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Thanksgiving is this month so our Bible verses are about our gratitude to God our Savior and Christ Jesus

7 Bible Verses About Thanksgiving

"In Everything Give Thanks"

Number	Main Point	Meaning
1	**We Give Thanks in Everything** (1 Thessalonians 5:18)	Gratitude in all circumstances honors God and strengthens our trust in His sovereign plan.
2	**We Give Thanks in Prayer** (Philippians 4:6)	Thanksgiving in prayer replaces anxiety with peace and acknowledges God's control over our needs.
3	**We Give Thanks in Worship** (Psalm 100:4)	Gratitude prepares our hearts for worship and celebrates God's goodness and presence.
4	**We Give Thanks in Holiness** (Ephesians 5:4)	A thankful heart shapes our speech and behavior, promoting purity and godly living.
5	**We Give Thanks in Living** (Colossians 3:17)	Gratitude transforms everyday work and actions into acts of worship that honor Christ.
6	**We Give Thanks in Goodness** (Psalm 107:1)	Remembering God's steadfast love inspires heartfelt praise and acknowledgment of His faithfulness.
7	**We Give Thanks in All Things** (Ephesians 5:20)	Constant thanksgiving reflects a life anchored in God, glorifying Him in trials and triumphs alike.

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Did you know that every month that has Five Sundays, you have an opportunity to help the children at Risiding Hope, the Methodist Children's Home?

NOVEMBER HAS 5 SUNDAYS!!!

No matter how large or small the offering, every cent goes to help a child at their facilities in central and north Florida. All you have to do is make a note on your check or envelope and your monies will go directly to Residing Hope.

Remember, your gift can make an impact on those children's lives.

I'd like to invite you to our upcoming Administrative Council Meeting. Unless otherwise noted, the Council usually meets on the third Tuesday each month at 6:00 pm in the Trinity Room of the LEC. We try to keep our meeting time to 1 or 1-1/2 hours max. It is here that you can come and just listen or voice any concerns, comments, or suggestions you may have. It also is a way for you to be "in the know" as to what the other church committees are doing.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 17, 2026. If you have any questions, please feel free to call, text or email me. Any church member is welcome to attend!

Shelley Davidson
Administrative Council Chairperson

Christmas Box time is finally here!

We will be packing boxes after the Children's Sermon on Sunday, November 1 and Sunday, November 15. Children and youth, ages pre-k through high school, will be packing the boxes. This is a very special Sunday so please bring your children to help pack.

If you would like to pack a box at home with your child, we have a few left, so contact Ninette or myself for a box and packing instructions. Our team is still in need of money for shipping. If you would like to help, please write a check to the church and write Christmas boxes in the corner. Please keep the recipients of these boxes in your prayers. Children only receive one box from Samaritan's Purse during their lifetime so we want these boxes to be very special. We believe that these boxes are a beautiful gift for needy children so please come and help pack!

Janet Way

Hi! My name is Heidi Jameson and I'm a Licensed Mental Health Counselor offering telehealth and in-person counseling - right here in the building (First Methodist Clewiston)! My specialties include Autism, ADHD, and other neurodivergencies; Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy; and Adoption and Foster issues.

But wait! There's more! Our counselors can also help with life stress, depression, anxiety, relationship conflicts, chronic illness/pain, grief, and suicide prevention. We take most majorinsurances and have a sliding scale based on financial need for those choosing private pay. For more information, please check out our website.

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Website: http://TheMangroves.net

Clewiston Senior High School, Public Service Academy students are serving dinners in the LEC on the 1st Wednesday and 3rd Wednesday of each month.

On Wednesday November 4 they will be serving Italian subs with salad and desserts. Come on out and support these great kids as they earn money towards their goals.

A small group attended our Mission dinner in October where we served Breakfast for Dinner with shrimp and grits! We raised $600 for St. Matthew's House in Naples.

Our grill team will prepare barbecued chicken with all the fixings for our November dinner which will be on the second Wednesday, November 11. The ladies from the Agape Home in Moore Have will be our guests that evening.

Please keep our dear missionaries, Delbert and Sandy Groves, in your prayers, as they have recently lost their son.

