

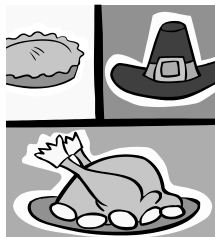
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November Steeplenotes

OFFICE HOURS:
Tuesday thru Friday
9am to 4pm



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DECEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE NOVEMBER 20



Remembering

This month we remember the saints in our church who have passed on. It is good to remember those who have gone from our sight but not our minds and hearts. Saints are not those who are perfect, as we might define them, but those who are born of the Spirit and follow Jesus. These saints might have gone from this world but they are forever remembered in our church. Remembering has many dimensions in our church life.

Ron and I were gone on vacation to visit our newest granddaughter and we were remembered. Rob Urbain did a great job preaching when I was on vacation, Jody Coon watched over our church and all knew that I was going away for a short trip to see this new baby. While I was gone, I was contacted on FaceBook by Rose White. She wrote just a short note saying that she missed me. This note touched my heart. While all knew that I would be away, and I had everything covered at the church, it was nice to be missed.

Perhaps there is someone that you have missed on Sunday morning and you are wondering when they will be back. You may think that someone else may contact them and say they are missed. It is the job of the minister and the Membership Care committee to make those visits, but think of what would happen if you would contact the person you miss. Perhaps they would realize in a greater way that they are part of a community of faith that felt their absence. Perhaps they will know, as I did, that people care about me even when I am not there. Perhaps they will want to come back just because you made that simple contact with them. Rose didn't do a lot to let me know she thought of me, she wrote two words on an open social media forum to let me know she thought of me. She didn't say how worship went, or how many people were there, or who wasn't there, she only let me know that I was missed.

As people of God connected to one another we like to be together. When someone is not there, we miss them. It is good to be reminded that we can all share the love of God by calling those we miss, sending them a note or praying for them. I thank Rose for going out of her way to let me know she missed me and know that she does that for others. People are gone for many different reasons, some

of which we understand and some of which we don't. For whatever reasons people you like are not around, perhaps your contact with them will let them know that they have been missed and they are remembered. Let's be the church that reaches out to those in our community and lets people know that we care about them. It could be a beacon of hope to those who are lost and a beacon of love to those who are away.

Blessings and peace in our life together,
Rev. Lisa Cook

Nov. 20 @ 4 pm

Our Community Thanksgiving Service will be at Trinity Episcopal Church, 100 E. Houghton Ave. in West Branch on Nov. 20 at 4 pm. This is a service of thanksgiving celebrated together with all the churches in our Ogemaw County Clergy Fellowship. We get to hear other church people read scripture, preach and sing as we worship God together. This year we will have Rev. Dr. Janet Larner, the new pastor at Churchill United Methodist Church preach this service. Janet is a well known minister in the conference who has begun serving Churchill UMC July 1, 2011. This service is one that you will want to attend and enjoy with family, friends and neighbors.

An offering will be taking up an offering for the Ogemaw County Food Pantry which feeds those in our community. We have several prominent people in our church volunteering at the pantry every week and they know the need and the service that is provided by the pantry. If you would like to know more about the pantry, please speak with Jim Nyquist, our Music Director, Carol Shaw, Marlene Sawyer or her husband Bill about the work that they do on behalf of the food pantry. It is a good resource for those who are hurting. Let us worship God with thanksgiving and give thankfully as we all attend this community thanksgiving service on Nov. 20th.

Rev. Lisa Cook



Memorial Garden Report:

The season is about over for the garden. Most of the flowers are done and preparations are being made for the winter season.


Thanks for all who worked on the garden and for those who supported it. The fish are in their

winter home. We recently planted 160 tulip bulbs that will welcome spring 2012.



Red Wiggler Report:

In preparation for winter, the worms have been taken out of the worm bed and are now in their winter home so we will not be feeding them during the winter. Next spring they will return to the worm bed and again will be making worm compost and tea.



