



First United Methodist Church

Sunday, November 3
All Saints' Sunday & Communion
5th Sunday of *Do Unto Others* Series
Scripture: Matthew 22:34-40
Sermon: "Malice Toward None: Love"

Sunday, November 10
Honoring our Veterans
25th Sunday after Pentecost
Fred Delcamp Preaching

Sunday, November 17
Scripture: Philippians 4:6-7
Sermon: "Prayer"
26th Sunday after Pentecost
James Downing Preaching

Sunday, November 24
Christ the King Sunday
LOVE FEAST - Worship in Fellowship Hall

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*The MISSION of
Owosso First United
Methodist Church is to live
out our faith in Jesus Christ
through acts of love with
honesty, integrity, and
respect.*

*The VISION of
Owosso First United
Methodist Church is to be
Christ-centered, a welcome
and loving environment,
service-oriented, and
respectful of ALL creation.*

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Tower Tidings - Nov. 2024
First United Methodist Church
1500 North Water Street
Owosso, MI 48867
Office Hours M-F @ 8-4
Sunday Worship 10 am



Tower Tidings

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Methodist Church

NOV 2024

Greetings!

Phew...I don't know about you, but for me, October was a blur! The leaves on the trees have turned beautiful reds, yellows, and golds. It has been a lovely Fall so far, and I suppose we cannot complain since November is here!

As I watch the leaves gently and slowly fall to the ground, it would be nice if time moved just as slowly and gently! As time passes and I think about November, I begin to think about the things I am thankful for. Thankful that we live in a nation where "We the People" get to choose who will lead our Nation, and it doesn't matter if we voted for the "winner" of the election or not, we have the freedom to vote. November also brings Veterans' Day, a time to honor and give thanks those who are among us who gave of themselves to serve in the Armed Forces. Then of course, one can't help but think about the end of November to the day when many gather with family around a big table with turkey and all the trimmings!

I have Facebook friends who start on November 1st, with one thing they are thankful for everyday of the month. I applaud them for doing that...I'm not that dedicated to posting on Facebook. Yet, I always stop to think about how being thankful isn't just a one-day celebration, or even a celebration for thirty days. We have something to be thankful for every day of the year, don't we? We receive blessings every day of the year, do we give thanks for them every day of the year?

I was thinking about the food that is prepared for Thanksgiving day, and this year we will hear about the cost of everything that it takes to prepare such a feast. Most of us will pay the price anyway. As I was thinking about sitting down at a dinner table filled with food, verses from the Gospel of Matthew came to mind, **"When Jesus went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the village and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away, you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children"** (Matthew 14:14-21 NRSV).

Jesus took five loaves and two fish and gave thanks to God and fed over five thousand humans! No one went away hungry! God can take something very small and when we are thankful, when we offer thanksgiving to the Giver, our cups overflow! You don't have to have "it all" as a church or as a family, thankfulness brings abundance!

I am so thankful for you! You have blessed me in so many ways. As I think about the ways that you have blessed me, I also think about what we can do together to bless others. Thanksgiving is coming and so is *The Journey to Bethlehem* (aka Living Nativity). I have been so blessed to be part of the planning on something I have never experienced. I am thankful for those who have the expertise and experience to put it all together, and I am anxious to see and be a part of it. I hope that you are looking forward to being a part of that amazing, wonderful, holy event that is a blessing to the community. Thank you for offering yourself, one night of giving our time and giving thanks to God that we can give our time, will turn around and fill our cups to overflowing!

Hope your November is filled with joy, celebration and Thanks to God for all that you have been blessed with. Looking forward to blessing our community with you through *The Journey to Bethlehem!*

Happy Thanksgiving!

Shalom,
Pastor Mona

November



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Sundays
9:30 am Café Open
10 am Worship

Office Hours
Mon-Fri
8 am -4 pm

Small Groups
Sundays @ 6pm
Tuesdays at 1pm

Newsletter articles
are due the 15th of
each month.



Men's Breakfast

Sat., Nov. 9

@ 8:30 am

in the church Café.
All men are welcome.



Please RSVP to the church office. The cost is \$6. Thank you!

Singles Over 60

Tues., Nov. 5

@ noon

at Fortune House Restaurant



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| Art Flanagan | 1 |
| Katelyn Clarke | 4 |
| Jared Gill | 5 |
| Gary Slocum | 5 |
| Janet Wilt | 6 |
| Lola Lobb | 9 |
| Benejamin Delcamp | 12 |
| Karin VanderMolen | 12 |
| Sydney Baker | 20 |
| David Maurer | 22 |
| Sadie Schoenfield | 26 |
| Shirley Lyon | 27 |
| Evelynn Gillett | 30 |
| Garrison Weber | 30 |

All women are invited to the **Women's Circle** Christmas Brunch / meeting on Sat. Nov. 23 at 10:00 a.m. in the Cafe. Please sign-up on the foyer bulletin board if you plan to attend, and if you can bring items for the brunch and/or for the homebound gift bags. Year-end business will include designating funds for selected community ministries and programs and leadership for 2025.