Sandy Stitt

On October 5 the B&B Believers group came together for a very special gathering. Twenty-eight Believers joined as one to celebrate and honor Rene and Doreen Malbog's quarter of a century food ministry that feeds so many in Rene's hometown of Pozorrubio, Philippines.

We all listened intently as Rene shared with us of his early upbringing in the then small town, which is more than nine-thousand miles from Clewiston, literally half way around the world. As he freely opened his heart to us, he spoke of his meager early days as a child, explaining that his family was poor and, on many days, lacked enough food to eat. They often shared a cup of rice between the five of them, which they'd conserve due to the fact that when the next meal was going to be available was never known.

The one thing that was always present though, was love and God's hand actively working in his life. As Rene shared his Mom's struggle with a terminal disease in his youth, he witnessed a true miracle when God healed her bringing her back after the doctor's pronounced her gone from this earth. Thirty years later, through an early morning audible conversation between God and Rene, God let his child, Rene, know that it was time for his Mom to go home to Him. Clearly worshipping his Lord, Rene praised God, thanking Him for the 30 years God blessed both Rene and his Mom with together here on earth. A son thanking his Father for his goodness and blessings.

It was another early morning discussion with Jesus that prompted the beginning of the food ministry that is still feeding at least 110 families in Pozorrubio today. After praying to his Lord and Savior of what Rene could do at Christmas for his Lord Christ Jesus, again the clear and audible answer came in the early morning hours. "A bag of food for those in need", was Jesus' 3:00 AM answer to Rene's prayer nearly three decades ago. Through their obedience and faith of that very answer from Jesus, the Christmas food ministry that Rene and Doreen began has grown from feeding one or two families, to fifty, then seventy-five and this year they anticipate feeding over one hundred families. In **James chapter 2**, Jesus' brother James writes: **15** Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes or daily food. **16** If one of you says to them, go in peace, keep warm and well fed, but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? **17** In the same way, faith by itself, if not accompanied with action is dead. What is Jesus asking of you today? With prayer, obedience, faith, coupled with His never-ending love and goodness, allow Him to guide your actions to act out your faith and make a difference. You will bless and change someone's life forever.

Our next B&B gathering will be on November 2 at 6:00 pm and will tentatively be held at the JPE office. If you are looking for a fun, relaxed atmosphere to learn about Jesus and fellowship with other Believers, B&B might be for you. Invite a friend to give B&B a try and join us in 2026. If you have any questions about our meetings or want to be added to the email distribution list for upcoming meetings, call John Wellslager at 863-228-1724 or email at johnw@jimmypittmanelectrical.com.

Blessings, ***John Wellslager***

FELLOWSHIP of Believers

November Highlight: Packing Shoeboxes for Christmas!!!

October was a wonderful month for our First Kids Program. The children learned that placing their faith in Jesus leads to a great new life. To deepen their understanding of this month's Bible stories, the children also built houses, castles, and an imagined heaven out of giant Lego-style blocks (see pictures below).

This November, First Kids will:

Pack shoeboxes with Christmas gifts on 11/1 and 11/18
Discover why "God deserves my praise every day because He loves me in such a BIG way."

This Month's Bible Verse is ...
Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good. His faithful love continues forever.
1 Chronicles 16:34

Please join me and pray for our children, volunteers, and their parents as they learn to follow His voice and see our God's powerful merciful hand in history and future of our world.

Doreen Malbog
First Kids Ministry







LIMITLESS
YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Group meets on the Last Sunday each Month in the Life Enrichment Center from 5:00 pm until 6:30 pm for FOOD FAITH FUN!!!

Insert Side "A"

The 2026 General Conference of the Global Methodist Church recently concluded in Johannesburg, South Africa. One item considered was a new doctrinal standard based on the Articles and Confession of our predecessor denomination authored by the Commission on Discipleship, Doctrine, and Just Ministry. This Commission was tasked with combining the Methodist Articles of Religion, created by John Wesley from the Anglican Thirty-nine Articles of Religion (circa 1571), with the Evangelical United Brethren's Confession of Faith. The hope was to form a more theologically precise, concise, and coherent statement of Wesleyan belief.

