



The Gift

November 2021

Klamath Falls First United Methodist Church
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*Making disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world
through Knowing God, Transforming Lives, Serving Others*

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Sunday Worship

10:30 a.m. in person
Online on Facebook and/or
our YouTube Channel
Elementary Sunday School
10:45 a.m.

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9:00 a.m. - Noon

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Trick or Treat for UNICEF Global Vaccination Program

Sunday, October 31

See page 4 for more information

Annual Charge Conference

November 10

7:00 pm

Via Zoom

**All members are encouraged to attend.
You must be a professed member of this
church to vote.**

Pastor's Note

As a dad part of my job is teaching my children to mind their manners. From the time that they were knee-high to a grasshopper, I would ask in sing-songy voice, “*What do you say?*” trying to get them to say please and thank you; however, while I can teach my kids to say thank you, and they are generally pretty good at that, I can’t make gratitude settle into their soul. As a parent this is the thing I really want. I think it would be terrible if my kids learned to say thank you and be well-mannered, but they never learned to be thankful.

Gratitude is much more than parroting the words *thank you* when someone holds a door for you (or yelling, “thank you” at those that they fail to say it after you held it for them). Gratitude is a deep sense that what we have, and all that we have, is a *gift*. It is looking at our circumstances and seeing the good and being thankful.

Cognitive Psychologist, Daniel Levitin tells us, “Gratitude causes us to focus on what’s good about our lives rather than what’s bad, shifting our outlook toward the positive.” He goes on to say that those of us who are grateful, feel happier, feel motivated toward generosity and compassion, and have a greater capacity for positive emotions and pleasure, because being grateful alters our brain chemistry. The grateful cross-examine whatever life throws at them, and look to see where the gift in it is and it frees them to enjoy all the blessings of God

Learning to see the gifts in life doesn’t mean pretending that everything is great. Bad stuff happens and pretending otherwise is not healthy. We go through hard things—we get sick, we have relational problems, we lose jobs, we struggle to keep our anxiety at bay during a global pandemic. These things are terrible, and I don’t think they are ‘gifts’ in the sense that God is giving them to us just to mess us up. But I do think that part of the spiritual life is learning to see God’s gifts for us in the midst of whatever we may be going through. We don’t have to say that any of the bad things that happens to us are gifts, but when we have eyes to see, we see God’s generous care for us amidst life’s difficulties. The Apostle Paul tells us to rejoice in all things and to come to God *with thanksgiving* when we find ourselves in dire straits:

Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:4–7, NRSV)

What I want for my kids, I want for myself is to be a thankful person who doesn’t focus so much on the problems, but on where I’ve seen God’s provision and care. How do we learn thankfulness? It starts with learning to say thank you, the way we train our children to say it. But we learn gratitude by examining our life (even the bad stuff) with an eye for what is a gift. Counting our blessings, we see that even when life seems terrible, God is at work.



I am so grateful for this church, for the privilege of journeying with you as your pastor and look forward to seeing all the things God has in store for us together. Happy Thanksgiving!

Pastor James



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

05 - Lavon Ostrick
07 - Faye Ford
 Don Hoffheins
12 - Carol Ashworth
15 - Bea Naylor
16 - Byron Beach
17 - John Foster IV
 Nancy Hoffheins
18 - Ta-Ri Fuimaono
24 - Carol Usher
25 - Evelyn Usher
28 - Drael Zimmermann
30 - Jean Freeman

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

29 - Lynn & Judy Armstrong 1981



Directory Updates:

For this information, please contact the church office.

Please inform the office when you have a change of address, phone number, or e-mail.

Daylight Saving Time Ends Sunday, November 7



**Remember to change your
clocks on Saturday,
November 6**

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Our Discretionary Fund has been steadily declining in recent months. This is in part due to not receiving birthday bank donations, but is primarily due to the number and size of requests. One of the things we've been able to help with is people getting birth certificates and ID cards, mostly through our partnership with Klamath Basin Behavioral Health (KBBH) and Lutheran Community Services. ID's are needed for people to get jobs, apartments, etc., birth certificates are needed to get ID's. We have also helped several people with housing and utilities.

If you would like to help and are able to do so, please mark your giving envelope with how much you want to go to our Discretionary Fund.

For more information on the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, please see page 5.

November Worship

Date	Preacher	Lectionary Scriptures*
11/7	Rev. Karen Little	Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17; Psalm 127; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44
11/14 Communion	Pastor James	1 Samuel 1:4-20, 2:1-10; Psalm 113; Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25; Mark 13:1-8
11/21	Dave Glidden	2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-12; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37
11/25 Thanksgiving		Joel 2:21-27; Psalm 126; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Matthew 6:25-33
11/28 1st Sunday of Advent	Pastor James	Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

*Most preachers will use one or two scriptures from the lectionary.

