



N O V E M B E R 2 0 2 3

# Action at Asbury

Pastor's  
Thanksgiving  
Message



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## Pastor's Ponderings

*"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." – 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18*

Are you a thankful person? Do you "give thanks in all circumstances?"

The Apostle Paul issues this challenge to all the followers of Jesus Christ. At times it is difficult to be thankful. Especially when life presents challenges. But amid these challenges, Paul reminds us to always "give thanks."

What are you most thankful for right now? I know that I am thankful for all of you who make up our Asbury Church Family.

Last month was "Pastor Appreciation Month" and I was overwhelmed by all the warm comments, cards, notes, and texts I received from so many of you. They certainly brightened my days and gave me reason to be all the more thankful for the opportunity to serve at Asbury Church.

Paul was very intentional about giving thanks often. In fact, almost every one of the Biblical letters attributed to Paul offers words of thanks, usually for the people of the church to whom he was writing. Paul knew that for ministry to happen, it takes a team of people working together to spread the Gospel and see to the needs of one another. And for that team he gave thanks.

Let's all be intentional about giving thanks – especially during this Thanksgiving month. Each of us have been blessed with much, for we have a most giving God – a God who loves us so much, that he gave us his Son, that we might have life and have it abundantly.

May we be reminded of the message of Psalm 100:

*"Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his court with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations."*

Give Thanks...

Pastor Will





## **NOVEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE AND THEMES**

### **November 5 All Saints Sunday**

**10am Worship**

Scripture: 1 John 3: 1-3 & Matthew 5: 1-12

Sermon: "What Shall We Become"

This Sunday we will celebrate the Saints, who were our friends and loved ones who have departed into the heavenly realm. Candles will be lit and a bell will be rung. The congregation will have the opportunity to light individual candles to remember and honor Saints we have lost.

### **November 12 Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10am Worship with Holy Communion**

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18 & Matthew 25: 1-13

Sermon: "Eternal Promises"

Paul addresses the Thessalonian church to have eternal hope in the promises of God. Resurrection is at the core of God's promise. Reunion waits with those we have lost.

### **November 19 Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost 10am Worship Thanksgiving Sunday**

Scripture: Psalm 107: 1-9 & Luke 17: 11-19

Sermon: "Returning with Thanks"

On this Thanksgiving Sunday, we focus on remembering to take time to thank our God for the many blessings we continually receive. In a busy world, it can become easy to forget to give thanks. We will focus on remembering with grateful hearts.

### **November 26 Christ the King Sunday**

**10am Worship**

Scripture: Matthew 25: 31-46 & Ephesians 1: 15-23

Sermon: "Honoring Our King"

On this last Sunday of the Christian Year, we will take time to Honor our King, Jesus Christ and all that he brings to our lives. We find out how to love and live by his example. We discover our salvation in his sacrifice. And we experience new life in his resurrection.





**Ministry Matters Moments:** Thank you for your generous donations for October's Ministry Matters to Children's Services. Our November's Ministry Matters Moments will help support **UMC Global Board of Ministry**.

**Ministry Name:** United Methodist General Board of Global Ministry

**Ministry Location:** Mujila Falls Agricultural Center in Kanyama, Zambia a landlocked country in Southern Africa.

**Ministry Start Date:** Reverend Paul L. Webster commissioned 1992 & recently retired. Temba Nkomozepe a missionary from Africa replaces Paul in Mujila Falls Agricultural Center in Kanyama, Zambia.

**Ministry Mission Statement:** The project's motto is derived from the second part of John 10:10 that says, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full". The initial objectives were to increase access to food with high protein and vitamin content, but later morphed to include rural and church development.

**Ministry Meet & Greet:** Temba Nkomozepe will be visiting many local Wisconsin congregations between October 17 and November 6. Please try to meet with Temba at a location near you; he will be in all five districts during his visit. More information will be provided soon!

**Ministry Needs:** We can help support the work of our Wisconsin Missionaries by inviting them to visit during their itineration time. We can support them financially using their listed Advance Code number. They truly appreciate our prayers and communication.

We welcome your ideas and invite you to join our RTC meeting on November 6 at 5:30 p.m. in the Peace room. Contact Kathy Dahlke at (608-295-7623) or [rkdahlke@yahoo.com](mailto:rkdahlke@yahoo.com) with your ideas, suggestions, or questions.

