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The Connection

November 2020

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Millington United Methodist Church
Our Mission: To Know Christ, and to Make Him Known

November Scripture Readings

1. 1 Chronicles 29:13
2. 1 Thessalonians 1:2
3. Psalm 147:7
4. Psalm 118: 28
5. Psalm 106:1
6. Psalm 100:4
7. Psalm 95:2
8. Psalm 69:30
9. 1 Chronicles 16:34
10. Philippians 4:6+-
11. Psalm 9:1-2
12. Psalm 50:14
13. Ezra 3:11
14. 1 Thessalonians 5:18
15. 1 Corinthians 15:5
16. 2 Corinthians 9:15
17. Psalm 50:23
18. Psalm 100: 1-5
19. Psalm 107:1
20. Psalm 118:28-29
21. Psalm 136:1-3
22. Lamentations 3:22-24
23. Luke 17:11-18
24. 2Corinthians 2:14-16
25. 2Corinthians 9:10-15
26. Philippians 4:12-13
27. Colossians 3:15-17
28. Ephesians 1:15-16
29. Ephesians 5:15-21
30. Hebrews 12:26-29

November Special Days

1. All Saints Day
3. National Sandwich Day
Presidential Election Day
4. National Candy Day
5. National Doughnut Day
6. World Community Day
7. National Stress Awareness Day
8. National Cappuccino Day
10. Marine Corps Birthday
National Vanilla Cupcake Day
11. Veterans Day
National Sundae Day
13. World Kindness Day
Caregiver Appreciation Day
14. World Diabetes Day
National Pickle Day
15. America Recycles Day
16. National Fast Food Day
17. National Adoption Day
National Homemade Bread Day
19. International Men's Day
21. National Gingerbread Cookie Day
26. Thanksgiving Day
27. Black Friday
28. Small Business Saturday
30. Cyber Monday



November Birthdays

1. Morgan Pletcher
2. Cathy Harris
3. Shawn Tanner
4. Mary Gardner
Josh Johnson
Shane LeVan
5. Denise Truett
7. Danielle Dickson
Kelly Fisher
Ryan Roselles
9. Esther Perkins
10. Victoria Hall
12. Sherm LeVan
14. Elewyn Pletcher, Jr.
16. Albertine Burns
20. April Colosky
24. Lois Boyd
25. Rich Hebner
26. Becky Johnson
27. Catrina Crane
29. Alyssa Fabbro

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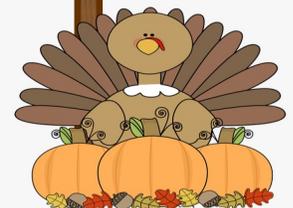
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We are
Thankful for
YOU!



There is an old song by Joe South, it's called Walk a Mile in My Shoes. It is about not judging others. The recurring line that hits home is, "Before you abuse, criticize and accuse; walk a mile in my shoes". A problem we have is judging others from a shallow look. We don't know what others are going through. Or, even if we do, we don't know the depths of it. Quite often, when we see people acting a certain way, we come to a conclusion and decide how they *should* be acting. But that is impossible. We haven't walked in their shoes. We don't know the burden they've carried. We don't know the pain they may be suffering. We don't know the heartaches and heartbreaks that have brought them to their place on the journey.

Let's go through a few examples. From time to time we will come upon a person who is lashing out. They aren't lashing out at us particularly. We just happen to be there for an incident. People don't act that way for no reason. They may be going through a stressful time, and aren't coping well with their frustration. Caregivers are a case in point. Having to tend to the sick (and dying) is difficult mentally, emotionally, and physically. It saps our strength on many fronts. We need to be patient and understanding with them through those times. They don't need to be judged...they need strength and encouragement.

Another example is the person who seems to always have a negative attitude. This isn't a short-term thing. It is something that is ingrained in a person. These folks can be difficult to deal with, and we may find it easier to just avoid or ignore them. What we are seeing in this is pain. We don't know what has brought this person to that attitude. Have they been criticized to the point where it is hard for them not to be defensive or contrary? Have they been abused to the point where trust is the hardest thing for them? That person doesn't need judgment, that person needs healing.

We all face problems in life. When it is our turn, we expect others to be patient, kind and understanding. However, we don't see it that way when another person goes through their trials. Why, they should just buck up and straighten out. We don't see it that way for ourselves. Because we know that others have not walked in our shoes, they don't understand the trials and tribulations we endure. As if we are the only ones with true problems. So, compassion for me, criticism for thee.

That is not the way it works. We need to be Christ-like in our attitudes and actions toward others. We need to look a little deeper into the situation. We must do unto others as we would have done to ourselves. Again, we all want to be understood, loved and cared for. If we have that expectation of others, we should have that expectation of ourselves. Think of the difficulties you have faced. Then think about the people that showed you kindness and consideration through those things. It made it easier to endure our trial, it helped us overcome pain and heartbreak, it gave us hope. So, when you come upon someone acting in in any of these ways, remember there is much more to the story than you see. Take the time to look a little deeper. You don't know all that has transpired. You may find someone who is a wonderful person, just trying to cope. Just like you have done or are doing. You can't walk in someone else's shoes. But you can be of help to someone who is stumbling.

Love and Blessings,

Pastor Nick





Mission Notes for November

I mentioned last month that the Walugembes are back in Uganda. We received an update from them on October 1, 2020 that they were out of quarantine now and back in their own home. They had many problems with their house that required repairing but all has now been taken care of and they are getting back into ministry.

