



The Connection

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**Our Mission: To Know Christ, and to
Make Him Known**



November Scripture Readings

- 1—1 Thessalonians 5:18
- 2—Colossians 3:17
- 3—Psalm 107:1
- 4—Ephesians 5:20
- 5—Psalm 150:6
- 6—2 Thessalonians 2:13
- 7—Psalm 100:4
- 8—Philippians 4:19
- 9—James 1:17
- 10—Numbers 6 :24-26
- 11—Luke 6:38
- 12—2 Corinthians 9:8
- 13—3 John 1:2
- 14—Deuteronomy28:1-6
- 15—Philippians 4:4
- 16—Nehemiah 8:10
- 17—Isaiah61:10
- 18—Romans 12:12
- 19—1 Peter 1:8-9
- 20—Psalm 32:11
- 21—Psalm 118:24
- 22—Psalm 71:8
- 23—Isaiah25:1
- 24—Hebrews 13:15
- 25—Psalm 99:3
- 26—Psalm109:30
- 27—Psalm 147:1
- 28—Psalm 148:1-3
- 29—Psalm 69:30
- 30—Revelation 1:6

November National Days

- 1— National Calzone Day
- 2—National Housewife's Day
- 3—National Sandwich Day
- 4—National Candy Day
- 5—National Stress Awareness Day
- 6—National Nachos Day
- 7—National Men Make Dinner Day
- 8—National Parents as Teachers Day
- 9—National Scrapple Day
- 10—National Vanilla Cupcake Day
- 11—Veterans Day
- 12—National Chicken Soup for the Soul Day
- 13—National Indian Pudding Day
- 14—National Family PJ Day
- 15—National Recycles Day
- 16—National Fast Food Day
- 17—National Homemade Bread Day
- 18—National Vichyssoise Day
- 19—National Play Monopoly Day
- 20—National Peanut Butter Fudge Day
- 21—National Gingerbread Day
- 22—National Cranberry Relish Day
- 23—National Cashew Day
- 24—National Sardines Day
- 25—National Play Day with Dad
- 26—National Cake Day
- 27—National Craft Jerky Day
- 28—National French Toast Day
- 29—Thanksgiving Day—G ive Thanks
- 30—National Personal Space Day

- 2 Morgan Pletcher
- 2 Cathy Harris
- 3 Tripp Rice
- 4 Shawn Tanner
- 4 Josh Johnson
- 5 Shane LeVan
- 7 Denise Truett
- 7 Danielle Dickson
- 9 Esther Perkins
- 9 Ryan Roselles
- 12 Victoria Hall
- 14 Sherm LeVan
- 16 Elewyn Pletcher, Jr.
- 17 LaDonna Roberts Howell
- 18 Lauren Olmstead
- 20 April Colosky
- 24 Lois Boyd
- 25 Rich Hebner
- 26 Susan Thompson
- 27 Becky Johnson
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Pastor David's Corner

November is a very important month for us. We have just finished our annual Church Conference where decisions were made (or not made) that will affect our lives as Millington United Methodist Church.

We begin this month with All Saints Day, as we recognize and honor our loved ones who have transitioned into the next world after fulfilling their days on this world.

Later this month we celebrate Thanksgiving, which, unfortunately, has become more associated with turkey and football and Black Friday, than in giving thanks to God for making it through another year and for a bountiful harvest.

And that brings me to the very important day that is sandwiched between the two...COMMITMENT SUNDAY.

What is it that makes Commitment Sunday so important?

By definition, Commitment means: *the state or quality of being dedicated to a cause or activity*, like being the Millington United Methodist Church. We are committing ourselves to the work that God has set before us, by the very things we vowed as we professed membership or allegiance — Our Prayers, Our Presence, Our Gifts, Our Service, and Our Witness. On this Commitment Sunday we are promising anew to God to fulfill our vows.

Your church has a myriad of financial commitments to fulfill throughout the year. By filling out a commitment pledge you are helping your church to faithfully budget and honor the obligations we have as a congregation.

You may use the Pledge/Commitment card in this newsletter, or, if you prefer, there are cards available at the church for your use. Please be faithful.

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor David



Finance



Moment

When we give generously, we witness to the work 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, and for trusting that God's work is being done.

