

WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

On Tuesday night we opened the church to hundreds of families looking for a safe, warm place to collect some candy. Trunk Or Treat 2023 was a success! Thank you for the candy and those who handed out candy and those who braved the cold. There were lots of smiles and so many great costumes!

The theme this year was Mario Brothers. I dressed up as Princess Peach. I was not too familiar with Princess Peach but every 4 and 5 year old who walked through the door was VERY familiar. There is just a brief moment in time when a child can look at a person in costume and think they are seeing the real deal. I had little ones walk starry eyed right up to me and give me a hug - some even adding, "I love you, Princess Peach."

It reminded me of the instructions of Jesus, that we must receive the kingdom of God like a child. Those children who saw me at Trunk Or Treat only saw me as Princess Peach. They came with the wonder that I believe Christ wants us to hold onto all through our days; coming to the throne of God with awe, love, and trust - never doubting that Christ can supply all our needs.

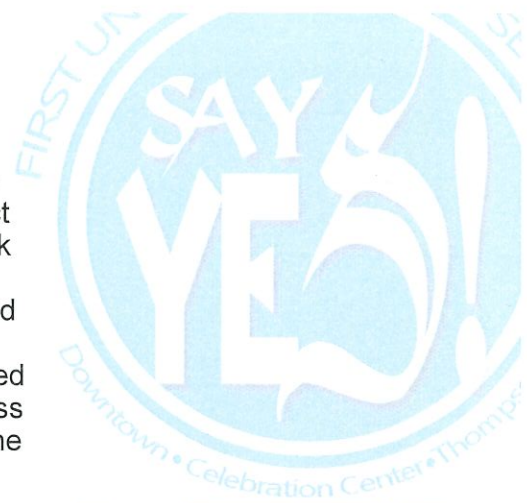
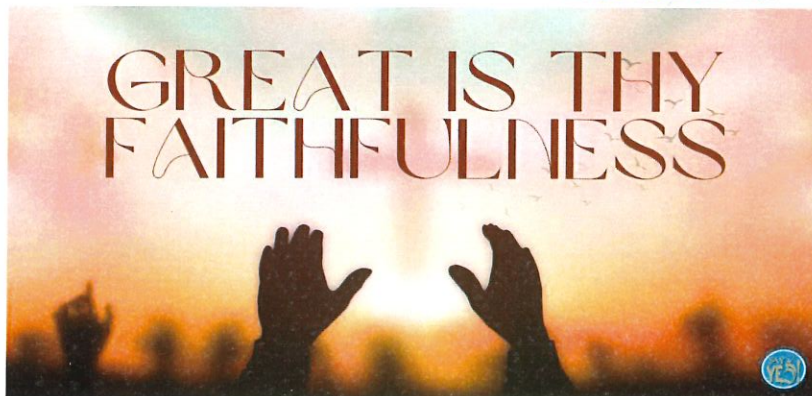
Another thing I noticed was how people were complimenting each other on their costumes. Everyone seemed to be happy and enjoying the company of others who were dressed up and gathering candy. Children were admiring the costumes of others and parents were enjoying each tiny Mario and Luigi or the smallest of the Tin Mans or Cowardly Lions. No criticism of the costumes. Only joy.

It reminded me of a quotation I saw recently:

"Halloween is the day we get it right. Strangers come to us, beautiful, ugly, odd or scary, and we accept them all without question, compliment them, treat them kindly, and give them good things. Why don't we live like that?" ~ Steve Garnaas-Holmes

Love God. Love Others.
Let's live like that.

Princess Peach (aka Pastor Candace)



THANKSGIVING OFFERING

This year's Thanksgiving Offering has been designated to support *People in Need*. For your convenience, a Thanksgiving Offering Envelope is available at the Welcome Center or simply mark your offering, "Thanksgiving."



Sermon Series: Great is Thy Faithfulness

[God's mercies] are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for Him."

Lamentations 3:23-24

Leading People to an Active Faith in Jesus Christ

HEARTBEATS

♥ **Bucket Day is Saturday, Nov. 4** from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Celebration Center (Friendship Hall). Come help us as we fill Disaster Relief Buckets.

♥ **MPACT Student Ministry (Grades 6-12)** meets weekly on Sundays in the MPACT room at the Celebration Center. Junior High meets from 5-6:30 and High School meets from 6-7:30. All students meet at 6:00 for a shared meal. We hope to see you there and join the fun!

♥ Could you occasionally help with **providing cookies for a worship service**? If so, please contact the church office during office hours (M-Th. 8:30—4:30 p.m.; Fri. 8:30—3:30 p.m. Office closed for lunch from 1 to 2 p.m.), 660-827-2993.

♥ We need to **replace lights in the Celebration Room** (sanctuary). When giving in any amount, if you would like to give in honor, memory, or celebration of someone, contact the church office or mark your offering envelope and we will display a sign for this occasion on the church outdoor LED signs at both locations.

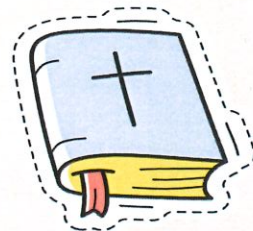
♥ **Support our partnership school:** Horace Mann. Horace Mann PTA is having a **pointsettia sale fundraiser!** ORDER FROM Nov. 1-10th. Contact Lindsey Benbrook at 660-679-1493 to place your order.

