

GIVE
Thanks



The Grand Blanc UMC

November, 2024

"Connection"

November 3

ALL SAINT'S DAY
COMMUNION

24th Sunday after Pentecost

SERMON SERIES:

"Big Feelings"

"He Who Began A Good
Work In You"

Philippians 1:1-11



November 10

25th Sunday after Pentecost

SERMON SERIES:

"Big Feelings"

"Replacing Anger"

Luke 18:9-14

James 1: 19-21



November 17

26th Sunday after Pentecost

SERMON SERIES:

"Big Feelings"

"Fear of It"

Genesis 4: 8-13



November 24

UM Student Day

Christ the King Sunday

SERMON SERIES:

"Big Feelings"

"Hope Sings"

Psalms 46

Luke 19: 37-40

Fruitfulness in Leadership

In Paul's letter to the Galatian church – one of the early church communities – Paul is addressing the church's tendency to live according to what we might call the "old ways." Here, I'm not talking about the "old ways" as in, playing until the street lights come on, but rather, the old ways of living that they had put behind them when they took on their claim of faith in baptism. In other words, the Galatians kept turning to ways that were not of God rather than the ways God desires us to live. So, that then begs the question, how do we know what the ways of God are? Paul tells us when he describes the "fruit of the spirit":

...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

-Galatians 5:22-23 (NRSVUE)

When I read this passage in which Paul describes the *fruit of the Spirit*, I always think of a mirror. Not like one of those full-length ones, but rather a mirror to the soul. When I look in that mirror, do I see these fruits? While I'd like to say that I always do, the truth is, there are times when some are missing from my life. It's in those moments that it becomes important to not simply dismiss it as human imperfection, but to strive to grow in those areas of fruitfulness until they become more present. Quite simply, as someone who claims my Christian baptism, I owe it to my neighbors and my communities to be as reflective of the *fruit of the Spirit* as I'm able.

In the coming weeks, as we make decisions about who will be in positions of leadership in our communities, our state, and in our nation, as well as in many other aspects of our lives, it is my hope that we are looking for the presence of the *fruits of the Spirit*. It is my hope that those to whom we entrust the obligation of leadership would seek out these *fruits of the Spirit*. Honestly, I worry that to look for and demand anything else from those in leadership roles would be to find ourselves falling into the trap of the Galatian church, putting our hope and trust in the "old ways" rather than in the ways of God's Holy Spirit.

May we recommit ourselves to the ways of God's Holy Spirit, recommit ourselves to our own correction when our fruitfulness becomes a bit incomplete, and may we ask the same of those we invite into positions of leadership.

Peace,
Pastor Brian



In our prayers

FOR THE HOMEBOUND:

Marge Cramer
42400 12 Mile Rd, #214
Novi, MI 48377

Marcia Ferguson
Abbey Park
3221 E. Baldwin Rd #323
Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Eleanor Hall
The Oaks at Woodfield
5370 E. Baldwin Rd #403
Grand Blanc, MI 48439

OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Shirley Andrews
Ron Blakemore
Jim Bunker
Frank Davis
Ruth Davis
Lisa England
Judy Gratsch
Dick Hubler
Gail Lutton
Paul Manning
Lee Pelton
Dick Shick
Norma Stanbury
David Strobe
Vera Stuckey
Bob Tritten
Darcie West

FOR OTHERS:

Susan Allan
Kim Allward
Dave Ax
Rich Bennetts
Nancy Bilas
Donald Billings
Carol Bingham
Joel Brinkman
Renee Brinkman
Sallie Burek
Peggy Chwojnicki
Patricia Crawfis
Warren Crawfis
Cynthia Crawford
Paul Daly
Kathy Dutton
Ellen Farr
Merikay & Doug Franklin
Mike Gomez
Sharon Graham
Gene Griffel
Karen Grossmann
Eric Hansor
Clara Holmes
Anne Howarth
Pat Johnston
Dave Jones
Greg Jones
Doug Keene
Cindy Larange
Ellie Lauth
Adrianna Martell
Vinny Martinez
Keith Morris
Lynne O'Brien
Joyce Rice
James Ruthenberg
Paul Schultes
Ashley Schaffer
Bill Shier
Eddie Snow
David Ware
Laura Wilson



With deepest sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of :

~Rev. Gordon Mitchinson, who passed away on October 12. Gordon is Jeff Mitchinson's uncle.
~Alta Dean, who passed away on October 19. Alta is Donna Hubler's sister.
~ Emery Wacaser, who passed away on October 23. Emery is Bernie Waisanen's father.