The Commission was co-chaired by Dr. David F. Waston, president of Asbury Theological Seminary, and Dr. Jason Vickers of George W. Truett Theological Seminary. They led an international group of men and women that included people who had spent decades thinking and writing about orthodox Wesleyan doctrine. They submitted a draft to the Assembly of Bishops. Once they received the feedback they worked through every comment. After revising the document, it was published for public comment. They received considerable feedback and worked through each comment before submitting the revised document for consideration by the General Conference. The General Conference miraculously approved the new Articles of Faith unanimously. These new articles are scripturally faithful, historically sound, and constitute a tremendous gift to the church.

The Powerlines Newsletter will publish the 15 Articles of Faith, a few each month, until each of them has been featured.

Scott Jones

THE ARTICLES OF FAITH OF THE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

The Articles of Faith prescribe the normative doctrinal standards of the Global Methodist Church. To that end, they are both consistent with the creedal tradition of the church universal and express our church's particular Wesleyan-Methodist emphases and concerns, as well as our theological heritage of faith. The Articles of Faith are constitutive standards that declare the "faith once for all entrusted to the saints" (Jude3) and serve as a guard against false teaching by providing a basis for the praise and honor of God in faithful instruction that orients us toward a life of service to God's kingdom.

I. THE HOLY TRINITY

We believe in one holy and living God, everlasting, without body or parts, Creator of all things visible and invisible. He is infinite in power, wisdom, justice, goodness and love, and rules with gracious regard for the well-being and salvation of all, to the glory of his name. We believe the one God reveals himself as he is: three persons, distinct but inseparable, eternally one in being, majesty, power, and glory: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Insert Side "B"

II. JESUS CHRIST

We believe in Jesus Christ, truly God and truly human, the eternal Word made flesh, whom the divine and human natures are perfectly and inseparably united, without division, confusion, or change. As to his divine nature, he is of one and the same substance as the Father. As to his human nature, he is of one and the same substance as us, yet without sin. The only eternally begotten Son of the Father, he was born of the Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit. He truly suffered, was crucified, died for our sins, and was raised bodily from the dead. Having ascended to the throne of heaven, he is our eternal Savior and Mediator who reigns over all things and will return in glory to judge the living and the dead. We believe God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself. The offering of Christ, once made, is the perfect atonement, redemption, propitiation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world, both original and actual; and there is no other satisfaction for sin.

III. THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who proceeds eternally from the Father and the Son. He is of the same substance as the Father and the Son and is coequal with them in majesty, power, and glory. As very and eternal God, he is worthy of our worship and praise. The Spirit convinces the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment. He testifies to Jesus Christ, leads us to faith in him, and incorporates us into the Church. With the Father and the Son, the Holy Spirit distributes gifts and empowers the Church with everything needed to fulfill its mission in the world. A deposit guaranteeing the glory to come, he comforts and sustains the faithful and guides us into all truth, bearing witness with our spirits that we are children of God.

IV. CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

We believe that the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—created all things out of nothing, and nothing has been made that was not created as an act of God's will. All that the triune God creates is good, and he made all things as a free expression of his perfect love. God continuously upholds, governs, and sustains all creation by his power and wisdom. Human free will and responsibility operate within this providential framework.

V. HUMAN NATURE

We believe that human beings were created in the image and likeness of God, and that human nature was created good and endowed with dignity. We were made to love and glorify God in his perfect goodness, to love others, and to desire and work for their good. God created us male and female and designed us for family, community, and the stewardship of his good creation. We are now fallen into the corruption of sin and are very far gone from the state of original righteousness. Yet we remain of inestimable worth to God.

First Methodist Church Clewiston
Finance Report for August 2026

The attached financials reflect the activities of our church's giving, expenditures, and reimbursements for the month of August, 2026.

General giving totaled $17,872.56 for the month, with an additional $2,430.80 received in Special Funds for a total giving of $20,303.36.

