



# November 2014

**Medicine Lodge United Methodist Church**

**TO KNOW CHRIST, TO GROW IN CHRIST, TO GO SERVE CHRIST**

Someone posted on my Facebook page a message stating: Oh, I wish we could celebrate one holiday at a time. The retailers are driving me crazy with all this merchandise out at the same time. It's like there is now simply one holiday where we are supposed to say "Happy Halloween-thanksmas!" Although the post made me smile it also made me reflect on how the current "pop culture" has diminished Thanksgiving and Christmas and elevated Halloween.

We have all most likely heard about the "War on Christmas" where the culture has been urging people to say "Happy Holidays" instead of "Merry Christmas." However, I don't remember any such "war on Halloween." And the politically correct folks are trying to rewrite the history text books and indoctrinate our young folks into believing that the first "thanksgiving" by the Puritans was simply a way in which "white fanatical Christians" took advantage of the "innocent native American" population. Sigh!

And yet I give glory to God, that in His infinite wisdom and planning, we still celebrate "Thanksgiving" in the good ole USA! Some of our citizens gather with family and friends to rejoice in the abundant blessings of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" that our blessed nation has enjoyed. Some of us take time between the turkey and the football games or family banter to genuinely give thanks to God for all the blessings that He has so very generously showered down upon our nation, our families, and our individual citizens. Nowhere in the world is there so much opportunity to live a life of peace and prosperity.

We don't read of millions of people trying to immigrate to Russia, China,

Iran, Pakistan, etc. The reason we don't read about that is that the USA is the one and only country where you can worship God as you please, acquire a piece of the American Dream through hard work and perseverance, and live almost anywhere in the country in peace.

But as Bob Dylan once wrote, "the times they are a changing." The greatness of America appears to be crumbling right before our eyes as we abandon our Christian principles of faith and freedom for secularism and dependence on an every increasingly corrupt government. Selfishness, self-centeredness, fame and fortune appear to be the core values of the current cultural norm. "It's all about me" appears to be the motto of many in our great nation.

And yet, there is hope. The Bible says, "If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14). The healing of our land, our nation, is possible and God has clearly outlined the process. Aren't you so very glad that we can have hope in a God whose tender mercies are new every morning? Aren't you so very glad that God's grace and blessings are available to us even in the midst of our nation's chaos?

As the season of Thanksgiving approaches, I believe that perhaps we need to look at the season in a different way. Instead of "counting our 'personal' blessings," instead of being thankful for "things," instead of looking at ourselves, how about if we look at the nature and character of our God?

In Nehemiah 9:17b we read, "But You *are* God, ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abundant in kindness, and did not forsake them." Aren't you thankful for this great truth?

In 1 John 3:16b we read, By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. I don't know about you dear reader, but the fact that I have a God who was willing to become human and then lay down His life in love for me amazes me beyond my ability to put it into words. God loves us so much He died for us. What a truth! What a reason for which to be thankful!

Don Moen writes "Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One. Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son." Would you or I dear reader sacrifice our one and only son for a sinful world? I can't imagine the ache in our Father's heart as He watched His son, Jesus, die. I can't imagine how very much God loves you and me to do that and to continue to pour out His blessings upon us even as we continue to stumble and fall and fail to do His will!

I'm so thankful that we can read in Lamentations 3:22-23 The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness (ESV).

*Pastor Dale Thiede*





**Sunday's  
"Pray it Forward"  
from 8:45-9:15**

Join us in praying for our church and all God wants us to be. We will begin as a group in the sanctuary at 8:45, then divide up around the church from 9:00-9:15. Our prayer time will conclude in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15 with a closing prayer as a group. We look forward to this time of prayer in our church.



**No Covered dish in  
November**

MLMH Hospital  
Open House  
Sunday, Nov. 2  
2:00-4:00 pm

Enter through the south doors (Clinic entrance). There will be guided tours and refreshments in the dining area. There will also be a ribbon cutting ceremony at the main entrance at 3 pm.



# Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday, November 27, 2014

Noon

United Methodist Church

Fellowship Hall

108 E. Second Ave., ML

Meat, potatoes, stuffing, bread and drink are provided.

Bring a salad, dessert or vegetable and your table service.

The Fisher Family will be hosting this year. If you would like to donate or help contact Andrea.



