

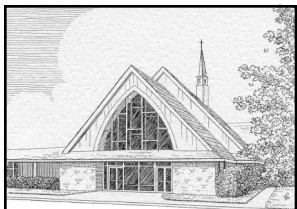
THE VILLAGE HERALD



Worship with us!
Sundays at 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
Learn with us!
Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.
United Methodist Youth:
Sundays from 4-6 p.m.

**Share food
and fellowship!**
United Methodist
Village Café
Wednesdays
At 5:00-6:15 p.m.
Prime Timers
Second Thursday at Noon
Friday Breakfast
at 6:31 a.m.

Office Hours:
Monday – Thursday
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



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REKINDLING THE FLAME

“Stir up the Inner-fire, the gift God gave you....”

2Timothy 1:6

November and December mark some of the most joyful holiday seasons of the whole year: Thanksgiving Day, the Season of Advent, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day celebrations. One of my personal favorites is All Saints Day, November 1st. We United Methodists don't hold a special service on All Saints Day every year, but we do mark the occasion on the first Sunday in November. In our church we have a special time to remember those who have recently passed on to “The Church Triumphant.”

Why is All Saints one of my favorites? Maybe such recognition sounds too sad. I'm sure it *is* hard for those who have recently lost loved ones to death. For me it's a reminder that death doesn't have the final word – that those who seem not to be alive are more alive and present than they've ever been. You just can't see them, for crying out loud!

Before his assassination, Archbishop Romero of El Salvador had a practice of reading at Holy Communion the names of members of his church who had either ‘disappeared’—or died the previous week. As the prayers of the community were spoken—the names were lifted up one after another. The congregation would respond after each name was called out: “Presente.” Present. Here—with us today.

Presente. I do not know a better word for All Saints Day. And we join with churches around the world in remembering that great cloud of witnesses that have gone before us. We have called out some of their names. And even now some faces rise up before us. Presente. They are always with us. Our lives have been touched. “Some people come into our lives and quickly go; some stay for awhile and leave footprints on our hearts and we are never the same.”

Remember their time with us and be thankful. Sense their presence with us even now and rejoice!

Until later....grace and peace to you!

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Student Ministries

Stephen Ministry



**Sunday, November 13th-
Cookout at Tom's !!
And...it's Tom's BIRTHDAY!!**

Come join the annual tradition of heading out to Tom's for an afternoon of football, hot dogs, s'mores and fellowship. Bring a six-pack of soda or a bag of chips to the church at 3:00 p.m. We'll travel by van to Luther, and return to the church by 7:00 p.m. We'll be outside, so dress appropriately!



Continue to keep our Stephen Ministers and Stephen Leaders in your prayers as they reach the midpoint in the 50 hours of Stephen Minister training.

Session Ten—Confidentiality Our Stephen Ministers take an in-depth look at an essential principle of quality Christian care—confidentiality. Everything a care receiver tells a Stephen Minister and *even the identity of the care receiver* remain strictly confidential. It is in this safe environment of trust and acceptance that God can bring hope and healing to a care receiver.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:2

Thanks from the United Methodist Men



I am happy to report that the Breakfast and Bake Sale keeps getting better and better, thanks to the cooperation of the church and some Brit-Vil people. It takes all of us working together to make this a success and you did just that. It starts with the advance ticket sales, which went very well. Jo Ann Fair was the leading salesperson, I think with \$185, but she has an unfair advantage because all of the women buy from her. (Just kidding).

Then comes the big event of serving the breakfast. We had plenty of help in the kitchen and in the dining room thanks to the youth and the men. I will not attempt to name them all, as I did not take names. The staff was helpful in printing the tickets, setting up the dining room, etc. So, you see it was certainly a team effort which made it the success that it was. My son, Bill, even chipped in by furnishing and serving some waffles, which seemed to be appreciated.

I did not get an accurate head count but we must have served over 300. This included 8 boys and 2 adults from Genesis House, a DHS facility, located in Edmond. In addition to pancakes, the boys got a sack of homemade candy which they seemed to enjoy. They were invited back to the Wednesday night dinners and stated that they will accept the invitation.

Now the good news. We were able to give \$850 each to the youth of the church and to Brit-Vil. This is a new high, but, our goal for next spring is at least a total of \$2000. So start saving a few pennies each week and by next spring we will reach our goal.

THANKS AGAIN!

Bill Buntz

Children's Ministries



We Give Thanks

Even our youngest church members are learning to give thanks to God. During 10:30 worship, Jamie Brooks, Nursery Supervisor, plans Wee Worship activities for children in the nursery. During November they will learn about giving thanks through painting pictures, painting with fragrance, making turkey pictures and enjoying turkey cookies.