*Congratulations to
Alex (Martin) and Seth Turner
who were united in marriage on
Saturday, October 19, 2024.*

If you ever find yourself in need of prayer, please do not hesitate to contact the church office (Hospitals cannot notify us). The congregation would like to pray for you. Even if you do not want your prayer request shared with the entire congregation, Pastor Brian would like to keep you in his prayers. We will not share a prayer request unless we have permission.

We Need Your HELP!

This information was shared with us and we wanted to pass it on to those who might benefit:
Greif Share:
~Sharp Funeral home in Fenton Every FIRST Wednesday from 1:30 - 3 PM
810-629-9321
~Sharp Funeral Home in Swartz Creek Every THIRD Wednesday 10-11:30AM
810-635-4411

OUTDOOR CLEAN-UP
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3 @ NOON

ALL HELP IS APPRECIATED
BRING RAKES, LEAF BLOWERS, TARPS,
AND ANYTHING ELSE YOU THINK
WOULD BE HELPFUL.
A GRAB & GO LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED.

Remember to Change Your Clocks

Clocks go back one hour at 2am on Sunday, November 3

Women's Circle

Join the Women's Group
Wednesday, November 20
@ 10am

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Coordinator of Children & Youth Ministries
Angela Campbell
christian.education@grandblancumc.org

Office Hours:
Monday & Wednesday: 11am to 2:30pm
Thursday: 10am to 2:30pm
Sunday: 9am to 11am

Pastor's Pick!

Each month Pastor Brian offers his "Pastor's Pick" book recommendation. This book could be one that he is highlighting in his sermon series, one that goes with the current church season, or one that is just a good book to read. Hope you enjoy. **The church will be purchasing a copy of each of Pastor's book picks for the church library. If you are interested in reading any of them, you are welcome to "check them out!" Previous Pastor's Picks can be found in the Church Library.**

November 2024 book pick: "How Good Do We Have to Be: A New Understanding of Guilt & Forgiveness" By: Harold S. Kushner



This month in our JAM Classrooms, the children will be learning that God provides for us. They will learn that God provides when we need it most, He provides the right people at the right time, and He provides more that you can imagine!



A special thank you to our youth group, Education team, volunteers and parents who helped make our Halloween Christmas party a wonderful afternoon of food, festivities and film for our children. Our children are blessed to have such a wonderful church family.

Education Team Meeting
Thursday, November 14 @ 7pm
Via Zoom



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

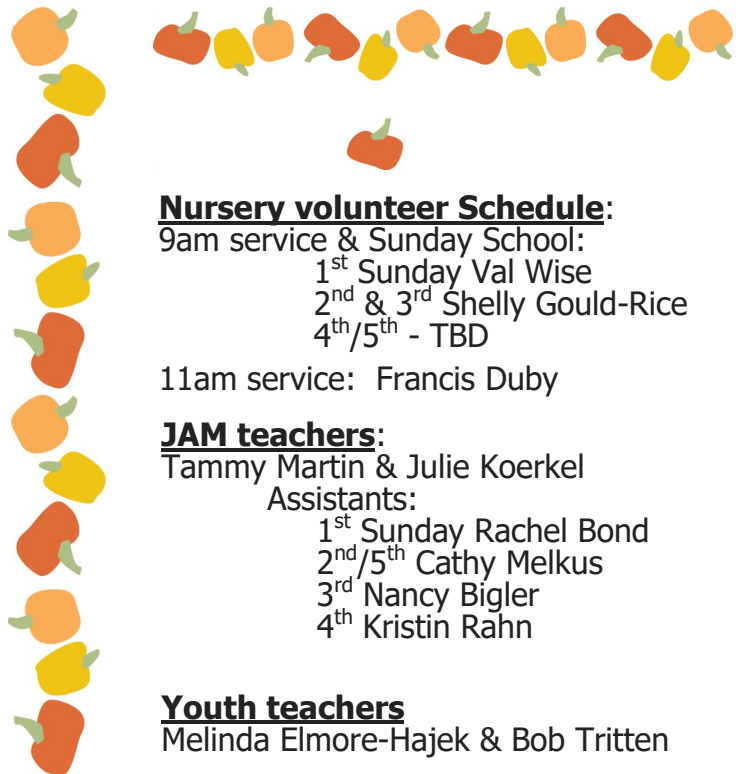
Join us for a magical evening of joy and cheer as we celebrate with a special Christmas play and festive celebration presented by our children and youth on Sunday, December 22. Enjoy a family service followed by holiday treats and merriment. Parent's there will be additional information in the weeks to come with rehearsal times and dates.



