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A Word from Woody...

Thanksgiving Top 10

It is hard to believe, but Thanksgiving is right around the corner! And that means it is time to make our top 10 list of things—for which we are thankful. To help us with this are three members in our church family.

Kaylor Grimm, 15, writes the following. **"Here's my 10 things of what I'm thankful for: (1) I'm thankful for my parents; they adopted me and take good care of me and love me. (2) I'm also thankful for my friends, who care for me and stand up for me or other friends. (3) I'm thankful for my pet [Sue Sue, her dog]; she is cute and loving and she loves people. (4) I'm thankful for my family. (5) Thankful for God, that he created me to be with a special family. He also took away our sins and he's the best that could possibly be. He answers our prayers. God is the best, even beyond that—he's the best I can even imagine. (6) I'm thankful for teachers for education and that they teach us very well. And they try to teach what's best for us. (7) I'm thankful for our church so we can join together all at the same time so we can become better Christians. (8) I'm thankful for the soldiers who fought for our freedom. (9) I'm thankful that we are blessed that we learn about you, Lord, and how to share the good news about you with others. (10) I'm thankful that we have Christmas, because Jesus was born on that day and we wouldn't be here if he didn't create us. God is good all the time and all the time God is good!"**



Connie Scandiliato shares the following. **"1 Thessalonians 5:18 tells us, 'Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus; we read in James 1:17, 'Every gift we have comes from God' (James 1:17). . . no matter how large or how small. (1) I am thankful for the difficult times that life has given me from time to time. The trials and suffering in my life have strengthened me. These times have helped me to grow in my faith and helped me to be more like Jesus and to glorify God. Hardships are not without**

reason. (2) I am thankful for the material things that God has given me. My modest but comfortable home, my car that gets me safely from one place to another. I don't worry about the things I do not have. I've learned to thank God for what I do have. (3) I am thankful for the people in my life, my children, granddaughter, my relatives, friends and others who brighten my days. I am thankful for my church family and friends. (4) I am thankful for health and modern medicine, that my late husband was such a good man, a true follower of Christ and that he didn't suffer or have pain. (5) I am thankful for prayer, for God's Word through the Bible which leads us on the right path. (6) I am thankful for laughter and joy. (7) Thankful to live in a country where I am free to worship and have fellowship with other Christians. (8) I am thankful for God's beautiful creation, the mountains, lakes, oceans, beaches, fall leaves, stars in the sky. (9) I am thankful for food and know I am so blessed to live in a city so abundant in delicious food. (10) I am thankful I have a Savior who took away my sins. Thankful that my life has meaning and is worth living. I am thankful for forgiveness not only from Jesus, but also from others. I am grateful for faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love (1 Corinthians 13:13)."

Randy Roberts has this to share. "(1) My relationship with God is getting better all the time. (2) My relationship with Jenny is getting better all the time. (3) My health improving from shingles. (4) My wonderful church supports the Word of God as our guide in life. (5) My ability to sing and work at our church. (6) My friend Dee. (7) My church family. (8) My dog, Pedro, who keeps me company at home. (9) My home. (10) My truck."

Many thanks for Kaylor, Connie, and Randy for these wonderful top 10 lists—truly they are blessed! Now it's our turn to write our lists!

Yours in Christ,

Woody

P.s. Please look on the back of the calendar for my top 10 list!

Youth Corner Bake Sale

Bowling was super fun last month. Kaylor gave a good showing, and Dr. Casey Grimm bowled an outlandish 178—and that after not bowling for several years!

This month we will have the opportunity to give back to others by making baked goods and selling them from 10:00 AM-12:00 Noon at church during the election on Saturday, November 18th. The proceeds will go to help with disaster relief from the recent hurricanes. As always, please feel free to invite friends!



Kaylor and dad, Casey Grimm, bowlers.

Great Time at the WCA Simulcast!

Lake Vista UMC was pleased to host a simulcast of the Wesleyan Covenant Association's Global Gathering on Saturday, October 14th. We had 23 three people join us from Lake Vista UMC and other churches for this six-hour event in the Fellowship Hall. One of the themes of this conference entitled, "Move: On Mission with God", was from Ezekiel 37's word about God making dry bones come back to life. Our prayer is that the Lord will cause the dry bones of the United Methodist Church to come back to life, renewed and focused on the Bible as our final authority. Also, churches were encouraged to "have the talk" with their congregations on what is happening in The UMC and the Commission on a Way Forward.



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Church Family Night

On Wednesday, November 1st we'll enjoy our Church Family Night where we eat from 6:00-7:00 PM. Our program will be welcoming and catching up with our Mennonite brothers and sisters who will be staying at the church and working in New Orleans for about three weeks this month! The church will supply turkey, and gravy and would appreciate attenders bringing a side dishes, salad, or dessert. Suggested donation is \$5 per person, no more than \$15 per family.

Welcome, New Member!

On Sunday, September 3, we had the chance to welcome our newest member, Jenny Rueb. Jenny has been attending for several years now, and we are honored to have her now as a professing member of our congregation. Welcome, Jenny!



Meetings This Month

The Pastor-parish relations Committee meets at 11:45 AM, Sunday, November 4, in the Junior High Room.

