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### IN-PERSON WORSHIP

8:30 am in the Chapel  
11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

### ONLINE SERVICE

[christwheeling.org](http://christwheeling.org)

Watch live Sundays @ 11 a.m.  
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## Together We Grow Broader in Mission and Service

We return this month to reflect upon our church statement. We have never branded it as a vision statement but that is what it amounts to. Among other things we envision growing together in breadth of mission and service to the world. To me growing in breadth in this aspect is of at least two different kinds: There is growth in the number of opportunities that Christ UMC can provide and identify for each of us to participate in mission and ministry. There is also the aspect of growing in awareness about the many points of impact we collectively make in our local, state, national, and international communities. For this article I would like to start with the widest lens. We can narrow or focus in future newsletters....

## How Does The United Methodist Church Serve Communities Worldwide?

The United Methodist Church is a worldwide community dedicated to making a positive impact in people's lives. Our mission extends beyond local congregations, reaching into various aspects of society to provide essential services and support.

### Education

The United Methodist Church is connected to nearly 800 educational institutions in 80 countries. In the United States, it supports more than 100 colleges and universities. Around the world, many of these institutions participate in the Methodist International Student Exchange Network, which promotes student exchanges and collaborative programs among Methodist-affiliated universities. These schools provide quality education grounded in Christian values while nurturing leadership and a spirit of service in their students.

### Healthcare

Through annual conferences and denomination-wide ministries, United Methodists and our predecessor denominations have launched hospitals, clinics, and health programs in more than 27 countries, bringing essential medical care to communities in need. These ministries provide treatment, education, and preventive care to improve health and address disparities – living out the church's mission of compassion and service worldwide.

### Mission and Relief Efforts

Through the Advance program administered by Global Ministries, we support more than 700 mission projects in 111 countries. These projects encompass a wide range of initiatives, including disaster relief, clean water access, education, and support for marginalized populations.

### Ecumenical Relationships

Through intentional relationships with other Christian churches, The United Methodist Church affirms its belief in one universal church of all who follow Jesus. Rooted in Wesleyan tradition, these partnerships focus on the shared mission of making disciples. They take different forms, including formal agreements, cooperative arrangements, and [full communion relationships](#).

In all of these efforts, The United Methodist Church embodies its mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, demonstrating God's love through action and service.

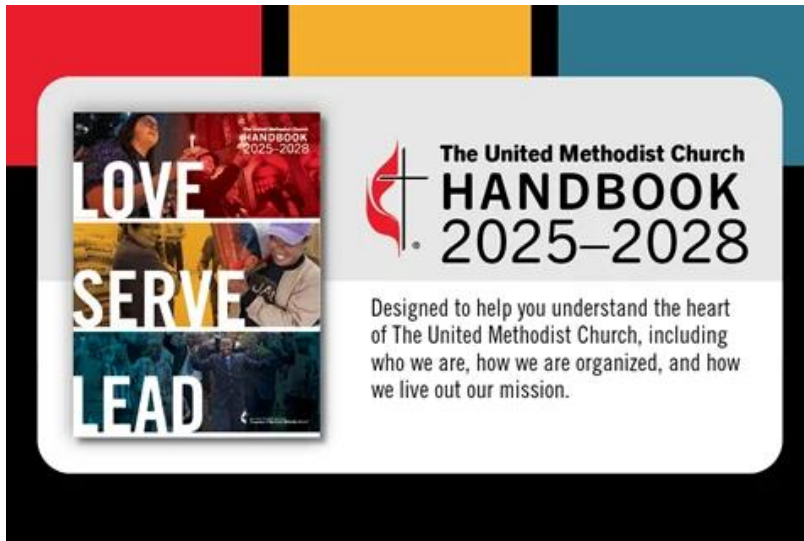
**LEARN MORE**

about Ecumenical Relationships



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## **The New UMC Handbook**

The information you just read about financial impact through the denomination was provided in the United Methodist Handbook. During 2026, The United Methodist Church published our official handbook for the 2025-2028 Quadrennium. The handbook is a great document for learning more about our denomination and how ministry is accomplished from the international level to the local level. We will be including sections of the handbook as a part of our monthly newsletter for the next few months. On our church website and Facebook pages we have shared the link to access the electronic version of the full handbook. I encourage you to take the time to read through the handbook. We will also have a limited number of hardcopies available at the church in coming weeks.



