November 2022

We are Thankful for

YOU!

## A note from your Pastor:

Is there a way we can escape from all the bad news that floods the media nowadays? Well, turn it off, and take a deep breath! I am trying. Yet, there is a need to know what is going on around us and around the world. Some of those do have an impact on our daily lives.

At this point, I am mostly concerned about what they call triple-demic. More and more kids get sick with RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus Infection). Some schools are missing half of their students due to the flu. Covid-19 is still making people sick. We did have a few who were sick with Covid. Thankfully, they are healthy now, but it worried me.

I have no medical expertise to give you any advice, except for what I heard from an expert at Mayo clinic. He says that it will be awful this winter. He points out that Mayo clinic has a strict policy on wearing masks and handwashing, as they believe these are the most effective means to prevent the virus from spreading.

I hope and pray that you will do everything you can to take good care of yourself and your loved ones by doing everything you can. I also ask you to take good care of yourself spiritually. As we face such challenges, we must not let them shake our faith. Like our body, our spirit needs to be taken care of.

One of the ways we can take care of our spiritual life is to practice "Three Simple Rules." They are 'Do no harm,' 'Do good,' and 'Stay in love with God." It is "a Wesleyan Way of Living." I like to highlight the third rule. It refers to spiritual practices of attending to means of grace. It means we do the basic things for Christians, such as attending worship, reading God's words, and praying. Please pay close attention to your physical health as well as spiritual.

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.



## **Commodities Food Distribution**

Thank you! Thank you to all the volunteers who come to help out with Commodities every month. We handed out 115 boxes to 29 families, 23 couples and 63 single people this month. The total number of people served was 219!!!





Family Literacy Night at the CES was a Success! We were invited to set up a booth with information about Commodities. We added 3 food boxes for Drawings, and some Fruit snacks for the kids.







## 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.



## **Little Free Pantry**



We continue to see regular use of the Little Free Pantry. 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 and Lisa Valcoure!

## **Cloud County Resource Center Needs**

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.



The CCRC will be accepting Holiday Assistance Applications through November 11<sup>th</sup>. The application will include requests for Thanksgiving food, Christmas food, Angel Tree, ABATE Toy Run, and Silver Santa.

The CCRC needs help preparing Thanksgiving Holiday Baskets on the following days:

## **Shopping/Organization Setup**

November 10th, 3-6 pm November 14th, 1-6 pm

Activities include: moving tables, setting up boxes, labeling items spots on tables, unpacking and checking/marking barcodes. Volunteers are also needed to help shop and load/unload into the building (this is one of the only activities that will require muscle and heaving lifting).

## **Packing Holiday Food Baskets**

November 15th, 5-7 pm November 16th, 2-7 pm November 17th, 1-8 pm

## **Helping with Basket Pickup**

November 17th, 5-8 pm November 18th, 2-6 pm November 21st, 1-8 pm

Will include calling and handing out baskets

If you would like to volunteer at the CCRC, apply for Holiday Assistance, or have other questions, please contact Tonya Merrill at 785-243-1065 or ccrc@nckcn.com.



### Missions and Outreach

Thank you for your gifts of \$89.42 for World Communion Sunday in October!

Missions Buckets will be passed on Sunday, November 20<sup>st</sup> for the United Methodist Student Day Special Offering. Learn more at <a href="https://www.umc.org/en/content/united-methodist-student-day-sunday-ministry-article">https://www.umc.org/en/content/united-methodist-student-day-sunday-ministry-article</a>.





## Mark your calendars for our Holiday Missions activities!

**Missions Tree** – food and cold weather accessories will be collected for the CCRC from November  $20^{th}$  – December  $11^{th}$ 

Missions Buckets – all proceeds collected on December 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> will go to the CCRC Salvation Army Bell Ringing – December 11<sup>th</sup>

**Christmas Caroling** – December 18<sup>th</sup> – join us for lunch and caroling right after church!

## **Healthy Congregations**

On Monday, November 14th, we will be serving lunch to the volunteers helping with the hospital move! We will need assistance and preparing food, serving, and clean-up on November 14th. We also need donations of desserts. Check the main bulletin board for a sign-up list to volunteer!



If you would like to volunteer to help with the hospital move, contact Ashley Hutchinson at <a href="mailto:ahutchins@srhc.com">ahutchins@srhc.com</a> Or call/text her at 785-243-8710.

A special shout out to Pam Campbell, Marsha Wentz, Monte Wentz and Joyce Swenson for cleaning up the flower beds for the Winter. If you would like some Iris bulbs there are several boxes in front of the church. Thank you Pam Campbell for providing the Mums for the front of the building for Fall.







## Thanksgiving Dinner Sunday, November 13th 11:00 am - 12:30 pm \$12 per meal

Drive-Through Pick-Up or Dine-In Delivery available - call 243-4560

Help is needed
November 11th -13th!
Sign-up on the main
bulletin board
or contact the church
office to sign-up)
TODAY!





To all the Volunteers who make this Church what it is! Everyone is Amazing!!! More Pictures to come in the future issues of the Newsletter!



## Hay Rack ride 2022!





19 Youth and 13 Adults enjoyed an afternoon and evening Hay Rack Ride, exploring the woods and roasting Hotdogs and making Smores over the bonfire on Loren & Joyce Swenson's Land, Sunday, October, 9, 2022. Thank you Loren and Joyce for having us out!!

























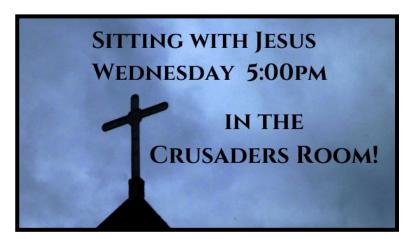
Mark your Calendar for Upcoming Dates in December.

