



# DISCIPLE EXPRESS

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## Worship Service Time:

**10:00** Worship  
**11:00** Koinonia

September thru Mothers' Day  
**9:00** Children's Sunday School  
**9:00** Choir Practice



It's A Birthday Party!!!  
You're Invited to a 95th Birthday Party For  
**Lee Knudsen**

October 23, 2016 2:00 p.m.  
Oakland United Methodist Church  
200 N Main St.  
Oakland, Iowa

Your presence is the best gift you can give,  
but if you know our Mom, you know how she  
loves her birthday cards!



Young at Heart

\*Please RSVP by October 16 to  
knudsenegene@gmail.com or 605-422-2273

## Welcome Bishop Laurie Haller

**We cordially invite the Laity of the SW District to an evening with Bishop Laurie Haller!**

We will gather at the Carson United Methodist church for a time of fellowship, singing, worship and relationship. Bishop Laurie will be sharing about her hopes, dreams and passions for ministry. We will also have a time to share our hopes, dreams and passions for ministry with her.

Pastors are invited to attend with the laity of the church.

**October 17th, 2016, 7pm**

**CARSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 300 Washington St., Carson, IA**



*"We seek to grow in Christ and to share our love of God in Word and Deed."*



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It's harvest time! It is time to reap what we have sown. October (weather permitting) is also the end of what we prepared for back in March, April or May. It is a time where we see the final culmination of spring time planning and planting.

It's been a hot and humid summer and the cool north winds that we have experienced this week have been refreshing. The north wind has kind of pushed the last of summer out of me as my mind starts to think about the changing color of leaves, hayrides and carving pumpkins. Not only does my vision seem to change but so does our dinner table as Diana will start making her potato and broccoli, chicken and noodle and good ole' navy bean soup with cornbread. Diana could make those things at any time but it is her husband with a bias attitude that soups taste better when there is nip of cold air running through the country side.

Once again there is change in the air and with it comes coats, hats and gloves. For the sanctuary we will soon be celebrating Ingathering, remembering all the saints, and then start thinking about Advent and Christmas. However, before we get to November and December we have to go through October so it is not only a time of anticipation but also a time where preparation and planning are in demand.

That word prepare is being tossed around a lot on the cable news networks as it should! Not for the sake of somebody's candidacy but for the future of the community of faith we call United Methodists. As Sheryl is finding out and sooner or later you will too that I can procrastinate with the best of them. Why is your newsletter late? It's because the pastor didn't get his newsletter in on time. So I apologize.

Waiting and not jumping in on certain things is wise advice in some certain circumstances. One of the toughest lessons we need to learn is to have patience and wait on God instead of God waiting on us. For this procrastinator luckily God is patient with us and slow to anger.

On the other hand, we need to have a certain urgency in our witness because as we know Christ will come again.

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It is the mystery of faith that we proclaim in our communion service when we proclaim: "Christ had died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again." But we don't know when and that creates a certain urgency to do what we got to do in the name of Jesus.

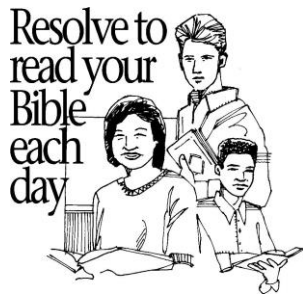
If October is anything like September where I blinked and almost missed it there becomes an urgency to our preparation. So like the farmer who planned, planted and now harvests we need to plan, plant and prayerfully when winters chill penetrates our bones we will be ready with warm coats and good tasting soup. For us procrastinators we have our excuses and the why's we haven't accomplished what we needed to accomplish and all are great reasons. You can have all the great reasons in the world but when the clock runs out and the game is over those excuses and reasons no matter how noble they are really don't matter anymore. The scoreboard may not be in our favor but like our Riverside Bulldogs we played one hell of a great game and because of that I believe God will say "yes" to God's faithful servants. See you Sunday! Rev. Dennis Hopes

**Charge Conference is October 25 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hancock UMC.**

**If you have charge conference forms to turn in and have not done so, PLEASE turn them in as soon as possible. (I have to enter them in the computer and prepare them for the meeting.)**

**Thank you,  
Sheryl**

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## Community Meal

### Daily Bible Readings for October

- 1 Psalm 72
- 2 1 Corinthians 11. 17-34
- 3 Isaiah 3.1-15
- 4 Isaiah 5.1-30
- 5 Isaiah 9.8—10.4
- 6 Isaiah 24.1-23
- 7 Isaiah 26.20—27.13
- 8 Isaiah 30.8-26
- 9 Isaiah 32.1-20
- 10 Isaiah 33.1-24
- 11 Isaiah 34.1-17
- 12 Isaiah 58.1-14
- 13 Isaiah 59.1-21
- 14 Amos 1.1-1
- 15 Amos 2.1-16
- 16 Amos 3.1-15
- 17 Amos 4.1-13
- 18 Amos 5.1-27
- 19 Amos 6.1-14
- 20 Amos 7.1-17
- 21 Amos 8.1-14
- 22 Amos 9.1-15
- 23 Micah 1.1-16
- 24 Micah 2.1-13
- 25 Micah 3.1-12
- 26 Micah 4.1-13
- 27 Micah 5.1-15
- 28 Micah 6.1-16
- 29 Micah 7.1-20
- 30 Psalm 9
- 31 Psalm 10

### October Birthdays

- 1 Skip Applegate
- 1 Carole Bane
- 3 Julie Grobe
- 3 Devan Feigenbutz
- 4 Julie Busby
- 5 Jaxton Long
- 5 Lane Gram
- 7 Tim Applegate
- 7 Ryan Long
- 7 Maelie Rieken
- 7 Paul Rollins
- 9 Stephanie Kroft
- 10 Joan Shanno
- 11 Bob Bane
- 12 Brad Jefferson
- 14 Grace Gleaves
- 16 Hazel Harvey
- 17 Melissa Buckhahn
- 17 Bud Beedle III
- 18 Kara Rollins
- 20 Bob Beckendorf
- 20 Kristine Schorsch
- 20 Kort Rieken
- 22 Lee Knudsen
- 23 Niki Hackett
- 24 Cole Jeppesen
- 24 Nicholle Kalb
- 24 Nesha Edmondson
- 25 Louise Merkle
- 26 Nick Keiser
- 27 Keaten Rieken
- 29 Carol Wilson
- 30 Terry Haines
- 30 Jenna Myers
- 30 William Hopes
- 31 Shelbie Harris

### A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

Come join us for a light meal.

Bring a friend

October 25  
5:30—6:30 p.m.

Last Tuesday of the month



*Getting to Know You*

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### OAKLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MINUTES

Thursday, August 18, 2016

Members Present: Cathey Grosvenor, Barb Schorsch, Skip Applegate, Pastor Dennis Hopes, Veva Larson, Bernie & Norma Bolton, Louise & Dick Merkle, Gloria Gleaves, and briefly Kristy Rieken.

President, Cathey Grosvenor called the meeting to order and Pastor Dennis opened with prayer.

Secretary's Report was read. Dick moved to approve, Skip seconded. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: Norma moved to approve the treasurer's report and Gloria seconded. Approved.

Board of Trustees: Pastor Dennis outlined the problems and solutions that have occurred since the basement flooded from a drain back-up last Thursday. He would like to especially thank everyone who came to help, Peanut Plumbing for being on the job, and Jerry Pierce.

The drain and pipes underneath the house have or are being replaced.

Mold has been found and the drywall has been removed where it is evident.

The pipe to the street is 'cardboard' which will have to be replaced.

The city has been notified by Jerry Pierce about fixing their part of the problem.

The Hopes family had to stay in a hotel one night and is asking reimbursement (\$109) for that.

Pastor Hopes is requesting reimbursement for the electricity used to run fans to dry things out and the water bill increase.

Service Master is trying to salvage the carpet.

The Administrative Board agreed that the carpet should not be salvaged, but replaced.

Louise moved we take care of the extra expenses Pastor Dennis has incurred. Gloria seconded.

Approved. Pastor Dennis is asked to turn receipts in to the office. Once all expenses are gathered, the insurance company claim will be made. Cathey will

call Suzanne about contacting Service Master about the carpet.

Staff-Parish Relations Team: All-Church Birthday Party is Sunday August 28th. We have 10 cakes promised and 6 table decorators.

Tasty Tuesday- Since no one was set up to provide the meal for August 30th, Bernie volunteered to grill hotdogs/Dennis will provide 6 pkgs. of buns/Cathey will provide chips and beans/Gloria, Veva, Anita McMartin and Eileen will provide desserts. Judy Danker will do Tasty Tuesday starting in September.

