



# FIRST AND TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE CIRCUIT NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2020 CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Through Jesus Christ, we use our hearts, our minds, and our hands to meet the needs of God's people. We will prayerfully attend to our congregation, our community, and our world.

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## **Pastor Kim Speaking:**

"What are you thankful for?" In the season of harvest, it has been a very common and not a hard question. But the year of 2020 is somewhat different than before. During Pandemic, we experienced lockdown, lockout, layoff and quarantine. News have shown riots, violence, conflicts and divisions. Emotionally, we experienced isolation, disconnection, anxiety and frustration. In addition to that, seasonal natural disasters like wildfires and hurricanes didn't give us an exception. Now, what are we thankful for? It became a very hard question this year.

But to be thankful, our life doesn't have to be perfect. We only need a lens of gratitude through which we see everything and everyone around us. As you are reading or listening to this writing, you realize you have the ability to read or listen. We don't pay for the clean air to breathe, beautiful sunshine to feel and color-changing leaves to see. Knowing that about 785 million people in the world don't have clean water to wash or drink according to WHO/UNICEF in 2019, we're just overwhelmed by God's amazing grace.

But, at the same time, as privileged people, we also realize that we need to pay forward. Some people are used to receiving no matter how much they have. They are accustomed to take things from others and never give. On the other hand, there are people who love to give, perceiving their own blessings given by God. They are appreciative for people and things around them.

We, the Christians should wear the lens of gratitude to create the culture of thankfulness instead of a culture of anxiety, complaint or taking-for-granted. In the month of thanksgiving, at least, why don't you join us to be thankful intentionally and pay forward?



**"God is with us! Stay healthy! Stay connected!"**

Peace!

Rev. Young Je Kim

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**CHURCH  
OFFICE HOURS:**  
Monday thru Friday  
8:30 a.m-12:30 p.m.

## Items to Share

### Messages for November

- 11/1** (All Saints Sunday): "Gratitude: Belonging" (Ephesians 2:17-22)  
**11/8** (23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost): "Gratitude: Receiving" (Luke 17:11-19)  
**11/15** (24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost): "Gratitude: Devoting" (Luke 8:1-3)  
**11/22** (Thanksgiving Sunday): "Gratitude: Giving" (Luke 19:1-10)  
**11/29** (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, UM Student Day): "Almost Christmas: Altogether Peace" (Isaiah 9:6-7)

### November Calendar

- 11/1 (Sun): All Saints Sunday  
11/1 (Sun): Prayer Walk for Nation & peaceful Election @ 2 pm on the Southeast corner of Courthouse  
11/4 (Wed): "Ready, Action!" @ 3:30-5:00 pm  
11/7 (Sat): Carry Out Soup Supper, 5:00-6:30 pm  
11/8 (Sun): "Ready, Action!" praise dance performance  
11/10 (Tue): Trustees meeting @ 6:30 pm  
11/11 (Wed): "Ready, Action!" @ 3:30-5:00 pm  
11/18 (Wed): "Ready, Action!" @ 3:30-5:00 pm  
11/18 (Wed): Ad. Council meeting @ 6:30 pm in Fireside Room and Zoom  
11/21 (Sat): Thanksgiving basket distribution @ St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church 2:00  
11/22 (Sun): Thanksgiving Sunday  
11/25 (Wed): NO "Ready, Action!" (Thanksgiving Break)  
11/29 (Sun): UM Student Day, 1st Sunday of Advent

\*See calendar insert for additional days the church is being used.



#### **WOMEN IN MISSION**

Wed. Nov. 11 at 1:30 p.m. at Bethel  
Hostess: Mary Yoesel

#### **PARISH CIRCLE**

Mon. Nov. 16 at 7:30  
Hostess: Deb Stevens

#### **UMW**

Thur. Nov. 19 at 6:30 in Fellowship Hall  
Thank Offering Soup Supper

#### **FUMC Thanksgiving Offering 2020**

Even in the midst of Pandemic, we the Christians can be grateful for what our Heavenly Father has done and provided for us. And when we are truly thankful, we can become generous to others, knowing what we have are not ours but are given and lent by our creator. On this year's Thanksgiving Sunday (11/22), you are invited to give "Thanksgiving Offering" for the ministry of our church through which God has touched many lives. And we, the church will be grateful for your generous giving that will make a difference. You will receive a special envelope in the mail, in which you will find a card that you can write what you're grateful for this year. Return the card an offering to the Church by Nov. 22.

*Thank you in advance for your contributions!*

**Deadline** for the December newsletter is Nov. 19

**FUMC Commitment in 2021:** Each end of the year, our congregational focus is on preparing for next year's ministry. We ask you to consider how you will support your church with your Time, Talent, and Treasure as a faithful steward. We also ask you to make a commitment to our ministries with your commitment form which we'll distribute in the middle of November and dedicate on Commitment Sunday on December 13.

## Items to Share

### **Carry-Out Soup Supper** **Saturday, November 7, 2020 from 5:00-6:30**

This year's Lord's Acre Sale at First United Methodist Church is going to be a Lord's Acre Soup Supper. There will not be an auction this year. Due to the uncertainty of Covid-19 restrictions and in order to prevent its spread the Soup Supper will be drive-thru/pickup only. Please call Joyce Jones (402-245-3407) by Nov. 3 to reserve your soup. Everyone is welcome. Free Will Donations will be appreciated.



(In order to pickup, please enter parking lot, stop at North alley door while your order is loaded, and exit through alley onto 17th street.)

### **Veteran's Day Dinner**

Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2020—From 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
Carry-Out/Delivery Only at Legion Club, 721 Harlan  
Ham, Cheesy Potatoes, & Vegetable

Reserve your meal by Sunday, Nov. 4 by calling Marilyn Capps at  
402-245-5413

***Thank you for your service to our country!***



**St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church** (20th & Towle St.)

**Free Homemade Meal**

**Thursday, Nov. 26 from 11:00-1:00**

Carry-Out/Delivery Only

Reservations Encouraged, Drive-Ups Welcome

Call Church Office 402-245-3828 or Elysia McGill 402-801-0521  
before Nov. 25 to reserve your meal and pickup time.

### **Operation Christmas Child 2020**

A total of 76 shoeboxes (First & Trinity) were collected and dedicated on Oct. 11, 2020. The shoeboxes will soon be on their way to children in need around the world. Thank you to everyone who helped support this wonderful project in some way. For more information on this project and others through Samaritan's Purse go to [samaritanpurse.org](http://samaritanpurse.org).



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**Address Service Requested**

November  
2020

Falls City, Nebraska  
**First United Methodist Church**  
Sunday Worship - 10:30 am (Heard on Radio 1230 AM or 107.1 FM)  
Adult Bible Study Sunday 9:15 Children Sunday School during worship

Rulo , Nebraska  
**Trinity United Methodist Church**  
Sunday Worship - 8:45 am

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~Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors~