



Waterville Words

NOVEMBER 2011

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Dale Rippey
- 5 – Elie Stangler
- 5 – Skyler Petry
- 8 – Madison Barber
- 9 – Janette Byrne
- 9 – Samantha Petry
- 10 – Ashlee Marzahn
- 12 – Riley Sammon
- 13 – Sara Hogan
- 16 – Riley Luebben
- 17 – Kevin Swift
- 18 – Holly Ready
- 22 – Curt Hogan
- 27 – Jacob Hill
- 28 – Ezekiel Rozanski



AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 – Holly & Jeff Ready
- 11 – Erv & Sharon Halstead
- 19 – Kristin & Luke Andrews

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please keep in your prayers...

- ~Pastor Cindy as she travels on vacation and on her pilgrimage
- ~Our family and friends who are facing health concerns.
- ~People who care for others
- ~Those in the hospital or care facilities
- ~Those who continue to grieve the loss of loved ones – especially during the holidays
- ~Those uncertain of their future and looking to God for guidance.
- ~Our friends who are facing cancer diagnoses
- ~Those continuing to look for work
- ~Those in service to our country at home and around the world
- ~Those traveling for the holidays
- ~Our country and its leaders
- ~Our church and its leaders



Remember to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed Saturday night, November 5th.

ADULT CLASS CHANGES FOCUS FOR ADVENT



Our adults have been challenged and intrigued by our study on Emergence Christianity. But as we go into the holiday season, we have decided to take a look at what one book of the Bible says about how to walk in Christ's path.

On Nov 20, Dec. 4, and 18, we will be meeting to share a meal, how our lives are going and do a study of the book of James. This three-chapter book holds a great deal of wisdom for our time and for us walking in God's way. If you wish to join us, we begin informally with a potluck at 5 pm on those dates in the Waterville church basement

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The November coffee hour will be Sunday, November 27th. Sharon and I are going to try something new. Instead of having coffee after church - as we've always done! **We are planning our coffee fellowship for that hour BEFORE church.** So come early - 9:30 - 10:20 AM and have coffee, treats, and time to visit with friends. We're looking forward to seeing you then ~ Sharon Byrne / Anita Swift



COOKIE WALK

It's time again to think about those mouth-watering cookies. This year our cookie walk will be held on Saturday, December 3rd from 10:00 to 12:00. The decorating theme for this year will be poinsettias. If you would be willing to share your poinsettia decorations for this event please drop them at the church on or before Thursday, December 1st. A signup sheet will be in the back of the church for workers and cookies.



Thank you to all who have helped to make this event a success. Your baking talents and helping hands are greatly appreciated.

MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH

WATERVILLE CARE CENTER BINGO

November 16 – Karen B & Cleota in charge

COFFEE HOUR

November 27 – Sharon B & Anita hostess

GREETERS

November 6 – Arlis Wallace and Jo Snyder

November 13 – Jim and Judy Frost

November 20 – Kacy Buchmann-Byrne and Lilly Anderson

November 27 – Dennis Bauer

SCRIPTURE AND READERS FOR NOVEMBER



November 6 – Isaiah 43: 1–9 and
Philippians 4: 10–14 – Karen Olson

November 13 – Genesis 32: 9–20 and
Genesis 33: 1–11 – Reader needed

November 20 – Genesis 37: 1–11 and
Genesis 37: 18–27 – Daulton Wollin
and Hawkin Anderson

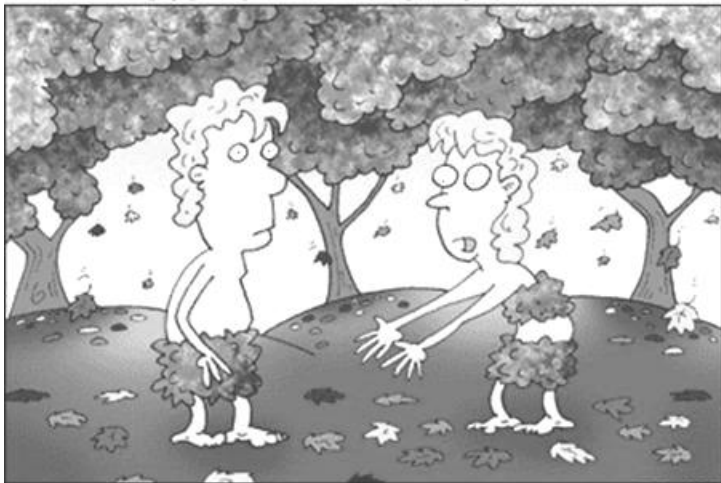
November 27 – Advent Reading: Luke
1: 26-38 and Mark 13: 32–37 - Family
Needed to read.

