

**ROCKVILLE  
FIRST  
UNITED  
METHODIST  
CHURCH**

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# Highlights &

**NOVEMBER 2021**

## A Note from the Pastor November 2021

Its hard to believe that November is here. Seems like we just celebrated the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. No doubt it is here, the mornings are colder, and there is frost on the roof.

November is a special month in a lot of ways. Mention November and everyone thinks of Thanksgiving, black Friday, and the countdown to Christmas. November has so much more to celebrate.

It all begins on November 1, All Saints Day, which we celebrate on the first Sunday of the month. It is a time to honor those cherished members of our congregation who have completed their journey on earth and are celebrating their home in Glory Land. November 10<sup>th</sup> is a special day for a couple of us, but you need to ask Aaron about that day . 😊 The 11<sup>th</sup> honors all the men and women who offered themselves for our freedom as they served in the armed forces. I would like to ask you to put a green light in your porch for the week, or month to let all the veterans know we appreciate their service.

Then, of course, comes Thanksgiving. It is a time in which people are called to celebrate the bounty of our blessings and to give thanks to God for those blessings. It is the holiday in which families gather together more than any other holiday. People gather with loved ones to renew their relationships, feast, talk, laugh, tell stories, and watch football. My dad and the men in his family always went rabbit hunting on Thanksgiving morning. They were usually back to grandma's by 11:30. After the men cleaned the 40 or 50 rabbits and placed them in washtubs to soak, we gathered around the table. Well, we didn't really gather around the table to sit, the table was full of food, and we gathered around to scoop it up. The women ate in the kitchen, the men ate in the living room, most of us kids ate in the bedroom. In those days there was no TV at my dad's parent's house. Everyone was forced to visit and talk to one another. At times, I think that was a pretty good thing to do and other times I know it was a good thing! It is disheartening to see people gathered and everyone looking at the tv, phone, or iPad. Everyone at our house knows the cell phone must be out of site. Gale's aunt Carma makes everyone put their phone in a basket and they can't pick it up until she gives approval later in the afternoon. We need to keep the focus on what is important about Thanksgiving—God and family- and being thankful for both.

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## A Note from the Pastor Continued

My sister and her girls go shopping on black Friday. For them it is akin to a holiday. They can't wait to get started and enjoy fighting crowds with the traffic that accompanies it. I see no pleasure in any of it. Black Friday is a good time to be in the country in Parke County.

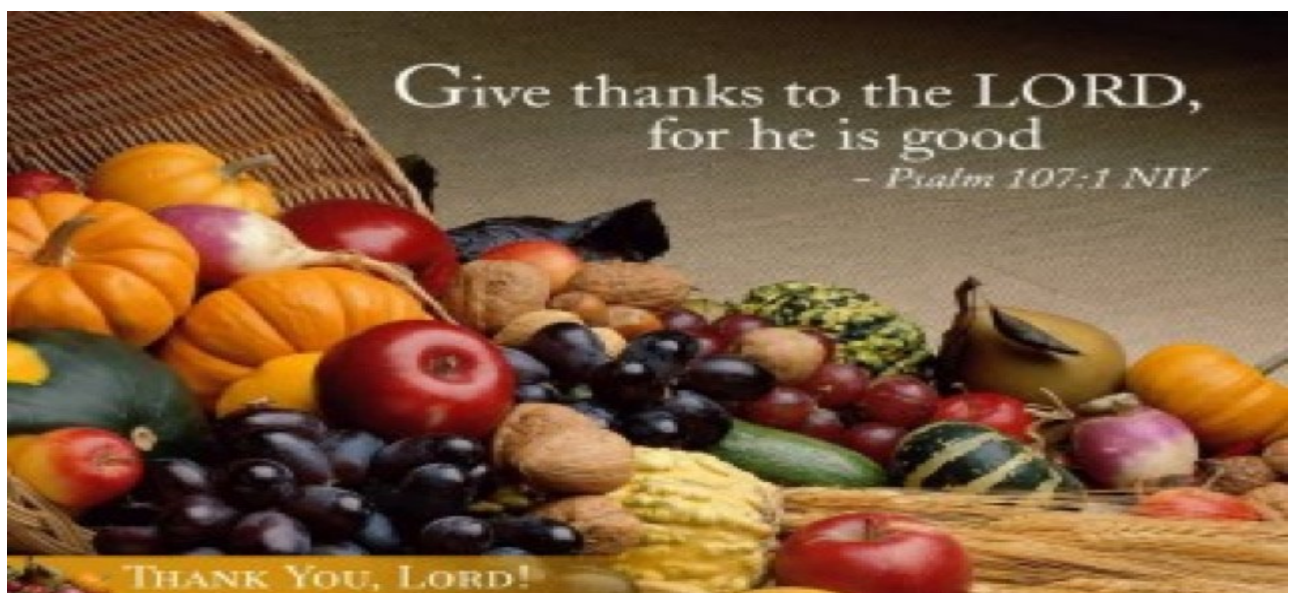
Then on Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> my favorite season of the year begins. It is the first Sunday of Advent. The count-down to Christmas begins. I enjoy every part of the Advent season and eagerly await the transformation of the church on that day as we celebrate the Hanging of the Greens.

