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November Reflection

Philippians 4:10-14 "I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me, but had no opportunity to show it. Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who gives me strength. In any case, it was kind of you to share in my distress."

For the past couple of months in Bible Study we have been looking through a few of the minor epistles of Paul. We started in Galatians and we read about Paul's anger with the church, how they were easily letting themselves be deceived. Then we read through Ephesians, and we saw the way that Paul's heart broke as this once proud and united congregation was allowing themselves to be consumed with bitter infighting. Now we are in Philippians, and Paul strikes a decidedly softened tone when speaking to the Philippians. I would encourage you if you haven't read through the letter recently to do so, in it Paul writes some of his most profound theology. Beautiful prose highlight the letter, it even includes a hymn, and whereas in some of his other letters Paul has the tendency to make long rambling arguments he is very concise in this letter to the Philippians.

That is until you get to chapter four verse 10, then Paul starts to ramble. It seems very disjointed when compared to the rest of the letter. Some scholars even suggest that chapter 4:10 was a separate letter entirely addressed to the congregation. So what is it that breaks up the flow of Paul's thoughts, it is his "thank you letter." It seems that Paul for all he was, pastor, evangelist, writer, prisoner, he struggled to express the depth of his thankfulness.

His gratitude to the church in Philippi was almost too great to be encompassed by words, so we have in 4:10 just a long rambling thought that Paul struggles to accurately express. I have to say, I have never felt closer to Paul than I do reading through Philippians 4:10-14.

Maybe it is the season; maybe it is the colder temperatures, maybe it is because it is about to turn November, I'm not sure, but I find myself thinking a lot about thankfulness. I realize that Paul and I have something in common, when you are overcome and overwhelmed with an abundance of thankfulness, it is difficult to put it into words.

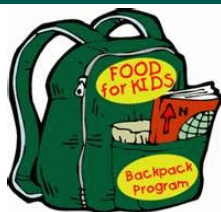
I find it difficult to properly express my gratitude to you for letting me be your pastor. I find it difficult to find the words to express just how thankful I am for you, for your heart, and for your willingness to be the hands and feet of Jesus here in Cherryville. This has been a hard year, there isn't anyway around that, indeed

we have faced setbacks and challenges that I dare say none of us had ever prepared for before, and yet time and again First Methodist has risen to the occasion.

I hope we do not take for granted the amazing ways that God is at work in this church and the many ways that the Holy Spirit is equipping us for ministries that we might not have considered years ago. I am so grateful to get to be a part of this special body of Christ. Even if I have rambled a bit, I hope you will excuse me, but I am just so thankful, and maybe just maybe you feel a bit of that thankfulness too. Praise be to God!

Grace and Peace,

Zack Christy



The Backpack Ministry is in need of the items listed below of nonperishable items to put in book bags during the month of November.

Thank you to all who assist with this program. Your generous donations help this mission to be successful and are very much appreciated by those who receive the book bags. We can always use these items, but sometimes the list may change based on the supply of goods we have on hand.

Nov. 7 Canned fruit
Nov. 14 Apple Sauce
Nov. 21 Chicken Helper
Nov. 28 Canned Corn

Thank you,
The Backpack Ministry Committee



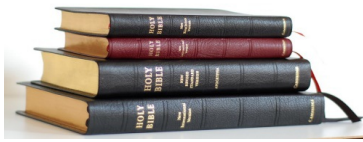
CHILDREN'S CHURCH is offered during our 10:30 Worship Service for all children **3yrs thru 3rd grade**. The children will leave from the Sanctuary following the children's sermon and go to a classroom on the educational hall for lessons and crafts. Parents can pick-up their children at the end of Worship. A packet will be available outside the Sanctuary in the Narthex for children 4th-5th grades with pencils crayons and coloring pages and a Children's Worship bulletin. Again... **volunteers are needed for Children's Church teachers and helpers.** Please let Bess know if you are willing to help with Children's Church.



Daylight-saving time ends next Sunday, Nov. 7. Don't forget to set your clocks back before you go to bed on Saturday night.



