

Thankful

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JOURNEYS

Grateful, Thankful, and Blessed

Grateful, Thankful and Blessed. It's a phrase that has been widely used. As casual as being grateful for your morning coffee to a deeply felt goodbye to a loved one that you have been so blessed to have had in your life.

This month, as we prepare for the festivities of Thanksgiving, we are reminded of all that we have to be grateful and thankful for and how blessed we truly are.

The feeling of gratitude is contagious. We have included a few responses to what this means to others in hopes that the feeling of gratitude spreads throughout our Church Family and Community.

Gratitude is more than simply saying “thank you.” Gratitude’s amazing powers have the ability to shift us from focusing on the negative to appreciating what is positive in our lives. Practicing daily gratitude gives us a deeper connection to ourselves, the world around us, and to our Creator.

- written by National Calendar Day

grateful

This Thanksgiving we wish you all a Holiday full of memory making moments that leave you feeling Grateful, Thankful, and Blessed. Much Love always.

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Dates to Note:

Charge Conference:

November 14th

5 pm - Staff Parish Committee

6 pm - All Church with District Superintendent Kathleen Weber

• Zoom link provided in Wednesday emails

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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WORSHIP

**Sunday Morning
10:00am**

A letter from the Pastor

by Pastor Jo Ann

Things we know to be true: At the end of the day or the end of a lifetime, it is the people (and fur babies) that will matter the most. My favorite Thanksgiving celebrations as a child would involve a long car ride south to visit my mom's family in Kentucky. I have significant feelings of being cared for-through hugs and food and endless conversations. One of my early discoveries in this congregation was that Pauline Greear grew up not far from where I would visit. Her accent and mannerisms take me back to time with my aunts. I long to hear her stories.



In October, we featured Al Stoner in our worship service. He shared some of his memories of working in the church. In future months, there are plans to interview other long-term leaders. Along with our many photo albums, these videos will hopefully keep us grounded in the best of memories and purpose. I give thanks for the stories I have heard and for those that are before us.

At Administrative Council and Charge Conference, we will have the opportunity to share both our accomplishments of the past few years and our dreams as we move forward. I find myself repeating a small awareness from the October lectionary readings. There were two healings of blind men. In the first story, the blind man was a member of the community, and the disciples knew they had a responsibility to share Jesus with him. In the story of Bartimaeus, the blind man was separated from community. He was on the side of the road, begging to be noticed. The disciples wanted to ignore and quiet him. Jesus spoke to the community and ordered them to bring Bartimaeus before him. In the days that followed, I have spoken with church members who find homes among those who are "crying out". I have invited them to join our leadership for this next season and I look forward to the experience they will offer us.

On Wednesday evenings (beginning November 10 at 7 pm), we will share one of Adam Hamilton's early studies – The Journey. We will explore the places and stories of Joseph, Mary, Elizabeth, as well as the shepherds and the angels. We will join this journey with our own questions and with new members. Together we will expect to see God's love manifest in our conversations and our community.

Thank you to those who have reached out with special words of welcome. Your thoughts are much appreciated. Hopefully I am getting better with names and stories – I hope I will have many years to sort it all out with you.

May God continue to bless you and keep you,
Pastor Jo Ann



Tree Removal Day!

So many came out to help in removing the tree that was overhanging onto our roof. Bob Southard took lead in trimming all the branches first and then down to the trunk. We have a stump removal service that will be completing that portion of the work.





IT'S PUMPKIN TIME

A small group of families took to the pumpkin patch after Church one Sunday. It was a great time, though the rain did pour, the children loved it!

PUMPKIN CARVING party



The young and not as young, alike, gave their pumpkins new faces for Halloween. Frightful and fun! We were so glad to have such a great get-together!





