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THANKSGIVING

A Season of Gratitude



"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7



MISSION STATEMENT

"To be obedient, cheerful, compassionate, humble stewards of God's Word and resources, in utter dependence upon God through prayer, so that we as a congregation and those we reach out to, will experience transformation through the saving grace of God and grow as Christ-centered people, guided by the Holy Spirit."

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8:00am | 9:30am | 6:00pm

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PASTORAL LETTER

Dear Beloved KMC Family,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

As we enter the month of November, I want to take a moment to reflect on the spiritual journey we have been on together. Over the past two months, we have focused deeply on the theme of the Christ-Centered Family. We explored how building our homes and relationships upon the firm foundation of Jesus Christ strengthens us to face life's challenges and brings peace and joy into our lives. I am grateful for how God has used this time to touch so many families in our congregation, drawing us closer to Him and to each other.

As we now turn the page to a new month, we begin to shift our focus to a new theme: Thanksgiving. November is traditionally a time when we reflect on the many blessings God has poured into our lives, both individually and as a Church family. It is a season to express our gratitude to God for His goodness, faithfulness, and provision in every season of life.

This month, we will meditate on different aspects of thanksgiving, not only as an outward expression but as a posture of the heart that influences how we live, worship, and interact with others. Thanksgiving is not just a day or a season, but a lifestyle that draws us closer to God and keeps our hearts anchored in His grace.

Themes for Reflection in November:

The Power of Gratitude (*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*)

The Apostle Paul urges us to "rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and give thanks in all circumstances." We will reflect on the power of gratitude, even in difficult seasons, and how a thankful heart transforms our perspective and brings peace.

Thanksgiving and Worship (*Psalms 100:4*)

"Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise." We will explore how thanksgiving is an integral part of worship, inviting us into a deeper experience of God's presence and leading us to praise Him for who He is.

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Counting Our Blessings (*Psalm 103:2*)

The Psalmist encourages us to “forget not all His benefits.” We will take time to reflect on the countless ways God has blessed us, both great and small, and how remembering His faithfulness stirs our hearts to gratitude.

Thanksgiving in Difficult Times (*Philippians 4:6-7*)

The Bible teaches us to give thanks even in times of trouble. We will meditate on how thanksgiving, even in challenging circumstances, leads to the peace of God that surpasses all understanding and guards our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

A Life of Thanksgiving (*Colossians 3:17*)

“And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.” We will reflect on how thanksgiving is not just a moment, but a way of life that should permeate everything we do, drawing us closer to God and shaping our interactions with others.

The Fruit of a Thankful Heart (*2 Corinthians 9:11*)

A thankful heart naturally overflows in generosity. This month, we will consider how thanksgiving leads to acts of kindness, service, and sharing with others as we recognize God’s abundant provision in our lives.

As we move through this month, I invite each of you to set aside time for personal and family reflection on the blessings God has given you. Whether it’s through daily prayer, family discussions, or moments of quiet meditation, let us cultivate hearts that are continually thankful for God’s love, grace, and faithfulness.

I also encourage you to express your gratitude in tangible ways. Look for opportunities to bless others, whether through words of encouragement, acts of service, or sharing what God has provided. As we give thanks to God, let our gratitude be a witness of His goodness to those around us.

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As we observe November as Thanksgiving Month, we will be having ***Annual Thanksgiving worship Service*** on ***10th November 2024***. This will be a time of joyful worship, expressing gratitude in worship and coming together as a Church family to offer our thanks to God. I encourage you all to participate and invite friends and family to join in this special time of thanksgiving.

Beloved KMC family, as we journey through this month of thanksgiving, may our hearts be filled with gratitude for the incredible love and grace we have received from our Heavenly Father. Let us remember that every good and perfect gift comes from Him, and let our lives reflect the joy and thankfulness that flow from knowing Christ.

May God bless you and your families abundantly this November, and may His peace fill your hearts as you give thanks in all circumstances.

