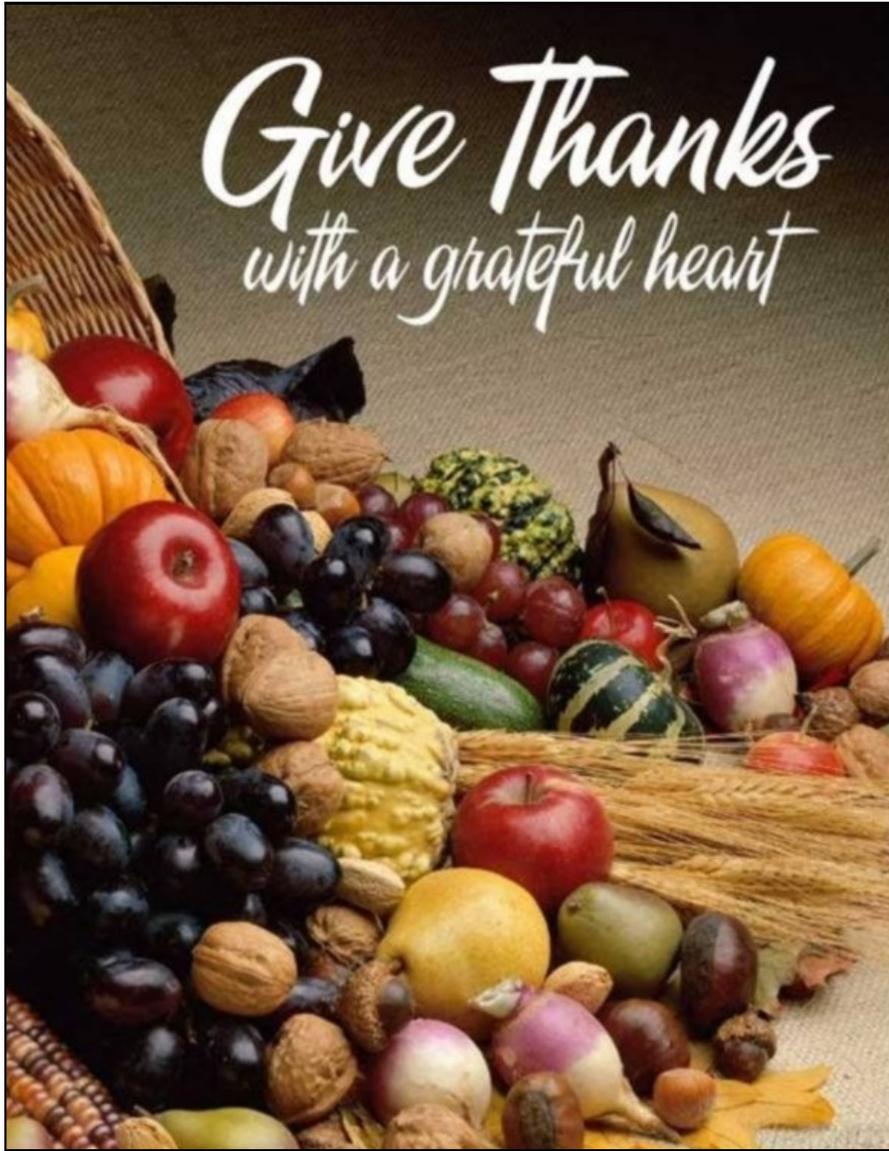




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* Church Outreach Ministries *



OPERATION CHRISTIAN LOVE MAY BE BIGGER THAN YOU THINK!

Operation Christian Love is our church's mission and outreach focus this year. Christian Love is a not-for-profit Christian organization that gives much needed support to the orphanages, homeless shelters, food pantries, and senior respite shelters across the board in Mexico. These compassion ministries are where the hungry, the homeless, the fatherless and the aged, who are in need, get no government assistance. They are only supported by an ecumenical network of loving churches and Christian believers.

La Mana de Dios, in Piedra Negras, serves the aged. They provide a food pantry, clothing and a hot meal to vulnerable senior adults. Many of these seniors have little or no family support and many are homeless.

Banda Ministry serves with the community of Bethesda Esquela de Fe Church and shelter. It is located in down town Piedras Negras. Their ministry also includes the prison. Recently, Operation Christian Love (OCL) aided Banda Ministries by rewiring the storage area where the freezers are kept.

In September, 4000 lbs. of food was delivered by OCL. Volunteers on both sides of the boarder met to pack and load assigned amounts of this food and start taking it across the border.

The food went to La Mano de Dios Soup Kitchen, Mundo de Fe Church, Casa Hogars Nazaret Nino's and Nina's, Casa Hogar Vision de Amor, Frank Banda Ministry, Iglecia Bethesda Homeless Shelter & Periodista, the prison, Casa Hogar Getsemani and Casa Hogar Bethesda for the Disabled. 4000 lbs. of food may seem like a lot, but it does not take long before it is depleted.

Christmas gifts to the orphanages and to seniors is an important ministry of OCL.

This year, our church is supporting Operation Christian Love by providing small gifts and packing them in back packs on November 8th for the orphanages, senior respite centers and homeless.

November 8th is our "Mission Sunday." We will begin with worship in the Sanctuary and be dismissed to pack the Operation Christian Love backpacks. These gifts will go to orphanages and senior citizens dispersed along the border.

Here is a list of what we need to fill the packs on November 8th.

Items needed for Stuffing Backpacks on November 8th

- Jump ropes
- Small stuffed animals
- Toy cars
- Balls
- Dolls
- Other appropriate small toys for boys or girls (no weapons of any kind)
- Hard candy (no chocolate or anything that can melt)
- Small blankets
- Hair brushes and combs
- Gloves for small children as well as teenagers
- Bibles



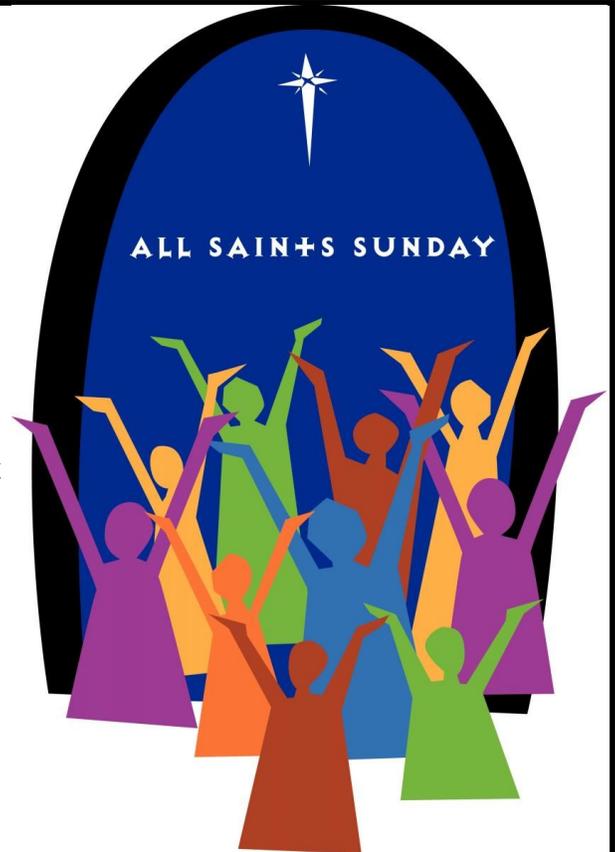


* Pastor's Perspective *

All Saint's Day

Sunday, November 1st, is All Saints Sunday. On this day we will remember and honor the lives of those who have served and worshipped among us at Devine First United Methodist Church: Patsy Walters, Tommy Williams, Francis Taylor, Kay Redus, Helen Splawn, and Clara Heimer.

When we remember and celebrate the lives of these "saints," we are celebrating Christ among us. As United Methodists we believe in the "great communion of saints." From generation to generation, Christians have paved the way to faith for all of us. We in turn, will do the same for our children and grandchildren. Remembering All Saints reminds me of scripture from Isaiah 43:5-7. In this text, God is telling the Israel exiles that they are no longer held by their captors and are free to go home to gather their children and their families and return to the "Promised Land."



*Do not be afraid, for I am with you;
I will bring your children east and gather you from the west.
I will say to the north, 'Give them up!'
and to the south, 'Do not hold them back.'*

*Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth—
everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom
I formed and made.*

Isaiah 43:5-7

Like a great procession of generations and generations of all those who have gone before us, we celebrate their lives and know that one day, we too will be called home to the loving arms of our Father in Heaven.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Valli



* Calendar Highlights *

Time Changes
Sunday, November 1st
“Fall Back”

Operation Christian Love
Stuff the Backpacks
Sunday, November 8,
During Worship

We will stuff the toys and blankets that we have collected into backpacks, a usable “stocking.”



Community Thanksgiving Service
Sunday, November 22nd, 6pm
First Baptist Church in Natalia
Worship & Light Supper

(Call or text Pastor Leonard Dossey 210-215-5062 to see how you can contribute to the Supper. A small number of people, with masks and gloves, will prepare the sandwiches etc. to keep the spread of germs down.)

Save the Date

We will have our Christmas Program
on
Sunday, December 13, 2020

The time is still to be decided.

Mark your calendar to attend this exciting event. You won't want to miss it!



*** Women's Ministries ***

**Women's Bible Study
Tuesday Morning**

9:00-11:00 am in the Asbury Room

Or

Thursday Evenings

7:00-9:00 pm in the Wesley Room

Live Free:

**A Fresh Look at the Fruit of the Spirit
by Constantine R. Campbell**

Many have learned to discipline themselves to be patient or generous or even brave. And while that is commendable, it cannot compare to the qualities produced by the Holy Spirit. In this study of Galatians 5, you'll get a clear understanding of what the fruit of the Spirit is . . . and isn't.

Through 5 engaging lessons, you'll explore the difference between human behavior and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. Although Paul's letter to the Galatians presents the fruit of the Spirit as a list, it's not a set of instructions on how you should live. It is a picture of the characteristics produced by the Holy Spirit that demonstrate to others your relationship with the Lord.

Live Free encourages you to allow the Holy Spirit to produce love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self control, and other Christlike qualities in your life.



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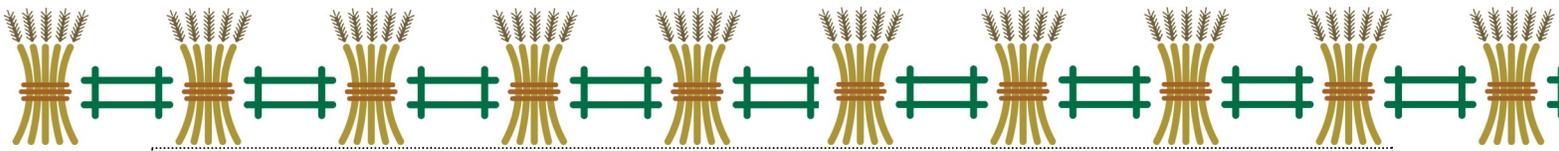
The UMW did not meet in October. We made a donation to the Children's Shoebox Ministry and the Devine Food Pantry.

I am not sure when will meet in person at this time. I look forward when we can share a meal and fellowship.

Blessings,

Judy

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." *Philippians 4:13*



*** Men's Ministries / Church at Work ***



United Methodist Men

UMM met October 7th. The devotional was given by Cliff.

Funds were donated to the Children's Shoebox Ministries and the Devine Food Pantry.

The next meeting will be November 4th. Team 4 will be in charge of the meal and devotional.

Blessings,
Tex

IRON SHARPENS IRON
(Proverbs 27:17)

CHURCH'S BUDGET SUMMARY

	<u>Sept Only</u>	<u>Jan - Sept</u>
<i>Operating Donations</i>	\$13,887	\$130,828
<i>Operating Expenses</i>	14,800	150,108
<i>Operating Surplus (Deficit)</i>	(913)	(19,280)
<i>Designated Gifts</i>	533	12,297



TRUSTEES CORNER

The Board of Trustees held their scheduled monthly meeting in the Asbury Room, October 12, 2020. Members present were Kay Shultz, Josephine Redus, Colby Cashion and Pastor Valli Blair.

At the October meeting the Trustees discussed the need for better audio visual equipment in order to continue to live stream and to stream the service to the Fellowship hall. The continued deterioration of pews in the sanctuary is being looked into.



One of the Board's main duties is to maintain our church property. Donations throughout the year determine what the Trustee budget is. For those wishing to make a donation to help pay for maintenance projects like painting the church parsonage, members should designate their donation to the "Trustee Account.". As a general rule, the Trustees will not start a project unless there are funds available to complete it.



LOOKING FOR A FUN, NEW WAY TO BE MORE ACTIVE?

WHEN: Mondays & Wednesdays
02 Nov 20 – 25 Jan 21
2:00 – 3:00 P.M.

WHERE: GoToMeeting on your home
computer, iPad or any smart device

Call or Email
Kimberly Beasley from AACOG
by
28 October if interested
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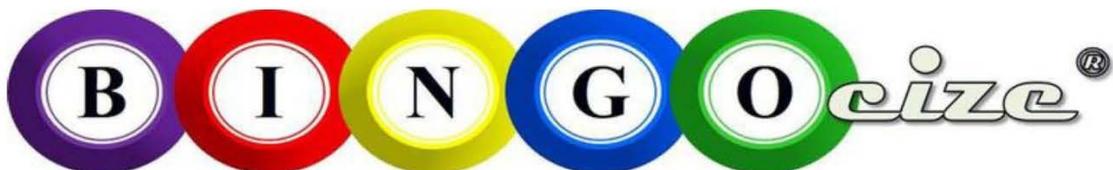


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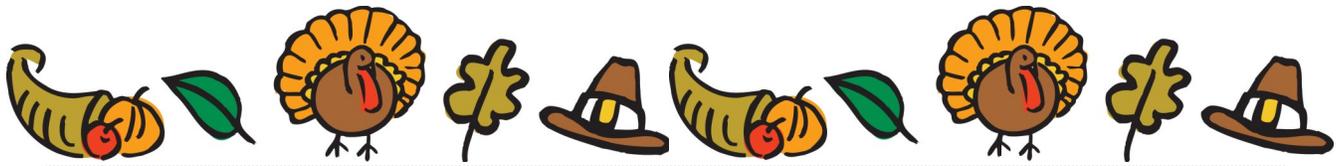


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* Wesley Nurse *

Dear Devine Congregation and Community Members;

I want to thank all of you for your ongoing support. I am now beginning to transition back to the office. Yeah!! Can you believe it's been 7 months since I last saw all of you? Many thanks to Lisa and the community resources that stayed active during this difficult time. Do to their dedication and hard work, we were able to continue to exemplify God's grace and love to those who needed it most. Throughout this event Lisa, our church secretary, went above and beyond to ensure that as many benevolence services as possible continued to be provided. During this time I have discovered we can prevail with Christ's guidance, for that I thank all of you.

The Devine South Texas Rural Health Clinic continues to work with the Wesley Nurse program to provide Specialty Referral Services to those in need within our community. This program will continue to provide medical appointments with specialist to those who qualify. If you or someone you know may need this service, please have them make an appointment with me for more information.

At this time MHM has hired a new WN to cover the Hondo area; however, I will continue to provide coverage for already existing clients until the new nurse completes her orientation process. I will also be helping to train and precept her for our area. Please grant me grace and patience as I work diligently to get all our services back on line. I'm asking everyone to please call in advance if you need to see or speak to me. If I am unavailable, please leave a message on my machine and I will get back to you as soon as possible. I will continue to help as best as possible while I work through the new workflows and processes the MHM has put in place to keep us all safe. Thank you for your understanding.

The Texas Diaper Bank and "My Healthy Child" class is ongoing through tele-education and social distancing delivery of supplies. If you know of anyone in need of this service, please have them call me and arrangements can be made. As with all other group gatherings and in-person contact, once we can meet again the classes will resume. As always, any classes sponsored or offered by the WN program are open to the public and free of charge.

I would like to send out a heartfelt thank you to all who have and continue to donate to the WN fund. Continued support of the Wesley Nurse program has allowed the program to assist those in need, increase our community's educational opportunities and provide various medical assistance. If you feel led to support this program, there is a Wesley Nurse Fund established for donations.

If you would like to see a program, information, or event that you feel would benefit you or the community, please contact me. You don't have to be a member in the Healthcare Ministry Team to partner with me in service to those in need in our community. Membership in this committee is appreciated, but not necessary for a one-time project or event.

God Bless,

Georjean Burnell, MSN, RN - Devine FUMC, Wesley Nurse

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* November Readings *

November Scripture Readings:

The following themes and Scripture readings are provided as a means to draw closer to God. They come from the Revised Common Lectionary, which groups Old Testament, Psalm, Epistle and Gospel readings together for each Sunday in a three year cycle. Read them prayerfully listening for God's voice.

All Saints Day, November 1

Theme: Celebrating the saints of God—those who lived for Christ and died in Christ.

Revelation 7:9-17

Psalm 34: 1-10, 22 (UMH 769)

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost, November 1

Theme: The Community founded on God's word speaks of how we are to act and view ourselves.

Joshua 3:7-17

Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 (UMH 830)

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

Matthew 23:1-12

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost, November 8

Theme: Choices have consequences.

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Psalm 78:1-7 (UMH 799)

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost, November 15

Theme: Judgement and redemption unify these readings.

Judges 4:1-7

Psalm 123 or Psalm 76 (UMH 797)

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

Christ the King Sunday, November 22

Theme: The kingship of God through Jesus Christ.

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalm 100 (UMH 821)

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

Thanksgiving Day, November 26

Theme: The Earth is a gift, an earned treasure.. When we forget the blessedness of this creation, we stray from what is good.

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Psalm 65 (UMH 789)

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Luke 17:11-19

First Sunday of Advent, November 29

Theme: We are waiting for God for the birth of hope, for the arrival of new life.

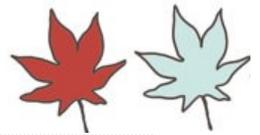
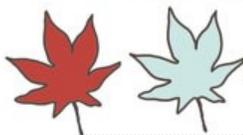
Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 (UMH 801)

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-37





*** BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES ***



Birthdays



NOVEMBER 2020

- Derrick & Krystal Caddell 🔔
- Sarah Tower (Branson)
- Sarah & Kiel Boehme 🔔
- James & Dez McElwee 🔔
- Randy Free
- Donna Eshleman
- Maya McElwee
- Derrick Caddell
- Madison Purchis
- Peggy Cooper
- Riley Cashion
- Louis Lopez
- Noah Riou
- Garland & Pam Boehme 🔔
- Tom Key
- Faye Caskey
- T.G. Crain
- Sarah Boehme
- Mary Rotramel
- Lewis Stroud
- Marlie Niemietz
- Carl & Beverly Baltz 🔔
- Krystal Caddell
- Bo Maxwell



November Offerings

Operation Christmas Love
Please see the list on p2.

Rail Offering

November 1st- Student Sunday

Your generous gift supports United Methodist Students Day Scholarships and the United Methodist Student Loan Fund, administered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. Your decision to give today empowers a passionate student to have a future of world-changing service and faithful service for Christ.



Noisy Offering

November 15th– Devine Ministerial Fellowship (DMF)



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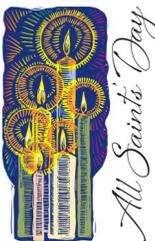
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1  <i>All Saints' Day</i>	2 4pm Girl Scouts 2nd-3rd	3 9am Women's Bible Study	4 5pm Prayer Team 6pm UMMen 7pm Choir	5 7pm Women's Bible Study 7:30pm AA Meeting	6	7
8 10am Sunday School resumes for 3rd-12th graders	9 6:30pm Trustee Mtg.	10 9am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Ad Hoc Admin Board Meeting	11 5pm Prayer Team 7pm Choir	12 6pm Loss of a Spouse Grief Share 7pm Women's Bible Study 7:30pm AA Meeting	13	14
15	16 4pm Girl Scouts 2nd-3rd	17 6:30pm Ad. Board Mtg.	18 5pm Prayer Team 7pm Choir	19 7:30pm AA Meeting	20	21
22 6pm Community Thanksgiving Worship & Sandwiches 1st Baptist in Natalia	23	24	25 5pm Prayer Team 7pm Choir	26 7:30pm AA Meeting  Thanksgiving	27	28
29	30 4pm Girl Scouts 2nd-3rd				SUNDAYS Adult Sunday School 10am Worship & Nursery 11am	YOGA 8:30am Mon- Thurs WALKING 9:00am Mon-Thur