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SPRINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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REBECCA'S REFLECTIONS



The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ, who empowered by the Holy Spirit, **love boldly**, **serve joyfully**, and **lead courageously** in local communities and worldwide connections.

For those who were present on Sunday, October 26th, the time capsule opening was filled with all kinds of interesting items. The capsule was filled in 1980 and it was a reflection of the congregation from that year—complete with pictures, newspaper articles, and lists for people who were attending at the time. Someone had taken the time to draw a plat map of Springdale, showing each building and listing every person who lived in town. It was fascinating to see the town, the church, and to hear many of the names once again. This month, we are collecting items that we would like to add to the time capsule, our “time stamp” for 2025. If you have any suggestions, please tell anyone in leadership (Steven, Paula, Jessica, Manda, Lynda, Julie, Jo, Rebecca) or drop things off at the church. We will be re-sealing the time capsule and putting it back under the altar on November 30th, the last Sunday in November.

This month, our focus in worship will be thanksgiving as we look at the end of the year, and all the blessings we have received and look forward to in the future. As a part of this, we will spend two Sundays talking about stewardship and our gratitude. There will be two opportunities to fill out pledge cards, during November and then again January, when we will be focusing on discipleship. Cards can be obtained November 16th or 23rd, or on the table in the entryway.

What are you thankful for this year? I know I am constantly thankful for this congregation, its mission, its ministry, and its love for one another and the world.
Have a blessed November.

Rebecca

BIRTHDAYS

3 - Eric Heick
4 - Michael Grace
7 - Cat Sinclair
11 - Katie Edge
12 - Izzy Richards
13 - Konner Whitlatch
14 - Linda Wolf
15 - Jeremy Budreau
15 - Ruby Clemmens
15 - Mike Tisinger
21 - Amanda Farmer
24 - Eli Farmer
27 - James Bowles
28 - Pete Miller
28 - Darin Wolf

ANNIVERSARIES

4 - Trent & Brandi Tisinger (24)
23 - Tom & Darci Miller (34)

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 1 Midwest Mission Ingathering
 November 2 All Saints Sunday | Charge Conference @ St. Marks 3 P.M. | Fall Harvest Auction @ WBUMC 11-Noon
 November 5 Discipleship Night at WBUMC 5:30 p.m.
 November 9 Veteran's Sunday
 WND Roller-skating @ Wellman 4:30 p.m.
 November 12 UMW Meeting 6 p.m. - SUMC
 WB Food Pantry Open House 4-6:30 p.m.
 Discipleship Night at WBUMC 5:30 p.m.
 November 19 Discipleship Night at WBUMC 5:30 p.m. (**SUMC serving Dinner, Volunteers Needed 5:30 p.m.**)
 November 23 United Methodist Student Day Special Offering
 November 24 UMW Bingo at Crestview, 2:30 p.m.
 Ad Board 6:00 p.m.
 November 26 **No** Discipleship Night at WBUMC 5:30 p.m.
 November 30 First Sunday of Advent
 Sealing of the Time Capsule
 December 14 Bake Sale at Cedar County Lions Christmas Expo 1-4 p.m. (**Baked Goods and Volunteers Needed**)
 December 18 Birthday Party for Jesus @ WBUMC 6:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER WORSHIP

Theme for the Month: Thanksgiving

November 2

All Saints Day, Communion
 Scripture: Ephesians 1:11-23
 Sermon: "Our Inheritance"

November 9

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
 Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
 Sermon: "Words and Deeds"

November 16

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost; Birthday Sunday; Fellowship
 Scripture: Isaiah 12
 Sermon: "Give Thanks"

November 23

Christ the King Sunday/Thanksgiving - Steven Preaching

November 30

First Sunday of Advent
 Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 24:36-44
 Sermon: "Hope Renewed"

SONG OF THE MONTH



Adult Sunday School at 9 a.m.
Wednesday Night Discipleship 5:30 p.m. - WBUMC

GET THEM TALKING: HELPING OTHERS

Scripture

"I assure you that everybody who gives even a cup of cold water to these little ones because they are my disciples will certainly be rewarded." [Matthew 10:42, CEB](#)

Reflection

When we hear about church missions, we often think of big, organized programs: missionaries serving far from home or the annual church mission trip. But Jesus often talked about missions as simply helping the people we encounter every day, like giving a cup of cold water to someone who is thirsty, food to a neighbor who is hungry, or visiting those who are alone. We don't have to travel far from home to do these things, we can do them wherever we are.

When we think of missions in this way, every day—at school, work, home, wherever we go—can be a mission trip.

Get them talking

- When has someone helped you? How did you feel?
- When was a time you helped someone? How did that make you feel?
- Why do you think it matters to Jesus that we help others?

Prayer

Dear God, give me a heart to be a helper. Amen.

