

THE VINE

November 1, 2019

Together: Proclaiming Christ By Loving God and Serving God's People



Courageous Leadership

By David Martin

Dear fellow members.

Last week I had the privilege to attend **Launch 2.0** with Pastor Lynn and Pastor Annie. It was a conference designed to help churches be **innovative** and have courageous leadership when things were **difficult**.

Mackenzie asked me to write an article and I have struggled as to what to share until my experience tonight at the **Harvest Party**. Last year we decided to advertise in such a way as the whole community would be invited to our event.

It worked beyond our imagination as **hundreds of community** guests came that we were not prepared for. It became a scramble for food, candy and activities as all our guests were stuck in lines. Now the good news, after the event last year there was a **temptation** to just not advertise the same way and reduce the number that would come, but led by our **children's ministers they said we would advertise the same, but this year be prepared**. Tonight went off beautifully and the event was a huge success with hundreds of guests having a wonderful time and experiencing **hospitality at its finest**. The courage shown by our leadership for this event was exactly what we spent discussing and learning during the conference.

As we continue in ministry with our community, we will be faced with many difficult decisions, **may we be courageous as we grow together**.

Where Are We Headed?

By Mackenzie Turner

So many things are growing and evolving! As Pastor Annie, John and myself grow into our new roles, NLRFUMC finds things changing for the better. We are **learning** through adult discipleship classes, **shaping** the music ministry culture, and **growing** a new outreach into our community: social media.

My **vision** for our social media is together, by engaging on these platforms on a daily basis, that we may fulfill the mission of NLRFUMC. Our Social Media Strategy is based on this mission. Each post has a **purpose to engage**, **evoke spiritual practice**, and **communicate events so we can serve you best!**

Did you know that the average person today spends **1 hour each day on Facebook alone**? Don't miss out on these posts. We want to meet you where you are quite literally on your phone! Let's be social and **#engage** on social media. I would love to see more **#sundayselfies!** You'll be surprised how many God things can happen through social media!

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT MUSIC MINISTRY

October was the first month that the Music Ministry started to collect things for **Methodist Family Health**.

John Knorr wanted to start a donation box as a way for those in the NLRFUMC Music Ministry to **give back**. He asked that they bring tissues, sweatshirts, sweatpants, and brushes/combs



for the first month! They collected **26** boxes of Kleenex, **16** brushes/combs, **14** sweatshirts, and **7** pairs of sweatpants! Thank you for your donations and for choosing to help provide items for MFH!

FIRST KIDS

**THANK YOU, NLRFCM,
FOR MAKING HARVEST PARTY A HUGE SUCCESS!**

What a BLESSING our church family is to the children of our congregation and our [community](#)!! We are so thankful for all who offered their time, resources, and prayers for this event to take place successfully. So many people from the community told our volunteers how much they enjoyed the night, and we could not have done it without the amazing [support](#) you give us! Showing Christian love and hospitality is one of our callings, and you all [responded to the call](#)!!
In His Love,

M&M



**HUGE SHOUTOUT TO THE MAN WHO
MADE A MULTI FUNNEL CAKE MAKER
FOR HARVEST PARTY!
THANK YOU, Jimmy Brush!
AND David Perez for cooking them!**



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT!

Hooray for [Faith White](#) and her willingness to lead our children in song on Sunday mornings! She is often accompanied by [Jeff White](#) on ukulele. They bring creative energy to our time as the children praise God. Her enthusiasm is contagious! We appreciate her leadership. Thanks again, Faith!!

DEC 11
MEET IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
6:30 P.M.
Children and Youth
will visit homebound members
of the congregation.
Let's go caroling!

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

NOVEMBER FRI. 1st & SAT. 2nd

No Events

SUNDAY, Nov. 3rd

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

9:00-10:00 Waypoint Worship*
10:00-11:00 Sunday School*
10:00-11:00 Advent Conspiracy
11:00-12:00 Sanctuary Worship*
12:00-2:00 Fall In Love w/ Matthew
5:00-6:00 Advent Conspiracy
5:00-7:00 Youth