Sunday, November 24

United Methodist Student Sunday

We are hoping to have some of our College Students participating in the worship services!



Nursery volunteer Schedule:

9am service & Sunday School:
1st Sunday Val Wise
2nd & 3rd Shelly Gould-Rice
4th/5th - TBD

11am service: Francis DUBY

JAM teachers:

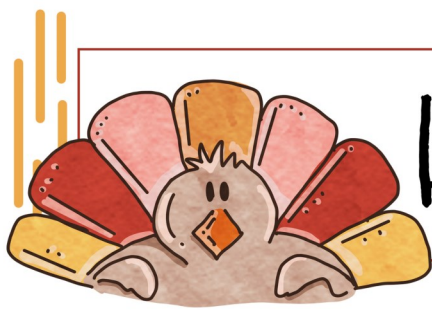
Tammy Martin & Julie Koerkel

Assistants:

- 1st Sunday Rachel Bond
- 2nd/5th Cathy Melkus
- 3rd Nancy Bigler
- 4th Kristin Rahn

Youth teachers

Melinda Elmore-Hajek & Bob Tritten



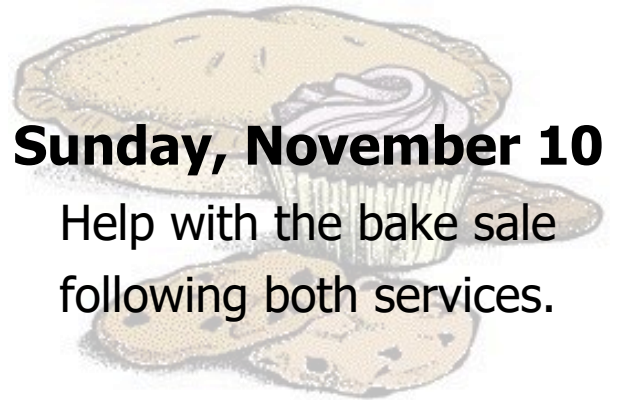
HELLO november

YOUTH GROUP!

All youth grades 6 through 12 are invited to participate!
We hope you will join us and bring a friend!

**Sunday, November 3
Noon**

Help with Outdoor clean-up at the church.
Dress for the weather.
Bring work gloves and if possible a rake.



Sunday, November 10

Help with the bake sale following both services.

**Sunday, November 17
12:30-2:30**

Suprise Leaders!!
Don't miss the fun!

**Sunday,
November 24
Noon to 2:30**

Decorate the
Sanctuary Christmas
Tree and pack SOS
boxes!



ASP Leader:
Jennifer Lengyel 810-241-2343



Youth Group Leaders:
Angela Campbell: 810-241-7275
Nathan Rahn: 734-276-3949

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT

Community Outreach & Engagement, a long title for such a simple concept

♥ LOVING and CARING for our neighbors while getting out and doing STUFF!

We serve a **FREE DINNER** every first Wednesday of the month from 5-6:30 pm.

COMMUNITY DINNER

All are welcome!!!

Wednesday, November 6, 2024

Pizza, Salad, Dessert, Drinks

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

Hot Beef Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy,
Hot Veggie, Drinks, Dessert

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

Happy New Year!

Keep your eye out for the *New Years Day* plan

Looking Ahead..

