

**Serve Jesus Christ, Learn, Love, Witness, Support**  
**Staves Memorial United Methodist Church**

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**Giving Thanks to God**

As we approach Thanksgiving and then, shortly thereafter, the end of 2021, we are reminded of the many blessings that God has given to us. The question that we should be asking is, "How do we begin to thank God for all that He has done and continues to do for us?" High on our lists of things to thank our Heavenly Father for should be our new lives in Christ. In spite of our sinful ways, God demonstrated His awesome love for us by sending His only Son to the Cross on our behalf. We certainly will also thank Him for our families as well as our material blessings. How blessed we are that God provides for all that we need to sustain our lives, and, through faith that He provides, He will give us life forever with Him.

I want to suggest another wonderful blessing for us that we should always give thanks for and that is God's faithfulness to us. As the prophet Jeremiah wrote, "The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness" (Lamentations 3:22-23). God's faithfulness to us never wavers, even though we waiver in our faithfulness to Him.

Because of God's faithfulness to us, God has blessed us so we can be a blessing to others. Recognizing our blessings are so freely given to us causes us to want to share our blessings. Through faith, we willingly "share with God's people who are in need" (Romans 12:13). "Christ's love compels us" (2 Corinthians 5:14) to respond to the needs of others, both physical and spiritual needs. Through the working of the Holy Spirit, we become channels through which God works.

Those who are a blessing to others reflect and live with an attitude that is described as "an attitude of gratitude." To live with "an attitude of gratitude," means we truly understand that God is the source of all blessings. Understanding God's grace, love, and mercy, we are motivated to live lives which reflect our gratitude for what God is doing in our lives.



## November Birthdays

Nancy Walker	11/01
Arlene Keller	11/08
De Streeter	11/12
Jean Miles	11/13
Jody Peters	11/14
Marilyn Ogle	11/17
Sally Spaulding	11/17
Jean Alterman	11/18
Harry Arnold	11/21
Beverly Baker	11/29



## November Calendar

1 <sup>st</sup>	TOPS Club	5:15 p.m.
	UMW Group	6:30 p.m.
3 <sup>rd</sup>	DORCAS Circle	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
	Bell Choir	5:30 p.m.
	Cantata Practice	6:30 p.m.
	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
4 <sup>th</sup>	Craft Group	5:00 p.m.
5 <sup>th</sup>	China Painters (Koinonia Room)	9:30 a.m.
	Church Women United General Meeting.	
	Fellowship Hall and Kitchen	
		10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
6 <sup>th</sup>	Jennie Gervais Music Fraternity Meeting	
	(Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall)	
		8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>COMMUNION SUNDAY</b>	
	Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
	Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
	Fellowship Time	11:00 a.m.

8 <sup>th</sup>	TOPS Club	5:15 p.m.
	Trustee's Meeting	7:00 p.m.
9 <sup>th</sup>	Covenant Group	1:00 p.m.
	SPRC	6:30 p.m.
10 <sup>th</sup>	Bell Choir	5:30 p.m.
	Cantata Practice	6:30 p.m.
	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
	Ad Council	7:15 p.m.
11 <sup>th</sup>	Craft Group	5:00 p.m.
12 <sup>th</sup>	Stamp Club	7:00 p.m.
13 <sup>th</sup>	Food Pantry	2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>UMW Day (All worship service volunteers are UMW members.) Will also present the recognition pins and provide a surprise during fellowship.</b>	
	Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
	Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
	Fellowship Time	11:00 a.m.
	<b>Ladies after Fellowship</b> there will be a salad lunch, a program presented by Nancy Walker and the installation of the UMW 2022 officers.	
15 <sup>th</sup>	TOPS Club	5:15 p.m.
17 <sup>th</sup>	Bell Choir	5:30 p.m.
	Cantata Practice	6:30 p.m.
	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
	<b>No Education Meeting</b>	
18 <sup>th</sup>	Craft Group	5:00 p.m.
19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CALLER DEADLINE</b>	
20 <sup>th</sup>	Michelle Collier (Robby's daughter) Baby Shower. (Fellowship Hall and Kitchen)	
		10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
21 <sup>st</sup>	Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
	Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
	Fellowship Time	11:00 a.m.
22 <sup>nd</sup>	TOPS Club	5:15 p.m.
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Covenant Group	1:00 p.m.
24 <sup>th</sup>	Bell Choir	5:30 p.m.
	Cantata Practice	6:30 p.m.
	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY</b>	
27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Eve Circle Meeting</b>	
	Food Pantry	2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
	Community Meal	5:00 p.m.
28 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
	Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
	Fellowship Time	11:00 a.m.
29 <sup>th</sup>	TOPS Club	5:15 p.m.

