

# *The Messenger*

## *Thanksgiving Dinner*



Our church's annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be on Sunday, November 23, at 12:00pm. Roast turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, rolls, and drinks will be provided. We ask that you bring a vegetable, salad, or dessert to share and your own dinnerware.

*Our Thanksgiving worship service will be on Tuesday, November 25, at noon and 7pm.*

### **November Memory Verse:**

"O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for his steadfast love endures forever." *-Psalm 107:1*



*The deadline for the December Newsletter is Monday, November 17.*

# Library Update



The following books have been recently donated or purchased for our library:

## Nonfiction

The Case for Jesus Christ by Lee Strobel The Last Lecture by Randy Pausch

Soul Survivor by Philip Yancey

What Would Jesus Eat? by Don Colbert, M. D.

Small Miracles by Yitta Halberstam and Judith Leventhal

## Fiction

Quaker Summer by Liza Samson

What She Left for Me by Tracie Peterson

The Whole Truth by James Scott Bell

Again, I appreciate all the donations our library has received! We have acquired some duplicate books, so I have put these on the table beside the shelves. They are available for any of you to take - free! Please take advantage of this opportunity.

**Thanks.**

**Keep on reading!**

Lois Shuman



Join us at Sunday School at 9:15 am. Classes available for all ages! For more information, please call the church office.

# *UNITED METHODIST WOMEN*

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!** The Noodle Dinner was a tremendous success. We had a great number of people come in to help us set up, bring in salads and desserts and also help with the cooking and serving. It was a great day of worship, fun and fellowship. We estimate that we probably served 160 meals including take-outs. We also sold a few bags of dried noodles and several people gave extra donations. Again we say, **Thank You.**

Our Thanksgiving Luncheon is on Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at noon in the Fellowship Hall. The luncheon will be hosted by the officers of the United Methodist Women. After lunch we will have a short program, "100 years of World Thank Offerings." A "World Thank Offering" will be taken during this program. All women of the church are invited to attend as our way to say thank you for all you have done to contribute to the work of the United Methodist Women. We will start serving at noon. Please feel free to come and enjoy lunch.

## **Coming Events**

### **Thanksgiving Luncheon November 5 at Noon**

#### **Martha Circle**

November 17, 7: p.m.  
Hostess: Hyllis Rhoades  
Co-Hostess: Judy Ozier  
Devotions: Jennifer Love  
Lesson: Susan Connor

#### **Mary Circle**

November 19, 1:30 p.m.  
Hostess: Karen Dwyer  
Lesson: Joyce Shellabarger

## **GIVE THANKS!**



***November 30  
is the First  
Sunday of Advent.***

**First Sunday of Advent**



Dear Dr. Gromley and the parishioners of the First United Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for your prayers and words of comfort and support during this difficult time. Words cannot adequately express our gratitude and thanks for the meal provided to our family after the services. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness at this difficult and sad time.

All our love,  
Ed Taylor & the entire family of the Shirley Taylor

The Ozier family would like to thank our church family for all of your support and prayers after our unexpected loss. Stewart Lee Ozier was our son and brother and will be fondly remembered and always missed. We would like to express a special thank you to Rev. Gromley and John Plummer for their presence and compassionate counsel.

Sincerely, Lloyd a& Reba Ozier  
and Dennis & Judy Ozier

*Thank you to the First United Methodist Church for a successful car wash and bake sale fundraiser! Thank you for your great support!*  
*Your Middle School Youth Group Friends:*  
*Alex, April, Billy, Cody, Ethan, Evin, Gaby, Jed, Macy, Nicholas and Trey*

Dear Friends,

The Landers family wish to thank Rev. Gromley, the Methodist Women, and the congregation for the many kindnesses extended to our family after the loss of our mother, Maxine Landers.

Thanks to all the members who visited Mother the past four years at Mason Point and brighten her day. Rev. Gromley, thanks for the beautiful service honoring our Mother. Special thanks to the church women who served a wonderful meal and to all who sent cards and gave donations.

We appreciate your thoughtfulness and expressions of sympathy.  
Charles Landers, Roger Landers, Pamela Kalkbrenner, & Glenda Webb

# Thank You Notes

To the Church:

Thank you for paying for part of our trip to camp. It was fun!  
Ethan, April, Gaby, Trey, Evin, and Macy  
Thank you so much, the kids really enjoyed it!  
Cheryl & Joni

We want to thank you so much for the donation of \$515.20 towards the Special Olympics program. It is greatly appreciated.

The staff & consumers of the Moultrie County Beacon



We want to thank Bernice & Gerald Obrecht for hosting the Fishing and Cookout on Sunday, September 21st.