November

CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday

TYLER BRINKMAN
ANGELA PRICE

2ND
30TH

Happy Anniversary

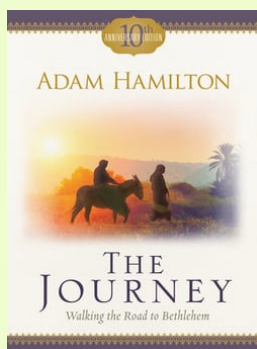
ROGER AND KATHY

11TH

Prayers of Healing for
the Families of:

James (Jim) Heriford and
the loss of his sister to
Covid.

New Book Study
Wednesday,
November 10th –
December 15th.



The Journey
by Adam Hamilton

Copies are available for
purchase in the office.

Auction

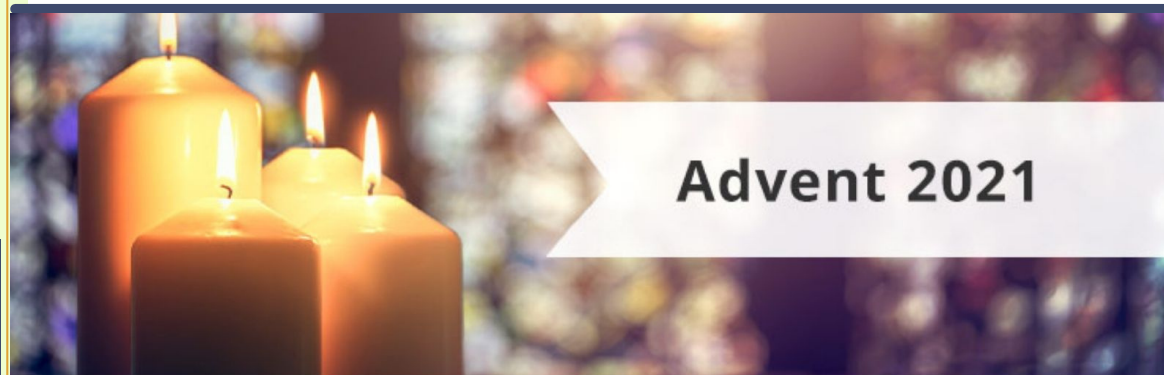
ENDS ON NOVEMBER 14TH



Our silent auction features local artists -
Patti Mueller, Merle Pfeifer, and Judy Tuttle.

The Artwork includes beautifully hand-carved woodwork by Merle Pfeifer;
Stunning paintings on ceramic by Judy Tuttle
and gorgeous watercolors by Patti Mueller.

Proceeds will defray the cost of a new baptismal font, which itself will be a work of art.



Advent 2021

Advent begins on Sunday, November 28th

Christmas Eve Services

December 24th



PLAN TO JOIN US AS YOU ARE ABLE.

5:30PM FAMILY SERVICE

9:00PM TRADITIONAL SERVICE WITH CANDLE-LIGHTING

SERVICES WILL ALSO BE ONLINE LIVE AND/OR RECORDED.



Hello Families! I hope you are all well and settling into the new school year! This is a busy time of year and we want to let you know of some events we have planned for the next couple of months. These are our plans for the fall season. We hope you will plan to join us.

11/20 - Family Game Night 6:00 - 8:00pm

We are excited to bring this back. Bring your favorite game and head up to church to play and enjoy some good fellowship.

UPDATE ON CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

This year we will be putting together a pre-recorded video pageant featuring our children and their families.

This will be played during service and included in the service recording. If your family would like to participate, please contact the office at 360-887-8312 or email at Ridgefieldmethodist@gmail.com. We would love to have our families participate!

12/31 - Family New Year's Eve Party 6:00 - 8:00pm
Countdown to New Year will be at 8pm!

We are looking for a Children's Ministry Assistant.

The official position posting is as follows:

At Ridgefield United Methodist, we greet ALL as God's children. The same greeting is put forth in staffing. We welcome all ethnicity, sexual orientations and ages.

