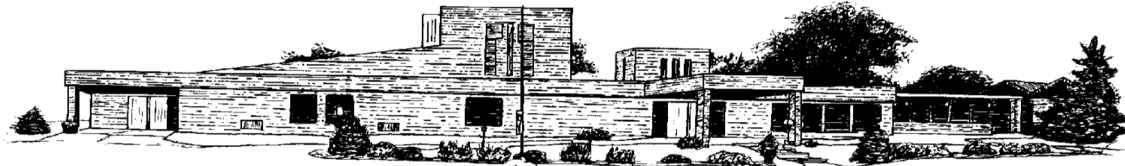


THE PARISH PAPER



November 2023

Churubusco United Methodist Church



"Deep Roots, Wide Branches"

Warm Hearts. Warm Feet. Warm Hands.

As the chill of November sets in, many of us are preparing for the upcoming winter/holiday season by stocking up on items that help keep us warm and cozy.

However, not everyone has the privilege of staying warm during the cold months. This November, let's come together as a church to make a difference by collecting new or gently used socks, hats, and gloves for our local homeless shelters. By doing so, we can embody Jesus' life and teachings of service and giving.

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." - Mark 10:45 (NIV)

Throughout the month of November, we invite you to donate new or gently used socks, hats, and gloves to support those in need within our community. Your generosity will provide warmth and comfort to those who are less fortunate during the harsh winter months. Every contribution, no matter how small, can make a significant difference in the lives of our homeless neighbors.

You are welcome to drop off donations at the church by the lounge during the month or save them for a special Sunday on **November 26**. During both services, worshippers will have the opportunity to bring their donations forward **by throwing them at the pastors**. Yes, you read that correctly. You will be invited to throw your donated items at the pastors during each service. The donations will be picked up after each service and then distributed to local shelters.

This will not be a Sunday to sleep in!

Let's make this November a month of warmth, compassion, and community. By participating in our socks, hats, and gloves drive, you not only provide tangible support to those experiencing homelessness, but also embody the gospel of Jesus through service and giving. Together, we can make a significant difference in the lives of our less fortunate neighbors, and inspire hope and warmth on the coldest of days.

Grace and Peace,
PJ

NOVEMBER Worship Schedule

8:15 (Hymnal/Organ) and 10:30 a.m. (Praise Band)

8:15 a.m.—Traditional Worship

*10:30 a.m.—Contemporary Worship

Children's Church & Nursery Available

@ 10:30 a.m. Service

*Livestreamed on Facebook



REMINDER:
Daylight Savings
Time ends
Sunday, Nov. 5
at 2:00 a.m.



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NewsLetter DEADLine

DECEMBER 2023 Newsletter Articles need submitted by the **THIRD Sunday in NOVEMBER:**

Sunday, November 19, 2023

Give articles for newsletter to the church office or email: cumc99@aol.com.

Support Our Food Pantry

The **Last Sunday** of this month you have a chance to...

Be a blessing by donating

CEREAL

on Sunday, November 26, 2023

Find us on social media:



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Churubusco United Methodist Church

Ambassadors of the Gospel:
The Congregation

Staff

Pastor: Rev. John Huff

8:15 Music Director: Mindy Cox

10:30 Music Director: Aaron Childress

Accompanists: Carmen Fitzpatrick,
Rosalie Geller, & Rolin Mains

Office Manager: Jennifer Meyer

Secretary: Rita Ransom

Building Superintendent: Keith Shultz

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Nursery School Co-Directors:

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Zoie Tonkel

Volunteers that process the newsletters for mailing each month include:

Shirley Fleming

Rita Ransom

Gloria Parish

Kathy Klein

Please let us know if you would like to start receiving your monthly newsletter through email instead of the U.S. Postal Mail.

