

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, November 16th
Fall Grounds Clean Up, 9 am - Noon
(See Details Below)

Sunday, November 17th
Sunday Live Worship, 10 am, Sanctuary
<https://www.youtube.com/user/PiratesoftheColumbia>
(Click the "LIVE" link in the tool bar to see recent worship services, as well)

Sunday, November 17th
Advent Decorating, 11 am
Please join us after worship to help with the Advent Décor

Wednesday, November 20th
UWF Meeting in Susanna Wesley Room, 10 am
(See Details Below)

Sunday, November 24th
All-Church Potluck, 11 am, Ida Payne
(See Details Below)

Sunday, November 24th
All-Church Conference, 12:30 pm, Youth Chapel
(See Details Below)

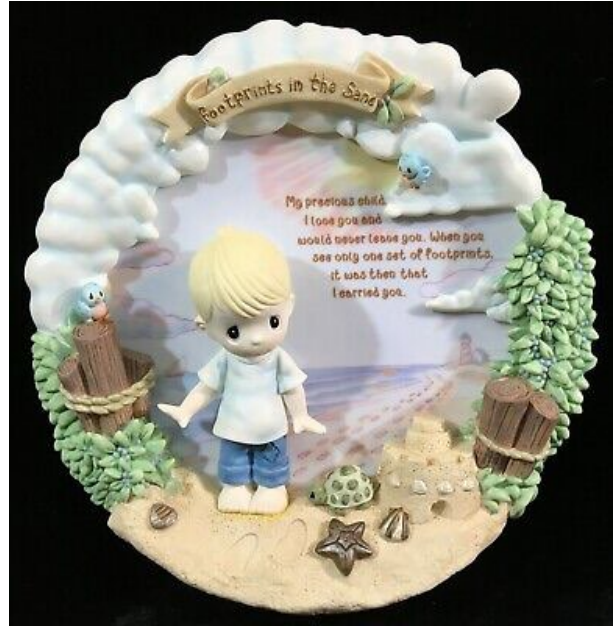
Tuesday, December 24th
Children's Christmas Pageant, 3 pm
(with Silent Night candles)

Tuesday, December 24th
Christmas Eve Worship, 5 pm
(with Communion & Silent Night candles)

Friday News 11/15

My daughter turns 1 on Sunday, and what a year it has been. A year of ups and downs. A year where I have seen God in the small moments. God is using my two children, my two beautiful blessings, to remind me to slow down, to enjoy the little moments.

One of my favorite poems is Footprints in the Sand by Mary Stevenson, though I grew up with the Precious Moments version. I have attached a picture of the plate that hung above my bedroom door growing up. “My Precious Child I love you and would never leave you. When you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you.” God has carried me through this year, as he carries all his Precious Children when they need it.



I am in the carrying years of my children’s lives, but I am also called to raise them to rely on God and be able to walk the path independent of me someday. I know most of you have finished these years of parenting and are on to guiding them to rely on God and walk the path independently. A lot of you now are lovingly supporting your children through the carrying years of their children.

As a Child of God we are called to live like Christ: 1 John 1:6 “Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.” God carries us, Christ lived and died for us, now we are called to be a village for those around us.

I grew up in an amazing Church Family, I had many people supporting me and my family through our struggles. I am now raising my children in an amazing Church Family and receiving that support as I raise my children and provide support to others. Thank you all for being mentors and surrogate grandparents to our children and youth throughout the years.

In Christ,

Claressa Elvik

11/17

"IRT...A Guide to Changing Our World"

Jim Deatherage

Scriptures:

Psalm 143:8

Mark 14:3-8

Romans 8:31-39

Reading of the Names

One of the agenda items for our All-Church Charge Conference is the membership report. Each year we note how many new members we celebrate and how many goodbyes we say, how many baptisms are done and how many deaths are mourned.

There are two final items in the membership report: a *First Reading* and a *Second Reading*. These are lists of inactive members who are being removed from the membership rolls in a two-year process. Inactive members have not attended worship or any other activity, nor have they contributed financially for a year or more; also, they are not among our homebound members for whom inactivity is not tracked.

