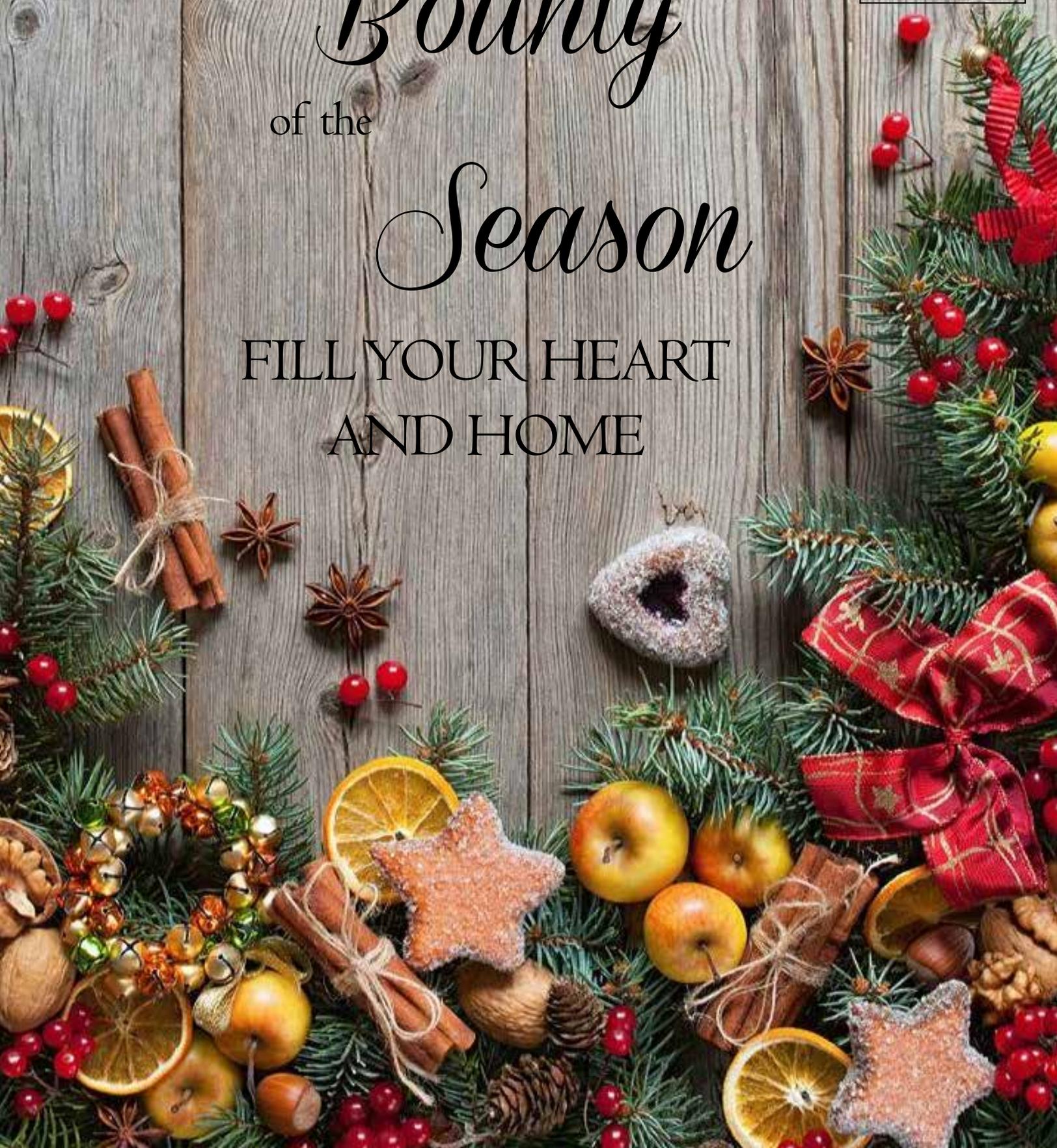


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AND HOME





Striving to be a safe, non-judgmental community in Jesus' name

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At Methodist Temple we want every child to know that he or she is loved and valued by God and our church family.