Also available on the church's website:
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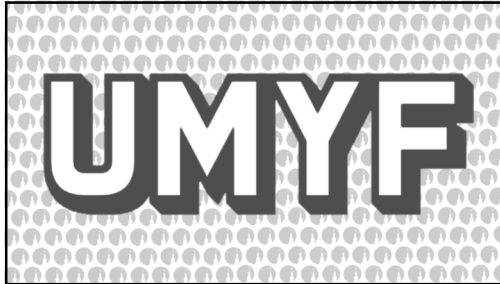


HISTORY OF THE “JESUS” LAMP

When the church was built, the fellowship wall between the two kitchen doors was covered with a type of material. Then there were vertical boards placed every 6 or 7 inches apart over the material reaching from floor to ceiling.

The material over the years became hard to keep clean so it was decided to remove the boards and covering and replace it with plasterboard.

The boards from that wall were used to make the lamp, including the letters, Jesus.



CALLING ALL YOUTH!
YOUTH FELLOWSHIP
(UMYF)
6TH-12TH GRADERS
MEETS ON SUNDAYS
AT 9:30 A.M.
IN THE YOUTH ROOM.
JOIN US!!

Hanging of the Greens



The 2023 Festival of the Hanging of the Greens

will again be presented on
 Sunday, December 3
 at 4:30 p.m.

We will be celebrating Christmas with your favorite traditional music and adding new elements for your holiday enjoyment.

If you would like to participate, there are many areas open where we could use your help. Background support volunteers, can bake cookies, sew and fit costumes, help decorate the church, provide child care, or become members of the live Nativity. Please contact Tami Towns or Pastor John with questions.

Please plan to attend and bring your extended family and friends. The reward for the work that goes into this beautiful and meaningful production is the enjoyment by a large group of attendees.



Open Hands Ministry

This is a group for adults of all ages. We will focus on adult community, spiritual growth, and hands that seek to serve our church, our community and our world.

2024 Mission Trip: The initial plans are established for the 2024 Mission Trip. This is for youth (grades 6-12) and adults. We will be traveling to Dayspring Native American UMC (East Peoria, IL) where we will be working on their worship facility. Dayspring is located on a 42 wooded acre lot in the middle of a city. They have approximately 30 regular congregants. They worship Creator (Father, Jesus, Holy Spirit) using Native American music, drums, and ceremony as a way of connecting, praying and praising. Plan to attend the next mission Trip meeting to get more details. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hall way. See Wendy Herendeen for more details.

Some of the work needed at Dayspring: Insulation and drywall, organizing craft room, organizing building supply room, lay bricks for patio, rock landscape, build water barrel system, install doors, install lowered ceiling.

Mission Trip Meeting: Nov 20, 2023: 5:30 – 6:30 pm in Seekers Classroom: This is open to anyone (youth and adults) interested in learning more about the Mission Trip for 2024. Come to hear how you can be a part of this team!

December 22, 2023: Blessed Portions (Serving the homeless in Fort Wayne): We will be providing a meal for approximately 70 – 80 people. We are requesting Donations. Please drop these items off in the Box marked "Blessed Portions" near the Mission's Board in the hallway. Reusable "cloth" Grocery Bag filled with: (gallon size ziploc bag with: wash cloth, soap, hand sanitizer, hand warmers, hand wipes, \$5 gift card (fast food), any other goods you may want to include. We would like to take 80 bags.

Other items that can be donated: sleeping bags, 2 person tents: Men's (L and XL) sweatshirts, coats, jeans, gloves, hats, socks. Women's gloves, socks & hats. (these items don't need to be new – gently used is acceptable and appreciated). We would also like to take Homemade cookies (2 per baggie). If you have interest in baking cookies, please let Wendy Herendeen know prior to Friday, December 22.



GIVE THANKS & GIVE BACK IN NOVEMBER GIVE BLOOD AT CUMC ON NOVEMBER 9, 1P-6P

THE TIME TO
GIVE BLOOD
IS NOW

Patients are counting on the generosity of volunteer blood donors! All who come to give blood at our Red Cross Blood Drive will be rewarded with a \$10 e-gift card for lunch on the Red Cross! They'll also be entered to win a \$5,000 gift card.