Kids Trick or Treat for the UNICEF Global Vaccine Distribution Program

“United Methodist Global Ministries is launching a new initiative and joining interfaith partners in an effort to increase the equitable distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine around the world. Funds donated to a new Advance giving project will support “Love Beyond Borders: The Interfaith Movement to End the Pandemic” campaign supporting UNICEF’s global vaccine distribution efforts.” *From the GNW COVID-19 Response Team weekly update.*

In an effort to support this initiative, we are asking that the children who attend our church dress up for Halloween and take a collection for this program. If you would like to support this program and are not able to attend worship on Halloween, you are welcome to bring or send a check to the church. Please make out checks to the church and mark them for the UNICEF Vaccination Program.



Reaching Out and Helping Others

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

What is this fund?

- It is a fund used by the pastor to assist people in our community and our congregation with emergency needs not provided by other sources.
- Checks are made out to the business rather than the person requesting funds; i.e., Avista Utilities.

How is it funded?

- It is funded through our birthday offerings and special donations, outside of our operating budget.
- If you wish to make a donation to this fund, please mark it "Discretionary Fund" or "Outreach Fund."

Thank you for helping us to be ready to assist people in need!

Between October 1 and 27, we have given:
4 households 4 bags of food
3 households some financial assistance

Food Pantry Needs:

- Can openers
- Cold cereal

Please - no opened or unsealed food items



PALM Dinners Served

From October 3 to 26: 512

Year to Date: 6,690

Average Meals Served: 80

There will be one more PALM dinner in the month of October.

PALM (Provide A Loving Meal) is a free dinner every Tuesday and Sunday from 5:00 to 6:30. It is located in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church, which is the lower level door closest to 9th and High Streets.

PALM is a volunteer program. It is funded by your donations. The Klamath Falls First United Methodist Church provides the Fellowship Hall, some maintenance, and utilities.

PALM provides from 85 to 257 plates of food each meal. Families, neighborhood residents, and even people who simply want the social interaction of a meal come in. Most people walk.

Volunteers from the Methodist Church, colleges, other churches, and many others come together to help.

Please come and visit, eat, help in the kitchen, or donate.



Financial Report

MEMBERS and FRIENDS

October 2021 has closed. All bills and taxes have been paid. The monthly payroll was made. Operating income for the month totaled \$4,969.71 . Operating expenses totaled \$6,078.43. Income lagged expenses by \$1,108.72. Operating expenses included a budgeted payment of \$1,150.00 for Conference Apportionments. We have completed 85.1% (\$11,500.00) of the budgeted annual apportionment which totals \$13,519.00.

As we enter November 2021 we have an Operating Fund balance of \$152,858.01. However, a portion of these monies are contained in outside or side pocket funds which have nothing to do with budgeted operating monies. As of the first of November, seven (7) such funds existed. The funds and their respective balances:

Youth Group: \$576.86

Organ: \$4,298.51

PALM dinners: \$14,626.72

Camperships: \$150.00

Memorial Fund: \$14,480.47

Special Needs Fund: \$45,645.20*

Benevolences (for Conference): \$38.00

*Please note the new “SPECIAL NEEDS” FUND. Recently, a long-time member generously contributed over \$45,000.00 to be used for Council approved expenditures. While there are “no strings attached,” the fund is intended to be directed toward “special needs” of the church building as well as the community at large.

After subtracting out the total of the 7 funds (\$79,815.76) there is a carryover to November 2021 of actual OPERATING monies totaling \$73,042.25. Financially, for the **near term outlook (2-5 years)**, we are in a weak position treading water. We entered 2021, with a carryover from 2020, totaling \$80,643.40. At the end of ten months, the carryover has eroded \$7,601.15. This means that, **ON AVERAGE** for the first 10 months, our spending has exceeded our income by \$760.00 per month, each month. Financially speaking, our long-term outlook (5-10 years) is troubling.

In a separate action, and at the direction of COUNCIL, I recently transferred \$5,000.00 from the Parsonage Maintenance to the CAPITAL (Trustee) Fund. This action was needed due to a slowly eroding balance caused by multiple expenditures over time with little income. A similar action was required two years ago. As of November 1st, the Capital Fund Balance is \$6,434.97

Byron Beach, Treasurer

2021 Operating Snapshot vs Year Ago

October income: \$4,969.71	(-) \$299.67
10 month YTD income: \$59,191.11	(-) \$30,039.40
2020 carryover: \$80,643.40	+ \$15,736.73
Operating Total: \$139,834.51	(-) \$14,302.67
10 month YTD expenses: \$66,792.26	(-) \$3,348.56
Carryover to November: \$73,042.25	(-) \$10,954.11

Thanks and Prayers

Thank you to...

Chrys Dawes, Joe Neiswender, and David Boese, for running the sound board and occasionally the projection.

In Our Prayers...

Kathy Versteeg fell and broke her hip; the hip is healing and she probably won't need surgery. Wren Shockey is estranged from her mother and other family members.

Pastor James' mother's husband, Kamuela, has been diagnosed with a rare, incurable disease called Amyloidosis, which causes the liver to send proteins into the blood that causes heart problems.