Activity

Decide on a family service project. It could be donating clothes, taking a meal to a neighbor, or collecting money to [donate](#).



WEST BRANCH FOOD PANTRY

This year, the COME committee will be collecting non-food items for the West Branch Food Pantry. Collections will continue through the entire month and you can find the collection bin in the foyer of the church. Any items collected will be distributed to the pantry after the 4th Sunday of the month.

November - Simple Meals

Manwich, All-in-One Pizza Mix, Hamburger Helper, Canned Spaghetti, All-in-One Mexican Meals, etc.

December - Soups

Chili kits (beans, tomato juice, hamburger, ground turkey, etc.), Beef Stew, Canned Soups, etc.

*Total donated through September \$1,340.43**

**Price determined by a Google search of average costs*

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DISCIPLESHIP

Beginning September 4, WND will meet every Wednesday during the school year. The schedule has changed a bit this year as they are adding in a Family Worship time! Classes are held for PK-12th Grade- please encourage your children and grandchildren to participate.

5:30 p.m. - PK-6th grade classes meet in classrooms

6:10 p.m. - Family Worship

6:30 p.m. - Family Supper in Fellowship Hall

(Parent/Guardian required for students in 5th grade and under)

7-8 p.m. 7-12 grade Youth Group

SUMC is looking for volunteers to help prepare, serve, and clean up for the Family Supper the Third Wednesday of every month. We also need volunteers to provide baked goods (6 dozen). Please contact Rebecca or Paula for more information and to sign up.

Looking for other ways to support this ministry? Visit the following supply wish list links: [Walmart](#) [Amazon](#)

DISCOVER "MISSION POSSIBLE FOR THE SMALL CHURCH"

Simplifying Leadership, Structure,
and Ministries in Small Churches

MISSION: **POSSIBLE** FOR THE SMALL CHURCH

*"If you are a small
congregation, this book
is a game changer."*

Douglas Powe



Kay Kotan & Blake Bradford

Are you curious about how small churches can make a big impact? *Mission Possible for the Small Church*, by Kay Kotan & Blake Bradford, offers practical guidance, inspiring stories, and actionable ideas to help congregations of any size thrive in mission and ministry.

Here at Springdale United Methodist Church, we know that every member has a part to play in making a difference in our community. This book encourages us to think creatively about our gifts, our time, and our opportunities to serve—and reminds us that even small churches can accomplish extraordinary things.

We invite you to read this book and consider joining a small group discussion where we can explore its ideas together and discover ways to put them into practice in our own congregation. It's a great opportunity to grow in faith, share insights, and strengthen our church community.

If you're interested in participating in a discussion group, please let Rebecca know and let's see what mission is possible for us!

CONFERENCE, DISTRICT AND CIRCUIT NEWS

SE District Monthly Prayer List

2 - Marengo, First UM Church - Oxford UM Church - Norway UM Churches

9 - Sigourney UM Church - Keswick UM Church - Webster UM Church

16 - Unity Charge: North English UM Church - Millersburg UM Church - United Church of Deep River - Barnes City UM Church

23 - Williamsburg, St. Paul's UM Church

30 - Donnellson UM Church - Embury UM Church - Ft. Madison United Methodist Church



For More Visit:

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IN MISSION TOGETHER: IOWA MISSIONARIES

The Iowa Annual Conference celebrates our ongoing partnerships with United Methodist missionaries serving around the world. Congregations are invited to pray for these missionaries by name, learn about their ministries, and consider covenant support through In Mission Together. When we give, write, and pray, we strengthen God's mission from Iowa to the ends of the earth—forming disciples who love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously.



The Mission Family

IOWA MISSIONARIES



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Full Leadership Board: 7 p.m.

Attendance: Julie M., Rebecca, Lynda, Paula, Steven, and Jessica

1. Opening Devotion and Prayer
 2. September 30, 2025 Minutes
 - a. Julie moved to approve. Lynda seconded. Motion carried.
 3. Stewardship
 - a. Two cds come to maturity this week we will put them both into new 10 month term cds at 4% interest.
 4. 2026 Ministry Planning
 - a. Reviewed 2025 goals
 5. Charge Conference Forms
 - a. Form I
 - i. Paula moved to approve Form I. Lynda seconded. Motion carried
 6. 2026 Budget and Pastor Spending
 - a. Paula moved to increase Rebecca's pay to \$15,672.00 (~7% increase). Lynda second. Motion carried.
 - b. Jessica will check with AgVantage as concerns contracting and budget billing for LP.
 - c. Jessica is going to review the debit card policy and create one for spending in general such that the treasurer wouldn't be put in the position to say no.
 - d. Lynda moved to adopt the 2026 budget. Julie seconded. Motion carried.
 7. Next Meeting:
 - a. November 24 @ 6 p.m.
 8. Closing Prayer
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