MONDAY, Nov. 4th

5:30-6:30 TOPS Weight Loss
7:00-9:00 Scouts

TUESDAY, Nov. 5th

6:30-7:30 Tuesday Bible Study
5:00-6:00 Body & Soul Fitness

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 6th

9:30-12:30 Quilters
5:00-6:30 First Supper: Cantina Laredo
5:00-6:15 JuBELLation Ringers*
5:00-6:15 Youth: Tutoring
6:15-7:30 Youth
6:15-6:30 Holy Communion
6:30-7:30 First Kids*
6:30-7:30 Adult Discipleship Classes*
6:30-8:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal*

THURSDAY, Nov. 7th

5:00-6:00 Body & Soul Fitness
6:00-7:00 PTO
7:00-8:30 Faith Ringers Rehearsals*

FRIDAY, Nov. 8th

6:00-8:00 CEC Drive-In Movie

SATURDAY, Nov. 9th

9:00-2:00 Greg Jones Workshop

SUNDAY, Nov. 10th

Guest Preacher: Greg Jones

9:00-10:00 Waypoint Worship*
10:00-11:00 Sunday School*
10:00-11:00 Advent Conspiracy
11:00-12:00 Sanctuary Worship*
12:00-1:00 Faith Sisters UMW Circle
4:00-5:00 Missions Team Meeting
5:00-6:00 Advent Conspiracy
5:00-7:00 Youth

MONDAY, Nov. 11th

Veterans Day

5:30-6:30 TOPS Weight Loss
6:30-7:30 SPRC Meeting
7:00-9:00 Scouts

TUESDAY, Nov. 12th

6:30-7:30 Tuesday Bible Study
11:00-1:00 Pastoral Care Meeting
5:00-6:00 Body & Soul Fitness

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 13th

9:30-12:30 Quilters
5:00-6:30 Simple Supper: UMM
5:00-6:15 JuBELLation Ringers*
5:00-6:15 Youth: Tutoring
6:15-7:30 Youth
6:15-6:30 Holy Communion
6:30-7:30 First Kids*
6:30-7:30 Adult Discipleship Classes*
6:30-8:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal*

THURSDAY, Nov. 14th

5:00-6:00 Body and Soul Fitness
7:00-8:30 Faith Ringers Rehearsals*

FRIDAY, Nov. 15th - No Events

SAT. 16th - No Events

3:00-6:00 Fellowship SE class game day

SUNDAY, Nov. 17th

9:00-10:00 Waypoint Worship*
10:00-11:00 Sunday School*
10:00-11:00 Advent Conspiracy
11:00-12:00 Sanctuary Worship*
12:00-1:00 Trustee Meeting
2:00-3:00 Stewardship Meeting
4:00-5:00 Finance Meeting
5:00-6:00 Advent Conspiracy
5:00-7:00 Youth
6:00-7:00 Charge Conference
@St. James UMC

MONDAY, Nov. 18th

10:00-11:00 Jo Cruse UMW Circle
1:30-3:30 Nell Dyer UMW Circle
5:30-6:30 TOPS Weight Loss
7:00-9:00 Scouts

TUESDAY, Nov. 19th

6:30-7:30 Tuesday Bible Study
12:00-1:00 Alzheimer's Lunch and Learn
5:00-6:00 Body & Soul Fitness
5:30-6:30 UMW Leadership Team Meeting
6:15-7:15 CEC Board Meeting

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 20th

9:30-12:30 Quilters
5:00-6:30 Thanksgiving Dinner
5:00-6:15 JuBELLation Ringers*
6:15-7:30 Youth: Next Level
6:15-6:30 Holy Communion
6:30-7:30 First Kids*
6:30-7:30 Adult Discipleship Classes*
6:30-8:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal*

THURSDAY, Nov. 21st

5:00-6:00 Body & Soul Fitness
7:00-8:30 Faith Ringers Rehearsals*

FRI. 22nd & SAT. 23rd - No Events

SUNDAY, Nov. 24th

9:00-10:00 Waypoint Worship*
10:00-11:00 Sunday School*
10:00-11:00 Advent Conspiracy
11:00-12:00 Sanctuary Worship*
5:00-6:00 Advent Conspiracy
5:00-7:00 Youth

MONDAY, Nov. 25th

4:00-7:00 Broadway Bridge
5:30-6:30 TOPS Weight Loss Class
7:00-9:00 Scouts

TUESDAY, Nov. 26th

6:30-7:30 Tuesday Bible Study
5:00-6:00 Body & Soul Fitness

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 27th

9:30-12:30 Quilters
NO Wednesday Night Events
5:00-6:15 JuBELLation Ringers*
6:15-6:30 Holy Communion

