



Messenger of Christ

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GOD'S KINDNESS AND OUR SINS

"You may think you can condemn such people, but you are just as bad, and you have no excuse! When you say they are wicked and should be punished, you are condemning yourself, for you who judge others do these very same things. And we know that God, in his justice, will punish anyone who does such things. Since you judge others for doing these things, why do you think you can avoid God's judgment when you do the same things? Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?"

Romans 2:1-4 (NLT)

As the leaves turn their color and the cold wind moves in for another winter, I am reminded once again of the abundance of God's love and kindness toward me. The changes in season always bring me memories of family and friends... of the many places that I have lived in my short life on earth. When I think about where I come from and where I am today, even in the midst of much troubles, I know that I am blessed beyond blessed. I am blessed to live in the most envious nation of all the nations in the world. I am blessed to have people like you who were once strangers, but now are friends and family members of God's family. I am blessed to have so many people who love me despite my faults and failures. I have truly been blessed as a Hmong American and as a child of God.

As blessed as I am, and as blessed as we are as a nation, I recognize that we are not without flaws; we are not without troubles, and it is because we are fallen humans living in a not so perfect world. Even if there is a perfect place in the world, we would ruin it with our presence. You see, the problem is not the country or place, but it is with people. We forget that people and I mean *all people*, make up a country, and as long as the people are corrupted, the country will always have troubles. From the very young to the very old...the rich to the poor, and the over educated to those who cannot read or write, we are all guilty of sinning. We are all corrupted in our own way! I am willing to bet my life that there is not a perfect nation or government system in the world. *When you find one, please let me know ... LOL!*

This is why I am who I am, and do what I do. I am convinced that until every human heart is transformed by the love and kindness of God, humanity will continue to struggle with each other for power and control. Ever since the beginning of the world, humanity has struggled to gain control and power over one another. If it is not slavery, it is abortion or genocide, the killing of the innocent and the vulnerable. If not adultery, it is abusive and jealousy in marriage. Humanity has not changed much! We are born with the natural tendency to take control of our own life...our own body, and to acquire as much control over others as much as we possibly can. In God's eye, we are all guilty of sinning... there is none righteous, according to the scripture! This is why we should be slow to judge but quick to forgive; slow to blame but quick to take responsibility for our actions; slow to speak but quick to listen, and slow to revenge but quick to repent or ask for grace, mercy and kindness.

Friends, we do live in one of the most difficult seasons of our lives. I have never seen our country so divided over important issues of our time. Even as Christians, we forget how kind our Lord has been toward us and instead of extending kindness toward those who disagree with us, we retaliate with anger and harmful words.

In this season where friends and family gather to celebrate the goodness and kindness of God through creation, and through his Son Jesus Christ, let us draw near God to repent and lament of our sins and the sins of our nation.

May God restore peace and joy, mercy and kindness to all who loves and seeks HIM!

Pastor Mao Her



NEW SERMON SERIES ... BEGINNING *NOVEMBER 15TH*!



**Come to WORSHIP and LAMENT with us ...
In person or virtual**

@ <https://www.facebook.com/pastormao.greenfield>

We look forward to seeing you!

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NOVEMBER

- 1st Joshua 3:7-17
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 (UMH 830)
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Matthew 23:1-12
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
- 8th Josh 24:1-3a, 14-25
Psalm 78:1-7 (UMH 799)
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13
- 15th Judges 4:1-7
Psalm 123 or Psalm 76 (UMH 797)
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30
- 23rd Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 100 (UMH 821)
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46
- 30th Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 (UMH 801)
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37



Birthdays This Month...

- 1st Laura Lester
3rd Tom White
5th Zsong Her
6th Steve Montgomery
16th Stacey Allen
20th Gary Edlund
20th Jane White
25th Carol DeGroot
27th Gail Montgomery Jeske

Please wish them a HAPPY BIRTHDAY when you see them!

VOLUNTEERS FOR NOVEMBER

LAY LITURGIST ~ THANK YOU!

- 1st Shanna Bude
8th Ron Stinson
15th Janet Brown
23rd Denise Edlund
30th Beth Schramm

If you feel comfortable coming to church and helping with the Counting for now, please let Jo in the church office know. Thanks!



The Men's Breakfast, which is held on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 AM, is held at George Webb's Restaurant on S. 76th Street in Franklin. We hope you will join us there, *when they are open & when you feel safe!*



UMW CORNER

Martha Fellowship

NORMALLY, we meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month @ 6:45 PM

In the best interest of our small group with social distancing, we will not plan to meet until it is safe to do so. Stay well!

Hope to see you in church sometime soon!

~ Carol Olson

The UMW Caring Circle

UMW ladies are still home and staying quiet.

We do not know when our next meeting will be ... stay tuned!



Bulletin

In October, we had a sponsor one week for the Bulletins...

18th Jo Rivers ~ in celebration of the birth of her grandson, Sunny Blu Rivers, on the 13th

If you would like to sponsor the bulletin, please contact the church office. We have EVERY WEEK available in November. Thank you!



Is back up and running, Sundays from 9:30 AM – 10:00 AM.

It will be led by Ron Stinson & Joe Trewyn, and will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

Masks will be required, as well as social distancing.



The Gift of the Nutcracker

(Matt Rawle)



The Nutcracker Ballet is a highlight of the Christmas season to many. Join me as we encounter anew the old, old story of Jesus' birth as we experience, through a twelve-year olds imagination and a godfather's great love, the defeat of a mouse king And the gift of a nutcracker who becomes real.

In the process, we have the opportunity to discover the beauty of God's greatest gift to us – the gift of Jesus.

When:

6:00 – 7:00 PM

Monday evenings (Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28)

Where: at church (COVID safe practices will be adhered to)

Cost of book:

Large print	8.00
Regular paperback	11.00
E Book	10.00

Please let the office or Denise Edlund know if you want to participate and if you want us to order the book or if you will be purchasing it directly.

(Cokesbury was cheaper than Amazon!)



POINSETTIA PLANT ORDER

I would like to order the following number of plants to help decorate the church for Christmas.

I understand that I can pick up the plant(s) after the services on Christmas Eve.

PREMIUM RED POINSETTIAS - \$15.00 each
comes in a 7" pot and has 7-9 or more flowers on each plant.

Quantity _____ Total \$ _____

I present this/these plant(s)

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Celebration of: _____

Your Name: _____

TN #: _____

Orders are due **by Sunday, November 27th**.
Checks should be made payable to the church with a note that it is for the poinsettia order.

You can also call the church office at 414 421-0202 to place your order, and then mail a check to cover the cost

Thank you!



CUMC Holiday Gift Offering

Can you believe that Christmas is only 2 plus months away! This year Christ United Methodist Church will collect our holiday gifts to benefit Eras Senior Network (formerly known as Southwest Interfaith.)

Eras is asking for \$10 gift cards to Walgreens, Pick 'n Save, Wal-Mart and for books of Forever Stamps. Each local, senior, recipient will be given a holiday gift basket containing one of each.

If you'd like to purchase the gift cards, please place them in the offering basket, give to Janet Brown or give to Jo Rivers in the church office.

If you'd like to contribute cash toward the gift cards, please make your check out to the church and mark 'holiday gift' in the memo. We will collect from October through December 13th.

"For it is in giving that we receive"

~ Francis of Assisi



STEWARDSHIP

You should receive your Stewardship packet by early next week. Please prayerfully think on what you can do to help Greenfield Christ UMC by your tithes, time and talents.

You can return your pledge card and time and talent sheet in person, or you can mail it back in the return envelope provided.







Please return the pledge card by November 15th and the Time and Talent sheet by November 18th.

Thank you!

GIVE THANKS



November 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 AM – 10:00 AM – Adult Sunday School 10:15 AM - WORSHIP SERVICE Sacrament of Holy Communion All Saints Day	2	3 6:00 PM – Jazzercise	4 6:45 – 8:15 PM – Alanon Family Group Meeting	5 6:00 PM – Jazzercise	6 	7
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**The NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE FOR
December is:
November 22nd**

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**The Sacrament of Holy Communion is served on the
First Sunday of each Month**

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