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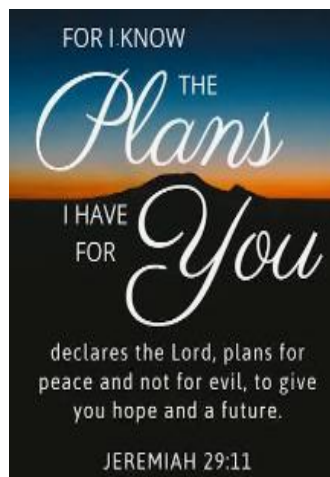
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November 1st - In Memory



November 29 - 9:00 am



Greetings Church Family,

It is my hope and prayer that you're all doing well. Somehow, we find ourselves in November, with the holiday season right around the corner. There will be countless lists made trying to get everything accomplished before Thanksgiving arrives, and Christmas will follow closely behind.

There will be growing anxieties about the potential for politics, religion, or current events being discussed during Thanksgiving dinner. And let's not forget about the Black Friday sales as we try to get ahead on our Christmas shopping!

But, for some of us, this upcoming holiday season is bittersweet. We look forward to spending time with our loved ones, but we can't help noticing the empty chair that was once filled with someone we deeply miss. Whether they have been gone only a few months or many years, the holidays can still be difficult. Even in the middle of all the festivities, there can be an ache in our hearts. And that is okay. It is okay if we aren't feeling particularly festive. It is okay if the thought of celebrating feels overwhelming.

We do not have to pretend to be happy simply because the calendar tells us it is time to celebrate. Grief does not follow a calendar or simply vanish when the holiday season begins. In Scripture, Ecclesiastes 3 says that there is "a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance." God knows that our lives are filled with different seasons, including seasons of grief. We do not have to hide those seasons from God or one another.

As people of faith, we hold on to hope even amidst grief and heartache. But hope does not mean ignoring our pain or rushing through our sorrow. Sometimes hope simply means trusting that God is present with us. Our grief may not disappear, but we do not have to carry it alone. Even when joy feels distant, God's presence remains.

As we enter the holiday season, let us remember that not everyone experiences the holidays the same way. May we open our hearts to those who are excited about the season and to those who are simply trying to make it through. May we be people who offer one another grace, compassion, and a listening ear.

This year, I will be leading a Bible study entitled, "*Blue Christmas*," beginning on **November 30th at 10:00 AM**. Together, we will have honest conversations about grief and the complex emotions that can arise this time of year. It will be a safe place where we do not have to put on a mask of happiness or pretend that everything is okay. We can come as we are, trusting that God meets us in our joys and sorrows.

If you find yourself struggling this holiday season, please know that my office door is open, and hot chocolate tastes sweeter when shared with a friend. You do not have to navigate this season alone. Wherever you find yourself, may you be reminded that you are loved, you are not forgotten and that God walks with you every step of the way.

Blessings,
Pastor Jordan Hunter



The Thrift Shop - the place for holiday shopping!

Lots of gently loved Fall & Winter clothes to keep you WARM!

Grayson County, your generosity makes a huge difference in supporting local programs.

Shopping Hours: **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday** 10:00 am – 3:00 pm,

Friday 10:00 am-5:00 pm,

YES, the Thrift Shop will be open Friday after Thanksgiving (11/27)!

Saturday November 7th, 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Donation Shed Hours: **Monday-Saturday, 9:00 am- 3:00 pm, Closed Sunday.** For your convenience, there will soon be a drop off chute to receive your 'soft' (clothes, shoes, purses) donations.

LUMC Thrift Shop, 213 W Main Street, Yellow House-Fellowship House Basement, 270-259-0422

Thank you, **Grayson County**, for shopping & donating!

*****NOVEMBER EVENTS*****



Fall Back-Don't forget to turn your clocks back 1 hour to Central Standard time Saturday night for Sunday Nov 1st.