THURSDAY, Nov. 28th

Thanksgiving Day
CEC and Church Closed



FRIDAY, Nov. 29th

Black Friday
CEC Closed

SAT. 30th - No Events

SUNDAY, December 1st **NEW ISSUE OF THE VINE**

9:00-10:00 Waypoint Worship*
10:00-11:00 Sunday School*
10:00-11:00 While We Wait (Advent Study)
11:00-12:00 Sanctuary Worship*
5:00-7:00 Youth

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP



"FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING" BY LINDA SWAYNE

A few key words and phrases sum up "The Faith of a Mockingbird" and what we discussed - brokenness, redemption, prejudice, the colorblind Lord's Table, fun and sad childhood memories, the mystery of God, our Heavenly Abba Father. We each wrote a brief takeaway from the six weeks' study. Here are some of our thoughts - "It was a great fellowship; this class was such a joy to discuss God's grace and mercy; prejudice is in everyone that has to be overcome; the book jump started conversations about how we relate to one another; it helped me realize how important worship is and that Holy Communion binds us together through the Holy Spirit." All in all, we agreed that Harper Lee's classic novel is relevant today, especially for Christians who have, as the Benedictine monk St. Anselm wrote in the 11th century, "faith seeking understanding."

DISCIPLESHIP IS LIKE BAKING SODA IN A COBLER, WITHOUT IT WE FALL FLAT!

NOV 3-DEC 24



10:00-10:50AM
FELLOWSHIP HALL
5:00-6:00PM
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DEAN OF DUKE DIVINITY SCHOOL

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DEC. 1-22
WHILE WE WAIT

Living the Questions of Advent

5:00 pm-6:00pm
Meets in the Parlor
Led by Elizabeth Mayfield-Hart

Sometimes we struggle to believe we'll experience anything new as Advent comes around. **What could we possibly learn that we haven't seen or heard before?** If you're looking for an Advent study of a different slant, this one offers **new ways of connecting** the story with your own questions of faith and approaches an all-too-familiar narrative from perspectives we may have missed. You'll read about biblical figures mentioned in passing in the "original" Advent. Somewhat surprisingly, **Tamar, Ruth, Mary, Zechariah, Elizabeth and the Magi** ask questions that resonate with contemporary Christians. This study offers a unique perspective on the events of Christmas. **What are the questions you bring to God this season?**

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

When asked, "Where did you see God in the Craft Bazaar?", **Gail Hagen** answered, "The faces of everyone who helped. It was a lot of hard work but we knew we were working to help God's people."

The United Methodist Women would like to everyone for participating in the annual Craft Bazaar and Chili Supper. The event was a great success totaling **\$4,790.00** to go to missions! (Specific missions still to be determined.)



Q&A with BETTY GOODSON

Q: Why did you join?

A: To be included in UMW's Mission which concentrates on women, children, and youth here in our community, and throughout the world!

Q: Why do you want others to join?

A: To learn about the mission of UMW and the impact it has on our world and to enjoy fellowship with other Christians women who want to make a difference.

Q: What's your favorite thing about being in UMW!

A: Learning about the many different ways our missions make a difference. Christians want to make our world a better place and UMW shows us ways to do that. I also love the fact that our mission money actually goes to mission and not administrative expenses.

Q: How can someone get connected?

A: Join a circle, attend a Unit Meeting, ask a member. There are no requirements, obligations, or formal procedures to become a member.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH

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MINI BAZAAR

CORRESPONDING WITH THE CHURCH WIDE
THANKSGIVING DINNER

CIRCLE INFORMATION

FAITH SISTERS

CINDY BALLARD 501-766-5771
CLSHAW2007@GMAIL.COM
NOV. 10TH AT 12PM - PARLOR

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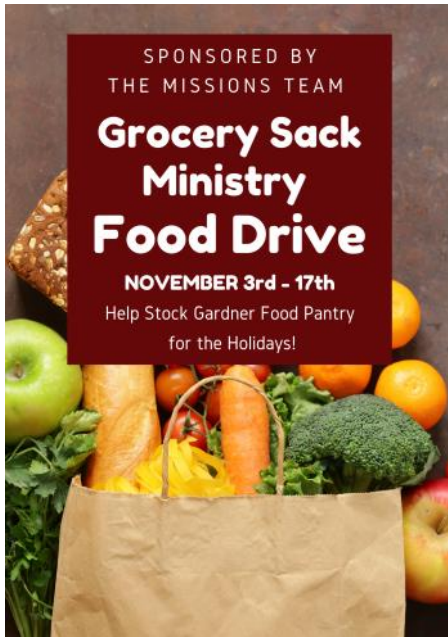
MARY ANN CUNNINGHAM
501-834-7599
10AM
3RD MONDAY OF THE MONTH