## **United Methodist Bishop's Leadership Gathering**

Later this month The United Methodist Church Council Bishops brings together some 300 United Methodists from around the globe to prayerfully consider the future shape and expressions of the United Methodist Church. The premise is simple: God already has a dream and plan in mind. Our work is to put our own dreams and plans aside and to listen for God's plans as we listen in prayer and in conversation with one another. I am grateful to have been invited to be one of three voices for the West Virginia Annual Conference at the Bishop's gathering. We will meet during the week of October 20<sup>th</sup> in Calgary, Canada.

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The work of the leadership gathering will also try to address the challenge of being a worldwide, diverse, denomination that both acknowledges and appreciates geographic, cultural, and generational diversity, while try to identify what our common core will be as the United Methodist Church in the future. This gathering does not serve as or replace a General Conference. The next General Conference will be held in 2028. The 2026 Bishops’ Leadership Gathering will be closely reported by UMNews.org. Articles will update regularly throughout the week of October 20<sup>th</sup>. Much of the October gathering will also be recorded and livestreamed. These should also be available through UMNews.org or at UMC.org. Please be in prayer that, as the leaders gather, God’s spirit, heart, and will prevail over all our efforts.

**All Saints Celebration – Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**

On Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> we will observe All Saints’ Sunday. A central focus of that worship service will be the naming and remembering of loved ones who have passed on since last November. In addition to the form below, forms will be included in the worship folders through October 25<sup>th</sup>. If you have loved ones who have passed on since last November that you wish us to include in our celebration on November 1<sup>st</sup>, please submit names by October 25<sup>th</sup>. This will allow the worship time to include your loved ones in our worship service on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**All Saints Day Celebration, November 1<sup>st</sup>**  
*Submissions due by October 25<sup>th</sup>*

| Name(s) Submitted: | Submitted by: |
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**Stewardship Sunday – November 22<sup>nd</sup>**

During the month of November, we will focus on financial stewardship and our financial pledge campaign for 2027. Securing pledges of financial participation from our members helps to anticipate the financial means we will have at hand to do the work of ministry throughout the year. In early November, our Finance Committee will be sending out pledge cards to our members. We hope to have those cards, as many as possible, completed and collected by November 22<sup>nd</sup>. During the November 22<sup>nd</sup> service we will have a time in the worship service for pledge cards to be brought forward. Pledge cards may be submitted after this date, but doing so may delay our ability to budget and plan for the coming calendar year. So please make every effort to submit your card on or before Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## Appalachian Christmas Shoebox Project

It's never too early to start filling a **SHOEBOX** for the Appalachian Christmas Project. Last year we filled a total of 99 boxes. If you are in need of a shoebox to fill, there are some available at the Creek entrance.

### **Suggested items to look for:**

*Disposable razors; calendar; shaving cream; bar soap; cotton balls; shampoo; toothbrush; toothpaste; Kleenex purse-size; washcloth; comb or brush; Q-tips; notepads; pens or pencils and deodorant.*

**Optional items:** *Denture cleaner; Stamps/envelopes; small puzzle book; Chapstick/ Vaseline; first aid cream; magnifying glass; knee highs; hand lotion; hand sanitizer; nail clippers/tweezer; Jar grips/pot scratcher.*

Please include a card with your wrapped shoebox. Label your box "L" for ladies, "M" for men; "E" for either.

Please return your box to the church no later than November 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Solo Diner's Club



**Next gathering will be on Tuesday, October 27, at 5:30 p.m.**

Are you tired of eating alone every night? If so, come join our **NEW** group: Solo Diners' Club. It's BYO everything (food, beverage, utensils, etc). At this time, we're only meeting once per month (at church) but that may increase during the fall/winter.

Come try this new way to have a little company at dinnertime.

Feel free to call/text Sharon Wiesner with any questions 304-281-6081.

## Save the Date Card Workshop

Join us on Saturday, October 17, for a **FREE** Greeting Card Workshop. A light lunch will be served at noon, followed by card making.

All materials will be provided. They will be pre-cut and ready for you to glue and make beautiful cards you can share with others.

If you are interested, please sign up at the Chapel entrance or in the Narthex.

## HOC Food Pantry Donations

We are collecting the following for the food pantry at the House of the Carpenter for October: **crackers, canned chili, beef stew, instant mashed potatoes, and jelly.**

The HOC would gladly accept any food items that you would like to donate.

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the month of September.



New Covenant Unit Fundraiser

## COOKIE *Safe*



**Gourmet Classic Cookie Dough** - Scoop and Bake makes 36 cookies. \$22.00 per tub: chunky chocolate chip, salted caramel and snickerdoodle

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**Place & Bake** - 36 cookie dough portions. \$22.00 per box: oatmeal raisin, white chocolate macadamia and chunky chocolate chip

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The cookies are shelf-stable for 21 days at 66-77 degrees and can be refrigerated for up to 6 months or frozen for a year. Orders ship frozen and can be re-frozen.



