

First News

CELEBRATING 30 DAYS OF GRATITUDE

A Note from Pastor Toni

Friends,

My Grandma McCoy loved Fall, and as a young adult, I wasn't sure why. Spring or summer would have made more sense! She always had such beautiful flower and vegetable gardens.

I remember she and my Grandpa walking through their yard with me, showing me all the treasures they'd planted.

They were obviously delighted with the beauty! Why wouldn't Grandma pick Spring or Summer as her favorite, since she so loved what came as a result of her labor of love?

Fall wasn't so impressive to me in my younger years, but things have changed! I'm amazed at its beauty just like my Grandma was! The colors have been late appearing this year, but they are spectacular in some places. It's funny—I can remember particular trees in particular



places at different times in my life that were electrifying in their beauty. (Is it a Maple tree that gets so orange?) Whenever I see those electrically-charged leaves, it triggers a thankful response in me.

One reason I'm thankful is because I know that not everyone can see that beauty, but I can, so I realize what a gift it is to

see. Scott is colorblind and I always wondered why he was so unimpressed with the changing leaves I'd point out to him. Finally, I realized he can't see the colors. They're all brown to him. Brown is a good color, too, but I so wish he could perceive the beauty of different colors. And yet Scott can see, which is a good gift in itself. So I'm thankful—as he is—for the gift of sight.

There are so many things for which

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Marshall County Crop Hunger Walk Report by Dan Snider, Walk Chair

September 22nd was a beautiful day for the Marshall County Crop Hunger Walk. Our goal was to raise \$5,100. Twenty-five walkers made the trek along the Green Ways Trail in Plymouth and eight walked in Jane’s Park in Bremen. Twelve were young children or youth. The number of walkers was lower, but the total raised was great. After the Bremen walk on September



29th and all the money was counted, we were over our goal. Because of an anonymous gift of \$5,000, our total sent to Church World Service was \$9,554!

First United Methodist Church contributed \$650 this year which is \$50 more than last year. Thanks for all your ideas for new churches and your support.

November 20th Community Meal—Note Date Change

**COMMUNITY MEAL
WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 20
(NOTE NEW DATE)
5:00 to 7:00 PM**



Please come and welcome the community diners!
Many thanks to this committee and its helpers.
Sign up sheets are available in Fellowship Hall.
Sign up to provide food or help serve. In September, over 95 people were served.
We are truly making a difference in Plymouth.

The menu for November 20th is as follows:

- Ham and scalloped potatoes
- Green beans
- Dinner rolls/butter
- Mixed Fruit
- Cookies

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 18
(NOTE NEW DATE)
5:00 TO 7:00 PM**

November 10th Sharon Tarwater Concert Cancelled by Cindy Flagg

FRIENDS.....

Sharon Tarwater from Tennessee WILL NOT be appearing in concert at THE WELL in November as scheduled. She regrets having to cancel this concert date with us but her husband has contracted shingles that have settled in and very near his eye. Upon Doctor's orders he is not able to travel at this time. They sincerely apologize for this incon-

venience to our concert schedule however it just cannot be helped. They would greatly appreciate our prayers for his restored health and the protection of his eyesight.

Thank you very much!

Sincerely,

Cindy Flagg

The Well and Outreach Committee Member

Social Concerns by Mary Kaufman

Your generous contributions to Social Concerns help support Link to Hope, MC Neighborhood Center, Bread of Life, and our church's Community Meal. The Neighborhood Center continues to need cold cereal, canned fruit and vegetables, pasta sauce and pasta,



and meal starters (e.g. Hamburger Helper). Your donations make a big difference to so many people and it's our chance to show God's love to those in need right in our community.

Electronic Giving Is Now Available! On our website, on your phone!

Have you been looking for an easy, consistent way to make your donations? Snowbirds looking for a way to safely make your monthly or weekly contributions? Vanco Give Plus enables you to use your bank or credit card to make one-time or recurring donations. There are brochures on the table as you enter church, com-

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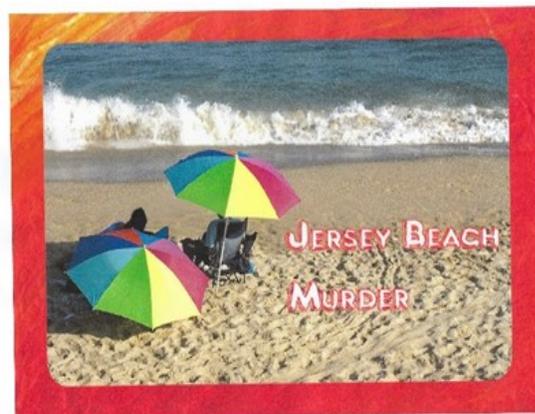


plete with directions on how to go to the App Store and download a free app to enable you to make donations right from your smart phone. You may scan the **QR code** to donate or go to our website, www.plymouthfirstumc.org to donate as well. If you have any questions, please call the office.

MOTHERS' CLUB by Pam Michel

November 11 is our annual murder mystery. We will meet at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Pam Michel for one of our favorite activities.

This year it's "*Jersey Beach Mystery*". If you would like to be assigned a role, please let Pam know right away. Character information and beginning clues will be sent soon.



United Methodist Men by David Hogsett

Chris Garner, director of the Neighborhood Center, gave an informational program about the work of the center, those whom they serve, and problems facing persons in our community. She handed out jars in which to place loose change. They can be turned in to the center when filled.

Pastor Toni has designated November as a month of gratitude. On the 17th she will be recognizing those members of the congregation who have participated in one of our three

work projects. The men who have been a part of these teams will be sharing their stories at the monthly United Methodist Men's Breakfast, which will be held on the 16th of November. Breakfast starts at 8:00 A.M. All the men of the church are invited to attend and bring a friend.

Every Wednesday there is a Men's Bible study at Christo's at 6:45 A.M. They are working their way through the Bible.

PROTECTION GUIDELINES FOR YOUTH AND ADULT MINISTRIES

Now available on our website (www.plymouthfirstumc.org) is a link for the Protection Guidelines for Youth and Adult Ministries. Look under the heading "Protection Guidelines" or go to <https://www.plymouthfumc.org/>



[protection-guidelines-youth-and-adult-ministries](#). Persons who work with either adults or children must have currently signed paperwork on file in the office. Please call the office for more information.

ENJOY SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP WITH

unclouded day



We are excited to SING and PLAY for YOU!

**Plymouth First United Methodist
Sunday, November 24th • 10:00am
400 N. Michigan Str. • Plymouth, IN**

NOVEMBER WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

	8:30 am Liturgists	10:30 am Liturgists	Ushers	Greeters	Sound System	Nursery
3	Susie Kreighbaum	Karen Capper	Woody Shinbeckler, Bill & Donna Hemmig, Tim & Hugh Smith	Barb Dreibelbis	Tom Pedavoli	Sarah Smith
10	Ruth Van Vactor	Diane Hogsett		Carole Ralston	VOLUNTEER	Barbie Pickut
17	Susan Wautelet	Donna Hem- mig		Bert & Marilyn Rans	Ralph Booker	Kelsey Heisler
24	Cathy Clough	One Service-- 10 am		Joyce Gibbons	Robin Cupka	Melissa Christiansen

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▶ **November 2019 BIRTHDAYS**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
<i>Happy Birthday One and All!</i>						
3	4 Cathy Clough	5	6 Daren Morgan	7 Loren Rensberger	8	9 Cameron Kaufman
10	11	12	13	14 Mark Senter Jan Shockney	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 Dick Millikan Mike Woolfington	23 Jim Causey
24	25 Daniel Cochern Karen Emerick	26	27 Diane Laudeman Troy Spencer	28	29	30 Sherry Schinbeckler

THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

Share the family of FUMC with friends & neighbors

Lunch Bunch: The third Friday of the month: RSVP Carol Beiter

November 15: The Log House (Argos)

December 20: La Dziert (Plymouth)

Dominos and Euchre will be featured on the 3rd Thursday of the month from 2-4:00 PM. Contact Dean Luther for further details at 540-2196.

Blessed Bookies: The 4TH Mondays of the month at Miller's Assisted Living at 5:30 PM. November will feature "Walk in the Woods." Please join us as we examine this popular book. Even if you have never come, please join us for a stimulating discussion!

Bad Girls: This gathering of women meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 11:00 in the Education Building (main floor) It's not too late to be part



of this group! We always go to lunch afterwards!! Contact Susan Wautelet for further information.

We will be studying another Biblical woman beginning January....

Bad girl or good girl? Come and find out!!

Knit Two...Pray Three: Will be meeting the first Tuesday of every month in the Education Building from 10:00 to noon.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3 WE WILL BE GATHERING AT SYMPHONY AFTER THE SECOND SERVICE PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE BACK OF FELLOWSHIP HALL!!



Sunday Brunch

The Outreach and Support Committee Needs Your Help

We are planning to gather church members who would be interested to visit our shut in FUMC members no longer able to attend church. If you feel called to perform this loving and blessed outreach and support to our members, please contact Susan Wautelet or anyone on the Outreach/Support Committee.

"This is my commandment. That you love one another as I have loved you." John 15:12



ADVENT begins December 1

In order to have all the decorations in place for the first Sunday of Advent—

Tuesday, November 26 at 9:00 a.m.



— Holiday decorating will take place, starting in the Fellowship Hall. **Volunteers are needed!**

Decorating for Advent / Christmas is a very big job and many helpers are appreciated. We will decorate all 3 floors in the Education Building, making adjustments for the Worship Area in the Fellowship Hall. There will be lists of what needs to be done in each area, so the workers can be divided up and multiple areas can be done simultaneously. Most of this work is not heavy and does not require climbing on ladders.

CUT HERE AND RETURN IN OFFERING BASKET OR TAKE TO OFFICE



Red Poinsettia Plant Cost \$12.00 Each

Deadline to Order: Friday, December 6th

How to order:

Complete the order form below and turn it in with your offering or drop it off at the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy in the church office at 936-2943 or office@plymouthfirstumc.org.

I wish to order _____ (how many) Red Poinsettia Plant(s) at \$12.00 each = _____ (Total Amount Due)

In Honor of: _____

OR

In Memory of: _____

Given By: _____

A Note from Pastor Toni continued

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we can give thanks. Simple things that we grow accustomed to...that we just take for granted. Since November includes the holiday of Thanksgiving, it may not seem so special to designate the whole month as a time to express thanks and to offer gratitude for all the ways we've been blessed. But, that's what we're going to do anyway! I have hereby proclaimed November as the month when we will celebrate *30 Days of Gratitude*, and I'd like for you to join me in this simple adventure.

With your help, I'm planning to send out a daily email with a quote or a story or some expression of thanksgiving, along with a scripture lesson offering thanks and praise to God and a brief prayer. I've been working to gather these, but would like to ask your help, as well! These will be so much better if you contribute a personal experience or something you've found inspiring or helpful as you give thanks. Send these notes to me at tlcarmer@plymouthfirstumc.org and I will gladly in-



clude them in our daily mailings.

In worship on Sundays, we'll express our gratitude as well. On November 3rd we'll celebrate the saints who have been a part of our lives, naming those who have died in the past year and lighting a candle for them. On November 10th, we'll celebrate our commitment to the church as we offer our pledges to the ministry and outreach of our congregation in 2020. On November 17 we'll celebrate missions, and on November 24th we'll welcome back Unclouded Day as they sing to God's glory and we celebrate the blessings of music and worship.

Let us remember Paul's words to the church of Thessalonica: *Rejoice always, pray continually, and give thanks in every situation because this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus* (1Thess 5:17-18).

We have so much for which to be grateful. I'm thankful for our life together in this place at this time. For what are you thankful?

Blessings,

Toni

W.O.W. (Women of Worth) Meeting 11/4 by Donna Hemmig

Come join Women of Worth (W.O.W.) on Monday, November 4 as we hear from Mewsette Cartwright. She is an Instructor at Fitness Forum and will share ideas with us for staying healthy and fit, even from our own homes. Program begins at 1 pm

in Fellowship Hall, with our meeting and refreshments to follow.



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November 2019

Celebrating 50 Days of Gratitude

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES: 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Sunday School (all ages)	10:30 am Worship 5:00 pm The Well	KEY ◆ 7 pm Boy Scouts □ 6:45 am Men's Bible Study @ Christo's ● 7 pm Choir Practice	6 am Early Birds @ Pickut's ☺ noon Joy Breaks ✚ 12:30 pm Women's Bible Study			
3 All Saints Sunday	4 1:00 pm WOW 6:00 pm Staff/Parish	5 ◆ 10 am Knit 2, Pray 3	6 □ 7 pm Missions	7 ☺ ☺ ✚	8	9
10 Commitment Sunday	11 7 pm Mothers' Club Murder Mystery @ Pam Michel's 7 pm Social Concerns	12 ◆	13 □ ●	14 ☺ ☺ ✚	15 Lunch Bunch	16 8 am UMM Breakfast
17 Missions Sunday	18 7 pm Outreach	19 ◆ 6 pm Finance	20 □ 5-7 pm Community Meal 7:15 pm Choir Practice	21 ☺ ☺ ✚	22 2-4 pm Game Day	23
24 "Unclouded Day" 10:00 service (One Service only) Celebration of Worship & Music	25 5:30 pm Blessed Bookies @ Miller's 7 pm Youth & Ed	26 ◆ 9 am Decorating for Christmas 5:30 pm Trustees 6:30 pm Church Council	27 □ ●	28  Happy Thanksgiving	29	30

OFFICE CLOSED THURS. & FRI.

I can bring anything to God in prayer.

Through prayer, I can reach God at any time and from any place.

Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you In Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Thanksgiving Day - the day set aside to give thanks for all we have received throughout the year. The first settlers in the new world gave thanks for their first harvest. Our country has become very diversified and I imagine if we traveled from house to house we would see many different traditions as we all celebrate out thankfulness.

Growing up, my family had a "traditional" Thanksgiving Dinner. The last several years I have spent Thanksgiving in the south where the "traditional" dinner is different. I missed my traditions and so before I came south one year I fixed a northern "traditional" meal for my family. Every day is a day to be thankful for - I have been well blessed with family and friends and all the other amenities of life.

Mission Witness

I experience God...with two other missionaries from the U.S. who provide Monday night dinners for mission and Peace Corps volunteers. God assures missionaries that nothing is lacking -even that feeling of being part of a family.

Noe Cenal

Global Mission Fellows International from Philippines serving Mozambique

Thanksgiving prayer

We come to the table today O Lord,
humble and thankful and glad.

We thank thee first for the great miracle of life, for the exaltation of being human, for the capacity to love.

We thank thee for joys both great and simple-
for wonder, dreams, hope;
for the newness of each day,
for laughter and song and a merry heart;
For compassion waiting within to be kindled;
For the forbearance of friends
and the smile of a stranger.

For the arching of the earth and trees and
heavens and the fruit of all three;

For the wisdom of the
old;

for the courage of the
young;

for the promise of the
child;

for the strength that
comes when needed;
For this family united
here today.

Of those to whom

much is given,
much is required.

May we and our children remember this.

Amen



Sent in by Dorothy Steinke

A.S.K. in November by Aaron Woodcox

Hello Everyone,

Just a quick email about what is happening for the month of November. We will be at The Plymouth Church of the Brethren again this month. We will be meeting from 6:00-7:30 pm for both groups with break out groups in the middle for the lesson and devotional. We have been working with this model since the beginning of September and it seems to be working well. We are going to try and have a fall activity before December, but I haven't secured a time or location yet; details to follow. On the spiritual standpoint of the group, I am so proud of this group of young adults. In the three years that I have been the director, their spiritual maturity has grown substantially. God is definitely working in the lives of these kids. We have been having some issues with behavior lately. This isn't a big deal. With all the students' lives being busy, it's understandable. Could you please remind your students that they should have the same type of respect for A.S.K. as they do while attending the Sunday morning church service? That being said, we have put in place a zero tolerance for cell phones during the program. Phones are placed on a table across the

room. This has been difficult for some, but we are surviving. We just finished our 33-week study of the book of Romans and we have just begun the book of Proverbs.

I have also attached the emergency contact form for students participating in A.S.K. for Fall 2019. A lot of the parents have not yet returned these so could you please do that ASAP? I am so excited for what 2020 has in store for Adams Street Ministries. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me via email or phone. awoodcox585@gmail.com or (574) 780-6049.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

December 1, 2019: No A.S.K. because of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

December 15, 2019 will be the LAST A.S.K. before the Christmas Break (we will have our annual A.S.K. Christmas Carry In that evening)

In Christ,

Pastor Aaron Woodcox

Director of Student Ministries

Becki Martinez

Asst. Director of Student Ministries

NOTE:

A.S.K. EMERGENCY CONTACT SHEETS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE COUNTER AT THE BACK OF FELLOWSHIP HALL.





**Daylight
Saving Time
ends next
Sunday.
Remember to
reset your
clocks!**



**November 3rd
All Saints Sunday**

Place a bell on the ribbon banner and be sure to note on your connection card (or let the church office know) if you would like to have a loved one's name read during the November 3rd All Saints Service.



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November Preaching Plan

November 3

21st Sunday after Pentecost

All Saints Sunday

Communion

Gratitude Sunday #1: Give Thanks for the Saints!

Text: Luke 19:1-10

Title: Seek and Save

Theme: Gathered in church on Sunday mornings, we are those who have been drawn to Jesus. And yet we are sometimes scandalized by Jesus's expansive embrace of those who we would prefer Jesus avoid. Salvation occurs as Jesus intrudes into lives. Jesus saves sinners. And sometimes that's just the problem!!

November 10

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Gratitude Sunday #2: Give Thanks for the Church!

Commitment Sunday

Text: Luke 20:27-38

Title: Adventures in Missing the Point

Theme: In this world there is injustice, heartache, and pain. Though we do our best, our efforts always to "fix" these things always fall short. Jesus promises that in the world to come, God will set things right and work justice for the victims of injustice. The resurrection is God's creation, God's re-creation of a whole new world.

November 17

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Gratitude Sunday #3: Give Thanks for Mission and Ministry

Members of our congregation will share about their involvement in this community and beyond, as they share the good news of Jesus Christ through their acts of service and mercy.

November 24

Christ the King Sunday

Gratitude Sunday #4: Give Thanks for Worship and Music!

Unclouded Day

Combined Service at 10 a.m.