



E-News

For the Week of
November 1

This Sunday: All Saints' Day & Holy Communion

One of the great tributes of the church is the day we read out the names of our members who have died. As we did last year, each person in worship will be able to stand after the name is read if they remember the person or were touched by their life. Family members will be invited to come forward and light a candle in their memory. A special insert has been prepared listing the names of church members who have died in the past twelve months and also members of our extended family who have died. There will be a time of silence to remember all our lost loved ones.

We will also be sharing in the sacrament of Holy Communion. We will be doing the distribution slightly differently this time as we try to make the process as safe and healthy for everyone. We are asking all worshipers to use an anti-bacterial as they come into worship this week.

On the theme of All Saints, the scripture reading is the story of the resurrection of Lazarus. My meditation is entitled, "Jesus: The Resurrection and the Life." I hope you will join us for this important service.

Oh, and get some sleep. Reset your clocks to add an hour to your resting. Then get up and come to church all refreshed.



Church News:

Harvest Dinner This Coming Friday - **Reminder**

The Harvest Dinner, is coming up Friday, November 6 from 4:30 to 7:30 PM in the fellowship hall. You may purchase tickets for sit-down dining, or carry-out dining. Tickets are on sale now at worship on Sundays, and by coming by the church office. We encourage you to take tickets to your office and sell them to your co-workers, friends and neighbors. Some limited sales may occur at the door depending upon advance sales. If you are willing to sell tickets to your friends call **Anne and Lew Buckler**. The Menu is: Country ham, smoked ham, turkey, dressing, gravy, green beans, kale, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, rolls, and dessert. Price: \$16 for adults, \$5 for children 6-10, free for children 5 and under.

Next Sunday Recognizes Veterans & Active Duty Military - **NEW**

We have a number of people in our congregation who have served or are serving in the military. Active duty personnel are asked to wear their uniforms so that we may honor you. Retired personnel and veterans are invited to wear their uniforms too if you can fit into it, and if not, perhaps you will be able to wear a cap or jacket. Either way we will have our military folks stand and be recognized on this Sunday before Veterans Day.

New Members to Join Next Sunday Too - **Update**

The list is coming along nicely. We should have somewhere in the neighborhood of 18-20 people becoming members of our church next Sunday. Some will join at 8:30 and some at the 11:00 service. Those of you still contemplating joining, and even those of you who have decided already, please contact me, so I can get you directions to our home, as Dawn and I will be hosting a New Members Party and Orientation at our home Saturday night, the 7th, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM.

Upcoming Opportunities:

In Need of a Data Entry Volunteer - **Again**

It isn't difficult but it is time-consuming. Data entry is never fun, but we have to blend together two huge databases and there's no way to be able to do it electronically. The data must be entered by hand. Christa needs a volunteer or two who would be willing to be trained and then give a number of hours perhaps 20 or 30 hours over some period of time. It is better to have one or two volunteers be trained, than to have to train 10 or 12 volunteers to work just a few hours. If you are comfortable with computers, and are willing to do a repeated, fairly non-challenging task of typing in names, addresses, phone numbers, birthdays, baptisms, etc., then please call **Christa Bartlett** at the church. Call her at 301-934-2288.

ABR Circle Prepares for Harvest Dinner at November 5 Meeting - **Reminder**

November 5th regular ABR Circle meeting will not have the regular program and refreshments so the members can help prepare for the annual Harvest Dinner that will take place November 6th. Members will meet in the church fellowship hall at 10 a.m., have a brief meeting regarding the Nov. 14th Annual Craft and Bake Sale and the December 3rd Christmas Brunch, and then help were needed to prepare for the dinner. We ask all ABR Circle members to come and help with this important church project and enjoy the wonderful fellowship! Don't forget to buy your tickets for family and friends.