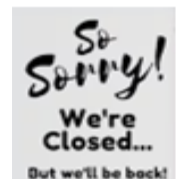
All Saints Day will honor those who have passed in the last year- Sunday November 1, Worship, 10:00 am



Charge Conference, Franklin, KY

Sunday November 1st

The Church office will be closed-Monday November 2
Pastor Jordan & Rita attending
KY Conference Anti Racism Training, Hanson, KY



United Methodist Women of Faith

Thursday November 5, The Rock, 11:00 am

Host: Angel Devotion: Brenda

Veterans Remembrance Day Sunday November 8, Worship, 10:00 am



Church office closed, No pickleball-Thursday & Friday, November 26 & 27

5th Sunday Breakfast,

Sunday November 29, Church Basement, 9:00 am



NOVEMBER EVENTS

KY UM Children's Home Special Offering - Sunday November 29, Offering Worship



Decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas following Worship Sunday November 29th

Pickleball at The Rock Monday (beginner/instruction) 4-6 pm, Thursday (50+) 1-3 pm
No pickleball 11/26-27 Friday (all play) 5-7 pm



LUMC is partnering with The Grayson County Alliance for food purchases to bless Grayson County neighbors in need. You can find a list of this outreach opportunity in the Sunday bulletin and across LUMC campus.

If you would like your LUMC current financial status report or your giving status, please contact the Church office-(270)259-4019



-----LUMC NOVEMBER COMMITTEE MEETINGS-----



One Board Committee Meeting Monday November 9, The Rock, 6:00 pm

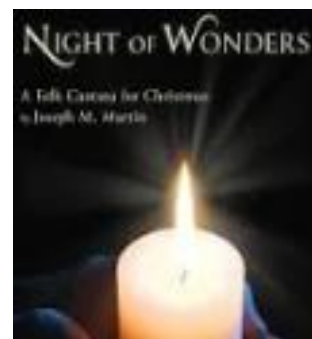
COMING UP IN DECEMBER...

"Night of Wonders: A Folk Cantata for Christmas"

is a special seasonal musical event scheduled for December.

Event Details

- **Performance 1:** Sunday, December 20th at 7:00 PM
(A reception will follow this performance)
- **Performance 2:** Monday, December 21st at 7:00 PM



Weekly Happenings

<u>Sunday</u>	Sunday School:	Children 9:00 am	Carter Harrell, Rock Classroom
		Adult 8:45-9:45 am	Shawn Majors, Zoom link available, Rock Conference Room
	Worship:	Sanctuary 10:00 am	
<u>Monday</u>		<u>AA/NA</u> , Church, 7:00 pm, Church Basement	
<u>Tuesday</u>		<u>Thrift Shop</u> , 10:00-3:00 pm, Fellowship House Basement	
		<u>Fellowship Café</u> Free Community Meal, 5:30 pm, Church Basement	
<u>Wednesday</u>		<u>Thrift Shop</u> , 10:00-3:00 pm, Fellowship House Basement	
		<u>Bell Choir</u> Practice, 4:00 pm, Church Basement	
		<u>Cantata Choir</u> Practice, Sanctuary, 5:30 pm, Sanctuary (no practice 11/25)	
		<u>AA/NA</u> , Church, 7:00 pm, Church Basement	
<u>Thursday</u>		<u>Thrift Shop</u> , 10:00 – 3:00 pm, Fellowship House Basement	
<u>Friday</u>		<u>AA/NA</u> , Al-anon, 10:00 am, Church Basement	
		<u>Thrift Shop</u> , 10:00 – 5:00 pm, Fellowship House Basement	
<u>Saturday</u>		<u>AA/NA</u> , 10:00 am, Church Basement	
		<u>Thrift Shop</u> Nov 7 th , 10:00 am-1:00 pm	Hours: Monday–Friday

Pastor Jordan's 'Drop By' Hours

Monday-Wednesday 10:00 am – Noon, Thursday – Work from Home, Friday & Saturday - Out of the office
Meetings with Pastor Jordan by appointment

Regular Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 am- Noon
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*****ATTENTION*****

*Please provide December
Newsletter information by
November 23, 2026.
Thank you!*

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