

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 3rd
Sunday Live Worship, 10 am, Sanctuary
All Saint's Sunday
<https://www.youtube.com/user/PiratesoftheColumbia>
(Click the "LIVE" link in the tool bar to see recent worship services, as well)

Sunday, November 3rd
Fair Trade Coffee/Chocolate Sale
Immediately Following Worship

Sunday, November 17th
Advent Decorating, 11 am
Please join us after worship to help with the Advent Décor

Sunday, November 24th
All-Church Potluck, 11 am, Ida Payne

Sunday, November 24th
All-Church Conference, 12:30 pm, Youth Chapel

Friday News 11/1

As a nation, November is important for us in the United States—more important than July! It is the time of year when we participate actively in the running of our government by voting for leaders for the local city council to the president of the United States. Every decision we make is important and affects our own lives and the lives of every other person around us.

As followers of Jesus, however, governmental elections are not the most important thing. Governmental elections are part of

the bundle of choices and decisions we make daily as participants in God's work of building the kingdom of God.

- As Jesus followers how we treat a telemarketer, a homeless person, or a grandchild ought to reflect the love of God that we know through Christ Jesus.
- As Jesus followers our decisions about what to buy, how to vote, how to live, should be carefully made to avoid supporting and promoting injustices.
- As Jesus followers, every action we take potentially speaks for the living Christ—care must be taken to ensure we speak truthfully for Christ.

If they don't reflect love, or avoid injustice, or speak Christ's truth, then we aren't followers of Jesus.

Regarding our votes, the same is true. As followers of Jesus, we don't vote only for our own self-interests, but for the wellbeing of all of creation, and all of God's people. We vote in ways that reflect the attitudes and values of Jesus.

- We vote as Jesus instructed when he told us to pay our taxes, to render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's. Even in his day, when so many taxes went to benefit the ruling classes, the taxes also benefited the people by building roads for the transport of goods to and from the market, and to provide soldiers to protect the people from invaders who would eliminate the local population.
- As Jesus did, we speak truth to power with our votes and petitions and letters. We speak truth when we call out abusive practices, self-serving policies, and injustices. Jesus criticized the tax collectors for taking too big a cut for themselves, and he criticized the temple leaders for requiring the poor women of their parishes to feed them fine meals.
- And when asked to worship something that is not the one God of all Creation, Jesus followers say no. Jesus refused to worship the devil during his temptation in the wilderness. And when Pilate asked Jesus about being a king—Jesus told him, “My

kingdom is not of this world”—no human government was served by Jesus.”

As we vote this November, let us remember that we belong to something higher than local, state, or national government. We belong to God, and worship only God. Let us be careful not to elevate the candidates on the ballot above the Jesus we follow. Let us be aware of the fine line between being patriotic, which is good, and worshiping our nation, which is idolatry.

To help us avoid crossing lines true followers of Jesus don't want to cross, I have asked that we not put US flags on the bulletin or the altar. The US flag is a symbol, and like all symbols it points beyond itself to something greater. Symbols used in worship should point to God or a characteristic of God. The US flag does not.

In worship, on Sunday, November 10th, during our time of Joys and Concerns, we will lift joys and concerns for our nation, as we do often. We will pray for the results of the elections, and what our next contributions will be as citizens who are followers of Jesus.

We will celebrate the veterans among us, acknowledging their sacrificial giving through many wars and conflicts, so that the world could be rid of despotic rulers who act without justice or mercy.

Then we will offer all these things to God for God's purposes, giving all the glory and honor to God. Amen.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God, hymn #110, by Martin Luther

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doeth seek to work us woe;

His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be
losing,
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own
choosing.

Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabbath, his name, from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to
undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph
through us.

The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
the spirit and the gifts are ours, thru him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever.