Searching For Crafts & Baked Goods for November 14 - **Still Looking**

Members of the La Plata UMW Creative Circle are preparing gifts for their craft table at the UMW Holiday Craft and Bake Sale on the 14th. We know that many UMW members make craft items and we are asking for homemade donations to be added to our assortment of holiday gifts. Money from the sale of these items will be donated to the UMW Global Missions project to improve the lives of children throughout the world. What a great way to celebrate the holidays! Contact **Carolyn Rogers**, 301-934-3157 or cdrogers3@verizon.net, to make arrangements for donating.

Sign-Up sheets will be passed in the congregation at the November 1st and 8th church services for you to sign-up to donate baked goods for the annual UMW Bake Sale. Cakes, Pies, Cookies, Breads, Rolls, Candy, etc. that can be enjoyed immediately or wrapped for the freezer should be brought to the church fellowship hall on Friday, Nov. 13th, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., so UMW members can price each item and organize them for sale Saturday morning when the Bake Sale begins at 9 a.m. **Mark your calendar to attend the November 14th UMW Craft and Bake Sale to begin your holiday shopping – and tell your friends and neighbors!**

Reporters Requested - **NEW**

I am looking for a couple of folks who enjoy writing and who might like to serve as reporters to help gather and write stories for our monthly newsletter and the E-News. There are far more stories that need to be told, but Christa and I simply don't have the time to follow up on all the possible leads. If you think this might be fun, and it would only take a couple of hours per month, please contact Christa or me in the church office.

Joint Community Thanksgiving Service - **NEW**

On Sunday night, November 22 at 7:00 PM, our church is hosting a Thanksgiving Worship Service shared with Metropolitan UMC, Indian Head UMC, St. Matthew's UMC and perhaps others. As I was honored to be asked to speak at Metropolitan on Maundy Thursday, this time we are inviting **Rev. George Hackey** to bring the inspiring message that night. George is a great speaker and you will enjoy the fine music and energy of our worship that night. It will definitely get you in the mood for giving thanks.

Our People News:

Prayer Requests & Updates:

An urgent plea for prayers on behalf of **Holli Hempel White** continues to go out. She has been moved to Washington Hospital Center where she continues in a coma and to be listed as critical, but she is also not rated as "stable" which is huge. She is undergoing all kinds of treatments. You may keep up with her progress as you pray for her by joining the group "Pray for Holli White" on Facebook.

Ginger Jones is having a second surgery today to clear up an infection after having heart bypass surgery earlier. She is recovering from the heart surgery, minus this complication. Please keep Ginger in your prayers too.

Celebrations & Congratulations:

Nancy Gasparovic just received a new granddaughter this week on Wednesday at 1:30 AM. Her name is Milena Brook Gasparovic, born to Nancy's son Ladd and his wife Stephanie. She weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz. Ladd's best friend since grade school Craig Heurich and his wife Alison also had a first child just 12 hours before Ladd & Stephanie's baby was born. Still doing things together.

Vital Statistics

Worship Attendance

Oct 4	235
Oct 11	259
Oct 18	226
Oct 25	273

Offerings Collected

Oct 4	\$7,809.00
Oct 11	\$7,320.50
Oct 18	\$7,105.15
Oct 25	\$6,564.25

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Friday, October 30

Kevin Robbins
Kaitlyn Havens
Amanda Robbins

Saturday, Oct. 31

Lennis Bridgett
Richard Reckeweg
John & Sherry

Hastings

Sunday, Nov. 1

Sherry Wright

Monday, Nov. 2

Catie Boggs (15)
Wil Nelson
Catherine Rogers

Knepp

Ronald Jacks

Carol & Warren Teets

Tuesday, Nov. 3

Helen Sullivan
Tina McCormick

Wednesday, Nov. 4

John & Tina
Donaldson

Thursday, Nov. 5

Susan Matteson

Friday, Nov. 6

John Sullivan

Sunday, Nov. 8

Alex Donaldson (19)
Heather Baker (29)