

W H I T N E Y

Rev. Christina Thompson, Pastor
Worship with us every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
3351 Overland Rd. Boise, Idaho

NOVEMBER

THANSGIVING SERVICE

November 24 in worship

There's
always
SOMETHING
TO BE
thankful
FOR

We will celebrate and give thanks for what God has done in this church and in our lives this last year. We will also bring forward our stewardship pledge cards for 2020.

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OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday

Worship 10:00 a.m.

9:30 am Adult Sunday School--

Shelley Cooper

8:30 am Adult Bible Study --

Stewart Gardner

Children's Sunday School 10:20am

Nursery 9:30 am — Lorrie Baer

1st Mondays

6:30 pm Stephen Ministry--

Glenda Berto

2nd & 4th Mondays

6:30 pm Shawlers

Third Monday

10:00 am Congregational Care--

Glenda Berto

1st Wednesday

12:00 noon UMW — Lory Nesper

Wednesday

1:30 pm Prayer and Share small
group — Linda Slupe

7:00 pm Chancel Choir --

Andy Maddox

Thursday

5:45 pm 6 Ways to Sunday Praise

Band — Kevin Daniel

3rd Friday

WEPRAY team — Shelley Cooper

6:00 pm Community dinner --

Becky Daniel

2nd Saturday

8:30 am UMM — Brandon O'Meara

Every Saturday

10:00 am Saturday Lunch --

Cathie Slocum and Clint Wachi



From our pastor.....

God convinced me the other day that life would not feel so hard if I would follow the instructions from Colossian's 3:15 which says "And Be Thankful." At that moment, I realized how much I had been looking at what I lacked—time, energy, etc.— and all that I had to do. The more one gets caught in that "I do not have enough" mindset, the less one has.

The passage from Colossians lists the instructions for having a new life in Christ. There is lots of good stuff in this paragraph. Bearing with another, letting the peace of Christ rule in your heart, clothing yourself with love. All good reminders. But the only instruction that Paul repeats—not once, not twice but three times—is to be thankful.

*12 As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. **And be thankful.** ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

"Be Thankful. With gratitude in your hearts . . . and whatever you do, do everything . . . giving thanks to God." I think I got the message. So since that day, I have been working on being thankful and naming what I am thankful for.

- I am thankful for all of you, my church family. I am grateful for your love and support and all of the prayers for my mom and dad. They have allowed us to keep walking this road of health challenges.
- I am thankful for all of you and the ministry that you do both at the church and in the community. You all are an amazing example of what it means to be the hands and feet of Christ and I am blessed by each of you.
- I am grateful for doctors, nurses, medical technicians, cleaning people, etc. and the access to medical care that we have here in Treasure Valley. I am grateful not just for my mom and dad and the care they have and are getting, but the medical care that many of you have received recently as well. I sometimes forget the gift of medical care we have here.
- I am so blessed by fall and the change of seasons. Outside my office window are trees in full fiery red and gold leaves. They are so beautiful. And I know that they will lose those leaves and be bare this winter, and then in the spring will be full of pink blossoms. And I get to crunch through all the leaves that have fallen!
- I am simply grateful for the life I have been given, for the gifts I have and for the ways that God works in the world.

What amazes is how thankfulness really does make a difference. Since naming my blessings, I have seen the abundance of all that I have and felt a sense of lightness that I have not felt in a few months.

What are you thankful for?

Blessings,
Rev. Christina

Family Life Director Update

SPRC (Staff Parish Relations Committee) has extended an offer of employment for the Family Life Director to Andrea Plueddeman. Andrea and her husband Paul visited Whitney in October and it feels like a good match. We now are waiting for Andrea's response.