Youth: Wednesday night youth group starts on the last Wednesday of August.

Education Report: Sunday School will start on September 11th.

Ministry Team Reports:

Missions: NR

Nominations: Lisa Rollins has asked to be replaced as financial secretary.

Larry Kies visit: The missionary we host will be here on Tuesday, September 13th. He will need housing and dinner. A pot-luck dinner and housing will be taken care of by the Missions Committee.

New Business:

Request for Building Use: A letter was read from Tracy Van Zee requesting the use of our church basement for her Zumba classes which are open to the public. After much discussion, motion was made by Dick Merkle to allow Tracy the use of the Fellowship Hall for a probationary period of three months, seconded by Barb, and approved.

Trevor would like to attend a soundboard training in Fremont, NE August 26 & 27th. Bernie moved and Dick seconded that we pay the \$109. Approved. Barb will write a check and get it to him.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 15th at 7 pm in the upstairs lounge.

Skip moved and Norma seconded that we adjourn the meeting. Meeting Adjourned.

Cathey closed the meeting with prayer.

\_\_\_\_\_Veva Larson\_\_\_\_\_, Board Secretary

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## October Calendar

Sun, 2nd	9:00 a.m. Sunday school 10:00 a.m. Worship/Communion 11:00 a.m. Koinonia
Wed, 5th	6:30 p.m. Youth Groups
Thu, 6th	6:30 p.m. Zumba Class in Fellowship Hall
Sat, 8th	7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
Sun, 9th	9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Choir Practice 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Koinonia
Wed, 12th	6:30 p.m. Youth Groups
Thu, 13th	6:30 p.m. Zumba Class in Fellowship Hall
Sun, 16th	9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Choir Practice 10:00 a.m. Worship/3rd Sunday Offering/ Children's Choir 11:00 a.m. Koinonia
Wed, 19th	6:30 p.m. Youth Groups
Thu, 20th	6:30 p.m. Zumba Class in Fellowship Hall 7:00 p.m. Ad Board Meeting
Sun, 23rd	9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Choir Practice 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Koinonia 2:00 p.m. Lee Knudsen's 95th Birthday Party
Tue, 25th	5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Tasty Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Charge Conference at Hancock UMC
Wed, 26th	6:00 p.m. Youth Groups Treynor
Thu, 27th	6:30 p.m. Zumba Class in Fellowship Hall
Sun, 30th	9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Choir Practice 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Koinonia

## Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat will be held in Oakland on Main St. Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 4-5pm. If you aren't familiar with it, Trunk or Treat is an event where kids dress up in their Halloween costumes and visit "trunks" of vehicles passing out candy. In the past businesses, local organizations, churches, and even families who don't get many trick or treaters come to set up a trunk...it is open to everyone! Some decorate their trunk, some dress up, some just show up with candy or a promotional item!



Could you pass this along to the organizations you belong to? We would love to have many people participate! This is a great way to see lots of kids dressed up in their costumes and visit with parents. It has been a very fun event for the community for the last several years!

No need to "reserve" a spot, but if you have any questions, feel free to contact me at work (712) 482-6457 or on my cell (402) 650-0332.

Thanks!  
Lynelle

## Thanksgiving Ingathering

Thanksgiving Ingathering will be November 5th in Greenfield. The Missions Committee is using the money donated to Ingathering to purchase items to make Layette Kits.

**LAYETTE KITS** provide women with basic supplies for the needs of their new babies.

- 6 cloth diapers (not disposable)
- 2 shirts or 2 Onesies
- 2 gowns or sleepers
- 2 baby-size washcloths
- 2 diaper pins/plastic closures
- 1 sweater or jacket open in front
- 2 receiving blankets (30 X 30 or 32 X 32)

Bundle items inside one blanket and secure with diaper pins  
Value \$45 plus \$2 shipping



