

Kern Memorial United Methodist Church

November 12, 2017, 11:00 am
Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost



Greetings and Announcements

***Entrance of the Cross/Organ Prelude** All Glory Be to God on High arr. Michael Burkhardt

Invocation

So much about the human condition is local, i.e., cultural, provisional, that it is not possible to generalize about what is true for everyone, everywhere. The genius of our gospel lesson for today, however, is that it directs our attention to what is arguably universal: the primordial experience of being-in-the-world. Whether one resorts to the classical idea of fate, or to the Jewish-Christian concept of providence, whether one thinks of history as cyclical or linear, human beings find themselves thrown into the flux of time, compelled to make their way forward in a world, the beginning of which (assuming that it has a beginning) is shrouded in mystery, the end of which (assuming it has an end) is a matter of conjecture.

So it is, Teacher, that we turn to your parables; so it is that with the resources of your wisdom at our disposal, we chart our course forward; so it is that with your 'spirit' to guide us we proceed into the unknown cautiously but not anxiously. Like the "lilies of the field", immortalized in your poem, may we find our peace and joy in the moment of our existence. **Give us this day our daily bread. Amen.**

***Hymn** When in Our Music God Is Glorified 68

For Help for the Forthcoming Day (from *The Book of Common Prayer*) 681

***Gloria Patri** 70

***Hymn** God of Love and God of Power 578

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Anthem

Offertory Sentence

No sooner does one crisis get resolved than another emerges. Have you noticed? The slate is never cleared. Hence, the Church is forever taking up an offering just because it is forever involved in crisis management. It's what we do. It's who we are. We acquaint ourselves with grief; we embrace suffering; we go to the aid of human beings in their distress. Would you like to join us?

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

***Doxology** 94

Children's Circle Julie Martin

***Hymn** Dear Jesus, in Whose Life I See 468

***Gospel Lesson: Matthew 25:1-13** Jim Keiser

Sermon "contingency and spirituality" Donald Morris

***Hymn** I Stand Amazed in the Presence 371

*Benediction/Choral Benediction

Postlude Toccata in G Théodore Dubois

*Congregation Standing

Announcements

NEXT SUNDAY—A Day of Ministry & Mission, November 19, 12:00–3:30 pm

Bring the whole family for a day of fellowship and service, next Sunday, November 19, from 12:00-3:30 pm. All activities will take place in the Family Life Center. **Please sign up on the 4th Quarter Ministry Sign-up form or on the bulletin tear-off to indicate how you will help.**

Stone Soup Lunch—Begins at Noon

There will be a Stone Soup Lunch available for those helping with the Thanksgiving basket distribution and decorating the church, as well as for those who come to receive baskets. Jeanetta is coordinating the meal, but needs servers and clean-up (kitchen, dishes, etc.) helpers. Donations toward the food are also appreciated.



Distribution of Thanksgiving Baskets (1:00-3:30 pm)



On this day we will put our hearts and hands together to distribute Thanksgiving baskets to our neighbors. We need help on the day of the distribution, as well as contributions of food and monetary gifts for the baskets. Please see separate flyers (throughout the church) for a list of suggested items. Kay Hamrick is coordinating this event.

Hanging of the Greens (12:30-2:00 pm)

Bring the entire family to prepare our church for the Advent season! Wendy and Alan Hohman are coordinating the decorating.



Thanksgiving Day Potluck Dinner



Rather than spending Thanksgiving alone, why not spend the day in the fellowship of others? Steve Ryman and Suzie Sauerwein are planning a meal at 1:00 pm on Thursday, November 23 in Kern's Family Life Center. Turkey and ham will be provided. Bring a side dish or a dessert to share. **Please sign up on the tear-off TODAY to indicate what you will bring and how many will attend.** Call Suzie Sauerwein (483-3219) for details.

Upcoming Youth Activities

December 3—Confirmation Classes begin, and will be held on Sunday mornings from 10:00-11:00 am.

December 10—Progressive Dinner (details TBD)

Watch for details, or see Alisha for more information.



Come Walk in the Christmas Parade with Us on December 9!



Kern will be participating once again in the Oak Ridge Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 9 at 6:00 pm. This year's theme is *A Toyland Christmas*, and our "float" will be a toy shop. We need people to walk behind the float, pulling wagons (from which you will hand out candy), and dressed up as "toys." In addition to walking in the parade, we also need people to lend us wagons to use. We will be notified of the meeting and line-up times closer to the time of the parade. **If you would like to participate, please sign up on the tear-off and let us know how you will help.**



En-Compass Ministry—4th Quarter 2017 Ministry Sign-ups—Due TODAY!

