

# The First United Methodist Church of Lowell

## Tele-Christian November 2022 Edition

The mission of the United Methodist Church is to  
make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.



### *Mark's Remarks...*

Thanksgiving is on its way. We have an opportunity to give thanks for what we have. We also have an opportunity to share our blessings with others. The following is a story that shows how we can give forward the blessings we have. God bless!



"Once there was a family of very modest means. They lived in a small country house. On Thanksgiving night they all sat down for dinner, and there was a knock at the door. The father went to the door and opened it.

There stood an old man in old torn clothes, with ripped pants and missing buttons. He was carrying a basket full of vegetables.

He asked the family if they wanted to buy some vegetables from him. They said, "Sure", and invited him to spend Thanksgiving with them, but he kindly declined, as he had many more vegetables to sell. Over time, the family and the old man became friends.

The man brought vegetables to the family every week. They soon found out that he was almost blind and had cataracts on his eyes. But he was so friendly that they learned to look forward to his visits and started to enjoy his company.

One day as he was delivering the vegetables, he said, "I had the greatest blessing yesterday! I found a basket of clothes outside my house that someone had left for me."

The family, knowing that he needed clothes, had left the basket of clothes outside his house. They said, "Really, how wonderful!"

The old blind man said, "The most wonderful part is that I found a family that really needed the clothes."

Ironic isn't it. A poor man who is almost blind, sees the blessing of giving to those less fortunate... Paying it forward...

And yet, in a world of plenty, nearly one billion people are hungry. Twenty-five thousand people die every day due to malnutrition. Every six seconds a child dies from starvation.

Let us, on this Thanksgiving, praise God's name proudly, each in our own unique ways. But let us never lose sight of our common responsibilities toward one another and toward the rest of humanity.

Let us work together for healing, for justice, and for peace.

Have a Healthy and Happy Thanksgiving!"

**Pastor Mark**



# A LIFE OF WORSHIP

## November Sermon and Scripture Schedule

<b>November 6 ~</b>	Scripture: II Thessalonians 2:13-17	Sermon Title: 'Stand Firm'
<b>November 13 ~</b>	Scripture: Luke 21:5-9	Sermon Title: 'The Coming End'
<b>November 20 ~</b>	Scripture: Luke 23:33, 39-42	Sermon Title: 'The Good News of the King'
<b>November 27 ~</b>	Scripture: Romans 13:11-14	Sermon Title: 'Get Ready for Jesus'



### Worship News

Trudy Corning & Linda Hayden, Co-Chairs

#### **November 6 All Saints Day**

We will hold our annual All Saints Service. This is the time to remember those who have died in the previous twelve months. At both services we will read the names, light a candle and ring a bell for each person associated with our church who has died since November of 2021.

#### **November 13 Veterans Day**

We will honor and celebrate those who have served our country. During both services we will recognize our veterans. After worship there will be a luncheon for our veterans and their families. A veteran is anyone who has served in the military.

#### **November 20 Christ the King and Thanksgiving Sunday**

We will give thanks and celebrate Christ the King! The Christ candle will be lit. In addition, the Cornucopia will grace the altar and Thanksgiving banner will hang in the sanctuary for all to reflect upon.

#### **November 27 First Sunday of Advent**

We will begin preparation for birth of the Christ child!

#### **Music Notes** from Michelle Mishlove, Music Chair

Sunday, Nov. 6	Chancel Choir at 8:00	<i>Just As I Am</i>
Sunday, Nov. 13	GodsBells at 10:30	<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>
Sunday, Nov. 20	Chancel Choir at 10:30	<i>Give Thanks and Glorify His Name</i>
Sunday, Nov. 27	Praise Team at 10:30	