You can sign up to donate online at REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG <<http://redcrossblood.org/>>, by phone at 1-800-REDCROSS or contact Carol Allman at (812) 701-0577.

Children And Family Ministries 2023



NURSERY SCHOOL
NOVEMBER NOTES 2023
"We Give Thanks"

DATES TO REMEMBER

PICTURE DAY- Picture Day is on Friday, November 3rd. Heirloom Images will be taking both group and individual photos. It is a pre-pay package. Pictures will be back in time for Christmas.

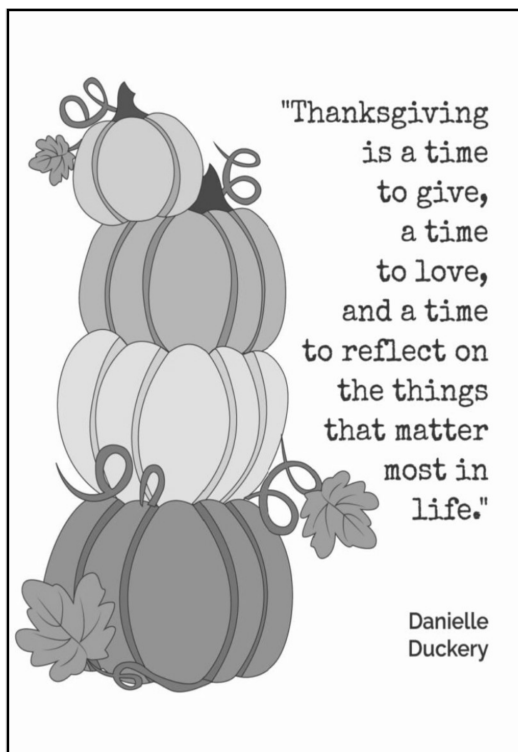
DAD'S NIGHT - Monday, November 13. Invitations will be sent at a later date.

THANKSGIVING FEAST- Monday, November 20 will be our Feast. We will be wearing our Pilgrim and Indian costumes on Feast Day. Our menu will be turkey, cornbread, corn, popcorn and butter. (All of which we make ourselves)

THANKSGIVING BREAK- NO SCHOOL ON NOVEMBER 22ND AND 24TH.

**A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO
PARTICIPATED IN OUR "LITTLE STEPS FOR
LEARNING" WALKATHON!**
WE RAISED OVER \$2,000!!!

Nursery School Staff



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Updated lists are on the bulletin board
- we have some new additions
(Including McDonald's) -
Check them out! You can leave an
order with the office, or call
Bev Huntsman 260-413-2344
to place an order.

*A percentage of each card goes to
Children and Youth Ministries.*

Kid's Activity Page



Handicrafts can spark appreciation for simple items. Weave this basket as a gift.

What you need:

- Paper plate
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Yarn (different colors)

What you do:

1. In the center of the plate, trace something round. Draw 9 lines (evenly spaced) from the circle to the plate's edge.
2. Cut along each line, stopping at the center circle. Trim more of the plate off so the cuts make a gradual V shape.
3. Fold the plate's sides upward to form basket sides. Keep these upright as you weave a bowl-shaped basket.
4. Begin weaving a length of yarn at the circle's base. Hold the end of the yarn in place as you spread the length over and under each side of the plate.
5. Switch colors to make a pattern. Keep the yarn tight as you weave up the sides.
6. To finish, bend down any remaining paper. Leave a tail of yarn and tuck it under a woven portion. Share your craft with a friend!

PUZZLE

THANKS-FILLED GIVING

The virtues of gratefulness and generosity are connected. When we're truly thankful for all God provides, we want to sow generous seeds in other people's lives. What will be the harvest?

Directions: Solve the clues associated with each picture. Then write the words in the correct spaces to complete 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, NIV.