Community Rice Meal Pack Event

Hosted by Laingsburg United Methodist Church

Saturday, November 9, 10:00 am-12:30 pm

Come for a time of great fellowship and great impact! Space is limited to sign up early. All ages and abilities welcome.

Meals are sent to Ukraine, Haiti, and the Middle East.

@ 210 Crum St. Laingsburg

Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/mvjf4haa>

One rice meal bag costs \$2 and feeds six people.

Donations welcome!

<https://secure.myvanco.com/YJDY/campaign/C-YRA6>



Set your clocks back one hour Sat. night Nov. 2.

YARNspirations Sunday, Nov. 10, 3:00pm



An informal service, prayer, & fellowship group with a shared interest in creating knit, crochet, loom weaving, or any other yarn/string items.

Open to everyone regardless of skill level. Bring your own crafting supplies and drink/snack. Invite your friends!



Noah's Ark Children's Center & Preschool

November is a time for thankfulness.

THANK YOU, FUMC, for your continued support to Noah's Ark! For the donations (monetary and supplies), serving on the board of directors, attending/participating in fundraisers, verbal encouragement, and more. NACC recognizes that we would not be able to do this alone (and we don't want to). We hope our children and staff help to brighten your days.

Save the Dates: Murtle's Chocolate Fundraiser November 18-December 6. We will have forms available for church members to order and/or pass around to family and friends.

Friday December 13: NACC's annual *Not So Silent Night Christmas* concert at 6:30. All FUMC members are invited to attend! The concert usually lasts about an hour and is so adorable!

What Our Parents Are Saying:

- Noah's Ark Children's Center of Owosso is an absolute gem when it comes to early childhood care and education. The staff are genuinely passionate about providing the best possible environment for children to grow and thrive. From the moment you walk in, it's clear that they are fully dedicated to the well-being and development of every child in their care.
- What truly sets Noah's Ark apart is their willingness to work closely with families, ensuring that each child's unique needs are met. They go above and beyond to create an individualized approach, listening carefully to parents' concerns and collaborating with them to create the best experience possible. Whether it's accommodating special scheduling needs, providing personalized learning plans, or simply being there as a supportive and understanding resource, the team at Noah's Ark consistently proves they are not just caregivers, but true partners in your child's growth.
- The atmosphere at the center is warm and welcoming, with a strong sense of community that makes both parents and children feel at home. It's clear that the staff genuinely care about fostering a positive, nurturing space where children are encouraged to explore, learn, and develop at their own pace. The passion they bring to their work shines through in every interaction, and it's easy to see why so many families trust Noah's Ark with their little ones. They are simply the best in the area!!

Staff Birthdays: 11/2: Ms. Autumn

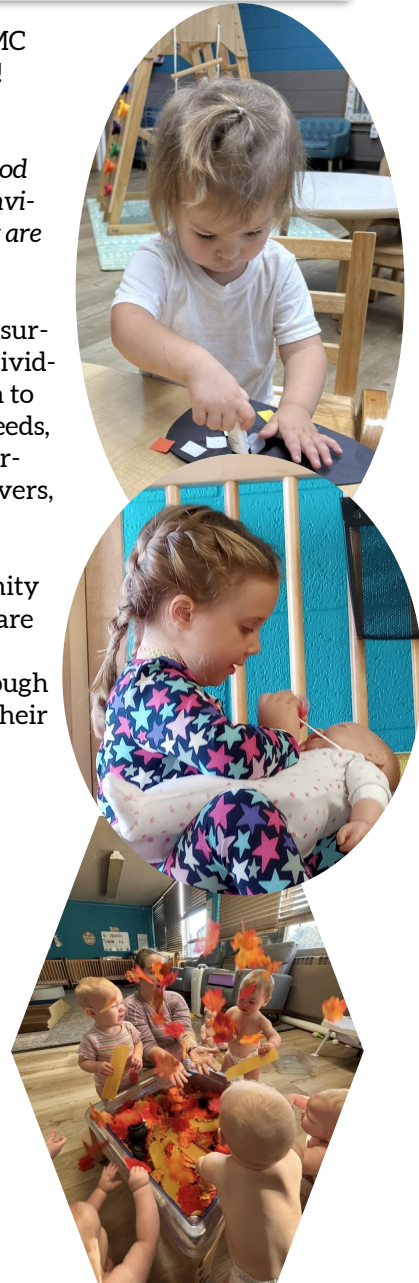
Wish List: Craft Supplies (new or left over from your projects), Facial Tissue (regular and/or travel size), Coffee K cups (any kind; for staff lounge), Bulk chocolate (individually wrapped; for staff lounge) - Our classroom and center Amazon wish lists can be found on our website: www.naccpreschool.com/lists

