

# The Connection

November 2022

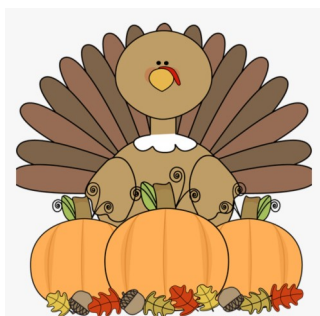
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**Our Mission: To Know Christ, and to  
Make Him Known**



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## 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. Philipians 4:19
9. James 1:17
10. Numbers 24-26
11. Luke 6:38
12. 2 Corinthians 9:8
13. 3 John 1:2
14. Deuteronomy 28:1-6
15. Philipians 4:4
16. Nehemiah 8:10
17. Isaiah 61:10
18. Romans 12:12
19. 1 Peter 1:8-9
20. Psalm 32:11
21. Psalm 118:24
22. Psalm 71:8
23. Isiah 25:1
24. Hebrews 13:15
25. Psalm 99:3
26. Psalm 109:30
27. Psalm 147:1
28. Psalm 148:1-3
29. Psalm 69:30
30. Revelation 1:6

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## November National Holidays

1. National Calzone Day
2. National Deviled Egg Day
3. National Men Make Dinner Day
4. National Candy Day
5. National Play Outside Day
6. National Nachos Day
7. National Color the World Orange Day
8. National Parents as Teachers Day
9. National Scrapple Day
10. National Forget-Me-Not Day
11. National Sundae Day
12. National Chicken Soup for the Soul Day
13. National World Kindness Day
14. National Seat Belt Day
15. National Clean Out Your Refrigerator Day
16. National Check your Wipers Day
17. National Homemade Bread Day
18. National Princess Day
19. National Play Monopoly Day
20. National Peanut Butter Fudge Day
21. National Gingerbread Cookie Day
22. National Cranberry Relish Day
23. National Cashew Day
24. National Sardines Day
25. National Play Day with Dad Day
26. National Cake Day
27. National Bavarian Cream Pie Day
28. National French Toast Day
29. National Day of Giving Day
30. National Stay Home Because You're Well Day

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## *Pastor Carol's Corner*

Can I ask you a question? How did it get to be November 1<sup>st</sup>? Where has 2022 gone? I'm sure I'm not the only one asking that question. It seems like just yesterday that it was snowing and the year was just beginning, then it was 80 degrees and July; but wait, just in the last 10 days we have seen big snowflakes fall and we saw close to 80 degrees. Michigan weather. It's just crazy!

Thanksgiving always seems to come to mind when we think of November. When most of us think of Thanksgiving we think of food, lots of food. Including turkey, stuffing, pumpkin pie and green bean casserole. Did you know that likely none of those items were on the menu at the first Thanksgiving. Yep! It was more likely Venison, duck and geese, fish, eel, and shellfish along with vegetables like peas, beans, squash and flint corn. But there was no mill yet to create flour and sugar would have been prohibitively expensive. So, that first Thanksgiving would have been a whole lot more basic than today's fare.

And yet, days of thanksgiving were first designed to give thanks to God. In the midst of all that we busy ourselves with, we need to stop and first give thanks to God. This year, I am thankful for so many things. As I travel back and forth to my home in Flushing, I look at the crops that have been harvested and I give thanks for the bountiful food, even if the prices have risen. As I turned in my absentee ballot for our mid-term election, as crazy as our political system is, I give thanks that I can participate in our democracy in a fair and free election. Even with the aches and pains of growing older, I am so grateful for our healthcare system that has helped us live longer and healthier lives. I look to my children, even as they drive me crazy, I know that they are growing into fine young men. They are maturing in their relationship with Christ as they put their faith into action daily. I am so thankful for so many things.

I am thankful for you, my church family. While we continue to face our challenges, we do so with God's guidance. We are on a journey of healing and wholeness. To become the church God wants us to be as we enter into this new phase of ministry post-COVID. I would ask that you continue to pray for one another and the leadership of MUMC. To say thank you for God's presence yesterday, today and always.

As we look to the future I am convinced that there are amazing things and opportunities for us to serve in new ways So what are you thankful for? Take some time in this month of November to give God thanks for all we have received!