United Methodist Women

Wednesday November 9, 2011

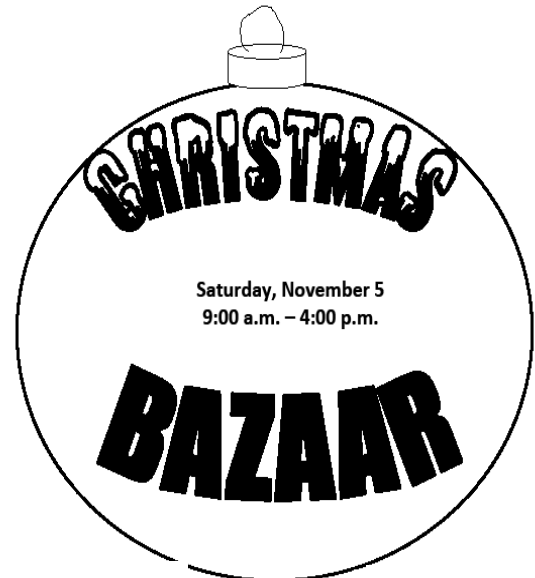
7:00 General Meeting

Program: Sherrie Hickman
Devotions: Emily Warnecke
Hostesses: Nancy Hughey
Barbara Hughey

BAZAAR - NOV 5TH

Baked Goods needed and "Gently Used Items" for Granny's Attic

First United Methodist Church of West Branch
 Corner of State and Fairview



Granny's Attic New or nearly new items for you or for gifts.	Bake Shop Cookies, breads and more! Stock up now.
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Sponsored by United Methodist Women
 Proceeds go to missions

J.A.M.

Sunday November 13th 5pm
 Hosted by Sr. High Youth
 Pizza, Popcorn and a Movie!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday January 14 3pm-7pm ??
3pm-Ice Fishing Derby-Lake George Public Access (Assuming Safe Ice)
 Anyone who would like to learn about Ice Fishing should come. We will provide fishing equipment, portable shanties, bait, electronic fish finders and we will show you how to clean the fish.
Those over 17yrs must have a fishing license
Prizes for youngest angler, biggest fish by weight and length, and most fish.

6pm-Bonfire
 Chili and/or Mulligan Stew and hot dogs and s'more roast with hot chocolate and hot cider.

6 to 8pm-Ice skating (by those who can)
 Bring your own skates. If you have some to lend, bring to church prior to event.

January 27 and 28
 Men's overnighter and study at Woodland's Retreat Center on Sage Lake Road. Study program, menu and schedule TBD. Put it on your calendar.

February 29 (Tentative) we are planning a Downhill Ski Event and all who can go are welcome to attend—even if it's to sit in the lounge.

Mid March Spaghetti dinner, white elephant silent auction and music in the lounge. Date TBA.

November Birthdays



- 1 Gary Roettger
- 2 Patricia Gardner
Tom Schaiberger
- 4 Jody Coon
Sherrie Hickman
Ann Roettger
Kenneth Weisend
- 5 Jim Manier, Jr.
- 7 Dawn Budge
Courtney Jones
- 10 Lanae Shields
- 11 Tanner Bissonette
Laura Prescott
Vera Williamson
- 13 Dean Brown
- 15 Kathy Lawrence
- 17 Richard Nelson
- 21 Lori Carter
- 24 Helen Gardner
- 26 Judy Kelley
- 27 Anna Nathan
Ora Pekrul
- 28 Jeani Vermillion
- 30 Kevin Burger
Hailey Davis
Emily Sabins
Ruth Salisbury

Carillon Bells

If you have a favorite hymn you would like to have played on a specific day to commemorate a special occasion, call Emily Warnecke at 345-3806.

The donation is \$25 and your song will play 3 times during your specified day.

November sponsors are:

- 7 Jane and Don Lehman
- 22 Evelyn Smith
- 29 Barb Heilner

November Anniversaries



- 2 Wendy & Jody Coon
- 7 Marilyn & James Armstrong
Patti & Greg DeMatio
- 14 Sandy & William Hufstedler
- 30 Janet & Myron Cook
Brenda & Robert Griffin

The family of George Widrig, wish to thank Rev. Lisa Cook for a beautiful memorial service, visiting George and taking over when we were down.