All money and orders are due no later than Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. Money is due with your order (checks made payable to NCU). Turn money & orders into Becky Applegate, Tammy Tomazoli or any NCU member. Orders can also be turned in to the church office.

# October Birthdays & Anniversaries

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| Will Hofmann      | October 01 |
| Joan McClelland   | October 01 |
| Dan* Petri        | October 01 |
| Michael Frazier   | October 02 |
| Gray* McCreary    | October 02 |
| Josephine* Morris | October 02 |
| Lauren Hutchins   | October 03 |
| Carolyn Smith     | October 03 |
| Clint Amie        | October 04 |
| Eli Kinser        | October 05 |
| Payton Storch     | October 05 |
| Kara Amie         | October 06 |
| So Onishi         | October 06 |
| Christina Myer    | October 07 |
| Kim* Bowman       | October 10 |
| Yuko Onishi       | October 10 |
| Jane Costanzo     | October 11 |
| Jessica Myer      | October 11 |
| Rebecca Kiger     | October 12 |
| Terry Depew       | October 13 |
| Jean Bailey       | October 15 |
| Donna Musilli     | October 15 |
| Jo Lynne Nugent   | October 15 |
| Chad Broadwater   | October 17 |
| Darlene Petri     | October 17 |
| Jana* Wright      | October 17 |
| Gerry Griffith    | October 18 |
| Kim Loccisano     | October 18 |
| Nika Wright       | October 18 |
| Judith* Collins   | October 19 |
| Andrea Hornyak    | October 20 |
| Suzanne Jebbia    | October 20 |
| R. Cunningham     | October 21 |
| Brent Fullerton   | October 21 |
| William Gersting  | October 21 |
| Zachary* Koish    | October 21 |
| Liz Nickell       | October 21 |
| Doug Sprague      | October 22 |
| Anne Harman       | October 23 |
| Betsy Joseph      | October 23 |
| Georgie* Schmalz  | October 23 |
| Mimi Weis         | October 24 |
| Annette Godown    | October 25 |

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| Toyoko Onishi       | October 25 |
| Amber Smith         | October 26 |
| Saundra Huggins     | October 27 |
| Jordan* Heyman, III | October 29 |
| Jennifer Jones      | October 29 |
| Jeanine Hibbs       | October 31 |
| Sarah Jones         | October 31 |
| Rebekah Jones       | October 31 |
| Courtney P. Micker  | October 31 |

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**Jamie & DueWayne Crow**  
October 1

**Sue & Bill Huggins**  
October 3

**Chris & Dave Goodwin**  
October 4

**Jessica & Carl Kondrach**  
October 8

**Jennifer & David Croft**  
October 9

**Meghen\* & Brock\* Jones**  
October 13

**Cathy & Bob Strasser**  
October 17

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## Care Facilities

**Good Shepherd**  
Jack Kerr - 320

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

Joy Dyer  
 Fran Broadwater  
 Terri Otte  
 Gail Lee  
 Chuck Williams  
 Family of Eric Gordon  
 Tom Hemsley  
 Barbara Romo  
 Angela Bailey  
 Baby Everett  
 Rick Veon  
 Peter Lyasko  
 Eric  
 Kevin Long  
 James  
 Roxie Derheimer  
 Bruce & Mary Bandi  
 Greg Smith  
 Shirley Conaway  
 Ed Fitzgerald  
 David King  
 Lee Browning  
 Sarah  
 Justin  
 Gary Galbreath  
 Craig  
 Kim & Buddy Bowman  
 Charlie Palmer  
 Parker Fox  
 Kevin Barton  
 Logan  
 James Gyer  
 Brittany Yoho  
 Bob & Debbie Becker  
 Lee  
 Suzanne  
 Ruth Wade  
 Jeff Winslow  
 Addison Stephans  
 Travis Ellis  
 Bill  
 Josh Chaplin  
 Breanne  
 Jack & Linda Kerr  
 Michael Selick  
 Scott Morris

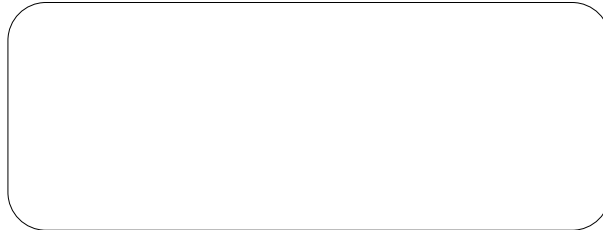


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in the way  
of the good  
and keep  
to the paths  
of the righteous.  
Proverbs 2:20