

THE HERALD

Listening to God's Heart from the heart of the city.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

A woman who was shopping took a break for some coffee and cookies. She sat in the one unoccupied chair across from a man reading a newspaper. She sipped her coffee and reached for a cookie, only to see the man across from her also taking a cookie. She glared at him; he just smiled at her, and she resumed her reading.

Moments later, she reached for another cookie just as the man also took one. Now feeling quite angry, she stared at the one remaining cookie – whereupon the man reached over, broke the cookie in half and offered her a piece. She grabbed it and stuffed it in her mouth as the man smiled at her again, rose, and left.

The woman was steaming as she angrily opened her purse, her coffee break now ruined, and put her magazine away. And there she saw her bag of cookies. All along she'd unknowingly been helping herself to the cookies belonging to the gracious man whose table she'd shared!

My question for the month is this: which side of the table are you sitting? Are you the one sharing what you have or are you the one upset because others are taking from what you have?

These can be puzzling questions to say the least. We are willing to share some things when we believe the person is worthy of the gift you are providing. Jesus never questions those that have gathered at the table of His Grace. He willingly shares the best with everyone no matter their worthiness.

I challenge you this Thanksgiving and Advent season to search our communities and families for those who need to be reminded that the table is for everyone and that God's grace and love is readily available.

See you in church,

- Pastor Terry



NOW

The NOW Christmas bags will be available to pick up on Monday, November 21st. They need to be returned Friday, December 16th. Each string bag will have a label attached to it with gender and age of a student, there will also be a list of suggested items. We ask that you don't spend more than \$20. Everyone deserves a Merry Christmas so please help make one for our NOW students!

The Just - One Item for November will be a deodorant, men's and women's! If you would like to make a donation please drop it off in the box in front of the church office!

Hanging of the Greens

Mark your calendars and help us kick off a season of JOY with Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, November 19, 2023. The Goebel Gang will be providing pork burgers for lunch after we decorate the church for the Christmas season. We will have a time of fellowship and fun while we deck the halls followed by a good old fashioned Methodist potluck lunch. Bring your favorite side dish, wear your comfy clothes, and help us get festive! For more information please contact Shannon Goebel.

Laundry Day Quarter Collection

The Outreach Committee is collecting quarters for a laundry day in November. Just drop those quarters in the jar at the welcome desk in the Narthex to help provide loads of love to our community.

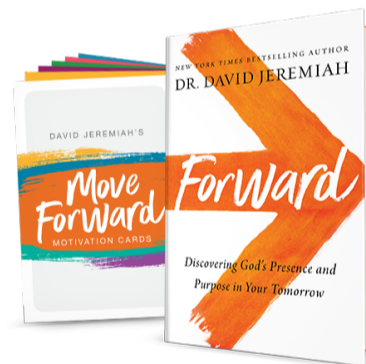
Christian Book Exchange

Greetings from the Book Exchange! Located next to the elevator in the narthex, our October highlight is Forward!

Your God-given future is not a haphazard jumble of confusing contingencies. If you feel stuck, you don't have to be. If you feel discouraged, it's time to deal with that. If you feel uncertain, you can get clarity.

Whether you are a young adult who desperately needs guidance for moving into the fullness of God's will for you, a parent or professional who is stunned by the pressures of life, a person in mid-life who needs a fresh start, or someone older who might feel as if you missed the richest moments of divine service—God can and will help you to move forward. In *Forward: Discovering God's Presence and Purpose in Your Tomorrow*, Dr. David Jeremiah takes us through ten steps that will help us jump-start our engines so that we can

get out of the rut and push on to the meaningful life God intends for all of us. In Jesus Christ your life is not obsolete; it's not out of fashion; and it's not over!



SPRC & Nurture Committee

Hello everyone! The Staff Parish Relations (SPRC) and Nurture Committees are collaborating to provide a Staff Appreciation potluck to kick off the holiday season! We will be celebrating the amazing staff that we have here at Robinson FUMC. The party will be taking place here at the church the second weekend in December. If you are interested in volunteering to bring a side dish or help serve, please contact Shannon Goebel or Jennifer Boatman. Stay tuned for more details and information next month!!

Care News From Stephen Ministry

The Stephen Ministry team continuously looks for ways to provide the best care they can for their care receivers. Therefore the Stephen Ministry ministers and leaders assess the needs of their care receivers and base the team's continuing education on those needs. Continuing education helps Stephen Ministers to continue to hone and develop additional caregiving skills.

Robinson FUMC Stephen Ministry team identified a need to learn more about providing care for people going through health challenges and those dealing with grief. So, hospice care was identified as a continuing education topic. Hospice is "an all-encompassing philosophy of patient care. It is a unique approach in which the patient and family, not the disease, are the focus."

Recently the Robinson FUMC Stephen Ministry team hosted three representatives from Good Samaritan Hospice: Jamie Krobger, Emily Query, and Trevor Murray. Jamie and Emily are social workers, and Trevor is the chaplain for Good Samaritan Hospital and GM Hospice. They shared information on the services they provide: medical care, nursing care, 24-hour assistance, home health services, emotional and spiritual support, general and bereavement counseling, social work services, grief

support groups and grief education, medications for comfort care, medical supplies, durable medical equipment, dietary counseling, physical, occupational and speech therapy, and trained volunteers. They also shared several of their resources for providing emotional care to people and their family going through health challenges. The Stephen Ministers were impressed by the hospice care providers' compassion for others and their passion for their professions.

If you are going through a difficult time and would like someone to talk with on a regular basis, please contact Janelle Oxford. (618 553-9598). Stephen Ministers are available to provide Christian Care.



November Birthdays

- 11/1 Jaxon Ackman, Elsie Quick
11/3 Diane Crampton
11/5 Gary Rodgers
11/7 Debbie Tedford; Liam Midgett,
Vivienne Midgett
11/8 Stephanie Schmidlin
11/9 Phil Inboden
11/10 Megan Haber
11/15 Kathy Harbison
11/18 Elmer Harness,
Betty Jean Malcolm,
Max Tedford
11/20 Lainey Aydt, Brenna Aydt,
Laura Dhom
11/22 Bob Bell
11/24 Chris Midgett
11/26 Chris Emken
11/28 Greta Lowry
11/30 Leonard Goff

November Anniversaries

- 11/4 Stacie & Pat McMillan
11/7 Bailey & Denny Knight

Prayer Requests

Carol Wolf; Carl Blanton; Michael Brady;
Cathy Thomas; Judson Richardson; Julie
Zhang; Bill Thompson; Michael Keene; Lisa
Schaefer; Nicole Young; Evan Prahll; Richard
Youngs; Kay Young; Vonnetta
Shipman; Thelma Gifford; Bernie Limper;
Melinda Wehrle; Blain Loll; Miranda
Waddell; Ruth Fiscus; Ray & Nelda Dotson;
Margaret Beaman; Alexander Forrey;
Ninette Faith; Lou Bonnell; Claudette
Mejean; Laurie Vaugh; Susan Rodgers;
Adrian Hays; Rachel Tracy; Randy Butcher;
Stephen Ministers; Care Receivers; Doug
Finkbiner; Clem Aydt; Annette Leighty;
Spencer Meagher; KJ Reid, Tricia Anderson;
Jon & Joy Anderson; Alex Townsend; Brad
Harris; Andy Limper; Karen Villalobos; Dason
Douglas, Lora Simmons; Mary Etta Whitmer;
Rhonda Moade; Barbara Bell; Jocelyn
Ramsey; Leth and Jeff Stanford; Becky &
Donna Beabout; Roger Hamilton; Bennett
Smith; Breanna & Melissa Young; Jimmy
Vinson; Sarah Valdez; Rhea Hayden; Kirtrina
Carter; Judy Rice; Sharon Miller; Stephenie
Townsend; Tim Aydt; Sue Trimble; Linda
Stewart; Clayton Avery; Debbie Goff

Blast from the Past

Hello Friends! Here's your blast from the past for the month of November. I have come across a 1919 postcard of what is now our parking lot just north of the sanctuary. It used to be the city hall and fire house.