With love and prayers,

In Christ's service,

Rev. Mathew George M

On behalf of Pastoral Team



THANKSGIVING
a season of gratitude

REPORT

Methodist Young Adults Fellowship

October 2nd 2024, the young adults of KMC came together to attend a one-day retreat at "*The Claret Nivas*". The theme that we studied on is "*God at Work*"

The retreat was divided into two sessions, resource persons for the retreat were for the morning session we had *Dr. Madana Kumar* and for the afternoon session we had *Mr Amy Purushotham*. Our activity team for the post lunch session consisted of 3 vibrant members from the *Bible Game Knights* team – *Mr. Cyril, Ms. Kaavya and Ms. Mahima* who organized an energetic and active set of activities incorporated with the word of God. The Bible Game Knights team came together to spend time with us in God's presence through worship, unpacking the word together and fellowship.

The retreat was open to both young adults and youth and we were all indeed blessed to spend the day together dwelling in the Word and in fellowship. The theme "*God at Work*" enabled us to realize that where ever we are God is at work in all our situations as young people. We were reminded through our activities to look for the special qualities in one another and unity to hold us as a team.

The MYAF committee would like to thank God for this wonderful and blessed opportunity we had to enjoy being together for this retreat and in growing in the Word of God. We would like to thank our Pastors and Elders of the church for constant Prayers and support for all our young people. We would also like all those who cheerful donated for our retreat.

God Bless,

Ritika Uday

President, MYAF – Methodist Young Adults Fellowship

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Bible Game Knights



Amy Purushotham

MYAF RETREAT

"God at Work" @ Claret Nivas



Dr. Madana Kumar



REPORT

Senior Citizen's Fellowship and Support Group (2023-24)

We, The senior citizens' of Koramagala Methodist Church are grateful to our God Almighty who has seen us through another year.

To Rev. Matthew George, our Senior Pastor, Rev. John Shikamani and Rev. John and Rev. Ezra for all the support and encouragement received. To the Pastorate Committee - our strong support and help. To each of you, the KMC family for your love, care and concern.

The following persons were then nominated and elected for the year 2024-2025

POST	NAME	PROPOSED BY	SECONDED BY
President	Mrs. Ragini Macaden	Mr. Abey John	Mr. Kapthuma
Vice-President	Mr. Abey John	Mrs. M. Karat	Mr. Chandranath
Secretary	Mr. Bobraj	Mrs. Gifty John	Mrs. M. Karat
Treasurer	Mr. Praveen Karat	Mr. Abey John	Mr. Jernes
Advisor	Mr. Ben Kapthuma	Mrs. Macaden	Mrs. Gifty John
Program Coordinator	Mr. Vijay Anand	Mr. Jernes	Mrs. Macaden
Committee Member	Mr. Chandranath	Mr. Abey John	Dr. S. Macaden

Mr. Anshuman Roberts, Chairman, Lay Activities, KMC is a member of the Committee and is included in the meetings and decisions of the committee.

Activities of the SCF and SG

1. Morning prayers - A group of us gather on ZOOM every day Monday to Friday from 6.00 am to 7.00 am

Prayer requests placed in the box or in the WhatsApp groups are included and prayed for. Also for KMC and Pastorate Committee and the congregation.

Concerns and issues in the Bangalore Regional Conference; Methodist Council of India ; Medical Missions ; our nation; world affairs and for those in authority in these areas are included in the prayers.

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We pray for those affected by war, political unrest, natural and other calamities in our country and around the world. This activity was started at least 30 years ago by Mr O.V Raju, Mrs Janaki Thomas, Mr. Mohan, Mr Kapthuama and a few others, who met in the CEB hall every morning. We are grateful to God who enables this activity. We thank KMC for providing the Zoom platform for the sessions.

2. Weekly Bible study every Monday at 7.00 pm. on ZOOM.

About 25 of us attend with enthusiasm and gratitude. Pastor Udaykumar leads the study. We receive spiritual nurture, share a meaningful fellowship, support and pray for one another.

3. Monthly meetings – The seniors meet every third Saturday from 10.30 am to 2.00pm.

We have a time of Praise and Worship, Devotion, interactive sessions (Quiz. Games, etc) , and skits. Birthdays and wedding anniversaries are celebrated with a cake and special wishes and prayers.

4. Yearly outing

On the 12th of July 2024, about 25 of us went out on an outing to "Malgudi Farms" resort. Every one of us were able to pay for the expenses at the resort. KMC paid for our transport . (Rs. 5,500) for which we are grateful.