****November Communion will be provided by
Audene Greenwald.**

SPECIAL THANKS TO...

- Brenda Heuss for her willingness to head up the Trick or Treat for the Food Shelf again this year!
- Those who attended the Charge Conference.
- All the people who made the Chicken n' Biscuit and Spaghetti Supper a success

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WILL YOU PLEASE PICK UP ALL YOUR
CLOTHES?

CONFIRMATION CLASS CONTINUES

In November, we will be focusing on the meaning and purpose of Advent and in December, we are asking students to participate in their church Christmas program or Christmas Eve service. We will resume our regular schedule in January with a study of Epiphany. Class is held the third Sunday of each month from 1 – 4 pm. We will be rotating locations between the churches every two months:

November 20, January 12 Waterville EUMC

February 19, March 18 Elysian UMC

April 15, May 20 Blooming Grove

UMC

*Note: There will be no class in December but
Confirmands are expected to participate in Christmas
program or worship at their own churches*

We will also be asking for folks to prayerfully consider serving as mentors during the summer and fall of 2012 to help the youth with special projects. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Pastor Cindy at 362-8260 or via email at soulfreegates@yahoo.com

NOVEMBER UMW MEETING

All United Methodist Women are invited to attend the November meeting. We will be meeting before church on Sunday November 13 at 9:45am. We will be



making some plans for the upcoming year and some important decisions about how our money is spent!! We hope to see you all there!



TREASURER'S REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2011

Total Revenue collected in September = \$3481.18

Total Expenditures in September = \$3670.31

Individual Accounts:

Fund Raising	\$0.00
Trustees/Maint.	(\$1683.61)
Memorials	(\$3000.41)
Youth Camp	(\$1478.95)
Elevator Fund	(\$2067.44)

General Fund-\$5790.53

DISBURSEMENTS

Pastor's Expenses	Total	\$2185.71
Church Expenses	Total	\$1119.43
Parsonage Expenses	Total	\$ 365.17
Total Disbursements		\$3670.31

Management and Administration Council Meeting

Evangelical United Methodist Church of Waterville

Oct. 6, 2011

Attendance: Pastor Cindy Kennedy, Don & Arlene Wetzel, Darlene Thrun, Karen Bauer, Karen Lamont, Jim Frost, and Kathy Kerekes.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Cindy Kennedy.

Regular Management reports

Secretary's report: The Secretary's report was passed out by Karen and reviewed by the board. A motion was made by Arlene, seconded by Darlene, to approve the Secretary's report Motion passed.

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer's report was passed out by Arlene and reviewed by the board. The assessment due for the road by the parsonage will be paid this month. 2 months of apportionments have been paid so far. A motion was made by Darlene and seconded by Karen L. that money for repairs to the elevator should come out of the elevator fund. A motion was made by Darlene and seconded by Karen B. to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Parish Treasurer's and Parsonage Maintenance Report: The Parish Treasurer and Parsonage Maintenance reports were passed out by Darlene and reviewed by the board. A motion was made by Arlene, seconded by Karen L., to approve the reports. Motion passed.

Trustees: Jim will get estimates on flooring for the parsonage to replace the carpeting. A motion was made by Darlene, seconded by Kathy, to add Jim Frost's name to the Trustees CD's and the safe deposit box. Motion passed. A motion was made by Arlene and seconded by Karen B. to approve the Trustees report. Motion passed.

Scrip report: Arlene reported that the scrip account is at \$1045.00 as of Sep. 18, 2011.

