

**THE CHUCH CONNECTION  
MAYODAN UMC  
NOVEMBER 2019**



**THE JOY OF GIVING!**

*"And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' "* - Acts 20:35

When you were very young, you were probably preoccupied with what you would get for Christmas or your birthday. But as you got older, many of you started learning the joy of giving, and you actually found that it is indeed more of a blessing to give than it is to receive.

We need to learn to be generous with everything that God has given to us. Jesus said, "Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you" (Luke 6:38). You can't out-give God.

So let's learn the joy of giving. Let's learn the joy of giving of our time, our resources, our talents and abilities- whatever God has given to us. Some hoard what God has given them, not wanting to give, not understanding that as you give out, more is given to you: "The generous soul will be made rich, and he who waters will also be watered himself" (Proverbs 11:25).

It helps me when I can help you. It blesses me when I can bless you. And I will let you in on a little discovery I have made: I am probably more blessed giving than those who are receiving. If you apply that principle yourself, then you will learn a wonderful secret: the joy of giving in every area of your life. Have you discovered that secret yet?

Each Sunday we are blessed by being able to give of ourselves in worship and in giving a portion of our resources. And, Sunday November 24<sup>th</sup> we will have an extra-ordinary day of blessing as we bring forth our "harvest" of gifts for this year. Can we gather together \$10,000 for the work and support of this church, and for its ministry opportunities in the community? I know we can.

Let's start this week putting some aside for this special Sunday. Of course, our regular weekly offerings continue to be critical to the life of our church. God has blessed us so greatly. I can't wait to see what He will do through us in the coming weeks.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Pat



Trustees will begin meeting the first Tuesday at 7pm, **every other** month. The next meeting will be December 3.



**Church Council meets** on the second Tuesday every other month. The next meeting will be December 10 at 6:30pm. You do not have to be a member of Council to attend, however, according to the Book of Discipline, only members of Council may cast a vote.



Eddie Amos	Vic & Mary Marks
Edith Purgason	Eleanor Purgason
Tom Webb	Bruce Lawson

Please call the church office for contact information on our homebound members.

Visit the homebound, give them a call, or send them a card and let them know you are thinking about them and praying for them.



**SOLOMON'S PORCH**

**Solomon's Porch** has resumed meeting on Wednesday, at Noon. Bring your lunch and join us for an hour of fellowship, prayer and devotion. Pastor Pat will be leading us.



**The United Methodist Women** meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. All ladies are invited to join us for a short program, business meeting, and refreshments. Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 19. The Executive Committee will meet at 6:00pm.



## SERVING IN NOVEMBER

### Ushers

Rick & Libby Sechrist & Bettie Phillips & Pat Sanders

### Altar Guild

#### Liturgist

Marie Fox

#### Greeter

Sherry Hicks



**Mayodan UMC** is in the rotation for delivering Meals on Wheels. If you would like to help deliver or be a substitute, contact Billy Sechrist.



**The United Methodist Men** will meet Tuesday, November 10 at 8am for breakfast and a brief business meeting at the Airport Drive In.



**Chuck Spicer** has developed a new website for us. This is the church's main source of information to the community at large and our members. He will continue to refine and improve the site and will appreciate any suggestions that you have. The site will provide information about events, calendars and information about ministries and groups within the church. Our facebook page will gradually return to a site for pictures and sharing of special events and activities of MUMC. Be sure to visit the website whenever you need information regarding church events. [www.mayodanumc.org](http://www.mayodanumc.org).



**Weary Warriors** is a support group for families and loved ones of those who suffer from addictions. This group meets on the third Thursday of each month, at 7:00pm. If you would like to provide refreshments for this ministry, please see Debbi Boles. The group will meet November 21. At the December 19 meeting, we will be baking and making cookie trays for local law enforcement and the narcotic officers. If anyone would like to help make this possible, please give your donations to Steve or Debbi Boles. Thank you.



## ALUMINUM CANS MINISTRY

Mayodan UMC will continue to collect aluminum cans. Please place your **ONLY ALUMINUM CANS (NO PLASTIC BOTTLES, NO GLASS BOTTLES, NO TIN CANS)** in the recycle container ***The recycle container has been moved to the old Children's Church classroom, located on the back hall, third door on the left.*** Please place your cans in the proper room. All proceeds from the sale of these cans will benefit many ministries at Mayodan UMC. Folks, **please** no loose cans, no paper, and no partially filled cans.



