

The Journey....

**DRAWING OTHERS TO GOD THROUGH FAITH,
HOPE, LOVE AND SERVICE**

OCTOBER 2024



Bushnell Methodist Church
Bushnell, Florida
Joyce Dunne, Pastor



GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH

Why We Celebrate World Communion Sunday as Methodist

World Communion Sunday is observed on the first Sunday in October. It's a day set aside to celebrate with other Christians around the world from different denominations as we partake in the Lord's Supper. It's a time to reflect on the unity, fellowship and a global witness of our Christian faith.

World Communion Sunday began in 1933 at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA., as an initiative to bring churches together at a time of global uncertainty. It was during the Great Depression, which lasted from 1929 - 1939. It was also the time leading up to World War II. It was a time the world needed unity and solidarity of purpose.

Today World Communion Sunday reminds us of the uncertainty of our own time, with conflict raging in Ukraine and the Middle East. So coming together to share communion is a powerful testimony to the hope we have as Christians that we are united as the body of Christ, even as many nations and the world seem so divided.

While Holy Communion has always been a sacrament of the Methodist Church, World Communion Sunday emphasizes our inter-consecutiveness as believers around the world. While we may express our faith in a variety of ways, we all celebrate our shared Christian faith in Jesus Christ when we break bread together and share the cup during Holy Communion.

Breaking the bread and drinking the cup symbolizes Jesus' sacrifice, which is central to the Christian faith, in every Christian denomination, whether, Presbyterian, Catholic, Lutheran, Baptist or Methodist.

Paul wrote in I Corinthians 10:16-17, *"Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf."* So regardless of our differences, we are all part of the same body in Christ.

World Communion Sunday reminds us that we are indeed one body, that is not confined to one country, culture or language. Christianity is a global movement that spans across borders, customs and traditions. We are all called to be the hands, feet and voice of Jesus, far beyond our church walls.

The Communion Table has always held a significant place in Christian worship. It's a symbol of hospitality, inviting all who believe to come and partake of the elements. We recognize it is the Lord's Table and it is a sacred time and place where we come to commune with our Lord and Savior, remembering Jesus' words in Matthew 26:26-28. *"Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take and eat; this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.'"*

World Communion Sunday remains a Christian tradition embraced by a variety of Christian denominations as an act of worship, and it stands as a powerful reminder of the unity and hope that is found in Christ, especially during uncertain times.

Pastor Joyce

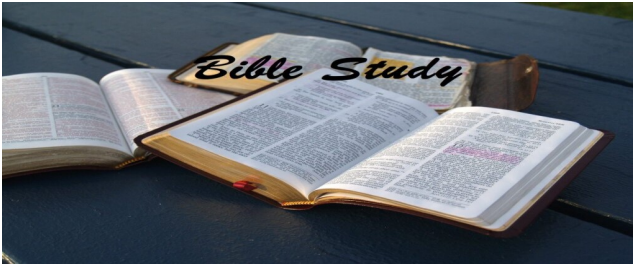


THANKSGIVING BASKET MINISTRY **September 29th through October 27th**

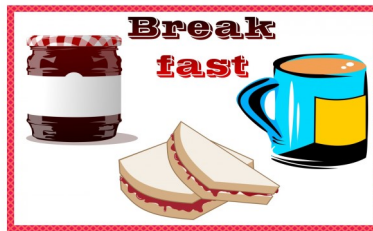
We simply cannot offer up prayers of thanksgiving around our tables without reaching out in a meaningful way to God's children who, by whatever circumstances, are in want.

Your monetary or food gift is a tangible way of both thanking God for His gracious provisions so we may help others.

Thanksgiving basket distribution times TBA.



BIBLE STUDY
Wednesday, September 4th - November 13th
The Great Apostasy - End Times Study
"Revelation"
by Author Stephen Armstrong



MEN'S BREAKFAST
Tuesday, October 1st, 9:00 a.m.
Darrell's Diner, CR-48, Bushnell



FREE BREAKFAST
Saturday, October 5th
Come join us the first Saturday of each month for a
free breakfast and fellowship. Hours are 8:00 a.m. to
10:00 a.m. Hope to see you there!!



LADIES LUNCHEON

Tuesday, October 15th at 1:00 p.m. Hope to see you at Kafe Kokopelli, 37940 Live Oak Ave., Dade City, FL

To confirm your reservation please contact Celeste Hayes @ 352-346-1304.

