



Aurora First United Methodist Church

November, 2025

“Heart to Heart, House to House, Town to Town, One Kingdom to Another”

A Message from Pastor Ryan:

Several years ago, I participated in a small group called “Winter Descent.” The group invited us to look deeply into the inner workings of our lives. We asked honest questions about our motivations and desires, hoping to better understand ourselves and to grow in our relationship with God. Now, as our clocks fall back and we enter a season of longer, colder, and darker nights, how might we reflect these natural rhythms in our personal lives?

Plants and animals begin to slow down and rest. What would it look like for us to do the same? If creation follows patterns of rest and renewal, shouldn't we consider incorporating those rhythms into our own lives as well?

Here are a few ways we might lean into the season ahead:

Make Worship a Priority

As the weather turns and the cold sets in, it can be tempting to say, “I think I’ll stay home today.” But the truth is, we need one another. Can you commit now to making worship a priority this season? A friend of mine likes to remind his church that Sunday worship is a Saturday decision. In other words, we decide ahead of time that gathering together matters. We need the reminder of who God is and who we are. In Hebrews, we are encouraged not to neglect meeting together—and for good reason. Let’s choose to be present, together. We need one another.

Find Time to Encourage Others

Who could you intentionally encourage in the weeks ahead?

- A young couple doing their best to juggle work and parenting
- Someone who is homebound due to illness or mobility challenges
- A person in our community whose service often goes unnoticed—your local mail carrier, a teacher, a neighbor

Paul writes in 1 Thessalonians 5:11, “Therefore encourage one another and build up each other....” This quieter season gives us a beautiful opportunity to practice that kind of encouragement with thoughtfulness and care.

Create Space for Quiet

Psalm 46 reminds us, “Be still, and know that I am God.” How can you intentionally make room for stillness? Maybe it’s a quiet corner in your home, a few extra minutes sitting in your car after school drop-off, or a pause before bed or first thing in the morning. Stillness doesn’t have to be long to be meaningful—it just needs to be intentional.

Be encouraged, friends. God is at work and God loves you. As we enter this new season, let’s be mindful and purposeful in pursuing the things of God. Let’s keep following Jesus and living the life He has created us for.

See you Sunday.



Attendance and Giving for October

10/5 – 35 \$2284

10/12 – picnic

10/19 - 23 \$2107

10/26 - 34 \$886

Our average attendance for October was 30+. This month we sent \$75 to St. Vincent de Paul. Weekly our church gives \$10 to the Clearing-House, so for October we sent \$40.

Dates to Remember

November 2 – Daylight Saving Time
ends: fall back one hour

November 11 – Veterans' Day
Armistice Day, WWI

November 16 – Holiday Food Bags
due back

November 16 – Coffee and donuts
after worship

November 23 – Hymn Choice
Hanging of the Greens after
worship

November 27 – Thanksgiving Day

Mission and Outreach

Holiday Food Bags will be passed out November 2 and will need to be returned November 16. Remember to go by the list on the bag so that each bag is returned with the same items in them. St. Vincent De Paul is very appreciative of our continued support.

Blessing Box Update

Since September 1 st we have stocked the Blessing Box each Monday with the abundance you have supplied. As the temperatures have cooled, we'll be adding fleece blankets lots of folks tied back in the heat of August. Now would be a good time to start sharing coats, hats, gloves, and scarves. Putting your donations in the grocery cart by the front door helps the committee keep inventory of our supplies. **In the short time we've been stocking, we've noticed that some folks are putting expired food in the box. As we find expired foods, we're disposing of them.** Vegetables are the only items in shorter supply. Maybe with Thanksgiving nearby stores will have sales on these items. **THANK YOU** for being the hands and feet of Jesus!!

Blessings,
Judy M.

Farmers Fair

We thank everyone who helped during our Farmers Fair projects: Kathi Prarat and Jimmy Blair for so many hours (and days) organizing and parking cars, all of the many volunteers who helped with the parking; Judy Mosier, Debbie Fehling, and everyone who helped make coffee and donuts and parade seating a success; and, of course, Consolidated Grain for letting us use their lot. Our parking profits were \$2815; coffee and donuts brought in \$418; and chairs for the parade raised \$68 for local food pantries.

Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

Caroline Harris 11/1
Steve Hart 11/8
Dave Hizer 11/10
Carl Petty 11/11
Shane McHenry 11/13
John Hess 11/20
Charlotte DeVille 11/24
Mattie Egloff 11/25
Betty Ann Watts 11/27
Judy Hizer 11/29
Judy Mosier 11/29

Cleaning Teams

November 2 & 9: Team 3
November 16 & 23: Team 1
November 30 & December 7: Team 2
Cleaning teams save our church money!
If you are interested in being on a

cleaning team, please contact Roger Fehling at 513-519-1309, or leave a message at 812-926-0535.

November Liturgists

November 2: Judy Mosier
November 9: Monica Turner
November 16: Shelly Hubbartt
November 23: Susan Moisio
November 30: Rob Moorhead

November Ushers & Greeters

November 2: Sue & Jeff Baer
November 9: Kelley Kuckenrider and Steve Turner
November 16: Bonnie Nocks and Julie Whitaker
November 23: Kenn Moisio and Steve Hart
November 30: Judy and Dave Hizer
Contact Judy Hizer at (513) 314-6682 if you would like to help out as a liturgist, an usher, or a greeter.