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LYNN TADLOCK 501-834-4835
LTADLOCK@COMCAST.NET
1:30PM
3RD MONDAY OF THE MONTH

Want to Join UMW, but don't know which circle (small group to join?) Feel free to ask any UMW member or email mturner@gmail.com! It may be time to start a new circle! Are you interested?

ALL IN FOR NLRFCUMC



MISSION: The world isn't as it's supposed to be. God has a vision for our world in which the hungry are fed, the homeless have shelter, the naked are clothed, and no child or adult goes without their basic needs. This is on Christ's mind...and our mind. For into the brokenness and need of the world, God has called North Little Rock FUMC!

CHILDREN AND YOUTH: Children and youth are a vital part of the Church now and they are the leaders of the Church. Let's invest in our young people by providing life-changing encounters with Jesus Christ, supporting and encouraging parents, and being the Church we want them to one day be.



WORSHIP: Worship is the most important thing we do in our church. It's when we are transformed by the hearing the story of God and celebrating God at work in our lives and the world. So let's go all in knowing this has the power to transform lives and if our lives then our communities, and if our communities then the world!

DISCIPLESHIP: Strong churches are made up of strong, faithful Christians. We grow in our faithfulness as we spend time devoted to the apostles' teaching, praying, and fellowshiping with other Christians. So, let's be the strongest Church we can be by devoting ourselves to growing our own faith through our discipleship!



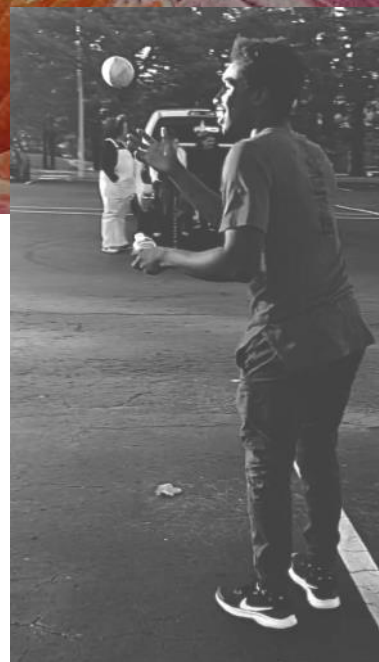
YOUTH



This past month the Youth took a trip to the Corn Maze in Mayflower!



Estimated Pumpkin Patch SALES = \$5,500



Thank you to all the Youth that took the plunge in the Dunk Tank at Harvest Party!

LILY MILLER



Lily Miller is a precious gem in our Youth! She has lots of talents and is a rising leader in our group of girls. Her love for our church and youth group shows through her determination to invite and bring her friends! We love when we see our Youth proclaiming Christ by invitation! When asked, "What's one word that describes our youth group", she answered, "loving!"

Q: Who inspires you?

A: My art teacher.

Q: What 2 things does Steven always ask the Youth to remember?

A: "I will be your God and you will be my people." "You are wonderfully and fearfully made."



The Youth made it clear they wanted to do a haunted houseand they showed up! We took 27 kids!



PRAYER

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." | Thessalonians 5:16-18

As we prepare to observe Thanksgiving Day may we take time to consider all the many blessings we enjoy daily, name them, and give thanks to our Heavenly Father for each and every one.

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Social Butterfly of the Month:

Tiffany Beard

I WANT TO TAKE THIS SPACE TO THANK OUR SOCIAL BUTTERFLY! SHE HAS GONE ABOVE AND BEYOND TO LIKE, SHARE, & POST ABOUT OUR CHURCH ON HER PAGE!

PROCLAIMING CHRIST IS IN OUR MISSION STATEMENT; THIS BUTTERFLY HAS DEFINITELY SHOWN CHRIST TO HER FRIENDS AND FAMILY THROUGH HER PAGE AND OURS!



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