Total disbursements were $28,493.34 for the month. The overall balance of $190,376.53 for August, 2026 is up by $26,485.08 from August, 2025 mostly due to Special Fund giving.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Whidden
Finance Director



First Methodist Church of Clewiston
Bank Report
January 1, 2026 through August 31, 2026

	August		Year to Date	
	2026	2025	2026	2025
General Fund				
Beginning Balance	-30,162.27	-16,527.43	0.00	8,467.28
Offering	17,872.56	15,917.20	119,389.64	112,328.45
Disbursements	16,860.47	17,213.14	148,539.82	138,619.10
Ending Balance	-29,150.18	-17,823.37	-29,150.18	-17,823.37
Special Funds				
Beginning Balance	228,728.78	183,297.92	197,846.22	187,204.86
Offering	2,430.80	4,295.00	59,688.27	31,490.78
Disbursements	11,632.87	5,878.10	38,007.78	36,980.82
Ending Balance	219,526.71	181,714.82	219,526.71	181,714.82
Total on Deposit	**190,376.53**	**163,891.45**	**190,376.53**	**163,891.45**

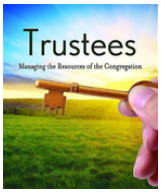


GriefShare is having a one hour special event entitled "Surviving the Holiday's" on Thursday, November 5 at 6:30 pm in the Youth Room of the LEC.

They also continue to meet until December 15 on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm., also in the Youth Room.

W.I.N.G.S.
Women IN God's Service

Our W.I.N.G.S. meeting for November will be the Cyndi Grace Ladies of the Glades Women's Conference on Friday, November 6 and Saturday, November 7 here at FMC. Hope you can attend!



Hello! I hope everyone is doing well going into the Holiday Season.

Some of you may have noticed a few projects going on around the campus. Our wonderful ladies had some of the old shrubs replaced in front of the Sanctuary last month. They look really nice and should fill in with time and look very good.

We had the door by the Library and Radio room repaired and painted and it turned out very nice. Joe Lee and Kathy Caulkins purchased a new flagpole in honor of their parents that we installed in front of the Sanctuary by the corner signage. Ninette Aker found someone to pressure clean the sidewalks and repaint the handicap parking spots. I really appreciate all of them for their help.

Having said that there are some things that we are having done at the two rental houses that you probably have not noticed. The Arcade rental is vacant right now so we have put on a new metal roof, replaced the living room floor and repaired some rotten wood on the outside of the house and completely painted inside and out. We should be able to find new tenants very soon once all the work is complete.

At the WC Owen rental, we are having to replace the duct work and because of the damage and scope of this work we are going to have to replace a bunch of the drywall in the living room. All of this work has been needed to be done and right now with the one house being vacant we decided to go ahead and do it all at once. Having said that everyone knows this is not cheap. I'd like to ask if anyone feels led to maybe make an extra offering between now and the end of the year, it would be very helpful and will go a long way.

I would also like to say if anyone would like to be a trustee for next year please let me know. I will be working out the usher calendar for 2027 over the next month. I'd like to thank everyone in advance for the continued help and support.

Lee Sweet



SUNDAY DRIVE

Performing on Thursday, December 10

in the Life Enrichment Center

at 7:00 pm

Love Offerings Accepted

Sunday Drive is a multi-Dove Award nominated group from Knoxville, TN composed of Jeff Treece and his wife, Misty, and brother, Dusty. The group is known for their smooth harmonies and Misty's rich, Karen Carpenter-style vocals.

Having garnered multiple Vocal Group and Entertainer of the Year Honors, they have performed alongside such artis as the Gaither's, Ernie Haase & Signature Sound The Oakridge Boys, David Crowder and Bid Daddy Weave. Sunday Drive provides a veteran entertainment and worship experience with a fresh and unique style. Their goal is to present a joyful and upbeat experience that uplifts and encourages, while taking the audience's mind off of everyday life struggles. Whether with a three-minute song or in an entire concert, Sunday Drive strives to be a light to the world and to share the good news to their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

AND GUESS WHAT!! THEY ARE RETURNING TO US!
THEY WILL BE HERE ON CAMPUS ON
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10 AT 7:00 PM

Instead of having our Mission Dinner on Wednesday, December 9 for our Sister Church in Cuba, we have decided to combine these two events into one evening of dining and entertainment. Dinner will start at 5:30 pm instead of 6:00 pm so try to be on time!



Pastor's Corner



PRAY FOR OUR YOUTH

We recently voted, through our church's Administrative Council, to include a representative from our Youth Group to sit and have voice and vote on the board. This feels so right to me.