Lectionary for November

November 2: Hab 1:1-4, 2:1-4;
Ps 119:137-144; 2
Thes 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10
or Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18; Ps 149
Eph 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31
November 9: Hab 1:15b-2:9;
Ps 145:1-5, 17-21
2 Thes 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38
November 16: Isa 65:17-25; Isa 12;
2 Thes 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19
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November 23: Jer 23:1-6;
Luke 1:68-79; Col 1:11-20;
Luke 23:33-43
November 30: Isa 2:1-5; Ps 122;
Rom 13:11-14; Matt 24:36-44

PRAYER LIST

Let us share our concerns and blessings with the Lord: Liz Kenny-tests (Steve T.), workers affected by government shutdown (Shelly), Charlotte Horn-head pain (Debbie), Hudson Goode-new meds (Pastor Ryan), Barb Ankenbauer - injuries in auto accident (Debbie), concern and praise for Jack's health issues and good medical reports (Steve H.), Donna Largent at St. E-Edgewood-pneumonia (Shelly), Napoleon UMC pastor resigned (Doug Butt), Debbie-healing after hand surgery (Judy H.), travel safety for our members (All of Us), Monica-diabetic issues (Steve T.), Frank Burton (Charlotte), Tom DeVille-healing (Pastor Ryan), Jan Uhlmansiek-St. Andrews-Batesville (Kelly), Danelle Clark & Cheyanne Terrell (Pastor Ryan), Millie Tufts-healing from hip replacement (Debbie), Roger Ullrich-health issues (Judy H.), Patti Bloom-broken bones (Judy M.), Bill Helms-heart issues (Pastor Ryan), Sandy-hip surgery (Steve T.), Dave Krouse - throat issues (Shelly), RJ-heart issues (Jim B.), Remembering Active Service men & women connected to our UMC-Will, Oliver, Sarah (Charlotte), Virginia Becker-multiple issues (Debbie), Barbara Taylor-kidney donor needed (Steve H.), Tim Seestedt-amputation-doing well (Charlotte), Liz

Hauntz-dementia (Debbie), Julia Heyob (Debbie)

Our cancer prayer list of friends and families: Kim Schmeltzer-lung cancer (Judy M.), Dakota's mom's friend - cancer (Jenna), Jackie Reynold's -breast cancer (Debbie), Merrill Hutchinson-brain cancer (Jeff), Paul Green-lung cancer (Debbie), Jennie Shourds-lung cancer-stage 4 (Judy M.), Cooper Cain-stage 4 cancer (Jim B.), Tracy Steigel-breast cancer (Charlotte), Bev Houze-masses in both lungs, inoperable (Nancy T.), Frank Burton (Judy M.), Gayla Templeman (Mattie), Russ Smith-lung cancer (Roger), Jason (Kelly), Cammy Hochstrasser (Robin), Molly Leland-Mattox (Verna), Lona (Kenn), Leslie Cassidy-cancer in 3 areas (Bonnie), Peggy breast cancer (Kelly), Amy Shackleford (Julie), Doug-pancreatic cancer and coming surgery (Kelley), Ellaine Marshall (Julie), Debbie Bamberger (Kathi), Kim Burkey (Pastor Ryan), Chris "Itch" Strautman - return of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (Kelley), Sharon Level (Kelley), Bill Level (Kelley), Stephanie Riley (Gary)

Sympathy to the Families and Friends of: Kenny Hopper, Tom Bentley, Dolph Garbsch, Simon Brandenburg, Kelly Ray

PRAISES

New microphone in the sanctuary/ everyone can hear (Judy H. & Judy M.), LouAnn & Danny's 51st anniversary (Judy H.), 3rd anniversary of Doug's

liver transplant (Doug Butt), Cainan, Jenn, and Luna worshipping with us (Debbie), Shelly's daughter's safe return home (Shelly), Power of God's miracles (Cari), Juliette James Moorhead born to Trent & Bre (Rob), Donna Largent doing well (Kathi), beautiful decorations at church (Kathi), Served 53 meals at 4th Street (Judy M.), Monica's good heart report (Monica), Shelly's birthday (Bonnie), Mattie & Nick's anniversary (Nick), God's love each day (Steve T.), Serving 4th Street dinner this Tuesday (Judy M.), served 88 meals at High Hope (Debbie), \$700.12 given to KY through UMCOR (ALL of us), Shirley Kuckenrider moving into assisted living (Kelley), Joe Moisio home from hospital (Susan), Recovery Groups appreciation for sharing our building (All of us), Opportunity to help through UMCOR (Everyone)

Those in Nursing Homes & Assisted

Living: Doris Spencer, JD Largent

Shut Ins: Wilma Beyer, Jerry Stonebraker

Special Care & Concerns: Gun violence around the world; all who are suffering after natural disasters. For an end to war and violence around the world especially in Israel and Ukraine; refugees; discontent in United States, Red Cross workers and volunteers, relief workers

Local Missions: AA, NA, CASA, St. Vincent de Paul, Clearinghouse, YES Home, Heart House, Safe Passage

United Methodist Missions:

UMCOR workers and volunteers, Red Bird Mission, Mountain Mission

Prayers for our Nation as COVID continues, racial tensions, Christian Unity, our United Methodist Church, Prayers for our cities, for our counties, our state, our police, our firefighters, EMTs, all military men and women and their families, all healthcare workers, first responders, chaplains, missionaries, clergy, persons in financial distress, businesses needing employees
WE ARE SERIOUS ABOUT

PRAYER. To help us keep our lists current, if you see a name that can be removed, PLEASE let us know. If you would like to add a name, please let us know. If you know of a change, have a concern, or a praise and would like to add a name, you can call the church with the information, mail a note, email Pastor Ryan

(ryangoode1@gmail.com);

Judy Mosier (kjmosier@comcast.net);

or Jim Waldon

(jimgwaldon@gmail.com)

When submitting a prayer request please include the following information—

**** Your Name (required), ** Name of the one needing prayer (*be sure you have their permission to make their need known*), **Nature of Request (surgery, health concern, etc.)**

In all things,
GIVE THANKS