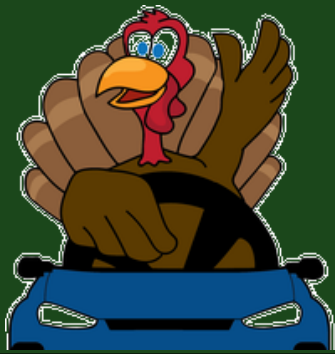


November 2021



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Revelation

FROM YOUR PASTOR

It is October 26 today. I remember the day when I was senior in high school in Korea. On that day, then President Park was assassinated. He was a military man who made himself president of Korea by coup. He was in power for 16 years. Fast forward 40 years, and I see things are very different in Korea today. Among other things, true democracy is blossoming there.

We learn a lot when we study history. What I believe Koreans learn from their history is when you have a leader who do not care about the people, people suffer, and that freedom is not free. I have been enjoying a lot as I learn the history of our church. Our historian has a gift of making history come alive. Thank God we have her!

What am I learning from our history? Our beginning was small. We were a small class in a small town. Then, we began growing. Our latter days were very great. Our history reminds us of Job 8:7, where we read, "Though your beginning was small, your latter days will be very great." (NRSV) As of today, we are not as great as we used to be. We are much smaller congregation. The question is, "What are you going to do about it?"

From our history, I learn that a thriving church has people who love their Lord Jesus and their church. They are thankful to be body of Christ. They know they are hands and feet of Christ who are happy to make a difference in the name of Christ. They are happy to get together to praise the Lord, to care for each other, to nurture future leaders, and to serve their neighbors. They are excited to be the light and salt of the earth.

I understand things are different for us. Pandemic changed everything for us. We were introduced different ways to worship. Getting together for fellowship or bible study has been a challenge. I learned that about 20 percent of church people are not going to come back to church even when we are out of the pandemic. It is so discouraging.

However, I do believe that God is not done with us. The Holy Spirit will continue to work with and through us, just as he has done throughout our history. As we will have overcome the challenges of the pandemic soon, we will thrive as a church again soon. On Sunday mornings, I see signs of us getting back to the church we used to know. I trust that we are not just going back to where we were before the pandemic, but we are moving forward to where God plans us to be. I dream of a thriving church that makes difference for more people in the name of Christ.

Kibum Kim, Pastor

Enhanced Online Giving

Additional options have been enabled for online giving through our web site. You can access [Online Giving](#) or scan the QR code with your phone.



Through online giving, you have the option to give with a credit card or to setup direct deposit from your checking account. These gifts can be setup for a one-time gift or as a recurring gift. There is even an option to increase your gift to cover the cost of credit card processing fees!

We encourage you to create an account using the e-mail address you receive e-mails on from the church so your giving is associated with your account in the ChurchTrac membership system and will appear on your annual giving statement. By creating an account, you will also have access to all of the giving options mentioned above. If you do not want to create an account, there is an option to give as a guest.

Layette Set Project

Thank you for your generous donations to support our annual Layette Set project!

Join the Missions Team after church on Sunday, November 7th, to assemble the sets. Assembly will take place in the Fellowship Hall.



Missions and Outreach

Thank you for your gifts of \$76.55 for World Communion Sunday in October!

Missions Buckets will be passed on Sunday, November 21st for United Methodist Student Day. Learn more at <https://www.umc.org/en/content/united-methodist-student-day-faq>.



Thanks to Pam Campbell, Cindy Kocher, Angie Gabel, Beth Whistler, and Nancy Wentz for volunteering to help with the Community Baby Shower held in conjunction with the Cloud County Health Department on October 17th. Five expectant mothers attended the event. Presentations were given on the topic of safe sleep and by the 10 community organizations who provide services to families



.Mark your calendars for our Holiday Missions activities!

Missions Tree – food and cold weather accessories will be collected for the CCRC from November 28th – December 12th

Missions Buckets – all proceeds collected on December 5th and 12th will go to the CCRC

Salvation Army Bell Ringing – December 19th

Christmas Caroling – watch for more details

As part of our Holiday Missions, we will be providing “bean bag” hot/cold packs to the CCRC to use in the Holiday Baskets for seniors. **If you can sew and would like to help with this activity, please stop by the office to pick up a bag of beans and get the sewing instructions.**

Little Free Pantry



If you would like to help feed those in our community who are food insecure, we ask you to place items directly into the pantry at your convenience. If you prefer, you can also make a monetary donation to help purchase food for the pantry. This helps us to provide a variety of food on a daily basis.

Thanks to those that have been placing food from our store in the pantry daily: Pam Campbell, Cindy Kocher, Jan Novlan, Nancy Wentz, and Lisa Valcoure!

Food Distribution

What another busy day for our amazing Volunteers!

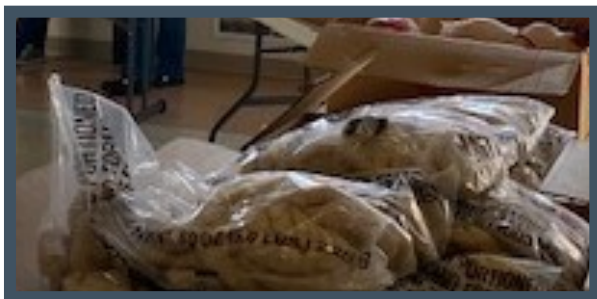
We served: 17 families

54 couples

31 singles

For a total of 190 people!

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS!



Cloud County Resource Center Needs

Starting on November, 1st the Food Bank is open and accepting donations of cash or food items for distribution on **Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm.**



Applications for Thanksgiving & Christmas Baskets are being accepted at the CCRC through November 15th. These baskets average \$65-\$90 per family and include food, toys, clothes for children, coats, shoes, blankets and other necessities. The CCRC will need assistance on the following days:

Packing of Thanksgiving Baskets

November 9th, 4-6 pm
November 11th, 6-8 pm
November 16th, 5-7 pm

Distribution of Thanksgiving Baskets

November 15th, 2-5 pm
November 17th, 2-5 pm
November 18th, 5-7 pm
November 19th, 2-6 pm

Wrapping Christmas Gifts

December 1st, 2-5 pm
December 6th, 6-8 pm
December 14th, 2-6 pm

Packing Christmas Baskets

December 8th, 2-5 pm
December 9th, 5-7 pm
December 13th, 2-6 pm

Distribution of Christmas Baskets

December 14th, 6-8 pm
December 15th, 2-6 pm
December 16th, 5-7 pm
December 17th, 2-6 pm

If you would like more information, to adopt a holiday basket, or volunteer on the dates listed above, please contact Tonya Merrill at 785-243-1065 or ccrc@nckcn.com.

Meals on Wheels

The Senior Center is looking for volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels. To volunteer, contact the Senior Center at 243-1872. Meals on Wheels provides a hot meal and human contact for the homebound.



Letter from our Stewardship Committee

Greetings in the name of Christ,

It is the season of harvest. Farmers are busy in the field, and we pray for their safety and good harvest. I do not know what farming is like, but I heard to be a farmer one has to have faith. What I know is that farmers work a long time, under the scorching sun, for the time to harvest the fruit of their labor. When the harvest is done, it is the time to celebrate and give thanks.

It is also time of the year when we think about all the blessings that have been bestowed upon us throughout the year. Indeed, last couple of years have been tough for everyone. Yet, here we are, counting our blessings. I am grateful for many things, including my move to Concordia. I am sure you have many things to grateful for.

I just want to remind you that our God is the source of all blessings, and as much as we are blessed, giving thanks is what we need to do. Giving to church is, in principle, giving to God. When you give, you give out of thankful heart. Giving a spiritual discipline and it brings us closer to God.

We are happy to inform you that through the loyalty and generosity of the membership, the finances of the church are in a respectable state. The continued regular pledges have kept our programs operating through the pandemic and covered the monthly expenses for the church building and staff.

Please consider your personal circumstances and make a pledge based upon your finances, along with your desire to see our programs continue for another year. As with every household, unexpected events create the need for funds during the year and the pledges help the church cover the basic and surprise expenses.

To make things easier for you, First United Methodist Church accepts the automatic payments from your bank. Another way of supporting the church is to include it in your estate plan. Visit with your banker or financial advisor about these options.

Finally, I want to remind you that part of your giving will be forwarded to our global mission. You may never learn who your money helps, but be assured that your gift is making a difference somewhere, for some people in the world.

On November 7th, we will turn in our pledge card. This is your commitment to God and to the church you love. Ask ushers for pledge card, or ask Lisa at the church office to mail you one.

Bill Thompson, Stewardship Committee
Kibum Kim, Pastor



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We thank you for your generous support of our ministry by offering this estimate of giving card for 2022. Your gifts and involvement are a critical part of our vision for the coming year, with a focus on:

Being in harmony: Working together and creating a culture in which we value and respect each other.

Raising future leaders: Continue to give our amazing children and youth every opportunity to practice leadership and e-evaluate our youth education to see where we are and where we want to go.

Spiritual growth: Assist each and every member to grow in faith by engaging in spiritual disciplines, participating in mission work, faithful giving, and increasing involvement with the church.

Please return your commitment card



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With God as my guide, I share these commitments with Concordia First United Methodist Church.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Email _____

Financial Commitment Income

(choose one:)

_____ \$ weekly through 2022

_____ \$ semi-monthly through 2022

_____ \$ monthly through 2022

_____ \$ as follows: _____

In 2022 I will commit to:

Signature

Date

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday, November 14th

11:00 am - 12:30 pm

**The Congregation is invited to dine
in the Fellowship Hall**

Drive-through meals available for all

\$10 per meal

Delivery available - call 243-4560

**Help is needed November
12th -14th! Sign-up on the
main bulletin board (or
contact the office to
sign-up) TODAY!**



First UMC Thanksgiving Dinner Order Form

November 14, 2021

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Number of Meals Ordered: _____

The cost for each meal is \$10 and will be collected at the time of delivery.

Meals will be delivered between 11:00 am – 12:30 pm.

All We need is:

A of Cup



A Few



And a  *Full of Jesus*

All Ladies of the Church
are invited to a social gathering
On the back porch at Jitters
Saturday November 13, 2021
9am – 10am



Just a Reminder:

There will be no Sunday School Class on
November 14, 2021 due to the
Thanksgiving Dinner. Worship Service will
begin at 10:15am that morning!

Youth

Sunday School Classes to resume

January 9, 2022

Impact

Grades 7-12

JAM!

Jesus and Me!

Grades Pre K—6



November 14, 2021
Concordia First United Methodist
Church
Charge Conference
4:00pm

First United Methodist Church
All Saints Day Worship Service
November 7, 2021
10:30am



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GREENS

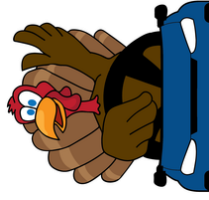
Sunday
November 28, 2021
1:00PM

1 ~ Doug Moore
2 ~ Braden Johnson
4 ~ David Strait
5 ~ Sarah Holbert
6 ~ Brett Baker
9 ~ Peggi Barrett
10 ~ Margaret Thornton
11 ~ Nathan Brown
11 ~ Tammy Woellhof
14 ~ Marjorie Cruzen
14 ~ Cynthia Strait
15 ~ Ann Lanoue
16 ~ Janessa Ade
16 ~ Tracey Holmes
16 ~ Sheila Caspers
18 ~ Randy Johnson
18 ~ Denise DeRochefforte-Reynolds
19 ~ Wyatt Townsdin
20 ~ Ritchie Farrell
21 ~ Ben Peltier
23 ~ Brenton Edwards
23 ~ Russell Dethloff
26 ~ Deborah Chambers
28 ~ Halie Steinle
28 ~ David Brewer
28 ~ Richard Peterson
28 ~ Norman McMillan
28 ~ Wendy Holt
30 ~ Lori Halfhide

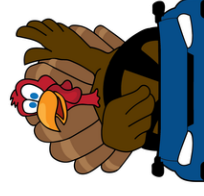



Sunday Morning Volunteers

	November 7	November 14	November 21	November 28
Worship Leader				
Sound	Jason	Jason		
Media	Mary Lisa	Lisa		
Greeters				
Nursery Helpers				
Children's Moment				
Scripture Reader				
Ushers				
Acolytes				



November 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7 All Saints Sunday Veterans Day 9:30am Crusader 9:30am Searchers 10:30am Worship	8 7:00om Finance	9	10 5:00pm Sittin with Jesus 5:45pm Table Talk Supper 6:30pm Classes begin	11	12	13
14 No Sunday School 10:15am Worship Thanksgiving Dinner 4:00pm Charge Conference	15 5:30pm ADCO	16	17 5:00pm Sittin with Jesus 5:45pm Table Talk Supper 6:30pm Classes begin	18	19 1:00pm UMW	20
21 9:00am Christian Ed 9:30am Crusader 9:30am Searchers 10:30am Worship 11:30 Missions Meeting	22	23	24 5:00pm Sittin with Jesus No Table Talk	25 	26	27
28 9:30am Crusader 9:30am Searchers 10:30am Worship 1:00pm Hanging of the Greens	29	30				