



grateful

MT
Magazine
November 2020





Mable Crab

November 2 ~ 97 yrs
3313 Bexley Court
Evansville, IN 47711-2520

Mary Jo Scott

November 5 ~ 92 yrs
3800 Eli Place, Room 408 A
Newburgh, IN 47630-7436

Dr. John Bender

November 6 ~ 98 yrs
712 Cobblestone Drive
Evansville, IN 47715-4285

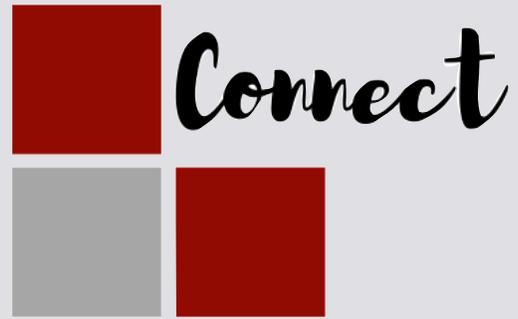
Joan Shelton

November 7 ~ 92 yrs
7925 Cove Trace
Indianapolis, IN 46256-1665



I would like to thank the Methodist Temple family for their prayers, cards and condolences during this time of sorrow at the loss of my mother, Wilma Thomas.

Beverly Thomas



Lead Pastor Rev. Andy Payton
seniorpastor@methodisttemple.church

Associate Pastor Rev. JillAnn Knonenborg
associatepastor@methodisttemple.church

Director of Operations Wendy Moore
operations@methodisttemple.church

Receptionist Jenny Farthing
info@methodisttemple.church

Finance Manager Alicia Boston
finance@methodisttemple.church

Children's Ministry Director Maggie Harding
mharding@methodisttemple.church

See You Sunday Coordinator Lindsey Patterson
lpatterson@methodisttemple.church

Youth Ministry Director Jamie Clark
youth@methodisttemple.church

Director of Music Don Travis
dtravis@methodisttemple.church

Organist Barbara Waite
alcbjw@gmail.com

Tech Coordinator Maggie Batson
mbatson@methodisttemple.church

Church Office 812.476.1306

Monday - Thursday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Friday 8:00 AM - Noon

www.methodisttemple.church



All Saints Day, also called the Feast of All Saints or All Souls Day is observed every year on the first day of November. It is seldom that we are gathered on November 1, so many churches observe All Saints Sunday each year on the Sunday following November 1. It is a day to remember the saints, “saints” by the New Testament meaning of “all Christian people of every time and place.” It is a day to celebrate the communion of saints as we remember those who have died, both in our local congregations and throughout the Church universal.

The following prayer may be read as we remember those we have lost from our church since the last All Saints Day:

We bless your holy name, O God,
for all your servants who, having finished
their course, now rest from their labors.

Give us grace to follow the example
of their steadfastness and faithfulness,
to your honor and glory;
through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

(ENGLAND, 20TH CENT., ALT.)

Jane Robey 11/14/2019

Ben Field 11/21/2019

Suzanne Johnson 12/23/2019

Jerry Kendall 2/18/2020

Delores Sanchez 2/28/2020

Earlene Huck 4/13/2020

Jim Coy 5/23/2020

Mike Cox 6/5/2020

Thornton Patberg 6/11/2020

Ruth Hall 6/16/2020

Patricia Gwaltney 8/1/2020

Nancy Hitch 8/16/2020

Wilma Thomas 9/23/2020

Parvin Raibley 10/10/2020

Eleanor “Ellie” Breckenridge 10/16/2020

Charles "Chuck" Taylor 10/25/2020



It was early summer. We had endured three months of quarantine and were eagerly anticipating that life would soon return to normal. Businesses were beginning to open again. Churches were starting in-person worship. The voices of children could be heard as they started to play outside again. You remember it? Little did we know what the future would bring, but we were grateful that some of the gifts we once enjoyed were started to re-emerge in the world.



During this whirlwind, two beloved members of our congregation passed away. It happened in just a matter of weeks. First, Thornton Patberg, and then a few weeks later, Jim Coy. The grief I experienced with each of their deaths lingered in a way that I had not experience before. To be sure, after serving Methodist Temple for over seven years, every time a member of our church dies, I struggle, but something was different here. Maybe it was the pandemic. Maybe it was the fatigue which came from a rapidly changing world. Maybe it was, like it was with you, that both had become friends and I wasn't ready to let them go.

The news of their passing had an impact not only on me, but also our staff. I recall one Monday morning during our staff Zoom meeting that we started to tell stories of these two beloved members of our church. We shared how Jim would drive through the parking lot like a Nascar driver and then come into the office to check on each of us. We appreciated how he genuinely cared about us and how we were doing. We talked about how Patberg would always have a joke to tell or, at a minimum, had a way of sharing some sense of joy with us. You would ask him how he was and his answer, consistently, was, "I am great!" It was in the midst of this conversation, though, that a light went off in my heart. This, I told the staff, is the community we are seeking to nurture and keep alive.