\*\*\*Wednesday, Nov. 16 Combined Worship/ Music committee meeting at 6 pm \*\*\*

~~~ Please SAVE THE DATE and spread the word!! **Christmas Cantata 2022** ~~~

On Sunday, December 18 at 10:30 AM our Chancel Choir will present "A Song is Born": A Cantata for Christmas by Douglas Nolan.



LYFT (Live Your Faith Today) is our Thursday evening worship service. We start at 5:30 pm with dinner and go right into worship at 6 pm. Worship includes music, a lay speaker or Pastor Mark speaking, prayer and ends with communion. LYFT is a casual worship service where we look forward each week to food, fellowship and fun! Everyone is welcome! Bring a friend!

\*\*A special Thanksgiving dinner is planned for November 17. Also, there will be no LYFT on Thursday, November 24 (Happy Thanksgiving!).



## From the Finance Committee

### Sharing Our Ministry Story

Your church finance team was provided with questions to pose to our church family referencing Stewardship. How will WE manage our church's money, time, and abilities to be more like Christ? (We are "Telling Our Story") Is our ministry, like Jesus, or for that matter John Wesley, a ministry that is in the world or in the building? Are our staff and volunteers supporting things Jesus did in the world, or things we are used to having in our church? Are our church meetings taken up with lots of things that matter to us, but perhaps don't matter to a hurting world? These are stewardship questions. When churches get these questions right, they get their witness right. The light of that witness is what our committees are asked to share when preparing their budgets. Our communities need to see this light. We should prayerfully keep working to focus on Jesus and the stewardship of following Him.

### Gift Cards

The Finance Committee agreed to support the annual gift card program once again. A listing of the stores with the percentage we will receive from your purchase will be distributed in the December 4 & 11 worship bulletins. As you prepare your holiday season gifting please consider reviewing the listing and support the "GIFT Card" program. All proceeds go into the General budget to support our ministries.

### Pledge Commitment Cards

Commitment Sunday was October 16. The following report was shared with the finance committee: We had 49 "pledge commitments." This number was five more pledges on the first Sunday than received last year on the first Sunday. We had four "new" pledges. Thank you church family!!!! Reminder letters will be sent out within the next two weeks. Last year we ended with 69 pledge units. All totals help the Finance Committee to discern what can be accomplished to meet our committees' requested ministries.



### Trustees Report

Dave Bauman, Chairperson

- In preparation for winter, heaters were installed in the downspouts on the southeast and southwest corners of the church. Also new furnace filters were installed in all six furnaces.
- During a recent storm our dumpsters, located on the west side of church, moved out onto Library Drive. A chain was installed to hold them in position.
- A large oak tree at the parsonage was damaged during a recent storm. With the help of Dennis Olson's son, David, and his equipment, the tree was cut down and removed.
- One of the furnaces on the third floor had a condensate leak and was repaired by Illiana Heating and Cooling.



## NEW ADULT STUDY OPPORTUNITY

The FRIENDS adult discussion class will be starting a new study on Sunday, October 30. They will be doing a study using the book, "You're either Walking the Walk or just Running your Mouth! VERSE -BY-VERSE STUDY OF THE BOOK OF JAMES" written by Todd Linn. The group will be looking at two chapters a week for four weeks.

This study conveys the theme of the New Testament Letter of James: an action-packed book full of practical wisdom and convicting challenge. It is not necessary to purchase the book, but if you would like to, you can easily find it on-line. The FRIENDS class meets in Room 304 on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am. Don Bales and Rick Bachman will be facilitating this study. All are welcome. Come and learn what the book of James can teach us!

# MINISTRY IN ACTION

## The Nurses Corner by Trudy Corning

Meet our nurses!



Meet Tracy Simmons

I have been a nurse for 22 years. I have been a member of the Lowell Methodist Church for about 20 years. but have been attending services here for most of my life. I have 3 kids. I enjoy reading, gardening, and baking in my spare time. My favorite holiday is Christmas and one of my favorite pastimes is going into Chicago with my daughter Carrye to watch shows at the theater.