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Equipping young leaders of the Church by providing a safe and nonjudgmental space for youth to build community and faith.

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Our Senior Adult Ministry group (SAMs) hosts senior exercise, a monthly luncheon, and occasional day trips to surrounding areas.

For information, or to get plugged in with SAMs, contact the SAMs Board President:

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*Exercise: Tue & Thurs @ 9:30 AM
Lunch: 3rd Thurs each month @ 11:30*

Celebrating 90+ Birthdays



Mable Crab

November 2 • 98 years
3313 Bexley Court
Evansville, IN 47711-2520

Dr. John Bender

November 6 • 99 years
712 Cobblestone Drive
Evansville, IN 47715-4285

Marty VanStone

December 19 • 91 years
1301 Southfield Road
Evansville, IN 47715-5203

Mary Jo Scott

November 5 • 93 years
3800 Eli Place, Room #408A
Newburgh, IN 47630-7436

Jim Atkinson

December 3 • 96 years
505 Roosevelt Blvd., #B616
Falls Church, VA 22044

Sally McGinness

December 26 • 92 years
5050 Lincoln Avenue #203
Evansville, IN 47715-7398

individually **unique**
TOGETHER complete



As we move into the final months of the year, we turn our focus toward Stewardship and our last missional partner for 2021: Harper Elementary School. It's nearly impossible for me to hear the word *stewardship* without thinking of a chant we used at our Friday Night Live Event this summer to teach kids about this concept. As the leader, I would say, "When I say *Steward*, you say *Ship*" and then yell back and forth with the kids several times. That is now etched in my memory like a bad 80s song that is just *Never Gonna Give You Up*.

Simply stated, what stewardship means to me is taking care of what God has given us. This begs the questions: What has God given us? And how do we best care for it?

In the recent past, many words that were once foreign in my household have become commonplace. Words like *pandemic*, *quarantine* and *self-isolation*. So, this year when I think about what God has given us, the word that comes to mind for me is *community*.

A few weeks ago, we hosted our second Trunks of Treats Event. Our goal was to create an event that appealed to the desires of our neighbors so that we could welcome them on behalf of our church. Our mission was to be a safe and nonjudgmental community in Jesus' name and to see Christ in every person we met. We even wore stickers that said "I See Christ in You" so that all 500 people we greeted were clear about our message. My intention was to make an impact on our community; what I did not anticipate was the impact that our community would make on me. As I drove home, I reflected on the people I had met that evening. The families who had come dressed in theme; the kids whose parents had spent hours helping them create costumes; the grandma who was passing by and decided to stop in on a whim; the swarms of kids who happily came in street clothes with plastic grocery sacks to collect candy; the foster families proudly juggling oodles of babies; the little girl who requested extra chocolate for her mom who just had surgery. Every family who came through was overwhelmed with gratitude! They thanked me. They complimented me. They wanted their pictures taken with me in my Halloween costume. Some of them even broke the 6 feet apart rule and hugged me! What I realized is that they had clapped back. In response to our church community saying *We See Christ in You*, our local community was saying *And also in You*.

Speaking of bad 80s songs, maybe you've heard the lyric that says "Can't forget we only get what we give." Or maybe you've heard one of those pithy sayings like "we reap what we sow" or "what goes around comes around." There's a verse in Ephesians that reads "... knowing that whatever good we do, we will receive the same again from the Lord..." All of these point to the notion that whatever we invest in, invests in us. Whatever we put our thoughts, time, talents and energy into is reflected back to us. Investing in God allows God to invest in us. Seeing Christ in You allows You to see Christ in me.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY: NOVEMBER 21

A mosaic consists of thousands of little stones. Some are blue, some are green, some are yellow, some are gold. When we bring our faces close to the mosaic, we can admire the beauty of each stone. But as we step back from it, we can see that all these little stones reveal to us a beautiful picture, telling a story none of these stones can tell by itself.

That is what our life in community is about. Each of us is individually unique, but together we reveal the face of God to the world. This year our stewardship emphasis will seek to create a picture where each individual can see where they fit

into the tapestry of God's love we call Methodist Temple.