-- Mary Jo Pouillon, Director, Noah's Ark Children's Center

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"Imagination is more important than knowledge." --Albert Einstein





PRAYER list

- Haiti, Israel / Palestine, Ukraine
- Larry Wilt, emergency surgery, ICU
- Family of Genevieve Jennings who passed away on Oct. 11
- Faith VanderMolen, health issues
- Diane Allen, chemo
- Janet Sutton, health issues
- Family of Sherry Elwell who passed away on Oct. 28
- Ed Payne, health issues
- Bob Marsh, cancer treatments
- Kay Champion, health issues
- Rhonda Mullins, health issues
- Miranda Apsey, upcoming surgery (Marlene's granddaughter)
- Steffie Moore, motorcycle accident
- Rosie Tkaczyk, cancer
- Mike Bagwell (& Midge), ICU multiple health issues, their son Dustin died
- Peggy Davis, (neighbor of Don Horton)
- Jody Tyler, chemo (friend of Cindy Thompson)
- Robin Chandler cancer treatments (sister of Cindy Helmker)
- John Downing, poor circulation, health concerns (brother of Jim D.)
- Ken Smith, stage 4 kidney failure (friend of Frank & Diana Thaler)
- John Mullins, medical issues
- Cheryl Hancock & family, Scott passed away (nephew of Wilt's)
- Todd Cohoon, end stage ALS, (son of Bonnie Cohoon)
- Ken & Pat Beebe, Ken new diagnosis pending for stroke-like symptoms (friends of Wilts)
- Cody Wheeler, rec. critical car accident (Bob & Sharon Marsh's nephew)

Military

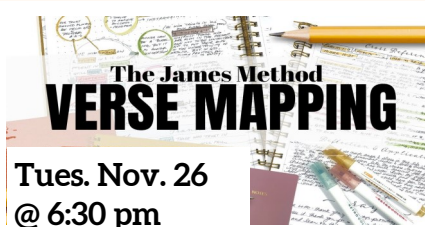
- T Sgt Tyler Ardelean, Idaho
- Todd Hofacker, California
- Kory Alliton, Marine, Camp LaJune, NC
- Yuka Peters, Washington State
- SPC Brady Watts, Ft. Campbell, KY
- Cody Rozell, home fm Syria w/ new baby
- Kamerin DeWulf, Air Force
- Corp. Jonathan Heath, Ft. Wainwright, AK
- SGT Joseph Heath, Wahiawa, HI
- John Schlaud, Marines, 5th
- Ryan Weaver, Army Reserve
- MSG Jason Cassing

Homebound

- Elaine Shepard, Oliver Woods, 1330 W. Oliver St., 3-12, Owosso, 989-723-3074
- Gail Rheaume, The Meadows, 245 Caledonia Dr., Owosso (989-720-8823)
- Judy Helmker, 1694 N M52 #221, Owosso (989-723-1044)
- Genny Jennings, The Meadows, 245 Caledonia Dr. #110, Owosso (989-277-3695)
- Gaile Passmore, Memorial Healthcare, LTC 826 W. King St. 5th Floor, #578-1 Owosso
- Ann Ferden, The Woodlands, 910 Woodlands Dr. DeWitt, MI 48820 (517-668-6559)
- Terry Gulick, 6410 Simpson Rd., Ovid, MI 48866
- Cheryl Warren, St. Frances Home of Saginaw, 925 N. River Rd. Saginaw, MI 48609

Thank you so much for the generous gift you presented me for Pastor Appreciation. I am so grateful to all of you and look forward to our continued ministry together!
With humble gratefulness,
Pastor Mona

Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office 989-725-2201 or email firstumc@owossofumc.org

**The James Method
VERSE MAPPING**

Tues. Nov. 26
@ 6:30 pm

Everyone is welcome to meet in the Café on Nov. 26 for Bible Study.

Philippians 1:9

"And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment."

LOVE FEAST ~ Sunday, November 24 at 10 am
Worship will be in the Fellowship Hall with Pastor Mona with a Breakfast Love Feast.

SALVATION ARMY FOOD COLLECTION - We are placing a special emphasis on collecting non-perishable food for The Salvation Army all during the month of November. Canned foods with meat are always appreciated, as well as fruit and vegetables. You can place them in the shopping cart in the foyer.

