

Dear Marshall First UMC Faith Circle,

Sa-by-dee (Hello) from Laos!

This is a very late yet heartfelt thank you for your generous \$200 which was sent through the Advance to support the Santisouk Language and Vocational Center (SLVC). Yes, the money arrived over a month ago and came just in time to fix the roof during our rainy season. We had constant downpours every day, sometimes all day, for over 3 months. The leaks had the ceilings in my office, the conference room and the classroom dripping mold and plaster in certain areas.

That does not present a good image to parents or our students as a well-established, professional educational institution.

Your \$200 covered not only sealing the roof tiles and replacing the molded ceiling areas but also a new 6-tier step ladder for the Center as we had none to reach high level places. Every time we use it, I will say, "That's my hometown church ladies who paid for that!" You will be with us for many years to come, every time we use it, even to pick mangos off the courtyard trees. (Fortunately, no picking coconuts as we got rid of those trees using further donations. I think you can guess why — Falling coconuts are a lot more dangerous than falling mangos.)



One last note concerning that \$200: My office manager supports his extended family of 7, none of whom have jobs. He and his father are United Methodist pastors and share serving a countryside village church which is 30 miles from his home. (Pastors here receive no salary as churches are too poor to pay.). His older brother works in construction, so he invited him to our Center to do the repairs. His unemployed brother-in-law and wife likewise came to help with the all-day project, giving them some income as well.



So, you see, not only did your funding go toward repairs for the Center but toward helping support a family in great need.

Now that is truly a gift to mission here in this country.

Thank you again for your continued support. And don't forget to check out [connieinchina.org](http://connieinchina.org) for stories and more pictures of news from Laos.

Connie Wieck  
UMC missionary to Southeast Asia.



November Mission of the Month-Spero(formerly Mt. Vernon Children's Home)

Mt. Vernon Children's Home was established as a mission of the Southern Conference of the Methodist Church in 1921. At that time there were many orphaned children that needed a nurturing environment, and the Methodist churches of the area supported its programs. Because of changing societal conditions, the agency changed its focus in the 1990's and moved to providing services more suited to the needs of that time.

In 2017 the agency's name was changed to Spero which means, I HOPE. The goal of Spero is to bring hope and healing to families throughout Southern Illinois. Spero is a certified mission outreach of the United Methodist Church.

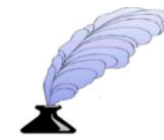
"Spero Family Services offers hope, help and healing by providing Christ centered human services to meet the ever-changing needs of individuals, families and communities."

Spero faith-based services are :

- \*Providing childcare for children 6 weeks through preschool.
- \*Home visiting services to meet the ever-changing needs of children and families
- \*WRAPAROUND--a service that supports keeping families together in Central and Southern Illinois
- \*YOUTHBUILD-a program for low income ,young adults in need of obtaining a GED/HSE.

If you would care to contribute to help maintain a Christian focus throughout Spero's services , you can make your check out to Marshall First UMC or leave your contribution in the pew envelopes or the church office.

# THE MESSENGER



November 2024

*From the Pastor's Pen*

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ in the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Summer has passed and Autumn is in full swing. The leaves are falling from the trees as a sign of the changing of time and the cycle of seasons God planned for our enjoyment. In just a few days we will elect a new president. Some will be happy with the choice and others will not. No doubt, some will choose anger because they did not get their way. While others whose candidate did not prevail will say, "well, there will be another election in four years. Hold on and pray for the best."

God has given us the great privilege of choosing our leaders, and we are called to choose wise, intelligent, and seasoned people who will lead us. (cf. Deuteronomy 1:13) Now we can't always find people who truly live up to this standard; still, we have the privilege of choosing. If you are looking for a perfect candidate, forget it, there is only one perfect person, and He did not run for office, He gave Himself as a ransom for us on the cross. Thus, we vote for the one who most closely aligns with the values we hold as believers in Jesus Christ. For "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." (Proverbs 14:34 ESV)

John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Movement gave this advice. Writing in his journal on October 6, 1774, Rev. Wesley said,

1. To vote, without fee or reward, for the person they judged most worthy;
2. To speak no evil of the person they voted against;
- And, 3. To take care their spirits were not sharpened against those that voted on the other side.<sup>1</sup>

This is good and godly advice. We should not vote for what we get out of it, but what we, through prayer and biblical principles, believe is best for the nation. We are called to love our enemies and pray for them. This is what Jesus tells us in Matthew 5:43-45. Our congregation, like most others, has people with different political leanings and understandings of the issues of the day, yet we share in worship, women's meetings, Sunday School classes, fellowship meals, committees, and Council meetings together. As the church we cannot allow the vitriol found in modern politics to interfere with our relationships. If we will stand together on the word of God and the fellowship that comes from the presence of the Holy Spirit, we will find that our fellowship will remain sweet.

I believe this holds true with the division we find in the church as well. If we hold each other with godly love and respect, we will find that no matter the decisions we ultimately make, we are still the family and faith community God wants us to be.









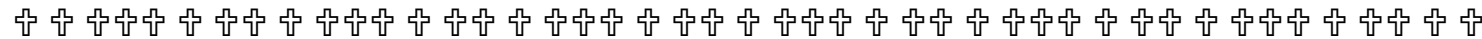


# Chili Day!!!!

Chili Day tickets are now available in the church office.  
 Adults - \$10  
 Children 10 and under - \$6  
 Chili Day is Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.  
 Lunch 11AM – 1PM  
 Dinner 5PM – 6:30PM

Take our will be available. We are **NOT** having a food booth this year. United Women in Faith Will have a bake sale at a later date. Please, we are in need of pies, cakes, and desserts. If you would like to help, please call Dianne Rardin at 217-264-1449. We need lots of help to make our day successful.

Thank you,  
 United Women in Faith

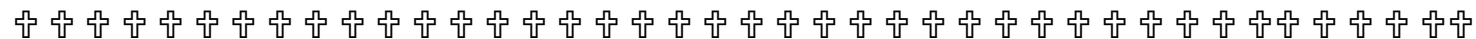


## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

FUMC is responsible for manning the Thrift Store each third Saturday morning - November 16th this month. Please help us between 8AM & noon. There are many types of jobs - donation sorting and moving, pricing, check-out, and more - even if you need to be seated. There is SO much to do!! We also need you to be our customers because store income is used to buy the food we distribute. Our Food Disbursement operation always needs volunteers as well - each Tuesday afternoon,

especially 4th Tuesdays.

Thank you for your continued support of donations of \$\$, clean and sellable items, and your time. WE are the hands and feet of Jesus! --- Nancy Claypool



**Just a reminder-Monday's Pickleball is now at 5PM for the remainder of the season.**



## Anniversaries

Dustin & Chelsey Trudeau 11/2  
 Allan & Nancy Gossmann 11/6  
 Cody & Lindsay Welsh 11/8  
 Dennis & Barb Reedy 11/28  
 Adam & Jamie Schneider 11/28

## Birthdays

Amy Cannady	11/01	Barney Calvert	11/16
Leyla Fattal	11/02	Ava Daily	11/17
Tom Macke	11/03	Lori Manuell	11/17
Sherri Jordan	11/05	Liam Setzer	11/18
Kelly Lindley	11/09	Dana Sanders	11/19
Mia Moore	11/09	Roger Rayhel	11/20
Bob Smithson	11/09	Derek Eitel	11/21
Travis Hoggatt	11/10	Priscilla Wieck	11/23
Caroline Crumrin	11/11	Emmett Maurer	11/27
Cooper Crumrin	11/11	Jesse Green	11/28
Jarod Green	11/12	Danielle Cline	11/29
Kylee Strohm	11/14	Layla Kendall	11/29
Kaylee DeLisle	11/15	Greyson Trudeau	11/29
		Brooke Fattal	11/30

# November Volunteers

Greeters- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Jack & Lisa Davidson  
 10<sup>th</sup> - Robin Lake  
 17<sup>th</sup> - Robin Lake  
 24<sup>th</sup> - Gale Titus

Ushers - 3<sup>rd</sup> -  
 10<sup>th</sup> -  
 17<sup>th</sup> -  
 24<sup>th</sup> -

Nursery- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Jody Green & Charlene Moore  
 10<sup>th</sup> - Jenna Morey & Dana Ramsey  
 17<sup>th</sup> - Ken & Nancy Claypool  
 24<sup>th</sup> - Fred & Janet Eitel

Lobby Watch- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Rick Manuell  
 10<sup>th</sup> -  
 17<sup>th</sup> -  
 24<sup>th</sup> -



## Altar Flowers









3<sup>rd</sup> - Sue Boyer  
 10<sup>th</sup> - The Moore's  
 17<sup>th</sup> -  
 24<sup>th</sup> -





# NOVEMBER 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1. Exercise 8:30AM  Pope Gregory IV makes All Saints Day compulsory. (845) The Ottoman Empire ends. The Republic of Turkey is created. (1922)	2. Book Lover's Day
3. Confirmation Class YF Communion Day All Saint's Service	4. Exercise 8:30AM Yoga-9AM Pickleball-5PM  	5.  Chili Day 11AM-1PM & 5PM- 6:30PM  	6. Power Lunch KFC	7.	8. Exercise 8:30AM  1950-1st jet to jet dogfight was in N. Korea	9.  
10. Confirmation Class YF design Christmas Float The Gideon Bible is put into a hotel room for the first. Time 1908. 	11. Exercise 8:30AM Yoga-9AM Pickleball-5PM  Forty-one Pilgrims aboard the Mayflower sign a compact calling for a "body Politick" just off the Massachusetts coast. (1620), Construction is started on a naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. (1909) 	12. Holy Grounds-2PM Hollybrook  UWF Board Mtg-4PM	13. Power Lunch KFC	14. Esther Cir-7PM  The first streetcar goes into operation. (1832) "Moby Dick" by Herman Melville is published. (1851) Hydropower plant at Niagara Falls begins operation. (1896)	15. Exercise 8:30AM	16.
17. Confirmation Class YF is at Marshall Rehab	18. Exercise 8:30AM Yoga-9AM Pickleball-5PM Susannah Wesley – 6:30  Saint Peter's Basilica is consecrated. It replaces the original basilica on the same site and becomes the largest Christian Basilica in the world. (1626)	19. Holy Grounds-9AM Gypsy Queen Finance Committee 6PM Trustees 7PM	20. Power Lunch KFC	21. Faith Circle-9AM  Sisters in Faith-6PM @Chava's	22. Exercise 8:30AM	23.  The revolutionary Jukebox is first displayed, becoming an instant success. See National Jukebox Day. (1889)
24. Confirmation Sunday Hanging of the Greens	25. Exercise 8:30AM Yoga-9AM Pickleball-5PM  Benjamin Bannecker publishes his Farmer's Almanac for the first time. (1792)	26. Church Council 6PM	27.	28. Thanksgiving Day Office Closed  	29. Office Closed	30. NCAA Rivalry Week  



## Hanging Of The Green

Sunday, November 24, 2024

Join us at 4 p.m. on Sunday afternoon to decorate the church and begin the Advent Season. Supper will be at 5:15 PM. Hot dogs & Sloppy Joes will be served. Table service and drinks will be furnished.



*Christmas carols after dinner.*



*Each Adult Class Is Asked For Two Volunteers To Serve On The Clean-Up Committee.*

This group will straighten up the kitchen and fellowship hall after the program.

