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Pastor's Message

FAITHFUL WITNESS

Many churches observe All Saints' Day on November 1, a time to remember believers who have died in the faith and give thanks for their faithful witness.
The story of Christianity is filled with ordinary people who held fast to Christ in both joyful and difficult seasons. Across the centuries, countless believers have followed Jesus with courage, and many have even given their lives while bearing witness to God's love and the saving grace of Christ. Even today, Christians in some parts of the world continue to face persecution for their faith.
On this day, take time to remember our Christian heritage with gratitude. Give thanks for those who remained faithful before us, and ask God to help us follow Christ with the same courage, hope and steadfast faith.

A THANKSGIVING PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

Almighty God, our Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we come before you overwhelmed by the boundless goodness you bestow upon us. On this special day, we remember how you blessed those who came to this land seeking the freedom to worship without restraint or hindrance.

We are immeasurably grateful for our heritage. We pray that our faith may be as fervent as the faith of those who left everything familiar to journey to a strange land, where they themselves were strangers.

We gather as grateful beneficiaries of your faithful servants who paid a costly price to glorify you and serve you. Mindful of the first Thanksgiving meal shared by newcomers and Native peoples, we now gather around our own tables with family and friends.

We come before you with love and deep appreciation for your constant grace and abundant gifts. The beautiful food before us is a visible reminder of your generous provision.

Ever-giving and ever-loving God, we humbly thank you for all your blessings. We ask for one gift more: the honor of your presence. Be our Guest, so that we may enjoy fellowship with you and with one another.

We pray in the name of your greatest gift to us, our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Blessings,
Pastor Mark

Discipleship / Worship

Service/Mission	
Requesting Prayers For...	Homebound Members...
Ronan Mouw Dr. Pat Newhouse Audrey Zane Geraldine Carnahan Marge Simpkins Stephanie Vert All who are sick All that are homebound All that are traveling All missionaries and all members of the U.S. Armed Forces. *Please keep us up to date on your prayer requests.*	*Long Term Care* Donna Laplaunt, PO Box 1858, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 *At Home* Carolyn Shaw, PO Box 127, Trout Lake, MI 49793 Ellen Meister, 233 West 8th Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 *McKinley Manor* 2023 W 4th Ave, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 Mary Lee Schmidt Mary Jane Bernier Mary Frances Morden *Pennington House* 665 S Pleasant St., Pickford Michigan, 49774 Ardith Bawks *Freighter View Assisted Living* 605 W Portage Ave, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 Audrey Bush, Gerald Coutant *Out of Town* Della Porter, 6600 Constitution Blvd, Room 605, Portage, MI 49024 The Merlin House 1703 Hyde Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 Audrey Zane
Deacons in Service This Month...	Food Pantry Distribution...
Greeter: Margaret Eagle Pew Maintenance: Jeanne Shibley Transportation: Cathy Akre / Cheryl Thoresen Devotions: Francie Waybrant	*Assisting Doris Boogerd*: November 10th: Mary Frances Morden / Francie Waybrant November 24th: Mary Frances Morden / Cathy Akre

Samaritan Purse Shoeboxes

The Samaritan Purse shoeboxes are still available in the Narthex for you to pick up and fill for a child at Christmas. All boxes must be turned in no later than November 15th. Please put $10 in each box to cover shipping and handling.

Church Life

BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES

Date	Names
11-02	Richard Lawson, Jodi Rath
11-04	Claude Rath, Chrisanne Riordan
11-08	Alex Bernier, Jeanne Shibley
11-11	David Henderson, Kevin Kenney
11-12	Judith Carlson
11-14	Jennie Somes
11-16	Verna Campbell, Anne Stanaway, Lee Anne Strange
11-17	Allie Brawley
11-18	Peggy Lehman
11-20	Lois Kenney, Richard Rath, Terry Sanderson
11-22	Ruth Wilson
11-23	Nolin Livingston
11-24	Steve Gerrish
11-25	Edna Koller
11-30	Wanda Eby, Rodney Pearce

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Date	Names
11-28	Ronald and Donna Blair

Congratulations on ***62*** years of wedded bliss!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

Youth Group

Our FUPC Youth Group recently had a great time together learning about horses.





Veteran's Day: November 11th

Honoring Faithful Service

Each year on Veterans Day, we pause to give thanks for the men and women who have served our country with courage, sacrifice and devotion. Their willingness to defend freedom reminds us that service often comes with great cost.
As Christians, we are called to honor those who serve and to pray for veterans, active-duty military members and their families. We also remember that true peace comes from God, who is our refuge and strength.
May this day lead us to gratitude, prayer and renewed commitment to serve others with humility, courage and love.