## September Trivia Answers

### This Quiz: Jesus' Ministry

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|--|--------------------------------|
| 1.) At what age did Jesus begin his ministry? See: Luke 3:22,23  | 1. 30                          |
| 2.) Who came to Jesus at night to hear his teaching? See: John 3:1,2                                       | 2. Nicodemus                   |
| 3.) From what mountain did Jesus describe the signs of the times and the end of the age? See: Matthew 24:3 | 3. Mount of Olives             |
| 4.) When Herod heard of the works of Jesus, who did he think it was? See: Mark 6:14                        | 4. John the Baptist            |
| 5.) What did Jesus say the leaven of the Pharisees was? See: Luke 12:1                                     | 5. Hypocrisy                   |
| 6.) At which well did Jesus talk with a Samaritan woman? See: John 4:6,7                                   | 6. Jacob's                     |
| 7.) What did Jesus say is the greatest commandment of the law? See: Matthew 22:34-38                       | 7. Love the Lord thy God       |
| 8.) How many swine died when Jesus permitted demons to possess them? See: Mark 5:13                        | 8. 2000                        |
| 9.) What surprised a Pharisee when Jesus ate dinner at his house? See: Luke 11:37,38                       | 9. Jesus didn't wash his hands |
| 10.) From which book did Jesus read when he went into the synagogue at Nazareth? See: Luke 4:16,17         | 10. Isaiah                     |

## October Trivia

From *ChristiansUnite.com*

### Category: Bible Places - This Quiz: Jerusalem

- 1.) Who inhabited Jerusalem before the Israelites? See: *Joshua 15:63*
- Rechabites    Hittites    Amorites    Jebusites
- 2.) Who died because he touched the ark as David was bringing it to Jerusalem? See: *Samuel 6: 6,7*
- Uzzah    Ahio    Abinadab    Obed-Edom
- 3.) Whom did Solomon kill because he violated an order not to leave Jerusalem? See: *1 Ki9ngs 2: 40-46*
- Joab    Adonijah    Shimei    Benaiah
- 4.) Who was King of Judah when the Babylonians destroyed Jerusalem? See: *Jeremiah 28: 1-3*
- Zedekiah    Jehoahaz    Josiah    Amon
- 5.) Which king destroyed Jerusalem and deported the inhabitants? See: *2 Kngs 24: 11-16*
- Sennacherib    Nebuchadnezzar    Evil-Merodach    Cyrus
- 6.) Who took charge of rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem after the exile? See: *Nehemiah 2: 17-20*
- Ezra    Nehemiah    Shallum    Zerubbabel
- 7.) The Babylonians took captives from Jerusalem, and put this man on the throne: See: *Jeremiah 37:1*
- Jehoiachin    Jehoiakim    Zedekiah    Jehoahaz
- 8.) The Lord said to Jeremiah that he would break Jerusalem as what is broken? See: *Jeremiah 19: 11*
- A potter's vessel    A bruised reed    An egg shell    A weak spirit
- 9.) On what did Jesus ride into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday? See: *Matthew 21: 1-11*
- donkey    ox    horse    goat
- 10.) Which disciple's mother had a house in Jerusalem where the early church met? See: *Acts 12:12*
- Peter    Matthew    John Mark    Judas Iscariot

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## **Mission News**

### **People in Jeopardy**

As the newest nation in the world, South Sudan has experienced civil wars for nearly 50 years as part of the larger country of Sudan. This nation of over 200 ethnic groups is largely a rural country where people eke out a living on small plots of land and where they graze some cattle, goats and sheep. The Mabaans are one of these people groups residing in the Upper Nile State which borders Ethiopia and has the White Nile River flowing through it.

Since 2011 when the referendum was voted and the new nation formed, there was much joy and acclamation. The honeymoon did not last long. Fighting almost immediately broke out, both from military forces in the remaining country of Sudan, primarily over the borders around the oil, and payment for oil; and among the tribes of South Sudan who had showed such unity upon their joining.

There continues many programmatic issues with leaders vying for power and neglecting to provide infrastructure and basic human needs for the population. With political instability the people experience uncertainly as to their future. The lack of education is a concern as a generation of children is growing up illiterate due to no schools buildings and few competent teachers. South Sudanese are not receiving adequate health care because the few clinics that are open have few trained medical staff with bare bone medicines on the shelves. Many people die from treatable diseases.

Over two million people have been displaced because of the fighting, with intermittent cease fires. The latest "unity government" was instituted in April 2016, but just lasted a few days before fighting broke out again. Each side blames the other for the problems. The General Board of Global Ministries has evacuated their personnel/missionaries and closed humanitarian offices because of the traumatic situation. Ordinary people are constantly threatened and many are killed.