COMPASSIONATE CHRISTMAS FAIR - Watch for the brochure for this year's *Compassionate Christmas Fair*. If you want to give a gift to someone who just doesn't need anything, consider giving to one of the projects listed in the brochure, and letting that person know you have donated in their honor. Give a gift to help someone in need for Jesus' birthday. The brochure and donations can be returned anytime until December 15.

PARISH POST OFFICE - We have decided to resume the *Parish Post Office* this year during November and up to December 22. You can bring Christmas cards for your friends **who you KNOW attend in-person worship**. We will put them in alphabet mailboxes to be picked up. Do not bring cards for people that do not attend in person. We will not mail them. You can donate what you would have paid in postage to support missions. Also, please mail Christmas cards to homebound and others who are not getting to church in person. It would mean a lot to them.

-- Karolyn Dawley, Missions Team

ALL SAINTS' Sunday ~ November 3



During the 10 am service we will be honoring the following people who have passed since last year.

Sharon Kinsey, Kirk Messmer, Helen Stanton, Caren Jones, Billie Sisson, Robert Davis, Dorothy Woodworth, Lewis Helmker, Genevieve Jennings, Sherry Elwell, Craig Joslyn, Haritte Grannan. And from Trinity UMC--Gladys Davis, Barbara Parcher, Leo Nichels. Family and friends are welcome to attend. Candles will be lit and a white rose will be given to family.

Veterans Day *HONORING VETERANS' ~ November 10*



All veterans will be honored during the 10 am service on Nov. 10th. Those we know of and have invited are: Glenn Spencer, Deb Bendall, Gary Slocum, Larry Wilt, Jack Wing, Josh Fagan, Harvey Clay, Dave Watson, Bob Marsh, Kencil Barnes, Fred Delcamp, Art Flannigan, and Ron Cassing. If you or someone you know is a veteran, please know you are welcome to join us.

Quilts of Valor - Also on November 10 we will honor Gary Slocum and Art Flanagan each with a Quilt of Valor. Family Ministries invites you to the Café after the service for cookies and coffee.





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Owosso, MI

Cheers to 30 years! Living Nativity 1994-2024

This year Owosso First is partnering with the Owosso Area Ministerial Association and other people in our community to bring the *Journey to Bethlehem* to life once again.

December 7

How will YOU participate?

- ⇒ Saturday, November 23 at 9am the stable will go up
- ⇒ Saturday, November 30 at 9 am the remaining sets will go up
- ⇒ Saturday, December 7 at 9 am the black screens will be put up and the luminaries will be set out.
- ⇒ VOLUNTEERS are needed each day.

- Casting/Casting Manager
- Cast Member/Character
- Costumes
- Greeters
- Grounds Crew
- Lighting and Electrical
- Luminaries
- Make-Up
- Music & Sound
- Publicity
- Refreshments
- Set & Scene Enhancements
- Sets / Set-Up
- Traffic

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Please select your area(s) of interest and return this form to the church office.

Thank you!



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | |
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| <h1>November</h1> | | | | | | 1 7pm AA | 2 9:30 - 2:30 East Winds District Annual Conference |
| 3 All Saints' Sunday Daylight Savings Time Ends 9:00 am Adult SS 9:30 am Café Open 10 am - Worship | 4 9-11 Pickleball 11:45 TOPS 7pm Missions - Zoom | 5 12-Singles Over Sixty at Fortune House 6:30 Stephen Ministry / Zoom | 6 8am-Coffee Club | 7 | 8 7pm AA | 9 8:30 am Men's Breakfast 4pm Memorial Service Sherry Elwell | |
| 10 Veterans' Sunday 9:00 am Adult SS 9:30 am Café Open 10 am - Worship 3 pm YARNspirations | 11 Veterans' Day 9-11 Pickleball 11:45 TOPS | 12 | 13 8am-Coffee Club | 14 8:30-10:30 am Food Distribution | 15 7pm AA | 16 | |
| 17 9:00 am Adult SS 9:30 am Café Open 10 am - Worship | 18 9-11 Pickleball 11:45 TOPS 1 pm JOYful Beginnings 6:30 pm Noah's Ark Brd | 19 6:30 Stephen Ministry / Zoom | 20 8am-Coffee Club | 21 | 22 7pm AA | 23 9am Stable going up 10:00 am Women's Circle Christmas Brunch / Café | |
| 24 9:00 am Adult SS 10 am - Worship LOVE FEAST in Fellowship Hall | 25 9-11 Pickleball 11:45 TOPS | 26 6:30 The James' Method - Café | 27 8am-Coffee 10am No- ah's Chapel Time 6pm Leadership Board | 28 | 29 7pm AA | 30 9 am Living Nativity Sets going up | |

Happy Thanksgiving!
Church Office and
Noah's Ark will be
closed Thursday and
Friday.