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- 4 Stan Herzinger
- 8 Barbara Allen
- 9 Jim Obland
- 12 Glenda Berto
- 13 Judith Alexander
- 14 Don Halsey
- 20 Andy Maddox
- 23 Spencer Jordan
- 27 Sharon Tabb

IN OUR PRAYERS

Carl Harden, Stan Herzinger, Glenna Finley, Dale Thompson, Andy Maddox, the Family of Andrea Plueddeman, Eric Tabb

SHUT-INS TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Dortha Bixler, Glenna Finley, Don Halsey

INCESSANT PRAYERS

Cheri Carter, Ruthie Carter, Ruthie's Grandson, Carter, Richard Miller, Bonnie Hawk, Marvin Wolfe and family, Sue Frear, Dale and Evelyn Thompson, Marlys Tudehope, Keith Gillespie, Malcom Dunten, Jake Finley, The Family of Billie Lirgg, The Family of Ron Jordan, The Family of Lois Wand

MILITARY PRAYERS

David L. Hawk, Mark Jerome

STUDENTS IN SCHOOLS OF HIGHER LEARNING

Jenneth McNeas-Ayodele, Justine Niyogushimwa, Marissa Jerome, Nicole Jerome, Nick Nesor, Braeden Dunten, Spencer Jordan, Jordyn Walhof, Hayli Ball, Hannah Ball,

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

The month of October has become known as Pastor Appreciation Month, a time for parishioners, and the congregation as a whole, to intentionally show appreciation for their pastor. We missed October so let's do November. Below are some resources to learn and explore ideas to help your congregation express gratitude and love for your pastor.

Check out the following links:

- ["50 Ways to Support your Pastor's Well-being"](#) sponsored by Wespeth. And [here's a link](#) to their written article.
- [\(More than\) 10 Ways to Appreciate Your Pastor](#)
- ["Origins of Pastor Appreciation Month"](#)



Johnna & Malcom Dunten

Barbara & Jim Nolan

Thank you to all who donated to the Gideons when they were here in worship with us on October 13. We donated \$440.00 to help support the buying of Bibles which they distribute throughout the world.

NOVEMBER HOSPITALITY

Date	Liturgist	Greeters	Coffee Hosts	Communion Stewards
November 3	Johnna Dunten	David & Carol Adams Robert Burge	Melinda Maillard, Bobbie Bynum, Julie Hall	Bob & Maggie Storm Kathy Skalsky
November 10	Noa Nesor	Brad Minasian Keith Gillespie	Lori Baer Gaye Cabe	
November 17	United Methodist Women Lory Nesor	Kathy Hammers, DeDe Matthews, Julie Hall	Arny & Kathy Skov, Gordy & Jody Myre	
November 24	Joyce Obland	Gordy & Jody Myre	Coral Swofford, Joyce Obland	

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Dianna Shea presented a very interesting and informative program on the history of Whitney UMC and how it was founded and how it grew. She also told us about one of the early women involved in the mission movement of United Methodist Women and how our mission dollar goes all over the world to help in missions that help women, children and youth. After her presentation, we made our pledges to further our work here at Whitney. A portion of our pledge goes to help with national and international missions and a portion stays with our local unit for our mission work at Whitney. Dianna shared that in the past few years we have given five \$500.00 scholarships to Whitney seniors, over 160 pairs of shoes, boots, and socks to Whitney elementary students and collected a number of health kits as well as 11 flood buckets for UMCOR.



Gena Waller and Lory Nesor went to Newberg, Oregon for the Oregon-Idaho UMW Annual meeting and officer training on Oct. 18 and 19. We enjoyed meeting others from our conference as well as participating in a program based on a part of our Purpose: “becoming whole persons through Jesus Christ.”

Thanks to the women of the Celia Cowan circle who bagged 230 Halloween bags which will be given to students as a part of the Clif Bar Ministry.

Our next meeting is November 6 at noon with a potluck lunch. Johnna Dunten will be presenting our program on the World Thank Offering. All women of the church are invited to attend.

Our vision: Turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world.

WHITNEY ELEMENTARY CONNECTION

Thanks to the seven women who participated in “Donuts with Grownups” at Whitney Elementary on Oct. 4. We passed out donuts and other pastries to several hundred students and parents. We will have another opportunity on **Dec. 6 to help during “Muffins and Math.”** If you would like to help out, talk to Lory Nesor or Rev. Christina.

Budget--- The Finance Committee is working on the 2020 church budget. If you are the leader of a ministry that is in the 2019 budget and will need ministry funds for next year, please let Rev. Christina know by November 18. If your ministry is not receiving funds now, and needs them, please submit your request by Nov. 18.