Stewardship Sunday and Thanksgiving Luncheon

Our time of making financial pledges for 2018's budget, Stewardship Sunday, will be November 12th. The Stewardship Chair is Brian Humphrey. Our scripture for this Stewardship focus is Lev 26:3-13, which reads, in part, "If you follow my statutes and keep my commandments and observe them faithfully, I will give you your rains in their season, and the land shall yield its produce, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit" (vv 3-4). The theme for this Stewardship focus is, "Faithfulness to His Commandments Leads to Consequences of Blessing". After the worship service we will enjoy a Celebration/ Thanksgiving Luncheon, which Linda Gilmore is coordinating. Please put this important date on your calendar and, if possible bring a salad, side dish, or dessert!

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Come Sing in the Choir

Choir practice continues to meet at 8:30 AM on Sunday mornings with our Music Director Leonardo Santos and Worship Leader Randy Roberts. For more information please contact the Church Office.

Time and Dress Change!

We “fall back” an hour on Sunday, November 5th, when we go off Daylight Saving Time. Be sure to set your clocks back an hour and enjoy the extra hour of sleep before church on Sunday. (Maybe this is the day you will get to Sunday School early!)

With the time change comes the end of our casual dress Sundays. Woody will be back in his robe, and the rest of us can continue to dress casually or don our Sunday best!

Angel Tree Returns!

We will once again in Advent— which beings Sunday, December 3rd—provide needy children with Christmas gifts. This year we'll return to Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree and provide gifts on behalf of an incarcerated parent to his or her children. These will be children who live in the New Orleans area, so we will also provide a Christmas party in December for them. Please keep posted for more information.



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Prayer Focus

- ✠ Barbara Velasquez, health
- ✠ **Megan and Jonathan Walker's baby boy William Charles** (to be called Liam), born October 22nd! Congratulations also to the grandparents, Jimmy and Robin Goldsmith!
- ✠ The UMC, unity and faithfulness to the Bible and its doctrines
- ✠ Thankfulness on our joining the Wesleyan Covenant Association and the leadership of this organization
- ✠ Jeanette Lynch and family in the death of Howell and **Jeanette's Mother**
- ✠ All the victims from Hurricane Harvey, Irma, and Maria
- ✠ Ann and Karl Tornyo, Karla and Travis Crabtree, and Veronica whose homes were flooded in Houston

Advent Devotionals Due!

We eagerly anticipate the publication of this year's Advent Devotional Booklet— as well as the cooler weather that usually accompanies it! But we need your devotions to make it happen.

Please submit your devotions to the church office by *Sunday, November 12th*.

The devotional booklet will follow the format of the *Upper Room* (scripture text, your message, prayer, thought for the day—but if all you can do is write a short message, we can fill in the rest!).

Drop off handwritten or printed devotions or e-mail them to yumc@bellsouth.net by *Sunday, November 12th*.

We would also encourage children to make drawings to include in the booklet. We can scan drawings up to **8.5 x 11"** and format them to fit.

Please be in prayer as to how you might share a work of the Lord or a scriptural passage that has special meaning to you, and write it up for November 12.

Read your newsletter online at <http://www.LakeVistaUMC.org>

Church Clean-up Day

Saturday, November 4, from 10:00 AM-12:00 noon is church clean-up day. This time we will concentrate on outside work. Please bring gardening gloves and yard work tools. It would be especially helpful if someone could bring a **lawnmower**. We'll clear away plants in the front garden and cut the yard in front of the church.



Addressing the Skeptics

Our next meeting will be Friday, November 10th 12:00 Noon in the Parlor. We will continue discussing **Sam Harris' *The Moral Landscape: How Science Can Determine Human Values***, which is a *New York Times* Bestseller. Harris is a neuroscientist and author of other *New York Times* Bestsellers *The End of Faith* and *Letter to a Christian Nation*. Harris is considered one of the leading New Atheists along with Richard Dawkins. **We will address his chapter one, "Moral Truth".** Please feel free to join us for this friendly and informative discussion, regardless of whether you have read the material beforehand.

Prayer Walk Around the Neighborhood

This month's prayer walk will be Saturday, November 18th from 1:00-2:00 AM. Please join us for this wonderful ministry!

Small Group Offerings

Newcomers are welcome at all the gatherings below!

Wednesday SONrise Continues! We will continue to offer a mid-week time of worship and fellowship from 6:30-7:30 AM called Wednesday SONrise in the church parlor. This service is hoped to make a time of congregational prayer for individuals, our church, and The UMC. During this service we will have not only a time of discussion of prayer needs and prayer, but also a devotional and communion. What a wonderful way to be refreshed in the middle of the week!

The Wonderful Wednesday book and Bible study is studying Matthew 5-7, the Sermon on the Mount. We will meet every Wednesday this month from 7:00-8:00 PM except for November 1, Church Family Night, and November 22, **when we are off for Thanksgiving.**

S.P.A. Ladies Fall Study The Study, Pray, Act Ladies are studying **Laura Story's *When God Doesn't Fix It.*** Debby Grimm leads the study, and meetings alternate between 27 and 31 Warbler St. from 9:00-10:00AM Tuesay mornings. No meeting on November 21.

Sunday School classes for all ages begin at 9:30 AM on Sunday mornings. The adult class meets in the Parlor. Youth and children meet in the Education Building. Come and get to know the Lord with us!

Please call Susan in the office (504-288-2242) if you have any questions, and please be in prayer about

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