*Pastor Carol*



## Finance



## Moment

*It is reported that the great Helen Keller was once asked, "What could be worse than being born blind?" She replied, "To have sight without vision."*

*If we can see the vision of what God is calling us to do for The Kingdom, for our community and for the world, we can experience the vision of our gifts answering the call of prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. We can open the eyes of our souls and see God's work being done.*

*When we think we've done everything and given enough, we should ask, "Is there a better and higher vision and mission?"*

*We have so many opportunities as a congregation to help others. Recently, we heard from Steve Lambert about the work of the Greek Intersity program at Central Michigan University. His work there strengthens and supports the opportunities for Christian living in the sorority and fraternity environment. Our church has provided support to the Intersity program at CMU.*

*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 trusting that God's work is being done.*





## Mission & Outreach Notes for October

We trust that everyone has survived the Halloween experiences and are prepared for the month of November where we extend our thanks to our loving gracious Lord for ALL His many blessings.

The main happenings with our outreach this past month was the Trunk or Treat event held at the Millington High School in conjunction with the National Honor Society on October 14<sup>th</sup>. There were fewer "trunks" this year. We gave away 2 bikes that were well received. We hope to continue this tradition next year.

We are planning to have a luncheon for the school employees on Thursday, November 10 at their Parent-Teacher Conference Day. We did this last spring and it was much appreciated.

We plan, within the next few weeks to be distributing dictionaries to all 4<sup>th</sup> graders at the Millington Public School, the Lutheran School and at the Amish School. A total of 76 dictionaries. This is a program we have adopted from the Rotary Club.

In addition to these local outreach opportunities, we have several ministries in our county. These ministries are as follows:

- The abused women's shelter in Caro
- Blue Water Thumb YFC
- InterVarsity Christian Fellowship at CMU, Steve & Bethany Lambert
- Peter & Kate Walugembe in Uganda, Africa
- The Red Bird Mission in the hills of Southeast Kentucky
- New Heart UMC (a new start UMC in Saginaw)
- Grace Hospital in Haiti and Bishop Judith Craig orphanage in Liberia

We are supporting these ministries financially and they all would appreciate our prayers as they fulfill their mission.

I recently communicated with Peter and Kate Walugembe concerned with news that the Ebola Virus has hit in Uganda. Kate said that so far it hasn't hit their area, it is mainly in the western part of Uganda. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

## *Maury Chapin, Chair*

### Mission and Outreach





## MORE THINGS TO COME.....

### Shop with Scrip now Called RaiseRight

As you may know we have participated in the Shop with Scrip Gift Card program for many years. As we have changed, so has it...

1. Shop with Scrip is now called RaiseRight.
2. Ad Council has approved changing the use of RaiseRight rebates to help fund our Sunday morning music costs.
3. There will be a change to the Raise Right program as we knew it. Change for the better giving you more options to purchase

Gift cards. We are still fine tuning the way we will make it work for MUMC. Consider setting up an online account at:

**RaiseRight.com/enroll** . Use the enrollment code **2ACBCLL41569L**

Stay tuned.....

#### Sunday Morning Coffee

Are you a Coffee drinker? How about water? Well then you are in luck... each Sunday, coffee, hot water and ice water will be available for everyone from before Sunday School until fellowship time after worship. There will be lids for coffee cups if you need them. Let's stick around and build back community.



*Here are some of the things that CROP WALK does:*

- ◆ *Food Assistance*
- ◆ *Expertise and Partnership*
- ◆ *Long-Term Help*
- ◆ *Respond to Emergencies*
- ◆ *Help Vulnerable Children*
- ◆ *Provide Clean Water*
- ◆ *Find new homes for those who can't*

25% of your pledges was returned to our local Food Pantry!

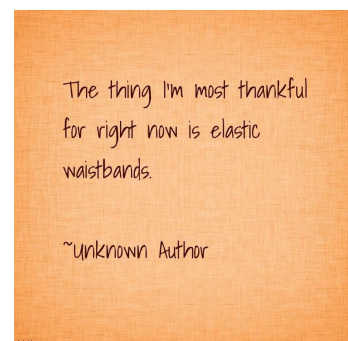
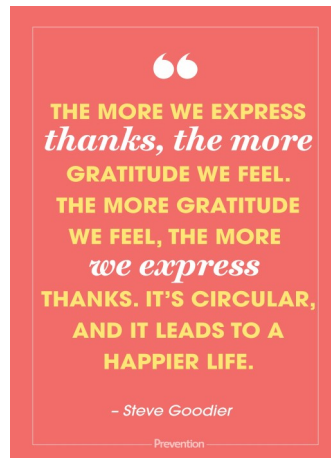
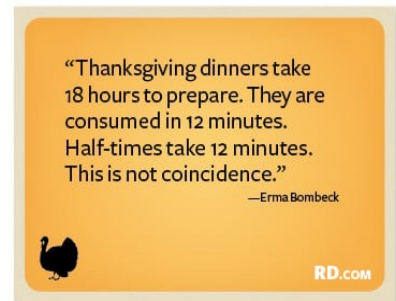
**MUMC's total for this year was \$705.00 ! Thank you everyone!**

