



The Connection

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Millington United Methodist Church

Our Mission: To Know Christ, and to Make Him Known



November Scripture Readings

- 3 *Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4*
 Psalms 119:137-144
 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
 Luke 19:1-10
- 10 *Haggai 1:15b-2:9*
 Psalms 145:1-5, 17-21
 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
 Luke 20:27-38
- 17 *Isaiah 65:17-25*
 Isaiah 12 or Psalm 118
 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
 Luke 21:5-19
- 24 *Jeremiah 23:1-6*
 Luke 1:68-69
 Colossians 1:11-20
 Luke 23:33-43

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JOIN US AT
MILLINGTON UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH FOR
**FAMILY GAME
NIGHT**
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH
6:30-9:30 P.M.
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
BRING A SNACK AND DRINK
TO SHARE AND COME JOIN
THE FUN.



THE NEXT BLOOD DRIVE
IS SCHEDULED FOR
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH
FROM 1-6:45 P.M. IN THE
FELLOWSHIP HALL.



- 2 Cathy Harris
- 3 Shawn Tanner
- 4 Josh Johnson
 Shane LeVan
- 5 Denise Truett
- 7 Danielle Dickson
 Mary Hoard
 Ryan Roselles
- 9 Esther Perkins
- 10 Victoria Hall
- 12 Sherm LeVan
- 16 Albertine Burns
- 17 Lauren Olmstead
- 20 April Colosky
- 24 Lois Boyd
- 25 Rich Hebner
 Susan Thompson
- 26 Becky Johnson
- 27 Catrina Crane
- 28 Catline Gross
- 29 Alyssa Fabbro

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The Movie Makes More Sense once You've Read The Book.

You've very likely encountered trivia tests in your life. Some of them are not really trivial – not when we think about the subject.

Take Bible quizzes, for example. **What did Solomon tell us about studying?**

- ☐ much study will make you wealthy
- ☐ too little study is fine
- ☐ too much study will make you weary
- ☐ not enough study is a sin.

I'm tired already! How about this one: **According to Romans, for whom did Christ die?**

- ☐ the righteous
- ☐ the ungodly
- ☐ those who work hard
- ☐ those who keep the Ten Commandments

We would all be in dire straits if the answer were any different!

If you thought those were interesting, you can find the rest of the quiz at Christianity dot com. Here is the link (for emailed newsletters) or else you can type the web address in manually to see all the questions. <https://www.christianity.com/trivia/question/fill-in-the-blanks/?challenge=Y>

But the real point I wanted to highlight for this article is that of ALL the sources of wisdom, information, guidance or a foundation for living that we can look to for counsel – the Bible is the One Book, the One Source we need more than any other. Not just on a bookshelf or end table, but in our hearts, our minds – and our living!

That's why we have three available Bible studies available at MUMC – and would have more if anyone wanted a different time or place. Some of the Old Testament has withstood the test of time for over 3,000 years! We have more historical manuscripts, external evidence and archaeological

support to validate the accuracy of our modern Bible than any other document of the time.

John Wesley, who loved books and wrote many himself, still called himself “a man of one Book.”

A more recent Biblical scholar, A. W. Tozer, has said this:

Whatever keeps me from the Bible - is my enemy, however harmless it may appear to be. What-ever engages my attention - when I should be meditating on God and things eternal - does injury to my soul.

Let the cares of life crowd out the Scriptures from my mind and I have suffered loss where I can least afford it. Let me accept anything else instead of the Scriptures - and I have been cheated and robbed to my eternal confusion.

Even more recently, Robert Charles Sproul has declared:

I think the greatest weakness in the church today is that almost no one believes that God invests His power in the Bible. Everyone is looking for power in a program, in a technique, in anything and everything except where God has placed it: His Word.

It's not that we are supposed to become “Bible Scholars” with a knowledge of Greek and Hebrew . . . any more than we need to become a French Chef to eat well and enjoy our meals. One potluck alleviates that concern!

