



# Tanner Valley Voice



Tanner Valley United Methodist Church

November 2017

## Five Kernels of Corn

I love thanksgiving. I wake up early to put on the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. I love to watch the numbers from this season's Broadway shows that come on before the parade begins, and as my sister and I begin the cooking process we run in and out of the room to catch snippets of the parade. However at the end of the parade when Santa Claus enters herald square in his large sleigh with its silver sleigh bells everything stops and we watch the official beginning of our the Christmas season. I admit even at my age I get excited to see this icon of childhood.

How much contrast there is between our contemporary modern Thanksgiving Day and the original! The pilgrims were practically starving and were celebrating not their abundance but instead that they had merely survived. They were filled with thanksgiving, appreciative of the meager existence they managed to create on the shores of the new world. In contrast, we who have more than they could have possibly imagined manage to somehow forget that the purpose of the holiday is to give thanks. We rush through our abundant meal in an effort to go shopping that night. We have so much, but we must have more and have it now!

I think that we would revive a tradition they say dates back to the early pilgrims. The story goes that the pilgrims were in such dire straits that each pilgrim was apportioned a mere five kernels of corn for their meal. I doubt this is true because no human being could survive on such a meager portion but the tradition that grew around the story is a wonderful exercise for the family. It is a custom to take five kernels of corn and place them on the corner of each plate or on the napkin. Those among us with the sweet tooth could even use candy corn!!! Then, as the meal progresses name five things that you are thankful for. With each declaration of thankfulness, place the kernel in an empty bowl in the middle of the table. After the meal, not only have you been thankful in the midst of your abundance but the bowl in the middle of the table will be a reminder of the multitude of blessings in your life.

I would also encourage each of you to abstain from the Thanksgiving Day shopping. Spend the rest of the day playing games and socializing with your family or friends. Be thankful for the experience of time with the people you love.

In the spirit of the season I will now publish my list of five of the things I am thankful for here at Tanner Valley. This is just five things on a list that could go on for ages:

June SeEVERS playing the piano.

My marvelous mutt Barley.

Dale Waltz as an example of faithfulness in ministry.

Arriving Sunday mornings when the sun shines into the darkened sanctuary.

The love we share with each other.

Give Thanks!

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Sundays—10am

**UMW**  
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## UMW Update

YOU KNOW WHAT I LIKE ABOUT UMW???

We are all friends!

We all care about each other.

We all help each other.

We all listen to each to other.

We all laugh with and at each other.

We all love each other.

We all share our troubles and our joys.

We all love God and have a strong faith.

We all worship and pray together.

We all serve together.

We pray for each other.

A true friend sees the first tear, catches the second, and stops the third.

We are all friends!

Thank you all for being my friends.

Need some friends? We are here waiting!

At our October meeting, Pam, June and Billie provided a great lunch for all of us. Thanks!

We then filled Operation Christmas Child boxes. Thanks to Ruth Ann who moved all the items from the library to the choir room in anticipation of our project. And for Jean who set it up for us.

UMW voted to provide \$300 to repair the thermostat in the refrigerator and provided payment for the chicken for the November 5th celebration dinner.

Our next meeting is November 9. JOIN US!

Nancy



## Faith Promise Sunday

Faith Promise Sunday for 2017 is on November 12th. Jake Brooks will be our guest speaker. He will be speaking about his youth ministry with Christian Gaming. A lunch is planned following the church service that day.

Please be sure your pledge (made in 2016 for 2017) is paid in full soon so that we have the shipping costs for OCC boxes.

We will also begin sending checks in October to all the missions we have chosen to support with Faith Promise donations. Tanner Valley families help support many missions at home and around the world.

Watch the Bulletin for additional information on this subject.

I AM FAITH PROMISE

## Council Meeting Highlights

The council met on October 11<sup>th</sup> with 11 of 18 members present.

**Opening:** Pastor Michael opened the meeting with a devotional reading from *The Wesleyan Way of Living*, the Three Rules of the Church: 1) Do no harm; 2) Do good; 3) Stay in love with God.

### Treasurer's Report:

- For the General Account for the month of September, there were deposits of \$9,718.00 and withdrawals of \$9,772.26 leaving a balance of \$7,657.45. Weekly average giving through 39 weeks is \$2,255.79 which is \$75.94 below the weekly budget of \$2,331.73. Year to date giving for the General Account is \$2,961.66 below budget.
- For the Special Account for the month of September, there were deposits of \$3,775.13 and withdrawals of \$237.39 leaving a balance of \$18,279.88. Through the end of September, the Capital Improvement fund is at \$2,631.55 and UMCOR is at \$2,914.00.

### Trustee Report:

- The Sanctuary ceiling is on Pete Schwebach's list but is dependent upon his schedule. His recent illness has put him behind, but the work should be done late fall or early winter.
- The thermostat for the kitchen refrigerator had to be replaced. The cost was \$300 which will be paid by the UMW (see UMW update on page 2).
- The parsonage AC unit has ceased to function and needs to be replaced. Hirt & Elco provided the lowest bid (\$4800) and will do the work this fall but not bill us until March 1st.

