



## United Methodist Temple November 2018 Newsletter ~ Volume XI

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### Ways of Grace

O let me follow in the ways of grace  
The ways of kindness and the ways of joy,  
O let me glimpse reflections of your face,  
And overhear your echoes to employ  
Some copy of your word or sound or trace,  
Some mark I could not otherwise restore,  
Some tone that I had never heard before.  
Then with the whole creation let me sing,  
With ancient seas and stones a carol share.  
With morning blossoms' silent offering,  
My awkward work of gratitude repair.  
Yet you have blessed me far beyond my need.  
So I, with thanks for light and tide, recede.

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### Blessing of the new Tree Shed

Following the worship service on Sunday, November 18th, there will be a Blessing of the new Tree Shed. Thank you to all who helped build and paint under the direction of John Ward.





## **HOMECOMING SUNDAY**

### **November 25, 2018**

Sunday, November 25th we will celebrate "Homecoming". Invite all former attendees and members to come and celebrate with us during worship. There will be a reception following worship on that day.

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## **Thanksgiving**

**Some rumble through the basement to the game,  
Praying for Holy Cross or Notre Dame,  
Or for the Lions and Cowboys all the same.**



**Some linger in the driveway for awhile  
To practice bows and curtsies, nod and smile,  
And try to match their courage with their style.  
Some search for what fermented fruit or brew  
Could catch the stress that they are going through  
As they have naught to say and less to do.  
Some clatter in the kitchen while their nerves  
Are sharpened as the holiday deserves  
As fruit, and pie, and calm Grandma preserves.  
For she knows something all of us forget:  
That 'tho the day be filled with strange regret,  
Here is the place where each trespass or debt  
Is paid, forgiven, swept aside, dismissed.  
And here, despite our efforts to resist,  
Our better angels gather and insist.**

Here, here, with broken bread, and glance, and cake

We all embrace the chance to fear forsake,

And give our thanks for all the love we take.

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## Upcoming Events

### November

1 All Saints Day

4 Pot Luck Lunch following worship

Home & Christmas Décor Silent Auction

6 General Election

5:30 PM Finance Committee

6:00 PM Administrative Council

7 7:00 PM Choir rehearsal

8 9:30 AM Kids Pack delivery

11 11:30 AM Dine Abouts to Spice

5:00 PM District Celebration

Sun City Center UMC

12 Veterans Day

10:00 AM Elizabeth Circle

14 7:00 PM Choir rehearsal

15 9:30 AM Kids Pack packing & delivery

3:00 PM League of Women Voters

17 8:00 AM First load of Christmas trees arrive

18 11:30 AM Blessing of the new tree shed

12:00 PM Second load of Christmas trees arrive

22 **Happy Thanksgiving**

23 9:00 AM Christmas tree sales begin

24 9:00 AM-9:00 PM Christmas tree sales

25 Homecoming Sunday

1:00 - 6:00 PM Christmas tree sales

26 7:00 PM Windsor Arms HOA meeting

28 7:00 PM Choir rehearsal



## Christmas Tree Sales - Hours of Operation

Monday-Friday 4:00 - 9:00 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Sunday 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

(Tree lot opens Friday, November 23rd)

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## Hanging of the Greens

Yes, it's that time of the year to celebrate a tiny baby boy, born to us in the City of David... we call Him our Saviour, Christ the Lord. We will be preparing the way, beginning with "The Hanging of the Greens," on December 1st at 9:00 AM. My wish for you is to join in this time of preparation and to experience the true wonder of the season.

See you there,  
Dianna



Please join us for the Pastor's Advent Study

### ADVENT VOICES

On Thursdays at Noon and again at 7:00PM

29 November *Mark 1.1-15*

6 December *Matthew 1-3*

13 December *Luke 1-2*

20 December *John 1*

At Noon, we will provide sandwiches and drinks, at 7:00 PM, we will provide dessert. For more information, please, contact the Pastor at 941-720-8838 or [jgrisiii@gmail.com](mailto:jgrisiii@gmail.com).



Happy November Birthday to:

11-1 Jay Benningfeld  
11-10 JoAnne Bare, Evelyn Hath, Marilyn Witter  
11-12 Bill Knight  
11-14 Christina Calkins  
11-15 Lois Borton

## GRAND OPENING

First United Methodist Church, 72 Lake Morton Drive, is celebrating the Grand Opening of Full Time Hours of their book store "The Giving Tree," on Monday, November 5th. All proceeds on Monday will be given to Florida Disaster Relief. Hours of operation: Monday-Friday 10:00 AM-5:30 PM, Wednesdays 10:00 AM-7:00 PM. Sundays 9:30 AM-12:30 PM, 4:45-6:00 PM.



**Some of the items: greeting cards, boxed cards, Christian gifts, Fair Trade & American made products, vendors who support women, families, struggling economic conditions, Thistle Farms, Women's Bean Project, more than 10 fair trade vendors.**

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We send our sympathy to Ruthann Foster on the death of her husband LeRoy who passed away on October 18th. LeRoy and Ruthann spent the winter months here in Lakeland. Condolences may be sent to Ruthann at 7524 Crt .20, Westfield, NY 14787, [carriagehousegirl@aol.com](mailto:carriagehousegirl@aol.com)

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