It is difficult to get on one of these *Reading* lists. First, you have to be a member. Then you have to be inactive for more than a year! Then, someone from the church will attempt to contact the inactive person, using the most recent contact information we have, via phone, email, messenger, US mail, or grapevine. If multiple attempts fail, then the inactive member is put on the *First Reading*.

The *First Reading* officially takes place at Charge Conference, a public reading that allows everyone to see who is missing. Maybe someone knows how to reach the inactive member! Maybe

someone will restore contact with that inactive member. Maybe we can enjoy that person's participation at church again! If so, the member's name is removed from the list.

The remainder of the list is given an official *Second Reading* a year later, at the next Charge Conference. If nothing has been heard about these inactive members, then prayers of sorrow and a vote to remove those members from the rolls take place.

But that is not the end of the story. If any of those inactive members return in future years, they may request to be restored to the membership rolls, and it will happen with the magic called grace, no questions asked.

Below, please find the names for the *First Reading* and the *Second Reading*, 2024.

First Reading

Gary & Kelly Hopkins & family
James & Dianne Marquardt
Stephen & Karen Osborne
William Osborn, Jr.
Yesenia Rivas
Mitch & Susan Roach & family
Shane & Brenda Shiplet & family
Tom & DeAnn Yount

Second Reading

Steve & Nicole Austin
Brad Bement
Holly & Brett Bergum
Koren Burling
Claudia Glover
Brady & Kaitlin Hagen
Ed & Jennifer Mitchell
Dick & Amanda Nelson
Tim & Brooke Nickolaus

Clint & Jennifer Whitney & family
Kelsey York

Fall Grounds Clean-Up

The Facilities Team is asking for your help in our annual Fall Clean-Up! The date has been set for **Saturday, November 16th, from 9:00- Noon**. The focus will be raking leaves, trimming shrubs, and general tidying up of the exterior church grounds, around the office, and the parsonage.

Please dress warmly, bring your gloves, rakes, hoes, shears, and other gardening tools that may be helpful. Any able-bodied friends and family are welcome to join us. We will have hot coffee, cocoa, and pastry to sustain us through the morning.

Every clean-up participant will be entered into a drawing for a fantastic fall gift basket! Come, show your landscaping prowess and test your luck in the drawing.

UWF Meeting

Wednesday – November 20 -- United Women of Faith will meet at 10:00am in the Susanna Wesley Room for an inspirational “Thankfulness” program presented by Jennifer Daven, Spiritual Growth Leader. The women are to bring their World Thank Offering boxes (coins collected over the year). Refreshments will be served by the Officers. We hope to see you for a morning of fellowship.

Pep's Bean Soup for Sale

Pep's Bean Soup is for sale in the church office for \$9.00/bag.

Cereal Sunday

We will be offering a simple cereal breakfast on the second Sunday of each month to church and community members. We need donations of cereal or WinCo gift cards for milk. The next Cereal Sunday is on **Sunday, November 10 from 8 – 8:45 am**.

World Relief Collection

Items for **World Relief** will be collected during the month of November in the Welcome Area. There will be signage and laundry baskets for placing your items. Let's remember these refugees who are arriving from countries with political unrest, natural disasters, or

persecution. World Relief's numbers are up, with 150 refugees expected to arrive between August and December. November is a month when we give thanks for our many blessings; let us help welcome these newest arrivals to our country.

Needed: Winter clothing (new or gently used)- winter coats of all sizes, scarfs, and hats.

Kitchen items (new) -glasses, bowls, cookware, eating utensils, and other utensils.

Bedding (new) – full or twin-sized sheets, comforters, and towels.

All-Church Conference

The All-Church Conference will occur on **Sunday, November 24th at Noon immediately following the All-Church Potluck starting at 11 am.** The Leadership Council will be providing turkey, ham, utensils, coffee, water, and lemonade for the potluck. **If your last name begins with A-F, bring a dessert; G-M Side dish; and N-Z salad.** All church members may vote at the conference; if you are not a member and wish to become one, or if you want to verify your membership, please contact the church office at 509-582-2163.

Church Office Staff Meetings

The Church Office meets for a Staff Meeting the first and third Tuesdays of every month from 10 am - Noon. The office is closed 10 am - 1:00 pm on those days.