You should have received a letter from Pastor Andy which included a pledge card. We ask that you return your pledge card on November 21 during Stewardship Sunday. You can also visit www.methodisttemple.church/donate to fill out an electronic pledge card.

4th Quarter Missional Focus



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So, what has God given us? Community. And how do we best care for it? This quarter, our goal is to provide **every** student and staff member at Harper with a “Christmas Box.” That’s nearly 400 Christmas boxes! In addition, we are taking the opportunity to provide gifts to families in need through Harper’s Angel Tree Ministry.

It’s been said that every noble deed is voluntary. Following Jesus is voluntary. We do it because we want to; we get to. I want to invite you to join us in investing in our community by investing in Harper this holiday season. Not because we have to, but because we want to; we get to.

I See Christ in You,
Maggie Harding
Director of Children’s Ministry

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Maggie Harding'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Quarterly Missional Focus Update

As you may remember, our 3rd quarter Missional Focus was right in our own backyard ... the Methodist Temple Children's Center. We asked and you came through with donations that allowed us to purchase SO MANY ITEMS for each classroom! You'll see just a portion of what was purchased in pictures below.



Methodist Temple Congregation,

From the Methodist Temple Children's Center teachers, children and myself...
THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

Our teachers made a Wish List for their classrooms for educational items they would like to have. With your generous donations, many of the items were purchased from the lists!! The children are enjoying their new educational experiences the items are providing for them.

One of the favorite items among the teachers and children is a Light Up Sensory Table purchased for the Yellowbirds classroom of 3-4 year olds. The children said "It changes colors!!"

Thank you for your continued support of the Children's Center throughout the last 54+ years!

Blessings,
Debbie Gilham
Children's Center Director



Music Notes



If you have attended any of our services or viewed on livestream, you know that we are starting to come back from our days of isolation and lack of live music in our services. Our organ restoration project is in its final stages. Under the leadership of Amanda Batts, the contemporary service praise band is full and helping to lift spirits and energy. Participation of our Temple Brass and Temple Bells has resumed and added to our service offerings. Unfortunately, one of the most gaping holes is the Chancel Choir. Because of the real possibility of infectious spread of the COVID-19 virus via the aerosol particles released when someone sings, our choir, like many others, temporarily suspended live group singing. We tried groups of four or less helping to lead from the front, placed singers at what was considered safe distances, singing with a mask (doable but not desirable), and other ways to provide some choral opportunities.

Now that things are becoming somewhat safer and most choir members have been vaccinated, the choir is not recovering as fast as other aspects of our services. We have gone from a number singing in the choir averaging in the mid-twenties to less than ten in rehearsals and services. It is extremely difficult to plan anthems and the special music services we have come to love like Christmas and Easter.

Please consider adding your voice to ours. If you have been away, know that we are looking forward to your return. Contact Director of Music Don Travis if you would like to join us or have any questions.

Organ Restoration Update



The culprit - a 16-ounce lead weight

Over the 30 year's life of the Walcker Organ, a common concern (complaint) has been the pressure needed to play the Great (middle) manual, leaving the players' hands exhausted. As the organ technicians assessed reasons for this problem, they discovered each of the 61 keys on the Great had a near 16 ounce lead weight attached to it making a challenge for the player. A picture of the weight is provided above this article. The weights have been removed and re-purposed as part of the wind chamber. A major problem solved.

The organ renovation is nearing it's completion. All work, so far, has involved mechanical upgrades. If you thought the organ sounded better on October 24, that's great. However, no work has been done on the sound. The voicing upgrades will take place when the sanctuary renovation is complete.

Our friends from Taylor and Boody Organ Builders will return and complete the contracted work. The congregation's patience and support over this near two year project is appreciated. What a blessing for Methodist Temple to provide this outstanding instrument for worship and community performances.

Youth News

Questions about any of the information you find here? Contact Jamie Clark, Youth Director, at jclark@methodisttemple.church.



The Temple Youth will be doing a service project for the church by cleaning all the pews from the sanctuary during our remodel. We will continue this project on November 7, in addition to our lesson and games.



