

The Russell Report

Russell Memorial United Methodist Church
A Family Rooted in Christ and Reaching Out in Love



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Heaven's Harvest Auction



Reasons for Gratitude

While it is *always* a good time to focus on the blessings of our lives, this seems to be the time of year when we are more intentional about being thankful. Many people will post their reasons for gratitude on social media each day in November. Though I have never practiced it myself, it sounds like a great discipline. Being intentionally grateful does have the capacity to increase our joy in life. As I look at the month ahead, it brings to my mind a few things for which I give thanks.

November 1 is All Saints Day,

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Mid-Winter

Rekindle the camp spirit with Lakeview at Mid-Winter. Campers will enjoy playing their favorite Lakeview games/activities, see some of their favorite camp staff/volunteers, worship with familiar faces and get a sneak peak at some of what we have in store for Summer 2018.

This retreat is for 7th-12th graders. February 16-18, 2018.

\$135 through February 1st

\$150 after February 1st

Registration Closes on February 9th

Go to www.lakeviewmcc.org to register or for more information.

K6
Kids



Our Youth and K6 Kids meet Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. in the Deen Building. Join us for fun times, fellowship and FOOD!! We will feed the kiddos supper for you. Don't miss out, we'd love for you to join us!



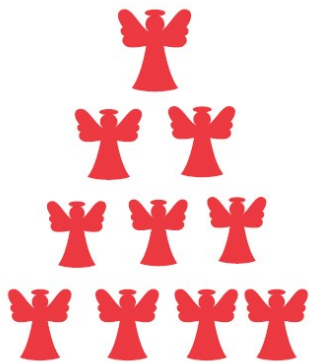
Hard to believe, but it's time to start planning for Summer Camp 2018! Lakeview has their website ready for folks to go ahead and register kiddos for camp. Our district will go to the fourth session, July 8-13. You can go to www.lakeviewmcc.org to get started!



Join in the celebration on Sunday, November 19th, 6:00 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church off of FM 751 in Wills Point.



As many of you know, Russell Memorial is now home to its own Blessing Box located by the west entrance of the Deen Building! In March of this year, Jana Davis, Kelli Huff and Erin Galope discussed the need for a Blessings Box in Wills Point to supplement our local food agencies. Aiden Nychka learned of this need, so he offered to design and install one for his Eagle Scout project. It is now open 24/7 and is free to everyone. The hope is that this box not only helps the people of Wills Point with goods, but that it encourages others to join in the effort, whether by setting up similar boxes across our community or by resupplying this one, so feel free to add to the box any time. The sign on the Blessings Box really says it all: "Take what you need. Leave what you can. Above all be blessed."



Angel Tree

It's that time again! The trees will be up with the names of angels before we know it. We already have 261 children, from 81 families signed up. We will have more kids before we are through. We are collecting peanut butter, soup, and canned fruit for the food boxes that go home with each angel family. Next time you are at the store, pick up a couple extra and bring them by the church. We need all the help we can find. Thank you!



Heaven's Harvest Auction Update

The results from this year's auction are in. You guys are such an amazing group of people. With all the hard work and long hours from the great volunteers to the all the people who came to our wonderful event, we can not thank you enough. Thanks to you, we raised \$15,002.37 toward our goal. You are all truly amazing! Thanks again.

Calendar of Events for November



Dates to Remember!

Saturday, Nov. 4th, 10:00 a.m. Cake at Crestwood
 Sunday, Nov. 5th, 12:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting
 Friday, Nov. 10th, 6:30 p.m. Showing of "Veil of Tears"
 Saturday, Nov. 11th, 8:30 a.m. UMM Meeting, 9:00 a.m. UMW Brunch
 Sunday, Nov. 12th, 2:00 p.m. Charge Conference, FUMC in Athens
 Sunday, Nov. 19th, 6:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service, Calvary Baptist
 Saturday, Nov. 25, 11:00 a.m. Neighbor to Neighbor
 Sunday, Nov. 26th, 12:00 p.m. Hanging of the Greens

Community Outreach Program

Neighbor to Neighbor Lunch
 11 am-1pm
 Fourth Saturday of each month
 Deen Building - George Hall
 OPEN TO ANYONE
 WHO CHOOSES TO COME
 Please contact the church for details
 (903-873-2569).



Happy Birthday!

Jack Robinette	11-2	Marilyn Roddy	11-23
Fritz Gilbreth	11-2	Lynn Rowe	11-24
Elizabeth		Erin Galope	11-26
Blasingame	11-5	Kelly Begley	11-27
Arthur Galope, Jr.	11-7		
Stephani Curtis	11-8	*On Nov. 24, help us celebrate the life of Dalton Huff. Go do something to help and / or bring joy to someone around you. Spread some love for Dalton!	
Taylor Hulsey	11-8		
Maggie McDonald	11-8		
Betty Cartwright	11-11		
Dee Lutzinger	11-12		
Judy Powers	11-16		
Kathy Kulwicki	11-21		
Jeff Aston	11-22		

November Worship Assistants

Altar Guild: Marigrace Lang (Chair), Maxine Page, Wanda Williams, Sandra Smith, Vera Lofland
Ushers: Denny McCormick (Head), Karl Lybrand, Keeta Lybrand, Shane McBride



Our Presence and Our Gifts

	Oct. 1	Oct. 8	Oct. 15	Oct. 22	Oct. 29
the early service	66	58		45	41
Sunday School	83	80		79	74
Traditional Worship	91	95	141	127	96
	\$6,976.00	\$6,137.00	\$3,425.00	\$5,078.50	\$2,421.05