Even though it was short notice, the ladies rallied and delivered a delicious lunch for a very large turnout. Thank you so much.

We received many cards and donations from our church friends that we will never forget.

God Bless
Barb Widrig and family

Thank you Congregation

We were able to take 88 personal items for those in need to Mission School of the North.

Thank you for your
GENEROSITY.

They were taken to River House Women's Shelter in Gaylord and God's Co-operative Parish in the U P.

Shirley and Nancy

If you don't find your name in the list of birthdays and/or anniversaries, let the office know!



Youth News November 2011

Theresa Snider
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Our Sunday Youth Groups Have Chosen Names!

The 1st through 7th graders have chosen a name for their group...they are...

1st CREW Club!

**1st = FUMC, C=Christ, R=Rules in
E=Every, W=Way, Club.**

This was a voted on combination between two suggested names, the 1st Club and CREW. The kids did a great job coming up with a fantastic youth group name.

The 8th through 12th grade group are the
GOON SQUAD

(God's Our Only Need)

During our devotions this past week we found a perfect Bible verse to represent our GOON Squad name. It is the second part of Acts 17:25..."He Himself gives all men life and breath and everything else."

If you haven't checked out our new youth

November 5th Water Park Trip Avalanche Bay, Boyne Mountain 4pm to 9pm

Sign up for this trip This is open to all ages. Under 1st grade must be accompanied by a parent.

Cost: \$19.00 Per Person (\$10 for non-swimming chaperones) First 10 youth to sign up get \$5.00 off the cost of admission.

Admission cost do not include snacks or meals. We encourage youth to bring extra money for this expense. No outside food or drink is allowed in the water park.

We already have enough youth signed up to ensure that we are going to move forward with this trip so don't miss out sign up today!

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 6th: Last day to order calendars.
We have pocket calendars available this year as well.

November 13th: Youth Hosted JAM. All Youth need to be at the church by 4:45 to help with set up and serving.



PRAYER CONCERNS


If you are listed below, and wish to continue on prayer concern list, please call, email or drop a note at the office. When a prayer concern is received, our secretary will note the following information: date, contact person, their telephone number, and the person for whom we are praying. If after two weeks there has been no contact, we will call the contact person to see if they wish to continue on the list or are to be taken off.

Membership Care Committee

Baby Fay	Heather Merrow	Extended Care	Military
Pat Clayton	Phyllis Morris	Helen Bullen	Sgt Rick K Glass
Kent Davison	Bev Neal	Barb Brasseur	BM2 Michael Kirchhoff
Rev. Bruce Denton	Ted Newton	Marie Dunn	Sgt3 Brendan Pizzala
Maxine Gehl	Sarah Oliver	Ilah Hickman	David Trombley
Richard Gehl Jr.	Jim Routson	Irene Miller	Brendan Poirier
Christine Jacobs	Mary Vines	Charlotte Perdew	<i>In Iraq:</i>
Carol Ann Kapp		Betty Richardson	SSG Jay Hale
Ashleigh Kauffman		Jane Robbins	<i>Afghanistan:</i>
Erma Krumm		Ruth Saari	Sgt. William Klemmer
Tommy Libby		Elizabeth Wilcox	Chad Hollobaugh

Prayer is communication with the Divine. It can be whispered or chanted or written or expressed in the work you do. However it is expressed, it is never in vain.

~Donna Wilk Cardillo



BLOOD DRIVE
West Branch Church of God
 601 Progress Street
Thursday November 17, 2011
12 noon—5:45pm
 Sponsored by Hospice of Helping Hands, Inc.