Meet Carrye Simmons

I have been a nurse for almost 3 years. I am currently enrolled in a doctorate program at Purdue Global to get my PhD in Nursing to become a university professor. My favorite holiday is Halloween. I have 2 dogs, Teddy and Bella. In my free time, I like to hike, watch old movies, read and drink coffee.



Meet Anita Childress

Anita is married to Lewis, has four sons and many grandchildren. She worked at Lowell HealthCare, St Anthony Hospital and St Mary Hospital, Hobart. Now she enjoys gardening, reading and crocheting. Anita also helps at the Resale Shoppe and with funeral dinners at our church. She generally attends the 8 am service, but occasionally you will see her at the 10:30 service.



### College Care Packages A ministry of Congregational Care

We will be sending college finals boxes to our college students again this fall. The boxes include snacks, study items and notes of encouragement to help the students through a sometimes stressful week of finals.

You can be a part of this ministry!

1. Donate items for the box
2. Sponsor a finals box and cover the shipping cost
3. Write a note of encouragement to be placed in the box
4. Help pack the boxes for mailing
5. Pray for the students, the finals boxes and the college ministry

COLLEGE STUDENT



Donation cards will be in the Narthex starting Sunday, November 6. Donated items, sponsorship funds, and notes of encouragement need to be returned to the church Narthex Sunday, November 13. The boxes will be packed and prepared for mailing in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15 Sunday, November 20.

Any questions, contact Trudy Corning at 219 613-1787 or the church office.



### YOUNG AT HEART SENIOR BINGO



On Tuesday, November 15, we will have our next Young At Heart Senior BINGO. We'll meet at 1 pm and have desert together and then play BINGO. Prizes will be provided. All who are available at this time are welcome. Bring a friend and be ready to have some fun and fellowship together.



## Mission Committee News

Susan Wells, Chairperson

*Thank you to everyone who filled a shoebox for the international mission "Operation Christmas Child"!*

As I write this, it just doesn't seem possible that it is time for our annual "Christmas Clothesline" to get underway! For anyone unfamiliar with the "Christmas Clothesline", it is our annual mission project that provides clothing items to students in need (and often to their siblings) within the Tri Creek school district. We have requested 15 children from each elementary school.

Tags that inform you of the child's age, clothing size & needs will be available in the Narthex beginning November 13. The unwrapped gifts will be due back to the church on or before December 5. So there is consistency among all gifts, we have set a limit of \$60 per child.

We are excited to be able to continue to serve families in the Tri Creek School Community. It is because of your heartfelt generosity that this mission project continues each year. Further details will be available when the tags are hung.



### From Amy Manier, Education Chair

**Children's News:** The church basement was full of pumpkin fun on Saturday, October 15! We hosted lunch for children in the community and welcomed 37 kids, 19 adults, and had 14 church volunteers. Families also played pumpkin games, decorated cookies and painted pumpkins to take home. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this event happen on short notice! Watch for upcoming details about a Christmas movie night for the children of the church in the evening on Friday, December 9.



**Youth News:** On Sunday, October 23 the youth gathered around a bonfire and cooked hot dogs for dinner. The youth also enjoyed showing off their artistic skills while painting pumpkins. And no bonfire is complete without roasting marshmallows to make the perfect s'more! We had a great evening of fellowship in the midst of beautiful fall weather.

Our next youth event will be Sunday, November 13 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm in the Youth Room at the church. All youth and their friends are welcome to join us each month for food, fellowship, and fun. Come as you are, whenever you can.





## Lowell Church Mouse

I'm the church mouse. I see all that goes on in the church and I love to gossip about it. Of course being a Christian mouse, I only say positive things.

On Sunday mornings I'm always anxious to come out and look for crumbs from the delicious treats from Martha's Coffee House. I have to wait until everyone leaves. Did you know the Sam Conley or Craig Wilson are generally the last to leave? They run the sound all morning, then they spend time putting away microphones, charging batteries and getting the service on You Tube. It generally takes at least a half hour. Nancy Patchett also stays for a while. She collects the offering and puts it away, shuts the lights off and locks the front doors. I'm thankful for those who work behind the scenes to keep things running smoothly.

Don Bales did a wonderful job power washing the Memorial Garden. It's located at the North West corner of the church. Take a look sometime. It's beautiful! Dave Bauman, Dennis Olson and Dan Eller are always fixing something around the building. It's in great shape for being 98 years old.

Be careful when you do good work for the church. I'm watching and just waiting to share that gossip.



### **Pastor's Comic Corner**

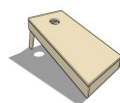
In case you haven't noticed, I love humor.  
Below are comics that I've come across. Enjoy and smile! Pastor Mark



**"Yes, I would say mine is a giving church. They give me advice. They give ultimatums. They give me ulcers."**



**"IF ANYONE HAS GOOGLED REASONS THAT THESE TWO SHOULD NOT BE MARRIED..."**



### **Men's Cornhole Tournament**

We're continuing our Cornhole Tournaments. Our next event is Saturday, November 19. We'll meet from 10-12 and lunch will be provided. We'll have men and women compete however they wish. The champions in October are Savannah & Craig Wilson. (Mainly Savannah)

## WEEKLY EVENTS

**Sunday - Worship** ~ 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. (in Sanctuary), *Sunday School 9:15*: WINGS (300), F.O.M. (301), Youth (303), FRIENDS (304) Children (basement) **Monday/Tuesday** - A/A 12 p.m. (303) **Wednesday** - A/A - 8 p.m. (Fellowship Hall), AI/Anon - 8 p.m. (library) **Thursday** - Dulcimers 10 am (303), Godsbells 4:30 pm, *LYFT* Dinner 5:30 p.m./Worship 6:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall) Chancel Choir 7pm (sanct.) **Saturday** - A/A 11 a.m. (303)

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**Sun                      Mon                      Tue                      Wed                      Thu                      Fri                      Sat**

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|                                                                     |                                                                                                                 | 1                                                                                | 2<br>UWF Executive Meeting 4:30 pm (library)                            | 3                                     | 4<br>Congregational Care Meeting 10am (301)<br><br>Working Together Circle 1:30pm (library) | 5<br>Mommy's Haven Silent Auction Pick-Up 9-12 (Foyer) |
| 6<br>All Saints Sunday<br><br>Daylight Savings Time Ends—Fall Back! | 7<br>Communion Meeting 10am (library)<br><br>Tri-Kappa 3:30 pm (library)<br><br>Tri-Kappa 6pm (Fellowship Hall) | 8<br>Election Day (Fellowship Hall)<br><br>Lay Leader 10 am (301)                | 9<br>Trustees 6pm (Fellowship Hall)                                     | 10                                    | 11                                                                                          | 12                                                     |
| 13<br>Veteran's Luncheon 12 pm (F.H.)                               | 14<br>Susanna Wesley Circle 1pm (library)                                                                       | 15<br>Senior Bingo 1pm (Fellowship Hall)<br><br>Staff/Parish 3pm (conference rm) | 16<br>Finance Meeting 5pm (F.H.)<br><br>Worship/Music Meeting 6pm (301) | 17                                    | 18                                                                                          | 19<br>Corn Hole 10am (Fellowship Hall)                 |
| 20                                                                  | 21                                                                                                              | 22                                                                               | 23                                                                      | 24<br>Thanksgiving Day/ Office Closed | 25<br>Office Closed                                                                         | 26                                                     |