Grand Blanc Chamber of Commerce &
The City of Grand Blanc Present **WINTERFEST**



Thursday, December 5
5 - 8 pm FREE



Come and enjoy, Santa and Mrs. Claus, annual tree lighting, face painting, a make and take craft area, an ice carving demonstration along with

ice sculptures, food, drinks and lots of holiday cheer! This event is FREE to all. GBUMC will be giving away, FREE CUPS of **HOT CHOCOLATE!** **WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

Be sure to take note of the November 10 BAKE SALE sponsored by our Jr. & Sr. High Sunday School Class who recognized the HUGE need in our hurricane devastated communities. *Thank you for your support.*

GBUMC *Community Care Fund Fundraiser* *an evening filled with Friends, Dinner & Musical Entertainment*



Friday, November 8, 6 pm

TICKETS \$20/person (on sale NOW)

Menu

Chicken, Pasta, Salad,
Hot Vegetable, Rolls, Dessert, Drinks



OUR ENTERTAINMENT COMES FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSIC DEPARTMENT.

Aaron Hamady, Bass player, Micah Balderman, Drum play, Andy Teel, Accordion player

The GBUMC Community Care Fund is solely funded with donations. To date, in 2024, GBUMC has given out over \$2800 to those in need. A vital ministry to our community and continued support is essential to its success. Thank you!

Bake Sale November 10

This tasty event, sponsored by the Jr. & Sr. High Sunday School/Youth, will be held during the Sunday morning goings on. All proceeds going to help the victims of Hurricanes Helene & Milton.

We **THANK YOU** for the support of these efforts to raise funds, to help with these unprecedented catastrophic times that have redefined the lives of so many.

FEEL FREE TO DONATE BAKED GOODS OR \$\$.

Here's a thought, maybe take the opportunity to treat a friend or coworker or church staff to a homemade treat or two. Brightened someone's day with a special treat (a win win).

November 24, 2024

United Methodist Student Day

On Sunday, November 24th there will be a special offering taken for United Methodist Student Day. Your support helps United Methodist students who don't have the resources to attend a school of their choice with Gift of Hope college scholarships. Envelopes will be provided for your convenience.

This offering helps provide over 70 scholarships available for United Methodist students to further their education and enrich the life of the Church. The fund is administered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. When you support United Methodist Student Day your gift enriches ministry and connects students to their faith and your gift transforms lives through education. Thank you for your generosity!



Next New Member Class

Saturday, November 30
9 to 11am

Membership is about taking a meaningful next step in your journey of faith

- Learn more about The United Methodist Church.
- Learn more about what it means to be a member of Grand Blanc United Methodist Church.



Altar Flowers

- 11/03
 11/10 In honor of Jim Wise's
 78th Birthday, by Val Wise
 11/17 In honor of our 64th
 Wedding Anniversary.
 Donna & Dick Hubler
 In honor of Kassidy
 Campbell's 13th birthday,
 by her parents
 11/24

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside of the Sanctuary, or feel free to call or email the office to order flowers for the Sunday of your choice. Flower arrangements are \$15.00 each from Grand Blanc Florist and you may take them home following the 11am worship service. Your name and who the arrangement is in honor/memory of will also be listed in the Sunday bulletin.

Coffee Hour

- 11/03 Mitchinson
 11/10 The West Family
 11/17 Prayer Group
 11/24 United Women of Faith



11:00am Worship Ushers

- 1st Sunday Jim Wise, Carol Cerny
 2nd Sunday Virginia Sullivan,
 John Billings
 3rd Sunday Barb & Bob Mills
 4th Sunday Gary Bendall,
 Tom Cerny

COUNTERS

- 11/03 Carol Capell, Ron Blakemore
 11/10 Virginia Sullivan, Carol Cerny
 11/17 Tom Cerny, Jim Wise
 11/24 Dave Lessel, Tom Cerny