2 Corinthians 9:7

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ¹¹¹⁹

God Always Returns More Than We Give



Maury Chapin and Sharon Trato passed out student dictionaries to all 4th graders in Millington--at Meachum, St. Paul, the Amish school, and a home schooler--on National Dictionary Day, October 16. The children were helpful and appreciative. We challenged them to learn and use a new word every week.

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who decorated their vehicle trunks and hatchbacks wonderfully for Trunk or Treat with the high school National Honor Society before the last home football game on the 25th! We were allowed to be right behind Meachum Elementary School, and share the little ghosts, super heroes, princesses, animals, and more who showed up for the PTO's indoor trick or treating and activities. Thanks go to Mike Moore (NHS) and Karen Moore (Principal) for allowing this to happen. We appreciate any and every way you all supported us in that fun. I had a visit by a congenial Grim Reaper who took time to sit perfectly still in the back of my vehicle and blend in with the black decor--

and then suddenly "move" and startle even some adults! 😊

The Millington Ministerial Alliance will be hosting a panel of experts to discuss "senior citizens and fraud" on Tuesday, November 19 after the senior citizen luncheon at noon at the Community Center. The meal costs \$10. The presenters on the panel are represented by the Michigan State Police, Tuscola County Sheriff's office, Frankenmuth Credit Union's Fraud Supervisor, and the Adult Protective Services. If you are unable to attend the luncheon, please at least consider attending this portion at approximately 12:45 pm that day. We all need to be aware, and possibly already know someone who has lost thousands of dollars from scams and fraudulent con people.

Our next opportunity to BE THE CHURCH in our community will be at our Pretzel Dipping at Christmas in the Village on Monday, December 2, from about 4-8 or 9 p.m. Our parade and activities make our little village come alive! What a neat way to kick off Jesus' birthday month on a secular level. Here, again, we need your help. It's easy and rewarding to work a shift at the chocolate and sprinkles table. Please sign up for a shift. We would like to have 2 shifts of 4 people (two at each of two tables). It gets you out of the cold! Catch you in the NEW YEAR!!!!

😊 Sharon



Things to know:

Trustee Meeting

Monday,

November 11th

6 pm

Mission & Outreach

Monday,

November 11th

5pm

Ad Council Mtg.

Monday

November 18th

6pm



Blood Drive

Thursday, November 7th

12 noon to 5:45 pm

Call 1-800- RED CROSS

To Pre-Register



Let's make a commitment
on November 17 to
support our Church
Community with our:
prayers, presence, gifts,
service and witness

Millington United Methodist Church



- _____ I will **Pray** for our Church and its ministry
- _____ I will be **Present** at my Church for worship and fellowship
- _____ I will **Serve** My Church as I am able
- _____ I will **Witness** to my faith in my community
- _____ I will give my **Gifts** to my Church for its ministry

My Financial Commitment to MUMC for 2025 is \$____ per ____week ____month ____year

Signed _____

Date _____

Thankful Thoughts



“The worst moment for the atheist is when he is really thankful and has nobody to thank.” That quote from 19th-century painter Daniel Rossetti is often misattributed to Christian apologist G.K. Chesterton. In fact, Chesterton springboarded off Rossetti’s statement to elaborate on thankfulness.

“The converse of this proposition is also true,” said Chesterton, “and it is certain that this gratitude produced ... the most purely joyful moments that have been known to man. [Rossetti] boasted that he mixed all his colors with brains, and the great saint may be said to mix all his thoughts with thanks.”

Hungry for Jesus

Many residents of first-world countries avoid true physical hunger, grazing at the slightest stomach rumble. Spiritually, the opposite is common. Many people run on empty, unaware of or rejecting Jesus’ free gifts of grace, love and abundant life.

In her Magnificat, Mary proclaims, “He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty” (Luke 1:53, NIV). To be filled with Jesus, first we must empty ourselves and hunger for him. But what does that look like?

At Bible.org, pastor Steven J. Cole writes, “Starving people aren’t interested in new smart phones or computers, unless they can somehow sell them to buy food. Hungry people have one focus — where to find food. It consumes their whole existence. ... That’s how we should hunger for God!”

Spiritual hunger leads to a feast of God’s blessings. He generously gives us gifts that overflow into the lives of others. So let’s share Jesus with people who are starving for him!

In awe of everyday joys

Maybe you’ve heard of making micro-resolutions for the new year. Similarly, health experts recommend becoming aware of — and thankful for — micro-joys we experience and encounter.