Administrative Council Reports

PPRC Report: The PPRC Committee will meet on Oct. 12 at Blooming Grove, at 7:00 p.m. There was discussion in regard to the ownership of the parsonage, and it was determined that WUMC is the owner. There was a question about who would benefit from the sale of the parsonage, if that should ever be necessary. After discussion of the balance in the fund, motion was made by Arlene, seconded by Karen L., that the WUMC stop payments to the Joint Maintenance Parsonage Fund until the board decides payments should resume. Motion passed.

Education Report: Karen L. reported that there are 10 to 12 children attending Sunday School, from the age of 3 up to 4th grade. They may decide to split the class and have 2 teachers due to the large spread in ages.

Missions Report: Amy Petry has asked to be relieved of duties on the Missions team.

UMW Report: The Chicken and Biscuit Dinner brought in about \$2200.00 before expenses.

Vision Task Force Reports

The visitation team is now called the "Community Ministry Team" and is sending out weekly devotions to a select number of church members. Cindy is now doing weekly meetings at the Federal Prison in Waseca. **Youth and children:** There are plans for a movie night and possibly a music program to present to youth. The annual Trick or Treat for the food shelf is planned for Oct. 30.

Old Business

The repair and cleaning list was reviewed. Many of the tasks have been completed. Jim will make a wood cover for the wall where the water fountain once was located. He will use wood and paint left from the altar remodel.

Charge Conference

Cindy passed out copies of nominations for officers and team members for 2012. A motion was made by Arlene, seconded by Karen L., to approve the nominations. Motion passed.

The conference requests that churches pledge \$100.00 per member to the "Imagine No Malaria" mission project. The money would be pledged by the end of 2011 in order to get matching funds, but the payments can be made over the next 3 years, 2012 to 2014. There was discussion on how to raise the money, which would be about \$4700.00. The project provides mosquito netting in areas plagued by

malaria. A motion was made by Arlene, seconded by Karen B. to approve the pledge. Other requests by the conference include weekly reporting of attendance at worship and meetings, professions of faith, etc. It was decided due to the small membership, we would report on a quarterly basis. Cindy will fill out and turn in the paper with our pledges.

Dorothy Kanne Sundvoll Estate

The church was the direct cash beneficiary of a Certificate of Deposit from Dorothy Kanne Sundvoll Estate, in the amount of \$3000.43. Another check in the amount of \$31,344.30 from Wells Fargo from the same estate was received today. After discussion about the use of this money, a motion was made by Kathy, seconded by Jim, to put the money in a short term CD, and form a committee that will decide the use of this money, according to the wishes of Mrs. Sundvoll and the needs of the church and missions.

Post Office Box

Arlene looked into P. O. Box options for church mail that goes to Cindy's house. A motion was made by Kathy, seconded by Arlene, to rent a 5.5" x 11" box. Motion passed. Cindy and Kathy K. will have keys to the box, and if Cindy is out of town, someone else will keep her key.

Elevator Training

Don has talked to Darren DeJoy, and plans are being made for he and Jim and anyone else interested and possibly someone from the fire department to take training.

Karr Tuck-pointing

The company could not send someone at this time to talk to the board about the bricks that are falling and what to do about it. There was discussion about insulation in the balcony by the bell tower. We will try to meet with the company soon.

Website

Improvements and updates are being made to the church website.

New Business

Pillars in front yard for signs.

Darlene suggested we look into having permanent pillars in the front yard to post event signs, and that this would be a possible use for memorial money. Jim will talk to someone in the city office about setbacks and other requirements.

Front flower garden

After the big tree on Main St. was removed from the front of the church, the hostas in the front garden have suffered from the heat and sun. It has been proposed the plants be removed and the area put into grass, possibly putting a row of flowers by the railing. Other suggestions have been having planters in the area. Soil is needed around the church sides also, as it is settling by the building.

Lights in Sanctuary

There are some lights that need replacement in the upper ceiling. A motion was made by Darlene, seconded by Karen B., to hire an electrician to do the work. Don will call an electrician.

Fire Extinguishers

The new insurance company requires a certification of the fire extinguishers in the church. Darlene will call Jay Hill in regard to this matter.