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 5:30pm K6/Youth Activities 6:00pm Ladies Hand Bells 7:00pm Youth Bells 7:30pm Adult Choir	2	3	4 10:00am Cake @ Crestwood
5 8:30 am Early Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Church Council	6 10:00 am Ladies Prayer Group 6:00 pm Trustees	7	8 5:30pm K6/Youth Activities 6:00pm Ladies Hand Bells 7:00pm Youth Bells 7:30pm Adult Choir	9	10 6:30pm Showing of "Veil of Tears"	11 8:30am UMM Meeting 9:00am UMW Brunch
12 UMW Sunday 8:30 am Early Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 2:00pm Charge Conference (Athens)	13 10:00 am Ladies Prayer Group 5:00pm Day School 6:00pm Finance	14	15 5:30pm K6/Youth Activities 6:00pm Ladies Hand Bells 7:00pm Youth Bells 7:30pm Adult Choir	16	17	18
19 8:30 am Early Service 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 6:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Service Calvary Baptist Church	20 10:00 am Ladies Prayer Group	21 10:00am Grief Support Group	22	23 Thanksgiving Day	24	25 Neighbor to Neighbor Lunch 11 am—1pm Wedding
26 8:30 am Early Service 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Hanging of the Greens	27 10:00am Ladies Prayer Group	28	29 5:30pm K6/Youth Activities 6:00pm Ladies Hand Bells 7:00pm Youth Bells 7:30pm Adult Choir	30	31	

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a time to remember those who have gone before us in the faith. We celebrate the witness of their lives and the ways in which they have pointed us toward Christ. I am thankful for the many saints of God who have helped to keep me on the path of faith. Perhaps you will take some time to remember those who have done the same for you.

On Sunday, November 5 we will receive a report from a mission trip to Costa Rica. The Haneys and the Todds joined a team who worked at The Methodist Children's Home of Costa Rica. They will share with us about the good work accomplished and the transformational impact it had upon their lives. I am thankful that the people of God are responding to the call to go into the world for the sake of the gospel. We rejoice in the good things that God is doing through our people.

November 12 is United Methodist Women Sunday, and the women will be leading the worship services. It is a day when we recognize the many ways our women lead us in missional service to the world. Working for justice and offering hope, our women combine efforts with those of other U.M. congregations to touch lives across the world.

Veterans Day comes this month, observed on November 10 (according to my calendar). If you don't know the history of Veterans Day, take a few minutes to look it up. Coming from a family of veterans, I am very grateful for the service they and many others have given. Perhaps you will have a chance to join a Veterans Day celebration in our area this year.

The last Sunday of November is "Christ the King Sunday" on the liturgical calendar. It marks the end of the Christian year, celebrating with great anticipation the coming return of our Lord. In a world that often seems to be out of control, I am grateful to be reminded that God is on the throne of heaven, and with sovereign authority governs all of creation. No matter how things seem, the people of Christ are to live victoriously in this life, for we know that our Savior has been given dominion over all things (Eph. 1:20-22).

If we are honest, most of us would have to admit that we have been blessed beyond measure by our loving Heavenly Father. For what do you give thanks? Name those blessings, and express your gratitude while you have the opportunity.

Pastor Dave



Some of the youth getting ready to work the auction.

Remember in Prayer:

Huff family & friends
Alice Kolb
Allen Thompson
Angie Smith
Annette & Gerald Clemmons
Benny & Kay Mitchell
Dennis Basham
Betty & Denny McCormick
Bobby & LaJuan Mayfield
Carolyn Choate
Charlotte Conn
Chris & Wanda Baldwin
Chris Conn
Chuck & Nelda Currie
Craig & Vicki Collins
Crestwood Nursing &
Assisted Living
Daisy Bates & family

Darlane Fuller
Dave & Dee Lutzinger
David Cartwright & family
Don Wortman
Grief Support Group
Methodist Church (RMUMC)
Homeland Security
Hurricane Victims, VZ County
tornado victims
James & Brenda Brown &
family
Jennifer Barnett McCann
Jerry Bodin
Jim Burden
Jimmy Wilson
John Buffington
Kyle Anderson
Lawson & LaNell White
Liz Ellis
Mark Welsh

Mickey Chapple
Missionaries in Iraq
Norma Hundley
Our Armed Forces, America,
Our World
Mark Brown
Rachel Brown
Rev. Michael Dobbs
Ron Turner
Students, Teachers,
Administrators
Susan Gillis
Tristan Parsons
Trip to the Holy Land
Theresa Turner
Victor Pearson
Windy Howard

Memorials/Honorariums

In memory of
Dalton Huff
Given by
Sara Bullard & Molly Brittain
for the youth fund.



Join us on November 10th at 6:00 p.m. for a screening of the film, "Veil of Tears", brought to us by GFA. Refreshments will be provided.

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Rev. David Cartwright, Pastor
Nancy McDonald, Office Administrator
Theresa Turner, Ladies Hand Bells Director
Kristy Adams, Pianist
Erin Galope, Youth Bell Director
Amy Goodson, Contemporary Prayz Band Leader

Dr. Bob Gilbreth, Music Director
Fritz Gilbreth, Organist
Kelli Huff, K6 Kids Coordinator
Jackie Cockerham, Financial Administrator
Jerry Don Huff, Youth Director

Join us Sunday Morning!

Contemporary Worship @ 8:30 Sunday School @ 9:45 Traditional Worship @ 11:00

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday

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