



The Messenger

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Colossians 3: 15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And show yourselves thankful.

I love November! Fall, with its changing leaves, apple cider and hot chocolate, and chilly nights under warm handmade quilts, is my favorite time of the year. Plus, I start listening to carols and watching classic Christmas movies pretty much on November 1. Put all that together and I am one happy girl! Fall always seems to lend itself to an extra focus on gratitude as we move toward Thanksgiving.

This year will be a bit different for my family and me. On the one hand, it is really amazing because I am closer to home and we'll get to spend some time together. The other hand, though, is much harder – this is the first big holiday since my granddad's death in the spring. My family is a little adrift this year because past holiday seasons were firmly rooted around my grandparents. Because my dad's parents died many years ago when I was a baby, my mom's parents were vitally important in our lives. Birthdays, holidays, vacations... so many things either included them or revolved around them.

So, this year – the first without both of them – looms a little for us. I know that so many of you have the same sorrows over loved ones who are no longer with us in this world. The pain of seasons past is right at the edge of life, and could consume us if we let it. My mom and I have had many conversations about the need to try something different this year. Instead of trying to hold on to a past that cannot be recreated, we are starting new traditions. This year, Thanksgiving will be at my home. My mom is coming to stay with me Wednesday night so we can cook together and then my small family will spend Thanksgiving day with me, my dog, and my cat. The chaos and fun those two bring will pretty much guarantee that no one will have time to be sad!

Our hope is that a new tradition will allow us to celebrate the past instead of mourning it. As Christians, we are called to do that each and every day. Especially during this season of Covid, it can be so, so easy to venerate the past and the "way we used to do it" at the expense of seeing that new traditions can be just as important and wonderful. This season, even if we must celebrate differently than before, let's truly live into Colossians 3: 15. Let's "show ourselves thankful" in all ways. Let's show ourselves thankful for the incredible memories of holidays past. Let's show ourselves thankful that we get to be together in different, but equally meaningful and joyful, ways this year. And, always, let's show ourselves thankful that God's promise is for a bright and full future.

Let's show the world that our thankfulness is much bigger than our sorrows. Let's revel in God's love for us just as God revels in us. Let's show ourselves so thankful for God's love that the world is overcome by it. Peace and blessings in this wonderful season of gratitude! Amen.

Peace and blessings,



Children's Min-

The Children's Ministry is proud to announce that we now have the nursery open during Sunday morning worship service. We have Sunday school class going on and Children's Church on Sunday Morning for our pre-K to 5th graders. We have also started back with our Wednesday night Children's service too. We meet from 6 to 7 PM on Wednesday in the DC. We hope that you will come and join us.

In October we worked on learning the books of the Old Testament in Sunday School as well as other bible stories. In Children's church, we have been talking and learning about living a life of integrity. Wednesday night we learn how we are like pumpkins that are made into Jack o'Lanterns. We all have hidden gunk inside but Jesus came and washed all that away and left his light to shine within us. We are having lots of fun and can't wait to see everyone back with us.

Mrs. Darby would love to have some volunteers to help with either Sunday or Wednesday activities. So if you would like to help please let Mrs. Darby know. Thank you.



The Youth had a Halloween party on October 24th and sponsored the Trunk n Treat on October 31st. We will share about the Trunk n Treat in the next newsletter. We are looking forward to future activities as COVID guidelines allow. We continue to meet for Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. and Wednesday nights at 6:00-7:30.



From The Administrative Board

The Administrative Council is monitoring and will meet if there are changes to the CDC, State of Alabama, or UM North Alabama Conference guidelines in regard to further reopening of the church. Please keep in mind that if we are made aware of possible exposure to church members because of events held at church we may consider suspending activities for a week or two to ensure we don't possibly expose more members.

In HIS service,
Sam Moody



Fish and Loaves needs volunteers to help with carrying out groceries on distribution days, the second Saturday and following Friday of each month from 9:00-11:00. Please contact Jane Alexander or Faith Howard if you can help. Thank you.

NEW MORNING LADIES

New morning ladies have pecan halves, pecan pieces, English walnuts, almonds and mixed nuts. They are \$11 for a 1 lb. bag. Thanks for your support of this fundraiser! Christmas shoeboxes have been prepared and are headed to Honduras. We meet on November 3 at 10 in room 102 and again on December 1. We enjoy serving Him together, join us!

Below are our figures through **October 31st**

General Fund Income	\$ 172,290.61
General Fund Expense	\$ 186,349.29
Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 1,395.00





Child Care and Preschool

The Little Lambs had their very own pumpkin patch here at RUMC on Friday, October 30th.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
1 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	2 4:30 GED	3	4	5	6 6:30 Celebrate Recovery	7	
8	9 4:30 GED	10 4:30 GED 6:30 Daycare	11 6:00 Classes for all ages	12	13 6:30 Celebrate Recovery	14	
15	16 4:30 GED 6:30 Finance	17 4:30 GED	18 6:00 Classes for all ages	19	20 Fish & Loaves 6:30 Celebrate Recovery	21	
22	23 4:30 GED	24 4:30 GED	25 6:00 Classes for all ages	26	27 Happy Thanksgiving!	28	
29	30 4:30 GED				6:30 Celebrate Recovery		
9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship							

In Memory of

Robert Baggett

Aaron & Pat Johnson

Petty Ezell

Aaron & Pat Johnson

Delora Hendrix

Aaron & Pat Johnson

David Montgomery

Aaron & Pat Johnson

Faye Page

Aaron & Pat Johnson

Barbara Howard

Sarah Ratliff

Ricky Pfeiffer

Celebrate Recovery
Sarah Ratliff

Bobby Smith

Aaron & Pat Johnson
Jimmie Ann Hinton
Hannah Class
Joan Ezell

Henry Shoulders

Sarah Ratliff

May God Bless:

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