| 27                                                                  | 28<br>Administrative Council 6pm (Fellowship Hall)                                                              | 29                                                                               | 30                                                                      |                                       |                                                                                             |                                                        |

## THE FAMILY ALTAR ~ November

**Are you remembering the church with your prayers?**

*Pray for those persons who are/were in the hospital:*

**Pastor Mark Berg, Charlie Haberlin, Sharon Sanders, John Westerfield**

*Pray for people living in care facilities:*

Brentwood Assisted Living (Hobart): **Carol Cantwell**  
(1420 St. Mary's Circle, Hobart, Indiana 46342)

Cedar Creek Health Facility:  
**John Little, Lillian McLellan, Lois Mitchell, Wayne Wietbrock, Marie Woolfolk**  
(18275 S Burr Street, Lowell, Indiana 46356)

Colonial Nursing Center: **Linda Wirick**  
(110 Indiana Ave., Crown Point, IN 46307)

Clarendale Senior Housing (Schererville): **Maryrose Lynch**  
(7770 Burr Street, Schererville, Indiana 46375)

Cumberland Point Health Campus: **Gisela Peterson**  
(1051 Cumberland Ave., W. Lafayette, IN 47906 rm. 419)

Park Place Nursing: **Ellen Miller-Bowers**  
(Park Place Nursing, 10820 Park Pl., St. John, 46373)

*Pray for those receiving treatment:*

**Bob Bernotus, Lewis Childress, Charlie Haberlin, Sue Metz, Linda Snell**

*Pray for those recovering from illness/surgery/procedures:*

**Donna Bauman, Henry Grugal, Carolyn Savich, McKenna Smith**

*Pray for those with long term health concerns:*

**Don DeVine, Henry Grugel, Charlie Haberlin, Guy Hendricks, Jim Kirk, Diane Kowalisyn,  
Mark Lindemer, Sally Mijares, Dean Moes, Bill Newlin, Kim Newlin, Gisela Peterson,  
Ellen Rosengard, McKenna Smith, Tony Sodo, Piper Spry, Tom Streeter, Emily Streeter,  
Sandy Villa, John Westerfield, Kathy Wheeler, Sam Wilson, Kate Yelkich**

*Pray for our military and their families serving in the Armed Forces all over the world:*

**Ben Eller, Kyle Eller, Jared Haberlin, Tyler Harber, Cody Pate,  
Troy Pate, Josh Kuiper, Daniel Sutton, Phebe Zambeto**

*Pray for Pastor Mark and all of our church staff.*

*Please pray for our Community and our National leaders.*

**Global Prayer Concerns for November:**

**11/6: Our Lost Loved Ones  
11/13 & 11/20: Harvest Safety  
11/27: Safety of Road Workers**





I would like to thank everyone for the get well cards and prayers.

Thank you,

Phyllis DeFrance



**Tele-Christian Deadline**

Tele-Christian articles are always due on the 21st of the month.  
Please send articles for the December issue by **November 21**  
as an e-mail attachment to **both**:

Kim McGinley at [umcfriends@sbcglobal.net](mailto:umcfriends@sbcglobal.net) and  
Bev Kussy at [kussy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kussy@sbcglobal.net).



**November Birthdays:**

2 ~ Beverly Johnson 3 ~ Preston Schroeder 5 ~ Scott Spry 6 ~ Doug Hayden  
9 ~ Hannah Madura, Jim Nichols 10 ~ John Little, Nolan Madura  
11 ~ Bryce Hayden, David Joh Nadolski 13 ~ Sue McQuiston, Beth Bales  
14 ~ Shara Oman 16 ~ Sandy Hurst, Sharon Sanders 18 ~ Elizabeth Madura  
20 ~ Mitchell Sacco 21 ~ Cindy Spry, Sue Metz 22 ~ McKenna Smith, Brian Taylor, Joshua  
Koon 26 ~ Kitty Peart 27 ~ Judy Jones 30 ~ Dennis Sutton, Bob Savich



Look who's celebrating a Milestone Birthday!  
(\*We are designating 75, 80, 85, 90 and up as milestones)  
Send a card to wish them well!

\*\*Milestone Birthdays this Month:  
**Bob Savich** ~ 11852 Knox Place, Crown Point, IN 46307

**November Anniversaries:**

1 ~ Rich and Shara Oman 10 ~ Dan and Laura Eller 15 ~ Ron and Mandy Brandau  
20 ~ John and Bev Collom 25 ~ Mark and Lori Berg



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Facebook: Lowell First United Methodist Church



**Prayer Chain**

If you have a prayer request that you would like to be put out on the e-mail prayer chain,  
please call or e-mail:

Beth Bales 219-775-0916 [balesbd75@comast.net](mailto:balesbd75@comast.net)  
Kathy Nelson 219-789-5941 [nelson.kathy.g@gmail.com](mailto:nelson.kathy.g@gmail.com).



**Monthly Income**

Monthly income needed: \$24,780  
Monthly income for September: \$20,815

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