November is a month of "Thanks" that is for sure. We start by being thankful for the Folks that served this church for so long. We are thankful for the Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, and others who protect us and preserve our freedom. We give thanks to the LORD for the blessings we enjoy and too often take for granted. Then we close as we celebrate and thank the Father for the Christ Child who became our Savior.

Be thankful, celebrate your blessings, and be a blessing to others!

Love you all and ***Thankful*** to be with you!

# Pastor Jon



# WORSHIP AND PRAY

## KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS!

### **Our Shut-Ins:**

Diana Lows, Roleen Pickard; Lois McGrannahan; Mary Alice Barnes

**Our World:** Our Country; Churches and People of Congo; Veterans dealing with PTSD and Re-Entry; Operation Classroom; Klausmeier family missions; Covered Bridge Cluster; Parke Vermillion Community Pregnancy Center; our schools, community, and government leaders; the children of Parke Co.; emergency personnel; local businesses; Kairos ministry; inmates and staff of Rockville Women's Correctional Center and the Parke Co. Jail; those suffering from mental illness; those having financial difficulties; homeless children and adults; immigrants; refugee; widows; orphans; peace on earth; 1,132 churches and 536 pastors of the Indiana Conference.

### **Keep in your prayers church family in active U.S. military service:**

Ben Ford, Air Force, Son-in-law of Rob and Shannon Belcher; Offutt AFB, Nebraska; Staff Sgt. Jacob Gregg, son of Guy and Shelly Gregg, MacDill AFB, Tampa, Florida; Rob Graham, Navy, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, grandson of Helen Graham; Lance Catlin, Marines, grandson of Lenora Douglas.

**Capital Improvement Fund:** \$300,487.07. This amount includes all designated project funds. Also, donations from generous givers, Grants, Fund Raisers. Many of the projects have begun!

### FACTS & FIGURES

Date	Sunday School Attendance	Worship Attendance	Tithes & Offerings
10/03/2021		36	\$2,470.00
10/10/2021		42	\$2,105.00
10/17/2021			\$1,598.00
10/24/2021		31	\$1,656.00
10/31/2021			\$1,465.10
<b>August total to date:</b>			<b>\$9,294.10</b>

**Needed monthly to enable the church's ministries: \$8,468.14**  
**2021 Average Worship Attendance: 49**

## LEARN AND GROW

### Want to grow deeper as a Christian?

We currently have opportunities for adults and youth to learn more about God, the Bible, and how to grow in discipleship: **Adult and Children Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Sunday mornings 10:00 a.m. Inside service; Facebook Live, distributed later on YouTube; and radio station 92.3; and Facebook live. Sunday evening Bible Study 6 p.m.; "Midweek Chat" Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Always practice "Social Distancing"**



## CELEBRATE RECOVERY

**A Christ-centered recovery program for adults struggling to overcome hurts, habits**

**Thursdays, 7-9 p.m.**

*(Doors open at 6:30p.m.)*

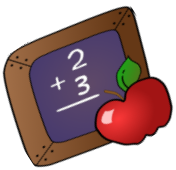
**Rockville First United Methodist Church**

128 N. Market St., Rockville, IN

(1 block north of the courthouse)

**For information, please call (765) 569-5356**

## BUDDY BAGS



The Buddy Bag program has been extended throughout the summer also, for the year 2021-2022. Buddy Bags are distributed to needy children on Fridays to help ensure that they have adequate food over the weekend to be able to return to school on Monday ready to learn. If you would like to volunteer to help pack and/or distribute the Buddy Bags, please contact Larry or Charla Malone.