Christmas Program on December 11th

Christmas Eve Service on December 24th at 5:30 pm

Christmas Day Service on December 25th at 10:30 am

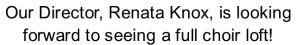








Choir practice on Wednesdays at 5:30pm. All people who like to "make a joyful noise" (Psalm 100:1) are encouraged to come, even if you don't feel you can make it to every practice.









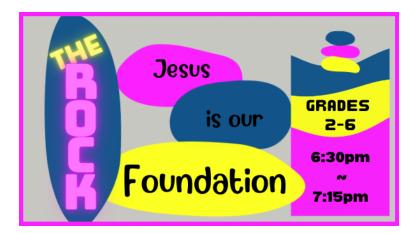




Table Talk for Adults

In the Parlor

6:45pm ~ 7:30pm

## **News from Table Talk!**

The IMPACT youth group has started off another year with a bang. We are averaging 10 and 15 youth in attendance on any Wednesday night. Many of these youth come from families that are not members of our church, so it is encouraging to know that we are reaching young people who may not otherwise have that opportunity. I, of course, could not do it without the help of another adult. So this year I want to give a huge THANK YOU to Taryn Mosher for agreeing to assist.

This year's lessons are perhaps a little different than our typical traditional style. As a group, we have decided to talk about current events and issues that directly affect the kids themselves. We have then broken those topics down into four discussion areas, what do the kids think, what does society think, what does the Bible have to say, and what does the church think. This, as you can probably imagine, has led to some very interesting conversations.

Lastly, be on the lookout for more exciting news coming from the IMPACT group. We are coming up with ideas for new group shirts. Investigating the possibility of joining a Mission Trip in the summer of 2023. And will probably do some fundraising to make all of these ideas possible. Thank you all for your support and prayers! - Jason

The first few weeks back from Summer Vacation the two younger groups met together. Each week they continue to grow with 10-15 kids attending! Cindy has started working with "The Rock" Group (2-6 grades) with many meaningful conversations. The Rock room has new furniture. Thank you Cindy! Angie, Mary and their helpers have the "Jam" group (Preschool—1st grade). These ladies are doing an amazing job, the kids are so excited to attend every week!



## **Fall Fest**

I want to thank everyone for their support of the Fall Fest Booth! Thanks to those who helped set up, serve and tear down the booth, provided monetary support and enjoyed lunch at the booth. We made \$1,228.25 that will be donated to Mission Shares. It was a beautiful day and we sold out of nearly everything!

Marcy Johnson

## November



1 ~ Doug Moore

4 ~ Braden Johnson

4 ~ David Strait

5 ~ Sarah Holbert

6 ~ Brett Baker

9 ~ Peggi Barrett

10 ~ Margaret Thornton

11 ~ Nathan Brown

14 ~ Cynthia Strait

14 ~ Ron Thomas

14 ~ Marjorie Cruzen

15 ~ Ann Lanoue

16 ~ Sheila Caspers

16 ~ Tracey Holmes

16 ~ Skylar Soward (Janessa Ade)

18 ~ Randy Johnson

18 ~ Denise Reynolds

19 ~ Wyatt Townsdin

20 ~ Ritchie Farrell

21 ~ Ben Peltier

22 ~ Leo Martin

23 ~ Russell Dethloff

23 ~ Brenton Edwards

28 ~ Wendy Holt

28 ~ Norman McMillan

28 ~ Halie Steinle

28 ~ David Brewer

30 ~ Lori Halfhide



## November 2022



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Saturday		2:00 Thanksgiving Dinner Prep.	9:00 Ladies Coffee Jitters		
Friday	4	11 4:00p Thanksgiving Dinner Prep.	18	25	
Thursday	3	10	21	Thanksgiving Day	
Wednesday	5:00 Sitting With Jesus 5:30 Choir Practice 6:00 Table Talk Meal 6:30 Classes Begin	5:00 Sitting With Jesus 5:30 Choir Practice 6:00 Table Talk Meal 6:30 Classes Begin	5:00 Sitting With Jesus 5:30 Choir Practice 6:00 Table Talk Meal 6:30 Classes Begin	23 No Activities tonight!	5:00 Sitting With Jesus 5:30 Choir Practice 6:00 Table Talk Meal 6:30 Classes Begin
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Monday		2	14 5:30pm FUMC Council	5:30 M&M's (Missions & Ministry)	28
Sunday		9:30 Crusaders Searchers 10:30 Worship Your Clocks	No Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:00 Thanksgiving Dinner	9:30 Crusaders 20 Searchers 10:30 Worship 11:30am Pizza and Hanging of the Greens	9:30 Crusaders Searchers 10:30 Worship 2:00pm Charge Conference

# Sunday Morning Volunteers

	November 6	November 13	November 20	November 27
Worship Leader				
Sound			Monte	
Media		Lisa	Nancy	
Greeters				
Nursery Helpers				
Children's Moment		xxxxxxx		
Scripture Reader				
Ushers	Lyle/Steve	Lyle/Steve	Lyle/Steve	Lyle/Steve
Acolytes				
Coffee Bar		XXXXXXXX		

Sunday Morning Volunteers Please gather for prayer with Pastor Kibum in the Chapel at 10:20am. Please Contact the Church Office If you can help with any of the Volunteer Opportunities!



## **Concordia First United Methodist Church**

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## **Sunday Services:**

Crusaders: 9:30am Searchers: 9:30am Impact: 9:30am Worship: 10:30am

## **Wednesday Night Services:**

Sittin' with Jesus 5:00pm 5:30pm Table Talk Meal 6:30pm Classes for all ages