

# Montrose Messenger

Newsletter for Montrose United Methodist Church

2022 November Volume 11

“Give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is God’s will for you in Jesus Christ.”  
~ 1 Thessalonians 5:18



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## Pastor Mark's Column

*"Whatever you do, whether in speech or action, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus and give thanks to God the Father through him."*

- Colossians 3:17



Gratitude is something that gets easier as you get older. As a kid, I would have extreme difficulty writing simply five sentences in a thank you letter. Now as an adult, I could write an entire essay about how thankful I am. The more experience I have of how precious my family and friends are; the more I'm grateful for everything they give me. This month is a time of stewardship and a time of gratitude. We will be looking deeper at these themes in our November sermon series: Gratitude.

The one thing that isn't easy about gratitude is sometimes remembering to either give gratitude or even why we should be grateful. It's easy to be able to write a thank you letter for a birthday or Christmas gift, but it's more difficult to be grateful for the everyday gift of life and love. Each month we're reminded of the price Christ paid for our sins and we express gratitude. But Christ expects more than gratitude, Christ expects us to be able to share it with others. We're supposed to share that blessing of life and love with those who really need it. That's the mission of the church: to make disciples of all nations so that all may come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. To me, that means we need to share that good news! We need to share that love and grace that invites each and every one of us into a relationship with God.



That's why we'll also be talking about stewardship. Every November every church in the world makes this reminder of stewardship, and for me stewardship is an investment. Just like in the stock market, you devote your time and money to a future you believe in and are a part of. If we are grateful for our faith and believe in the mission and future of the church, then this is the time to invest.

### WHERE DO YOU STAND?

As you think about the life of the church over the past year and as you look forward into the future I have to ask: where do you stand? There are more than just financial ways to invest in the church. As we look to the future, we need to make sure that everyone is all in! There will be more opportunities for volunteering and making an impact. Are you grateful enough to spread that same hope in our faith to volunteer? Are you invested enough in the future of the church? It's a challenge we all face, and this month we'll face it together.

Blessings!

Pastor Mark

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## Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

*Sunday, November 20th*

*At 3 pm*

*Living Waters Christian*

*Fellowship Church*

Fellowship & Treats after service

312 Pacific Ave. (Hwy. 12), Waverly

## NOVEMBER WORSHIP THEME

Sunday, November 6

Communion Sunday

Communion Steward ~ Carol Prestidge

*"Only The Beginning"*

Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Sunday, November 13

*"Giving Thanks"*

Scripture: Luke 17:15-16

Sunday, November 20

*"God Loves a Cheerful Giver"*

Scripture: II Corinthians 9:7

Sunday, November 27

*"All In"*

Scripture: Matthew 6:19-21

## Confirmation Class Kicks Off this month!

**Sunday, November 20th**  
**7 pm - 8 pm**

Too often confirmation has been downgraded to the role of a checkpoint along the faith journey. The **"Confirm"** family of resources reclaims confirmation as the first step on a journey that leads to a mature, adult faith. Confirm treats confirmation as more than a decision. Instead, it is the beginning of a conversation about what it means to be a Christian, living out your faith, your commitment, and God's call.



**Confirm Your Faith.**  
**Your Commitment.**  
**God's Call.**



**Sunday, Nov. 20th**  
**Sunday, Nov. 27th NO CLASS**  
**Sunday, Dec. 4th**  
**Sunday, Dec. 11th**  
**Sunday, Dec. 18th**  
**Sunday, Dec. 25th NO CLASS**  
**Sunday, Jan. 1st NO CLASS**



## PRAYER PAGE

### Grieving with Families

† **The Family of Jordan Hartwig.** Jordan, age 29, passed away Oct. 15th from complications after a car accident - being rear-ended while on her moped scooter Aug. 30th in Monticello.




### Our Friends at Home....

**Gloria Adickes**  
**John Hylland**



### Lifting in Our Prayers

 Continued prayers for Ukraine and all those fighting for their country, and fleeing the violence.



**Don Danford,** back in the hospital for issues with his leg. *UPDATE:* Don has a new scooter, allowing him & Betty to attend church service October 23rd!

**Continued prayers for the Binkmann-Ferrell Families,** as they continue to grieve the loss of Molly (Angie Ferrell's sister).

**Chad Larson,** only a few days after getting home from hospital for hernia surgery, he was back in hospital with an inflamed gallbladder and an infection in his bloodstream. *UPDATE:* Home recovering, but must return when healthy enough for Gallbladder surgery.

**Allan Malerich,** continued prayers that his sugar levels get under control and that he can go for tests at Mayo in November.

**Continued prayers for all those impacted by Hurricane Ian,** especially in Florida.

**Sue, Ricki Malerich's housekeeper,** having heart issues. Her heart is only working at 20%. Ricki offered prayers of Thanks to Tammy, Sue's friend, taking over housekeeping duties for her.