But we do need to eat – and we should eat well – to be healthy. The same is true for our mental and spiritual food as it is for physical.

“The instructions of the LORD are perfect, reviving the soul. The decrees of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple,” (Psalm 19:7 NLT).

I believe I can use more than a little of both. Probably we all could. God bless your reading – and I'd love to hear any questions that arise! They'll be good for me, too, I daresay!

Pastor John



Mission Notes for November

I will update you on a few of our ministries we support as our church family:

- 1) Positive Alternatives, a crisis pregnancy ministry. They reach out to women and girls with unwanted and unplanned pregnancies. They also minister to the fathers. We did the Baby Bottle Boomerang this past summer and collected \$ for them.
- 2) We support Peter and Kate Walugembe as they are serving the needy folks in Uganda. They are building a house there.
- 3) Steve and Bethany Lambert minister through InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF) at Central Michigan University (CMU) as they reach out to the Greek community (the fraternities and sororities on campus). They have established Bible study groups in almost all the Fraternity & Sorority houses on campus. They need our prayers as they reach out to these young men and women who are the leaders in our schools, businesses, and society in general in the future. They are in need of more financial and prayer supporters. If anyone is able to give a little extra to Steve and Bethany they would be happy to hear from you. The address is InterVarsity Christian Fellowship/USA P.O. Box 7895, Madison WI 53707-7895
- 4) We have recently received a call from Angel Tree and they will be sending us 20 children's names this year. We will have more about this in the coming weeks. Diana Slough is our contact person for Angel Tree again this year. Thank you Diana for all you do.

Maury Chapin

Mission Chairperson



MILLINGTON U.M.C.

4TH THRU 8TH GRADE YOUTH

SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD- 6:00-7:30 P.M. MEETING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH- 6:00-7:30 P.M. MEETING

Finance



Moment

At the end of the third quarter of 2019, the deposits to our bank account totaled \$148,946. The distribution of that total was 82.6% General Fund, 11% Designated Funds, 2.4% Pass Through Funds and 4% Building Funds. Disbursements from the General Fund were:

Payroll- \$68,894

Apportionments & Pension- \$ 23,031

Parsonage Expenses- \$4,342

Support & Infrastructure- \$3,166

Program Accounts-\$866

Committees- \$404

Church Building - \$14,020

Missions-\$4,000

Travel-\$1,505

Custodial Supplies - \$518

Miscellaneous - \$10

The combined total of the disbursements above is \$120,756. Our General Fund Income was \$123,067. **Our income exceeded disbursements by \$2,311.**

When we give generously, we witness to the work that our faith matters, and the church matters. When we give our money and other resources, we make a statement about whom we trust and who we're willing to make sacrifices to.

Thank you for giving generously to our church, and for trusting that God's work is being done.

2 Corinthians 9:7 Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.



MILLINGTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE ANGEL TREE PROGRAM AS WELL AS HELPING PURCHASE CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR FAMILIES AT KIRK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. PLEASE WATCH IN THE WEEKS TO COME FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW YOU CAN HELP!!

United Methodist Women

The next Millington United Methodist Women's Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 11th at 1:00 p.m.

~Jennie Brown, UMW President

Thank You and Upcoming Events and Information...

Dear Faith Family,

Thank you for your loving and affirming words,
and your gracious and generous gifts!

We are blessed enormously by your
encouragement and acceptance.

We love you, and delight in growing in God's grace
with you, as we work together to share
the good news of His wonderful love for everyone.

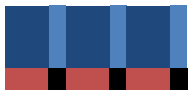
We appreciate you,
and are thankful to share faith in Jesus Christ.

With love and thanks,

Pastor John and Janine



MUMC Family Game Night
is scheduled for Saturday,
November 9th from 6:30-
9:30 p.m. in the Fellowship
Hall. Bring a snack and a
drink to share.