All are welcome to join us for an outdoor movie night! We'll be watching Disney's "Jungle Cruise" on the East lawn (off Kelsey St.) starting at 6:00 PM. Please bring your own chair or blanket. Popcorn and bottled water will be provided!

We have lots of fun in store for our Temple Youth this Fall and Winter!

Believe it or not, we will be starting our Advent series on Sunday, November 14! We'll be starting this series with another painting activity similar to what we did for Easter this year.

Youth Group:

Details on our Youth Group schedule are below. All youth group gatherings will be at the church from 5:30-7:30 PM unless otherwise noted.

Friday, November 5 - Movie Night

Sunday, November 7 - One Story

Series

Sunday, November 14 - Advent

Activity: Painting Party

Sunday, November 21 - No Youth

Group; Temple Kidz & Youth Talent

Show

Sunday, November 28 - No Youth

Group; Thanksgiving Weekend

Sunday, December 5 - Advent Series

Sunday, December 12 - Advent

Series

Sunday, December 19 - Christmas

Party



COMING SOON ... CHILDCARE

We are excited to announce that we are officially ready to re-open the Yellowbird Room for Sunday morning childcare. This change will take place on Sunday, November 7th. The Yellowbird Room will be open from 9:45 AM - 12:15 PM for children between the ages of 3 and 5 years old.



Trunks of Treats

Our Trunks of Treats event was a huge success! Thank you for being a generous, thoughtful, fun congregation that shows up for the kids in our church and our community.



Sunday, November 21

3:00 PM



We are excited to be LIVE this year for our annual Talent Show! Please join us in celebrating the unique gifts shared by the kids and youth of our church.

Rehearsal for all participants will take place on Friday, Nov. 19th at 6pm in the sanctuary



Join us for a festive luncheon on Thursday, December 16 at 11:30 AM. Lunch will be catered by DiLegge's and will be followed by a Christmas Carol sing-along. Sign up on the sheet by the Fellowship Hall or call the office at 812-476-1306 to be put on the list.



SAMs-sponsored activities are back!
Mark your calendars ...

Senior Exercise
Tuesdays & Thursdays
9:00 - 10:00 AM
Celebration Center

SAMs Luncheon
3rd Thursday of the month,
11:30 AM
Fellowship Hall

For more information, please contact Jack Buttrum at 812-476-2442 or at jackb719@aol.com.

Honor and Remember with *Altar Flowers*



Each week, our Flower Committee provides beautiful arrangements for us to enjoy. These arrangements are paid for by those who wish to honor, remember or celebrate a loved one or special event in their lives. The cost is \$30 per date chosen, and you are able to take the flowers home with you if you'd like, or ask that they be given to some of our homebound folks. We have a few dates available this year, and the 2022 flower calendar is now available, as well. Contact Jenny Farthing at 812-476-1306 or info@methodisttemple.church to be added to the calendar.



To all my MT friends and family!

Thank you so very much for making my birthday a very happy one. For all the cards & calls, flowers, food and texts - thank you!

God has blessed me with family, friends and good health for 93 years. God is good!

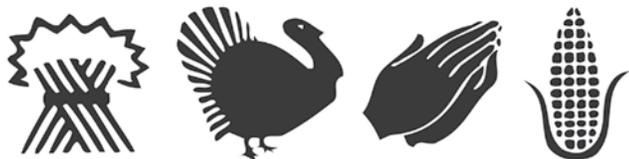
Love & Blessings,
Wanda Erwin

PUZZLE

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

God gives us many blessings every day. How can we thank him?

Directions: To complete the Bible verse below, follow the code and fill in the blanks.



A=1, B=2, C=3, D=4, E=5, F=6, G=7, H=8, I=9, J=10,
 K=11, L=12, M=13, N=14, O=15, P=16, Q=17, R=18,
 S=19, T=20, U=21, V=22, W=23, X=24, Y=25, Z=26.

" _____ will _____
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 and _____ with
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Just for Fun

Puzzle!

Unscramble the Christmas-themed words below, writing each extra letter on the blank to the right. Then place those extra letters in the correct spots below to discover what we receive at Christmas.

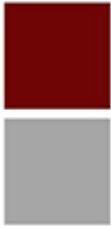


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