This becomes a plant _____



Willing to give _____

The result of planting seeds _____



The act of gratitude _____

Food made from wheat _____



Now he who supplies _____ to the sower and _____ for food will also



supply and increase your store of _____ and will enlarge the _____



of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be

_____ on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result



in _____ to God. 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, NIV



Answers: seed, bread, harvest, generous, thanksgiving



United Women in Faith

KEEP IN MIND THAT ALL LADIES OF THE CHURCH—YOUNG, SENIORS AND THOSE IN BETWEEN ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT MEETINGS—FRIENDS TOO.



Prayer Calendar

I have celebrated God's faithfulness in my life and calling, as I wake up each morning, thanking God for a new day to share in the joy of missions. I love to meet new friends who may become volunteers in a variety of areas around the world and in my community. I try to open people's eyes to the immediate needs in their neighborhoods—whether it's providing paper products to a pantry, or buying bus tickets to help someone get to and from work. Sometimes it's even just calling up or texting someone to say that you are thinking about them. Sometimes it is advocacy. We never know how small or big gestures can have an impact today or in the future. Go and serve the Lord with thanksgiving every day!

Katie Peterson, Order of Deaconess and Home Missioner, Church and Community Worker, Director of Eastbrook Mission Barn, New Castle, Pennsylvania

The United Women in Faith (UWF) gathering will be held on Wednesday, November 8 at 9:00 a.m. in the church lounge. We'll be signing and sending Thanksgiving cards to our shut-ins and preparing snack bags for college students. We will also have a short program about the Thank Offering—please bring your offering with you! Devotions: Jen Huff; Refreshments: Fran Adams.

Saturday, November 11 is the N.E. District of UWF Mini School / Officer Enrichment. The speaker is our own Rev. Jen Huff, Mission Coordinator for the Indiana Conference. **Morning Event Only.** Her topic will be: Living the Kin-dom. Our UWF will be paying the \$5 registration fee. Please let Denise Geller, Marna Morris, or Gloria Parish know if you can attend by **Wednesday, November 1.** Registration forms are on the UWF bulletin board. We'll be leaving the church at 8:30 a.m. and return around 12:30 p.m.

From our October gathering, Gloria Parish gave a program about our beloved hymn, In the Garden. It was written in 1912 by Austin Miles who was a pharmacist and then became a song writer and editor in 1892. In the Garden appears in 220 hymnals. He wrote 396 songs and music to most of them. His hobby was photography and he studied his Bible in the darkroom. She read the first part of John 20 where Mary Magdalene went to Jesus' tomb and found it empty with the linen cloths left in the tomb. Relating to these cloths: Every young Jewish boy learns at a young age from the Master of the house that when guests leave a wadded up napkin, it signifies they are finished; a folded napkin means, "I'm coming back!"



**Please come and join us for:
"OPEN DOORS" FELLOWSHIP MEAL
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2023 @ 5:30-6:30 P.M.**

**Children's activities will be 6:00-6:30 p.m.
Everyone is welcome, so invite family, friends,
and neighbors to join you for food & fellowship.**

Upcoming Dates: December 13, January 17, February 21, March 20



FISHES & LOAVES FOOD MINISTRY WORKING IN MANY WAYS

The Fishes & Loaves ministry is so Blessed to be able to help the food needs of many, many families in our community and outlying areas thru the weekly food pantry visits (approx. 20 - 25 families weekly) and the Bi-weekly Drive-Thru Giveaway (approx. 100 - 130 families every other week) and being able to share food and supplies with several other ministries throughout our church.

To do this, it takes many volunteers doing many tasks each week, for which we are very blessed to have 30+ volunteers that help somewhere almost each week.

It takes donations both in food and cash for which we are also blessed. Thank you for many of our church family who give donations as a part of your church giving, once in a while, or regularly -- it all helps so much! We also receive gifts from community churches and businesses. All of these donations are so important to keep this ministry effective as many, many are in need!

We even receive from those who want to help others anonymously. This is a note we recently received in a "no return address" envelope to the church office - "God blessed us during our garage sale. Your food bank brings some hope to those in need. We hope this helps in your blessing of others. God bless you all." Also, in the envelope was a Money Order (with no name on it) for \$1,000! GOD IS SO GOOD!!