I also want to give an update on the Angel Tree Ministry. We are participating in it again this Christmas and we have again asked for 20 children from Angel Tree and also 10 children from our school. We received our names this week, and will be getting that information out to you real soon.

This may be a bit of an ambitious project but with the Lord's help and with the help of everyone, together we can accomplish it.

Thanks to everyone.

Maury Chapin

Missions Chair

**YOUTH
GROUP**



Nothing is scheduled at this time

Stay tuned...

Have you hugged your
teenager today?



Finance



Moment

The reason that some of us wait for the perfect time to do something may be because we are trying to wait until there is no risk. It is human nature – we want to eliminate any and all risk of bad things happening.

If we can see the vision of what God wants us to do for His Kingdom, for our community and for the world, we can experience the vision of our gifts answering the call of prayers, presence, gifts, and service.

We can open the eyes of our souls and see God's work being done.

Generous people do not give in expectation of receiving a material return from God. A Christian gives from a thankful heart for God's blessings, even when physical or economic life is difficult.

When we give generously, we show that our faith matters, and the church matters. When we give our money and other resources, we make a statement about whom we trust and who we're willing to make sacrifices to.

Thank you for giving generously to our church during this trying time.

BLOOD DRIVE

MILLINGTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

9020 STATE RD.—MILLINGTON

NOVEMBER 12, 2020

1:00 TO 6:45 PM

LIFE SAVING NUMBERS

1 blood donation can help save the lives of up to **3** people

Every **2** seconds someone needs blood in the U.S.



American Red Cross



save life

Give blood



Upcoming Events and Information...

Trustee meeting
Monday, November 9th
7:30 pm



Church Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 17th
7:30 pm



SCRIP Gift Card Program

Christmas, Graduations, Teachers Gift, Weddings, Showers, Birthdays and Anniversaries, or just to say Thank You...don't forget you can purchase or order your SCRIP Gift Cards from Barb in the church office. Proceeds from this program go to help support our Children's programs. There are several cards available in the office and 100's you can order. We just recently earned another \$43.67 towards the youth group account. Thank you. See Barb in the church office if you would like to purchase.

Thank you to all those who help raise money for our Children's program by recycling your ink cartridges. There has been a change effective March 1, 2020, the only thing that Planet Green will accept after that date is ink cartridges. Please bring your items to the church office to be collected. Thank you!

What we recycle:

Ink Cartridges

We will **NO LONGER ACCEPT** cell phone & accessories, GPS & radar detectors, calculators, eBook Readers, iPods/MP3 Players, Digital/Video Cameras, PDAs, iPads/Tablets, Video Game Consoles & Accessories.

Shorty's Grocery

Will be having a box in the store for anyone who wishes to donate hats, scarves and gloves for the winter season. All items collected will go to the Millington Needy Families Fund.



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◀ October	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10 am Worship Communion 6pm Men's 4th Day All Saints Day	2	3 8:30am Women's 4th Day 7pm Bible Study	4 8am Men's Bible Study	5	6	7
	8 10 am Worship 6pm Men's 4th Day	9 7:30pm Trustee Mtg	10 8:30am Women's 4th Day 7pm Bible Study	11 Veteran's Day 8am Men's Bible Study 10 to 12:30;m Quilt Club	12 1:00 to 6:45pm Blood Drive	13	14
	15 10 am Worship 6pm Men's 4th Day	16	17 7pm Church Council Mtg. 8:30am Women's 4th Day 7pm Bible Study	18 8am Men's Bible Study	19	20	21
	22 10 am Worship 6pm Men's 4th Day	23 National Bible Week	24 8:30am Women's 4th Day 7pm Bible Study National Bible Week	25 8am Men's Bible Study National Bible Week	26 Thanksgiving Day National Bible Week	27 National Bible Week	28
	29 10 am Worship 6pm Men's 4th Day	30					

A Note from Barb...

For those of us who loved Mr. Rogers:

An eccentric blind man nicknamed Joybubbles reportedly loved Mr. Rogers so much he listened to 10 hours of the TV show daily until he'd heard them all. One night, when Joybubbles was in a kind of awake dream state, he said Mr. Rogers visited him and offered to teach him how to pray.

Joybubbles protested that he couldn't pray because he always forgot the words. To which Mr. Rogers said not to worry; the prayer he'd teach had only three words. "What kind of prayer has only three words?" Joybubbles asked.

"Thank you, God," Mr. Rogers replied.

-adapted from The Wired Word

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We have all been blessed with so much. Remember this prayer every day....."Thank you, God!"

Happy Thanksgiving!



# Support Millington United Methodist Women's Bake-less Bake Sale

November 8—22, 2020

## Recipe

1 pound love (self-rising) for the UMW

3 heaping cups of support

1 Tablespoon Yeast to raise awareness

Butter....UP YOUR FRIENDS to contribute

3 eggs (You guessed it...) This is no YOKE!

## Directions:

Dry your cake pans and put them away.

Stir up others to contribute

Heat up your pen and open your check book

Dash to the mail box

Recipe Yields: funds for our mission commitment throughout the year.

Your generous contribution is greatly appreciated.

## Nutritional Information:

ZERO CALORIES~FITS ANY DIET

WARNING! You may experience a warm feeling

similar to a sugar high

DO NOT BE ALARMED! It is the result of your generous support of your  
MUMW

**All Proceeds will be used for Mission activities**

**including:**

**Millington Needy Families**

**Millington Ministerial Alliance (MMA)**

**Methodist Children's Home**

**Youth for Christ**



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### **OUR SUNDAY SCHEDULE.**

Check out our Sunday service online on our Facebook page.

10:00 a.m. Worship