



October was a busy, fun month for us in the music department. Several highlights included the conclusion of the first session of our "Music Theory for the Church" class. We had a lot of fun together discovering why we do what we do in making music. The picture here shows Michael Curtis with his own



composition (Cindy refers to him as an over-achiever!).

Thanks to all who participated. We are planning to do Session One again after the Holidays, and add a Session Two to pick up where we left off!

Mike and I enjoyed our trip to Lake Junaluska for the Choir and Handbell weekend. We came back with a lot of beautiful music ringing in our ears and a revived sense of purpose for our groups. We are excited about the music planned throughout Advent and the Christmas season, especially our Christmas Coffeehouse Celebration on December 18. Don't miss it!

We would like to put together a Children's Choir and a Children's Handbell group to add to our Christmas Celebration. Please contact us if your child would like to be involved, and we will discuss practice dates and times. As we approach Thanksgiving, we want to make sure to let you all know how thankful we are for this church family and your warm welcome to us over the last few months.

We love being part of this community!

Please see the bulletin board outside the church office for sign ups, service opportunities, and Bible studies.

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SUNDAY SERVICES:

8:45 am Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday School
11:15 am Worship Service

OFFICE HOURS:

Mon.- Thurs.
8am - 4pm

Please give address updates to the church office. If you would like your address removed from the mailing list, please let us know by phone, email, or return mail. Thank you.

Pastor's Postings

The month of November always seems to bring a sense of thankfulness with it. As the weather cools and the leaves change color and begin to fall, we move to a time that for many is filled with tradition and celebration. The holiday season ramps up reminding us of all with which God has blessed us. Even before the day where turkey is served as the main course, we as a country will celebrate an important tradition: Election Day. On Tuesday, November 6th, like many of you I will make my way to my local polling place and cast a vote for individuals who have stepped forward to lead in particular ways. Now before you get all anxious about your pastor talking



about politics, please keep reading. I am not trying to sway your vote in any way. My goal is to simply compel you to actually vote. Casting a ballot is a privilege that should not be taken lightly. To be citizens of the republic requires us to be informed and to do our part in choosing leaders for the years to come. So please do whatever research you need to do in order to be informed and go vote on November 6th. Politics in its most basic form is merely the way in which a group of people have decided to make decisions as they pertain to the common good of all citizens. While the word 'politics' has become tainted and negative for many folks, the structure and the way we govern life in our country is an important part of who we are and who we hope to become. There are many wonderfully qualified and good people whose names will appear on the screen when you go to cast your ballot. As Christians, I would encourage you to spend some time leading up to Election Day to learn a little bit about the candidates and

to pray for them, whether you will vote for them or not, whether they win or lose their particular race. Prayer is the first step in which you can be a responsible citizen, both of the USA and as a part of the ongoing work of the Kingdom of God here on earth. Another step, however, will be how we react the day after Election Day. It turns out that the founder of Methodism had something to say about all of this.



In 1774, John Wesley recorded some amazing insight and advice in his journal that is still very relevant to this day. On October 3-5th, Wesley reported "I examined the society." What this meant was that he spent time meeting with small groups who were holding each other accountable and checking in with them. Wesley was concerned about the state of the souls of the men and women who claimed to follow Jesus in the Wesleyan spirit. Then, the very next day, on October 6th, he recorded this: "I met those of our society who had votes in the ensuing election, and advised them, 1. To vote, without fee or reward, for the person they judged most worthy; 2. To speak no evil of the person they voted against; And, 3. To take care their spirits were not sharpened against those that voted on the other side." It seems that Wesley, all the way back in 1774, knew the temptation that existed when came to voting in an election. I can only imagine what he might think of our current state of affairs in 2018. Friends, we can and must do better. May we embody a Christ-like approach in all that we do, even during this election season.

I would like to offer you a reminder of the endeavor of keeping your faith

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central on Election Day. The church will be open from 10AM-2PM on Tuesday, November 6th for you to come, pray, and to receive Holy Communion. You may come either before or after you vote on that day and I will serve you the body and blood of Christ in our worship space. Invite your friends. Let them know that you are a part of group of people who are not only engaged in the politics of the community, but who do so as faithful members of the Body of Christ.



Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Brad



DON'T FORGET TO FALL BACK

Sunday, Nov. 4, 2018

The church office will be closed November 21-23 to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday.