The Annual Community Thanksgiving Lunch will be held on Saturday, Nov. 20, at the American Legion Building Post 100 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.. Due to COVID restrictions there will only be take out. Only a limited number of volunteers will be needed. *If you would like to assist with this meal, please sign up on the volunteer form in the church office no later than November 11.*



Our Sunday School classes are meeting again! We offer classes for everyone! We have:

CHILDREN'S CLASSES:

- ◆ Nursery, 0-2yr olds
- ◆ Toddler Class, 2-4 yr. olds
- ◆ Younger Elementary, K-2nd grade
- ◆ Older Elementary, 3-5th grades
- ◆ Youth class, 6-12th grades

ADULT CLASSES UPSTAIRS:

- ◆ Romans 12 class, Young adults
- ◆ Etheleen Dover Class, young to middle age adults
- ◆ June Medlin Class, middle age and senior adults
- ◆ Men's Bible Class, any age men of the church;
- ◆ Discovery Class meets downstairs, any age adults.

You are invited to be a part of any one of these assemblies. **THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU AT SUNDAY SCHOOL!!!** Thanks to all of you who have so graciously volunteered to teach and lead our classes, but volunteers are still needed. Some adjustments may be made, especially in the children's age groups, as class size and location is determined, but how wonderful to be able to celebrate our classes of Bible study, Christian fellowship, small group bonding and prayer time!



THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR ACOLYTES AND CRUCIFERS

Thanks to all of our young people who have served as acolyte and crucifer this year! You guys have done a great job in preparing us for worship. Thanks for your willingness to serve during our worship services. Below is the schedule for November. If you cannot serve on your Sunday please let Bess know or switch with someone on the list.

Nov. 7	Landry Pruett	Ayden Canipe
Nov. 14	Mallie Emerson	Lydia Bradley
Nov. 21	Will Fowler	Kenan Corlwer
Nov. 28	Sophia Williams	Bella Thornburg



ATTENTION ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS and/or Parents:

We want to stay in touch with you!! Please let us know your current college address as soon as possible. Some of your addresses have changed and some of you are studying from home, some virtually and some at your college campus. We needed your information. We have some of them but need to verify a few more!!! Please call Bess at 704-435-6732 or email your College information to Bessfumc@bellsouth.net as soon as you can. We would like to have your school, full mailing address, E-mail address, major and scholastic year. Thanks! Our prayers are with you as you pursue your plans and future careers.



UMK's:

UMK's (United Methodist Kids) is for all 3 year olds thru 5th graders... UMK's will meet each Wednesday night at 6:00 p.m. with supper, singing and study time. UMK's will be over at 7:30 p.m. each night. You should have received a letter and fall schedule for all UMK programs in the mail as well as a registration sheet. Please fill out the sheet and send it with your child on Wednesday night! We will be studying **Thankfulness** and preparing for our Christmas presentation on December 12th.



UMK's will again sponsor our **Samaritan's Purse Shoe Boxes** which will be in soon and due by November 22nd.

Thanks to all who have volunteered to help again this year. We are always looking for leaders and helpers at UMK's. And anyone who would like to prepare a UMK supper is welcome to do so. Just contact Miss Bess. We will be asking parents for meal help this year, so get your favorite group recipe ready! ☺

A special thank you to Debbie Gantt and Carol Roberts who are serving as our kitchen helpers and servers each Wednesday night! THANK YOU, and WE LOVE YOU!



UMYF: United Methodist Youth Fellowship (all 6th thru 12th graders) are meeting each Sunday evening 6:00 to 7:30p.m. down stairs at the church in our

UMYF youth room, for supper, study and shenanigans. Again, we have a project to do in still fixing up our UMYF space. We need everybody's input to talk, plan and study God's word and His will for our group. We have a full schedule of events and projects and **Mission Possible** opportunities coming up in the next few months. We are currently studying "Bible Trek" through Exodus: OBEDIENCE, PATIENCE, RESPECT, HONOR, TRUST AND LOVE! We will also be working on a Christmas presentation and sponsoring a family for Christmas again this year as well as working on Samaritans Purse Shoe Boxes. Our **Summit 2021 in Asheville** was canceled by the WNCC due to COVID-19, BUT not to be deterred...