Cookie Walk

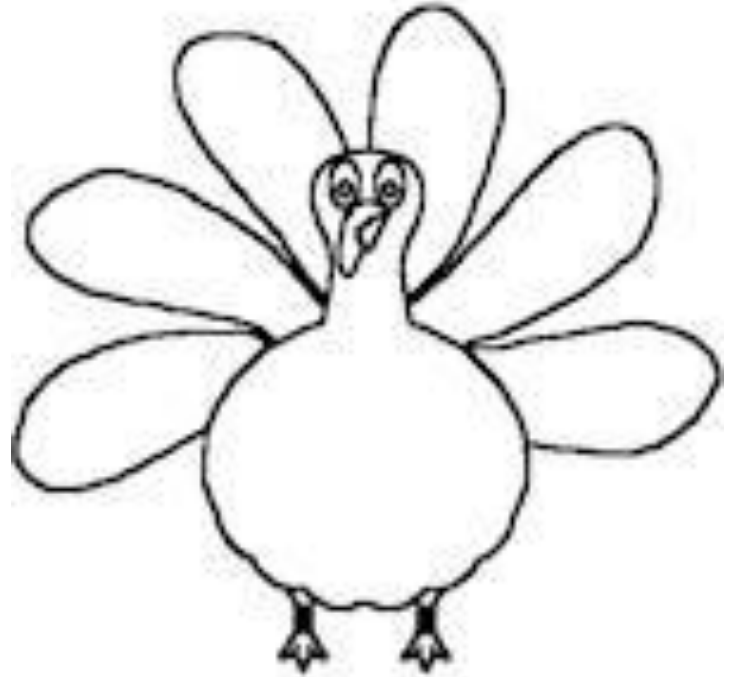
The city of Waterville and Chamber are having the annual holiday open house on a Thursday evening this December, instead of the same Saturday as our cookie walk. There was discussion about proposals to change the date of the walk, but it was decided that it should be the same as always, as many people look forward to that event on a Saturday. A motion was made by Arlene, seconded by Darlene, to keep the cookie walk on the first Sat. in Dec. Motion passed.

Our next Management meeting will be on Nov. 21.

Motion made by Arlene, seconded by Karen B. to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

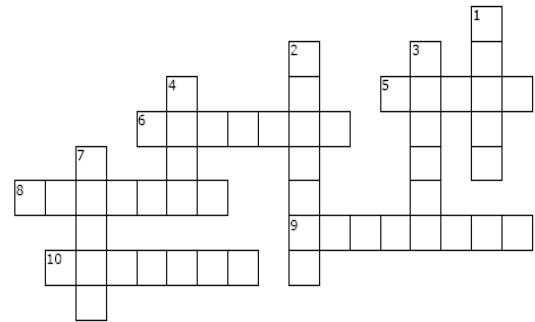
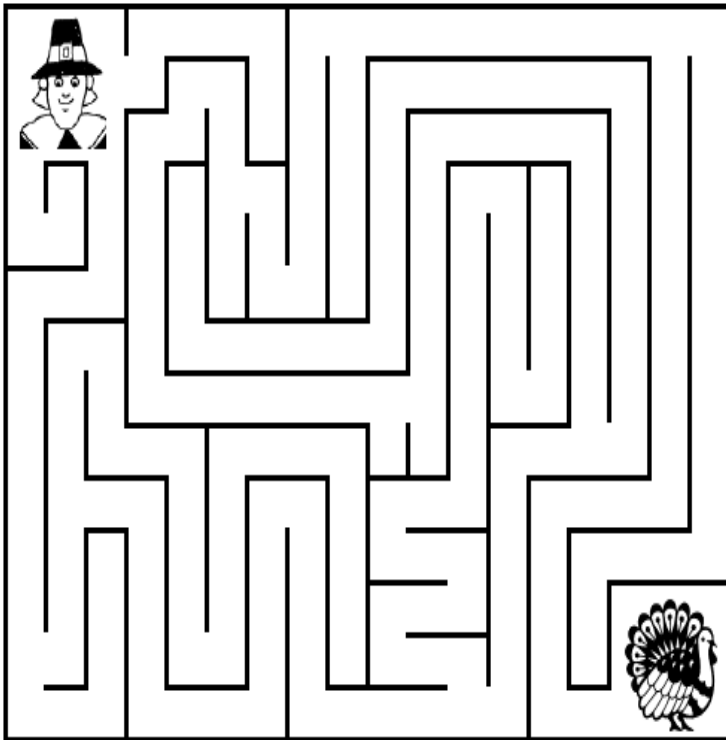
Respectfully submitted, Karen Bauer, Secretary.