-Robert Quick



NOVEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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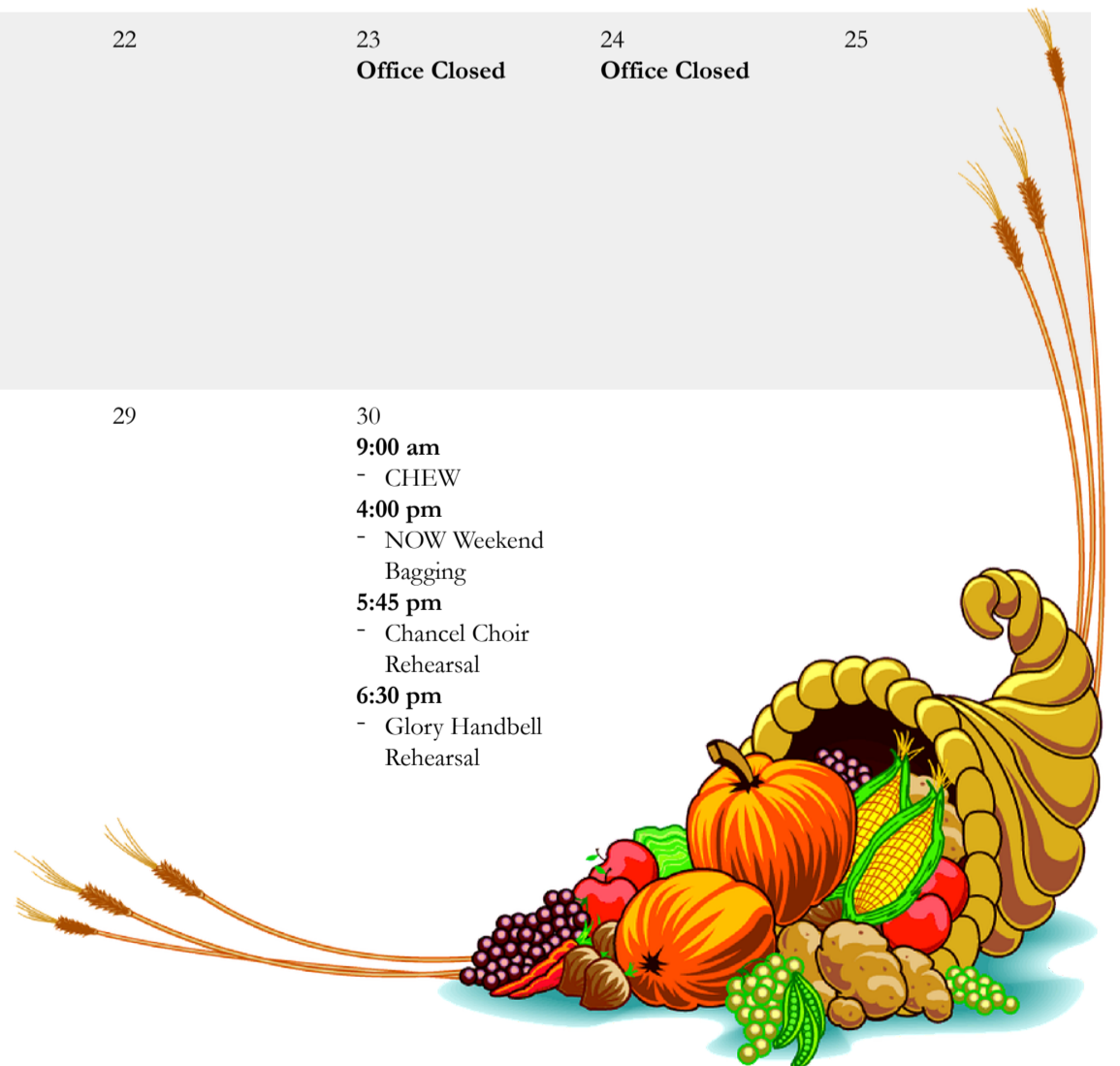
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19 8:00 am - Chancel Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am - Worship 10:15 am - Hanging of the Greens	20 4:00 pm - NOW Bagging	21	22	23 Office Closed	24 Office Closed	25
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