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November 2025

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From the Pastor

Dear ones,

You have read hundreds of words about discipleship this year.

In February, we learned that becoming a disciple is a process of transformation that happens in the local church through the practices of the local church.

In March, we learned that all human beings stand in need of divine grace. By the grace of God in the activity of the Holy Spirit, we are drawn into new relationship with God. The Holy Spirit works in us through the various means of grace to draw us deeper into renewed relationship with God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We learned that there are three means of grace that Wesley said were foremost: prayer, searching the scriptures, and receiving the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion). It is in the use of these that we are transformed as Christ's disciples and properly wait for his return.

In April, we looked more deeply at prayer and trusting the Holy Spirit to lead us in prayer, or even to pray for us (see Romans 8:26-27). At risk of oversimplifying, just speak to God. There is no need to "heap up empty phrases." Speak what is in your heart to speak.

In May, we thought about being disciples who, after disappointment (for the original disciples it was Jesus' death and for some of us disappointment came in the end of the separation process), are forced to wonder, "What are we supposed to do now?"

In June, we pondered the importance of the means of grace known as "searching the scriptures," meaning to study and meditate on them. It is the scriptures that reveal God to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and what God has done, is doing, and will do.

In July, we heard of the importance of the means of grace known as "Holy Communion" and its central place in the life of anyone who wishes to be a disciple of Jesus. After all, it is in the broken bread and cup that Jesus gives his very self to us.

In August, we spoke of the importance of the means of grace known as "works of mercy." It is in being merciful to others that we express our devotion to Jesus Christ and fall more deeply in love with Christ, who has been so merciful to us.

In October, we were reminded that in Matthew 11, Jesus invites us to come to him and find rest for our souls. In this he calls us to discipleship— a way of life that is no longer about serving the fleeting, but the truly eternal. To follow after Jesus and purposefully choose to live out his teachings in this world is to surrender to the notion that all is not lost to futility.

So now what?

First, if you missed any of those articles, I would ask that you take the time to read them. They are available on our website under the newsletter menu tab. I wrote those articles because I think that the information they contain can benefit all of us who want both a deeper understanding of Christ and to be filled with deeper affection for him.

Second, give yourself to the practices of the Church. 1 John 4:19 tells us "We love because he first loved us." The practices and graces spoken about in those "From the Pastor" articles are sure ways in which the Risen Christ gives us assurance of his love for us, as well as the assurance of salvation. The things that we do together such as worship, prayer, the Sacrament of Baptism, the Sacrament of Holy Communion, etc., are not things that pastors have dreamt up solely to make worship services longer. They are preserved because they mark the Church as the Church and they deepen our love for Christ. The Nicene Creed says that the Church is **one, holy, universal, and apostolic**. We are made



one with Christ through our **baptism** and therefore made one with each other. In the **Sacrament of Holy Communion** our bond to Christ and one another is renewed and we are made one in ministry to the world. By being made one with Christ we are set apart from the world for the purposes God, which is the true meaning of holy. By being made one with Christ, the things that separate us fall away. In Christ, there are no identity characteristics that can separate us—including gender and race. In this, the Church is truly universal as there is but one Christ and he cannot be divided. By being made one in ministry to the world we are prepared to be sent into the world to tell others the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection.

These and other marks of the Church show up in our *Book of Discipline*:

From *The Articles of Religion of the Methodist Church*:

Article XIII—Of the Church

The visible church of Christ is a congregation of faithful [people] in which the **pure Word of God is preached, and the Sacraments duly administered** according to Christ's ordinance, in all those things that of necessity are requisite to the same.

From *The Confession of Faith of The Evangelical United Brethren Church*:

Article V—The Church

We believe the Christian Church is the community of all true believers under the Lordship of Christ. We believe it is **one, holy, apostolic and catholic**. It is the redemptive fellowship in which **the Word of God is preached** by [people] divinely called, and **the sacraments are duly administered** according to Christ's own appointment. Under the discipline of the Holy Spirit the Church exists for the **maintenance of worship, the edification of believers and the redemption of the world**.