**Tammy, Ricki Malerich's current housekeeper,** fell and hurt her shoulder.

**Tony Segler family,** their house suffered extreme damage from a fire October 19th.

**Ricki, Allan & David Malerich,** prayers for safe travels as they go to Michigan to visit family!

**Diane & Kelly Rux, and friend Helen McDonald,** prayers for safe travels as they travel to Greece. And as Diane & Helen travel to Arizona end of October.

**Our farmers,** for good weather to harvest their crops and plow their fields.

**Jason Chaffins' Aunt Gene,** had open heart and valve replacement surgery October 28th.

### Blessings and Celebrations

**Christie Illies offered prayers of Joy,** for family visiting from Nebraska, Lanny & Connie Schnear!  
**Angie Ferrell offered prayers of Thanks on behalf of the family,** for everyone's support and help in the loss of Molly, Angie's sister.

**Prayers of Joy for several new guests at church!**

**Prayers of Thanks to Lisa Taft,** for donating a new NESCO Coffee maker to the church!

**Carol & Keith Prestidge,** celebrating 57 years of marriage October 23rd!

**A Huge Thank You to Terry, Diane & Kelly Rux for taking care of our church grounds all spring and summer.**



*We celebrate all the special Birthdays and Anniversaries from October!*

*Halloween Fun... Belle Johnson & Hunter Reinhart representing MUMC at the Annual Lion's Halloween Candy Giveaway!*



*Belle & Hunter at MUMC table giving away bags of treats! (Thank you Kelly Rux for providing candy filled Trick-or-treat bags!)*

*Belle and Hunter visiting with Kelsey, Jack (cow) & Hazel (pumpkin) Marquette! Belle LOVES Hazel!!*



*Several families enjoying trick-or-treating at the Montrose Lion's Annual event! How cute is Woody and little Captain America!*

*Belle and Hunter watching over this Little Lamb!*

*Thank you Pam & Belle Johnson, and Hunter Reinhart for representing the church at this event!*

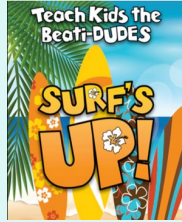




# MUMC ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

## SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

We are finishing up the curriculum **“Teach Kids the Beatitudes with the Beati-DUDES in SURFS UP!”**



Stay tuned for information on our next curriculum in the December newsletter!

**Christian Education Director  
Angie Ferrell  
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## PASTOR MEET & GREET

The SPRC is still seeking families to host a MEET & GREET.

If you are interested in hosting, please contact **Amy Chaffins** at (612) 418-1369.

Please call at your earliest convenience to schedule a SUNDAY, TUESDAY OR THURSDAY between now and November 16th.

Pastor Mark is asking 3 questions:

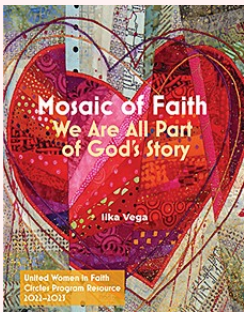
- 1) What aren't we doing that we need to start doing?
- 2) What have we stopped doing that we need to do start again?
- 3) What are we doing that we need to stop doing?  
What are your thoughts?

We thank Sonya Tourville for hosting October 25th.  
Attendees: Keith & Carol Prestidge, Amy Chaffins, Roger & Jacque Vanderlinde, Amber Bloom, and Don & Mildred Klarstrom.

We thank Mike & Kim Wagner for hosting at the church and providing dinner October 30th.  
Attendees: Kelly Rux, Angie Ferrell, Jane & JD Gessinger, Russ, Pam & Belle Johnson, Tod & Sherry Ovall, Meri Ault, Judy Mumford-Torres, and Bob Prestidge.  
We apologize that due to lack of handicap accessibility, Don & Betty Danford were unable to attend.

**(Mike & Kim thank Diane Rux for contributing towards the dinner.)**

## United Women in Faith ~ Hannah Circle



The MUMC Women of Faith “Hannah Circle” meets on the third Mondays of the month at 7 pm.

**We invite you to join us  
at our next meeting on  
Monday, November 21st at 7 pm  
in the church Library.**

We start with a short devotion then move to our program, either from the UWF Program Book or The Upper Room Devotional book. Meetings are open to all women and girls, and we welcome your ideas, comments, or suggestions!

The NEW 2022-23 Program Book is titled, **“MOSAIC OF FAITH - We Are All Part of God's Story”**

The new program book shows how we can answer our calling today as women of passion committed to helping women, children, and youth. The programs are grounded in Mark 8:27-30 as an invitation to reclaim and explore our identity as children of God and as a community of women of faith.

We'd love for you to join us! Please contact us at: **montrosemnumw@gmail.com** with any questions.

