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.)

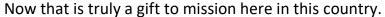




One last note concerning that \$200: My office manager supports his extended family of 7, none of whom have jobs. He and his father are United Methodist pastors and share serving a countryside village church which is 30 miles from his home. (Pastors here receive no salary as churches are too poor to 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.



Thank you again for your continued support. And don't forget to check out **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 everchanging 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





# November2024

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.

Soon this election will be over. For some of you, by the time you read this it may already be. Still, we will be the people of God gathered. We will have done our duty and fulfilled our privilege to choose our leaders. May we remember that elected officials only serve for a time, that history will record their actions for good or ill, and that in the end, God will work all things out for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purpose. Regardless of the election or turmoil in the church, may each of us sit around the Thanksgiving table and say, "Best of all, God is with us."

In joyful service with you,

Pastor Bill

<sup>1</sup> The Works of John Wesley Third Edition Volume 4
Journals from September 13, 1773 to October 24, 1790. 1872 edition issued by Wesleyan Methodist Book Room, London. Reprinted by Baker Book House Company 1996.



November is upon us, and with it comes thoughts of thankfulness and praise. As your choir director, I am so very thankful to those who join us every week to learn songs and work together to help lead worship! We have a great group of people who love to make a joyful noise together, and we would be so excited if you'd join us! As a choir, we all depend on each other and help each other follow the notes to the best of our ability, so if you decide to join us, you won't be alone singing your part! Who knows – you just might decide it's a lot of fun.

The KFC kids have been learning the Lord's Prayer, and will be singing during worship on Sunday, November 10. Make sure to come support them that day and enjoy their

new song!

Advent is quickly approaching, and we're going to have some extra times to sing together. If you can't commit to the regular choir time, maybe you can join us for Advent and Christmas? One special time is the Angel Choir at the Bethlehem Experience on December 7. Our choir will be singing from 4:05 – 5:00pm. Even if you don't want to be an angel and sing with us, please come show your support by hearing us sing. We also will be singing on Christmas Eve! If you or someone you know would like to sing a special or play an instrument during the service (one or both times), please let me know so we can include you in the planning. And, of course, we would gladly welcome new or returning choir members to join us!

I pray you all have a very Happy Thanksgiving! Enjoy time with family if you have plans to be together, and even if you will be alone on the holiday, think of all the blessings God has given you, and be grateful to Him. You could even sing a little praise music to him in the privacy of your own home!

Serving with you,

Becky

# Children & Youth Ministry







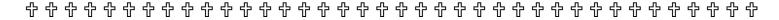
October was a good month for the kids at FUMC. KFC worked on the meaning of the Lord's Prayer. We had an average of about 25 elementary kids each week. Our first KFC dinner for this school year was on Oct. 30. 68 people enjoyed a delicious pulled pork supper. Thanks SO much to all of you who have helped with KFC in any way! KFC will meet on Nov. 6 and Nov. 20. Nov. 13 is an early dismissal day and school is not in session on Nov. 27 because of Thanksgiving. Nov. 20 will be the next KFC dinner.

date. All church members are welcome-mark your calendar! Confirmation Class and YF met for learning, missions, and supper on the 20 th and 27 th . We will meet on Nov. 3, 10, and 17. Confirmation Sunday is November 24. YF will lead a service at the Marshall Rehab Center at 1:30 on November 17. The Nov. 10 YF meeting will be dedicated to planning the service and designing a float for the Christmas parade.



Scott Arney, Deborah Martin Katauskas, Jeff Loper, David Miller, Karen Wheat (friend of Kathy Brown), Lacy Davis (friend of Kathy Brown), Gilbert Clark (Gordon Clark's Brother), Candace Painter, Frederick Shaw (friend of Linda James), Brian Winkleman (brother-in-law of Eric Murphy), Bev Smith, Molly Macke (Patty & John's daughter-in-law), Angie Broncano (Laos missionary with cancer), Eddie Gutierrez, Mike Delp (friend

of John & Linda James), Unspoken, Tim Bronkie (Pastor's friend), Gale Glick, Diana Bailey, Tiffany Macke, Millie Swalls (Nora & Brad Swalls' granddaughter), Kinley Nash (Lois & David Nash's granddaughter), Bishop Frank Beard, D.S. Angie Lee, Peg Hintz (Tom Hintz's mother), Julie Krietemeier (Beth Macke's sister), Israel, All Long-term Healthcare Facilities in Clark County, Natural Disaster Victims, Our Missionaries



# Our Mílitary Personnel:

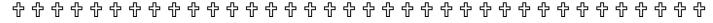
## Our Nation, Our Nation's Leaders, and Armed Forces

Chris Bradford John Flowers Daniel Gard
Michael Holmes John Kuhn Shelby Sanborn
Lewis Sanborn Jake Hoalt Chaplain Jonathon Maloney

# Our Homebound & Health Care Facility Residents

Violet CookJoAnn DonehueRay KingMary E. KoutsoumpasPhyllis BoatrightDan Flowers

Ron Hicks Sharon Miller



# **Seniors**

Holy Grounds Coffee Group meets every Tuesday. All are welcome to join!

12 th - Hollybrook 2PM

19th - Gypsy Queen 9AM

Holy Grounds will NOT be meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> or the 26<sup>th</sup>.



Pastor Bill and Becky would like to thank each and every one of you for the thoughtful cards, gifts, messages, and the wonderful reception for Pastor Appreciation month. You make us feel very loved.

Thank you to my church family for the birthday wishes, cards, and coming to my party. You all mean so much to me.

Love,
Jan



# Prayer Focus for the month: Peaceful Transition Of Power



Congratulations to Carrol Ellington! He is this year's Special Mission Recognition recipient for the many hours he has given to our mission project of making mats for homeless people.

On UWF Sunday the altar displayed the mats and hygiene kits we donated to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center.

After our UWF Sunday service, 40 women gathered for lunch and fellowship with the "Breaking Bread Together", our UWF theme for this year.



Sisters In Faith has adopted 2 kids for the Santa Express program at Chaddock. If you would like to donate a Christmas gift for the children they serve, a box & a copy of their Wish List will be outside the office. Please drop off any items by Friday, November 29. A copy of the Wish List is also included in the newsletter.

# **Mark Your Calendar:**

CHILI DAY - Tues., Nov. 5 UWF Board Meeting - Tues., Nov. 12, 4:00 pm

# **Weekly Events**

Weaving - Wednesdays from 10 to noon Quiet Prayer Time - Wednesdays from 5 to 6 pm

## **Circles:**

UWF Board Meeting - Tues., Nov. 12, 4:00 pm Esther Circle - Thurs., Nov. 14, 7:00 pm Susannah Wesley Circle - Mon., Nov. 18, 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall Faith Circle - Thurs., Nov. 21, 9:00 am, Chapel Sisters In Faith - Thurs., Nov. 21, 6:00 pm, Chava's







# 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 8 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 remainer 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

# 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 – 3rd -

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

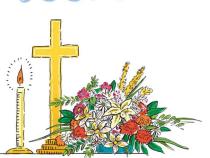
24<sup>th</sup> – Fred & Janet Eitel

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



# 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.



Cach 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 fouer 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!





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

#### Gift Cards

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

#### Supplies

Wrapping Paper Name Tags/Bows Batteries - AA/AAA

## Infants and Toddlers

**Baby Blankets Baby Bedding** Baby Dolls & Accessories 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

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

Bath Towels/Wash Cloths

#### Personal Items

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