Many fish were caught, the food and fellowship were wonderful, the children liked the boating and especially enjoyed riding "Dunkin" and "Stormy", Gerald's horses. To top it all off, the weather was absolutely perfect!

With great appreciation, The Nurture Committee

The Junior High youth group is collecting items for flood buckets. They will be going to the Midwest distribution center on November 8.

If you would like to donate for flood buckets please bring items to the church before November 7.

There is a list of items needed on our website [www.sullivanfirststumc.com](http://www.sullivanfirststumc.com)



# Flood Buckets



*“Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ’s holy Church. We are incorporated into God’s mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit”*

*(The United Methodist Hymnal)*

*We rejoice with those who have received the Sacrament of Baptism*

6/29 - Carter Ellsworth Thurston

8/31 - Kurtis Jackson Cataldo

10/26 - Pete Mercer Bruyn

*“We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love”*

*(The United Methodist Hymnal)*

*We give thanks to the Lord for those who recently have been received as members of our First United Methodist Church. May their new Church home be a blessing to them as they continue to follow the Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Delores Weishaupt, Kelly & Steve Austin*

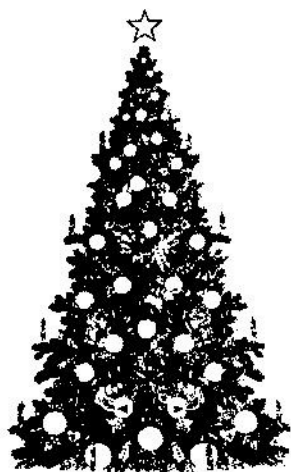


**Welcome  
Our New  
Members**



*Remember these lost loved ones* **“Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth” (Psalm 124:8)**

*May the Lord’s comfort and blessings be with the families and friends who mourn the deaths of Maude Dunscomb and Judy Struc.*



*Gift Cards for Christmas...*

# *Make Christmas Special for Cunningham Kids*

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*Christmas is a very special time for Cunningham kids, thanks to generous friends like you.*

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**This year, the Iroquois River District UMW is requesting donations of gift cards for purchasing Christmas presents for children and youth at Cunningham Children's Home.**

There is no drop-off location in our district where you can bring Christmas gifts this year. Instead, we're requesting gift cards to be mailed directly to Cunningham. This will save on the costs associated with driving or mailing Christmas items.

In addition, donating gift cards enables Cunningham to closely match each child's wishes to the gifts that are selected for them. Plus, since Cunningham is exempt from sales tax, your charitable dollar goes farther when we let Cunningham do the shopping.

**Good choices for gift cards include:**

- Kohl's
- Best Buy
- Market Place Mall (Champaign)
- Target
- TJ Maxx
- Meijer
- Wal-Mart
- Barnes & Noble
- Borders
- Toys R Us
- Gordman's

**Please mark the gift card's value directly on each card, and then mail by December 1 to:**

Cunningham Children's Home  
PO Box 878  
Urbana, IL 61803-0878

Now, if you just really love to shop for gifts and can deliver them to Cunningham **by November 20th**, you can find the complete Cunningham Christmas Wish List online at [www.cunninghamhome.org](http://www.cunninghamhome.org).

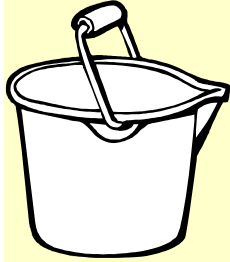
Or, to request that a Christmas Wish List be mailed to you, please call Stephanie Lyngé at 217-337-9074 or email her at [slyngé@cunninghamhome.org](mailto:slyngé@cunninghamhome.org).

**Thank you for helping to make Christmas special for Cunningham kids!**



**CUNNINGHAM**  
Children's Home

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The Yellow Bucket offering for November will go to CEFS to purchase turkeys.

The Yellow Bucket offering for September was \$515.20 and went to support the Moultrie County Beacon Special Olympics.

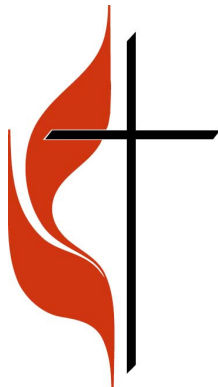
## Concrete Steps Update

The Board of Trustees would like to thank you for making donations to the concrete step project. The balance remains at **\$2,860**. Although we borrowed from the Foundation, the Trustees' goal is to have the project completely paid for by the end of the year. Please help us meet our goal!

**Don't forget to  
turn your clocks back  
one hour Saturday  
night, November 1.**



**~~DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME ENDS~~**



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