So, one answer to the question "now what?" is to simply be the Church as it is described in the definitions above and gather around the Word of God and the Sacraments. This is actually what the first Christians did. According to Acts 2:42, "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." Another important answer is to use the means of grace to learn and experience the grace of Christ so that we will begin to truly desire a deeper relationship with him. That happens as we learn the story (from Genesis to Revelation) of what God in Christ has done to reconcile the world to Godself. It happens as we pray and learn God's love and forgiveness. It happens as we worship and are reminded that we are not the center of creation. It happens as we are made one with Christ through the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. Lastly, I think that there is one very important step we can take, we can choose to intentionally go deeper than just being a believer in Christ. We can choose to respond to his invitation to follow him. For, that is what a disciple is, a follower of Jesus.

The good news is that Christ both invites us to follow him and, along with the Father, gives us the Holy Spirit to empower us to learn Christ, love Christ, and then actively follow him in the way that leads to life.

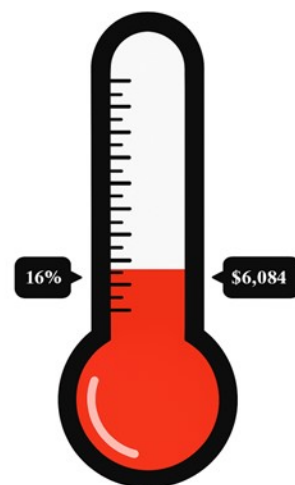
Press on in faith,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pastor Davis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



ORGAN FUND

GOAL 38,000



In addition to your regular giving, would you consider making a gift to offset the purchase of a new-to-us organ? If so, please mark your gift with the word "organ."

Flower Calendar for 2026

The yellow days are available for Sign-up!

Jan.	4	11	18	25	
Feb.	1	8	15	22	
Mar.	1	8	15	22	29
Apr.	5	12	19	26	
May	3	10	17	24	31
Jun.	7	14	21	28	
Jul.	5	12	19	26	
Aug.	2	9	16	23	30
Sept.	6	13	20	27	
Oct.	4	11	18	25	
Nov.	1	8	15	22	29
Dec.	6	13	20	27	



Happy Anniversary

11/04-Donnie & Neal Mahoney
11/20- Ron & Alice Jordan
11/27- Linda & Paul Younts
11/28- Billy & Betty Coffey
11/28-Buck & Dianne Sprott

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 All Saints Day 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 3:30 pm Robotics 4:30 pm Youth 7:00 pm Young Adult	3 8-12 MUMC Day School	4 8-12 MUMC Day School	5 8-12 MUMC Day School 3:00 CIA 6:00 Choir	6 8-12 MUMC Day School 5:30 Pilot Club	7 8-12 MUMC Day School	8
9 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 3:30 pm Robotics OCC Packing Party 4:30 pm Youth 7:00 pm Young Adult	10 8-12 MUMC Day School Blood Drive 6:30 pm United Methodist Men's Supper Appreciation Dinner	11 Veterans Day 8-12 MUMC Day School	12 8-12 MUMC Day School 3:00 CIA 6:00 pm Trustees Meeting 6:00 Choir	13 8-12 MUMC Day School 2:00 pm Jane Craft	14 8-12 MUMC Day School	15
16 Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Blessing 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 3:30 pm Robotics 4:30 pm Youth 7:00 pm Young Adult	17 8-12 MUMC Day School 5:30 Myrtle Strange Circle	18 8-12 MUMC Day School	19 8-12 MUMC Day School 3:00 CIA 6:00 pm Finance Com. 6:00 Choir	20 8-12 MUMC Day School	21 8-12 MUMC Day School	22
23 Christ the King Sunday 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 3:30 pm Robotics 4:30 pm Youth 7:00 pm Young Adult	24	25	26 27 Church Office Closed 8:30 am Love Feast	27 Church Office Closed 8:30 am Love Feast	28 Church Office Closed	29
30 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 3:30 pm Robotics 4:30 pm Youth 7:00 pm Young Adult						11/16 Emma Barwick 11/19 Paul Younts Jr., Matthew Burns 11/20 Kass Varn, Scott Wannamaker 11/21 Jan Toner 11/23 Seth Sexton 11/25 Bruce Powell 11/28 Gayle Davis



Iglesia Evangélica Metodista Unida del Ecuador

"We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing."