C.G. Anderson, who has been sending cards to our members from our United Methodist Women for several months, has been in the hospital; her ankle is not healing as well from surgery as it should, likely due to a slowing down of her blood flow from a heart murmur she has had most of her life.

Save the Date!

**Charles Charles & Tyler Heitkamp
Christmas Concert**

**Sunday, December 19
@ Mt. Laki Community
Presbyterian Church**



FIRST UMC STAFF & INFORMATION

**Open hearts,
open minds,
open doors.**

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United Methodist Women's News

Fellowship Gathering

Due to the increase in Delta variant COVID cases, I feel that we should postpone our gathering. I am hopeful that we can get together again soon. I miss all of you and our gatherings.

Jeannie Boese,
President

UMW Nut Sales

At this time, we are not planning to order nuts. You can order your own nuts at the link below. We will consider purchasing some bags of our more popular items if there is enough interest. Those items would be pecans, cashews, walnuts, and almonds.

We still have pecans and almonds from two years ago as well as Heart Healthy mix and Tropical Blend. All have been kept refrigerated for over a year. They are \$1 off the original price.

Link to our Terri Lynn Webstore:

<https://klamath-falls-umw.terrilynn.com>.



This month's suggested item for Marta's House:

Cough and cold medicines (children's and adult's)

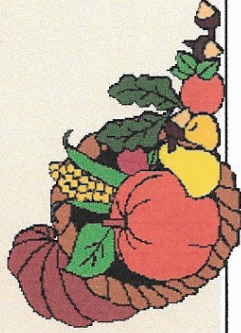
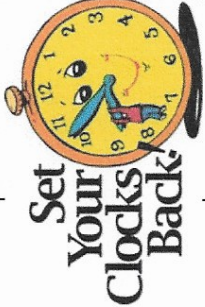
There is a box in our entry for collecting the items.
We hope to make a delivery soon.



United Methodist Women's Purpose:

United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the Global Ministries of the church.

NOVEMBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT.
	1	2 5:00 - 6:30 PALM Dinner - KFUMC	3 9:30 - 2:30 Pastor's Office Hours (call ahead)	4	5	6 
7 Daylight Saving Time Ends 10:30 Worship 10:45 Elementary Sunday School 5:00-6:30 PALM Dinner - KFUMC	8	9 5:00 - 6:30 PALM Dinner - KFUMC	10 9:30 - 2:30 Pastor's Office Hours (call ahead)	11	12	13
14 Holy Communion 10:30 Worship 10:45 Elementary Sunday School 5:00-6:30 PALM Dinner - Sacred Heart Catholic Church	15	16 5:00 - 6:30 PALM Dinner - KFUMC	17 9:30 - 2:30 Pastor's Office Hours (call ahead)	18	19	20
21 10:30 Worship 10:45 Elementary Sunday School After Worship Bell Choir 5:00-6:30 PALM Dinner - KFUMC	22 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	23 5:00 - 6:30 PALM Dinner - KFUMC	24 9:30 - 2:30 Pastor's Office Hours (call ahead)	25 Thanksgiving Church Office Closed	26	27
28 1st Sunday of Advent 10:30 Worship 10:45 Elementary Sunday School After Worship Bell Choir 5:00-6:30 PALM Dinner - KFUMC	29 NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED	30 5:00 - 6:30 PALM Dinner - KFUMC	1 December 9:30 - 2:30 Pastor's Office Hours (call ahead)	2	3 For an up-to-date weekly Calendar, check our web page at: www.klamathfallsunc.org	4 updated 10/28/2021

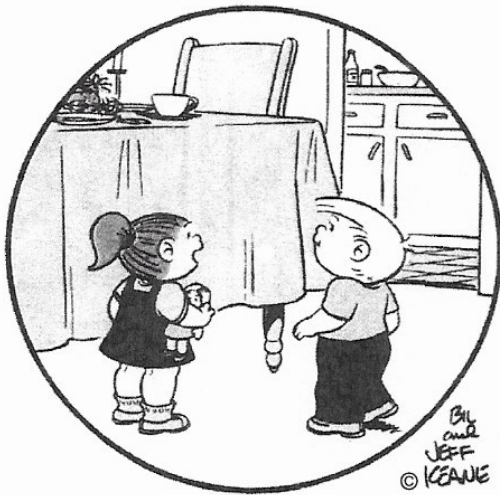


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*Time Sensitive Material
Please Do Not Hold*

Please come join us!

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Jeff and Bil Keane



"You can tell Thanksgiving isn't like a regular dinner 'cause the table gets to be dressed up too."

from *JoyfulNoiseletter.com*
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Upcoming Events:

October 31

All Saints Day Remembrance
Trick or Treat for UNICEF

November 7

Daylight Saving Time Ends

November 10

7:00 pm

Annual Charge Conference by
Zoom

The Champoege Declaration

We, the Klamath Falls First United Methodist Church, together with other congregations of the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, declare that persons of all ages, races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities, economic conditions, marital status, mental or physical abilities are welcome to attend, join, and participate fully in the life of our congregation.