



The Connection

Real People,
Real Hope

Spencerville Trinity United Methodist Church

November/ December 2024

The Pastor's Corner



A Time of Preparation

November and December are going to be busy months for STUMC! We have Ryan's adult Bible study and our youth DOG Pound meetings going on every Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. In addition to their weekly lessons, our young people will be preparing for the Christmas Eve service play, and for some old-fashioned Christmas caroling at Roselawn. This year, instead of being limited to youth only, the caroling will be open to anyone who would like to go. Watch the STUMC Facebook page for more information.

The First Sunday of Advent is December 1st this year. It marks the beginning of the new Christian year. For those who may have heard the term but may not be familiar with what Advent is, it is a time of great anticipation in the church. Advent is the season from December 1st up through Christmas Eve. It is a time of preparation for the celebration of the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ, into the world.

In the United Methodist Church, and many Christian churches, Christmas begins on December 25. Everything leading up to that is Advent.

We spent the latter part of the month of October in our sermons discussing faith. Advent is important because it is time of hope that is manifested in our faith, as we look forward to the great celebration. Advent comes from the Latin word, "adventus" which means "coming."

Like Lent is a time of preparation for Easter Sunday, Advent helps prepare us for the Christmas season which begins on Christmas day; the actual birth of Jesus is the start of the process of redemption. Jesus came into the world to teach us, walk with us, affirm his eternal presence with us, and then to die on the cross to pay the price for our sins, and to save us from the sin that had darkened mankind all the way from Adam and Eve to that first Easter, when Jesus brought us hope.

Our salvation through Jesus is a cause for great celebration! We prepare for it throughout Advent, and then celebrate its beginning on Christmas day as we wait for the second coming of Jesus to take us with him to paradise!

That's why it's ok to say, "Happy holidays!" The holiday includes so much more than the Christmas celebration!

So happy holidays to all of you as we prepare to prepare for Christmas!

Pastor Mark

"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: Behold the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." Isaiah 7:14

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Festival of Sharing

A big thank you to everyone who helped or donated items for the Hygiene kits for CWS. A special thank you to Scott Sanderson who took the lead on this. We were able to make and send 63 kits! Great job everyone!



Pastor Appreciation

On Sunday, October 13th we honored and showed our appreciation for Pastor Mark and DJ. Pastor's office was decorated with a banner and Pastor Mark was presented a picture of "God's Fingerprint". The picture uses the first verse of every book of the Bible and shapes them into a fingerprint shape. Thank you Pastor Mark and DJ for all you do for STUMC!!!



Spencerville Trinity Fall Fest

We held our first Fall Fest this year and to say it was a success is an understatement. Around 150 people filled our Fellowship Hall! A variety of soups and desserts were enjoyed by all along with apple cider slushies! Children enjoyed a game or two of BINGO along with pumpkin painting, bobbing for apples and cookie decorating. We planned to offer Hayrides, but the weather didn't cooperate with us. Hopefully next year.





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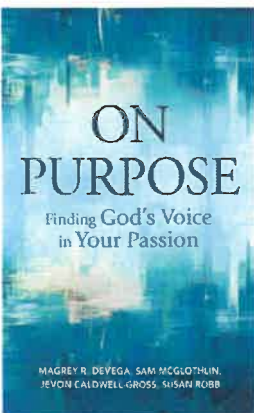
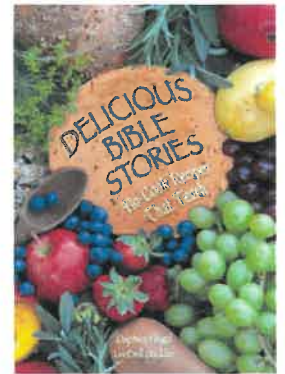
Halloween Drink Station

The church provided their annual Drink Station during Spencerville's Trick or Treat again this year. We served a variety of hot and cold beverages to around 900 Trick or Treaters and their families.



D.O.G. Pound

The youth Wednesday night discipleship classes have started back up. This year we have split the kids into 2 different age groups. The older group has been participating in "Delicious Bible Stories". They have been listening to a Bible Story and preparing a dish from Bible Times. The younger group has been focusing on WWJD and going over stories in the Bible. Both groups will be Caroling at Roselawn on Wednesday, December 18th at 6:30pm. They are also getting ready for Christmas Eve Service on Tuesday December 24th as well.



Fall Adult Bible Study

Ryan McMichael is leading an Adult Bible Study on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm in Avenue J at the church. The study is on the book "On Purpose: Finding God's voice in your passion". This study is designed to help us see God's purpose for our lives, how to open ourselves to God's voice and how to take the first or next step to follow God's call. There is still 3 more Wednesday nights left of the study.



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Mark your Calendars Up Coming Events

November:

Wednesday, November 6th- Dog Pound & On Purpose Bible Study 6:30pm

Sunday, November 10th- Youth Education Meeting 1:00pm

Wednesday, November 13th- Dog Pound, On Purpose Bible Study & Trustee Meeting all at 6:30pm

Thursday, November 14th- Finance Meeting 7:00pm

Sunday, November 17th- Church Charge Conference at Lima Trinity 6:00pm

Monday, November 18th- Leadership Team Meeting 6:30pm

December:

Wednesday, December 4th- Dog Pound 6:30pm

Saturday, December 7th- Spencerville Christmas Village 3:00-7:00pm
(our church will have a station at this event for kids to do a craft. If interested in helping out, please let the office know.)

Wednesday, December 11th- Dog Pound & Trustee Meeting 6:30pm

Wednesday, December 18th- Dog Pound Caroling at Roselawn 6:30pm **Everyone Encouraged to Join!!!!**

Tuesday, December 24th- Christmas Eve Service at 7:30pm

Caroling at Roselawn

Come and join the DOG Pound kids on Wednesday, December 18th at 6:30pm and go caroling at Roselawn. Let's all join together and bring some cheer to the residents at Roselawn!



Christmas Eve Service

Join us for our Christmas Eve Service on Tuesday, December 24th at 7:30pm. The children will be performing their Christmas Program with a skit called "The New Star".





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