We will have our **UMYF LOCK-IN** on Friday, November 5th. So mark your calendar now for this special night beginning at 8:00 p.m. with a good supper for the night at Roma Italian's back room and will end at 8:00 a.m. at the church! We will take the van the short distance from Roma to the church where we will have games, scavenger hunts, midnight devotions, movies and **NO SLEEPING!** until breakfast at 7:00 and home by 8:00 a.m.. The UMYF would also like to thank all those that came by the coffee bar and got coffee and especially to those you made very generous donations to the youth fund. We are planning mission projects and retreats and this money will be used to help fund our trips and missions. We made a little over **\$400.00 THANK YOU!!!!** UMYF is for all middle and high school youth ages 6th thru 12th graders. Please read your FUMCY text for more details.

friendships together. **YOU MUST BE 60 OR OLDER TO ENTER.**



Thursday Morning Prayer Breakfast

The Thursday morning prayer breakfast is continuing each Thursday morning at 7:00 a.m. at Homefolks Café. Everyone is welcome! Especially students and parents and grandparents are invited to attend to share a good healthy breakfast before school and food for the soul as you go about your day. A devotion and prayer time is offered for all those that wish to begin their day in fellowship and prayer with other Christians in the community.



KINGDOM KIDS KORNER

Happy Fall to All! Our Kingdom Kids are enjoying being able to play on the playground without extreme heat. They are learning and having fun while doing so, thanks to our excellent teachers!

We wore pink for Breast Cancer Awareness and the staff and children surprised me with a special gift and recognition. We had fall photos taken; we celebrated Bring Your Bible to School Day. We honored Pastor Zack with cards and a gift for Pastor Appreciation Day.

Pastor Zack does chapel for us on Wednesdays, and Ms. Traci from Cherryville Public Library reads to us on the third Friday of each month.

All the children were very excited to visit the Cherryville Fire Department. Captain Bowman and his staff shared lots of information with them and showed us their brand new fire truck. Each child had an opportunity to pull the handle on the big water hose, which they all enjoyed. They came back to school with fire hats, coloring books and crayons.

We still have Trunk or Treat and the Little Monsters Parade to look forward to.

Please keep one of our Four Year Class students (Oliver) and his family in your prayers. On October 25 he will have castings on both legs from thighs to toes to wear for two weeks. The first week of November he will be tested for COVID and quarantined until surgery on November 10. Surgeons will remove tendons from both feet from the inside of the feet to the middle of his feet. He will have castings that he cannot put any weight on for six weeks. December 21 the castings come off and he will be put in braces for three months. Oliver will be out of school until the first of the year. We will miss this sweet boy and we will appreciate your prayers.



THE **FIT FAB FUN BUNCH** IS OUR CHURCH'S NEWEST EXCITING GROUP. Anyone 60 years or older is invited to join! We had a great time at "funch" in the church fellowship hall in October. If you missed it --- We missed you!!!! The

"BUNCH" will plan to go to NarroWay Playhouse on Saturday, November 13th for the drama "The Real



Christmas Story." We will leave at 3:30 p.m. for the 5:00 show. The cost is \$38.00 per person for dinner and show. PLEASE LET BESS KNOW ASAP IF YOU PLAN TO GO. We have 16 people signed up already (YAY!!!) Seats are limited! This group will keep you spiritually FIT with devotions and planning for FAB future outings and activities of the group, and we are always FUN!! Join us for fellowship and just plain fun together. You do not want to miss out on being a part of this bunch of mature adults as we experience life, love and

Ms. Millie



Dear Choir Friends,

Our Choir had a very productive Choir rehearsal this past Sunday. (Dennis came at 3:00, and he and I went through the entire Cantata with cd before Choir rehearsal even started at 4:00!)

Thank you **Betty, Pam, M'Shel, Janice, Donna, Dick, Vernon, & Dennis!!** It is still October and we got through the entire Cantata with listening cd and piano!

