

Today, November 26, 2017

8:45 Traditional Worship (Friendship Hall)
9:45 Fellowship Time (Friendship Hall)
10:00 Sunday School Hour
10:50 Fellowship Time (Friendship Hall)
11:00 Contemporary Worship (Friendship Hall)
NO Youth

Monday – November 27, 2017

10:00 Adult Bible Study (Room 106)
6:30 TKD (Friendship Hall) & Boy Scouts (Room 107)

Tuesday – November 28, 2017

6:30 TKD (Friendship Hall)

Wednesday – November 29, 2017

9:00 Needle Group (Room 107)
5:30 Fellowship Meal (Friendship Hall)
6:00 Youth, Kids Club & Nursery
6:15 Adult Bible Study (Room 105) & Women's Ensemble/Jubilation (Room 107)
7:00 Choir Practice (Room 107)

Thursday – November 30, 2017

6:30 Praise Band Practice (Friendship Hall) & Boy Scouts (Rooms 105 & 106)

Friday – December 1, 2017

6:30 TKD (Friendship Hall)

Saturday – December 2, 2017

9:00 Compassionate Hands Workday
2:00 Elf Party (Friendship Hall)

Next Sunday – December 3, 2017

8:45 Traditional Worship (Friendship Hall)
9:45 Fellowship Time (Friendship Hall)
10:00 Sunday School Hour
10:50 Fellowship Time (Friendship Hall)
11:00 Contemporary Worship (Friendship Hall)
2:30 Look-see at the Sanctuary and refreshments
3:00 Charge Conference (Friendship Hall)
6:00 Youth

SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

NOVEMBER 19, 2017 Giving - \$6,080 & Total Attendance – **134**

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NOVEMBER 26, 2017

8:45 WORSHIP



Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

¹¹ For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹² As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³ I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴ I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. ¹⁶ I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. ²⁰ Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹ Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²² I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

²³ I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Cook's Announcements

ELF PARTY! You are invited to join us on Saturday, December 2nd from 2:00-5:00p in the Friendship Hall. What do you do at an elf party? We will decorate our worship space for the Advent Season. We will also celebrate the beginning of the season with the singing of our favorite carols and songs as well as breaking bread together by sharing our favorite nibbles. Please join us in the Friendship Hall at 2:00 p.m. and bring your favorite appetizer. Drinks and paper products will be provided. We'd love to see you there!

Charge Conference Join us on Sunday, December 3rd for our Charge Conference. The schedule will be as such:

2:30-3:00 p.m. look-see at the Sanctuary and refreshments

3:00-4:00 p.m. Charge Conference with our D.S., Rev. Scott Aleridge (including a before-and-after Sanctuary Renovation presentation)

Compassionate Hands will begin again at Cook's on Dec. 7. Cook's hosts every Thursday night so overnight volunteers would serve at the church from 6:30 pm Thursday night to 7 am Friday morning every third week. Laundry volunteers pick up the used linens on Friday morning and return them before the following Thursday. If you are willing to be an overnight host or work on the laundry team, please contact one of the Overnight Team Leaders (Eric Alspaugh, Greg Harris or Bob Johnson), Janet Driver, Laundry Team Leader, or Joyce Gaines, Compassionate Hands Coordinator.

Female Volunteers Needed For Compassionate Hands First Presbyterian has offered the house behind their church which they use as their host site for women on Thursday nights. They have a separate bedroom for the hosts, and cots and linens available for the guests. We need 6 female volunteers to make up 3 host teams for Thursday nights. Each team would have to host 5 nights during the winter, starting Dec. 7. Please see Joyce Gaines if you would like to volunteer or have questions.

Compassionate Hands Workday Saturday Dec. 2nd from 9:00 – 11:00 am to prepare for our guests. We'll be moving mats and other supplies from the mission shed. Mats will need to be wiped down, clothes and toiletries sorted, and the food closet stocked.

United Methodist Women Christmas Luncheon Tuesday, December 5th All women are invited to join our United Methodist Women's Group for lunch at The Chocolate Covered Strawberry Cafe in Gallatin. There is a sign-up sheet on the hall shelf. We will carpool from the church at 10:15 or you can meet us there.

Breakfast With Santa Saturday, December 9th 9:00 – 11:00 am Eat breakfast, visit with and have your picture made with Santa. There will also be craft time and story time. Bring your kids, grandkids, neighbors and friends to celebrate Jesus birthday.