Come and join the fun!



CHIME CHOIR PRACTICE

Every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. If you would like to become involved with the new musical program please see Jo Jefferson.

choir practice



Choir practice every Sunday
morning at 9:30 a.m.

CHURCH CONFERENCE

October 27th, Sunday, 2:00 p.m.

Church Conference - Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship which includes lunch following worship.

Our annual Church Conference will directly follow lunch and all full members are encouraged to stay.

(Anyone can attend the Church Conference, but only full members can vote.)

If you are not currently a full member and would like to be, please contact Pastor Joyce.





Happy Birthday to:

- 10/02 Amanda Akins
- 10/18 Nathan Porter
- 10/19 Marilyn Wiser
- 10/20 Celeste Hayes
- 10/22 Dora Pulver
- 10/30 Susie Roush



Happy Anniversary to:

Angie Bartel
116 Shawnee Trail
Ringgold, GA 30736

Marie Massey
3610 NE 16th Place
Ocala, FL 34470
352- 223-3766 (Cell)
352-620-9991 (Home)

Bert Park
110 Creekside Dr. Apt 204
Painted Post, NY 14870
607-689-6019



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11:00 a.m. Sunday, October 6 **World Communion Sunday**

Scripture: Matthew 25:31-46 (NIV) (Sheep & Goats)

Sermon: "The Final Reckoning"

11:00 a.m. Sunday, October 13

Scripture: Matthew 18:23-35 (NIV) (Unforgiving Servant)

Sermon: "The Tale of Two Debtors"

11:00 a.m. Sunday, October 20 **Laity Sunday**

Scripture: Luke 18:9-14 (NIV) (The Pharisee & the Tax Collector)

Sermon: "The Tale of Two Prayers"

Guest Speaker: Micah Adams

11:00 a.m. Sunday, October 27

Scripture: Luke 15:4-7 (NIV) (The Lost Sheep)

Luke 15:1-10 (NIV) (Lost & Found)

Sermon: "From Lost To Found"

**Praying with you and for you,
Pastor Joyce**



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Order your new name tag! The cost is \$ 6.00 each.

The number of tags, name and amount should be written on the envelope provided.

Place money in the envelope and drop in the box provided. Thank you!



EVENTS COMING YOUR WAY NOVEMBER 2024

- 11/02 - Free breakfast 8-10:00 a.m.**
- 11/03 - All Saints Sunday**
- 11/03 - 12/01 - Toys for Kids Ministry**
- 11/05 - Men's breakfast 9:00 a.m**
- 11/06 - Chime Choir every Wednesday**
- 11/10 - Veterans Day special speaker -
USA, LTC David Higgins (Ret.)
(lunch to follow morning service)**
- 11/19 - Ladies luncheon, 1:00 p.m.**
- 11/20 - Committee meeting**
- 11/24 - Decorating the church for Advent**



NEW CALENDAR

There will be a new calendar on the side table in the church office.

This calendar is for anyone to use to set up parties, luncheons, decorating time, events, meetings, etc.

We hope this will help with eliminating any cross-over time with other events. Also, this should help with information that should go into the bulletin or newsletter, unless otherwise requested. The calendar will be checked weekly.

We hope you find this helpful and useful! Please let us know.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Men's Break - fast 9 am Balloon animal inst. 11 a	2 Chime choir 9:30am Food pantry 11a B/S 5:30-6:30p	3	4	5 Free Breakfast 8-10 a.m.
6 World Comm. Sunday	7	8	9 Chime prac. 9:30 Food pantry 11a B/S 5:30-6:30p	10	11	12
13 Staff Parih Appreciation	14	15 Ladies Lunch 1:00pm	16 Chime prac. 9:30 Food pantry 11a B/S 5:30-6:30p	17	18	19 Bushnell Fall Festival 11 a.m.
20 Laity Sunday Choir Practice 9:30 am	21	22	23 Chime Choir 9:30a Food pantry 11a B/S 5:30-6:30p	24	25	26
27 Conference 2pm T-giving Basket Ministry Thru 10/27	28	29	30 Chime Choir 9:30a Food pantry 11a B/S 5:30-6:30p	31		

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You're INVITED!

Sun. Worship at 11:00 AM

See you then!