Children Raise Their Voices

Lighthouse Kidz Singers will raise their voices in song during November. On November 6, the Cherub Lighthouse Kidz Singers (age 3 through Kindergarten) will share "We Are the Church" in 10:30 worship. Elementary LKS (grades 1-5) will sing "V.I.P." on November 13. It goes along with the Amazing Voyage unit they are studying, "Jesus and the Children."



Prime Timers



Did you know.....?

...that Crystal Self is now the owner of "Right At Home", an in-home care and assistance franchise? Crystal will be the guest speaker at **Prime Timers on Thursday, November 10, at noon.**

Prime Timers meets at noon for a pot luck lunch, fellowship, and friendship followed by a speaker. Crystal will share with us her new venture, as well as how she was led to begin this new business. I hope many of you will come and see what our monthly gatherings are all about!

Outreach Ministries



Circle Meetings:

Wesleyan Women will meet on Tuesday, November 8th, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Annette Fisher.

Brambles will meet at 1:00 p.m. at the church on Tuesday, November 8th.

Martha Circle will meet on Tuesday, November 15th, at 9:30 a.m. at the church.

Susannah Wesley Circle will meet at the home of Mary Fennell on Tuesday, November 15th, at 10:00 a.m.

Ruth Circle will meet on Tuesday, November 15th, at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Billie Coon.

Cinnamon Rolls

will be made on November 19th to be sold on **Sunday, November 20th.**

Since Thanksgiving is the 24th, be sure and get a good supply for your holiday company!



















Crusaders to Study "The Journey"

The Crusaders' advent study will be **The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem** by Adam Hamilton. Hamilton once again approaches a world-changing event with thoughtfulness. Using historical information, archaeological data, and a personal look at some of the stories surrounding the birth, the most amazing moment in history will become more real and heart-felt as you walk along this road. Each session includes a short video which contains footage from the Holy Land.

We will begin the study on November 20 and finish on December 18th. All are welcome to join this study. The crusaders meet in Room 104 during the Sunday School hour.

November 2011

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|  | | 1 8:45 a.m. Worship Planning 12:00 p.m. UMW Lunch 1:00 p.m. UMW General Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Support Group | 2 9:00 a.m. Mobile Meals 4:00 p.m. A Circle of Friends 5:00 p.m. Village Café 5:45 p.m. Men's Ministry Class 6:00 p.m. Lighthouse Kidz Singers 6:15 Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Oasis Worship 6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir | 3 6:00 p.m. Beth Moore Study 7:00 p.m. Support Group | 4 6:30 a.m. Friday Breakfast ALL INVITED! | 5 8:00—12:00 N Stephen Ministry  |
| 6 All Saints Sunday 8:15 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Trustees 11:30 a.m. Chancel Ringers 4:00 p.m. UM Youth Fall Back 1 Hour | 7 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry | 8 8:45 a.m. Worship Planning 1:00 p.m. Brambles 6:00 p.m. Finance Committee 6:30 p.m. Wesleyan Women 7:00 p.m. Support Groups | 9 9:00 a.m. Mobile Meals 4:00 p.m. A Circle of Friends 5:00 p.m. Village Café 5:45 p.m. Men's Ministry Class 6:00 p.m. Lighthouse Kidz Singers 6:15 Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Oasis Worship 6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir | 10 11:00 a.m. Village Connections 12:00 p.m. Prime Timers Luncheon 6:00 p.m. Beth Moore Study 7:00 p.m. Support Group | 11 VETERAN'S DAY 6:30 a.m. Friday Breakfast ALL INVITED! 3-4 setup 6-9 p.m. Brookline College Graduation Sanctuary/FH | 12 8:00 a.m. UMM Breakfast  |
| 13 8:15 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Chancel Ringers 2:00-3:30 p.m. Baby Shower for Katie Muns Drakeford in the Church Parlor 3p.m.—7 p.m. YOUTH COOKOUT at TOM'S ALL INVITED! | 14 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry | 15 8:45 a.m. Worship Planning 9:30 a.m. Martha Circle 10:00 a.m. Susannah Wesley 1:00 p.m. Ruth Circle 7:00 p.m. Support Group | 16 9:00 a.m. Mobile Meals 4:00 p.m. A Circle of Friends 5:00 p.m. Village Café 5:45 p.m. Men's Ministry Class 6:00 p.m. Lighthouse Kidz Singers 6:15 Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Oasis Worship 6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir | 17 6:00 p.m. S.P.R.C. meeting 6:00 p.m. Beth Moore Study 7:00 p.m. Support Group | 18 6:30 a.m. Friday Breakfast ALL INVITED! 5:00 p.m. Pratt Wedding | 19 Kitchen in use for Cinnamon Rolls—YUM!  |
| 20 CINNAMON ROLLS 8:15 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Chancel Ringers | 21 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry | 22 8:45 a.m. Worship Planning 10:00 a.m. UMW Leadership Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Support Group | 23 9:00 a.m. Mobile Meals 5:00 p.m. Village Café 6:30 p.m. Oasis Worship | 24 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  Happy Thanksgiving | 25 THANKS-GIVING HOLIDAY  CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED | 26  |
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Celebrations and Prayer Concerns