5. Home Visiting

Visiting the ones who are unwell and home bound. This programme had slackened this year, but we hope to revive it and make this a blessing for us and for those we are able to visit.

6. Senior Citizens' Sunday

Was celebrated on the 20th October. The theme was "Thanksgiving and gratitude". Dr Elisabeth Victor brought God's message to us and the whole service was a blessing for all of us.

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The service gave us the opportunity to thank so many – Mr Maben for helping us with the singing, the technical team: Mr Jacob, Mr Jeffry et al. the choir, our church staff, Mr Kumar, dear Akhil. Dilip and Nagesh. We cannot do without you. Thank you for all that you so willingly do for us.

As seniors we are also part of the other wings of the church, happy to help and contribute to their activities. The Vacation Bible School gives us a tremendous opportunity to be part of the program in praying daily for the children attending the VBS, not only for those 10 days but all through the year.

Two of our active members, Mr Edward Bangera, Mr Louis were called home to be with the Lord. We miss the fellowship we shared with them. Our prayers for God's comforting presence with their loved ones will continue.

In keeping with the lyrics of the special song we sang on the 20th October "Thank You for today, thank You for this time, Teach us how to live , teach us how to love You more. Yesterday is gone and tomorrow is not yet come, Thank You for today".

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Mrs. Rajini Macaden

For the Senior Citizens' Fellowship and Support Group



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Senior Citizen's Fellowship and Support Group (2023-24)



WSCS – ANNOUNCEMENT

WSCS PROGRAMS FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2024

Thanksgiving Dinner

The following programs are planned by the WSCS in the months of November and December 2024.

- Sunday, Nov 10 : WSCS Thanksgiving Biryani sale
- Saturday, Nov 16 : WSCS Monthly fellowship meeting at 4:30 p.m. CEB Hall
- Sunday, Nov 17 : WSCS Sunday
- Saturday, Dec 14 : WSCS Christmas get together from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. CEB Hall

REPORT

FORMATION OF THE SEPARATE SRMC PASTORATE FROM KMC PASTORATE

We are grateful to God for the successful formation of the separate *Sarjapur Road Methodist Church (SRMC) Pastorate*, which has now officially been established as an *independent Pastorate* in the *Bangalore District of Bangalore Regional Conference in Methodist Church in India*. This significant milestone marks the culmination of a journey that began in **2012** when *SRMC* was began as an *extension of Koramangala Methodist Church (KMC)*.

Over the past 12 years, SRMC has experienced steady growth and development under the nurturing and guidance of KMC. The KMC Pastorate, along with its Pastors, members—both past and present—played an essential role in supporting and fostering the ministry of SRMC. Through God’s abundant grace and the collaborative efforts of the KMC family, SRMC has matured into a thriving congregation, ready to stand independently and continue the work of God.

As resolved and recommended in the Pastorate Conference of Koramangala Methodist Church in its meeting held on **29th November 2022** that the Sarjapur Road Methodist Church, an Extension of Koramangala Methodist Church to function as an independent Pastorate in the Bangalore District of Bangalore Regional Conference of Methodist Church in India. And also, as per the Minutes of General Body Meeting of Sarjapur Methodist Church (an Extension of Koramangala Methodist Church) held on **8th September 2024** and the meeting chaired by **Rev. Sebastian Ravi Kumar**, District Superintendent, as per procedures mentioned in the *Book of Discipline*, formed the *Pastorate Conference* and *Pastorate Committee of Sarjapur Road Methodist Church*.

Now that the process is complete, we rejoice in God’s faithfulness and provision throughout the formative years of SRMC. We have witnessed His hand at work through the various ministries, outreach programs, and spiritual growth of the community. On **18th October 2024**, we handed over the charge of the new SRMC Pastorate to a new team under the leadership **Rev. Hosea Mathew**, we look forward with anticipation to the new season that awaits.

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Our heartfelt thanks go to KMC for their invaluable support and encouragement over the years. We deeply appreciate the prayers, resources, and mentorship extended to SRMC. We also honor the many KMC members who have contributed their time, talents, and resources to nurture SRMC's growth. Your sacrifices and prayers have laid a strong foundation for SRMC to flourish.