**Young Adult Class** – Set up the large tree in the overflow before 4 p.m. Bring 3 side dishes and 2 people to bring cookies.

**Jr. High and Sr. High Class** – Jr. & Sr. High will be decorating the back corner of the sanctuary and the tree in the Fellowship Hall.

**CSI Class** – CSI is set to bring 3 side dishes, 2 people bring cookies, decorate south balcony, overflow balcony and window ledges.

**Laura Irwin's Class** – You are to set up food, help serve, bring/make drinks and bring 1 side and 1 plate of cookies.

**Choir & New Life Women** – You will be decorating the choir loft and foyer stairway. Please furnish 3 side dishes and 3 people bring cookies.

**All Men** – You are scheduled to decorate outside.

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

**THANK YOU SO MUCH!**



# Scrip

Time to think about Christmas Gift Card giving. Order them early for those that have it all. See Angie if you have any questions.



## 2024 Chaddock Wish List

As you shop for Chaddock children, please keep in mind who you are helping:

As of today, we serve over 400 children in our Residential, Foster and Adoption and Educational programs.

- Please send **new items only**
- Amazon, Target, Walmart, and Visa gift cards are helpful and appreciated
- Please send all gifts **unwrapped** (but wrapping supplies are useful)
- Please write your church's name on each package
- Contact Shawna Bunnell at 217-592-0330 or [shunnell@chaddock.org](mailto:shunnell@chaddock.org)

### Gift Cards

Amazon, Target, Walmart,  
Visa  
McDonald's, Taco Bell,  
Starbucks

### Supplies

Wrapping Paper  
Name Tags/Bows  
Batteries – AA/AAA

### Infants and Toddlers

Balls  
Baby Blankets  
Baby Bedding  
Baby Dolls & Accessories  
Blocks  
Books  
Chewing or Crawling Toys  
Preschool Toys  
Ride-On Type Toys  
Trucks, Cars & Trains

### Most Requested Items

Bath and Body Gift Sets  
Board Games  
Canvases and paints  
Cologne/Perfume  
Dolls, Action Figures  
Headphones  
Helmets, Knee Pads  
Journals  
MP3 Players  
iTunes Gift Cards

### Legos

Sleds  
Sports Equipment:  
Basketballs & Footballs  
Bikes & Scooters

### Bedroom Decor

Alarm Clocks with Radio  
Bean Bag Chairs  
Bed in a Bag – Twin  
Pillows  
Blankets  
Sheet Sets – Twin XL

### Art/Craft Supplies

Activity Books  
Canvases  
Craft Kits  
Markers/Colored Pencils  
Nontoxic Washable Paints  
Paintbrushes  
Play Doh & Clay  
Sidewalk Chalk  
Sketch Pads & Markers  
Tracing/Drawing Books  
Water Color Paints

### New Clothing

**Children's Sizes Infant – Adult**  
**2X**  
Athletic Clothing  
Jogger Set, T-Shirts, Shorts  
Gloves/Winter Hats  
Pajamas  
Socks  
Sweatshirts/Sweatpants  
Winter Coats

### Independent Living Needs

Bath Mats  
Bath Towels/Wash Cloths  
Cooking Utensils  
Drinking Glasses  
Dish Cloths/Towels  
Dishes - Set for 4  
Flatware  
Laundry Baskets  
Potholders  
Pots and Pans/Baking Dishes  
Storage Containers

### Personal Items

Bath Towels/Wash Cloths  
Body Wash  
Body Lotion  
Body Spray  
Brushes/Combs  
Cantu – Hair Products  
Chapstick  
Deodorant  
Hair Spray/Gel/Mousse  
(non-aerosol)  
Hair Ties/Clips  
Kleenex  
Loofahs  
Make-up  
Nail Polish/Remover  
Palmer's shampoo and conditioner  
Razors/Shaving cream  
Shampoo/Conditioner  
Shower Caddy  
Toothbrush/Toothpaste