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**Hannah Circle is a co-sponsor of the “Thankful Thursday” Turkey Dinner on Thursday, Nov. 17th! We are looking for helpers on Wed., Nov. 16th @ 3 pm to help set-up at the Montrose Community Center, and at 4 pm on Thur., Nov. 17th to help serve, clean tables and clean-up after the dinner. We hope you'll come to the dinner too!  
PLEASE SEE SIGN-UP SHEET OR REPLY VIA EMAIL IF YOU CAN HELP.**



## Reminder... our MUMC Annual Charge Conference forms are due!

Forms needing completion are available now on Minnesota's UMC conference website.

**[www.minnesotaumc.org](http://www.minnesotaumc.org)**

The following people/positions are asked to complete forms for the conference:

- Church Administrator
- Church Secretary/Administrative Assistant
- Finance Chair
- Pastor (Compensation form due 12/1/22)
- SPRC Chair
- Lay Speaker/Lay Leaders
- Trustee Chair
- Membership Secretary

(Please go to the website to complete or print forms, then submit to Kim Wagner to compile for conference packet.)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS



### A LOCAL FAVORITE! THE WAVERLY LIONS TURKEY DINNER

Saturday,  
November 5th  
4 pm - 7 pm

At the Waverly Knight's of Columbus Hall

Serving: Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing,  
Vegetable, Cole Slaw and Pie

\$14 Adults

\$6 children 10 and under

Carryout Available



### "Thankful Thursdays" FREE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

Thursday,  
November 17th  
5 pm - 7 pm

At the Montrose Community Center

Montrose UMC is helping host the Nov. 17th meal with turkey, mashed potatoes & gravy, dressing, and more!

We are looking for volunteers to help!

- ♦ Wednesday, Nov. 16th (3 pm - 6 pm) to help set-up tables & chairs, set tables, etc.
- ♦ Thursday, Nov. 17th (3 pm - 8 pm) to help serve, clear tables and clean-up.

**\*\*PLEASE SEE VOLUNTEER\*\***

**SIGN-UP SHEET IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**Or Email the church to let us know you can help!**



### INFORMATION WILL BE COMING SOON ON THE MONTROSE UMC ADOPT-A-FAMILY 2022

This year our church is partnering with The Buffalo Rotary again to help a family in need during the holiday season. Carol Hoppe is coordinating this effort, and requested a larger family this year, i.e. 4-5 kids.

We will share the information by way of the small Christmas tree in the Fellowship Hall by Nov. 27th with colorful ornaments in place for you to select a gift that you would like to buy for the family. There are NO TOYS as the children will have the opportunity to receive toys through the Rotary "Toys for Tots" program.

If you feel blessed to help someone in need this Christmas season please pick an ornament from the tree, purchase the item listed, and bring it back to the church **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>**. (Items get dropped off that same afternoon in Buffalo.)

**Please DO NOT wrap the gifts.** Wrapping paper, tape, gift tags will be provided to the family so that they can wrap them for their children.

To avoid duplication, the list of items needed is not being listed in the newsletter. Carol Hoppe will be happy to answer any questions that you have or assist you with a gift idea if you are not able to pick up an ornament at the church. **You may contact Carol at 763-913-9540 OR 763-675-6537.**

Hannah Circle will be purchasing gas and grocery Gift Cards through our **RAISERIGHT PROGRAM** for the family as suggested by the Buffalo Rotary.



We are fast-approaching the Christmas Holiday shopping season, with Black Friday just around the corner!



Starting Monday, November 5th I will be placing **RAISERIGHT** orders every Monday now through December 19th. Shipping has gone up, so I encourage everyone to look and see if the cards you want are eligible for direct ship (ship to home). It's a small fee per card but you don't need to wait for me to place the order and get it to you at church! It comes directly to your home and it's a nice option!

As always, we have the following Gift Cards in \$25.00 increments available for purchase every Sunday!

- \* **CASEY'S**
- \* **CUB FODDS**
- \* **HOLIDAY GAS**
- \* **KWIK TRIP**
- \* **TARGET**
- \* **WALMART**

**RaiseRight** can help the church pay for the parking lot next spring, just by all of us shopping, traveling & going out to eat! Those rebates add up quick and can be slated for the parking lot, towards apportionments, Sunday School, or your choice!





