



First United Methodist Church

Pastor's Preaching Schedule

Sunday, 11/5/23 - All Saints' Day
Receiving New Members
1 John 3:1-3 - "Growing Up"

Sunday, 11/12/23 - 24th Sun after Pentecost
Matthew 25:1-13 - "Preparing"

Sunday, 11/19/23 - 25th Sun after Pentecost
Wesleyan Love Feast - Fellowship Hall

Sunday, 11/26/23 - First Sunday of Advent
Luke 1:5-25, 57-80
Get Ready for More Hope

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Pastor

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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 re-
spectful of ALL creation.



Tower Tidings

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NOV 2023

Pastor's Page

Greetings!

My car said it was 77 degrees today...what a lovely day. One might think it was September, but the changing color of the leaves on the trees and the fact that they are falling in the yard says that indeed we are in Fall and November is here!

November brings about thoughts of turkey and dressing, cranberry sauce and green bean casserole, pumpkin and pecan pie. So we start planning for Thanksgiving dinner. November is a month we think about giving thanks. Veterans' Day is November 11th, and we pause and give thanks to those who have spent time in the military serving our nation. On these special days we give our thanks, but what about the other days? I was reminded about the ten lepers that begged Jesus to heal them and we are told that, **"When he (Jesus) saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?'" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way, your faith has made you well."** (Luke 17:14-19).

What a gift these lepers had been given, they followed Jesus' instructions and apparently they were healed of their disease while they were walking away. One of the ten noticed that he had been healed and came back. The man didn't just thank Jesus for his healthy and whole body, he got down on his knees and praised God and thanked Jesus for his healing. He wanted everyone within the sound of his voice to know the gift he had been given and how thankful he was for that gift. Thinking about this caused me to think about how often I am actually taking the time to thank God, to thank Jesus for the gifts that I have been given. I discovered that I might thank God for a couple of things at the beginning of my prayer time, but I quickly moved on to what I was asking for.

We have everything to be thankful for! Everything we have is a gift from God...yes, even the difficult times. I have found that when I give thanks to God for all that has happened to me each day, I am a happier person. I have changed my prayer time...Sunday evening prayers are all about what I am thankful for...which sometimes is very difficult knowing that the world, the church, and church members need my prayers. I do not forget those in need, I give thanks that I have an opportunity to pray for them. Do I want them to be in need, just so I can pray for them...no! Yet, when I do give thanks for them, I often find myself in conversations about helping them, how to work with them, and what will bring them joy. Those conversations with the Holy One have been indescribable experiences. I still give thanks to God each and every day, but one evening out of the other six is devoted to being thankful.

I hope that your Thanksgiving celebration is filled with joy and good food! I also hope and pray that you realize that God loves you so much he wants to give you everything you need and maybe he doesn't require a "Thank You", but offering one tells God and everyone else that we know how blessed we are, how gifted we are, how loved we are.

Happy Thanksgiving!
Shalom,
Pastor Mona



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Sundays

9:30 am Café Open
10 am Worship
11/19 Sunday
School
Children
Youth
Nursery

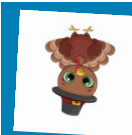
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Tower Tidings - November 2023
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The James Method Verse Mapping

Tuesday, Nov. 28 at 6:30 pm in the Café.

*"God blesses those who work for peace,
for they will be called the children of God."*

Matthew 5:9, New Living Translation

Anyone 16 & older welcome
(no childcare provided at this time).

Bring: Bible (print or digital), pens, markers, highlighters, snack/drink, friends & family. Additional items if you have them: phone/tablet, washi tape, pencil, stickers. Mapping sheets provided.

Limited pens/markers will be available to borrow. Artistic talent is NOT required.

EVERYONE WELCOME!



MEN'S GROUP

Men's Breakfast Sat., Nov 4 @ 8:30 am in the church Café.

All men are welcome.

Please RSVP to the church office by Nov 1. The cost is \$6. Thank you!



Collecting new and gently used coats for Owosso schools, especially Emerson school. Other winter gear appreciated too: hats, gloves, snowpants in all children's sizes. There is a red box in the foyer for your donations. Thank you!



Noah's Ark Children's Center & Preschool

Fall is my favorite time of year! A new school year, cooler weather, meeting new classmates, and upcoming holidays; SO MUCH TO DO!

We are starting to practice for our Christmas concert (Friday 12/1) in music classes. The children are now settling into the routines of their new classrooms after moving up in September. Our Preschool and PreK classes are in full swing and will be setting up our fall parent teacher conferences. And we are spending as much time outside as the rain has been allowing us! The classrooms have been full of pumpkins, leaves, acorns, and squash for the children to explore. We want to thank Khrovsky Farms for donating pumpkins for ALL of our children in the center; be sure to check them out for your fall vegetable needs!