Please Note!



Happy Birthday to: November 1

Vaunie Flynn

November 2

Bill Buntz

November 3

Brian Franklin

November 4

Mike Bunce

November 6

Aliera Street

November 9

Virginia Farrier

Charlie Prentice

November 11

Cassidy Austin

Caitlin Greenawalt

November 12

Kristina Kendall

Cheryl Shideler

Margaret Swirczynski

November 13

Tom Huber

November 14

Kristy Cassady

Eli Richardson

November 15

Karen Brian

November 19

Preston Isham

Dirk Neitzel

November 20

Angela Pendleton



Prayer Concerns: Do you have an email account?

Tracy Brenherd
Mary Ellen Brown
Shirley Brummett
Bill Bullard
Megan Clampett
Terry Currier
Glenys Decker

Joe and Betsy Dewey

Jenna Fast

Dorothy Finnell

Dr. Andy Gin

Wallace Hoyt

Elsie Huffman

Marilyn Kawakami

Carolyn Lambertson

Virginia Ludlow

Jeff Marrs

Rev. Rik Marion

Billie Marshall

Gary McKelvey

Sandi Mitchell

Chester Phyffer

Marilyn Rothe

Jack Steeley

Matthew Weber

In the Middle East:

Bull Family

Ben Wilhelm



10:30 Ushers for November:

Joe Patterson

David Selby

Dean Couch

Jim Robertson

Nursery Workers:

November 6

Jamie Brooks

Jamie McCormack

Austin Elliott

Sarah Jones

November 13

Jamie Brooks

Jamie McCormack

Wesley Garoutte

Sarah Baer



Do you receive the Village Herald by regular mail?

If the answer to both questions is "yes", please consider allowing us to email your copy of the Village Herald. You would be helping us cut down on printing and postage expenses, plus you would receive the added benefit of a Village Herald in living color!

If you would like to change your delivery option, please send your email address to Sally at slanger@villagemethodist.org, and we'll take it from there!

If you are receiving both email and regular mail, please let us know. We are updating and streamlining our records, so your help is both needed and appreciated!



"A big **THANK YOU** to all who helped make the

'SOCKS FOR SOUP' benefit a **huge success**. Due to the immeasurable generosity of you, VUMC members, we collected **434** pair of socks!! We received a great variety of adult, children and infant socks and there are going to be some very happy and warm feet in this City as the weather turns cold. Thanks to everyone who helped make this event happen... cooks. . .clean-up. . .decorators... and especially to everyone who came out and enjoyed a delicious bowl of soup with us to support the Women's Ministry at VUMC. You are a gift!"

Deadline for next newspaper is Wednesday, November 9th.

Please bring articles to Sally or email to slanger@villagemethodist.org.

Wednesday Nights at Village



VILLAGE CAFÉ continues to grow in popularity. Recent attendance has topped 150 people who have come to enjoy our delicious food and cordial atmosphere. This has become a wonderful ministry as we extend fellowship into our neighborhood community.

Volunteer opportunities have increased along with the crowd! We now need 7 cakes each week—homemade or store bought—plus volunteers for serving and cleanup. Your participation is needed! Please consider how you could contribute. A sign-up sheet is available in the main lobby for your convenience.

If you have never attended Village Café, please come give it a try, then stay for a Bible study, Choir, or Oasis Worship. Take this opportunity to connect with your church family, plus reach out to someone new. You might make a friend for life!



IN EVERY
THING GIVE
THANKS; FOR
THIS IS GOD'S
WILL FOR YOU
IN CHRIST
JESUS.

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Rev. Rik Marrion
Minister of Worship and Music
Tom White
Coordinator of Student Ministries
Coordinator of Children's Ministries
Martha Pendleton
Coordinator of Community and
Spiritual Growth
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Judy Horne
Child Care
Jamie Brooks
Finance Administrator
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