The 2nd Tuesday  
of every month.  
9:00 a.m. at  
Benjamin's.



### **Greeters for November 2021**

7th Mathis Family  
14th Louise Norman  
21st Amanda Lee  
28th Myrna Roose

## AROUND THE CHURCH

The Dine with a Doc® program is **cancelled until March 2022**

Fellowship Hall at The Rockville First United Methodist Church.  
Dine with a Doc® is a FREE educational program that welcomes senior citizens to get to know the doctor of the month while enjoying a free meal, courtesy of . For your convenience, the ramp door on the South side of the church will be open allowing easier entry in to the church.

Please **R.S.V.P.** to **Carole Perry (765-569-2349)**.

All senior citizens are welcome (reservations are required), so please invite your friends and neighbors to join you! We hope to see you there!

### November Birthdays

06 Karen Kent  
12 Avery Lee Harbison  
16 Mason Woody  
17 Kathy Price  
22 Mark Holaday  
23 Abby Ponce  
24 Emilia Ponce



09 Bill & Taunnie Russell

Worship with  
Rockville FUMC

Adult and Children  
Sunday School 9:00a.m.

Inside Service 10:00 a.m.  
or  
Face book live; radio 92.3

Sunday Evening Bible Study 6:00  
p.m. Inside & Facebook

Also Wednesday 7:00 p.m.  
Facebook live



**ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEMEBERS 2021**

Rob Belcher, Council Chair  
Elaine Waltz, SPRC-Chair  
Bill Becker, Trustees Chair  
Mark Spelbring, Finance Chair  
Mary Jane Evens, Treasurer  
Susan Harbison , Women's Rep

Alex Milligan, Men's Rep  
Merideth McGill, Young Adult Rep  
Pat Ballinger, Lay Leader  
Randy Randall, Member-At-Large  
Maddie Belcher, Youth Rep  
Jon Overbey, Pastor

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**SERVE AND GIVE**

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- Peanut Butter
- Pasta (boxes or bags)
- Pasta sauce (jars or cans)
- Vegetables (cans)

Please bring your donations to the office. Thank you!  
*(Please make sure you bring **un-expired** goods, as we can't distribute food that is expired.)*

*Our Food Pantry is an independent ministry of our church*



Hand bell Choir will meet each  
Monday, in the Chapel  
6:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
New members always welcome.

The Clothes Closet is open to the public  
every Thursday  
1:00 p.m.— 5:00 p.m.  
Everyone is Welcome  
Everything is FREE.  
Please use the side door on York St.

If you have donations,  
please drop off during office hours only  
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.  
Monday through Thursday



# Fun on the Square with the First United Methodist Church Family



Trick or Treat



# Trick or Treat

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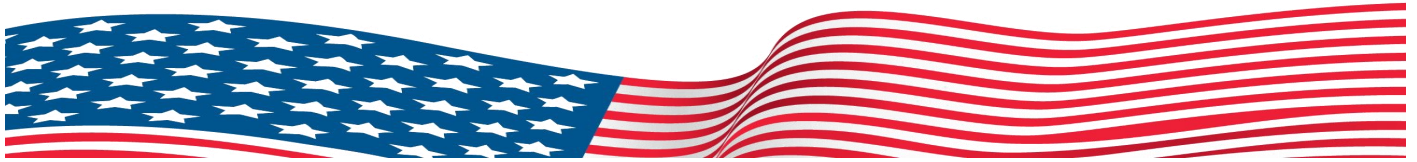




NOVEMBER 11, 2021

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**HONORING ALL WHO SERVED**  
**VETERANS DAY**  
— UNITED STATES OF AMERICA —



## **As You start your holiday shopping — Remember Amazon Smile**

### **How to use Amazon to fund the church projects.**

As you probably know, the church has started a building fund and some of the projects to get our church ready for our 2022 bicentennial have begun.

Did you know that if you shop through Amazon, we can actually get a donation from them? The Smile website allows for a small portion of qualifying purchases to be donated to a charity of your choice, and we would hope you choose the church.

It's easy to do:

Open a browser window to <https://smile.amazon.com> Notice this is NOT just amazon.com, but it has a SMILE in it. This page will look slightly different than your usual Amazon page.

If you already have an Amazon account, you can sign in using the link in the upper right hand corner of the page.

Then click the “Get Started” button.

In the search box, type in “Rockville First United Methodist Church” and click “Search” for our church's name.

You should see the church name pop up in a list. Hit the gray “Select” button next to the church's name.

Check the box next to the statement “Yes, I understand that I must always start at **smile.amazon.com** to support Rockville First United Methodist Church.”

Click the orange “Start Shopping” box

The next page you see is the regular Amazon shopping page that you normally have used.

You may get a pop up asking if you want to add an app to your browser to automatically go to the Smiles page each time.

Remember your purchases only help the church if you go to the smile.amazon.com before you start shopping.

This hasn't been tested on a mobile device, but if you use a phone or a tablet it may offer to load an app that will automatically go to the Smile account.

As you do your Christmas shopping, or anytime during the year, we ask that you consider using the Smile site to make a donation to our church.

Thank you for your help in supporting the church's building project.

Ad Council members present: Pastor J. Overbey, M. J. Evens, B. Becker, Mark Spelbring, R. Randall, E. Waltz, R. Belcher, S. Harbison,  
Absent: M. McGill, Maddie Belcher, P. Ballinger, A. Milligan

**Council Business**

Rob Belcher opened the meeting with prayer.

The September minutes were approved after the following corrections: Food Alliance Program, Melinda Duckett. Rob Belcher has ordered a tune-up kit and carburetor for the snow blower.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Tuck Point construction will be moving to the front of the building for repairs. The roofers will start on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Handicap Ramp: Council reviewed a set of plans for the new handicap ramp. The south side bottom step will come out farther than the north ramp to accommodate the turn of the handicap ramp. It was suggested to install handrails on both sides of the stairs. Lighting for the ramp was discussed. It was decided the lighting we have now is sufficient. The church sign also needs to be updated, maybe using the framing of the existing sign. A possibility of installing a digital sign.

Covered Bridge: Parking lot project total was \$7,445. Rummage sale total was \$1,175.25 and Soup Dinner total was \$694.

Mary Jane Evens reported the carpet is being removed from the downstairs classroom. There is still 1 couch and cardboard boxes that need to be removed. Alex and Carol Milligan have volunteered to paint and replace flooring of the downstairs bathrooms.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There are wires and live gas lines connected on the condensation pump on one of the old boilers. Bill Becker will contact AC Electric to disconnect the units. The boiler is located downstairs in the last room on the right.

Quotes are needed for the installation of the doors downstairs to secure the area. Double doors are needed but will have to be according to code for security.

CODA is meeting at the church every other Wednesday 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 pm. The church’s representative needs to lock/unlock the doors, check the heat and/or AC.

**Pastor’s Report:** We received requests from Riverton Parke Post Prom committee for donations for the prom. It was decided to not donate to either Parke County schools for Post Prom.

Pastor Jon reviewed the Charge Conference reports. Charge conference will be held at the Brazil First United Methodist Church on November 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

Emergency lights have been installed.

Elaine Waltz reported the screen door on the porch is in need of repair. It was decided to remove the screen door.

The church could apply for the Historical Church Award. A list of requirements was presented by the Pastor. It was felt that this may be good to coordinate with the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, but appears it may be too time consuming to get done now.

The Church took a bus trip to Newport to see the Lester’s Southern Gospel group which was enjoyed by all. The Lester’s have a Matinee on December 4<sup>th</sup> at Ridge Farm, IL. We are making plans to attend. There will be a charge of \$25 for the concert and meal.

## Ad Council Minutes, Cont'd

### **Trustee's Report:**

Cottrell Construction will start on the roof on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. There is no credit through our insurance to use the up-graded shingle, so regular shingle will be used.

When the Tuck Point is completed, we need to get quotes on repairing/replacing the wood trim around the outside windows.

There is another broken window leading into the nursery. The brick contractors from American Masonry did board up the window temporarily. Bill Becker will contact Professional Glass to repair the window and look into other windows with BB holes.

B&B Foods inspected the oven that was not lighting. They made a few minor adjustments, and the oven is now operating properly.

Next construction phase: Winter project after the roof is completed; paint and make repairs in the Chapel. Determine color and get quotes on drapery.

**Finance Report:** Mary Jane Evens reviewed the financial report.

Mark Spelbring has submitted an application for a grant through the United Methodist Foundation.

### **Staff Parish Relations Report:**

Our janitor, Russ Hall, has repaired the shop vacs found in the basement. He is also checking the emergency lights and the monthly inspection of the fire extinguishers.

**Bicentennial Committee:** Next meeting will be Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 5 p.m.

The next meeting will be November 16, 2021.

Pastor Jon closed in prayer.



Make plans to join

ROCKVILLE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
for a  
"Christian Christmas Celebration"

On a bus trip to see the Lester's Southern Gospel Group  
December 4<sup>th</sup> matinee.

The bus will leave the church at 11:00

Show starts at 1:00 p.m.

\$25 includes buffet and show.



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November 1 is All Saints Day, a sometimes-overlooked holy day in United Methodist congregations. It is not nearly as well known as the day before, All Hallows' (Saints') Eve, better known as Halloween, but is far more important in the life of the church.



*John Wesley was fond of All Saints Day. "John Wesley. Stipple engraving by J. Posselwhite" licensed under CC BY 4.0 via Wikimedia Commons.*

John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement, enjoyed and celebrated All Saints Day. In a journal entry from November 1, 1767, Wesley calls it "a festival I truly love." On the same day in 1788, he writes, "I always find this a comfortable day." The following year he calls it "a day that I peculiarly love."

This may sound odd. [United Methodists don't believe in saints.](#) Right?

Well, [yes... and no.](#)

Wesley cautioned against holding saints in too high regard. [The Articles of Religion](#) that he sent to the Methodists in America in 1784, include a statement against "invocation of saints" (Article XIV—Of Purgatory, Book of Discipline ¶104). Wesley did not see biblical evidence for the practice and discouraged Methodists from participating.

However, he also advised against disregarding the saints altogether.

In an All Saints Day journal entry dated Monday, November 1, 1756, Wesley writes, "How superstitious are they who scruple giving God solemn thanks for the lives and deaths of his saints!" (If your 18<sup>th</sup> century English is as rusty as mine, it might help to know that the word *scruple* means *not doing something because you think it's wrong.*)

### **Those to glory gone**

Tradition: A Theological Guideline

In studying [John Wesley's theological method](#), scholars have found four, inter-related theological guidelines: Scripture, tradition, experience, and reason. These are the sources of our understanding of our faith.

By [tradition](#) we mean all that has gone before us in the Christian church. We are part of a long history that goes back through John Wesley, to the early days of the Church, and the apostles of Jesus. When we think theologically we need to keep in mind the creeds, prayers, sermons, books, music, and all other ways Christians have understood the work of God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit in their lives.

All Saints Day is an opportunity to give thanks for those who have gone before us in the faith. It is a time to celebrate our history, what United Methodists call the [tradition of the church](#).

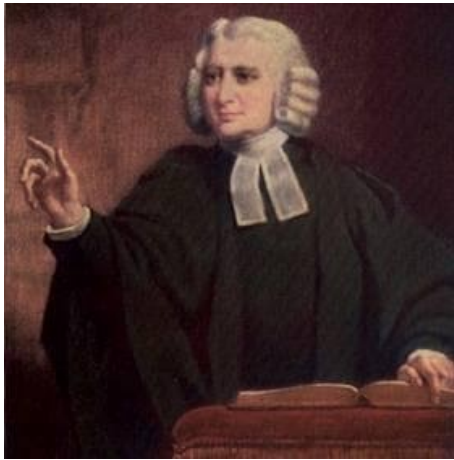
From the early days of Christianity, there is a sense that the Church consists of not only all living believers, but also all who have gone before us. For example, in Hebrews 12 the author encourages Christians to remember that a "great cloud of witnesses" surrounds us encouraging us, cheering us on.

Charles Wesley, John's brother, picks up on this theme in his hymn that appears in our United Methodist Hymnal as "Come, Let Us Join our Friends Above," #709. In the first verse, he offers a wonderful image of the Church through the ages:

Let saints on earth unite to sing, with those to glory gone,  
for all the servants of our King in earth and heaven, are one.

On All Saints Day we can remember all those who are part of the "communion of saints" we confess whenever we recite [The Apostles' Creed](#). We share stories of those "to glory gone."

Retelling these stories grounds us in our history. These memories teach us how God has provided for us through the generosity and sacrifice of those who have come before us. The stories of the saints encourage us to be all God has created us to be.



*Charles Wesley wrote hymns that express his theology. "Charles-Wesley-preaching" by William Gush, public domain, via Wikimedia Commons.*

### **Saints on earth**

Charles Wesley's hymn tells us those "to glory gone" are joined by the "saints on earth." We think of the inspirational people with whom we worship on Sunday, and those across the world we will never meet. We celebrate fellow United Methodists who inspire us, and those of other denominations whose lives encourage us. We give thanks for those with whom we agree, as well as those whose views we do not share.

Additionally, we remember and pray for our sisters and brothers in Christ who faithfully follow Jesus in places where being labeled a Christian puts them in harm's way.

### **One song**

On All Saints Day, we recognize that we are part of a giant choir singing the same song. It is the song Jesus taught his disciples; a tune that has resonated for more than 2,000 years; a melody sung in glory and on the earth. Our great privilege is to add our voices to this chorus.

The last verse of "Come, Let Us Join our Friends Above" encourages us to sing faithfully while on earth, so we might join the heavenly chorus one day.

Our spirits too shall quickly join, like theirs with glory crowned,  
and shout to see our Captain's sign, to hear His trumpet sound.

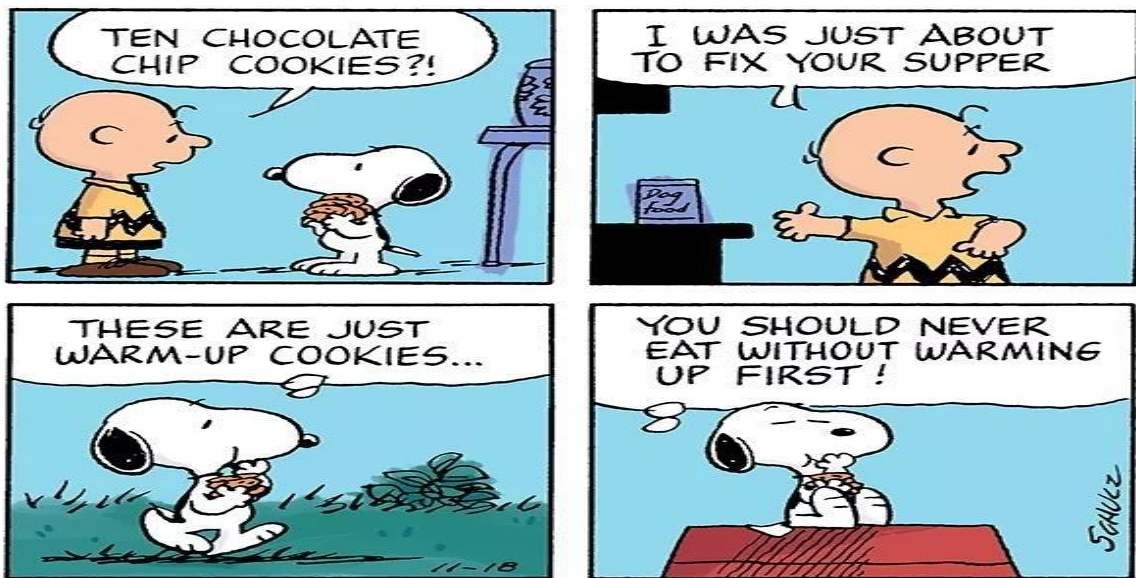
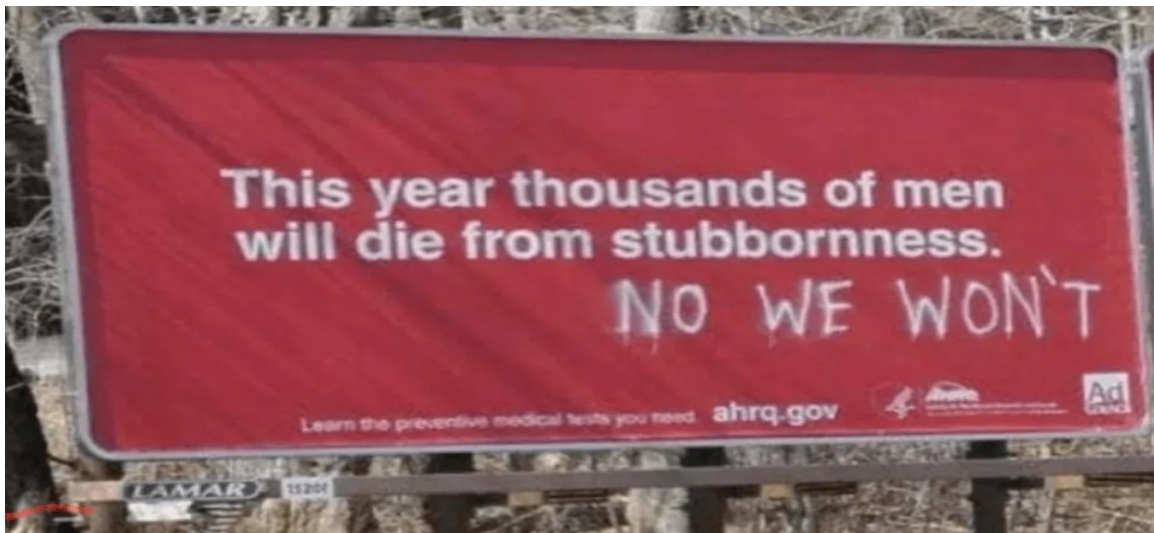
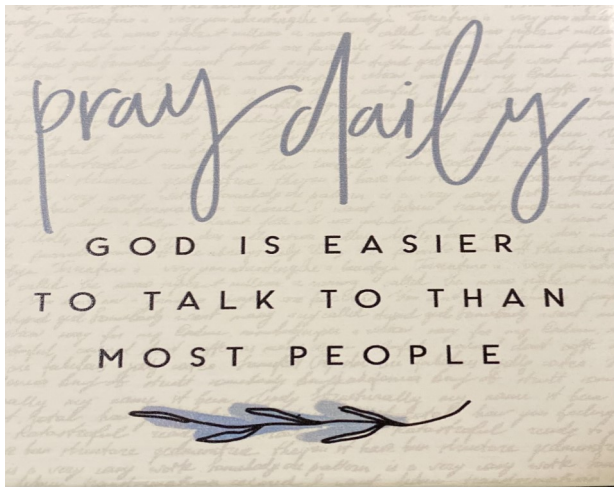
O that we now might grasp our Guide! O that the word were given!  
Come, Lord of Hosts, the waves divide, and land us all in heaven.

On All Saints Day, let us give thanks for both the saints in glory and those on earth, who have led us to Jesus. As they have shared the gospel with us, may we add our voices so someone else may hear about the grace and love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God for the lives of his saints.

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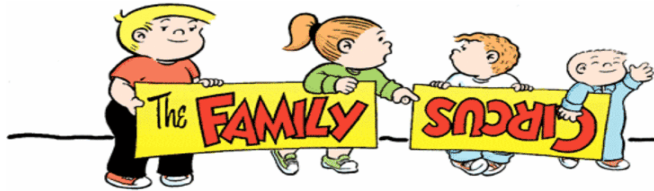


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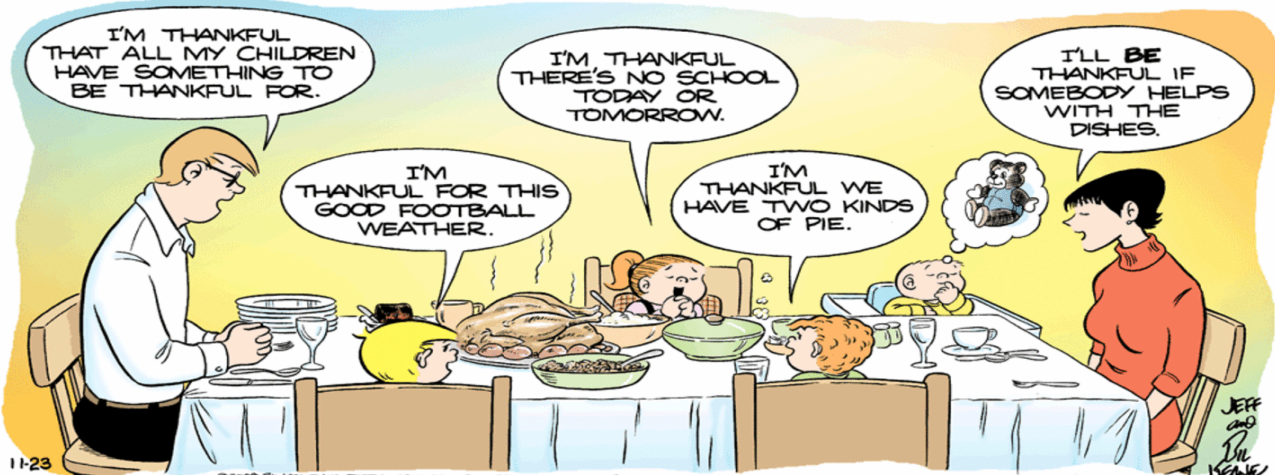


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"Dolly keeps humming 'Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town' and we haven't even had Thanksgiving yet!"



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## Some interesting days in November

### **November 2**

National Devils Egg day

Sorry I missed this day 😞

### **November 3, 2021**

National Sandwich day

Just one day? I thought this was every day

National Candy Day

3 days after Halloween? Really?

National Use your Common Sense Day Obviously this one is never celebrated! Not even for a day.

### **November 8**

National Dunce Day

This one happens way too often.

World Kindness Day

Shouldn't this be every day????

### **November 9**

National Chaos Never Dies Day

Does it take a day to recognize this one?

### **November 14**

National Pickle Day

This happens every chance I can get pickles!!

### **November 18**

Minnie Mouse' Birthday

May be a big day for you Mickey Mouse and Disney people

### **November 20**

Universal Children's Day

Every day should universally be a children's day

Pay Back Your Parents Day

Why is this on the calendar? It never happens!

### **November 21**

National Bible Week

Should be something that we all celebrate everyday!!!!

### **November 23**

National Sardines Day

I definitely will not be celebrating this one.

### **November 28**

Hanukkah

This one is sincere and is remembrance of one of God's great miracles for the Jewish people.

# NOVEMBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 5:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice  6:45 p.m. Handbells	2	3 7:00 p.m. Mid- week Chat	4 1-5 p.m. Clothes Closet  6 p.m. Buddy Bags  7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	5	6
7 10 a.m. Worship Holy Communion 6 p.m. Bible Study 	8 5:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice  6:45 p.m. Handbells	9 9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast	10 7:00 p.m. Mid- week Chat	11 1-5 p.m. Clothes Closet 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery 	12	13
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# ROCKVILLE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rockville, IN 47872

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rockvilleumc.net  
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facebook.com/rockvillefirstumc

## Office Hours:

**M-Th 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

~Pastor Jon Overbey~

Email: [Jon.overbey@inumc.org](mailto:Jon.overbey@inumc.org)

## SUNDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY

9:00 a.m. - Adult & Youth Sunday School

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service

10:15 a.m. - Children's Church

6:00 p.m. - Bible Study

Rockville First United  
Methodist Church is a  
bridge to help all:

- find the WELCOME  
of Christ,
- learn the WAY of  
Christ, and
- become His  
WITNESSES in our  
world.