If you have not turned in a 4th quarter 2017 Ministry Sign-up Form, please turn it in today! This is our way of connecting people to Kern's big year-end events, as well as on-going ministries in which coordinators schedule people to serve. Forms are available in the Narthex, entry to the Family Life Center, and at the back of the Sanctuary. Ministry handbooks listing descriptions of all of Kern's current activities and service opportunities are also available. Questions and sign-ups may also be emailed to signup@kernumc.org. Please pray about how God may be calling you to get involved in the church, and let us know!

UMW BAKE SALE/MINI BAZAAR IN 3 WEEKS! BAKED GOODS, JEWELRY, BOOKS NEEDED!

The United Methodist Women's annual fundraiser, Bake Sale/Mini Bazaar, will take place on Saturday, Dec 2, starting at 9:00am. We look forward to your donations of all types of baked goods, jellies, "recycled" jewelry, and used books. Please bring donations of jewelry to the UMW room (room #1 near the Fellowship Hall) and books to the Prayer room #7. Please NO magazines, NO Readers Digest condensed books, NO National Geographics, NO encyclopedia, NO garage sale and NO "re-gift" items. If you are "crafting" new items for the bazaar, please notify Carla Giles (482-5935) ASAP so we can publicize your items.

PK HOPE IS ALIVE Parkinson Support Group will meet Tuesday, November 21 for our monthly meeting from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. We are pleased to have as our speaker Michelle Brewer, MD, the Medical Director of Cole Neuroscience Movement Disorders Clinic at UT Medical Center. Dr. Brewer will be talking to us about the latest developments in Parkinson's treatment, including the latest medications. Lunch will be provided by Acadia Pharmaceuticals. Come join us and learn something new every month. For more information see our website www.pkhopeisalive.org or call Alan Zimmerman 865-693-5721.

Church Council meets today at 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

United Methodist Women's General Meeting is tomorrow, Monday, November 13, at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Mary Martha Circle will host. New Pecans are available in the parlor for \$11 per pound. Get yours before they are gone. The Mary Martha Circle will meet Thursday, November 16, in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am.

Register Now for Camp Faith Spring Session



Registration is open now through December 15 for the Spring Session of our Camp Faith Preschool Ministry. Children ages 3-5 years are eligible to attend, and a Nursery is available for siblings, ages 6 weeks through 35 months. The spring session is January 9 through May 24. Classes are on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00 am to noon. An Activities Fee of \$80 is required per child. Contact Chanda Knight (455-4769 or chandak@kernumc.org) for registration forms and additional information.

Stephen Ministry

We have a wonderful volunteer who is willing to lead Stephen Ministry training for us at Kern Church if there is enough interest. If you are a current Stephen Minister or interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, please designate this **on the tear-off**. You may also talk to Ann Gentry or call the church office for details.

NEW RESOURCES IN THE KERN LIBRARY FOR SMALL GROUPS

Great Course Lecture Series

The Old Testament - Amy Jill Levine - 24 lectures

Great Figures of the Bible - Amy Jill Levine - 24 lectures

The New Testament - Bart Ehrman - 24 lectures

How Jesus Became God - Bart Ehrman - 24 lectures.

PARENTS CAN IMPACT TEENS

Be vigilantly aware of my teen's involvement with social media, friends, and family.

WEDNESDAY NITER DINNER MENU

The buffet line opens at 5:30 pm. Make reservations by **signing the tear-off** or by calling the church office by 12:00 noon on Monday. If you do not attend and did not cancel, you will be expected to pay. To order your meal as takeout, call the office by 4:00 pm on Wednesday.

Thanksgiving Meal

- Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes
- Green Bean Casserole, Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce
- Veggie Trays, Rolls
- Drinks: Coffee, Tea, and Lemonade
- Homemade Desserts

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Name

Phone

Email

Check here if new ___ or changed ___

DO NOT SEPARATE NAME FROM THE TEAR-OFF.

Place the tear-off in the offering plate.

Tear-off

WEDNESDAY NITER DINNER

Meal Reservations

- ___ Number of adults/children, 7 years & older — \$7.00
- ___ Number of children under age 7 — FREE
- ___ I would like to make this a Permanent Reservation. Family Cap — \$25.00 (immediate family/household)
- ___ I would like to pay for an additional meal(s) for someone who may not be able to afford one

THANKSGIVING POT-LUCK DINNER

- ___ Number of people attending
- ___ I will bring _____

STONE SOUP LUNCH (11/19)

- ___ I will help serve.
- ___ I will help with clean-up, dishes.
- ___ I will make a monetary donation.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS (11/19)

- I will help in the following ways:
- ___ donate # ___ basket(s) filled with food items from the list.
 - ___ donate \$35 for a basket.
 - ___ donate \$ ___ for turkeys.
 - ___ help distribute (11/19)
 - ___ I will bring _____

HANGING OF THE GREENS (11/19)

- ___ I will help decorate the church.

STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING

- ___ I am a Stephen Minister.
- ___ I am interested.
- ___ I need more information.

CHRISTMAS PARADE (12/9)

- ___ I will walk in the parade (dress up as a toy, pull a wagon, hand out candy).
- ___ I will lend a wagon to use for the parade.

This Week At Kern

Key: Sanctuary (S), Family Life Center (FLC), Narthex (N), EE Fellowship Hall (FH), Parlor (P), Theatre (T), Chapel/Prayer Room (C)

SUNDAY, November 12, 2017- Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

- 8:30 am** Early Worship Service (S)
- 9:00 am** Praise and Worship Service (FLC)
- 10:00 am** Sunday School Classes
- 11:00 am** Traditional Worship Service (S)
- 12:30 pm** Church Council (FH)
- 2:30 pm** HIS Puppet Ministry (Rm 12)

MONDAY, November 13, 2017

- 9:00 am** Monday Morning Maintenance (FH)
- 10:00 am** United Methodist Women's General Meeting (FH)
- 12:00 pm** Staff Meeting (P)
- 5:30 pm** Yoga (FLC)
- 5:30 pm** Crossroads Nurturing Parenting Classes (C)
- 6:30 pm** Venture Crew (N)
- 7:00 pm** Boy Scouts (FLC)

TUESDAY, November 14, 2017

- 9:00 am** Camp Faith (Rm 24/26/28/FLC)
- 10:00 am** Jesus and the Gospels (FH) (Canonical & Non Canonical)

WEDNESDAY, November 15, 2017

- 9:15 am** Yoga (FLC)
- 10:30 am** Mommy and Co. (FLC)
- 5:30 pm** Wednesday Niter (FLC) Thanksgiving Meal
- 6:30 pm** Impact Youth (Rm 18)
- 6:30 pm** Happy Hookers & Knit Wits (N)
- 6:30 pm** Adult Classes
- 6:45 pm** Chancel Choir (S)
- 7:00 pm** Praise Band (FLC)

THURSDAY, November 16, 2017

- 8:00 am** Prayer Partners (P)
- 9:00 am** Camp Faith (Rm 24/26/28/FLC)
- 10:00 am** Mary Martha Circle (FH)

FRIDAY, November 17, 2017

SATURDAY, November 18, 2017

SUNDAY, November 19, 2017- Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

- Noon** Stone Soup
- 1:00-3:30 pm** Thanksgiving basket distribution
Hanging of the greens
- 6:00 pm** Charge Conference (Central UMC, Lenior City)

Participants in Today's Service

Early Worship Greeter	Betty Hitchcock
Early Worship Acolyte	Caleb Bennett
Early Worship Reader	Caleb Bennett
P&W Parking Greeters	Don & Pat Cobb
P&W Scripture Reader	Jeanetta Nutter
Late Outside Greeter	Dennis Sauerwein/Tom Turley
Late Narthex Greeters	Ann & Larry Brown
Late Worship Acolyte	Raelynn Luke
Late Worship Crucifer	Caroline Miller
Children's Circle	Julie Martin
Late Worship Lay Reader	Jim Keiser
Proofreader	Michele Brandenburg
Offering Counters	Ann Farrar/Wes Sims

Participants in November 19, 2017

Early Worship Greeter	Sandy Bradshaw
Early Worship Acolyte	Traci Welch
Early Worship Reader	Troy Welch
P&W Parking Greeters	Wayne Fox/Lisa Fitzpatrick
P&W Scripture Reader	Chuck Agle
Late Outside Greeter	Norm Smyrl/Jimmy Stetzel
Late Narthex Greeters	Fred & Pat White
Late Worship Acolyte	Sophia Hughes
Late Worship Crucifer	Dawson Hughes
Children's Circle	Jessica Torrance
Late Worship Lay Reader	Sue Jacob
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2017 General Fund

General Fund offering (11-5-17)	\$13,466
General Fund YTD	\$432,602
General Budget 2017	\$547,617
Communion Offering	\$1,375
Thanksgiving Baskets	\$2,009
Holston Home	\$1,124



**NO Wednesday Niter Meal or Activities NEXT
Wednesday, November 22
Thanksgiving Holiday**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 11-12 Jim Giles, Chris Larson
- 11-13 Kayla Carico, Katie Parsons
- 11-14 David Bryant, Alan McNabb, Joe Parks, Kris Torrance
- 11-16 John Cox, Dean LeBlanc, Iris Shelton
- 11-17 Caroline Miller, Wanda Parks, James Sloan
- 11-18 George Smith
- 11-19 Mary Duggins, Sean Greene, D. J. Harvey, Jeanne Morales