Sing Along Schedule

Nov. 6 Palmetto Assisted Living
Nov. 20 Brookdale
Nov. 27 National Healthcare
All programs start at 10am

Pastor Brad's BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays @ 7pm

Let's Dig In together

F Faith
A Activity
N Nutrition

Join us Sunday, November 25 as we set up the church for the Advent season. We will begin decorating at 4pm followed by a healthy soup and cornbread dinner provided by the FAN committee. All are invited to attend.

The FAN COMMITTEE

Thank you to all who helped make our Fall Festival a success! The UMM had a very successful BBQ sale and brought in \$693. The UMW Bake sale was equally successful as they raised \$400 Thank you for helping these ministries as they support missions locally and around the world. We can't do any of it without your support!

FALL Festival

Thursday Women's Study

Planning meeting: Thursday, Nov. 15 at 12pm

Anyone interested in joining a Women's Study group are welcome to attend. Linda Kettrey will facilitate.

UNITED METHODIST Women

Faith | Hope | Love in Action

Meetings this month:
Joy Circle Nov. 13 @ 10am
Genesis Circle Nov. 8 @ 7pm

Come and see who we are and what we do.

For more information contact
Miriam Hunter 556-1651 or Cindy Walden 763-3996

Focus on Youth
Cindy Curtis

Full Circle

At our Youth meeting in early October, we made a search of all the sheds on our property for the Fall Festival games. While this may sound like a tedious job, it was more a job of discovery and sharing of memories. Many of the games were ones the Youth played when they were very young at previous festivals over the years. To see the delight on their faces as they recalled how to play was impressive. They were all disappointed that we could not locate the frame for the Dough Nut Dangle!

The Youth arrived at this year's Festival and immediately pitched in to bring all the equipment out, decide how to set up the games and which ones they wanted to run. They were truly like a well oiled machine! They even asked permission to take a lunch break. They helped to clean everything up and stayed to put it all away. I am so impressed with their leadership, work ethic and responsibility to support the missions at the church and exemplify the teachings of Jesus to the community. The Lily Pad Frog Toss was the favorite of all ages!

I could not help but think that this group has come full circle from the young children who played these games to the teens who are now running them. Several of the Youth that were in middle school when I came on board can now drive the Youth group! We have in depth discussion on the lectionary scriptures and their faith runs deep. Continue to pray for and support these young people as they give back and show the love of Jesus to others.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Nov. 4 Youth Meeting 5pm-6:30pm

Nov. 11 Youth Meeting 5pm-6:30pm

Nov. 25 Advent set up & soup dinner 4pm-6pm *Mentors are invited to join the youth

Nimble Fingers Ministry
of St. Andrews Parish United Methodist Church

Meets every Thursday @ 10AM.
Hope to see you there!

UMW Annual Christmas Brunch

Saturday, December 1 @ 9:30am

Town and Country + Cost \$20

Reservations and payments must be made by Sunday, Nov. 25th

Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS: Emily Grunstra 11/1 Joy May 11/1 Dale Hartis 11/2 Steve Taylor 11/2 David Coisson 11/3 Adam Bauer 11/4 Elias McCall 11/4 Cynthia Raub 11/4 Jack DeAntonio 11/5	Denni Grunstra 11/5 Bessie Wilson 11/7 Debra Yadon 11/9 Ilene Seabrook 11/12 Richard DeCoursey 11/13 April Johnson 11/15 Lacy Johnson 11/15 Margot Kopp 11/15 Jeff Treadway 11/15 Ceil Weber 11/15 Gage Green 11/16	Garrett Green 11/16 Alex Britt 11/17 Garrett High 11/17 Becky Stacey 11/17 Mary Anne Coyle 11/19 Hope Treadway 11/20 Marlana Burns 11/21 Don Franklin 11/26 Derek Runnerstrom 11/26 Clayton Goodman 11/27 Patsy Glas 11/29	ANNIVERSARIES: 7 Daniel & Janet Amos 9 John & Angie Saunders 15 Brian & Martha Pokrant 17 Rick & Brenda Arivette 19 Danny & Marion Davis 21 Bill & Sally Johnson 24 Bill & Korrine Guenther 25 Don & Libby Franklin 28 Dale & Mary Lou Hartis
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