We trust in God's grace that SRMC will grow in strength and be a beacon of Christ's light in the community. SRMC will also have the continued prayerful support of KMC in this new phase of its journey.

As we celebrate this milestone, we remain committed to our shared mission of glorifying God and serving His people. May the Lord continue to bless KMC and SRMC as we work together in His kingdom, united in faith and love. To God be the glory for all the great things He has done!

Rev. Mathew George M

On behalf of Pastoral Team of KMC



PRAISE AND PRAYER

PRAISE GOD

- Praise God for all the way God has lead KMC family as we stepped into ***November 2024***
- Praise God for hearing the prayers of HIS people and answering.
- We praise God for all protection, providence given to us.
- Praise God for wings of the church as they to do programs and activities that keep the Church on its feet
- Praise God for the various ways in which our different wings are engaging themselves in studying God's Word and growing to maturity in Christ Jesus.

REMEMBER AND PRAY

- Pray for our Bishop N.L. Karkare and Madam Kamala Karkare for their Episcopal leadership to the BRC.
- Pray for Conference Officers, Executive Secretary, Treasurer, with our Bangalore District Superintendent, all pastors, preachers, Deaconesses, Evangelists, and Heads of Institutions and their families.
- Pray for the Mission Hospitals, Hostels which comes under BRC.

PRAISE AND PRAYER

- Pray for the Bangalore Regional Conference its ministry and its needs.
- Pray for those who are suffering through the tribulations that they go through because of wars, famine, floods and calamities
- Pray that God will continue to help the Pastoral Team of KMC to cater the spiritual needs of the church through prayer, planning, recording the necessary worship services and the Bible studies for the live streaming.
- Pray for the Pastorate Committee Members and their Leadership.
- Pray for those who are sick and are admitted in the hospitals.
- Pray for the Land Purchase for the Sarjapur Methodist Church.
- Pray for the challenges faced by youth and the young couples particularly in the broken families.
- Pray for the Children and the Teachers in our church who have begun attending the new academic year in various schools
- Pray for the families of victims of recent landslides and floods in various parts of our country especially in Waynad, Kerala. May God give them comfort and strength to bear the loss of their loved ones.
- Pray for the Tech Team who are sacrificially helping the church to minister for those worshipping online.
- Pray for the resources needed for the ministry at KMC.

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God”

Philippians 4:6

INFORMATION ON GIVING



Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

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PULPIT CALENDAR – NOV 2024

“THANKSGIVING”

Date	Time	Topic	Speaker
Friday, Nov 1 Dawn Holy Communion Service	6:00 am	Gratitude in all circumstances (1 Thessolonians 5:18)	Rev. Daniel Ezra Naveen
Sunday, Nov 3 Holy Communion Worship Service	8:00 am	A Family that worships with thanksgiving (Psalm 100:4)	Rev. Mathew George M
	9:30 am	Remembering God's Faithfulness (Psalm 136:1)	Rev. John Shikamani
	6:00 pm	Thanksgiving for God's protection and provision (Psalm 23:1-6)	Rev. John Shikamani
Sunday, Nov 10 Sunday Worship Service (Thanksgiving Sunday)	9:30 am	The Blessings of a Thankful Heart (Psalm 103:1-5)	Rev. Mathew George M
	6:00 pm	Gratitude for Salvation through Christ (Romans 6:23)	Rev. Daniel Ezra Naveen
Sunday, Nov 17 Sunday Worship Service (WSCS Sunday)	8:00 am	The role of prayer in Thanksgiving (Colossians 4:2)	Rev. Daniel Ezra Naveen
	9:30 am	WSCS Sunday	Mrs. Sara Chandrakumar
	6:00 pm	Offering thanks together as a family (Psalm 95:1-2)	Mr. Kiran Steven
Sunday, Nov 24 Sunday Worship Service	8:00 am	Thanksgiving and contentment in the family (1 Timothy 6:6)	Rev. Mathew George M
	9:30 am	Living a life of thanksgiving (Ephesians 5:20)	Rev. Daniel Ezra Naveen
	6:00 pm	Thanksgiving as a family witness (Colossians 3:17)	Rev. John Shikamani

“And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.”

Colossians 3:15