The Mabaans in Des Moines fled their homeland because of civil warfare with armed groups traversing their countryside killing people, burning villages and causing havoc. In the U.S. they band together to form a

worship community where they can freely express their faith and fervor for the Lord. Under the leadership of Pastor Aaron Limmo they now have regular services on Sundays at 12:30 PM at Epworth United Methodist Church at 412 Euclid Ave. in Des Moines.

After years of persecution and deprivation, they praise God for their new life. *They are the Africans among us* and for whom we need to offer supportive prayers and financial gifts which you may send to the Conference Treasurer marked #267, South Sudanese Congregation. Invite them to your worship service and be amazingly blessed by their singing!

Judy Marnin and Beverly Nolte



### **Subject: Know Your Hymns**

- Dentist's Hymn.....Crown Him with Many Crowns
  - Weatherman's Hymn.....There Shall Be Showers of Blessings
  - Contractor's Hymn.....The Church's One Foundation
  - The Tailor's Hymn..... ..Holy, Holy, Holy
  - The Golfer's Hymn..... ....There's a Green Hill Far Away
  - The Politician's Hymn.....Standing on the Promises
  - Optometrist's Hymn.....Open My Eyes That I Might See
  - The IRS Agent's Hymn.....I Surrender All
  - The Gossip's Hymn.....Pass It On
  - The Electrician's Hymn.....Send the Light
  - The Shopper's Hymn.....Sweet Bye and Bye
  - The Realtor's Hymn.....I've got a Mansion, Just Over the Hilltop
  - The Massage Therapists Hymn...He Touched Me
  - The Doctor's Hymn.....The Great Physician
- AND for those who speed on the highway here are a few more hymns:
- ~45mph..... God Will Take Care of You
  - ~65mph..... Nearer My God To Thee
  - ~85mph..... This World Is Not My Home
  - ~95mph..... Lord, I'm Coming Home
  - ~100mph..... Precious Memories

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### *Mervin Larimore Funeral Luncheon, September 1, 2016*

Thank you to everyone who helped prepare the wonderful luncheon for our father's funeral.

Everything was delicious!

We deeply appreciate your time and generosity!

The Family of Mervin Larimore

#### FOOD

	Ruth Miller
Joan Shanno	Carolyn McDunkin
Norma Taylor	Barb Schorsch
Suzanne Pierce	Velda Husz
Betty Cleaveland	Gloria Gleaves
LaVinna Blanchard	Leslie Cleaveland
Ruth Applegate	Diane Brown
Richard Shanno	Kathy Grosvenor
Kerri Howard	Norma Bolton
Beverly Zuch	
Peggy Bentley	<u>HELP</u>
Carolyn Clark	Carol Wilson
Dinne Zimmerman	Leslie Cleaveland
Peggy Pierson	Carolyn Clark
Sandy Bane	Ruth Miler
Carol Wilson	Carolyn McDunkin

## YOUTH GROUPS ARE MEETING

The Youth Groups will be going to Treynor Wednesday October 26th.

November 2nd the Youth Groups will be going to "Defy Gravity" in Omaha.

Be sure to have your permission and medical slips turned in to Pastor Dennis or Tim.



### **Dear OUMC Family,**

Thank you so much for the donation to the church camp und. Your generosity allowed Keaten to attend Wesley Woods for the 3 Day and 2 Night Outpost Camp, Kort for the 1 Day and 1 Night Outpost Camp and Kas and I to attend an overnight Friend and Me Camp, also at Wesley Woods. We all had a great time and truly appreciate the financial assistance.

Kristy Rieken & Keaten, Kort & Kas

### **Dear Oakland United Methodist Church,**

Thank you for selecting me to receive the 2016 Oakland United Methodist Memorial Scholarship. It will be used when I attend a four-year university next fall.

God Bless,  
Calvin Duhachek

### **Internet Proverbs**

1. Home is where you hang your @.
2. The e-mail of the species is more deadly than the mail.
3. A journey of a thousand sites begins with a single click.
4. You can't teach a new mouse old clicks.
5. Great groups from little icons grow.
6. Speak softly and carry a cellular phone.
7. C: is the root of all directories.
8. Don't put all your hypes in one home page.
9. Pentium wise; pen and paper foolish.
10. The modem is the message.
11. Too many clicks spoil the browse.
12. The geek shall inherit the earth.
13. A chat has nine lives.
14. Don't byte off more than you can view.
15. Fax is stranger than fiction.
16. What boots up must come down.
17. Windows will never cease.
18. Virtual reality is its own reward.
19. Modulation in all things.
20. A user and his leisure time are soon parted.
21. There's no place like home.com.
22. Know what to expect before you connect.
23. Oh, what a tangled website we weave when first we practice.
24. Speed thrills.
25. Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach him to use the Net and he won't bother you for weeks.