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**Declarations of Your Hear
"Extravagant Generosity
Is an Expression of Your Heart"**

Scriptures:

John 3:16

2 Corinthians 8:24

**PLEASE BRING YOUR ESTIMATE OF GIVING
CARDS THIS COMING SUNDAY (11/3!)
(If you do not have it with you, there will be extras)**

Fall Grounds Clean-Up

The Facilities Team is asking for your help in our annual Fall Clean-Up! The date has been set for **Saturday, November 16th, from 9:00- Noon**. The focus will be raking leaves, trimming shrubs, and general tidying up of the exterior church grounds, around the office, and the parsonage.

Please dress warmly, bring your gloves, rakes, hoes, shears, and other gardening tools that may be helpful. Any able-bodied friends and family are welcome to join us. We will have hot coffee, cocoa, and pastry to sustain us through the morning.

Every clean-up participant will be entered into a drawing for a fantastic fall gift basket! Come, show your landscaping prowess and test your luck in the drawing.

Pep's Bean Soup for Sale

Pep's Bean Soup is for sale in the church office for \$9.00/bag.

Cereal Sunday

We will be offering a simple cereal breakfast on the second Sunday of each month to church and community members. We need donations of cereal or WinCo gift cards for milk. The next Cereal Sunday is on **Sunday, November 10 from 8 – 8:45 am**.

World Relief Collection

Items for **World Relief** will be collected during the month of November in the Welcome Area. There will be signage and laundry baskets for placing your items. Let's remember these refugees who are arriving from countries with political unrest, natural disasters, or persecution. World Relief's numbers are up, with 150 refugees expected to arrive between August and December. November is a month when we give thanks for our many blessings; let us help welcome these newest arrivals to our country.

Needed: Winter clothing (new or gently used)- winter coats of all sizes, scarfs, and hats.

Kitchen items (new) -glasses, bowls, cookware, eating utensils, and other utensils.

Bedding (new) – full or twin-sized sheets, comforters, and towels.

All-Church Conference

The All-Church Conference will occur on **Sunday, November 24th** at **Noon immediately following the All-Church Potluck starting at 11 am.** The Leadership Council will be providing turkey, ham, utensils, coffee, water, and lemonade for the potluck. If your last name begins with A-F, bring a dessert; G-M Side dish; and N-Z salad.

All church members may vote at the conference; if you are not a member and wish to become one, or if you want to verify your membership, please contact the church office at 509-582-2163.

Church Office Staff Meetings

The Church Office meets for a Staff Meeting the first and third Tuesdays of every month from 10 am - Noon. The office is closed 10 am - 1:00 pm on those days.

KFUMC LIBRARY BURRO READING PICKS



EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY TOPIC SELECTION FROM OUR LIBRARY

170.4 SIM	FIFTY-TWO SIMPLE WAYS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE	SIMON, PAUL
177.1 CON	RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS	
223.8 STE	IS THIS ALL THERE IS TO LIFE?	STEDMAN, RAY C.
226.5 WIL	SECRETS OF THE VINE	WILKINSON, BRUCE
226.9 LUC	THE APPLAUSE OF HEAVEN	LUCADO, MAX
232.9 JON	JESUS IN BLUE JEANS	JONES, LAURIE BETH
234.13 BRI	THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT	BRISCOE, STUART
261.8 BEA	BEYOND HUNGER	BEA
267.23 MCC	SOLD OUT: BECOMING A MAN ENOUGH TO MAKE A D	MCCARTNEY, BILL
277.7 PER	SACRAMENTAL COCOA	PERRY
361.6 HAN	HANDS TO WORK	
FIC JAC	WHERE DO I GO?	JACKSON, NETA
254.8chr	Not Your Parents' Offering Plate: A New Vision for Financi	J. Clif Christopher

ALSO CONSIDER PURCHASING TO READ:

- Practicing Extravagant Generosity: Daily Readings on the Grace of Giving, by Robert Schnase
- A Spirituality of Fundraising, by Henri J. M. Nouwen and accompanying workbook by Nathan Ball
- Committed to Christ: Six Steps to a Generous Life (Living Your Commitment to Christ) by Bob Crossman

