



MALTA UNITED



Methodist Church

November 2023



PASTOR JEREMIAH'S MESSAGE

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven
(Ecclesiastes 3:1 KJV)

This coming month is going to be very busy for our congregation. We will start off with our Roast Beef Supper and follow that up the next day with All Saint's Sunday as we remember those who have died and gone to be with God. A celebration and feast, followed by a day where we celebrate lives well lived, but also feel the grief of those lives lost.

Later in the month we will have a time of thanks. Thanksgiving is a day to remember blessings great and small and to enjoy the taste of good food and perhaps spend time with family or friends. It's a day for time away from work and everyone pitching in to make a great meal and to clean it up so we can possibly settle in for an afternoon nap. Though technically a US civic holiday, it was a creation of our government, it reminds us of the importance of gratitude, and how it's good for our hearts, good for other people, good for our relationship with God to say thank you.

Then the next week after Thanksgiving we have our church conference, on Wednesday, November 29 at 7:00 PM. Our yearly time to make some decisions and to consider

where we are as a congregation. A time to be in fellowship with our new sister church, Grace United Methodist as they will have their church conference the same night, and host the event for us, as we will host them next year. Now I admit administrative meetings aren't always the most fun experience, but it is good to reflect on where we've been and to spend some time pondering where we feel God is asking us to go as a church.

Finally, at the end of November we also move into the season of Advent. The time when we remember how Jesus came to us, born long ago. It is also the time when we consider what it means for Jesus to be remaking our world. The traditional passage for this season begins with the instruction to "Prepare the Way of the Lord." We can consider how are we preparing our hearts and helping to prepare the world for Jesus, to more fully come into our world.

November is a busy month, and we will do so many different things as a congregation, and as individuals and households. We will celebrate, we will mourn, we will feast, and we will carefully consider and in all this, may we open our hearts and minds to God's leading and Jesus love. And may we grow as persons and as a church in the days ahead. Amen.



**Turn your clocks back on
Saturday Night, November 4th**



Sunday, NOVEMBER 5TH

Bring a picture of a loved one you want to lift-up on "ALL SAINTS SUNDAY" – and we will place it on a table by the altar during worship service. Please have the pictures to Vicke by Thursday, Nov. 2nd and be sure and take them home after worship on November 5th.



**Christmas Movie Night with Grace UMC
Sunday December 17, 3:00 PM**

Each year we hear the Christmas story, the story of the birth of Jesus. But do we really consider what it was like for the Holy Family and the others in the story? What it was like for Mary, a teenager, to be asked to help bring Jesus into the world and what it could have cost her. What it was like to live under the thumb of the Roman puppet King Herod. What the struggle that Joseph faced was like? Who the Wise Men were and what their seeking Jesus means?

You are invited to join Grace UMC (506 Willow Street, Maple Park) on Sunday, December 17 for a viewing of the 2005 Film, The Nativity Story. Rated PG (the film does not depict any violence, but does refer to the actions of King Herod when he tried to kill Jesus as an infant.) This movie attempts to help us look at the birth of Jesus from other angles, not just as we hear in the Christmas Carols and in the Nativity sets, but more broadly the world that Jesus was born into, and who his earthly parents were. It is a film and not the bible itself, but it can help us think more about the Christmas Story we may think we know so well, and there are moments of humor and joy as well. (Also, we will have popcorn)

After the movie there will be a bit of time to talk about it with others and share your thoughts, and any reflections you have about the movie or the Christmas Story. Join us for this fun event!





NOVEMBER

11/24 Larry & Vicky Vint – (38 Years)

11/26 Gerald & Mary Lynn McArtor
(63 Years)



TODAY'S SISTERS

Today's Sisters is being is Thursday,
November 16th and will be held
at 9:30 a.m. at Oak Crest.



