



## GUNNISONVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Dear friends,

One of my favorite holidays is Halloween. I love seeing the kids all dressed up in their costumes and it's great fun handing out candy to the trick-or-treaters. Lost in the shuffle of ghosts and goblins and other spooky characters is the origin of this annual event. The word "Halloween" is a contraction of the original name "all hallow's eve," the night before a special day on the church calendar, All Saints' Day.

November 1<sup>st</sup> is a day set aside to honor and remember the saints who have completed their life here on earth and are now enjoying eternal life in glory. It became customary for members of the church to dress up as their favorite saints as an expression of their desire to follow in their footsteps. Thus the tradition of wearing costumes came into being.

So, it is fitting for us to take time to remember the saints who have left our midst and are now seated with Jesus in heaven and to commit ourselves to continue the legacy they have left to us.

This year it turns out that All Saints' Day falls on a Sunday. But we will celebrate this holy day on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, because on November 1<sup>st</sup> Johnie and I will be flying back from Minneapolis after spending Halloween rooting on our beloved Spartans as they take on the Minnesota Golden Gophers under the lights in their brand new stadium.

On November 8<sup>th</sup>, we will take time to honor the lives of Norma Swartz and Lois Conrad and we will have the opportunity to lift up the names of other dear souls we want to remember. We will celebrate Holy Communion as we recognize the glorious truth that we do so along with all the hosts of heaven. And we will dedicate ourselves to the awesome task of carrying on the life of faith in the days ahead.

As we do so, let us remember the words of Hebrews 12:1-3:

*"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God."*

Your pastor,  
Mark

## **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

01 Bob Zeeb  
02 Jennifer Dobson  
03 Teresa (Tess) Boyle  
04 Jaana Glasmacher  
06 Mark Johnson

11 Bernie Bohland  
12 Don Reed  
12 Jeff Proctor  
25 Jamie Boyle  
26 Lorraine Sample

## **NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

24 John and Faye Hagy

## **NOVEMBER HOSTESS**

01 Phyllis Murray  
08 Dawn Kelly  
15 Katie, Billy and Matthew

22 Elsie Gariepy  
29 Connie Le Fever

## **SERVICE CLUB**

The next meeting of the Service Club will be held on Wednesday, November 11 at 12:00 noon. An enjoyable afternoon is being planned. Bring a sandwich and join us.

## **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY POTLUCK**

The birthday potluck will be held Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:30. After lunch we will be making paper chains, Christmas ornaments, stringing popcorn and cranberries and decorating the Christmas trees upstairs and down. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service.

## **DECEMBER 20**

**9:15 AM:** Adult Choir will present the Christmas Cantata

**4:00 PM:** December Birthday Potluck

**5:30 PM:** Children's Christmas Program

## **SCHEDULING OF CHURCH EVENTS**

To schedule any events, please call Florence Hartman at 333-3616

## **DECEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

November 22, 2009 [bbest@4wbi.net](mailto:bbest@4wbi.net)



## October Birthdays

Billy Baker, Don Price, Lois Baumer, Charles Fritz, Walt Sutton, Albert Gladstone

## CROP WALK



David Hundt & Phyllis Park



Phyllis Rhynard

## THE 2009 BAZAAR

The Missions Committee would like to thank everyone for all the help for a successful bazaar this year. Without you it would not have been possible. From the setting up, working and tearing down, to all the ladies who put on a wonderful luncheon and for all who donated, there is so much talent among all of you. We had such a wonderful time not to mention we raised \$1745.08. These funds will go to help so many in need.

As I stood back watching and listening, I heard several people say “Boy, this little church always has something going on and they bring in the people”. I also heard people say what a nice little church and I even invited a few to join us on Sunday mornings. Thank you again for all your help!!!

Darlinda Van Etten  
Missions Committee

## THANK YOU

Thank you for the prayers, hugs, cards and calls shared with our family in response to the death of my uncle, Willis Cressman. You are truly a caring church family

The Balzer family

Crossroad Village and Huckleberry Railroad update

On October 4, 18 adults and children visited Huckleberry Railroad for trick R treating and train ride. As you can see from the pictures a great time was had by all. There is talk of returning for their Christmas activities...



November Sunday School Update

November's B.I.G. Theme  
It is Good to Give Thanks

November's B.I.G. Idea  
We believe that it is good to give thanks to God with our whole hearts.

November's Bible Verse

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.  
Psalm 9:1

Weekly Lessons

November 1 Noah Gives Thanks, Genesis 7:1-17; 8:1-22

November 8 Miriam gives Thanks, Exodus 14:1-30; 15:20-21

November 15 One Leper Gives Thanks, Luke 17:11-19

November 22 A Dance of Thanks, Acts 3:1-10

November 29 Zechariah and Elizabeth Give Thanks, Luke 1:5-25, 57-80

December 20 will be the church Christmas program and Birthday potluck.



Loving hands of good friends  
Ileen Wilkinson & Thelma Hayes

A new command I give to you: Love one another. As I have loved  
you, so you must love one another. John 13:34