#2 needs some intensive part-work and rhythm stabilization of syncopation, but otherwise, it is my opinion that we are on track with our progress on other cantatas in the past. Monday section rehearsals are working! From the piano I could hear every voice part singing their lines!

I gave everyone their cds which accent their voice part louder than the accompaniment. **Thanks to Bo** for making our cds! He makes 6 at a time.. So glad he is making steady progress in healing from his bout with COVID!

We signed 10 cards to choir members and had **prayer for the healing of Mary Etta, Rhonda & Crystal, Chris & Bill, Bo, Betsy, & family, Vernon & Betty, Janice & Ron, Vera & Pam, Paul & Donna, and thanked God for our Pastor Zack.**

Tenors have Section Rehearsal at 10:00 a.m. in the Choir room tomorrow morning. We will finish before 11:00 a.m. so golfers can be available.

This Wednesday, October 27, Chancel Choir will rehearse at 11:00 a.m. in Choir Room to sing for All-Saints Sunday service October 31.

Our Chancel Choir is so vital to our praise and worship at our church! Our Cantata Choir is such a blessing during Christmas and Easter!

God Bless You!

God Bless Us Every One!



We gratefully acknowledge gifts presented to the church in loving memory of:

GLENN ANTHONY

Jack & Judy Bingham
Amy Tallent

ADAM CROWDER

John & Linda Dellinger

PAT EAKER

Gary & Mary Beam
Steve & Susan Beam
Johnny, Kelly & Nickolas Brown (Backpack Ministry)
Kenneth Cullipher
Deanna Daggerhart
Pat McGinnis
Ray McSwain
Ronnie & Jill Puett (Backpack Ministry)

SHERIE HARRELSON

Steve & Susan Beam
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Vernon & Betty Smith

FREIDA HEAVNER

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KAYLA HULL

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AURA ANN MCGINNIS

Jack & Judy Bingham
Deanna Daggerhart



Pat McGinnis
Ray McSwain
Vernon & Betty
Smith

Shirley Smith

RONALD MOSS

Hazeline Moss (Youth Missions)

Ruth Gaston

BECKY WALLS

Ruth Gaston

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Johnny, Kelly & Nickolas Brown (Backpack Ministry)
John & Linda Dellinger

JACK STEPHENSON

Gary & Deb Husen
Ernie & Betty Parker

MARGARET WEBB

Gary & Deb Husen

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IN HONOR

We gratefully acknowledge gifts presented to the church in honor of:

PAM ANTHONY

Ray McSwain

JOYCE BAXTER

Ray McSwain

ZACK CHRISTY

Romans 12 Sunday School Class
(Pastor's Discretionary Fund)

TERESA GARDO

Ruth Gaston

OAKLEY PARRIS

Romans 12 Sunday School Class (Backpack Ministry)

MARY ETTA STEPHENSON



FLOWERS ADORN OUR ALTAR:

We will once again open our Sunday worship calendar to allow anyone who wishes to place flowers in our sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one to do so. Please contact Joyce Baxter, (910) 231-4787, or the church office if you would like to offer a gift of flowers to our church altar area during the coming year and let her know which Sunday you would like to provide an arrangement.

PRAYER LIST (Members)

Billy Alexander, Bob Austell, Bo Baity, Mike Burgess, Janet Carter, Deanna Daggerhart, Vera Eaker, Jim Eaton, Ruth Gaston, Larry Gunnell, Eloise Mauney, Ken Mayhew, Larry McGinnis, Ray McSwain, Karleen Price, Rev. Harry Queen, Vernon & Betty Smith, Chris Sneed, Mary Etta Stephenson, Dwight & Dartha Stroupe, Gary Thornburg, Rhonda Wehunt, Earlene Williams, Melinda Yount, and all our homebound and nursing home members.

PRAYER LIST (Family & Friends)

Elena Azzrita, Martha Beam, Gwynneth Blackwelder, David Farnsworth, Jill Brackett, Alvin Green, A. J. Henley, Barbara Mayhue, Jason Peeler, Marissa Smith, Tyler Wehunt, Pam Whitesides, Greg Yount and our loved ones in the military.