**See Angie Ferrell or Kelly Rux for gift cards or if you have any questions on downloading the app!**







**“Thankful Thursday”**  
**FREE COMMUNITY**  
**THANKSGIVING DINNER**  
**Thursday, November 17th**  
**5 pm - 7 pm**  
**Montrose Community Center**  
**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**  
**Co-sponsored by Montrose UMC**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service</i>  <i>Sunday, November 20th at 3 pm</i>  <i>Living Waters Christian Fellowship Church</i>            ~ Refreshments served after service ~            312 Pacific Ave. (Hwy. 12), Waverly</p>		<p><b>1</b>            7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p><b>2</b>            7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S)            7 pm Palabra Viva Ofc Hour (O)</p>	<p><b>3</b>            6:30 pm Cub Scouts (K)            7 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S)            7:30 pm Study Group (O)</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b> 4 pm - 7 pm            Waverly Lion's Turkey Dinner (KC Hall)            5 - 9 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S)            8 -10 pm AA Meeting (C)</p>
<p><b>6</b>             9:30 am Sunday School (C)            9:30 am Coffee &amp; Fellowship (F)            10:30 am Worship Service (S)</p>	<p><b>7 RAISERIGHT ORDER DAY</b>            6:30 pm Boy Scouts (C)            7 pm Palabra Viva Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p><b>8</b>             7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p><b>9</b>            7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S)            7 pm Palabra Viva Ofc Hour (O)</p>	<p><b>10</b>            6:30 pm 4H Club Meeting (C)            7 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S)            7:30 pm Study Group (O)</p>	<p><b>11</b> </p>	<p><b>12</b>            5 - 9 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S)            8 -10 pm AA Meeting (C)</p>
<p><b>13</b>            9:30 am Sunday School (C)            9:30 am Coffee &amp; Fellowship (F)            10:30 am Worship Service (S)</p>	<p><b>14 RAISERIGHT ORDER DAY</b>            6:30 pm Boy Scouts (C)            7 pm Palabra Viva Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p><b>15</b>            12 pm FE-ED Order Mtg. (GP)  <b>*NO BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL*</b></p>	<p><b>16</b>            7 pm Palabra Viva Ofc Hour (O)            7:15 pm Church Council (L)</p>	<p><b>17 5 - 7 pm FREE COMM. DINNER (MCC)</b>            6:30 pm Cub Scouts (K)            7 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S)</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b>            5 - 9 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S)            8 - 10 pm AA Meeting (C)</p>
<p><b>20 CONFIRMATION CLASS BEGINS</b>            9:30 am Sunday School (C)            9:30 am Coffee &amp; Fellowship (F)            10:30 am Worship Service (S)            3 pm <b>ECUMENICAL SERVICE</b>            7 pm Confirmation Class (C)</p>	<p><b>21 RAISERIGHT ORDER DAY</b>            6:30 pm Boy Scouts (C)            7 pm Palabra Viva Rehearsal (S)            7 pm Hannah Circle (L)</p>	<p><b>22</b>            12 pm FE-ED Set-up (MCC)            3 pm FE-ED Food Drop            7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p><b>23</b>            7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S)            7 pm Palabra Viva Ofc Hour (O)</p>	<p><b>24</b> </p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b>            5 - 9 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S)            8 - 10 pm AA Meeting (C)</p>
<p><b>27</b>            9:30 am Sunday School (C)            9:30 am Coffee &amp; Fellowship (F)            10:30 am Worship Service (S)  <b>*NO CONFIRMAITON CLASS*</b></p>	<p><b>28 RAISERIGHT ORDER DAY</b>            6:30 pm Boy Scouts (C)            7 pm Palabra Viva Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p><b>29</b>            7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p><b>30</b>            7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S)            7 pm Palabra Viva Ofc Hour (O)</p>	<p>The Holiday Season Begins!            RaiseRight gift card orders will be placed every Monday starting Nov. 1 through Dec. 19th!</p>		

**BIRTHDAYS!**  
 3rd-Ethan Lieser  
 6th-Amy Chaffins  
 11th-Donna Marquette

13th-Betty Danford  
 15th-Alex Smothers  
 16th-Evelyn Reinhart  
 21st-Isabella Johnson

22nd-Angie Ferrell  
 27th-Herman Epple

**ANNIVERSARIES!**  
 8th-Betty & Don Danford  
 11th-Kirk & Jeff Peterson-Lomker  
 26th-Tammy & Clayton Prestidge



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## Montrose United Methodist Church



**FE-ED**

### **FE-ED For Each and Every Day (4th Tuesday of the Month)**

A Partnership between Montrose United Methodist Church and Grace Place, with support from SHH (Second Harvest Heartland) and many others in our community.

### **NEXT FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION:**

**Tuesday, November 22nd**

**Starting at 3:00 pm ~ Drive thru Event**

### **LOCATION:**

**Montrose Community Center**

Volunteers are always needed & welcome starting at 12:30 pm to pack food boxes!

Go to the FEED website for more information:

**[www.fe-ed.org](http://www.fe-ed.org)**

*Enjoy  
the beautiful blessings  
around you this*  
**THANKSGIVING!**



### **FREE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER**

Thursday, November 17th  
5 pm - 7 pm

**At Montrose Community Center**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

November's meal sponsored by Grace Place collaborative, Local Families and Montrose UM Church.