**Mailboxes in the hallway** outside the church office are for your convenience to save postage. You can leave a card (Christmas, Birthday, Thinking of you, etc) to those who attend church regularly. Please do not put items in the boxes for our home-bound or those who do not attend regularly. They will **NOT** be mailed. Newsletters and giving statements are also placed in the mailboxes.

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR MAILBOX WEEKLY!**



**Please place your unwanted cards** in the box on the table outside the church office. Diana Crowder will send those to St Jude's Children's Hospital. St. Jude's runs a 30-year-old recycling-card program to benefit the children, which will make those good wishes worth much more than words. The children participate in the program by making new cards. After removing the front of donated cards, they attach a new back made with recycled paper, and then they are sold. Any type of cards are welcome, Get Well, Birthday, Sympathy, Christmas, Thinking of You, Valentine, etc. **PLEASE DO NOT CUT OFF THE FRONT OF YOUR CARD.**



**Please be in prayer** for our church, our homebounds, and upcoming events in the community. The prayer cards from each Sunday are placed in the box on the altar in the Prayer Room on Tuesday.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1 – Billie Sue Bray  
Dixon Stilwell  
Julianna Barker
- 2 – Gary Fox
- 4 – Rhonda Lemons
- 5 – Billie Shaffer
- 15 – Shirley Montgomery
- 16 – Jason Bray  
Nate Lemons
- 17 – Gloria Steele
- 18 – Manuel Valdez-Castro
- 19 – Pat Martin
- 20 – Allen Hopkins
- 27 – Edna Martin

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 30 - Price & Wanda Edwards



If you are not receiving the phone calls sent out periodically requesting prayer, meeting reminders or about church events, please let Debbie know if your phone number has changed. If you have more than one phone number, please advise as to which number you prefer to receive calls. **Also, some folks are concerned about not getting the entire message. If you will continue to hold the message will repeat itself.** One Call Tell All cannot explain why the message sometimes begins in the middle, thus the repetition. Keep in mind the church is bound by HIPPA laws and cannot divulge information without the members consent.



When turning off the lights in the sanctuary, please turn the dimmer switch all the way left until you feel or hear a click. Just because the lights are completely dim, there is still electricity being used if they are not completely turned off. Also, if you use the restroom, be sure to turn the water off at the faucet and be sure the toilet stops running. And turn the lights off. Also, please make sure the water in the kitchen is turned completely off and there is no drip. **BUT.....please leave the front porch lights on!**



Guardian Angels is a group of our church family at MUMC, who provide family care and love for our shut ins. The purpose of this group is to show our shut ins they have not been forgotten. Our church family is important, even if they can't attend regularly, due to illness or other issues. The group provides family support. Support can be given in different ways.

**LISTEN:** Sometimes shut ins have no one to talk to. A good listener can make a world of difference.

**SMALL GIFTS:** Sometimes shut ins have no other family besides church family. A birthday, Christmas, Valentine, or Easter gifts would mean a lot .

**PRAYER:** Anyone can pray. If you do not feel comfortable about doing this, ask if they would like to say a prayer or pray silently.

Gifts will be provided in the Children's Classroom. If you would like to provide a small gift, you can leave it there or give to Billie Bray. If a member would like to visit a shut in more often for companionship, it's ok. Group members will get a new shut in each month. This way the shut ins will see a new church family member. See Billie Bray or Marie Fox if you would like to join this group.

1. We need to continue to heal and become one family.
2. We need to work on building our Missions and Community Outreach. We need to go out, not have people come to us.



Remember to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday, November 2 at bedtime.



## IMPORTANT DATES IN NOVEMBER

- Sunday, November 3 @ 11am  
All Saints Sunday
- Sunday, November 10 @ 11am  
Veterans Memorial Service
- Sunday, November 24 @ 11am  
Harvest Offering (Goal is \$10,000.00)
- Saturday, November 30 @ 9:30am  
Hanging of the Greens

(We need men to move the trees to the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall)

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