LOVED ONES IN THE MILITARY:

#Ethan Beck, Aron Dickerson, Jessica Lovell, Cody Spiker.

Church Member

November Birthdays

2 Mikki Jane Emerson
2 Allen Fraley
3 Elli Warlick
4 Ella Shuford
4 Henry Shuford
5 Ken Bowen
5 Daniel Owens
5 Eli Payseur
5 Lizzy Payseur
5 Wade Payseur
6 Kelsie Costner
6 Emma Pruitt
8 Kim Mauney
8 Leslie Thornburg
9 Helen Dellinger
10 Joyce Baxter
11 Pam Anthony
12 Pat McGinnis
13 Ethan Beck
14 Debbie Sorenson
15 Judy Bingham
15 Becky Phillips
16 Richard Mauney, Jr.
18 Kristen Freeman
18 Jamey Wyatt
20 Alan Dellinger
21 Dick Metzger
21 Crystal Thornburg
23 Connor Bradley
23 Guy Eaker
23 Lori Gibson
24 Preston Elliott
25 Kirsten Leffingwell
26 Natalie Beam
26 Justin Thornburg
27 Emily Blackburn
27 Frank Harmon
27 Jason Huss
28 Anna Dellinger
29 Karen Freeman
29 Mary Ann Huffstetler
30 Kara Morehouse



Dear First United Methodist,

I want to thank you from the very bottom of my heart for all your gifts during Pastor Appreciation month. It is a great joy to serve alongside you, and I know for my family and myself we thank God everyday that we were sent to Chempville. You are far more kind and generous to me than I deserve. Thank you so much, I have been so touched by you.

Grace & Peace,
Zack Christy

If your birthday is in November and not listed, please contact the church office.



Melinda Yount
Carolina Care
111 Harrilson Rd., Apt. 10
Cherryville, NC 28021

Sunday, October 31

9:30am - Sunday School
10:30am - Worship

Monday, November 1

2:00pm - Lola Allran Circle
6:00pm - Vera Eaker Circle
6:00pm - Aunt Pearl Circle

Wednesday, November 3

6:00pm - UMK's
6:30pm - Bible Study

Thursday, November 4

7:00am - Prayer Breakfast at Homefolk's Café
6:00pm - Finance Committee meeting

Friday, November 5

8:00pm - UMYF Lock In

Sunday, November 7 -daylight-saving time ends

9:30am - Sunday School
10:30am - Worship
4:00pm - Cantata rehearsal
6:00pm - Youth

Wednesday, November 10

11:00am - Chancel Choir rehearsal
6:00pm - UMK's
6:30pm - Bible Study

Thursday, November 11

No Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, November 13

3:30pm - FFF Bunch to Christmas Play

Sunday, November 14

9:30am - Sunday School
10:30am - Worship
11:45am - Charge Conference
4:00pm - Cantata rehearsal
6:00pm - Youth

Wednesday, November 17

6:00pm - UMK's
6:30pm - Bible Study

Thursday, November 18

7:00am - Prayer Breakfast at Homefolk's Café

Sunday, November 21

9:30am - Sunday School
10:30am - Worship
4:00pm - Cantata Rehearsal
6:00pm - Youth

Wednesday, November 24

11:00am - Chancel Choir
No UMK's
No Bible Study

Thursday - Friday, November 25 - 26

Church Office Closed

Sunday, November 28

9:30am - Sunday School
10:30am - Worship
4:00pm - Cantata rehearsal
6:00pm - Youth

NOVEMBER USHERS

Chesley Walls, Randy Baxter, Allen Fraley, Terry Moss, Bruce Barrett

STEWARDSHIP REPORT, OCTOBER 25, 2021

Total Giving To Date \$285,849.30
Needs to Date \$328,213.84

Our Charge Conference will be held on Sunday, November 14, at 11:45am in the Sanctuary. There are several forms that must be completed 10 days prior to our Charge Conference and



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