November 5 Harry & Marilyn Berg

November 12 Marcia Hueber

November 19 Frank & Kitty Jouris

November 26 Ruth Hueber



HELPING OUR KIDS

at Malta Elementary School

The school supplies needed are: boxes of crayons with 24 colors, glue sticks, boxes of #2 pencils, boxes of Kleenex, 3 ring binders, plastic school folders, black dry erase markers, scissors (for younger and older children), and boxes of regular colored markers (I believe they come in boxes of 8 colors). Finally, a donation of a new stocking hat, pair of gloves, or mittens would be wonderful (hand- made mittens and hats are also okay, as long as they are new.)

Special Needs: Children's

Underwear & Socks



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

4:00 P.M.

AT CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

19 Perry Road, Lee, IL 60530

There will be pie & fellowship
following the service.

We invite you to bring your
favorite pie to share.





THE SUTER COMPANY
1015 Bethany Road, Sycamore

VOLUNTEER
NOVEMBER 9-12, 2023

In the last 13 years our community has raised more than \$3.5 MILLION to fund more than 15.8 MILLION MEALS with more than 49,000 VOLUNTEERS PACKING MEALS!

If you want to help, email them at:
makeadifferencedkc.org/faqs



6	RUTH HUEBER
11	MADELINE HILL
12	VICKY VINT
14	DOROTHY STODDARD
19	ANNIKA ANDERSON McKINZIE ANDERSON
20	MYRNA DODGE KEVIN MCARTOR
22	DAWN COOK JERRY JORDAL

2023 ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH

at Grace UMC in Maple Park

(Joint Conference)

at 7:00 p.m. (SPRC 6:30 P.M.)

EVERYONE WELCOME

Reports due to Vicke by Monday, Nov. 13th



CHURCH COUNCIL TEAM:

Pastor Jeremiah Thompson

Church Council Chair: Ed Cheek

Secretary of CC: Sue Augustine

Church Finance: Bill Augustine

Trustee's Chair: Tom Plote

Church Financial Secretary: Nancy Plote

Church Treasurer: Kevin McArtor

Staff, Pastor, Parish & Relations : Marcia Hueber

Worship Team: Jodi Slade

Church Education: Kitty Jouris

Records & History: Marilyn Berg

At Large: Mary Lynn McArtor

At Large: Ruth Hueber





MALTA /AREA MILITARY MEN AND WOMEN CURRENTLY SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Almburg, Brett	Norman, Jacob
Bakken, Benjamin P.	Nunez, John
Bakken, Monique	Nunez, Nicolas
Builta, Andy	Page, Greg
Clark, Ben	Peterson, Eric
Clark, Kerry	Ritter, Matt
Howe, Chase	Swink, Ashley
Hoyle, Steve	Tucker, Bryan J.
Johnson, Brett & Mrs	West, Jonathon M.
Johnson, Samanth.	Wilson, Kim
Madsen, Jeff	Woodyatt, John M.
Nelson, Michael	Yedinak, Pete

Send Cards & Letters (anytime) to the Troops,

Send them to:

Support Our Troops
13791 N. Nebraska Avenue
Tampa, FL 33613.



FOR NOVEMBER

NOV. 5	Denny & Vickie Heins
NOV. 12	Denny & Vickie Heins
NOV. 19	Marcia Hueber
NOV. 26	Harry & Marilyn Berg

ACTION GROUPS FOR FELLOWSHIP/COFFEE HOUR



NOVEMBER 2023

Co-Chairs:

Heins, Vickie & Denny	815-252-0841
Hueber, Marcia	815-762-0010

Anderson, Ann & Marlin	815-825-2695
Berg, Marilyn & Harry	815-761-6232
Davison, Verna	815-756-2008
Fenstermaker, Katie & David	417-291-2031
Hopkins, Norma	815-751-1454
Hunt, Brenda & Jay	815-762-9845
Jordal, Linda & Jerry	815-601-6262
Quincer, Alice & Jim	815-761-8750
Siebrasse, Pat	815-970-5304