Early Childhood Fun Fact: Child development experts say it's not possible to get a child to progress to a new stage of development before he or she is ready. And progress can differ by weeks or even months among children of the same age. As long as the child progresses and develops new skills as time goes on, then he or she is fine, even if he or she skips a step. For example, some children skip crawling and simply begin to walk.

Staff Birthdays: 11/2 Ms. Autumn; 11/4 Ms. Laurie; 11/28 Ms. Lauren

Wish List: Stickers (any kind); Bulk chocolate (for staff); 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 Requests

Church Family & Friends

- Fred Delcamp prostate biopsy / outpatient surgery
- Jody, cancer surgery Oct 30 (friend of Cindy Thompson)
- Betty Pudvay, pneumonia & congestive heart failure
- Bob Marsh, bladder & lung cancer
- Bill & Judy Norman, health issues
- Sharon Kinsey, at home, Hospice
- Helen Novak passed away
- Kay Champion, undergoing procedures for balance
- Delores Simpson, fell broke femur, surgery
- Greg Huckins major heart surgery
- Robin Chandler cancer treatments (sister of Cindy Helmker)
- Michael Wozniak (friend of Alpert's)
- Rhonda Mullins, health issues
- Janet Sutton, cancer of blood
- Bob Davis, lymphoma, started chemo
- Family of Cathy Clapp, died of cancer
- Blake King, bad motorcycle accident (great nephew of Diane Allen)
- John Downing, poor circulation, health concerns (brother of Jim D.)
- Ken Smith, stage 4 kidney failure (friend of Frank & Diana Thaler)
- Dorothy Woodworth, mass on brain
- John Mullins, medical issues (James' son)
- Trista Thompson, home, leukemia (niece of Kathy Watson)
- Scott Hancock, rehab at home, continuing infusion treatments (nephew of Wilt's)
- Todd Cohoon, end stage ALS, (son of Bonnie Cohoon)
- Kole Scarrow, 5 yrs, brain tumor
- 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
- Staff Sergeant Audrey, DC
- SFC David Santana, DC
- Todd Hofacker, California
- Kory Alliton, Marine, Camp LaJune, NC
- Yuka Peters, Ft. Bliss, TX
- Corp. Jonathan Clarke, Marines, CA
- 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

Shut-Ins

- Elaine Shepard, Oliver Woods, 1330 W. Oliver St., 3-12, Owosso, 989-723-3074
- Gail Rheume, The Meadows, 245 Caledonia Dr., Owosso (989-720-8823)
- Helen Stanton, Owl's Nest, 3837 S. M52, Owosso (989-723-6378)
- Judy Helmker, 1694 N M52 #221, Owosso (989-723-1044)
- Genny Jennings, fell, crushed vertebrae, in brace @ The Meadows, 245 Caledonia Dr. #110, Owosso (989-277-3695)
- Billie Sisson, c/o Peggy Johnson, 37054 Millstone Tr. Lenox Twp, MI 48048
- Sandy Horton, failing health Pleasant View, 275 Caledonia Dr., Harbors Wing #371, (989-743-3491)
- Gail 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



Missions Ministry

We were so pleased to host Temba Nkomozepe, who is serving as a missionary at Mujila Falls Agricultural Center in Zambia, on Sept. 24. Your kind donations totaled \$595 for his work at Mujila Falls. Check out his Facebook page to keep up with him: Mujila Falls Agriculture Centre.

On Saturday, November 11, we are joining with Laingsburg United Methodist Church to pack 2,000 rice meal bags at Laingsburg UMC. Each Rice Meal Bag costs \$2 to make and feeds 6 people, so we will be feeding 12,000 people! We will be working from 10:00am-12:30pm. We are asking each volunteer to donate \$10 if they are able. You can sign up to volunteer on the sheet in the foyer. If you would rather just make a donation, you can give it to Karolyn Dawley or mail it to Laingsburg UMC. Please make checks out to Laingsburg UMC. Many of these meals are being sent to Ukraine.



In November & December we have typically collected non-perishable food items for The Salvation Army. We will do this again this year.

In addition, this year we will be collecting personal care items for the Food Pantry at Trinity United Methodist Church. They would appreciate:

- Toothpaste (no toothbrushes needed)
- Feminine hygiene products
- Deodorant (men & women)
- Shampoo (men & women)
- Bar soap
- Shaving items
- Laundry soap
- Shower gel (men & women)



The Compassionate Christmas Fair brochure will be out soon. This is another way to give a gift at Christmas.