## Staves' Sandy McNamar Food Pantry

### DONATIONS THAT WOULD BE APPRECIATED ARE:

Soda Crackers  
Soup  
Cereal  
Mac & Cheese  
Canned Meat  
Cookies  
Cake/Brownie Mixes



### FOOD PANTRY UPDATES

In State Fiscal Year 2021  
(July 2020 through June 2021)  
The food pantry served:

174 families  
670 people

We received 4,358 pounds of food.  
We provided 3,761 pounds of food.

So far in State Fiscal Year 2022  
(July 2021 through June 2022)  
We have served:

39 families  
144 people

We have received 1,284 pounds of food.  
We have provided 992 pounds of food.

Terri Pollard

## Crafts, Conversation & Chow

Come join other women for a night of Crafting, Conversation, and Chow—*Free of Charge.*

Bring a project to work on and a dish to share, or simply come to connect with other women. We meet at the church every Thursday starting at 5 p.m. If you have a craft you'd like to learn, let us know so we can find the right person to help you learn.

If you have further questions, please contact Jennifer McDonald at (515)-314-4761.

## For the Lions Club, Save Your Eye Glasses, Hearing Aids, Postage Stamps & Can Tabs

### SAVE YOUR USED EYEGASSES AND HEARING AIDS

The Lion's Club collects used eyeglasses and hearing aids. Even if the hearing aid doesn't work, they can use it for parts. Bring these items anytime during the year to the church.

You may place them in the designated basket marked "Used Eye Glasses," located by the mailboxes in the narthex.

## **POSTAL HISTORY FOUNDATION**

The Postal History Foundation is an educational program where a group of volunteers collect stamps for teachers and students nationwide.

Please continue to place any stamps you may have in the basket by the mailboxes in the narthex. For any questions, please contact Dennis Crabtree at 515-261-7165.

## **SAVE YOUR ALUMINUM CAN TABS:**

The Lion's Club is collecting tabs off of all aluminum cans for the Ronald McDonald House. Save your can tabs and put them in an envelope or baggie marked "Tabs" and put in the same white basket in the narthex marked "Postage Stamps."

**Continue to Remember  
in Our Prayers**

## **Our Members in Care Facilities:**

**Virginia Moore** (Prairie Vista Village Rehab Center), **Gerry Langland** (Valley View Village), and **Edna Rinard** at Edencrest at Riverwoods.

## **Our Homebound Members**

**Roberta Traviss**

**Madelyn Morey** (in MO with her daughter)

## **Our Ill, Hospitalized or Recovering Members:**

**Arlene Keller** (in MO with daughter)

**Theresa Garrison**

## **MEETINGS**

**EVE CIRCLE** will NOT meet in November and December.

Sherry Palmer 515-991-1062.

## **UMW**

All circles are meeting. Check the "Caller Calendar" or weekly bulletin for date and time. Then come join a circle for some fellowship and fun. (Note: Some circles may not be meeting in November and December because of holidays.)

November 14<sup>th</sup> is UMW day. All worship service volunteers are UMW members. We will also present the recognition pins and provide a surprise during fellowship.

Ladies, please plan to join us on the 14<sup>th</sup> after fellowship for a salad lunch, a program presented by Nancy Walker and the installation of our 2022 officers. Hope to see you on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

A biohazard waste can is now located in the Noah's Ark restroom. Please dispose all of your medical materials into this container. Thanks.

## **Hispanic Church Schedule**

\*Sunday Worship Service 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

\*Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

\*Friday Night Worship Service 7:00 p.m.

(\* Meet in the chapel.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NOVEMBER MISSION PROJECT** is Hawthorn Hill. We will be collecting money for supplies.

New Directions Shelter is a program of Hawthorn Hills Ministries. The shelter is one of the emergency shelters in our community dedicated to giving women and children safe haven. They work with families to identify permanent housing and help them access the community services they need to get back on their feet.

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

If you have suggestions or questions, please contact a member of the Education Team. The next Education meeting is January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

## Classes:

Noah’s Ark (ages 2 through middle school). **We are looking for a person that would step up to teach this class. If you are interested, please contact Norma Thierman (515) 283-0090.**

Adult classes (need adults to attend).

Everyone is invited to attend our Sunday School Class and we would like to encourage you if you come to church early to sit in one of our classes

# Finance/Treasurer Report as of September 30, 2021

Bank balance as of August 31, 2021	\$59,941.58
Receipts through September 30, 2021	\$15,557.60
Disbursements through September 30, 2021	\$19,976.53
Bank balance as of September 30, 2021	\$55,522.65
Less Committed Funds as of September 30, 2021	\$30,473.39
Available funds as of September 30, 2021	\$25,049.26

This report is submitted by:  
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