



FAITHnews

Monthly Newsletter of
Eldridge United Methodist Church

November 2024

A WORD FROM PASTOR JIM:

As we head into the Thanksgiving month of November, I want to express my thankfulness to you. October was one of the most humbling months that I have experienced in ministry since I started in 2008. What caused this humbling experience? It was the love and grace that has been shown to Rebekkah and I since we moved here in July which was capped off in October. The outpouring of appreciation from all of you has been overwhelming and I thank you.

As we move into November, I am thankful for every one of you. God has given me the privilege to be your spiritual leader and guide. It's a responsibility I want you to know I don't take lightly. It is my hope and prayer that everyone is receiving the spiritual love and care that they need, if not from me, then from someone in the congregation. That is our "job" or "duty" as followers of Christ Jesus. We are to care for, encourage and love one another so that the world will know we are Christians.

I wonder what you are thankful for this month. Is it family? Friends? What are you thanking God for this month?

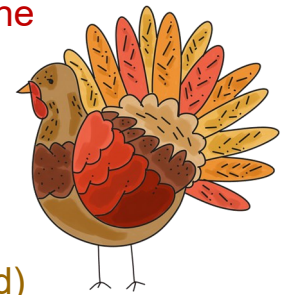
As followers of Christ, we should be giving the Lord thanks for all that He does for us, not just once but every day of our lives. What would happen to you tomorrow if you found out that you only got to keep what you thanked God for today? What will you have tomorrow? If you knew ahead of time that you were only going to get to keep that which you gave God thanks for, would you be more inclined to thank Him today? Would you find yourself more thankful than you express to God right now.

I know it is an old song and somewhat of a cliché but are you naming your blessings one by one? Are you counting all the wonderful things that Christ has done, is doing, or will do for you and then thanking Him for them? As you come to the end of this short article, I want to encourage you to "count your blessings, name them one by one, count your blessings and see what God hath done." I know that when I count my blessings today that you are one of the reasons why I am blessed.

*Thank you & God Bless You,
Pastor Jim*

WHAT'S HAPPENING in NOVEMBER?

- **Sun, Nov 3** **9am** **Worship with Communion / All Saints Sunday**
6:30pm Countryside Theater Board Meeting in EUMC library
- **Tues, Nov 5** **ALL DAY** **ELECTION DAY** (EUMC is a polling place)
10:00am Bible Study (studying "Moses" this fall)
- **Wed, Nov 6** 1:00pm Worship Committee meeting
5:00pm (Make-Up) Diabetes Workshop
6:00pm Special Choir Rehearsal
- **Sat, Nov 9** 7:00am Men's Breakfast Fellowship at Tasty Café
- **Sun, Nov 10** 8am Choir Practice
 9am **Worship**
12-2pm Chicken Dinner fundraiser at McCausland UMC
- **Mon, Nov 11** **7:00pm** **Veteran's Salute**
- **Tues, Nov 12** 10:00am "Moses" Bible Study
- **Thu, Nov 14** 6:30pm Administrative Council meeting
- **Sat, Nov 16** 9:00am Special Choir Rehearsal
 ———— Set-Up/ Prepare for Special Sunday Service
6:00pm TRIVIA night at McUMC
- **Sun, Nov 17** 8:30am Choir Rehearsal with guests
 10am **Worship / "Celebrating Sally"**
1:30am Provided LUNCH (free-will offering to UWF)
2:00pm "White Christmas" at Music Guild in Moline
- **Tues, Nov 19** 10:00am "Moses" Bible Study
6:00pm Missions-Outreach Committee meeting
- **Wed, Nov 20** 3:00pm United Women of Faith meeting
- **Sun, Nov 24** **9am** **THANKSGIVING WORSHIP**
- **Thurs, Nov 28** **ALL DAY** **HAPPY THANKSGIVING** (office closed)
- **Fri, Nov 29** **ALL DAY** office closed (holiday)



- ...the family of **LYNN HENDERSON** (Melissa Willey's mother)
- ...Cindy Hawker's **brother's** worsening ills.
- ...**TOM PETERSEN**, Mary Beth Riewerts' dad.
- ...**WALT KNAPPER**, finally having his knee surgery, but only able to do "temporary"

... the ongoing health concerns of EUMC parishioners & constituents:

Kathy Dawson
Ken Fordham
Joyce Orcutt
Joel Rickard
Barb Stahmer

Don & Marianne Doonan
Jack Hawker
Tim Reickard
Sally & Keith Riewerts
Flo Veldhuis-Kroeze

Nancy Dreibelbeis
Leona Lightner
Jody Rickard
Rebekkah Shrimplin
Fran Wilson

2024 Monthly STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE Update

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT	General Operating Fund	Building Fund
2024 Pledges:	\$ 116,642.00	\$ 15,568.00
Anticipated <i>non-pledged</i> income:	\$ 20,110.00	NA
TOTAL	\$ 136,752.00 (\$11,198/mo)	\$ 15,568.00 (\$2,054/mo)
Received in 2024:		
January	\$ 10,747.00	\$ 827.00
February	\$ 13,889.00	\$ 712.00
March	\$ 7,178.00	\$ 2,343.00
April	\$ 7,262.00	\$ 317.00
May	\$ 7,357.00	\$ 602.00
June	\$ 6,185.00	\$ 142.00
July	\$ 14,593.00	\$ 3,514.00
August	\$ 9,741.00	\$ 676.00
September	\$ 24,385.00	\$ 501.00
October	\$8,996.00	\$3,066
2024 Income To Date:	\$ 110,333.00	\$12,701.00
Percentage of 2024 pledges:	81%	82%
Accounts Receivables—		
OCTOBER net LOSS (Income vs. expenses)	\$4,879.00	NA
TOTAL to date— net YTD shortfall	\$22,746.00	NA



NOVEMBER Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 7 Bea & Gary Abbas (60!)
- 11 Jan & Flo Veldhuis-Kroeze
- 13 Dietrich Muhs
Grayson Schoonover
- 15 Sue Cannon
- 17 Randy Kinney
- 25 Nancy Bryant
- 27 Norma Neilson



Food Pantry

- Hot Cocoa Mixes
- Cake & Brownie Mixes
- Frosting



Celebrating Sally!

November 17th

- 10am A VERY Special Worship Service
- 11:30 Sunday Dinner (free but please RSVP)
- 2pm "White Christmas" at Music Guild

Beautiful Music!

'Celebrity' Guests

Laughs & Tears

Happy Thanksgiving, Everyone!



Dec 7



CHILDREN'S
BAZAAR

LOTS of ways
you can HELP!

*See the sign-up
on the easel in
the GA*