2 Thessalonians 1:3

Quito, October 2025

Mission Partners

Dear Friends,

With great joy, the Evangelical United Methodist Church of Ecuador (IEMUE) sends you a special greeting, we pray that the Lord will bless you, your family, and your congregation.

We thank God for all the daily blessings, and we especially thank God for your presence in God's mission in Ecuador. We appreciate your prayers, offerings, mission trips, and partnership. Your support significantly strengthens the ministries with children, construction of new churches, pastor's salary support, and mission work. Glory be to God, because together we work for the transformation of lives and communities in Ecuador.

The pastors and local congregations who were able to share and work with you remember you with great affection and keep you in their prayers. The presence of visiting and local mission volunteers gives testimony of their commitment; this has a great impact on the population, especially on the lives of children and young people.

This year, from March to August we have been blessed with the presence of 8 groups of Volunteers in Mission from different parts of the USA, carrying out construction work on 3 new churches, 3 existing churches, and the Methodist School; medical care was provided in 10 communities. They also participated in Discipleship workshops for youth leaders, an Encounter of women Pastors, a Retreat for Pastors and lay leaders, and a training on the development of resources for Children and Sunday School that continues via Zoom.

At the end of July 2025, the IEMUE held its General Assembly in which a new General Board, the administrative body of the Church, was elected for the next 4 years. In this assembly, the church called these people to serve in the following responsibilities: Bishop - Rev. Silvio Cevallos; National Treasurer - Rev. Carmen Castañeda, along with a team of leaders committed to God's mission. We ask you to keep us in your prayers.

Even amid great challenges due to the social and economic situation, migration, violence and poverty in our country, the Church continues to be called to give hope and witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We ask that we mutually pray for peace, love, solidarity and hope in Ecuador, USA and in the world.

In the love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sincerely,

Bishop Rev. Silvio Cevallos
IEMUE

Rev. Carmen Castañeda
National Treasurer IEMUE

Sara Flores
Missionary GBGM, serving in Ecuador

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Bishop Rev. Silvio Cevallos; Rev. Carmen Castañeda; & part of General Board IEMUE



Sunday School teachers training IEMUE – Ecuador

Our Prayer List Please remember the people below in your prayers. **This list is in continuous rotation, if you do not see your loved one on this list please call the church office and update us on their health.**

Carl Alewine	Geri Cannon	Ed Gamble	Julie & Gerald Lockhart	Ken Vickery
Karen Barfield	Larry Cramer	Lisa Gibbons	Tommy Lowder	Barbara Schade
Tyson Bradshaw	Ann Cutter	Lou Holladay	Brandon Herlong	Family of Rev. Debra Quilling Smith
Virginia Brewer	Jim Daniel, Jr.	Mary Howard	Linda Rogers	Hallie Williamson Smith
Jake Buddin	Carol Gavin	Jaden Johnson	Sandy Saxton	Hollis Wilson
Paul Butler	Artie Felder	Family of Betty Loadholt	Carrie Anna Strange	Rod Wilson

Please remember to Pray for our members who are living away from home, in the **military, or who have limited mobility:**

Betty Black	Liz Denny	Margaret Lee
Joe Brewer	Cameron Dodge	Neal Mahoney
Isabelle Brown	William (Artie) Gamble	Joan Odom
Brenda (Dedee) & George Clark	Woody Haynes	Helene Patnode
Rosella Daniels	Bo King	Margaret Robertson
June Davis	Wilson Lepp	Cliff Toner

2025 Tithes & Offering		
Needed Each Week	\$ 9,932.62	
	Received Weekly	
Oct. 5	\$ 8,654.45	
Oct. 12	\$ 4,537.58	
Oct. 19	\$ 3,732.00	
Total Received	\$ 16,924.03	
Needed Year to Date		\$ 300,903.15
Total Received YTD		\$ 417,170.11
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Date	Worship Attendance
Oct. 5	9:30 am Sunday School— 56 Worship 10:30 am — 103
Oct. 12	9:30 am Sunday School— 38 Worship 10:30 am — 88
Oct. 19	9:30 am Sunday School— 53 Worship 10:30 am — 106
Oct. 26	9:30 am Sunday School— 40 Worship 10:30 am — 78



EPWORTH IS GROWING.....This Fall a new family support and community wellness begins as Epworth's FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER (FRC) opens

its doors. This center is designed to be a welcoming hub for families seeking guidance, assistance and connection. The FRC focuses on abuse and neglect prevention services, offering families vital support before challenges escalate. Beth Williams, President and CEO at Epworth, says "The Family Resource Center is more than just a place to access services...it is a place to build stronger families and stronger communities."