After teaching Bible and U.S. History in the local Christian School, I have seen reason to hope in the youth of America. We have folks involved heavily in the Future Farmers of America; and those choosing the great route of being mentored and employed through U.S. Sugar or other vocational opportunities. We also have a number of young persons choosing a range of academic endeavors through colleges in-state and abroad; and young persons choosing to serve our country in our armed forces.

I am excited to see them explore the different avenues available to them to study and work. When asked what my advice is to those struggling to make a career choice, I tell them there are at least three things to keep in mind; discern and pray about where your God-given gifts and talents may lead you; finding out what you don't like doing, helps you discover what you enjoy doing; and don't let the compensation of the position be the only driver in your decision making process. Because if you enjoy what you do, you will never work a day in your life!

The Apostle Paul did not start his life out by writing books of the New Testament, Jesus called him to serve and look at what we was able to accomplish for the kingdom. Moses was educated to be a king and wound up serving The King of Creation. There are many Biblical stories that can serve as inspiration to those looking for hope and direction.

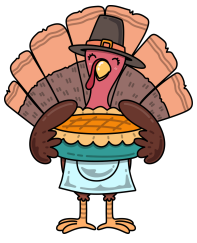
I pray God's blessings on the Youth of America and in particular our youth here in the Glades. May they prayerfully and intently listen to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

I realize it's not graduation time yet, but it never hurts to pray over people we love and care about as they prepare for new adventures.

To the youth of today I add; **1st Timothy 4:12** [reads] Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

God bless you as you embark upon your most excellent journey,





PECANS ARE HERE!!

All your favorite nuts are here for your palettes pleasure so be sure you get in touch with Alan Hammock (863) 677-0075 to get your preferred items!

It's time to clean out the freezer and replenish with this year's fresh crop from Georgia. Holiday baking...cookies...cakes...candies...pies...they all need this fantastic ingredient. And remember that all proceeds go the **Residing Hope Children's Home! Price is still only $15 per bag except sugar-free and chocoate coated which are $20**

- Halves and pieces
- Cinnamon covered
- Honey glazed
- Pistachios
- Pecan Clusters



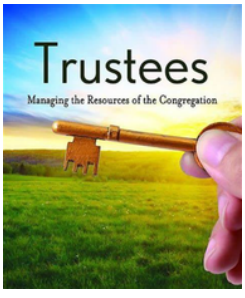




This annual event will take place on Saturday, November 21 from 10:00 am until around noonish .

We will start in the Sanctuary and continue through the entire campus to make our buildings look welcoming to all our winter visitors.

We welcome all parishioners to come and participate in this fun, festive occasion!



November Ushers

- **1 Joe Lee**
- **8 Lee Sweet**
- **15 Robert Hammock**
- **22 Steven Hatton**
- **29 Joe Lee**

Birthdays :

Ardis Hammock	Nov. 3
Cathy Rodriguez	Nov. 4
Sue Williams	Nov. 17
Jim Way	Nov. 18
David S. Perry	Nov. 22
Joe C. Perry	Nov. 22

Anniversaries

Ashley & Robert Hammock, Jr.
Nov. 11
Katie & James McWhorter
Nov. 12
Sarah & Pedro Stinson
Nov. 17

ON-GOING PRAYERS

Jonathan Folton
Brandon Quinones
Judy Ann Sullivan
Rea Walker
Melinda Wyse
Tommy Smith
Sharon Wilson

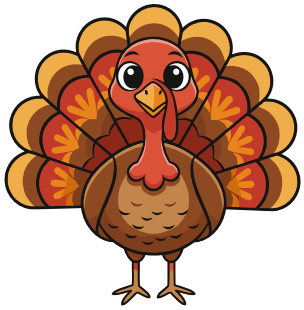
HOME BOUND FRIENDS & FAMILY

Matt Beatty
Frances Cross
Helen Endicott
Garry Hall
Ada Miller
George Schmidt

Please contact Pastor Jeff with updates concerning people on the prayer list at (863) 661-6936 or e-mail to pastorjeff@clewistonmethodist.com

Remember, if you can't attend worship in person or would like to watch worship services you missed, visit ChurchOnTheCouch.org





HappyThankgiving!

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