

Grand AveNews

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Building Faith,
Bringing Hope,
Reaching Out in
love

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All Saints Sunday

We will celebrate "All Saints Sunday" on November 1. This is a growing tradition, even among denominations who do not venerate any particular saint. "The saints" in New Testament usage refers to Christians collectively; they are ordinary people in whom God's extra-ordinary grace has been revealed. As we celebrate, we recall in particular the lives of those who have died since our last All Saints celebration. We remember our communion with those who have gone before us. We celebrate the contributions they have made helping us to be who we are today. And we look forward to the communion we will share with all who are to follow.

Please join us in remembering:

Doris Ann Adcox / May 27, 1942 - November 14, 2019

Isabelle Jane Arman / November 19, 1935 - November 15, 2019

Katherine Kennedy / May 30, 1953 - November 21, 2019

Margaret "Charlene" Shehane / date of death December 11, 2019

James Sidney Latture / April 13, 1923 - December 14, 2019

Margaret Harrison Hubbard / September 22, 1930 - December 23, 2019

Martha Ann Fikes / September 13, 1925 - February 15, 2020

Donna Martin / November 16, 1933 - September 13, 2020

As we worship, a candle will be lit and a bell will be tolled in memory of each of these loved ones. You will likewise be invited to lift the memory of others who have recently entered the church triumphant, and stand in their honor.

A Note from Staff Parish Relations Committee

gratitude

It is the time of year where thoughts and hearts turn to gratitude, hope, joy, peace, and love. We at Grand Avenue United Methodist Church are blessed with an amazing staff. The Staff Parish Relations Committee invites the congregation to

consider an additional donation for staff Christmas gifts during the next several weeks as a token of thanks for their work. If you choose to participate, please write "Staff Christmas" on the memo of the check. Donations should be received by Sunday, December 13.

Letter to the Congregation of Grand Avenue United Methodist Church

October 28, 2020

Dear Grand Friends,

The church building has been opened for three Sundays for in-person worship, and we hope those who have chosen to be present have been blessed by their return. The Re-Launch Committee is grateful to each of our members volunteering to greet, usher, and sanitize so our sanctuary is a safe place to worship. These jobs are quite different, but our church is up to the task of making sure we are caring for one another. We also appreciate and acknowledge the congregation for complying with our building policies while you are in the building. Garland County has set a new record high for COVID cases this week. More than ever, we ask that everyone keep practicing the health guidelines while in the building for meetings, rehearsals, Sunday School, and worship. In November, we will continue observing the following policies:

- Sunday School will **not** meet on Sunday. However, the Fellowship Hall can be reserved by calling the church office on other days of the week.
- No children's classes, nursery, or activities at this time. Children will sit in their family group during worship.
- Masks will be worn correctly (covering both nose and mouth) while in the building.
- Temperatures will be checked at the door.
- Physical distancing is required and assisted by ushers for Sunday services.
- Hand sanitizer is available throughout the building.
- No refreshments will be served inside the building.
- Pre-registration for Sunday worship is suggested for faster entrance into the building and preparation of the sanctuary. However, it isn't required. If you forget to call the church office to register from Tuesday through Thursday each week, you can still come to the greeter to be asked a few questions and have your temperature checked. Ushers will seat people as long as physical distancing can be observed. We keep track of everyone that comes into the building for contact tracing purposes.
- On-line worship, music, and studies will continue for those choosing to worship from home.
- Table of Grace continues to serve from the Quapaw doors. No one will be entering the building except for the volunteer workers identified by the team leader.

Grace and Peace and Health to all,



Administrative Council Chairperson 2020
and GAUMC ReLaunch Team



Pastor



Commitment Sunday 2020



Rev. John Fleming brings the message of Faith, Hope, and Love on Commitment Sunday 2020.

Grand Avenue's stewardship campaign is wrapping up for another year. Pastor David's brother, Rev. John Fleming - District Superintendent for the Northeast District - delivered the sermon, after which members offered their commitment forms as an act of worship, pledging to support the church with their prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness in 2021. Following the service, members picked up a beautiful candleholder/candle with the words "Faith, Hope, Love" on the glass holder as a gift of appreciation for their commitment. They also received a take-out box lunch.



Carol & Mark Scrivner, Terry & Sheila (not pictured) McLarty ready to distribute gifts and meals.