Lauren Tinman, chief strategy officer at Epworth, says "Our goal is to meet families where they are and walk alongside them. By bringing multiple resources together under one roof, we are removing barriers and giving families the tools they need to build resilience and stability. Families don't have to navigate life's challenges alone. The FRC is here to connect them to resources, support their growth, and help them thrive."

MUMC members are happy for this growth in helping families and are proud that our church supports Epworth with our financial gifts.

Volunteers Needed!!

Manning United Methodist Church Thanksgiving Love Feast

Thanksgiving Day Nov. 27th, 2025 8:00 am-11:00 am

Serving 300+ people in Clarendon County

Please check if you can help with the following areas and place in the offering plate. Thank you!

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

_____ Make a dessert and have it individually wrapped.
Drop off before Thanksgiving day or the morning of by 8:00 am.

_____ Carve Turkeys 8:00 am

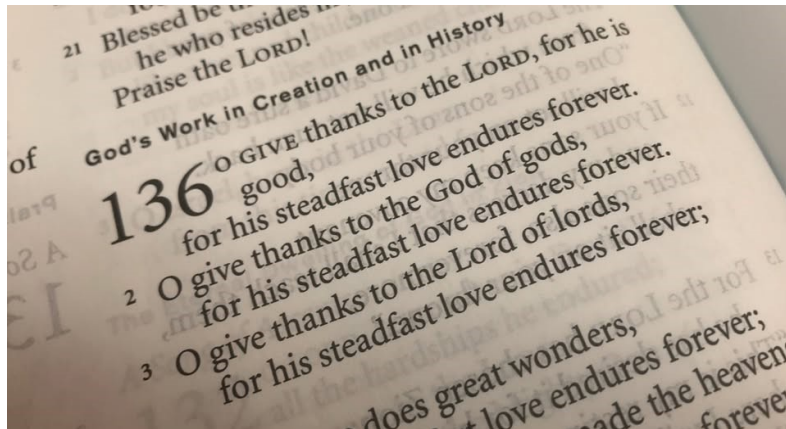
_____ Help Cut Desserts 8:00 am

_____ Help fix to-go plates 8:30 am

_____ Divers to deliver to houses 9:15 am

_____ Work in the Kitchen 9:00 am

*This year we do not need any monetary donations.
We have collected enough over the years.
Thank you MUMC for your continued support.



Community Joint Thanksgiving Service
Manning PC—1st Baptist— Manning UMC
Sunday Nov. 23rd
at Manning UMC at 6:00 pm

We are looking for people to read scripture during this Advent season. If you would like to be involved in worship please let Linsy know which Sunday you would like to read for this Advent season.

1st Advent Nov. 30th
2nd Advent Dec. 7
3rd Advent Dec. 14
4th Advent Dec. 21
Christmas Eve Dec. 24th



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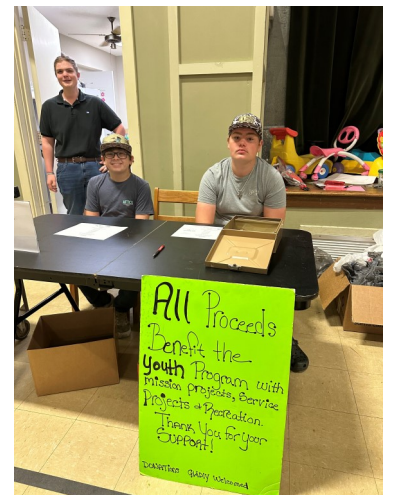
Happy Birthday Pastor David



The Back Page November 2025



Our yard sale
total was: \$3,3091.70
Thank you to all who
donated and helped!



Meet our robotics Team: the Flamingobots

