

### ***A Message From Your Pastor:***

November is a wonderful time of the year. It is the time for giving thanks.

We have a national holiday called Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday of the month. The Blair's (my family) still get together each year and have a time of celebration with a traditional meal. We are blessed to have all our siblings still living. My sister Jeanne, my brother Tim and Mark. God has been good to us.

The Psalm writer in Psalm 100:4 said, "Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name."

Throughout the Bible, we are commanded to be thankful. A spirit of thanksgiving is one of the most distinctive marks of a Christian whose heart is attuned to the Lord. First, we are to be thankful for the material blessings God gives us. God does give us material blessings.

Second, give thanks for the people in your life. For your spouse, children, other relatives, friends and most of all give thanks to God for Christ Jesus and His love for you. Third, thank God in the midst of trials and difficulties. We all have them from time to time. Do not forget that God has promised to never leave or forsake us. Everyday is Thanksgiving Day for the Christian! May you have a blessed Thanksgiving. God loves you and so do I. Pastor Stephen



The final charge conference for Fair Grove is scheduled for Monday, November 6th at 6:30 pm via Zoom. We will also plan to meet in the FLC at church for those who cannot access Zoom or would rather meet in person.

The purpose of this Charge Conference is to approve conveying the real property and assets of the UMC to our new entity and to complete any steps remaining in the disaffiliation process with the Conference. The actions of this charge conference are contingent on the approval of our church's disaffiliation by the Western North Carolina Annual Conference on November 4, 2023.

As is always the case, charge conference sessions are open meetings in The United Methodist Church. If you are not a member of our church council / charge conference, but wish to observe this charge conference session, please contact Ashley Perdue at [bellsash5861@gmail.com](mailto:bellsash5861@gmail.com) for the information about how to join the online meeting. However, only elected church council / charge conference members will be able to participate with voice and vote.

If you are a member of the Church Council, please try to attend.



### **Kids Own Worship**

For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust,  
O LORD, from my youth.  
Psalm 71:5 ESV

Don't forget to spread the word that Fair Grove is offering  
Kids Own Worship time!



All children, Pre-K through 5th grade are invited to participate in a special KIDS OWN WORSHIP just for them during the 11am hour. This will include a lesson with hands-on activities. Children will meet in the downstairs classroom directly beneath the sanctuary. Supervision will begin at 10:50am. For questions, contact Jane Baity.



**Don't forget to write down these important dates:**

- ◆ Nov 5 @ 2am - Daylight Savings Ends - move clocks back one hour
- ◆ Nov 7 @ 8am - Senior Breakfast at Sunrise Grill, everyone is invited
- ◆ Nov 9 @ 10am - Prayer Shawl will meet in the Church Parlor
- ◆ Nov 19 - Vegetable Soup/Bake Sale - sponsored by the UWF - proceeds will help support the many missions of the UWF.
- ◆ Dec 5 @ 6pm - UWF covered dish Christmas Dinner
- ◆ Dec 17 @ 11am - Christmas Cantata "JESUS Make Christmas a Holy Day"

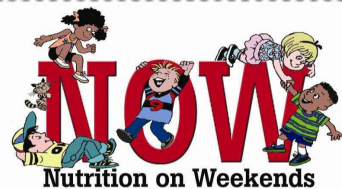
# Missions at Fair Grove



In November, we can share the bounty of God's abundance! Let's FILL THE ALTAR for the poor on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 19th. Please bring extra canned goods and non-perishables for the Bobby Owen Food Drive. Thanks to those who remember to share food weekly.

We are 20 backpacks shy of our goal of fulfilling the needs of 50 at FG Elementary School. Every gift we give toward the \$250 Nutrition on Weekends Backpack is welcome. Please give as God leads you.

"Gifts from the Heart" provides an opportunity to provide gifts for children in need on Christmas morning. Through your donations and the Fairgrove Family Resource Center, we can participate in this blessing. Monetary donations are greatly appreciated. Our goal is to "adopt" 50 children. You may choose to shop for a child yourself and spend the suggested \$120 or make a donation in any amount. Forms will be available soon for shoppers with the child's clothing, shoe sizes and a few "wish list items." If you have any questions, please see or email Janice Griffin [rgriffin15@triad.rr.com](mailto:rgriffin15@triad.rr.com).



## **FGUMC 2023 - N.O.W. Backpack - Mission Opportunity**

Fairgrove Family Resource Center provides nutritious food for children to take home in a backpack over the weekends to four area schools, including Fair Grove Elementary. Our own church has sought to alleviate hunger through this program, by providing backpacks for years, meeting the need of every single targeted child at Fair Grove School. We prayerfully hope to meet and exceed that goal. \$250 will feed a child every week-end for the entire school year. Any dollar amount is appreciated!

- o I would like to sponsor a child and donate \$250 at this time.
- o I would like to sponsor a child with a pledge to give the \$250 total by Dec. 2023.
- o I would like to give a general donation in the following amount to help: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this Nutrition on Weekends Backpack given in honor or memory of someone?

