Announcements

Prayer List:

Our Church, Family Dawn LaFlamm, Aiko, Barb Sheldon, Ben M., Bob Loomis, Cathy Clark, Clara, Coleen, Connie Smith, Dana New, David Anderson, David Delong, Dean Upcraft, Deb McCoy, David Hubbard, Diane Sullivan, Dick Wilson, Elin McGruder, Esther Granger, Gerald Cole, Janice & Ken Gregory, Jean Irwin, Jeremy Spencer, Jim Scott, Jim Sheldon, Johanna Delong, Karen Grover, Karin Parkhurst, Kim – beginning chemo, Kurt Bessel & family, Lindsay, Lisa Buske, Mary Loysen, Mose Zook, Nathan Anderson, Pete Myles, Peggy Feeney, Rachelle, Robby & his family, Robert, Roger Delong, Scott, Sister Ann Hogan, TJ, Tim Mack, Tom Henry, and Tyler Mills.

Shoebox packing Party:

At the "shoebox packing party" last Sunday, 76 shoeboxes were packed making our total 110 boxes. The week of November 17 – 24th all filled shoeboxes from our church will travel to a collection site in Oswego, then on to a Samaritan Purse distribution site in either Baltimore, MD or Boone, NC – their last stop before being shipped overseas to a needy child. It would be helpful if some members could help recount and "pack" these 110 shoeboxes in a designated vehicle after the worship service and they will be taken to the Oswego collection site tomorrow.

"Fresh Expressions of the Rural Church" Book Study:

This book study has been postponed until January 16, 2026.

The meeting place is to be determined. You can still join this group if you would like to. Books are available on Amazon for \$15.47 for the paperback and \$9.99 for kindle. If one is unable to purchase the book but would like to attend, please let Pastor Brandin know; he will help with this opportunity.

Sunday School:

We are doing a 10-week series on Creation. Sunday School will begin after the Children's Message.

Blessing Box for the Holiday Season:

In our church's parking lot stands a box with shelves filled and emptied daily, providing nourishment for people we sometimes see, sometimes not. Rest assured, this outreach is, indeed feeding one, perhaps more than one, and for many, 'nourishing more than bodies – but feeding souls' (restaurantmode.com).

As we prepare for Advent, we invite you to partake in filling a bag, basket, bin or box with items to help fill the Blessing Box pantry. Given the current food insecurity challenges for many of our neighbors, the 'Reverse Advent Calendar' collection is starting now to ensure we are well stocked prior to December 25th. A full list of suggested 'A-Z' items will be in the bulletin next week.

For the week ahead, here are a few ideas of items to place in your box:

- (A) applesauce, apple juice, apple pie (individual package)
- (B) baby items (food, diapers, wipes)
- (C) cereal, condiments, crackers

Finally, a big thank you again to Pathfinder Bank for sponsoring the bottle and can drive to support the Blessing Box. We were able to purchase a number of items with the money including shelf-stable milk, pasta, peanut butter, soap, and toothpaste. Another huge thank you to the Men's Club for buying, assembling and installing shelving to organize various church outreach oriented projects, including the Blessing Box pantry. On behalf of the Mission Outreach Committee – Carol Bradlinski-Watros

November Happenings!

Choir Rehearsal:

Wednesday, November 19, 2025 @ 5 pm – All are welcome.

Open Mic Night:

Thursday, December 11, 2025 from 6 – 8 pm – Sign-up is from 6 – 6:30. Entertainment starts at 6:30. If you have a vocal or instrumental talent you wish to share, this is your opportunity. Fun and fellowship plus snacks in our Fellowship Hall.

Confirmation Class:

Sunday, November 16, 2025 after worship from 12:30 – 1:30 - There will be a Confirmation Class for children ages 12 – 18 years.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection:

November 17 – 24 – National Collection week for the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

Advent Candle:

Tuesday, November 25, 2025 from 10 – 12 noon. Help is needed to place the Advent candles in each window of the church building.

Thanksgiving:

Thursday, November 27, 2025 – A day to thank God for our many blessings.

First Sunday of Advent:

Sunday, November 30, 2025 – Our sponsored candles will be lit showing that God will light our way in the darkness.

Coming in December

Christmas in Mexico Craft Show in the Fellowship Hall:

Saturday, December 6, 2025 from 9 – 3 pm – Many volunteers are needed. More information to follow.

Red Cross:

Wednesday, December 10, 2025 from 8-3

The Longest Night Service:

Sunday, December 21, 2025 @ 7 pm

Merry Christmas!:

Thursday, December 25, 2025

Puzzles, Puzzles:

The puzzles have been switched out for beautiful fall scenes. Please feel free to borrow a puzzle.

Upper Room:

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

Pocket Crosses:

New Pocket Crosses have been made by Mary Grants and Mary Smith. They will be on a table in the Narthex. Please take one, compliments 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@twcny.rr.com

Bulletin Items:

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

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