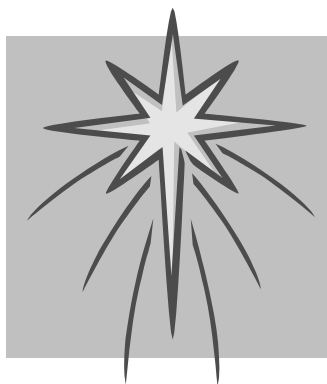
FINANCIAL UPDATE

AS OF SEPTEMBER 2011:

YEAR TO DATE REVENUE:	\$161,684
YEAR TO DATE EXPENDITURES:	\$171,391

Expenditures exceed our revenue for 9 months by: \$9,707

If you would like more information, contact Maggie Robinson at 345-2424



A Walk to Bethlehem

Hosted by the Body of Christ in Hale, Michigan

Saturday Dec 10
Sunday Dec 11
4:00pm-7:00pm

This is an incredible journey that will take you back to the time and place of Jesus birth. Your walk is outdoors and will take 30-40 minutes, so dress warmly.

Park at Hale First United Methodist Church which is located at 201 W. Main St in Hale.

Please call 989-728-9522 for more information.

RADIO SPONSORSHIPS

Radio Sponsorships are available for 5 more Sundays in 2011. Radio Sponsorship is \$65.00. Please call the Church Office, or sign up in Fellowship Hall (on the bulletin board) if you can help with this very special Mission Project our geographic area.




Community Thanksgiving Service
November 20th at 4:00pm
Trinity Episcopal Church
100 East Houghton Ave
West Branch

November 2011	6	13	20	27
Greeters 8:30		Dave and Colleen Wandoff	Dave and Colleen Wandoff	
Greeters 11:00	Judy Kelley	Sue Smith	Frank and Carol Ann Kapp	Bob and Liz Steinhurst
Coffee Hour 8:30	Patti and Greg DeMatio			
Coffee Hour 11:00	Phil and Carol Shaw	Guy and Sherry Dean	Carol Ann and Frank Kapp	
Nursery 8:30	Clara Clark	Kerry Zaske	Sandi Osterland	Beth Orr
Nursery 11:00	Betty McClintic	Liz Steinhurst	Sue Smith	Cheryl McFarland
Ushers 8:30	Jim and Dottie Macintyre, Chris Janisch, Chris Chrysler			
Ushers 11:00	Connie Roettger, Arlene Martin, Bev Scott			
Altar Flowers	Mary Cummings Jim and Marilyn Armstrong	Osterland Family	Maggie and Larry Robinson	Leathorns
Radio	Rob Urbain	Ed and Sue Crawford		Elizabeth Wilcox
Lay Reader 8:30	Dave Hickman	Sherrie Hickman	Emily Warnecke	Linda Vincent
Lay Reader 11:00	Nancy Hoxie	Nancy Hoxie	Nancy Hoxie	Nancy Hoxie

If you wish to sponsor a radio broadcast (\$65) or altar flowers (\$7.50/vase) please notify church office (345-0210) or place your name on sign-up sheet on entry bulletin board. You may take your flowers home following 11:00 service. Leave the white liners at church by using one of the large plastic cups found in the sacristy (hallway off front of sanctuary) and use white gloves to handle vases. *If you want 2 vases, please note this so others will know.* When you pay for them, please make notation on check or envelope that it is for flowers or radio; place in offering plate, mail or bring to the church office.

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November Happenings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6pm Parent Support	2 10am Bible Study 12:30 Swedish Weave	3 1pm Bazaar set-up 6:30 Disciple Bible 7pm Sweet Adelines	4 Bazaar set-up	5 Bazaar 9AM-4PM
6 4:30-6 5:30-7 Youth	7 5:15 Fermata Practice 6:45 Choir practice 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:30 Kiwanis Choir	8	9 10am Bible Study 12:30 Swedish Weave 7pm Trustees	10 Noon Kiwanis Board 6:30 Disciple Bible 7pm Sweet Adelines	11	12 1pm Operation Christmas Child packing party
13 7am Men's Breakfast 4:30-6 5:30-7 Youth 5pm JAM	14 6:45 Choir practice 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:30 Kiwanis Choir	15	16 10am Bible Study 12:30 Swedish Weave	17 6:30 Disciple Bible 7pm Sweet Adelines	18	19
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