doing delivery to the shut-ins. Last, but not least, is clean up! Dish washers and driers, and people to put away the tables and chairs will be needed.

On the back is a list of specific needs. Any physical help you can give is appreciated—from an hour to all day Wednesday and/or Thursday.

For more information, contact Sandy Craig at (580)334-8309. If no answer Please Leave a Message. I Will Call You Back!

Shannon Davis: Pastor
Debbie Harrington: Director of Children & Christian Education
Karen Bell: Director of Stephen Ministry & Congregational Care
Dia McGowen: Director of Contemporary Worship
Karen Stephenson: Organist
Lori Servis: Pianist
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Jana Walker: Accountant
Lora Bayliff: Nursery Coordinator
Shawna Grivich: Nursery Assistant
Amber Simpson: Nursery Assistant



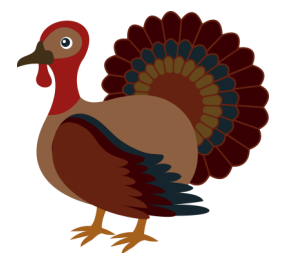
**It’s a Time of Giving and Supporting One Another!
 You’ll find more details on each of these events inside this newsletter!**

Now-November 21 — We’re building our annual mountain of food to support the Woodward Community Food pantry!

Tues., November 9, 1-3, 5:30-7:30 — Surviving the Holidays --Help OR Thurs., November 11, 5:30-7:30 & Hope for People Grieving a Loved One’s Death

Sunday, November 21, 6pm — Community Thanksgiving Prayer Service, St. Peter Catholic Church

Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 25) — Woodward Community Thanksgiving 11-12:15 (In Person Dining), Day Feast, here at WW 1st UMC 12:15-1pm (Drive Thru Take Out)





**STEPHEN MINISTERS
CARE FOR PEOPLE
“SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS”**

The holiday season will be coming up soon. For those who are going through the journey of grief because of a death in the family this can be a difficult time. I have had some tell me that they are already dreading the days ahead.

During this season due to the nature of Thanksgiving and Christmas-with its focus on family, social events, yearly traditions, expectations, and “cheer”- the emotions can blindsides them.

You can lessen the emotional impact by knowing what to expect and being prepared. “Surviving The Holidays” can help. This is a one session to help you. If you or someone you know could benefit from this session please call the church office and register for this seminar.

**“Surviving the Holidays”
Tuesday November 9
1:00 to 3:00 p.m. or 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Or
Thursday November 11
5:30-7:30 p.m.**

For more information contact:
Karen Bell

*Director of Stephen Ministry and
Congregational Care
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**Woodward Thanksgiving
Prayer Service
Sunday, November 21, 6pm
St Peter Catholic Church
(2020 Oklahoma Avenue)**

The Woodward Ministerial Alliance invites everyone to gather with fellow Christians for a celebration of gratitude in our lives as we prepare to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. There will be a time for fellowship, pie and other refreshments after the service.



Free Advent Devotional Books Coming Soon
As we approach the holidays, it is the perfect time to make sure we keep Jesus as the center of our hearts and celebrations. Coming in late November, our church will be offering free copies of a daily devotional book, The Gospel of Advent. Devotions will begin on November 28, the first Sunday of Advent. You’ll be able to pick up your copy on the desk just outside the sanctuary.

We still have several openings for altar flower and radio sponsorships through the end of 2021. Weekly flower sponsors pay \$12.50 and radio sponsors pay \$85. Signups are on a bulletin board outside the sanctuary.

Mountain of Food

Checks may be made to the First United Methodist Church with “Mountain of Food” in the memo line.

YOUR NAME _____

ITEM PRICE PER FLAT	How Many?
Spaghetti with Meat Sauce _____ \$25.80	_____
Saltine Crackers _____ \$23.88	_____
Ramen Noodles _____ \$10.14	_____
Chili _____ \$16.68	_____
Cereal _____ \$35.88	_____
Peanut Butter _____ \$21.68	_____
Pinto Beans (Dry) _____ \$30.96	_____
Canned Fruit _____ \$21.68	_____
Dish Soap _____ \$20.28	_____
Laundry Soap _____ \$14.84	_____
Total _____	_____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION!

CASH FOR PERISHABLE ITEMS TOTAL _____ Eggs, milk, cheese, bread, butter, potatoes, hamburger
Woodward Community Pantry Purpose The Woodward Community Pantry was founded to provide immediate, short-term (3-7 days) food to persons in crisis situation. These situations arise from many causes---Loss of employment or job changes, low part time employment, marriage breakup, additions to household, moving cost, disabling accidents or illness, fires, late assistance, loss of food stamps, or unexpected medical cost. A large team of volunteers take turns calling, delivering, buying and stocking the pantry. The Woodward food pantry depends on monetary and staple food donations.
The only operating expense for the pantry is an electric bill which is about \$50 per month.

**YES, I WANT TO HELP WITH THE
NOVEMBER 25th THANKSGIVING DINNER!**

We **would like to have** these sign-up sheets back by, **Monday November 22nd**. Anyone who is planning on bringing something or being there to help please let us know. We need to know so we can have another successful dinner.
Thank You!

I will contribute:

_____ Holiday salads, each enough to serve 15 (cool whip, jello, cranberry or fruit salads work the best)

_____ Desserts—Cakes or pies (especially pumpkin or pecan)
(We will take care of buying the cool whip.)

I will cook:

_____ a turkey (take home, bake, & bring back). The **prepaid turkey** is to be picked up at United from the meat department. **PLEASE BRING BACK THE BROTH**. We will need the turkeys at the church on Wednesday the 24th before noon. Please leave a phone number so Sandy can call you with the details.