In *The Power of Awe*, Jake Eagle and Michael Amster describe the benefits of taking several brief A.W.E. breaks throughout the day:

- **A** is for Attention, as you focus on something that amazes you or seems valuable.
- **W** is for Waiting, as you pause to take a deep breath.
- **E** is for Exhaling, as you breathe out and feel joy and gratitude.

This simple practice reveals how profound the “ordinary” can be, thanks to the generosity of our extraordinary God.

Veterans Day salute

After fighting in World War II, Luther Bergeland wasn't done serving his country — or his God. The Minnesota farm boy, who "came back to faith" during combat, later served for decades as a military chaplain. For his actions in the field in Korea, Bergeland was awarded the Bronze Star. Then during Vietnam, he served in the Army Reserves in Colorado, tasked with informing family members about soldiers' deaths.

Despite the challenges, Bergeland embraces the special role he was able to play for four decades, sharing Jesus and his love with countless people. "That's what we did, preaching and reaching out to people," he told a reporter. "I always liked the military very much because it just did a lot for me, and I hope I did a lot for it."

On Veterans Day, we salute Bergeland and all the men and women who selflessly serve.



What your heart clamors to do

We often speak of pastors as having a divine "calling." God gives them a strong sense of purpose for a specific holy role, like how Old Testament prophets were called to bring messages to God's people. But what about the rest of us? Is teaching, practicing medicine, being a plumber, writing or another non-church job also a "call"?

Martin Luther and others have said we should seek work that benefits others and for which God has given us talent. We should also treat any good work we do as a calling — be it cleaning a house or school, mending a broken leg or torn garment, or (as Luther mentioned a *father* doing — in the 1500s!) changing a baby's diaper.

Dorothy Sayers wrote that "work is not primarily a thing one does to live, but the thing one lives to do," and that "we should clamor to be engaged in work that [is] worth doing, and in which we [can] take pride." What work does your heart clamor to do? In other words, what is *your* divine call?

With gladness and thanksgiving



... The long day of the year is almost done,
and nature in the sunset musing stands,
gray-robed, and violet-hooded like a nun,
looking abroad o'er yellow harvest lands: ...

Empty and folded are her busy hands;
her corn and wine and oil are safely stored,
as in the twilight of the year she stands,
and with her gladness seems to thank the Lord.

Thus let us rest awhile from toil and care,
in the sweet sabbath of this autumn calm,
and lift our hearts to heaven in grateful prayer,
and sing with nature our thanksgiving psalm.

- Kate Seymour Maclean (1829-1916)

November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 All Saints' Day	2 Daylight Saving Time Ends—Set your clocks back tonight! Get one extra hour of sleep!!
3 10 am—Worship 9am—Sunday School Daylight saving time ends	4	5 8:30 am –Women's 4th Day 12 noon—Senior Dinner Here at MUMC DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!!	6 7pm –Ping Pong	7 Noon to 5:45pm Blood Drive 	8	9
10 10 am—Worship 9am—Sunday School	11 5pm –Mission & Outreach mtg. 6pm—Trustee mtg. Veterans Day	12 8:30 am –Women's 4th Day	13 7pm –Ping Pong	14	15	16
17 10 am—Worship 9am—Sunday School Christ the King Sunday	18	19 8:30 am –Women's 4th Day 12 noon– Senior luncheon 12:45 senior scam safety conference at Community Center	20 7pm –Ping Pong	21	22	23 9:30 am—Jennie Brown Memorial
24 10 am—Worship 9am—Sunday School	25	26 8:30 am –Women's 4th Day	27 7pm –Ping Pong	28 	29	30
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A Note from Barb... (with excerpts from Janna Firestone)

Do you like waiting?

A lot of people do not.... like my husband.

I, on the other hand, do not mind it at all. You see, I almost always have something to fill my wait time. And at times, have even been disappointed when my wait time was cut short. I almost always have a book or magazine to keep me busy. And I have even been known to make a new friend, embroider, write a letter, or fill out Christmas cards while waiting for an appointment or more often, in the past, waiting for my sons to get done with practice, etc. as well.

What do you fill your time with? Are you prepared to wait? Psalm 27:14 (NIV) says, "Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord,". That's an important reminder as Advent nears. Scripture advises us to use our waiting time wisely, preparing for God and drawing closer to him.

What will you do while you wait for Jesus?



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