**Lay Leaders:** Several areas in the church are cluttered and are being used for storage. A general church "clean out" will be scheduled for mid-late January, after the Christmas season.

## Operation Christmas Child

### 'Tis the season for Operation Christmas Child.

Tanner Valley will again be a relay center for OCC box collection from churches and other organizations in this area. Collection week is November 13 – 20.

We can always use help during collection week. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex for the time when you can help. Tasks include:

- packing OCC boxes, putting together crates, and putting packed OCC boxes into the shipping crates.
- On Sunday November 19th after church the filled crates are put in a truck to be moved to the collection center. This is when we need the **heavy lifters** to help.

Tanner Valley UMC has filled about 100 boxes each year for OCC. We are able to do this because of all the donations of items from the members of our church.

The cost to ship each individual box is \$9.00. The money for shipping is provided as part of our Faith Promise pledges.

OCC Collection Week Schedule is as follows:

- November 13—16 (Monday thru Thursday): 5 PM to 7:30 PM
- November 17 (Friday): 4 PM to 7:30 PM
- November 18 (Saturday): 10 AM to 2 PM
- November 19 (Sunday): 11 AM to 1 PM (load truck)
- November 20 (Monday): 10 AM



## WORSHIP SERVANTS

### November 5

#### Greeter

Bev Graf

#### Acolyte

Christopher Delp

#### Reader

Donna Morgan

### November 12

#### Greeter

John and Barb Vandermuellen

#### Acolyte

Christopher Delp

#### Reader

Larry Delp

#### Ushers

Bryan & Amy Delp,

Kim & Jean Schmeltzer

#### GIC

Nancy Hesse, Billie Stockum

### November 19

#### Greeter

Norma Dean Fox

#### Acolyte

Christopher Delp

#### Reader

Kim Schmeltzer

#### Ushers

Paul & Tracy Meyers,

Paul & Nella Hoffbauer

#### GIC

Donna Morgan, Volunteer

### November 26

#### Greeter

Sue Goble

#### Acolyte

Christopher Delp

#### Reader

Barb Branigan

#### Ushers

John Huddleston, Dave Chapman,

Rich Hesse, Doug Dorsel

#### GIC

Jean Schmeltzer, Pam VanDyke

NOTE: Assigned Worship Servants are requested to find a replacement if they will not be able to fulfill their duties on the date indicated. Trading places a week or so before avoids any confusion on the assigned date.

Thank you for volunteering and for serving.

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## Mark Those Calendars—Looking Ahead

November 1st—All Saints Day. Come to 6:00 pm Communion and Prayer Service.

November 5th— Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 AM. Set those clocks back!!

November 5th—Celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Consecration of Tanner Valley UMC Building. Church service, lunch following, evening service at 6:30 pm.

November 12th—Faith Promise Sunday. Jake Brooks will be the guest speaker; lunch following.

November 13th thru 20th—Operation Christmas Child Week. See the article on page 3.

November 19th—Lullaby Nights at 6:00 PM.

November 23rd—Thanksgiving on Thursday

December 2nd—Hanging of the Greens at 10 AM.

December 3rd—First Sunday of Advent.

See Calendars on pages 5 and 6 for other dates and activities in November and December.



**Come be a part of our  
church at work.**

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OF JESUS CHRIST...

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	sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
				1 All Saints' Day 6pm Communion & Prayer 7pm PPR	2 All Souls' Day	3	4  4
5	Children's Eucharist Church Building 30th Anniversary 6:30 Evening Service	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	Faith Promise	13	14	15	16	17	18
19		20	21	22	23	24	25
26		27	28	29	30		

**BIRTHDAYS:** 3-Nancy Carpenter; 11-Henry Delp, Holly Honchell; **ANNIVERSARIES:** 3-Clyde & Peggy Dawson; 17-Steward & Bonita Cline; 12-Greg Huffman; 15- John Vandermuellen; 16-Amy Delp, Nelson Hanneken; 18-Avery Wuestefeld; 20-Kelsey Offutt; 26-Karen Huffman; 30-Marlene Schmid

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# December 2017



	sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
31	 NEW YEAR'S EVE						 10 Hanging of the Greens
3				6p Communion & Prayer	6:30p Heart House		10 Rivertown Quiltens
10		7p Missions Committee.	2p Nursing Home				
17				6p Communion & Prayer	7p UMW Meeting		6p Knife & Fork
24	 10p Christmas Eve			6p Communion & Prayer			
3				6p Communion & Prayer			
10				6p Communion & Prayer			
17				6p Communion & Prayer			
24				6p Communion & Prayer			
31				6p Communion & Prayer			

**BIRTHDAYS:** 4-Pam VanDyke; 10-Mary Schneider; 15-Diane Goodwin;

26-Ryleigh Offutt, Derrick Robertson; 31-Lauren Cline

**ANNIVERSARIES:** 22-Charles & Lois Blodgett, Steve & Candy

Feller; 26-Larry & Peg Delp; 30-Rose Jones