**Tues. Nov. 14, @ 6:30 pm
in the Café**

Family Ministry welcomes ALL to join in on a fun night playing a dice game. Bring your own beverage. Snack provided. Please RSVP to the office 989-725-2201.



Women's Circle

On Oct. 10, Angel Lanning of the Shiawassee Voices for Children spoke to our group of 15 about the work of the Center in serving children of abuse. Working with local law enforcement, Center staff serve about 200 children each year. Donations of snacks and toys were collected to be given to children at the Center. Thanks to Janet Drake and Cindy Helmker for hosting this event.



The Mitten Tree will go up in late November, and ALL members of the church are encouraged to donate hats, gloves, mittens and scarves to be given to the Salvation Army in Dec. for distribution to children and families.

All women are invited to the year-end meeting / brunch at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9 in the Cafe. We will prepare gift bags for our shut-ins, vote to distribute funds to area ministries and organizations, and discuss plans for 2024. Sign-up sheets for brunch and for items for gift bags will be posted on the foyer bulletin board.

The March 2024 Retreat has been cancelled.

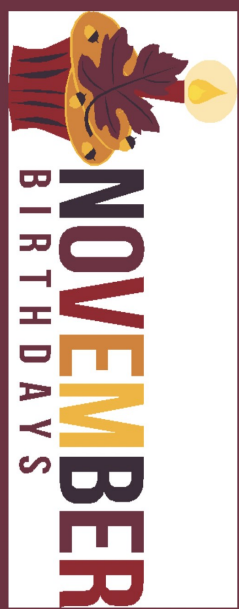
Please check the Women's section of the foyer bulletin board regularly for information about future meetings and events.

Breakfast Bags for the Homeless

Family Ministry/Outreach are continuing to provide 20 breakfast bags every week to the Salvation Army. Suggested items to donate: instant oatmeal packets, peanut butter/cracker packs, breakfast bars, granola bars, pop tarts, small waters, juice boxes. There is a box in the foyer for your donations. Thank you!



Caren Jones	1
Katelyn Clarke	4
Jared Gill	5
Gary Slocum	5
Janet Wilt	6
Lola Lobb	9
Benjamin Delcamp	12
Karin VanderMolen	12
Sydney Baker	20
Dave Maurer	22
Shirley Lyon	27
Evelynn Gillett	30
Garrison Weber	30



Family Ministries is looking for volunteers for Noah's Ark Christmas program, Friday, Dec. 1.

We need greeters, picture taker, and help at the cookie table.

**Call the church office or Diane Allen.
989.725.2201 989-277-2957**



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1 8 am Coffee/Chat 7 pm Pickleball	2 9-11 Pickleball in FH	3	4 8:30 am Men's Breakfast-\$6 (please rsvp) Turn clocks back
5 All Saints' Sun. 9:30 am Café open 10 am Worship in Sanctuary Receive new members	6 9-11 Pickleball in FH 11:30 TOPS 4:30 Bell Choir	7 12- Singles Over Sixty at Newport 6:30 Stephen Ministry / Zoom	8 8 am Coffee/Chat 10 am Noah's Ark Chapel Time	9 9-11 Pickleball in FH 10 am Older Adult Ministry	10	11 Rice Meal Pack @ Laingsburg UMC
12 9:30 am Café open 10 am Worship in Sanctuary	13 9-11 Pickleball in FH 11:30 TOPS 4:30 Bell Choir 6:30 Family Ministry/ Outreach	14 6:30 pm Bunco Game Night Café	15 8 am Coffee/Chat 7 - Worship Team	16 9-11 Pickleball in FH	17	18
19 9:30 am Café open 10 am LOVE FEAST / Fellowship Hall Nursery Available	20 9-11 Pickleball in FH 11:30 TOPS 1:00 pm JOYful Beginnings 4:30 Bell Choir 6 pm Noah's Ark Board	21 6:30 Stephen Ministry / Zoom	22 8 am Coffee/Chat 10 am Noah's Ark Chapel Time	23 	24 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Church office and Noah's Ark closed</div>	25
26 9:30 am Café open 10 am Worship in Sanctuary	27 9-11 Pickleball in FH 11:30 TOPS 4:30 Bell Choir	28 6:30 pm The James Method Bible Study	29 11 am Staff Mtg. 7:00 pm Leadership Board Meeting	30 9-11 Pickleball in FH	Friday December 1 Noah's Ark Christmas Program Sanctuary / Café 	