GIVE THANKS



My Thanksgiving List

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. Psalm 100:4 (NIV)



ACROSS

5. The Son of God
6. An area of land that has its own government; a nation, the USA
8. A person whom you know well and like a lot
9. The person who gives instruction at school
10. Things such as dresses, pants, shirts, and blouses

DOWN

1. A building in which people live
2. A person's mother and father
3. The condition of the body and how free it is illness; Are you in good ____?
4. What people and animals eat to keep them alive
7. The holy book containing God's Word

COUNTRY	PARENTS	CLOTHES	FRIENDS	JESUS
TEACHERS	BIBLE	FOOD	HOUSE	HEALTH

Help the Pilgrim find the turkey

Prairie Lakes Parish Activities

Waterville Evangelical
 Worship 10:30 am
 Sunday School during worship

November 2011

Blooming Grove
 Worship..... 8:30 am
 Sunday School 9:30 am

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Pastor Cindy on Vacation						
6 Daylight Saving Time Ends 5:00 pm Adult Education at WV	7	8 Election Day 	9	10 6:30 pm WV Ad Council	11 Veteran's Day 	12
Pastor Cindy on Pilgrimage						
13	14	15	16 7:30 pm BG UMW at Linda Morgan's	17	18	19
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20 Confirmation Commissioning 1-4 pm Confirmation Class at WV 5 pm Adult Bible Study at WV	21 5 pm Spaghetti Supper at WV	22 <div style="background-color: #e0f2f1; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Pastor Cindy's Day off</div>	23	24 Thanksgiving Day 	25	26 9 am Christmas Decorating at BG
27	28	29 <div style="background-color: #e0f2f1; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Pastor Cindy's Day off</div>	30 6 pm WV Community Ministry Team	Dec 1	Dec 2	Dec 3 Cookie Walk at Waterville

PASTORAL LETTER:

"Yes the Lord pleads with you still: Ask where the good road is, the godly paths you used to walk in, in the days of long ago; Travel there, and you will find rest for your souls" Jeremiah 6: 16

As I prepare for my pilgrimage to England, to walk and learn in the places there were meaningful to John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, I have been privileged to think more about all the different kind of journeys we take in our lives. I have been reading a book called "The Art of Pilgrimage" by Phil Cousineau, where he addresses the phases of going on a pilgrimage or sacred journey. There is time of thinking and dreaming, time of preparation and departure, time in the sacred space and a time of returning home. A pilgrimage is often seen as a journey to a place but it can also be a journey through a sacred time. We are preparing to enter Advent, the time of preparation for remembering the birth of the Christ child. We are in the thinking and dreaming stage, the time of longing or calling. We have been busy and working throughout the long hot summer. We are now reaping what we have planted but the time is coming soon for thanksgiving and rest. In a rural area, we see more clearly the movement of the seasons and the harvest of our effort at this time of year. Many of you will still be working hard in the field or on projects in the early weeks of November. But at some point, as the work comes to an end... even if you don't farm... this time of year invites rest and reflection. As the days grow colder and shorter, we are prayerfully able to take time to be in a time of peace and rest, listening for God's voice as we dream and think about the coming season of Advent. For many of us, that season can be busy as well. So, take advantage of a lull in the activity if you can. Think of at least one week on November as your pilgrimage dreaming week. What do you hope for during this coming Advent season? How can you reflect on God's work in your life and community over the last year and what do you hope for from God in the coming year? Remember, in the Christian calendar, we are nearing the end of Ordinary or Pentecost time and moving into a time that will lead us, over the next 5 months, through the story of the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. How, this year, do you want to enter into the story? So take a week, take a day, take an hour a week... take some time in this pre-Advent season to dream and think on the time of preparation we will be walking through together... the pilgrimage in time we will take to remember and celebrate coming of Emmanuel – God with us. Amen.



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