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthday Wishes

- 1st Traci Russell
 3rd Mark Nelson
 4th Tammy Martin, Everett Owen
 6th Matt Briscoe,
 Celia Southworth (87)
 9th Ethan Norris
 10th Henry Hagenstein, Lisa MGehee
 11th Jim Wise
 12th Thomas Cook, Evyn Holtz,
 Amanda Jaycox
 13th John Owen, David Sanborn,
 Shirley Wheeler
 14th Brian Rice
 15th Kassidy Campbell, Alexis Stack
 16th Nathan Bendall
 17th Marjorie Berryman (100)
 18th Laurie Tritten, Emily Williams
 19th Chad Ivan
 21st Erica Lyons, Mary Manning
 24th Carol Capell, Cathy Melkus
 25th Jenna Sanborn, Bob Tritten
 27th Steven Cottrell
 29th Wanda Roberts

Anniversary Blessings

- 2nd Cathy & Jeff Mitchinson (33)
 13th Jan & Thomas Pettit
 18th Angela & Kevin Cook
 19th Donna & Dick Hubler (64)



Greeters

- | | 9:00am | 11:00am |
|-------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 11/03 | <i>Shirley Wheeler</i> | <i>Virginia Sullivan</i> |
| 11/10 | | <i>Carol Cerny</i> |
| 11/17 | <i>Becky Doran</i> | <i>Joy & Jan Billyard</i> |
| 11/24 | <i>Raeanne Waisanen</i> | |

We are looking for volunteers for the 2 open spots. Please contact the church office with questions or to volunteer!

Grand Blanc United Methodist Church Financial Summary

General Fund Balance (as of 09-30-24) = \$16,372
 Mortgage Fund Balance (as of 09-30-24) = \$2,347

MORTGAGE BALANCE (as of 09-30-24) = \$93,965



November 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 10a Men's Coffee 7p Al Anon	2 10a O.A. 10a F.H. in Use
3 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS 9a Worship 10a Sunday Sch 11a Worship 12:30p Outdoor clean-up 12:30p Youth Group 3p F.H. in Use	4	5 ELECTION DAY 10a Pastor @ Panera 10a Yoga	6 10a Prayer Shawl 5p Community Dinner 5:30p Choir 6:30 Celebration Ringers	7 10a Drop-In Bible Study 6p Common Grace	8 10a Men's Coffee 6p Dinner/Show Fundraiser 7p Al Anon	9 10a O.A. 10a Yoga
10 BAKE SALE! 9a Worship 10a Sunday Sch 11a Worship 12:30p Confirmation Class	11 VETERAN'S DAY 1p Garland Street Literary Club 6p Worship & Arts via Zoom 7p Ad Council via Zoom	12 10a Pastor @ Panera 10a Yoga	13 10a Prayer Shawl 5:30p Choir 6p Mission Team Mtg 6:30 Celebration Ringers	14 10a Drop-In Bible Study Noon Seasoned Citizens 6p Common Grace 7p Education Team Mtg	15 10a Men's Coffee 7p Al Anon	16 FEED the Bus for FISH @ GBHS 10a O.A. 10a Yoga
17 9a Worship 10a Sunday Sch 11a Worship 12:30p Youth Group 2p Church Conference @ Bethel UMC	18 10a Zentangle 7p Finance	19 10a Pastor @ Panera 10a Yoga	20 10a Prayer Shawl 10a Women's Circle 5:30p Choir 6:30 Celebration Ringers	21 10a Drop-In Bible Study 7p Community Thanksgiving Service @ First Congregational Church	22 10a Men's Coffee 7p Al Anon	23 10a O.A. 10a Yoga
24 9a Worship 10a Sunday Sch 11a Worship Noon Hanging of the Greens	25	26 10a Pastor @ Panera 10a Yoga	27 OFFICE CLOSING @ NOON 10a Prayer Shawl	28 OFFICE CLOSED Happy Thanksgiving!	29 OFFICE CLOSED 10a Men's Coffee 7p Al Anon	30 9a New Member Class 10a O.A. 10a Yoga



Card Ministry

If you would like to help us keep in touch with shut-ins, others on our prayer list, people we haven't seen in a while, or even just mail out birthday or anniversary cards, we are getting our Card Ministry up and running again. Let us know you'd like to help by contacting the church office. We have lots of cards that you can use, if needed.

Stephanie Popoff will be the guest speaker for **Seasoned Citizens** on **Thursday, November 14**.