Praise God for the blessings we see thru this ministry -- not only in supplying food, but giving a smile, or a listening ear by one of the volunteers, baby items we receive from Target to help young moms or B.A.B.E., Target toys we share with Toys for Tots for area Christmas needs, and many other little "God Things" we see almost daily and weekly in the ministry!

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELP IN SOOO MANY WAYS TO TOUCH SOOO MANY LIVES!
GOD BLESS THIS GREAT CHURCH FAMILY!!**



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MIKE RADKE
BRIAN PARISH
JEFF BOWER**

*The above names were listed in the
prayer book for OCTOBER.*



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awesome community!



Valerie Cooper	11/01
Andrea Aung	11/02
Fran Adams	11/03
John Barrett	11/03
Debbie Linn	11/06
Pat Ingram	11/09
Kelsy Listenberger	11/11
Nancy Zeigler	11/11
Norma Crabill	11/12
Frank Kessler	11/12
Summer Schnurr	11/12
Ashlynn Chester	11/14
Cliff Cornewell	11/15
Debbie Imbody	11/15
Joyce Yaney	11/15
Cynthia Fletcher	11/16
Devin Clark	11/19
Debra Uecker	11/19
Deryan Gordon	11/20
Holli Seabury	11/20
Ian Fleming	11/22
Mike Miller	11/22
Sharon Whittaker	11/22
Bob Amber	11/24
Tracy Sarrazin	11/24
Ron Drudge	11/28
Suzi Weible	11/29

Please take time to wish
those with NOVEMBER birthdays
a "Happy Birthday!"

September 2023

THANK YOU SOOO MUCH FOR ALL WHO HAD A PART IN THE
NEW FLOORING FOR THE FOOD PANTRY THIS FALL!!

TYLER SWOVERLAND for gifting the tile
And

GRANITE RIDGE BUILDERS for remembering us on Day of Caring
by allowing your employees to remove old, old carpeting and install new tile --
employees working hard and doing beautiful job --
Stephanie Schnurr, Timmy McDonald, Tim Christlieb and Josh Thomas.



IT LOOKS AMAZING!! GOD BLESS ALL INVOLVED!



CUMC Fishes & Loaves Ministry Team

**Save the date:**

for next year's *Trunk and Treasures* sale June 1, 2024.

Join us: we would love to have input and help to make the sale even better next year-all are welcome to the next planning meeting November 2, 2023 from 5:30-6:30pm in the lower level classroom.

Questions: ask Michele Sade, Wendy Herendeen, Marna Morris or Denise Geller.

Hope to see you there.

**We're
thankful
for you!**



- ❖ Saying "THANK YOU" seems so simple, so routine, but I don't know how else to say how much I appreciated the cards, and your attendance at Dallas' viewing and service. Thank you, Gloria Parish
- ❖ Pastor John & Staff,
Thank you for all the kindness and love you gave to our family with Beulah's passing. She taught me so much. May God continue to bless your work. Thank you, Rex and Nancy Allman
- ❖ Thank you to the "Open Hands" Ministry Group and anyone else that worked on the church lounge. It looks wonderful!

~ ~ ~
**MAY
MY PRAYERS
TO YOU, O GOD,
BEGIN FROM A PLACE
OF THANKSGIVING,
RECOGNIZING
YOUR COUNTLESS
GIFTS.**
~ ~ ~



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Thanksgiving Blessings to:

Worship Opportunities

8:15 a.m. Sunday Worship (Hymnal/Organ)

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship (Praise Band)



NOVEMBER 2023



November 5, 2022

All Saints' Sunday is a time to intentionally give thanks for all the saints that have gone on before us and rejoice that they are now part of the Cloud of Witnesses that cheer us on in our course of Faith.

We invite you to join us for either worship service as a candle is lit, a bell is tolled and the names of the honored dead that died in the last year from this congregation are remembered.



Decorating the church for Christmas requires many hands.

If you are available to help, anytime between the hours of 5:00-8:00 p.m., on Monday, November 27th, your time would be appreciated.

Thank you!