**Remember those in Nursing Homes with cards and visits.**

**Oakland Manor**

Margaret Alff  
Lucille Bentley  
Erma Cleaveland



**Oakland Heights**

Janice Harris  
Neuonia Timberman  
Anita Killion



*Lord,  
Hear Our  
Prayer*



**Pray for  
Our Military Family**

**Kristie Copenhaver**, John & Mary Lou Copenhaver's daughter; **Jared Myers**, son of Robert Myers and Sid & Tami Skank; **Sonja Husz**, Niece of Butch & Velda Husz; **Lucas Smith**, Addie Mae's grandson; **Brian Thornton** from Avoca; **Tyler Clark**, Marvin & Carolyn Clark's grandson; **Brad Grosvenor**, Cathey Grosvenor's son stateside, and other area service men and women. **Landen Pedersen**, son of Tab and Lorie Pederson; Bryan Santiago, Carol Kroft's son-in-law.  
*If you have a loved one in the service and wish to have them listed on our prayer list, please contact the church office.*

**Sign-Up  
Time**

**YOU CAN HELP**



Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord ...



1 Cor. 13:12

**It's time to help at the Food Pantry.**

Be sure to sign up to help at the food pantry in November. November will be a very needy month. At least 2 people are needed to help each Saturday. A clip board will be passed to sign up. If you won't be in church to sign up, you may call the office to put your name down.

It only takes an hour. Be there at 9:45 to help from 10:00 till 11:00.

**New Attendance Sheets**

If you have any questions about the new attendance sheets, please call the office, 482-5530. The new sheets will allow the congregation to sign up for short notice volunteer work and to inform committee members of meetings along with other types of short notice communication.



**Need Volunteers for the Sunday Nursery**

I have 3 dates to be filled yet for the nursery on Sunday mornings and Christmas Eve.

November 27

December 24 -- December 25

If you would be able to fill one or more of these dates, please let me know in the church office.

Thank You,

Sheryl, Secretary, OUMC

**SAVE THE DATE!**



**Add UMC #GivingTuesday to your calendar of choice:**

[iCalendar](#) [Google Calendar](#) [Outlook](#) [Outlook Online](#) [Yahoo! Calendar](#)

We are excited to let you know that plans are underway for this year's UMC #GivingTuesday!

On Nov. 29, you can extend the spirit of giving thanks into the Advent season again by participating in UMC #GivingTuesday. When you give online through The Advance at [www.umcmmission.org/give](http://www.umcmmission.org/give), 100 percent of your gifts goes directly to the project of your choice.

The Advance remains committed to sustaining a strong foundation that allows projects and missionaries to build relationships and empower ministries. Over the past years, we were fortunate to offer matching funds to motivate giving. This year, while matching funds will not be available, we remain confident that your supporters will continue their commitment to your ministry. To keep this momentum going, The Advance continues to allocate 100 percent of all giving to the designated project and missionary.

Through The Advance, United Methodists can give to more than 800 United Methodist-related projects worldwide. Donors can also provide support for more than 300 missionaries. The projects meet a range of needs, from helping survivors cope with natural or civil disasters to helping establish new faith communities, feed and educate children, and equip hospitals and clinics.

Last year, nearly 6,000 donors from 27 countries donated \$2.8 million through The Advance to support mission and ministries around the world. We are thankful for your support of more than 770 projects and missionaries, who received 8,757 gifts through The Advance, the designated giving channel of The United Methodist Church.

**We Need Your Help!**

We encourage you to share this information with your friends, family, and church members. We will be sending you more information in the coming weeks.

With blessings and thanks for the work that you do,

Thomas Kemper  
General Secretary  
General Board of Global Ministries

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*"We invite all persons to be a part of our Community of Faith by participating in worship, education, fellowship and Christian service."*

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### STAIN GLASS WINDOWS THE MEANING OF THE SYMBOLS

#### THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIIT

##### Stain Glass

Praying Hands-prayer is central to Christian life and worship



TASTY TUESDAY  
COMMUNITY MEAL

October 25

5:30 - 6:30