## Community Thanksgiving Luncheons

Nov. 4 - United Methodist Church

Nov. 11 - Community Bible Fellowship

Nov. 18 - Assembly of God

Meals served from 11:45 - 12:20

Speaker from 12:20-12:35

The Medicine Lodge Ministerial Association in observance of Thanksgiving is again having our Community Tuesday Thanksgiving Lunches. This year we are having 3 meals before Thanksgiving. Everyone is invited to attend as our community of faith comes together.

A freewill offering is taken to help support the Ministerial Association.

Come and join with others in our community on Tuesdays.



The rubber plant in the entryway is in need of a loving home. It is available for adoption to anyone who would like to come pick it up.

# We're Searching for Volunteers

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Primary Sunday School  
Extreme Kids Club

Contact Andrea if you are interested in helping in any of these areas.

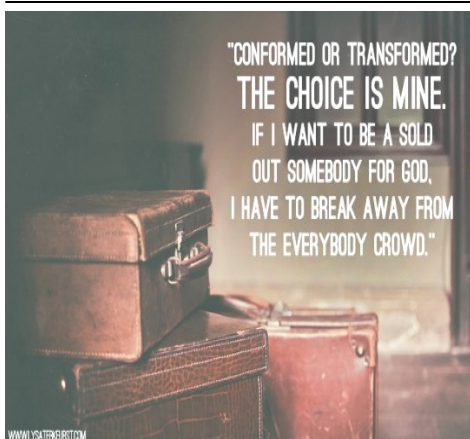
## THANK YOU!

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- ☞ Tristan Guthrie for folding the bulletins each week
- ☞ Larry Brittain, Ted Lukens, and Jim Sheetz for replacing the door in the parsonage
- ☞ Kelly Stockwell for mounting the tv in Fellowship Hall
- ☞ Ted Lukens & Stephanie Hawkins for unloading commodities
- ☞ Pastor Dale for picking up commodities at Pratt
- ☞ Mary Lou Hinz for answering the phone when Sharla was recovering
- ☞ Van Mitchell & Judy McCullough for helping with commodities
- ☞ Pat Bedwell, Tom & Barbara Bedwell, Phil Hinz & Jamie Lonker for putting tables & chairs up after the covered dish dinner
- ☞ Jody Mullican for folding the newsletter & getting it ready to mail

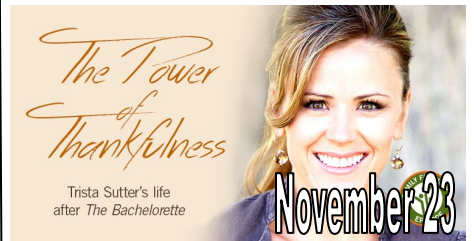
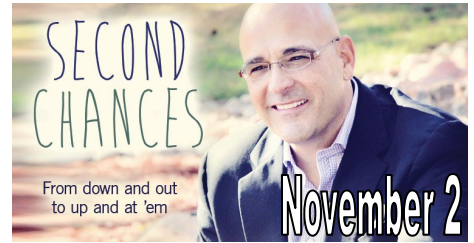


## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 4-Cole Long
- 5-Mary Hill Jean Stucky
- 8-Cliff Long, Shafer Stone, Connie Watts
- 10-Rick Anderson
- 11-Carolyn Hummon
- 14-Margaret Walker
- 15-Shirley Wagner
- 18-Laura Johnson, Bob Larson, Sharla Mease, Peggy Silcott
- 19-Nathan Wampler
- 20-Ted Lukens, Melea Oxley
- 22-Carol Thompson
- 25-Kevin Kirkbride
- 26-Sophia Dawson
- 27-Cori Todd
- 28-Elbert Wright
- 29-Dara Kirkbride
- 30-Jimmy McCullough



Life Tree Café  
Sundays @  
5:30 pm  
UMC Basement  
Childcare provided



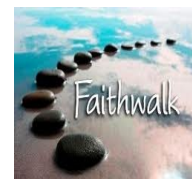
Operation Christmas Child is coming up quickly. Our church will be gathering items that fit in shoe boxes Nov. 1-12. On Nov. 12th, the Extreme Kids Club kids that bring items for a shoe box will have a "mission moment" and pack the Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes on that night. The boxes will be on display, Sunday Nov. 16 and then they will be delivered to the local collection sight, which is the First Christian Church. More information can be found online: [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org). Last year our boxes were shipped to Mexico.

## Charge Conference

Sunday, Dec. 7

2:00 pm

@ Kiowa UMC



Come join us  
for a Faith Walk  
Tuesdays & Thursdays  
@ 8:15 am  
!!EVERYONE WELCOME!!

