
First United Methodist Church of Dexter, Missouri

Being Thankful



Our family has a Thanksgiving tradition. You may have it as well: we go around the table and each person shares one thing they're thankful for. There are so many things we can be thankful for like spouses and kids and grandchildren, for new jobs and for health; we're thankful for gathering together on Thanksgiving. But we're most thankful for the gift of salvation that God has given us! Romans 6:23 says, *For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

The greatest gift that God ever gave the world was His Son, Jesus Christ – who was (and is) God in the flesh. As C.S. Lewis put it in *Mere Christianity*, "*The Son of God became a man to enable men to become sons of God.*"

This Thanksgiving, I encourage you to thank God for all of the people and things you can think of. Be sincere and specific in your gratitude of all the blessings in your life. In addition, I

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encourage you this Thanksgiving to thank God for the precious gift of His Son and the depth of His love shown to us by this gift. Don't just thank Him for *what* He's given you; thank Him for *who* He is. The purpose of all of these earthly blessings is not that we become infatuated with the gift as an end to itself, but rather, to draw our eyes up to the Giver. He was the one who gave His Son so that you and I could be rescued from sin and be restored to a relationship with Him. God did all of this to reach us. We have so much to be thankful for.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Pastor Larry

THANK YOU

Thank you for your cards and gifts for Pastor Appreciation. Your kindness, thoughtfulness, and generosity mean a lot to us. -Pastor Larry & Doreen



Join us this Sunday as we start a series on what the Bible says about Heaven.



This Sunday

“Heaven - Realizing Our Destiny”

Heaven is the most exciting topic in the Bible and the happiest place in all of creation. Come and learn all about it!

What we think about heaven

determines how we live on earth today.





On Sunday, November 7, everyone will gather for a Joint Worship Service in Wesley Hall at 10:30 a.m. (All other services are cancelled that day.) A meal of pulled pork sandwiches, potato salad, chips, and desserts will be provided after worship. This is a wonderful opportunity for people who attend different services to come together for worship and fellowship.





**November 9
4:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

Please share the date with anyone in need. Everyone is welcome to drive through and receive household and personal care items.



Live Nativity Scene Planned

Plans are underway for a live nativity scene to be held at our church on Friday, December 17, and Saturday, December 18. If you would like to be a part of the scene or help with props, costumes, etc. please let us know. Contact the church office at 624-3344 or Patty Shell at 820-5232.



November 8 1:30 to 5:30





NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1	2	3 Praise Band, 6:00 Choir, 7:00	4	5	6	
Fall Back 	 BLOOD DRIVE 1:30-5:30	BETHANY MINISTRY 4:00-5:00	10 Praise Band, 6:00 Choir, 7:00	11 WW Society in Wesley Hall Loft reserved	12	13	
7 Worship, 10:30 Lunch after worship Grief Support, 2:00 Choir, 5:00	14 Morning Grace, 8:15 CrossOver, 9:15 Traditions, 10:30 Grief Support, 2:00 Choir, 5:00	15	16	17 Praise Band, 6:00 Choir, 7:00	18	19	20
21 Morning Grace, 8:15 CrossOver, 9:15 Traditions, 10:30 Grief Support, 2:00 Choir, 5:00	22	23	24 Praise Band, 6:00 Choir, 7:00	25  HAPPY THANKS GIVING	26 Church Office Closed	27	
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November Birthdays

11/8 Debbie Fisher
 11/10 Walker Jarrell
 11/13 Dennis Jarrell
 11/13 David Clark
 11/14 Jo Pankey
 11/18 Mike Williams
 11/20 Barbara Mills
 11/20 Jerry Overfelt
 11/21 Joyce Clark
 11/25 Pam Jean
 11/28 Easton McCoy
 11/28 Jean Isbell

November Anniversaries

11/12 Randy & Dana Lovins
 11/17 Don & Deana Jones



If your family's birthdays and anniversaries are not on our list, please contact the church office at 624-3344 or email us at dexterfirstumc@gmail.com

OUR PRAYER MINISTRY

Current Prayer Requests

Gene Rowland, Pam & Neal Lloyd, Teresa Brotherton, Joy Ruminer, Monroe Mahler, family of Joy Evans, Laura Daniel, Wilma Jean Staggs, James Robinson, Jeff Lambert, Maxine Hedrick, Amy & Mike Pease, Lucy Thorton, Joyce Seabaugh

Special Giving

In memory of Roberta Hutchason - Peggy Palmer. In memory of Pat Evans - Peggy Palmer.

Our Sympathy

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Joy Evans who passed away on October 8.

Members & Friends in Nursing Homes

Marie Quinn, Elsie Buttry, Peggy Matthews, Maxine Hedrick, Wilma Shaver, Kitty Kandalaft, Rosemary Walker, Gene Rowland, Annabeth Miller, Virginia Lemar, Judy Rimel, Ivan Lee, Carolyn Proffitt

In Our Mailbox

Thanks to everyone for the cards and prayers following my surgery. Thanks to Pastor Larry for the visits. Peggy Palmer

Ron, Morris & I (Cindy) wanted to state again how much we appreciated all your hard work for the lovely meal after Mom's funeral service. She would have been thankful to you all as well. She thought a lot of her church family. Thanks again from all her family.