Church Council—If you are feeling a call to serve on the church council for 2020, please talk to Rev. Christina. Church council meets four times a year and is responsible for guiding the vision of the church.

The Building Committee met October 10 for the first time. Bert Allen was elected interim chair. The committee voted to ask everyone to describe the items that need to go into any new storage provided by the church. We need to know who has stuff that belongs to Whitney, if it needs climate control, how often it is used at church, and approximately how much space it takes up.

Shelley Cooper is collecting this information. Catch her after church, email her at kb7poi@gmail.com, call or text her at 208-863-7459.

Need for the Altar for Advent and Christmas--- clocks of all shapes and sizes. A grandfather clock would be perfect. But any size would be helpful. We also need table easels (stands) to display the clocks on. Bring them with your name on the back to the Office by November 25. Thank you

ADVENT is the four Sundays before Christmas. Advent is the season of the church year that prepares our hearts for the coming of the Christ Child. Amazing as it seems--- Advent starts December 1. Each Sunday in December at 10:00.

Join us starting December 1 as we begin a year-long adventure with God. During Advent our theme will be "God Almighty, We are Waiting". In the season of Advent what are we waiting for and how do we wait for it? How do we know it is time to go forward and no longer wait anymore?

Christmas Eve service will be on December 24 at 4:00 pm.

UNITED METHODIST MEN meet for breakfast and fellowship every second Saturday of the month in the sanctuary. They recently moved their meeting time to 8:30am. Open to all men of the Church. Join us at our next meeting on November 9 at 8:30am.

JOSEPH'S CLOSET

Joseph's Closet opened on Friday night, Oct. 18 and has been doing a brisk business ever since. We are grateful for all the many donations which were made over the summer. The Closet was well stocked when we opened. We will always be in need of warm men's gloves and right now need children's coats. Donations can be brought to the church office any morning between 9-12.



IN REMEMBRANCE

Lois Wand 1924-2019

Lois Irene Wand (née McClung) died at St. Alphonsus Hospital September 19, 2019. She was born on August 19, 1924, in Elkhart, Kansas, the second daughter of John Ewell McClung and Flora Jeanette (Lamkin) McClung. As a child, she enjoyed the company of many relatives in that area. During the 'Dustbowl' in the late 1930's, Lois moved with her family to Paonia, Colorado. She was graduated from Paonia High School in 1942. She attended Mesa Junior College in Grand Junction, Colorado, where she was active in leading war bond rallies and worked canning fruit, sometimes with German POWs. She also taught in rural schools in western Colorado after finishing her two-

year course of study. During that time she lived in the home of a school board member, and would walk several miles to and from the school house. The rural school had few books including basic readers. Lois would take an empty suitcase to a local library on the bus and return with borrowed books for the children.

While living in Denver, she was married in July, 1946, to Robert Carney Wand, who predeceased her in 1981.

After living with her family in Paonia for the early years of her children's life, the family moved to Helena, Montana, in 1955. In Helena, Lois completed her undergraduate education while raising three young children and received her Bachelor's Degree magna cum laude from Carroll College.

In 1958, the family moved once more to Boise, Idaho, where Lois resumed her career as an educator. She taught first and subsequently second grade students at Cole and Campus Schools for thirty years. She was active in the Boise Education Association, Business & Professional Women [BPW], and Delta Kappa Gamma professional teachers' sorority, which she represented at state and national meetings.

After her retirement in 1988, she traveled extensively, often accompanied by her daughter. She toured mainland China shortly after such travel was allowed, and visited many areas in Europe and Asia. She often took public transportation independently without knowing the local language. She spent Thanksgiving in Hawaii each year with her daughter as well as visiting other times. On one visit, she traveled alone to visit a neighbor island when a hurricane suddenly made landfall. True to form, she took this moment as just another adventure. She traveled to her son John's home for Christmas for many years.

Lois volunteered as a docent at the Idaho State History Museum, conducting tours for school groups. She was noted for her robust preparation for her presentations. She read widely, and had a particular interest in British History. True to her beliefs in racial and economic justice, Lois was a life-long active member of the Democratic party. Lois participated actively in the Idaho Retired Educators Association's local meetings and programs.