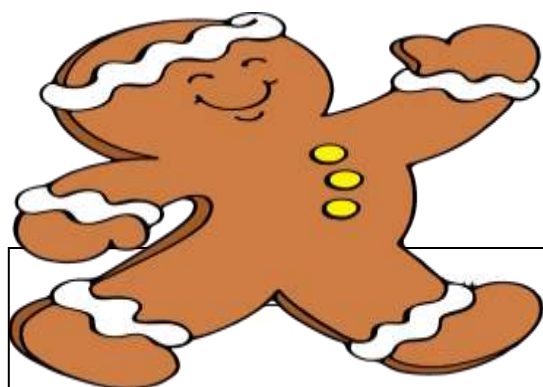
DECEMBER 2023

Co-Chairs:

Jouris, Kitty & Frank	815-751-3238
Vint, Vicky & Larry	815-751-5178

Abbott, Joanne & Dennis	815-825-2563
Arndt, Noel	815-751-0404
Augustine, Sue & Bill	815-762-5553
Butler, Florence & Paul	815-761-4788
Glen, Stella	815-761-2302
Hill, Rachel & Jason	630-441-0585
Hueber, Ruth	815-764-9932
Kyler, Shirley	815-751-2435
Schafer, Sandy	815-825-2364
Thompson, Pastor Jeremiah	815-592-3764
Willrett, Hope & Gene Hickey	815-901-8486





COOKIE WALK

December 9, 2023

Membership/Care Committee is happy to again host the wonderful Cookie Walk where members and friends of Malta UMC can participate in a giant cookie/candy exchange for just \$8 per pound. Come to Malta UMC Fellowship Hall on Saturday morning, **December 9, 2023** from **9 to 11 a.m.** to choose your own assortment of Christmas cookies and candy.

Servers and cookie handlers will follow health and safety precautions and we will monitor the number of guests doing the Cookie Walk at one time.

Our committee truly enjoys seeing the pleasure of our guests when choosing from all the beautiful cookies our church bakers provide. Many of us love the opportunity to bake our specialties. This is a fun way for church members to share some Christmas spirit and sample each other's baking talents. If everyone participates, how many different cookies could one sample? We have become well known to several out-of-town guests who return each year, saying "*Malta has the best selection.*"

All ladies of the church will be asked to bake at least 5 dozen of their favorite Christmas cookies to donate to our Cookie Walk on Saturday morning, December 9. We would like all bakers to identify the kind of cookies they bring and, if possible, key ingredients—nuts, chocolate, dates, etc. Please do not pre-package cookies as we display them on large trays. Deliver cookies and candy to Malta UMC by 8 a.m. Saturday morning. If you would like to select cookies at the time you deliver, we will accommodate you, even though the Cookie Walk officially opens at 9 a.m.

This year we have decided to give 100% of our profits to our church Capital Improvement Fund. We want to help our church, in this small way, pay remaining bills for major repairs. We sincerely appreciate everyone's donations and purchases in making our Cookie Walk a success!

NOVEMBER 2023

Vicke's Office Hours: M-W-Th 8-Noon



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

			1 Prayer & Fellowship 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.	2	3	4  Fall Supper Drive Thru 4:30-6:30 PM TURN CLOCKS BACK
5  ALL SAINTS DAY with Communion 23 rd Sunday after Pentecost	6	7	8 Prayer & Fellowship 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.	9 4H 6:30 p.m.	10	11
12 24 th Sunday after Pentecost Oak Crest Worship 330pm Kid's Sunday School 4 p.m.	13 Youth Group meets at Grace UMC 6PM	14	15 Prayer & Fellowship 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.	16 Today's Sisters 9:30 a.m. at Oak Crest	17	18
19 25 th Sunday after Pentecost 	20	21	22 NO Prayer & Fellowship 6:30 p.m. NO Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.	23  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> HAPPY THANKSGIVING </div>	24	25
26  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> PASTOR BACK </div> Special Offering: UM Student Day Kid's Sunday School 4 P.M.	27 Youth Group meets at Grace UMC 6PM	28	29 CHURCH CONFERENCE 7:00 P.M. at Maple Park Grace UMC EVERYONE WELCOME	30		

PASTOR OUT OF TOWN NOV. 22ND – NOV. 25TH



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M – W – Thurs 8-Noon

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TO: