

The

Open Door



a newsletter of

Memorial United Methodist Church

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Little Blessings Preschool

During the month of November we are especially aware of the people we give thanks for. We are thankful for Pastor Jeff Kelley and Pastor Arun Peters for providing "Little Blessings Chapel" time. We are also thankful for Mrs. Diane Lyons for coming each month to read wonderful books to us. Thank you for your prayers and support of our children's ministry!



*Blessings,
Traci*

Samuel then took a large stone and placed it between the towns of Mizpah and Jeshanah.^[a] He named it Ebenezer (which means "the stone of help"), for he said, "Up to this point the LORD has helped us!" 1 Samuel 7:12

November is a month for taking stock of the grace of God in our lives and giving gratitude in return. It is a month for raising an Ebenezer. The first great prophet of Israel saw hard times come and go and through it all he witnessed the mighty hand of God at work among them. After a great deliverance from the philistine armies, Samuel placed a stone of remembrance as an act of worship to God. He called it "Ebenezer," and it became a sign of the faithfulness of God. Remember the second stanza from a hymn, "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing," which reads in part, "Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I've come, and I hope by Thy good blessing safely to arrive at home."

The eleventh chapter of Hebrews has been called, "The Hall of Faith." From the creation of the world to Noah's flood to Abraham's test-filled journey to Moses and the Red Sea and on to Jericho and Rahab and onward, this chapter is a tribute to the faithfulness of God revealed through the faith of ordinary people. It's a long journey of obedience marked by Ebenezer stones along the way. As we live with these accounts, let's extend them with our own stories of God's faithfulness; like that time bankruptcy cost you everything except what mattered the most, or when cancer came knocking and God knocked back or... or...

Jeff Kelley



Tuesday
November 8
2016

Reminder that Tuesday, November 8th, 2016, is election day and go to your polling location to vote. Early voting is now till November 7th and can be done at the county clerk's office on the second floor located at 502 Norris.



On November 6th, 2016, daylight savings time ends so remember to turn your clocks back one hour when going to bed on the night of November 5th!!!


November 2016

SUNDAY
 8:15/10:30am. . .Service, S
 9:30am. . .Sunday School
 6:00pm. . .Significant Light Practice, S
 6:00pm. . .Jr. High
 7:00pm. . .Sr. High

TUESDAY
 9:45am...Little Blessings Chapel
 1:45pm...Little Blessings Chapel

WEDNESDAY
 6:30am. . .Men's Bible Study
 6:15pm. . .BL4Y (5th/6th/7th), YC
 6:15pm. . .FaithWeavers (PreK-4th), FH
 6:30pm. . .WORD(9th/10th)
 @ Dirk & Sandra Gray's
 @ 419 Seminole Drive
 7:00pm. . .Chancel Choir, S
 7:30pm. . .WORD(11th/12th)
 @Dirk & Sandra Gray's
 @419 Seminole Drive
 8:00pm. . .Master Ringers, S

THURSDAY
 5:30pm. . .Community Supper, FH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3 6:30pm Trustees, L	4	5 6:00pm Singles
6 Daylight Saving Time Ends Clocks go back one hour	7	8 Election Day	9 10:00am Brookdale 2:30pm Hillcrest 8:00pm AD Council, L	10 12:30pm UMW Executive, L 1:30pm UMW General, FH	11 Veteran's Day 6:00pm Young adults family game night in Fellowship Hall	12
13	14 1:30pm Care Team, L	15	16 1:30pm Sarah Circle	17 1:30pm Esther Circle, FH	18	19 6:00pm Singles
20	21	22 2:30pm UMW Bingo @ Hillcrest	23 Office open from 8AM—11AM	24 Thanksgiving 	25 Office Closed	26
27	28 5:30pm NOW, L	29	30			

**YEAR-TO-DATE
 PENNY MARCH TOTAL
 Adopt-A-Chaplain**

**Total
 \$182.17**



Pantry collection item for November

Rice



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*Items now being accepted for
 "Adopt-A-Chaplain"
 November 7, 2016 Deadline*



Ann Trail of McCook, Nebraska, is once again coordinating local Adopt-A-Chaplain efforts to bring some Christmas cheer to our troops. Donated items will be delivered to three chaplains in Afghanistan, Kosovo, and Columbia who will distribute them to troops in time for the holidays. Each package costs \$16.75 (large flat rate) to ship so cash donations are always greatly appreciated. Items can be delivered to Ann Trail's home at **201 West M Street** in McCook or she can be reached at **308-340-3578** for more information.

Items Needed for Soldiers:

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| Mac & Cheese (individual cups) | Hot chocolate packets | Chapstick |
| Raman Noodles (individual cups) | Hot cider packets | Chewing gum |
| Shaving cream | Single drink mixes for water | Power bars |
| Body wash (not too fragrant) | Hand and foot warmers | Razors |
| Deodorant for men | Nuts (individual packets) | |
| Sunflower Seeds (different flavors) | Microwave popcorn | <u>**A short note</u> |
| DVD movies (new) | Beef jerky (Most requested) | <u>on a Christmas</u> |
| Game books, crossword, search, etc. | Candy (pre-wrapped) | <u>card is always</u> |
| Coffee mate (different flavors) | Granola bars | <u>appreciated!!</u> |
| Coffee (different flavors) | Trail mix (individual packets) | |