

November, 2017



Happy Birthday!

Kellie Ostrander 11/4

Jim Novak 11/11

Carol Vore 11/16

Lucas Clark 11/17

Kate Noelanders
11/19

Margaret Smith 11/19

Amy Gordon 11/20

Masen Stites 11/26

Elizabeth Comiskey
11/28

“²³Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds”
--Hebrews 10:23-24

How many things can you say you do in your life unswervingly? That is there is no variation, no change in how you do them from day to day, week to week, month to month? As much as humans are creatures of habit I am willing to bet that there are not many of us who can say we do many things unswervingly.

That is why I love the verse that I started this article with. It challenges those of us who profess to have hope in the Lord. It challenges us because if we are going to claim to have Faith in Jesus there is only one way to do so, unswervingly. It is the only choice because as the Scripture told us, “he who promised is faithful.” Jesus is unswerving in his promise and commitment to us, and we are challenged to respond in kind.

Now don't get me wrong that is not an easy thing to do. While many may find it easy to be faithful when things are good doing so when things go south is another story entirely. Many of us are likely to stumble and fall during those times, but here is the good news, we don't have to face those difficult times alone.

That is what the second verse from Hebrews reminds us. That as Christians we are a part of a community that should encourage and support one another through those difficult times.

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Memory
Verse

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From the Pastor (Continued)

I have been grateful to be a part of a community that has for a long time spurred me on to “love and good deeds.” My hope and prayer is that we can continue to be that community, for each other, and for a world that is sorely in need of some love and good deeds.

Let us be unswerving in our commitment to Christ now and forever,
Pastor Devin

Food Pantry Donations

For the month of November, the Blissfield Area Food Pantry is asking for donations of canned soup, cookie and cake mix, and canned fruit.

Additionally, the pantry is running low on a lot of staple items: mashed potatoes, peanut butter, crackers, cereal, etc.

Donations may be left in the church entrance area. We will see to it that they get delivered to the food pantry.

Quote of the Day



Meals on Wheels

Mark your calendar!

We will be delivering Meals on Wheels the week of December 4-8. We will need two drivers per day, so if you are able to help out, it is greatly appreciated.



Online Giving

A month or two back the Lead Team put out feelers to see if there was any interest in using online giving for the Church. The results showed that there was and we are now setup to receive online giving through a service named SimpleGive. There are several ways you can give.

The first is to visit the giving portal at: <http://my.simplegive.com/emmanuelumc> from a computer, tablet or smartphone. You can choose to setup an account if you wish to use the online giving regularly (including setting up recurring giving that will automatically happen weekly/monthly/etc.) or simply choose to give a onetime gift. When giving a donation you are also able to specify it as for "General Fund" or "Building Fund", etc.

The other option for using online giving is to download the SimpleGive App. Once it is downloaded you can search for Emmanuel United Methodist Church by name or find us by Zipcode, 49228. The App will allow you the same options for giving as the website offers.

You can also find a link to the Online Giving through our website at www.blissfieldemmanuel.com/giving. If you are interested in using the online giving and need assistance with getting it setup, please feel free to contact Pastor Devin.



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you get what you give

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1 Dinner Together 6:00 pm Classes for all ages 6:30-7:30 pm	2	3	4 Craft Day 10am—10pm
5 Adult Sunday School 9:15 Worship at 10:30	6 Scrap-booking 6:00pm	7	8 Dinner Together 6:00 pm Classes for all ages 6:30-7:30 pm	9	10	11 Veterans Day
12 Adult Sunday School 9:15 Worship at 10:30 Youth Skit	13 Scrap-booking 6:00pm Tentative - ASL Class 6pm	14	15 Dinner Together 6:00 pm Classes for all ages 6:30-7:30 pm	16	17	18
19 Adult Sunday School 9:15 Worship at 10:30	20 Scrap-booking 6:00pm Tentative—ASL Class 6pm	21	22 No Wednesday night activities	23 Thanksgiving Day	24	25
26 Adult Sunday School 9:15 Worship at 10:30 1st Sunday of Advent	27 Scrap-booking 6:00pm	28	29 Dinner Together 6:00 pm Classes for all ages 6:30-7:30 pm	30	1	2

Music Notes

"I was glad when they said to me," Let us go into the house of the Lord....to give thanks to the name of the Lord. "
-Psalm 122.

This year marks five hundred years since the Reformation. Martin Luther had some good thoughts about music which I share here:

"Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise. The gift of language, combined with the gift of song was given to man that he should proclaim the Word of God in music. My heart, which is so full to overflowing, has often been solaced and refreshed by music when sick and weary. Music drives the devil away and makes people joyful; they forget thereby all wrath, unchastity, arrogance, and other vices. The devil, the originator of sorrowful anxieties and restless troubles, flees before the sound of music almost as much before the Word of God. As long as we live there is never enough singing.

A person who does not regard music as a marvelous creation of God, must be a clodhopper indeed and does not deserve to be called a human being; he should be permitted to hear nothing but the braying of asses and the grunting of hogs. Those who love music are gentle and honest in their tempers. I always loved music, and would not, for a great matter, be without the little skill which I possess in the art."

Approaching Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas do you have a song in your heart to share? As a soloist, instrumentalist, or small ensemble you are invited to enrich services with special music for such special times. I am happy to hear from you.

Kendra Goetz
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Music Coordinator



Scrapbooking Classes

Diann Warner is teaching a scrapbooking class that is open to all who may be interested.

The group meets at 6:00pm every Monday evening in the church basement. There is no cost unless you choose to purchase supplies.

No RSVP needed, just show up and join the fun!

Sign Language Class

Sarah Jacobs will be continuing with her introduction to American Sign Language (ASL).

Classes are open to all, even if you missed the October sessions.

Tentative dates are Nov. 13 and 20 at 6pm, but this is subject to change. Please keep an eye on the church calendar. If you have any questions, call or email the church office.

“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people” -1 Timothy 2:1

Those needing continued healing and strength:

- Wendell & Alice Goetz
- Cathy Jenkins
- Jim & Millie Tipton
- Kate Noelanders
- Lyna Mae French
- David Dexter
- Mary Roback
- Gwen Cruz
- Lynnette Gafner
- Kaidence Gozdziwski
- Zayne Warren
- Our covenant missionaries, Mary Gladstone-Highland and Kristen Brown
- Our nation, state and local community and those in leadership positions



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