## Memory Café



Will **NOT** meet in November.

Please have a Happy Thanksgiving see you on December 27<sup>th</sup> for the last meeting of 2023.

## Faith IN Stitches

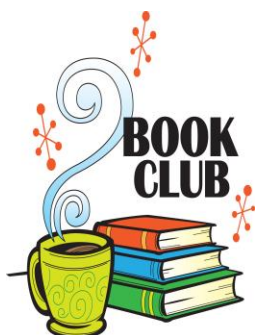
Will meet on:  
November 8<sup>th</sup>  
November 22<sup>nd</sup>  
from 3 – 6 PM.

Harvest Dinner Picture 10/21/23





## Reading by the Brook



We will meet for our November Book discussion on  
**Tuesday, November 21st at 6:30 pm** at Asbury.

Our book choice for the month of November is *Woman of God* by James Patterson, and Maxine Paetro.

*St. Peter's Square, Rome. White smoke signals that a new Pope has been chosen. Is it possible that the new Pope...is a woman?*

*The world is watching as historic crowds gather in Rome, waiting for news of a new Pope, one who promises to be unlike any other in the Church's history. Some followers are ecstatic, but the leading candidate has made a legion of powerful enemies. From a difficult childhood with drug addled parents, to a career as a doctor on the front lines in*

*Sudan, to a series of trials that test her faith at every turn, Brigid Fitzgerald's convictions and callings have made her the target of all those who fear that the Church has lost its way--dangerous adversaries who abhor challenges to tradition. Locked in a deadly, high-stakes battle with forces determined to undermine everything she believes in, Brigid must convert her enemies to her cause before she loses her faith...and her life.*

**Readers that are interested in joining us are welcome!**

**For more information contact:**

**Kathy Dahlke at (608-295-7623) [rkdahlke@yahoo.com](mailto:rkdahlke@yahoo.com)**

## Faith – Family – Friends – Community Sharing

Please allow me to introduce you to **Carol Logue**.

You could say she has been a long-time friend of the congregation. Her first time here was back when the church was first built. We are so happy Carol is back with us again, she is such a joy.

She loves Elvis, cross-stitching – ask her about her Elvis picture she made - and enjoys the Fall Season along with decorating for Halloween. Carol is involved in many activities like the Stitching group, Women's Covenant Guild, and Faith-In-Stitches. She is even baking pies to help out with our activities.

This Gnome Quilt that Carol made has such a wonderful story, I will give just a tiny bit about it. When Carol moved to Florida, she belonged to the United Methodist Church there. A lady she knew had purchased tons of this material to make quilts – she made many – but when she was done, she had leftovers and asked Carol if she would like them. So, Carol took all those tiny bits of odd and end pieces and made this wonderful quilt.

Thank you, Carol, for joining us and allowing us to enjoy your wonderful, happy personality and friendship.





## All Saints Sunday is the 5<sup>th</sup> of November.

On this special Sunday we will remember and celebrate all those departed saints who we hold dear to our hearts. As their names are read, we will light a candle and ring a bell for all those from our congregation who died in the past year.

Those we will remember include George Christopherson, Faye Eakins, Margaret 'Pat' Malsch, Virginia Scarborough, Larry Spors, Evelyn Stafford, Cliff Walker



## Hat And Mitten Tree

As the cold weather arrives let us once again share some warmth with our area elementary school children.

This year, as in the past, with the beginning of Advent, we will display the Mitten Tree in the narthex.

Please bring your donations of hats, gloves, and mittens to share with the children at Harrison, Jackson and Lincoln schools.



## LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP NEEDS APPRECIATED

Kid's tennis shoes sizes:

2, 3, & 4

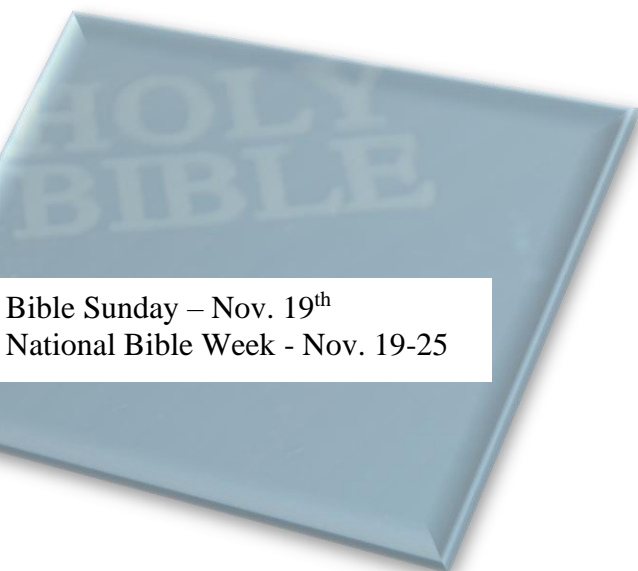
Underwear and socks

Snowpants and coats for both boys and girls in sizes:

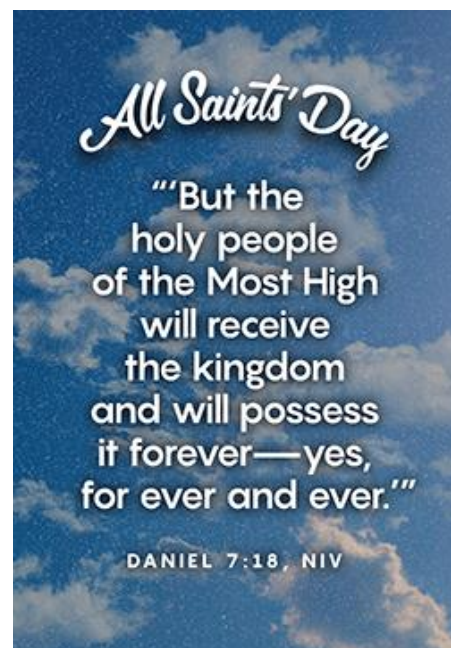
7, 8, and 14.

Any help would greatly be appreciated.

**THANK YOU:** Russ & Kathy Dahlke give thanks to their Asbury family for the beautiful cards and best wishes upon their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on October 6<sup>th</sup>.



Bible Sunday – Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>  
National Bible Week - Nov. 19-25





# NOVEMBER 2023 NEEDS

Additional items needed:

Shampoo  
Conditioner  
Toothpaste

Deodorant  
Feminine Products  
Diapers (sizes 5- 6)

Tuna  
Jelly  
Rice  
Pasta  
Cereal  
Fruit Cans/Cups

Life is an ECHO — what you send out, you get back!

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation now to keep food on the tables and a roof over the heads of our neighbors who are struggling.

## Sponsor a Family for THANKSGIVING for \$30

ECHO expects to assist 600 families  
who are low-income.

Sponsor a family by sending  
a check to the ECHO Office  
at 65 S. High St.,  
Janesville, WI 53548, made out to:  
"ECHO Thanksgiving"

Please help make a family's  
holiday a thankful one!

Donations can also be made  
online at [www.echojanesville.org](http://www.echojanesville.org)



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## Upcoming Events:

11/15  
Girls Night Out and  
Books & Brews

11/18  
Thanksgiving Basket Dist.

11/23  
Festival Food's Turkey Trot

12/7, 12/8, 12/11  
Toy Distribution

12/25  
Christmas Dinner



ECHO IS SEEKING

## Adopt a Family Donors

The Adopt-a-Family program was designed to assist families who need an extra measure of care not only during the holidays, but during the entire year. Your generosity will ensure that a struggling family or individual will enjoy a special holiday season.

TO SIGN UP AS A DONOR,  
PLEASE CALL JESSICA AT (608) 754-5333  
OR EMAIL [JLOCHER@ECHOJANESVILLE.ORG](mailto:jlocher@echojanesville.org)  
BY NOVEMBER 10, 2023





1 Ruth Davis

6 Leigh-Ann Waite

7 Max McGrath

8 Betty Jo Clough

10 Judy Culb

11 Vicki Jo Barlass

11 Violet Rosburg

13 Brennan Abraham



14 Shirley Nelson

14 Paige Waite

15 Marj Banner

16 Deanna Sanwick

19 Pam Haas

26 Tina Bakken

26 Connie Nelson

29 John Brikowski



10 Tracy & Brian Reece

10 Brenda & Steve Whitney



24 Ronda & Wade Cass



## Continuing Care List

Ardis Bender, Jerriann & Larry Burns, Harriet Christopherson, Dale Clark, Darlene and Richard Coulthard, Claude Eakins, LaVita Fanta, Robert Geisler, Carol and Don Isbell, Diana Jewson, Russ Kuykendall, Janet Luiting, Shirley Nelson, Hjordis Olson, Lucille Osborne, Arlette Walker Ione Watson.