Someone to work Sunday mornings under the direction of our Children's Ministry Leader. This person will float between age groups of nursery up to high school students as needed. It's a great opportunity for experience if you are schooling to go into the childcare/teaching fields. We would love to have someone in this like minded area. This is a Church position, you will need to be open to the teachings of the Bible.

Job Responsibilities:

- Provide excellent care for children, birth through teens, on Sunday mornings.
- Maintain a clean and safe environment in our Church Nursery/Kids Rooms.
- Help to maintain check-in and check-out system to ensure children's safety.
- Will be open to additional hours as needs arise, i.e. for occasional meetings.

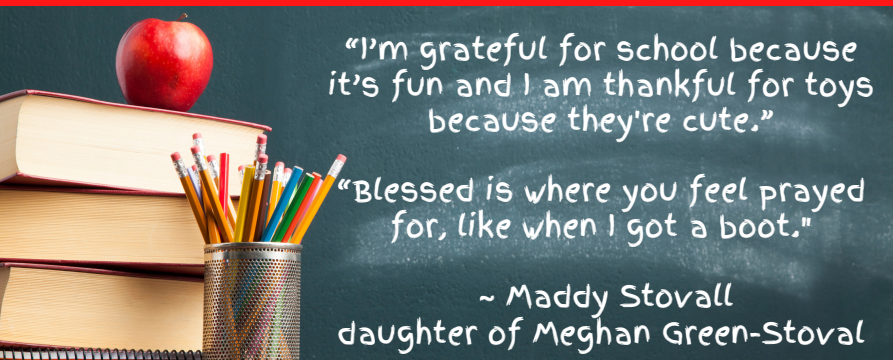
Qualifications:

- Experience working with children and helping to create an environment where they feel welcome, wanted and safe.
- Background Checks will be administered as well as needing to be CPR certified. You must also uphold RCUMC's Safe Sanctuaries policy. (Copies of the policy will be made available to the caregiver and kept onsite for access.)
- This position requires that you communicate well with the Children's Ministry Director, Pastor, and Parents.
- We also ask that you will appreciate the Church environment and understand that your attitude will shape how young children understand church.
- Must be 18 years or older.
- Masks will be required, indoor or outside for as long as Covid persists.

Employment Specifics:

- Hours are 9:30am to 11:30am every Sunday.
- Compensation is \$17/hour.
- Children's Ministry Assistant will be willing to provide childcare during additional evening meetings, as his/her/their schedule allows. (infrequent)

Grateful, Thankful and Blessed kids say it best.



"I'm grateful for school because it's fun and I am thankful for toys because they're cute."

"Blessed is where you feel prayed for, like when I got a boot."

~ Maddy Stovall
daughter of Meghan Green-Stoval

I'm thankful for you (mom),
grateful that I live somewhere
and not on the side of the street.
I feel blessed because God gave
me a life.

- Ben Snipes
son of Melissa Snipes



We are...

GRATEFUL, THANKFUL, AND BLESSED

We are so grateful:

For such a large variety of food to eat.
For good health and accessible medical facilities.
For a comfortable home to shelter from the cold.
For those who sacrificed themselves for the freedoms we enjoy.

We are so blessed:

With the love we share.
With a large loving biological family.
With our loving and caring church family.

We are so thankful:

For the dazzling beauty and wonder of God's creation.
For the ultimate sacrifice of our Savior for the forgiveness of our sins.
For such a mighty, generous, loving God who is with us always.

~Lance and Carolyn Almond

I am blessed for Sandi, she is a great advocate, caregiver and life partner.

~ Tim Winn



I'm **thankful** for the fellowship of this church and the music we can provide. It's welcoming and there is always a roll for someone to fill.

Grateful for our Ministers, they have always provided strong spiritual leadership.

I'm **blessed** with my Family, Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren
~ Dean Brown



I'm blessed with the wonderful place
I live, it is beautiful.
The sunrise this morning was gorgeous.
~ Joyce Woodward

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Newsletter October 2021

Sunday Service 10:00am