It's that time of the year when the United Methodist Women are preparing to host the annual church fund raiser, a Soup Supper and Silent Auction!!

Fellowship Hall walls will be lined with theme baskets, baked goods, canned goods, gift certificates for such items as Fire Wood, Mystery Trips, Dinners, and anything else our creative people can offer! Bidding will stop at 7:00 promptly!

And so, everyone is encouraged to participate in this fun evening from 5:30 to 7:30. Come and eat, shop and help raise money for UMW Missions.

**Sign up for the Talent Show by calling Mary Lou Hinz at 886-3558 or Datty Lawrence at 886-5256**

## **Baskets and Silent Auction Items Needed**

# **UMW SOUP SUPPER, SILENT AUCTION AND TALENT SHOW**

**Wednesday, December 3, 2014**

**5:30 pm - 7:30 pm**

**United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall**

Meal will be:

**CHILI, VEGETABLE BEEF SOUP  
RELISHES, DESSERT & DRINK**



Silent Auction bidding will start Wednesday, Dec. 4 at noon and conclude at 7:00 pm .

**Free Will Offering For The Meal**

Proceeds Go To UMW Missions

Your Church is Looking for You!

We are in need of a person called to work in a most critical mission area of the Medicine Lodge United Methodist Church. The paid staff position of Education and Volunteer Coordinator is open. This is a part time position that oversees the recruiting, training and support for the leaders and volunteers for the education work area of our church. This person reviews and provides curriculum and supplies, maintains the budget and attendance records, and provides the student and adult recognition for the following events:

- \* Sunday School, Extreme Kids Club, MYF, Nursery, Bible Studies, VBS, Christmas Programs, Children's time, Lifetree Café, Kicking Bear, and Confirmation.
- \* Various Community Collaborative events
- \* Communications with the congregation through Methodist Moments weekly e-mail, the bulletin boards, Advertisements and Promotions in the newspaper, newsletter, radio and other media as appropriate.

In addition, this person works with the worship committee to secure ushers, greeters and acolytes, and helps the education committee maintain the library.

As with every paid position within the church, the team member needs to be self starting and self driven to do the best that they can to ensure success of the missions of our church. This person works closely with many of the work areas of the church, and is a vital member of our paid staff team.

Do you hear God calling you? Is this part time (currently ½ time) position something that you have the heart to pursue. If so, please call the church office at 886-3903, or visit with Melea Banman-Oxley (886-5783) or Brenda Dirks (886-5130), co-chairs of the Staff Parish Relations Committee.

# November

## Sunday Schedule

9:30 am -Worship

10:45 am - Fellowship Time

11:00 am-Sunday School

12 noon - Covered Dish Dinner

(1st Sunday of the month)

5:30 pm - Life Tree Cafe

## Wednesday Schedule

6:30 am - Men's Bible Study

4:00 pm - Extreme Kids Club

7:00 pm - Jr & Sr High MYF

## Ushers

9:30 am

If you are willing to usher

please contact the church office

## Greeters

9:30 am

If you are willing to greet

please contact the church office

## Acolytes

9:30 am

Sophia Dawson



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 10 am Food Bank	4 11:45 am - Thanks Luncheon @ United Methodist Church	5 Reg Wed Act. 10 am - Ministerial Alliance @ Episcopal Church	6	7	8
9	10 10 am Food Bank 7 pm - Faith Circle	11 11:45 am - Thanks Luncheon @ Community Bible Fellowship	12 Reg Wed Act.	13	14	15
16	17 10 am Food Bank	18 11:45 am - Thanks Luncheon @ Assembly of God	19 Reg Wed Act	20	21	22
23	24 10 am Food Bank 7 pm - Community Thanksgiving Service @ Episcopal Church	25	26	27 	28	29
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**History & Archives -**

**Worship/Music & Arts -**

**Trustees** - Tom Lee 930-2072

Jed Hill

**Childcare Facilities-**

**Weekly Schedule**

**Sunday Schedule**

Worship	9:30 am
Fellowship Time	10:45 am
Sunday School	11:00 am
Covered Dish Dinner	
(1st Sunday of the month)	11:45 pm
Lifetree Café	5:30 pm

**Monday Schedule**

Food Bank	10:00 am
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**Wednesday Schedule**

Men's Bible Study and	
Breakfast	6:30 am
Extreme Kids Club	4:00 pm
Jr MYF	7:00 pm
Sr MYF	7:00 pm