Researching her family's **genealogy** led to her interest in gravestone cleaning after she found her 4X great grandmother's headstone buried and unreadable. She believes that "Saving history and honoring the memory of the people who came before us should not be forgotten." Coffee and conversation at noon is followed by potluck lunch and this interesting program. Please join us and bring a friend - or two!



2024 Advent and "In lieu of Poinsettias" Donations



This year we are supporting God's Country Cooperative Parish located in the Upper Peninsula (Newberry area) with the "Advent" offering (the pink envelope in your envelope box). God's Country serves families living at or below the federal poverty level. There is great need in this area due to limited employment opportunities, transient population, and usually long and harsh winters. Please support this worthwhile program. You can place the pink envelope in the offering plate at any time.

For "In lieu of Poinsettias" this year we will be supporting Grace Children's Hospital and Pediatric Clinic in Haiti which provides in-patient and out-patient care for children and families with TB, HIV/AIDS, respiratory infections, and follow-up care provided to those who cannot afford health care giving hope to children beyond their low life expectancy. The donation for "In lieu of Poinsettias" needs to be dropped off at the office with the form below by Sunday, December 15. We will not be ordering poinsettias this year but if you make a donation please designate in "memory of" or "honor of" using the form below and leave it with your check or cash in the GBUMC office.

Please give generously in this joyful Christmas season. THANK YOU!!



Here's the information we need for your donation:

Memory of _____

(or)

Honor of _____

Given by: _____

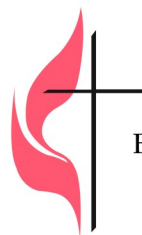
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Rev. Brian West, Pastor
Cathy Mitchinson, Office Administrator
Angela Campbell, Coordinator of Children & Youth Ministries
and Webmaster

Gary Brandt, 9:00 Music Director/Director of Common Grace
Andrew Cramer, Music Director for Traditional Worship
Andrea Bernat, Nursery Attendant



GRAND BLANC UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FRIENDS IN CHRIST EXERCISING
LOVE, HOPE AND GRACE TO
ENRICH ALL LIVES



Special Office hours in November:
The office will be closed for the Thanksgiving
Holiday beginning Wednesday, November 27
at Noon and will reopen on Monday,
December 2 at 9am.



Join us for
**A Community
Thanksgiving Service**

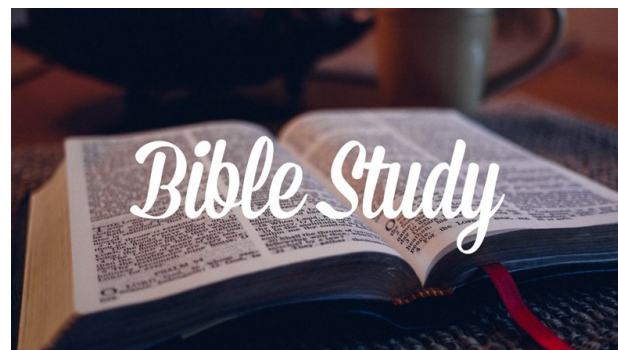
**Thursday, November 21,
7:00pm at
First Congregational UCC**

(6494 S. Belsay Road, Grand Blanc)

**Hosted by: First Congregational,
Grand Blanc United Methodist,
Holy Spirit Lutheran, Kirkridge Presbyterian,
and St. Christopher's Episcopal Churches**

Individuals are invited to bring their favorite pie
(or other dessert) to share during fellowship after the service.

Come Join Us for a Time of Thanksgiving!



Join Pastor Brian and other Bible explorers as we journey through scripture with an eye toward discovering more about God's love, our relationship with God, and what that means for our ministry today and tomorrow! And don't avoid us if you're worried you might miss class occasionally. You're welcome to **drop-in** anytime, and we'll catch you right up! And so, join us every Thursday at 10am for a great time of fellowship, learning, and Bible study. We look forward to seeing you! In the event of winter weather that closes Grand Blanc Schools, the Bible Study will take place on Zoom at the same time. A Zoom link will be emailed out to the whole church.

Sunday, November 24 @ Noon



Join us as we decorate the church for Christmas!!
Lunch will be provided!
All help is greatly appreciated.

**November dates:
November 7, 14, 21
@10am**

Note: no class on Thanksgiving