#### ALL IN A WORD

*by Aileen Fisher*

**T** for time to be together, turkey, talk, and tangy weather.  
**H** for harvest stored away, home, and hearth, and holiday.  
**A** for autumn's frosty art, and abundance in the heart.  
**N** for neighbors, and November, nice things, new things to remember.  
**K** for kitchen, kettles' croon, kith and kin expected soon.  
**S** for sizzles, sights, and sounds, and something special that abounds.

That spells ~~~THANKS---for joy in living and a jolly good Thanksgiving.



# Upcoming Events and Information...

Mission & Outreach Mtg.

November 7th

7pm

Church Council

November 14th

7pm

Fast Track Disciple Bible Study

Wednesdays

9am

Trustees Mtg.

November 7th

6pm

Thank you to all those who help raise money for our Children's program by recycling your ink cartridges. 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.

## **RaiseRight Gift Card Program**

A Special Veteran, Teacher Gift, Weddings, Showers, Birthdays and Anniversaries, Graduations, Christmas, or just to say Thank You...don't forget you can purchase or order your RaiseRight 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 have earned another \$35.00 for our RaiseRight account just this month! Thank you! See Barb in the church office if you would like to purchase or order cards.



Have you hugged your  
teenager today?

## ***Nominations Committee will be meeting***

Attention everyone – it is that time of year as we look to our slate of officers and examine how God is calling us to serve once again. Our Committee on Nominations and Lay Leadership will begin to meet very soon and we will be exploring our needs for 2023 and beyond. Please be in prayer for us and our church family.



November 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 NOVEMBER 6		<b>1</b> 8:30am Women's 4th Day	<b>2</b> 9am Disciple Bible Study	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  World Community Day	<b>5</b> Set your clocks back tonight before you go to bed!
<b>6</b> 9am Sunday School 10am Worship Daylight Savings ends All Saints Sunday  <b>Happy Anniversary</b> <b>Pastor Carol &amp; Allen!</b>	<b>7</b> 6pm Trustees mtg.  7pm Mission & Outreach Mtg.	<b>8</b> 8:30am Women's 4th Day  Election Day-- Don't forget to Vote  NMNC! (no more nasty commercials)	<b>9</b> 9am Disciple Bible Study	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Veteran's Day	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 9am Sunday School 10am Worship  Organ & Tissue Donor Sunday	<b>14</b> 7pm Church Council mtg.	<b>15</b> 8:30am Women's 4th Day  Pastor Carol Out of Town-	<b>16</b> -----	<b>17</b> 12 to 5:45pm Blood Drive 	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 9am Sunday School 10am Worship  Christ the King Sunday	<b>21</b> 5:30pm Hanging of the Green  International Bible Week--	<b>22</b> 8:30am Women's 4th Day -----	<b>23</b> 9am Disciple Bible Study -----	<b>24</b> Happy Thanksgiving! 	<b>25</b> -----	<b>26</b> -----
<b>27</b> 9am Sunday School 10am Worship  1st Sunday of Advent	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 8:30am Women's 4th Day	<b>30</b> 9am Disciple Bible Study	<b>Church office will be closed on Thursday (24th) and Friday (25th)</b>		

## A Note from Barb...

*November.....what do you think of when you hear that word?*

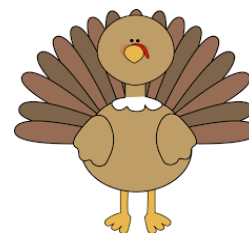
*Do you think about hunting, snow on the ground, leaves gone from the trees, getting ready for Christmas, a family member's birthday?*

*Or do you think about all the blessings you have in your life? To me November means Thanksgiving. It means thanking God for all the blessings he has allowed me to have. As I give thanks for all the things (food, home, clothing, work) and loved ones (family, friends, pets) I also remember how precious they all are to me.*

*Even when things happen that annoy, anger, or discourage me I try to remember that even though these things cloud my vision, causing me to forget to thank God in all situations, I need to remember to wait long enough for blessings to be revealed.*

*We need to realize that the struggles of our life cause us to become stronger, and the strength we receive will see us through as we await the blessings to come.*

*Remember how blessed you are!  
Happy Thanksgiving!*



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