Cook's Children's Christmas Play Sunday December, 10th 3:00 pm in the Friendship Hall. Cook's Kids & Parents to be at church by 2:00 pm to dress and rehearse. Come celebrate Jesus in the lives of Cook's Children with birthday cake after. Children that attend Sunday School and Wednesday Night kids club will have opportunities to practice small speaking lines and songs.

Wednesday Night Fellowship Meals Please pre-order and pay for your meals using the envelopes on shelf in the main hall or in the Friendship Hall. Place the envelopes with money in the offering plate or turn into the church office no later than noon the Tuesday before. There will be a limited amount of food for those that don't pre-pay. NOVEMBER MENU: 29th Pizza & Salad.

December Meetings / Activities

Compassionate Hands Workday – Saturday, December 2nd 9:00 – 11:00 am

Elf Party – Saturday, December 2nd 2:00 – 5:00 pm

Youth Last Minute Toy Store – Saturday, December 2nd 10:00 – 4:00 pm

Look-See – Sunday, December 3rd 2:30 – 3:00 pm

Charge Conference – Sunday, December 3rd 3:00 pm

Breakfast with Santa – Saturday, December 9th 9:00 – 11:00 am

Finance Team Meeting – Sunday, December 10th 4:00 pm

Cantata Rehearsal – Saturday, December 16th 9:00 – 11:00 am

Church-wide Breakfast – Sunday, December 17th 7:30 – 9:15 am

Office Closed – Monday, December 25th & Monday, January 1st

Abbreviated Office Hours – December 26th – 28th 10:00 – 12:00

If there is a meeting/activity not listed please notify the church office.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Celebrations

Great time at Chili Cook-off!
Lisa Dowling, school

Stephanie Burns, 18 years

Concerns

Brenda	Gertrude	Janette & Family	Judith	Mary Ann
B. J. Bryson	Debbi Hooper	Dick & Sybil Estes	Rick Ricketts	Alica Yoho
Ray Spivey	Thom Storey	Tammy Stansbery	Jaime Rochester	
Mary Elizabeth Webster	Lisa Worsham			
Carol Evans, family, friends & those searching for her				
Gladeville Baptist and others sustaining damage in tornado				

NOVEMBER 26, 2017
COOK'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Responsive Reading

Leader: God comes searching for us, seeking our response; like a shepherd, God watches over us.

Congregation: God provides for us all that we need; by still waters, God leads us to green pastures.

Leader: God gathers us from many backgrounds and traditions. God rescues us from the shadows of our scattered places.

Congregation: The worship of God restores our souls; the righteousness of God calms our fears.

Leader: God lifts us up to the mountain heights; here we are strengthened for life in the valley.

Congregation: Evil and death hold no terror for us; surely God's goodness and mercy will follow us.

***HYMN** *"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"* (vs. 1 & 2) # 64

ANTHEM

"Advent Alleluia"

Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S TIME

***SCRIPTURE**

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

MESSAGE

Shepherded by Love

HYMN

"Majesty, Worship His Majesty"

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OFFERTORY Please place prayer requests in offering plate Rick DeJonge
"Oh, For A Thousand Tongues To Sing"

***DOXOLOGY**

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***CREED: THIS I BELIEVE**

I believe I need a shepherd. Because I am sometimes timid and other times over confident, because I often don't know the best path yet pretend I do, because I rush into dead ends or lead others into hazardous places, because my brightest ideas are seamed with darkness, because the things I crave may not be what is good for me, I need a shepherd.

I believe in Jesus, the best possible shepherd; his wisdom leads me to the best opportunities, his word comforts me when I'm anxious or afraid, his arm steadies me when I feel weary and heavy-laden, his wounded body displays the cost of my rescue. I believe in Jesus, the best possible shepherd. I believe that I do not find him but he finds me, that I am under his care by virtue of sheer grace, the love he gives me is to be shared with others, that he treasures my name and prepares a place for me, that his fold transfixes earth and heaven. I trust Jesus, the good shepherd. Amen. (Bruce Prewer)

***GLORIA PATRI**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN**

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

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***BENEDICTION**

***HYMN**

"Blest Be The Tie That Binds"

***POSTLUDE**

*Please stand as you are able

Liturgist

Joyce Gaines