She was an active member of Whitney United Methodist Church for over sixty years. Her long-term participation and leadership of the Mary Martha Women's Circle centered on the social justice teachings of the United Methodist Church. The circle supported the neighborhood school with school supplies from their meager funds.

In the past few years, she was enabled to remain living in her home with the assistance of her daughter and son-in-law, her sons, and her home healthcare aide, Deborah Castro.

Lois was the second of five sisters, two of whom predeceased her: Margaret Ann Clark and Mary Ruth Gunderson. She is survived by two sisters: Connie DeVilbiss of Manhattan, KS, and Carol Neubner (Klaus) of Greenwood, South Carolina. She is also survived by her three children: Thomas C. Wand (Marlene Haines) of Phoenixville, Pennsylvania; Robin Wand (Philip Neville) of Boise; and John Wand (Beverly) of Boston. Additional survivors include her grandchildren: Robert J. Wand (Cindy) of Boulder, Colorado; Thomas David Wand (Vanessa) of Aberdeen, New Jersey; Katherine Wand of Cranston, Rhode Island; Christopher Wand (Tera Ellefson) of Somerville, MA; and Elizabeth Wand (Brian Dean) of Bolton, MA; and three great-grandchildren: Thomas Obadiah Wand, James Robert Wand, and Emma Estela Wand, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and other members of her extended family.

Funeral services were held at Whitney United Methodist Church, 3309 W Overland Rd, Boise, on Saturday, October 19, at 2:00 p.m., with the Rev. Christina Thompson, Pastor, officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to Whitney United Methodist Church, Idaho Public Television, or the Idaho State Historical Society.



St. Vincent DePaul Thanksgiving Food Box Shopping List

These items will be needed by November 23rd. Please bring them to the office.

Grocery list: To serve 4-6 people for Thanksgiving

Keep first three items separate:

10 lbs or larger frozen turkey

10 lbs potatoes

Foil roasting pan

Put these items in box:

2 lbs frozen butter or margarine (purchase unfrozen and store in freezer until time to pack)

1 box Bisquick or other baking mix

1 package of turkey or chicken gravy mix (not in glass jar)

stuffing mix for turkey

1 can pumpkin pie mix

1 can evaporated milk

1 can fruit cocktail

1 can of yams

2 cans of green beans

2 cans corn

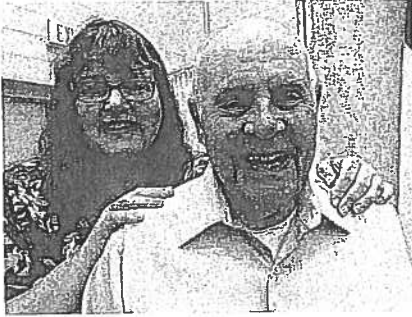
2 cans cranberries

2 onions

5 fresh apples

No glass containers, alcoholic beverages, or frozen foods (except turkey and butter) If you wish please add other nonperishable healthy items to provide meals beyond Thanksgiving Day, such as tuna, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, soups, flour, sugar.

*****God bless you for the happiness you give others*****



LISA and RON BLAKELEY

by Ramona Walhof

Ron and Marcia Blakeley moved from Reno to Boise when their daughter was 5 years old. They first attended The Cathedral of the Rockies down town. Lisa remembers that she and her brother, Brian, sang in the children's choirs there.

When Lisa was about 13, they transferred to Whitney. It was closer to their home.

Marcia was a teacher at Whittier Elementary School and made friends with everyone. Ron helped with the church's insurance and was active in the Methodist Men. Both Ron and Marcia sang in the choir and for enjoyment.

Lisa and Brian sang in the youth choir and in the choirs at South Junior High and Borah High. Lisa also played volleyball.

After graduation she took several kinds of vocational training: some accounting at ITT, trained to be a bank teller, and estimatic training to become a claims rep for insurance. She has held many different jobs and enjoys working for temporary agencies and moving around. She was employed by her dad's company as a claims rep for cars for 6 years.