Your Name, S.S. Class, or Group \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to Fair Grove UMC. On the memo line, write **BACKPACK**.

Please include this form with your gift or pledge.



## **2023 "Gifts from the Heart"**

I would like to sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ child/children at a cost of \$120 per child.

Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to give a donation (any amount) toward the purchase of a child's gifts.

Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If this gift is given in honor or memory of someone, please indicate below:

In honor/memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Make a check payable to the church ("Gifts from the Heart" on the memo line). Monetary donations may be placed in the offering plate or delivered to the office in November to give shoppers time to prepare.

# United Women in Faith ~ Vegetable Beef Soup Sale/Bake Sale

The United Women in Faith will be offering homemade vegetable beef soup for sale and pick up on Sunday, November 19, 2023. Please contact Jane Gibbs at (336)-259-5639 if you wish to preorder soup. Soup may be picked up at the church kitchen after the 11:00 worship service on November 19. The soup is \$8.00 a quart and it freezes well! We are asking that you do not order more than 10 quarts.

There will also be a BAKE SALE on November 19. Please come by and purchase some yummy treats!



All of the money raised will be used to support missions of the United Women in Faith.

Thank you for supporting our missions and us!

Faith ~ Hope ~ Love in Action



## Prayer List

Ruth Dorsett family  
Grant Lyndon and his family  
Helen Walker Family  
Imogene Beck Family  
Jennifer Femones Family  
Beverly  
Brenda Davis  
Lou Jetton  
Deb Lawson Brooks  
Bobbi, Tommie Robert's Sister  
Carolyn Lane  
Lynn Driggers  
Greg Carpenter  
Betty Richey  
Cristall McCaskill  
Carol Sena  
Sarah Lambe  
Terri Carpenter  
Kathryn Swaim  
Drew Newby  
Margaret McCaskill  
Mary, Polly Russel's Daughter

Jimmy, Mark & Judy's Black friend, in need of permanent housing  
Susan Jester /Tom Kearn's Granddaughter  
Tom Sink & his caregiver, Sandra  
Robert Charles Kleintank 3rd  
Michael Emerick & wife Nancy  
Sara and Clyde Bailey  
Susan Kearns Jester  
Connie Yarborough  
Bill Lopp  
Carol Hepler  
Kathy Shoe  
Rick Wilson  
Ira Buckalew  
Brenda Lane  
Eva & Ed Smith  
Aubrey Lawson  
Roger Burkhart  
Jennifer Kinley  
Craig Gallimore  
Karen Davis  
Joy Wray Tucker  
Lucy Hayes

Candi Williams  
Tommy Shoemaker  
Sandra Workman  
Roy McMahon  
Heather Hardister  
David and Linda Lambeth  
Dot Russell  
Bobby Swaim  
Evelyn Parks  
Riley Honeycutt  
Kendall Conner  
Donna Deal  
Alice Workman  
Judy Harrington  
Robin Parker  
Rob Nelson  
Denise Barker  
Dennis Harrison  
Chad Blevins

Teresa Rhodes  
Leslie Rierson  
Johnny Odom



*"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us."*

1 John 5:14



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| 1 Janie Sink          | 16 Sara Fowler    |
| 1 Mindy Vernon        | 17 Dillon Murphy  |
| 2 Wayne Lyndon        | 18 Mike Faircloth |
| 4 Jessica Baldwin     | 19 Tony Brooks    |
| 5 Jane Blair          | 20 Monica Moser   |
| 5 Jesse Gilbert       | 21 Roger Burkhart |
| 8 Jamie Porter        | 22 Bob Baity      |
| 9 Gary Sink           | 22 Carol Everhart |
| 12 Sharon Keever      | 25 Adam Gilbert   |
| 12 Patrick Porter     | 26 Kenneth Hepler |
| 13 Christopher Waters | 26 Austin Kennedy |
| 14 Emily Barringer    | 29 Lea Austin     |



- 6 Clay & Sara Fowler  
14 Curtis & Cinde Ingram  
18 Bob & Jane Baity  
21 Roger & Janet Burkhart  
26 Tim & Kathy Fuller  
28 TW & Susan Boston  
29 Stephen & Libby Blair



## Fair Grove United Methodist Church

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# We Thank God For YOU



## STEWARDSHIP *A way of Life*

### FOR PERIOD JANUARY - OCTOBER, 2023

YTD SS Attendance AVG	16
YTD Worship Attendance AVG	79
YTD Budget Offering	\$ 168,304.10
YTD AVG Weekly Offering	\$ 3,825.09
Needed each week to make budget	\$ 5,105.07

### GLEANING

October: 396

Year-to-date: 2780

Non-perishable food items donated to Fairgrove Family  
Resource Center

If your contact information has changed,  
don't forget to let us know!



Have you...

...moved? ...changed your email address?

...changed your phone number?

Or, would you like to be added to our email list to receive the  
weekly announcement email?

**If so, please call us or send us an email with your  
updated information!**

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