This Month's Meetings:

Monday, November 11th— 7:30 p.m. Trustees

Tuesday, November 19th— 7:30 p.m. Church Council

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL
BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 28TH FOR
THANKSGIVING.**

**THE OFFICE HOURS ON
MONDAY, DECEMBER 2ND
WILL BE 9:00 A.M. UNTIL
NOON**

Newsletter Folding will be

Wednesday, November 27th at 10 a.m.

Sunday Service Volunteers for November

DATE	Communion	Greeters	Reader	Media & Sound	Children's Gathering 4 yrs.-5th Gr.	Nursery Infant-3 yrs.	Coffee Hour
3	1-Don & Helen Alvord & ? 2-	Lois Boyd	1-Helen Alvord 2-Charles Tanner	Media- 1-Lois Bushaw 2- Sound- 1-Don Jensen 2-Pat Burns		Need Volunteers	Bonnie Moore
10		Lois Boyd	1-Helen Alvord 2-Destany LeVan	Media- 1-Lois Bushaw 2-Tom Sabgash Sound- 1-Don Jensen 2-Charles Tanner	Sharon Trato	Need Volunteers	
17		Lois Boyd	1-Helen Alvord 2-Ann Tanner	Media- 1-Lois Bushaw 2- Sound 1-Don Jensen 2-Pat Burns	Destany LeVan	Need Volunteers	Char Balfour
24		Lois Boyd	1-Helen Alvord 2-Bonnie Moore	Media- 1-Lois Bushaw 2-Tom Sabgash Sound 1-Don Jensen 2-Charles Tanner	Danielle Dickson	Need Volunteers	



SCRIP Gift Card Program

Thanksgiving and Christmas are fast approaching...don't forget to purchase or order your SCRIP Gift Cards from Becky in the church office. Proceeds from this program go to help support our Children's programs. There are several cards available in the office and 100's you can order.

See Becky in the church office if you would like to purchase or order cards.

	November 2019					
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Church Office Closed	2 Set clocks back one hour before going to bed
3 9a Worship 10a Sunday School 11a Worship 6-7:30p MUMC Youth Meeting	4 5:30-7p Girl Scouts 6:30p Rotary	5 8:30a Women's 4 th Day 10a Bible Study 7p Bible Study	6 8a Men's Bible Study 6:15p Choir 7-10p Ping Pong 7:15p POP Band	7	8 Church Office Closed	9 10:30a Wedding MUMC Game Night 6:30-9:30p in the Fellowship Hall
10 9a Worship 10a Sunday 11a Worship	11 Veteran's Day Blood Drive in FH 1p UMW 7:30p Trustees	12 8:30a Women's 4 th Day 10a Bible Study 7p Bible Study	13 8a Men's Bible Study 10a-3p Quilt Club 6:15p Choir 7-10p Ping Pong 7:15p POP Band	14	15 Church Office Closed	16 FH Reserved
17 9a Worship 10a Sunday School 11a Worship 6-7:30p MUMC Youth Meeting	18 5:30-7p Girl Scouts 6:30p Rotary	19 GS Cookie Delivery 8:30a Women's 4 th Day 10a Bible Study 7p Bible Study 7:30p Church Council	20 8a Men's Bible Study 6:15p Choir 7-10p Ping Pong 7:15p POP Band	21	22 Church Office Closed	23
24 9a Worship 10a Sunday School 11a Worship	25	26 8:30a Women's 4 th Day 10a Bible Study 7p Bible Study	27 8a Men's Bible Study 10a Newsletter folding 10a-3p Quilt Club 6:15p Choir 7-10p Ping Pong 7:15p POP Band	28 Happy Thanksgiving Church Office Closed FH Reserved	29 Church Office Closed	30

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OUR SUNDAY SCHEDULE.

***9:00 a.m. Worship *10:00 a.m. Sunday School *11:00 a.m. Worship**