## SAVE THE DATE

**Where:** Asbury UMC Craft and Bake Sale

**When:** November 18

**From:** 9 am to 3 pm

**Proceeds will go to ECHO and Asbury's Good Samaritan Fund.**

**Together let us open our doors to the community.**

We have:

Lefse, Krumkake, Sandbakkels, Hand woven rugs, Kitchen textiles, Seasonal Décor, Christmas items, Handmade tote bags, quilts and more!!

**And a**

**lite lunch**

**From: 11 am - 1 pm with a basket for donations.**



Harvest Dinner Pictures 10/21/23

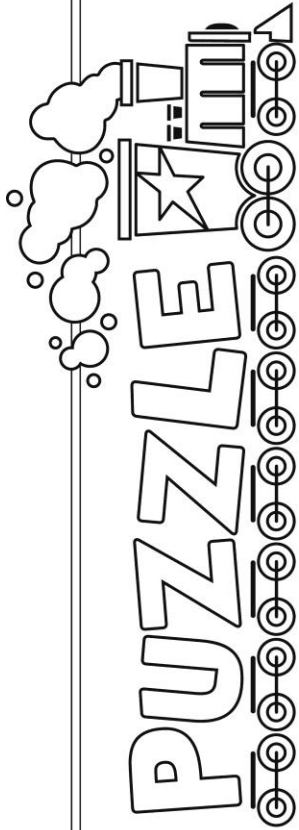
On SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>.  
Or you will be early for church.



# NOVEMBER

# 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			 <b>9-10:30 AM</b> <b>Stitching Group</b>  <b>Bible Study @</b> <b>5:30 PM @</b> <b>Peggy's</b>			
<b>5</b> <b>8:30-9:30 AM</b> <b>Choir Practice</b>  <b>9 AM Sunday</b> <b>School</b>  <b>10 AM ALL</b> <b>SAINTS</b> <b>SUNDAY</b> <b>Worship Service</b> <i>Fall Back</i>	<b>6</b> <b>RTC meeting</b> <b>at 5:30 PM</b>	<b>7</b> 	<b>8</b> <b>8 AM Women's</b> <b>Covenant Guild</b> <b>@ Eagle Inn</b>  <b>9-10:30 AM</b> <b>Stitching Group</b>  <b>Faith – In –</b> <b>Stitches 3-6 PM</b>  <b>Bible Study @</b> <b>5:30 PM @</b> <b>Peggy's</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>9 AM Jazz Band</b> <b>Practice</b>  <b>10 AM Praise Band</b> <b>Practice</b>
<b>12</b> <b>8:30-9:30 AM</b> <b>Choir Practice</b>  <b>9 AM Sunday</b> <b>School</b>  <b>10 AM Worship</b> <b>Service &amp;</b> <b>Communion</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Men's Breakfast</b> <b>@ 8:30 AM @</b> <b>Eagle Inn</b>	<b>15</b> <b>9-10:30 AM</b> <b>Stitching Group</b>  <b>Bible Study @</b> <b>5:30 PM @</b> <b>Peggy's</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>Craft &amp; Bake Sale</b> <b>From 9 am to 3 pm</b>  <b>Lite lunch from</b> <b>11 am to 1 pm</b>
<b>19</b> <b>8:30-9:30 AM</b> <b>Choir Practice</b>  <b>9 AM Sunday</b> <b>School</b>  <b>10 AM Worship</b> <b>Service</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>No Bible Study</b>  <b>9-10:30 AM</b> <b>Stitching Group</b>  <b>Faith – In –</b> <b>Stitches 3-6 PM</b>	 <b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>9 AM Jazz Band</b> <b>Practice</b>  <b>10 AM Praise Band</b> <b>Practice</b>
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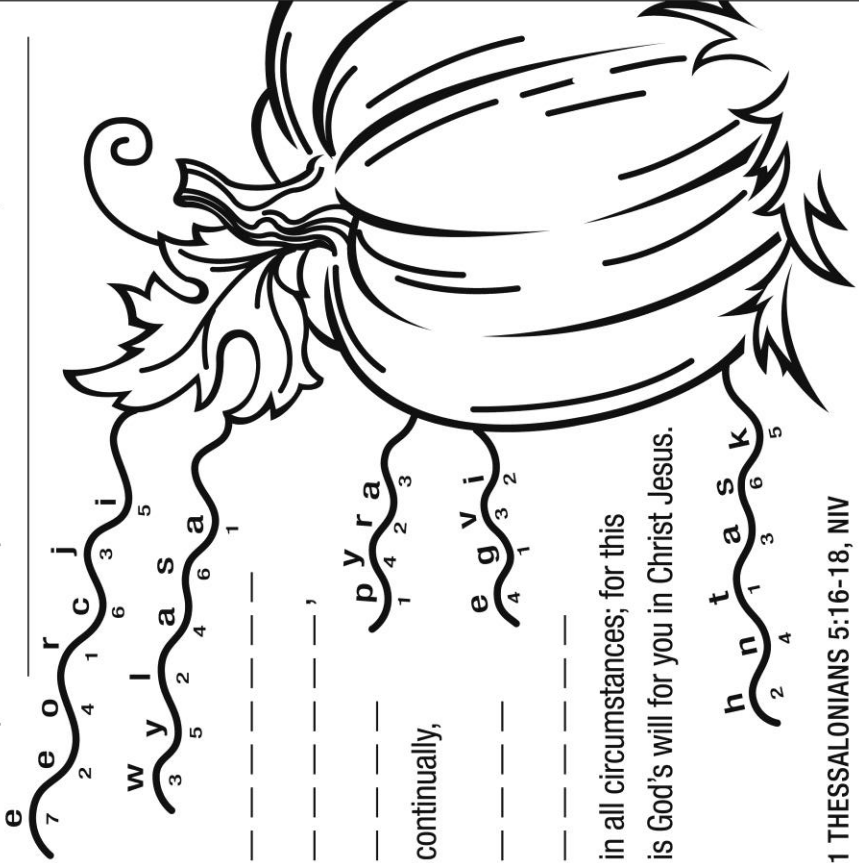