The deadline for submitted Newsletter articles is 12 noon on the Friday before the newsletter mailing.

Next Newsletter:

<u>Date</u>	<u>12 noon Deadline</u>
Nov. 15	Fri. Nov. 10

3rd Grade Bible Presentations



YOUR 3RD GRADER WILL BE PRESENTED WITH A BIBLE

SUNDAY, NOV 5TH 9:45AM & 11AM SERVICES



LET US KNOW WHICH SERVICE YOU PLAN TO ATTEND:
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CWU WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

Church Women United will be having a World Community Day Celebration on Friday, Nov. 3rd at 1:30 p.m. at Community of Christ Church (2000 S. Ingram). All are Welcome!

MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY

Have you wanted to go on a mission trip but haven't taken the first step?

We have a great opportunity coming January 2024! No passport is needed. We will join other UM from Missouri and travel to Puerto Rico, helping with clean up work from the hurricane that hit in 2019. There will be job sizes for all sizes and ages of people. Pastor Candace is going and spots are limited.

If you are interested, call the church office for more information, 660-827-2993, or contact Pastor Candace. This is going to be great so Say YES sooner than later!



CHRISTOPHER'S BOX

As you are traveling, if you could pick up a few extra travel size toiletries (shampoo, soap, toothpaste, etc.), bring them to the Celebration Center and donate your items to the Christopher's Box (located in the front bathroom next to the MPACT room.) What a wonderful way to show God's love to the *people in need* that stop at our church.

MPACT YOUTH
**THANKSGIVING MEAL
& DESSERT AUCTION**
SUN 11.19 • 10:45AM-1PM • THOMPSON SITE



ALL DONATIONS GO TOWARD YOUTH MISSION TRIPS & EVENTS



SEMESTER FINALS PACKAGES

Time to plan for the packages for semester finals. The L.O.T. class will again, on behalf of 1st Church, put together Care Packages for our full-time college students. We need the names and addresses of students by noon Monday, November 20 and we will assemble the packages on Sunday, November 26. We would also like the phone number of the parent or contact person who is giving the information so we can call them to see if their student (if they are going to college out of town) will be home on the 20th so we can deliver the package instead of needing to mail it.

As always, contributions of items for the packages are encouraged or folks can give to help cover the postage for mailing packages. Items to go in the packages would be needed by Monday, November 20.

WARMING SHELTER MEETING

There will be a *Warming Shelter Team Meeting* on Wednesday, November 8th at 5:30 pm in the EyeSee Theater at the Celebration Center. If you would like to help with the Warming Shelter ministry, we'd love to have you come join us at this meeting!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Debbie Zeigafuse



Whitehead
Chad & Autumn
Taylor, Elliott, Olivia



Castiglia
Christopher & Amber
Michael (not pictured)
Joshua

WE CELEBRATE THE DAY YOU WERE BORN

If your birthday is not listed, please let us know so it can be added!

Birthdays (Nov. 5-18)

Kathy Kempton, Blake Grupe, John Malone, Dr. Michael Perusich, Duana Williams, John Poppinga, Keelee Price, Jennifer White, Madeline Davidson, Warren Trivett, Taryn Petree, Brylee Brewster, Laura Cavin, Mikayla Doogs, Erin Whittier, Mary Spalding, Kiran Lewellyn, Angela Richardson, Wyatt Pierce, Cassandra Mankin, Tammy Coffey, Crystal Hurlburt, Becky Arbisi, Ruthie Dugan, Mary Gorrell, Trevor Brown, Wesley Waldrep, Marra Bowen, Sarah Grupe, Mary Lou Griffin, Eric Mothersbaugh, Melissa Stone, Viola May, Donald Walker, Sr., Connie Kiburz, Mike Harrison, Heaven Ferolito, Jeanette Bert, Rodney Iuchs, Crystal Wood, Diana Mosier, Brandon Williams, Carol Craig, Ruth Dale, Eric Mateja, Carla Staley, Grant Lockard, Joyce Willis, Willis Charles, David Kelley, Braylon Wooster, Phillip Woodward, Marilynn Luetjen, Stephanie Zink, Kevin Ambrose, Aaron Douglas, Austin Bunch, Melissa Rutledge

FIRST STEPS

Attendance

Oct. 21/22, 2023

Sunday School	95
Worship	534

Oct. 28/29, 2023

Sunday School	77
Worship	488

We report
finances monthly.

Our Family

Our hearts go out in Christian love and sympathy to:
~**Amber Boles and family**
in the death of Amber's father on Oct. 17, 2023, and to
~**the family and friends of Patricia Embree** due to Patricia's death on Sunday, October 22, 2023.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Amber Castiglia was baptized on Friday, Oct. 20, 2023.

The following couples had weddings on Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023:

~**Morgann Gregory** and **Austin Fine**

~**Maggie Meyer** and **Shayne Lambert**

Benjamin Wesley Bates was born to Ashley & John Bates on Monday, October 30, 2023.

Joyce Willis and Steve Bates are the proud new grandparents.

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Rooster Coffee, & Beautiful Handmade Wreaths

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CELEBRATION CENTER LOBBY

Come & Support Our Care Ministry Fundraiser