A special thanks goes to the following: Rev. John Fleming for being our guest preacher; Sheila McLarty who served as team leader and coordinated the meals; Pastor David for helping with many details of the campaign; Carol Scrivner and Carla Haynie for creating the beautiful candle gifts; Carol & Mark Scrivner and Terry & Sheila McLarty for distributing the meals and gifts; Carol Dickinson for analyzing and organizing financial information; Linda Stanley and Chris Headley for communications and administrative duties. In addition there were several people who took the time to speak to the congregation via video on the importance of pledging to support the church. For this we thank Karla Hefty, Lee Calloway, Bob & Ellen Clements, Linda Stanley, Bill & Mary Kratz, Katie Potts, and Pastor David.

Finally, thank you to everyone who turned in their commitment card. Your gifts enable Grand Avenue to "Build Faith, Bring Hope, and Reach Out in Love" in 2021.



Join Us for Holy Communion, November 1

On Sunday, November 1, we will celebrate Holy Communion, at both in-person worship and online. If you are attending in-person worship, you will receive a self-contained communion cup as you enter. We will celebrate The Great Thanksgiving during the worship service.

If you prefer to stay at home, before the time of the service prepare some bread and cups of juice. We also invite you to create an atmosphere of worship as you join us online by lighting a candle, placing a flower or plant nearby, and surrounding yourself with photographs or other mementos that remind you of your relationship to God and to others in God's name. Pastor David will bless the elements on Facebook Live at 10:00 a.m.

If you wish to partake of communion on your porch or patio, call the church to make an appointment (501) 623-5626.



Sign up now for Sanctuary Flowers in 2021

A new flower calendar for 2021 has been created. If you would like to place flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, or in celebration of a special occasion, call Chris in the church office at (501) 623-5626. The cost of the flowers is \$38.33 (the same as this year).

Remember Your Endowment Fund

It is easy to get caught up in the covid-19 era, isn't it? You also have a national election in progress. This is just a short piece to remind ourselves to also keep our endowment fund in mind. With two months to go this year, we could go out with a good performance.

We all begin to think of our blessings this time of the year. What a blessing the Endowment Fund could be to our church in the coming years if we work to build it. Please remember your endowment fund in your giving.

Dickey Cooley
Endowment Fund Chairperson

Poinsettia Order Form

Help us beautify our sanctuary this Christmas season by placing a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one. This year we will have red poinsettias in 8-inch foil wrapped pots. The cost of each plant is \$16. (Make checks payable to Grand Avenue UMC.) Please place your order by noon on Tuesday, November 25.

_____ In Honor of _____

_____ In Memory of _____

Given by _____

Cash _____ Check _____ Amount Paid _____



Operation Christmas Child Relay Center



**Call the church office
to volunteer to work the
Operation Christmas
Child
Relay Center.**

Once again Grand Avenue will be the relay center for people in our area to drop off their shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. We will be open every day from Monday, November 16 through Monday, November 23. We need volunteers to receive visitors with their shoeboxes, check and load the boxes for shipment to the Little Rock collection center. We are asking volunteers to work three-hour shifts. The work schedule is as follows:

Mon, Nov 16	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Tues, Nov 17	1:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Wed, Nov 18	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Thurs, Nov 19	9:00 am - 12:00 noon
Fri, Nov 20	9:00 am - 12:00 noon
Sat, Nov 21	11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Sun, Nov 22	1:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Mon, Nov 23	9:00 am - 12:00 noon

Card Shower for Anne Marie Butt

Every Spring we celebrate our graduates...except this Spring we were sheltered in and trying to keep the virus away. Anne Marie Butt graduated from Bismarck High School and we had planned to celebrate with her in September. That is not something that we can do right now so we are planning a card shower for her. We are asking the congregation to "shower" Anne Marie with cards and gifts in the months of October-November to show her how special she is to Grand Avenue. Anne Marie's plans are to become involved in the Adult Program at First Step school. Her address is:

Anne Marie Butt
2675 Caddo Drive
Bismarck, AR 71929



Honorarium
Received in October 2020
In honor of ...
Mary Tom Taylor by David Fleming & Karla Hefty

**During November
Outreach is collecting
Vienna sausages.**



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**Grand Avenue's
Annual Community
Thanksgiving Meal**

**Take-out meals only
featuring traditional
Thanksgiving turkey,
dressing, sides, and dessert**

**Open to all on
Thanksgiving Day
11:00 am to 12:30 pm**

**Watch for details
coming soon!**

(Donations of pies and desserts appreciated!)