Lisa's son, Tanner, is 25 and employed as assistant manager for Go Wireless Verizon where he does both sales and technical support. Lisa raised Tanner as a single mother, and he is also very close to his grandpa.

Marcia was the initiator of the relationship with Whitney School. There was a program at Whitney church of preparing boxed food for a family of four, and Marcia saw the need for food at the school. There have been many steps from the beginning to the food pantry at St. Vincent dePaul's today, and Whitney Church has always been one of the partners as it grew. The Blakeleys lived across the street from the Duntens, and Marcia and Johnna became close friends.

Ron represented Whitney church at annual conference for several years. Today he has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. He continues to drive, live alone and sing in the choir, but is experiencing some difficulties.

Lisa has also been dealing with some health problems. She underwent surgery for back fusion in 2006, but the surgery failed. She is left with sciatica pain. In addition, for the last year she has experienced cellulitis so severe that at times she has been hospitalized and cannot put any weight on her foot. Her dog Baxter, a blue healer, is almost a constant companion. She hopes to be well enough to return to work and continues to sing in the choir when she can.

The Blakeleys have been an important part of Whitney church, and the church has been important to them as well.

Discipleship Team releases video of pastor presentations

The Whitney UMC Discipleship Team invites you to watch the recording of the September 15, 2019, presentations that kicked off our study series, "Church in Crisis." Over the course of nine Sunday sessions, attendees are learning about the difficult choices being faced by congregations and individual members of the United Methodist Church concerning the level of inclusion and participation of lgbtqia+ persons.

The series began with diverse presentations from three area United Methodist pastors; Rev. Duane Anders, Rev. Brenda Sene, and Rev. John Grimsted. Each one offered personal insights related to the hot-button issue of whether or not LGBTQIA+ persons should be fully included in the life of the church.

Now, **you** can watch a recording of these presentations. If you missed the event, or if you just would like to watch it again, the professional video recording is now available to view on-line. In addition, the Discipleship Team made recordings available. There are a number of ways to watch:

1. The link to view it on-line is: <https://legacy.mediazilla.com/wp/ye6b912>

You can type this into your web browser to connect to the video.

2. Another method would be to request the link be sent to you via email. Then you could simply "click" on the link and be taken directly to the video.

3. You can also request a copy on usb drive or dvd.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the office to request a copy. You can also email a request to richkeefe@aol.com.

You are also invited to join the remaining Sunday evening sessions to participate in the discussions. Each Sunday is a separate topic. While they are designed to offer a good overview of the many facets of the discussion, you can still receive benefit and join the discussion at any point. It is not too late to join the discussions.

St. Vincent de Paul Southwest Idaho believes every child should be able to celebrate Christmas. That's why we have a no-cost Christmas Toy Store for Families in need.



Can You Help a Family in Need this Christmas?

Donate

We need toys and gifts! This year, the biggest need is for boys/girls ages 10-18. While this is where we need the most help, gifts for all ages of kids are welcomed. However, we have plenty of clothing and stuffed animals.

Toys/Gifts need to be new and in original packaging. (No need to gift wrap)
We suggest a \$10 - \$50 price range.

Drop gifts in barrels at any of our thrift stores.

For more info, gift ideas, and store locations:
www.svdpid.org/christmas

Volunteer

Volunteers are needed at both Christmas Voucher Toy Store locations.

Caldwell
3719 E Cleveland Blvd Caldwell, ID
(Located inside SVdP Store)
Mon-Sat Dec 2nd-21st

Shifts:
9:30am-12:15pm
12pm-3:15pm
3pm-6pm

Boise
Mon-Sat Dec 2nd-21st
2110 S Broadway Ave Boise, ID

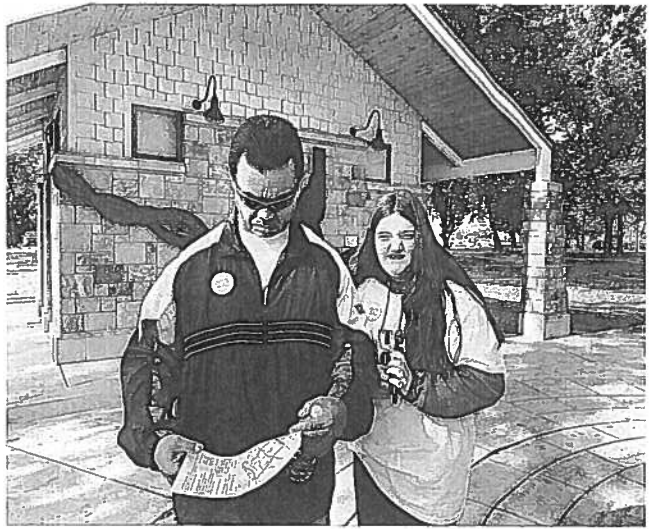
Shifts:
11:45am-3pm
2:45pm-6pm

To sign up, Visit:
www.svdpid.org/christmas

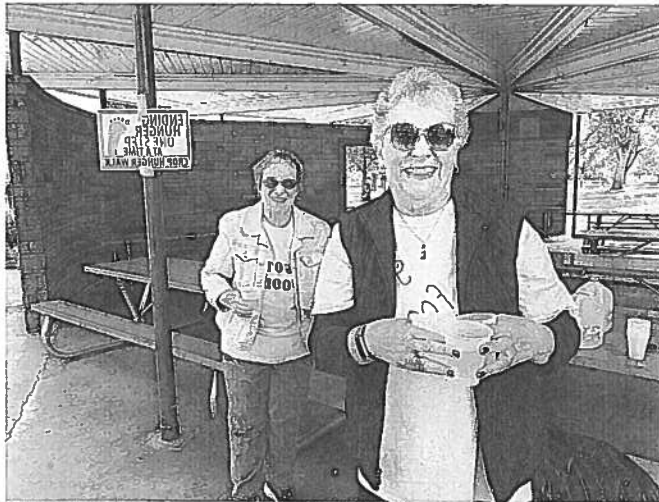
Still Looking for a Way to Help Out?

Don't have the time or ability to volunteer or donate a gift?
You can make an online donation at www.svdpid.org/donate
Make sure to select "Toy Store Support" in the fund dropdown box





Whitney United Methodist CROP Walkers. Fifteen people from Whitney took part and the total funds raised by ALL walkers from that day was \$16, 880.



Whitney United Methodist Church

Worship at 10:00 a.m. Sunday

2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Daylight Saving ends 10:00 Worship 9:30 am Nursery Open 8:30 am "Practical Scripture" with Shelley 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:20 am Children's SS 5:00 pm "Church in Crisis"	4 9:30 am Finance 11:30 am SPRC 2:00 Terry Crisp service 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry	5 6:00 pm Scouts	6 12 noon UMW 2:00 pm Prayer & Share Small Group 3:30 pm Joseph's Closet 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	7 10:30 am Visitor's Follow up 5:45 pm Praise Band	8 5:00 Craft Fair dinner	9 8:30 am UMM 10:30-12:30 Joseph's Closet 10:00 am Saturday lunch
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17 10:00 Worship 9:30 am Nursery Open 8:30 am "Practical Scripture" with Shelley 9:30 am Adult SS 10:20 am Children's SS 5:00 pm "Church in Crisis" 7:00 pm Church Council	18 10:00 am Congregational Care 3:30 pm Building committee 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry	19 10:30 am Congregational Care 6:00 pm Scouts 7:00 Celia Cowan @ Lorrrie Baer's	20 1:30 pm Prayer & Share Small Group 3:30 pm Joseph's Closet 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Thanksgiving @ First Church	21 5:45 pm Praise Band	22	23 10:00 am Saturday lunch 10:30-12:30 Joseph's Closet
24 10:00 Worship 9:30 am Nursery Open 8:30 am "Practical Scripture" with Shelley 9:30 am Adult SS 10:20 am Children's SS 11:15 am Coffee with Pastor 5:00 pm All Church Potluck	25 6:30 pm Shawlors	26 6:00 pm Scouts	27 1:30 pm Prayer & Share Small Group 3:30 pm Joseph's Closet 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	28 Happy Thanksgiving	29	30 10:00 am Saturday lunch 10:30-12:30 Joseph's Closet