

Announcements

Prayer List:

Our Church, Adelma & Paul Carter, Charlotte Douglas, Chuck Parkhurst, Connie Smith, Dan Hauswirth, David Anderson, David DeLong, David Hubbard, Holly Fadora, Janice & Ken Gregory, Jason, Jennifer Petrie Schlag, Jim & Elaine DeLong, Joan Southwell, Johanna DeLong, John Lobello, Jonita DeLong, Justine, Karen Mack, Kate and Cathy Clark-Mayo, Lucy Emery, Mary Matteson Babbitt, Millie Wallace, Robby & his family, Sheila Smith, our Sunday School & Teachers, and young adults starting college for the first time.

Coffee with the Pastor:

2nd Saturday of every month at 9 am at Books and Brew on Main Street, Mexico.

Christmas in Mexico:

Saturday, December 5, 2026 – A kitchen supervisor is needed during our craft show. See Sue Morton if interested.

Interested in Cake Decorating?

There has been a suggestion / request for a class on cake decorating. If you would like to participate, contact Sue Morton. Date and time for the class is TBD.

Puzzles! Puzzles! Puzzles!

Fall is here! The apples are plentiful and just ripe for picking. After a day spent in the orchard or making your “world famous” applesauce or pie, it’s time to settle down with a beautiful fall-themed puzzle and some cider. There are several puzzles available to borrow. Take one home today!

Outreach Happenings!

Blessing Box

As we transition to cooler weather, the Blessing Box still needs our regular staples such as bottled water, cereal, pasta/pasta sauce, peanut butter, and personal hygiene products. However, if cool enough, please consider purchasing some butter/margarine, eggs, milk and/or cheese and just place it in the box when passing through town - again, only if cooler temperatures are happening.

October is also national apple, pumpkin, corn, chili, pizza, and dental hygiene month; we welcome canned and boxed items connected to these themes: think applesauce, pumpkin seeds, cornbread mix, beans, sauces, pepperoni, toothpaste/toothbrushes/dental floss.

Red Bird Mission

Established in 1921, Red Bird serves those living in southeastern Kentucky; an isolated, rural distressed area plagued by chronic poverty, poor housing, and challenging mountainous terrain.

We are coordinating with Endwell United Methodist Church's annual transportation of shoeboxes to Beverly, Kentucky by providing much needed NEW linens: towels, wash cloths, twin and double sheets, blankets, and pillows. Look for the box in the corner of the narthex labeled Red Bird Linens. Thank you in advance for supporting our southern Appalachian neighbors; **the last day to bring in items is Sunday, November 1** so we can get the collection to Endwell that week.

Operation Reindeer Fundraiser:

This is a meat raffle that includes: 4 lbs ground chuck, 4 lbs of ground chuck patties, 4 lbs pork steak, 4 lbs beef ribs, 3 lbs sirloin steak, 3 lbs chuck steak, 5 lbs chicken leg quarters, 3 lbs chicken breast, 2 lbs mild Italian sausage, and 2 lbs shaved beef steak. The tickets are \$5 each and can be obtained by calling Shawn Mills at 315-806-7351. The winning ticket will be drawn Sunday, November 8, 2026.

Halloween Candy donation:

Please continue to bring in wrapped candy for the Halloween candy give-a-way to children on October 31, 2026. We will be "bagging" the candy in the Fellowship Hall after today's worship service.

Operation Christmas Child shoebox update:

At the Packing Party on October 17th, 69 completed shoeboxes were packed and set up in the sanctuary.

Another 31 shoeboxes lacked 1–3 essential items. These "essentials" were ordered and came the next day to allow the team to completely fill 25 more boxes. By today, those remaining 6 will be completed to enable us to reach our goal of 100 boxes packed from the packing party.

Here is a listing of additional items that you can pick up in the Narthex to help you complete a shoebox at home: 12 jump ropes, unsharpened pencils with small sharpeners, nylon back packs, coloring books and lined paper rolled in tubes, crayons, rubber balls, washcloths, 4 girls' pillowcase dresses (1 for 2-4 year old, 3 for 5-9 year old and 2 pair boy's shorts for ages 2-4 year old. **All shoeboxes should be turned in by Sunday, November 15th.**

Operation Christmas Child Fundraising Opportunities:

Can Man fundraiser:

Please continue to turn in your empty cans and bottles to the "Can Man" on Main Street. Mention that the money for your returns will go to the shipping costs and educational material for the shoeboxes. The worker at the store will write the amount in a notebook and give that money to the appropriate church member who is collecting the money for the shipping costs. So far, \$101.62 has been collected from individuals and bottle returns. (That will ship 10 boxes!)

Heart of the Barn Fundraiser:

A new fundraising opportunity for Operation Christmas Child awaits! Heart of the Barn Creations will have a “painting party” in the Fellowship Hall on Friday-November 13th from 6-8 pm. We will have fun making a Winter-themed wall hanging for ourselves or as a Christmas gift for a friend or family member. The price of the handcrafted wooden wall hanging and instructions is \$30.00. Snacks and fellowship will be provided. See Sue Morton if interested.

October's End!**OCC Meeting:**

Tuesday, October 27, 2026 from 1 – 4 – This is to finish shorts and pillowcase dresses.

Happy Halloween!:

Saturday, October 31, 2026 @ 4 pm - Halloween candy will be distributed to children in costume in front of the church building.

November is coming right up!**Ad Council:**

Wednesday, November 4, 2026 at 6 pm.

Chili & Coat Giveaway:

Saturday, November 7, 2026 from 11 - 1 - It's that time of year again. The Chili and coat giveaway will be November 7th. The Men's club is collecting coats. There is a collection box in the Narthex to collect your gently used coats.

Open Mic Night:

Thursday, November 12, 2026 @ 6 pm. – Performers can sign up from 6 – 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come and enjoy the talents of our members and community members. Refreshments are available. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Blessing Box.

National Collection Week - Operation Christmas Child:

November 16, 2026 – November 23, 2026 - our filled shoeboxes will be taken to a collection site in Oswego.

Thanksgiving Day:

Thursday, November 26. 2026

Advent Begins:

Sunday, November 29, 2026 - First Sunday of Advent - memory candles will be lit.

Upper Room:

The September-October Upper Room publication is in the Narthex. Please take one and read for your daily devotionals. Compliments of the Growth group.

Pocket Crosses:

Pocket Crosses have been made by Mary Grants and Mary Smith. The pocket crosses are on a table in the Narthex. Please take one, compliment of the Growth group.

Free Little Library Box:

Check out the books in the "Free Little Library Box" in the side yard of the church. Books are available for all ages.

Church Website:

Website address: www.mex1umc.com

Email Chuck Parker with anything you wish to include on the website. aparker@twcnny.rr.com

Bulletin Items:

To submit items for the bulletin, please email your information to fumcmexico@gmail.com by Thursday.

To Contact Pastor Brandin Greco

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