

*Overflowing  
with  
Gratitude*

*Rejoice always,  
pray continually,  
give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is God's will for you.*

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18 (NIV®)





**Glade**  
United Church of Christ

**WE CENTER OURSELVES ON GOD**  
*Welcome to a time of Sabbath, rest, and renewal*  
**November 24, 2024**  
**Thank Offering Sunday**

Glade Matters

*Shared moments of information and inspiration about our church family*

Prelude “*Crown Him With Many Crowns*”

Gordon Young

\*Opening Hymn “*Come, O Thankful People, Come*”

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\*Call to Worship from Psalm 93

L: The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

**P: The Lord is robed and girded with strength.**

L: The Lord has established the world; it shall never be moved.

**P: Your throne is established from of old, O Lord; you are from everlasting.**

L: The decrees of the Lord are sure.

**P: And holiness befits your house, O Lord, forevermore.**

**\*Opening Prayer (Offered by all)**

**We have come into your house, O Lord, to give you thanks and praise. You were faithful to your servant David, and you remain faithful to us. May your spirit be with us, and may your word be spoken, here in this place of worship and in all that we do, in your holy name. Amen.**

Scripture Readings: Revelations 1:4b-8; John 18:33-27

L: The Word of God, for the people of God.

**P: Thanks be to God!**

Anthem “*We Must Go*”

Williams/Barrett

Message “*Go Make Disciples, Wherever You Are*”

Katie Mayne

\*Hymn “*For the Fruit of All Creation*”

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Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray...

Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *“Praise and Thanksgiving”*

Charles Callahan

\*Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

\*Closing Hymn *“Now Thank We All Our God”*

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\*Benediction

Postlude *“Triumphant March on ‘Now Thank We All Our God’”*

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

\*Please stand as able in body or spirit

**Worship Participants**

**Pastor:** Chad Weddle  
**Music Director:** Dr. William Powell, III  
**Lay Reader:** Bonnie Ogg & Cathy Widder



Today’s altar flowers are given in gratitude for the blessings of family, friends, and fellowship, as we gather to celebrate Thanksgiving. May they remind us of the beauty in giving thanks and the joy of sharing our blessings with others. Happy Thanksgiving!

Given by: Sharon & Henry Rinta



A special welcome and thank you to Katie Thang for joining us this morning and for the wonderful message she is presenting today during our Thank-Offering Sunday.

Katie served in Myanmar (Burma) from May 2019 until March 2020, where she discipled women and taught English at a Bible college and a few orphanages. She returned to the United States in 2020 due to the onset of the Covid pandemic.

Currently, Katie serves as a Bible teacher for her local church youth group, where she ministers alongside her husband, Timothy. Timothy is from Myanmar and belongs to the Chin people group. Katie and Timothy recently celebrated the arrival of their beautiful daughter, Joanna Louise, born this past January.

In addition to her ministry, Katie manages her family's dog kennel, Sunchaser Kennels, in Union Bridge. We are blessed to have Katie share her message and ministry with us today.

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## **The Second Mile Giving for November** **Strengthen the Church**

The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill on its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities.

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.



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## **Food Bank Items for November**

With the holiday's quickly approaching, suggested items for October & November are: Canned pie filling, sweet potatoes, green beans, canned soup, applesauce, corn, stuffing mix & canned cranberry sauce. The food bank is also distributing personal care items and would appreciate donations of toothpaste & shampoo.





As we anticipate the joyous season of Advent, we invite you to join us in preparing our sanctuary for the celebration of Christmas. TODAY, immediately following worship, we will come together to deck the halls and adorn our church with the warmth and beauty of Christmas. Whether you're a decorating pro or just enjoy the holiday spirit, every pair of hands makes a difference. We hope you can stay to join in the fun.



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## The Walkersville Christkindlmarket Committee

Invites You to Participate in the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Walkersville Christkindlmarket



## CHRISTMAS PARADE & MARKET

**Date: Saturday, December 7, 2024**

**Parade & Market begin at 10 a.m.**

**To enter please contact Chris Torbeck.**

**chrisuebel@hotmail.com or 240-397-1727**

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## Glade UCC Lottery Raffle

We will be having our 4th Annual MD Lottery Raffle again in February. The raffle will be held the entire month of February 2025. The daily winner will be determined by the MD Evening Pick 3 Straight Lottery Number. Winners will be notified by Phone. \$10 per ticket there will only be 1000 tickets sold.



Contact Ron Rough, 301-639-3834 if you would like to help sell tickets or if you are interested in purchasing tickets.

## Poinsettia orders due TOMORROW



Don't forget to order your Christmas Poinsettia. Orders are due in the office no later than **TOMORROW, Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup>**. There is an order form in the back of the latest issue of Glade Tidings on page 31, as well as on the back table in the sanctuary. You can mail or drop your order off at the church office, or place in the box that is on the table in the back of the church.

The poinsettia's decorate our altar during the Christmas season, please consider placing one for your loved ones during this time.

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## Mitten Tree

We will be collecting for the GVCS Holiday Toy Shoppe again this year. The mittens are displayed in the back of the sanctuary. The items will need to be unwrapped and returned to Glade UCC no later than NEXT Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.



## *First Sunday of Advent Hanging of the Greens*



Join us for the First Sunday of Advent NEXT Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup>, which coincides with our Hanging of the Greens service.

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

- \*Jim Ball, health issues
- \*Marlene Turner, Lorigean Turner's aunt, health issues
- \*Wayne Duncan, Leo Duncan's brother, health issues
- \*Rod Baumert, Bill Powell's father-in-law, health issues
- \*Sandy Miller, friend of Bonnie Ogg, cancer
- \*Lynn Stevenson, Marsha Bruchey's cousin, neurological health issues
- \*Lisa Andercyk, Lorigean Turner's college roommate, neurological issues
- \*Kimberly Iman, Betty Baggett's daughter, breast cancer
- \*Patty Bush, car accident, severe concussion
- \*Roya Dapkus, friend of Tammie Shumaker, health issues
- \*Vaughn Zimmerman, brother of Bonnie Ogg, surgery
- \*Wendy Short, sister of Tammie Shumaker, cancer
- \*Dale Manis, cousin of Darrell Johnson, cancer
- \*Charles Snow, health issues
- \*David O'Planick, health issues
- \*Ralph Whitmore, health issues



Sun., Nov. 24	10:30 a.m.    Worship & Thank Offering Service 11:30 a.m.    Decorating the Church for Christmas 3:30 p.m.    LDM, sanctuary, classrooms, nursery
Mon., Nov. 25	POINSETTIA ORDERS DUE IN OFFICE
Thur., Nov. 28	THANKSGIVING DAY
Fri., Nov. 29	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Sat., Nov. 30	9:00 a.m.    LDM Activity, Sanctuary & SH
Sun., Dec. 1	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10:30 a.m.    Worship & Hanging of the Greens Service 3:30 p.m.    LDM, sanctuary, classrooms, nursery



## Imagine Together: Vitality

Nicodemus, initially criticized by Jesus, gradually evolves into a vibrant follower. His narrative highlights the importance of spiritual curiosity in maintaining vitality, addressing the tendency for stagnation and fear of change. How could a commitment to curiosity be transformative for us?

The Covid pandemic forced churches to explore new ways of ministry. However, in this post-pandemic moment, many return to familiar patterns of the past. Have we lost our ability to experiment?

The story of Nicodemus serves as a model for gradual transformation, contrasting with more dramatic biblical conversions. As Rev. Dr. S. Chapin Garner notes, “Curiosity led Nicodemus from darkness to light, from ignorance to understanding, from stagnation to vitality. If we want to not only imagine but experience vitality, all we need to do is steward our natural God-given curiosity. Accept invitations. Explore new places. Get to know different people. And when the spirit within us is piqued...trust that prompting is from the Lord, and get excited to not only imagine, but experience, where we will be led!”

Embracing curiosity can be the key to experiencing and maintaining vitality. How can we steward curiosity in our congregation?

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