# PUZZLE

## GOD'S WILL

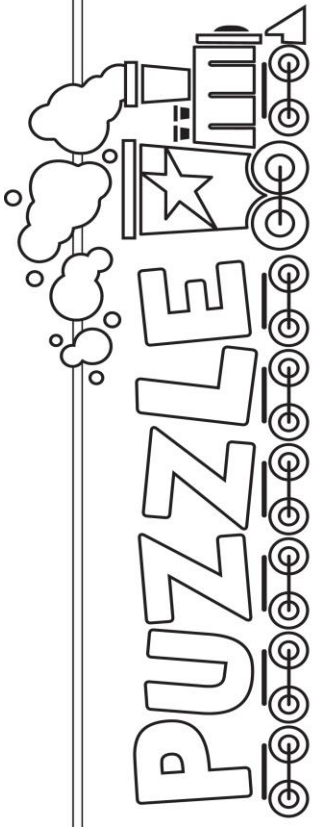
God wants us to follow his will, but how can we know what that is?

**Directions:** Write the letters on each vine in the correct order on the lines provided to complete 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV.



1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18, NIV

Answer: rejoice, always, pray, give, thanks



# PUZZLE

## THANKS-FILLED GIVING

The virtues of gratefulness and generosity are connected. When we're truly thankful for all God provides, we want to sow generous seeds in other people's lives. What will be the harvest?

**Directions:** Solve the clues associated with each picture. Then write the words in the correct spaces to complete 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, NIV.



This becomes a plant \_\_\_\_\_



Willing to give \_\_\_\_\_



The result of planting seeds \_\_\_\_\_



The act of gratitude \_\_\_\_\_



Food made from wheat \_\_\_\_\_

Now he who supplies \_\_\_\_\_ to the sower and \_\_\_\_\_ for food will also



supply and increase your store of \_\_\_\_\_ and will enlarge the \_\_\_\_\_



of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be

\_\_\_\_\_ on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result



in \_\_\_\_\_ to God. 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, NIV



Answers: seed, bread, harvest, generous, thanksgiving





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