_____ be available on Wednesday Nov.24th to assist with food preparation and kitchen clean up.

_____ help cook on Thursday morning, Nov. 25th

_____ help serve on Thursday, Nov. 25th

_____ help deliver meals to shut-ins on Thursday, Nov. 25th

_____ help wash dishes, clean up and take down decorations and tables and chairs on Thursday, Nov. 25th

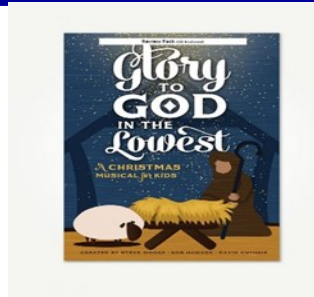
_____ I'll help wherever needed!

_____ Please accept my cash donation to use for this purpose.

Name

Daytime Phone No.

Evening Phone No.



**CHILDREN FOUR YEARS OLD THROUGH 5th GRADE COME AND JOIN US AS WE PREPARE FOR THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM,
"GLORY TO GOD IN THE LOWEST"
PRACTICE IS ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS FROM 6:00-7:00.
THE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM WILL BE ON SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 5th AT 4:30 PM.**



Happy Birthday Baby Jesus!

We will be having a birthday party for Baby Jesus during Sunday School on December 19th. Please allow your children to bring a gift for the Pregnancy Center to be placed under the tree. These could be diapers, wipes, bottles, rattles, etc.



Flow is over for the first semester on December 1 with Lesson 12. Bible Blast will resume on January 5.

During the break between semesters please do Bible Blast #13 &14 and be prepared to answer the questions for Bible Blast #15 when we resume after Christmas.



Laughter and calls for bread, cake, or sauce wrapped itself around the buildings as outside-vehicles circled to get a to-go-supper of spaghetti. After a year of absence, once again money was being raised for mission work, but more importantly, fellowship was happening. As the village, known as The Church, came together as one family working together, The United Methodist Women praised God, and now, we give thanks for all who worked, who baked, who donated meat, who browned meat, who directed traffic, who cooked and who ate. You were, truly, the hands and feet of Jesus.

To view how UMW shares the proceeds go on Facebook Group WoodwardFUMCWomen



Thank you to everyone who helped With Trunk or Treat!!

REMINDER: No, Christ's Crew, or King's Kids if school is not in session!

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Surviving the Holidays

First United Methodist Church

1111 Downs Ave. Woodward
580-256-5515

Seminar Details

Sessions on November 09, 2021
1:00-3:00 p.m. or 5:30-7:30 p.m.

OR

November 11, 2021
5:30-7:30 p.m.

For More Information, Contact The
Church Office.

MISSION STATEMENT

“TO MAKE DISCIPLES FOR JESUS CHRIST”

11/14 Vernie & Melanie Matt
11/26 Marvin & Darla Reidlinger
11/30 Matthew & Shawna Grivich



Birthdays of the Month

11/01 Ella Andrews
Kathryn Laverty
Janice Trout

11/02 Ashley Fanning
Jacen Grivich
Phillis Meyer

11/03 Beau Bryant
Shawn Moyer
Janet Walker

11/04 Jacob Davis

11/05 Doug Combs
Matthew Grivich
Michelle Shirkey
Debby Stine

11/06 James Moelling

11/07 Mattox Moyer 11/24 Brenda Webb

11/08 Khloe Clemence 11/25 Harper Bierig
Pam Rogers Jan Davis

11/09 Taryn Cordell Holly Shirkey
Grace Gore Cali Shirkey
Rodney Martin Elise Solloway

11/10 Steve Walker Nick vonBiedenfeld

11/11 Cesar Lopez 11/27 Carson Moelling
Keslee Mills Helen Riley

11/12 Lonnie Shirkey Lori Servis

11/13 Kristel Horner Gary Wise
Jon Martin 11/28 Susan Moyer
Kim Williams 11/29 Tammy Combs
Irene Withgott

11/14 Sandy Craig
Jared Wise

11/16 Pat Hamon

11/17 Nellie Allison
Andrew Starbuck

11/18 Odalee Craighead
Matthew Flanery

11/20 Lucas Shirkey

11/21 Debbie Hodsdon
Amber Riley

11/22 Tammy Stout
Jacey Welch

11/24 Bruce Benbrook

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Recent Hospital Stays David Neely

At Home: Mike & Kathryn Upchurch, Bruce Stout, Jim & Betty Steenberg, Glennys Shillings, Earlene Alley, Don & Ramona Dauphin, Elise Solloway, Don Morris, Jim Robertson, Rusty Menefee, Lena Mae Regan, Jo Lyn Page, Betty Schneider, Barbara Arnold

In Nursing Homes or Care Facilities:

Mickey Armstrong, Wanda Stricker, Marvin Junker, Linda Hunter, Lottie Lynes, Earnestine Gay, Dorla Sommers, Ida Crooks, Betty Porter, LaVoinne Stricker, Lewis & Virginia Glover

Other: Our Troops and their Families

Sympathy Extended to: Carol Vloedman & Family (Sister-in-law), Family of Mary Bishop

Special Prayer Request: All Government Leaders

Prayer Requests: Our Prayer Team meets every Monday in the Library at 4:00 pm. You are invited to attend, or you may call the church office with specific prayer requests. (256-5515)

GRIEF SHARE

www.griefshare.org/holidays