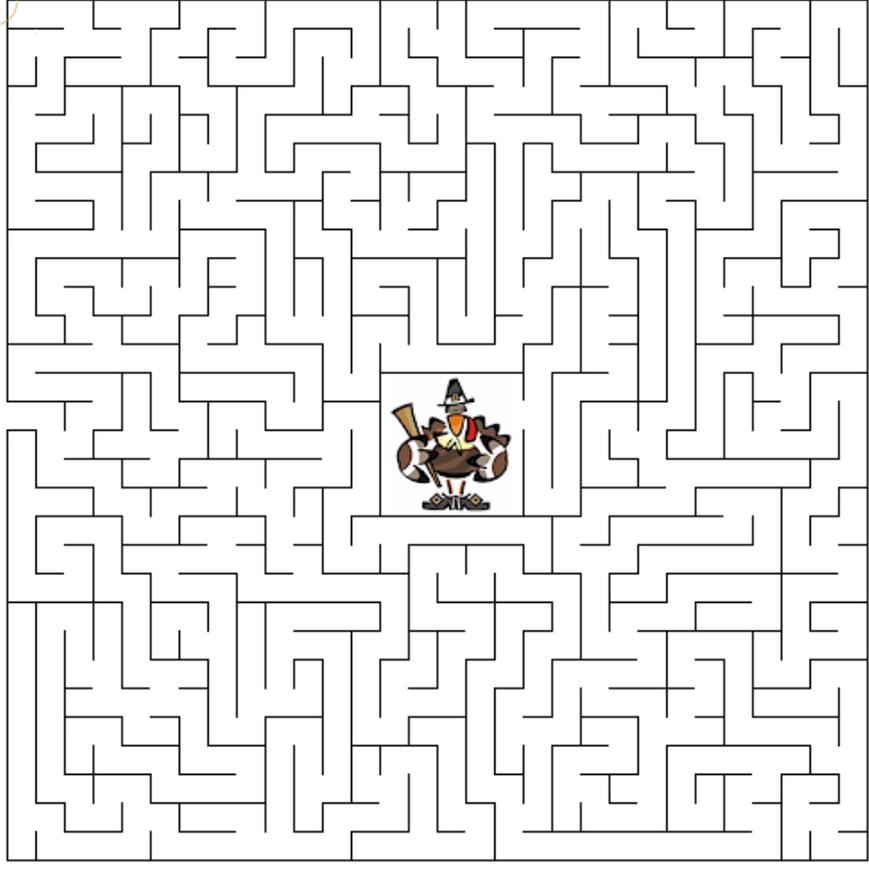
Maybe you didn't know these two men as well as we did, but you do have people in your life that impact you in life-giving ways. They serve as a reminder of the importance of community. We all need people whose presence both inspire and nurture our spirits. If this pandemic has taught us anything, it is that we need relationship – we crave connection. In just a few weeks, you are going to be invited to invest again in a community that has been both life-giving and nurturing to countless people. The reality is that the church needs your support in order that we might keep our community alive. You will be sent either a paper or electronic pledge card for 2021. Even if you can't pledge financially, I invite you to consider filling out a card and turning it in as a way to say "I'm IN" when it comes to the Methodist Temple community.

Pastor Amy

Thanksgiving

L G A E D A R A P T L L R E W O L F Y A M B H Q
 Y M F K O H A Q J G O A B H Y B Q F R T K A O R Y
 S W T R G G Q P N N T T P F O M O V Q E J T Q M
 W F V Z E W K P E E N U A P B L P F Q X Z K Y D
 X T N O V E M B E R X I Y M L B L E S S I N G S
 F A M I L Y P E O Q C W H S I E H M H D C U V S
 H R S D O J A L C Y V A R G D W P I O A H Z Y D
 L C D P O N N L W Y F X F T M A A I O Y M M X D
 G E A L L A B T O O F U Q R U P B Q E G G E L Q
 N C Q S I Q Z Q I O R E A A R C E U K N U H P
 I U Y P S E A Z X N S T S R H Q K P E D I H L
 V A K S E E A Y M R T C M Q C H Y E R T F N E Y
 I S Z E O W R T M U B B I N S A P Y T F D I M
 G Y W P T N Q O B L R L R X T G Y R R K U I P O
 S R V B A E Y Z L G O R G W B M H A V D T A N U
 K R R I T O L B Z E O Y L Z C M D H N E S N I T
 N E O L O F R B G U S A I H C I Y T S K S S K H
 A B H V P F M H B C V M P W T L I E V F V T P R
 H N P M D I R P C O C S J I A C I R E M A Z M O
 T A B U E G G I B W G W O M E C G K K V R O U C
 F R H E H N E J E L A N A A D K C I B Y C H P K
 E C P Z S H O L S N S X F Z Y C E L Q P S D L F
 X L D R A B S Y W B D R I D G L N X Y I W L P M
 E W M Q M V N X V B D S V C A U I Q K K U V F B

- | | | | |
|---------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|
| November | gobble | traditions | harvest |
| blessings | casseroles | gravy | yams |
| mayflower | pumpkin pie | apple pie | america |
| plymouth rock | indians | pilgrims | nap |
| football | parade | friends | family |
| butter | rolls | ham | cranberry sauce |
| stuffing | mashed potatoes | turkey | Thanksgiving |



SHOEBOX MINISTRY

The Shoebox Ministry committee wants to thank everyone who has donated to our ministry. We donate to a great deal of Evansville's community resource organizations that are in need. Especially during this pandemic, there are those in our community needing basic supplies such as tooth brushes, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, etc. We are also collecting winter hats for all ages, and gently-used coats, sweaters and gloves.

Thank you,
Evelyn Parkman, Shoebox Coordinator

"Let us not become weary in doing good for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9



Let us therefore proclaim our gratitude to Providence for manifold blessings — let us be humbly thankful for inherited ideals — and let us resolve to share those blessings and those ideals with our fellow human beings throughout the world.

On this day let us gather in sanctuaries dedicated to worship and in homes blessed by family affection to express our gratitude for the glorious gifts of God; and let us earnestly and humbly pray that He will continue to guide and sustain us in the great unfinished tasks of achieving peace, justice, and understanding among all men and nations and of ending misery and suffering wherever they exist.

— President John F. Kennedy

Welcome, Gracie Lucille Harding!



Saturday, October 3, 2020
5 pounds 6 ounces
18 inches
daughter of Steve & Maggie Harding

