



Thanksgiving Potluck Sunday, November 14 at 5:00 PM! Turkey and ham will be provided, along with drinks and table service. If you plan to attend, please bring a dish to share that corresponds to the first letter of your last name:

- A – G Bread
- H – M Vegetable
- N – Z Dessert

Please RSVP to Charlotte Loter caloter@msn.com with a headcount



United Methodist Women will meet this **Tuesday, Nov. 9th at 6:00 PM** in the Wing in the Woods (building located behind sanctuary). After their meeting, they will gather at Papa's Pizzeria for dinner & fellowship. All women are invited! Their **November mission** is the collection of **mittens, gloves, hats & scarves for all ages** to be distributed through the NP Comet Cupboard. These can be brought throughout November and placed in the red barrel in the church entryway.



Spotlight on Missions

- Beginning in November, the **first Sunday of the month** we will take a special offering for our Family Helps Ministry. Bring **\$10 gas cards and quarters for laundromats** (or donate to "Family Fund")
- Help our children's ministry raise \$500 to help build a **clean water well in Ethiopia** through *Lifewater*; collection "well" in entryway
- Bring peanut butter, mac-n-cheese & other canned food items for the NP Comet Cupboard **food pantry**
- Support partner ministries such as **DMARC** and **Women at the Well** through special giving; designate ministry name on check, mobile or online giving

NP Comet Cupboard Indoor Food Pantry & St. Luke's Free Clinic Open Hours:

Wednesday Nov. 17, Dec. 1 & Dec. 15

- Food Pantry: **5:00-6:30 PM** (questions? dbequeai967@msn.com)
- Free Clinic: **6:00-8:00 PM** Flu Shots now available! (questions? 515-238-6425)

#LOVELIKEJESUS TUMBLERS

Purchase one for \$10 & provide a free gift for our guests!



WELCOME TO WORSHIP
NOVEMBER 7, 2021



THANKSLIVING: Living a Life of Gratitude Every Day

God's people are called to be thankful people more than just one day a year, but to live a life of gratitude every day in response to the God who was, and is and is to come. We can look back on past blessings and be thankful; we can be more intentional about counting our blessings in the present and be thankful; and we can trust that God is always at work to create a future that looks more on earth as it is in heaven.

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GATHERING SONG

“King of Kings”

WELCOME/CONGREGATIONAL GREETINGS

www.polkcitiumc.org/online-worship

Please record your presence in the Facebook comments or the website attendance card

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Rob Cupp

Leader: We have come to affirm our historic faith.

People: To worship the God of our mothers and fathers.

Leader: We have come to remember God's benefits to us the living.

People: To respond in thanksgiving to the mighty works of God in our lives.

Leader: We have come to affirm our trust in the God of all futures,

People: To whose name be blessing and honor, glory and power forever and ever. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

“Now Thank We All Our God”

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Lord, we have come to you this day bringing all that we have, our lives, our hopes and dreams, our fears and sorrows. We also come confessing that often, we look at ourselves, our gifts and our talents, and wonder what you would do with these offerings. We don't think that we have much to give. So, far too many times, we belittle the gifts and turn our backs on the needs and opportunities we have to serve, believing that our gifts cannot possibly make a difference.

Forgive us when we stop listening to your healing and comforting words and focus on our anxieties. Help us know that you have given to us such blessings and that these blessings are truly wonderful and meant to be used to joy and service to others. Help us to bring our lives, just as they are, to you and to receive your gentle touch and healing grace. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 12:38-44 (CEB)

SONG OF REFLECTION

“Give Thanks”

Children age 3 & up invited to follow ministry leaders for children's chapel; they return during closing song

SERMON

“Thanks-Giving: Generous Living is Thanks-Living”

Dixie Bequeaith & Pastor Melody Webb

OFFERING OUR PRAYERS & PRESENCE

Turn to a neighbor to share joys and concerns, or submit prayer requests in the Facebook comments or the Attendance Card on our website www.polkcitiumc.org/online-worship

PASTORAL PRAYER / LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING *Today's offering can be brought forward during communion or you may choose to offer your gift by mail or mobile device, or online at www.polkcitiumc.org/give. Your extravagant generosity supports the ministry, outreach, and operations of your church. Find this week's announcements on the back side of the bulletin, or on our website at www.polkcitiumc.org*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION / REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

SONG OF SENDING

“I Will Do the Same”

BENEDICTION

THANKSLIVING STEWARDSHIP & GENEROSITY



"ThanksLiving" calls us to consider how God's people are called to live a life of gratitude every day in response to the God who was, and is, and is to come. God has blessed each of us with unique **talents, skills and spiritual gifts** to equip us as disciples of Jesus Christ who are called to be servants in ministry. We have also been blessed with **financial resources** to help support the ministries of the church.

As we come to this season of counting our blessings, we in the church are asked to prayerfully make our commitments for the ways we will offer back these gifts and blessings to support the church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness in the coming year.

www.polkcitiumc.org/stewardship-campaign

Find more information about spiritual gifts and take a spiritual gifts assessment at www.polkcitiumc.org/serve

Please return your **2022 Time & Talents Commitment Card** on **Sunday, Nov. 14**

Please return your **2022 Estimate of Giving Pledge Card** on **Sunday, Nov. 21**