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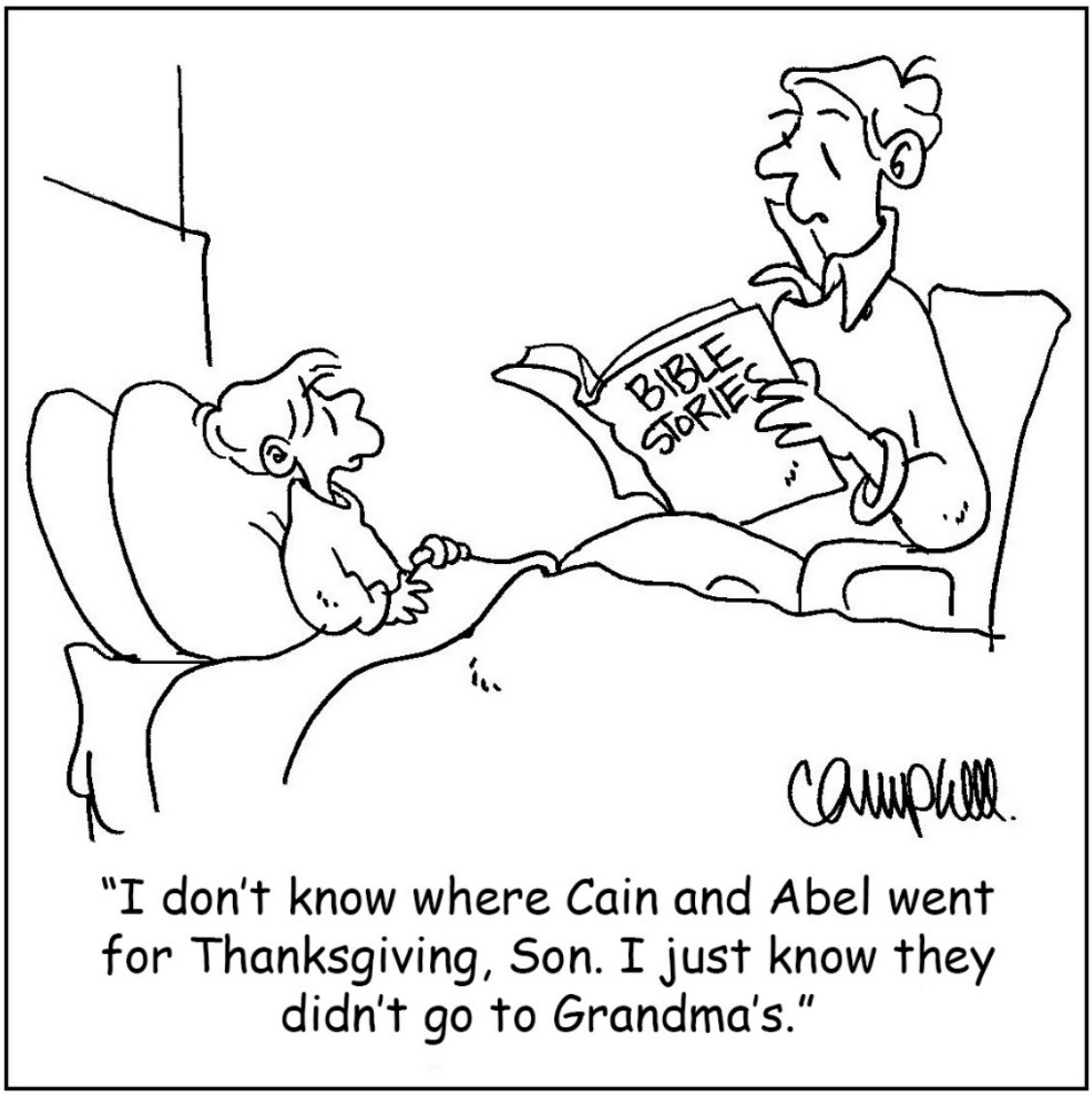

Choir News:

The Christmas Cantata is scheduled for Sunday, December 20th. Cantata practices are held at 6:30 each Wednesday evening in the Sanctuary. Anyone is welcome to join the choir and sing.

From the Memorial Committee:

Below are a few photos from the candle lighting, memorial, dedication service held on October 18th. Special thanks to Sara Jones for all of her hard work.



PW News:

Annual Bazaar

Please remember that our Annual Bazaar is being held on Saturday, November 7th. Please pass the word and help make this years bazaar the biggest and best yet. Tickets are still availble for purchase or may be purchased at the door.

Hanging of the Greens

The annual "Hanging of the Greens" (decorating of the Sanctuary) will take place directly after service on Sunday, November 15th. If you are able to help, please plan to stay. If you have any questions, please contact Alicia Cottle.

Women's Bible Group

The ladies of the Wednesday Morning Bible Study Group would like to thank you all for your participation in our monthly mission projects. For the month of November, we are requesting donations to the Compass Pregnancy Center, either money or small toys for young children. We did this las year, and your donations were greatly appreciated. If you know of any other needs we can help fill, please reach out to us. If you would like to join Women's Bible, we meet every Wednesday (other than the second Wednesday) of each month at 9:30AM in the Westminster Room. Sincerely, the Women's Bible Study Group.

Kids' Page

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