



The Grapevine



Prosser United Methodist Church – November 2010

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November Homilies and Scripture

November 07 – United Methodist Student Day
Hebrew Scripture—Haggai 2:1-9
Homily—“Being Courageous”

November 14 – Pledge Sunday
Hebrew Scripture—Isaiah 65:17-25
Homily—“A New Covenant”

November 21 – Christ the King Sunday
Gospel—Luke 23:33-43
Homily—“Christ Our King”

November 28 – First Sunday of Advent
Linda Key preaching

Head Usher for November is John Myers

Nursery Care Available: Nursery care is available during our worship services provided by Tanya and Katie Cone. Children up through 1st Grade October be dropped off at the nursery, down the first floor hall of the education wing of the church.

Communion Sunday November 7th

The sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, November 7th, during the 11 AM worship service. All are invited to come to the table to share in the meal that reminds us of the unity of God’s people in Christ’s body.

NOVEMBER EVENTS

- November 2 – Election Day; Ballots Due
- November 3 – United Methodist Women, Noon
- November 3 – Staff-Parish Relations committee, 6 PM
- November 3 – Charge Conference, 7 PM
- November 4 – Potluck Dinner, 6 PM
- November 4 – Missionary Paul Jeffrey Presentation, 7:30 PM
- November 6 – Men’s Group, 8 AM
- November 7 – United Methodist Student Sunday
- November 11 – Veteran’s Day, Office Closed
- November 13 – Country Fair, 9 AM to 3 PM
- November 14 – Pledge Sunday
- November 15 – Jubilee Food bagging, 9:30 AM
- November 21 – Christ the King Sunday
- November 22 – 28 – Pastor Bo Bryan on vacation
- November 25 – Happy Thanksgiving! Office Closed
- November 28 – First Sunday of Advent, Linda Key preaching

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

This month our special offering will be on November 7th, and will be our United Methodist Student offering. Funds raised from this offering go to scholarships for United Methodist students. Our own Susie Barr-Wilson is a recipient of scholarship money from this fund. However, 2009 giving to this special offering was down 12% from 2008, while applications from students more than doubled in the same time period. Please give generously this year to our UM students.

JUBILEE FOOD BASKET

This month please bring cans of pumpkin to church to donate to our Jubilee food basket. The basket is located at the back of the sanctuary. All donations go to help feed the people in need in our community. Thanks!



Bo's Blog

I guess I'm just a real tradition-oriented person ("Really?" says Alison). November, for me, is the month of Thanksgiving dinner—and all the things that go with that. Going to my mom's in Sacramento, seeing my sister, uncle, aunt, and family down there, having

turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, sweet potatoes, vegetables, and fruit salad with whipped cream and marshmallows in it. These are the things I think of when I think of Thanksgiving.

But these things don't always happen each November. There have been times when I haven't been able to go down to Sacramento. I haven't always had turkey for Thanksgiving. And now I have health concerns that make me realize that my idealized Thanksgiving dinner is not especially good for my cholesterol and triglyceride levels. And although this has not traumatized me greatly, experiencing these things has made me realize yet again that change is always a part of our lives.

Others have experienced even greater changes in their lives than I have. I think of all those who got "underwater" on their home mortgages, those who lost their homes to foreclosure, those who had to simply walk away because they could not pay their mortgages, and those who are now homeless because of events and decisions beyond their control, and I realize that I am lucky that my family and I still have a home in which to live. I think of the people I know, and many more I do not know, who must spend this holiday season without someone they love because they have passed away, or are serving in Afghanistan, or are in prison, or have run away, and I realize that I am lucky that I can spend my holidays with my family. I think of the people who have lost their jobs, or those who must make their Thanksgiving dinner out of a limited number of food stamps, or those thousands of children who die each day in our world from hunger, and I realize how lucky I am that I will have a special dinner this month.

I like my traditions. But it's good for me to be reminded that my traditions are just things, like cars and money and clothes. And when we try to cling too tightly to our things, we can forget that they are blessings, and must be held loosely. How good it is that we have this time of

year to remind us of our blessings, and to remind us that it is important for us to give thanks for them.

Shalom,
Bo

Men's Group

The Men's Group will meet on Saturday November 6th, at 8 AM in the Friendship Room at the church. We will have coffee, cocoa, and orange juice to drink, and doughnuts to munch on. Following a time of fellowship and planning, we will do some work around the church. All men of any age are welcome to attend, so come join us for the morning!

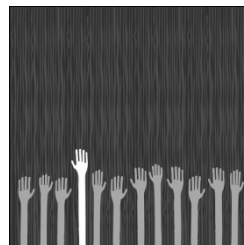


FOOD BAGGING NOVEMBER 15, 2010

Monday November 15th is our turn to break down large 50 lb. bags of beans, rice, or oats at the Jubilee Food Bank. We put them into smaller bags that are handed out to families in need during the week. Please come to the Food Bank at 1429 Stacey in Prosser at 9:30 AM that morning for a bit of work and some good fellowship too!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Don't forget to stop by the nametag table at church and sign up for one of our volunteer opportunities on Sunday mornings. We need liturgists, greeters, and coffee hour hosts, as well as folks to step out of the service a couple of times on a Sunday (you'll have the pastor's blessing even!) to check on how our nursery attendants are doing. Sign up this week!



CHURCH POTLUCK NOVEMBER 7TH

Join the fellowship with your friends and church family in Fellowship Hall following the service this Sunday. Bring a dish, if you wish



YOUTH SOUP & SALAD

The youth will be hosting Youth Soup & Salad following the service on November 21st. Support the youth and enjoy some warm company and soup



PAUL JEFFREY HERE IN NOVEMBER

The award winning photographer and writer, **Paul Jeffrey**, will present a program at **The United Methodist Church at 824 Sixth Street the evening of November 4th at 7:30 p.m.** The program will be a visual presentation on CD that documents his encounters in countries across the world and captures the connectedness of all humanity. The Rev. Paul Jeffrey speaks movingly about his experiences and the peoples he encounters as a Global Ministries missionary and senior correspondent for *RESPONSE*, the magazine for United Methodist Women. He also covers emergencies for Action by Churches Together (ACT Alliance), a Geneva-based global alliance of churches responding to disasters. He is the author of the book RECOVERING MEMORY, about the churches' role in the Guatemalan peace process and co-author of a book of his stunning photographs from Darfur, WHERE MERCY FAILS. Paul is a dynamic speaker who piques your interest and responds with both candor and humor to questions about his mission and his observations.

O Lord that lends me life, Lend me a heart replete with Thankfulness. William Shakespeare

Please join the United Methodist Women on Thursday, November 4th at 7:30 or come to the potluck dinner at 6:00 and stay for the program. It should be a very enlightening evening!

BOOK TABLE

Although the book table in the narthex is supplied and maintained by the UMW, the books are available to everyone. Just sign your name on the card found inside the front cover and put it in the box provided.

Several books address current hot topic subjects. If you would like more insight into illegal immigration, try Enrique's Journey or They Take Our Jobs. Books related to the Muslim/Islam issue include Three Cups of Tea and Acts of Faith. In light of recent food recalls, try Fast Food Nation. Or, browse the table and choose something that fits your interests. See Marilyn Knight, Pam Serrano, or Carolyn Hart about other books.

Charge Conference November 3rd

Our charge conference is scheduled for Wednesday, November 3rd, at 7 PM. The charge conference is the annual meeting of the church, and everyone is welcome to attend. We will talk about the ministry of Prosser UMC over the past year, elect officers and set a budget for next year, review our membership list, and share some of our hopes for the coming year. Our District Superintendent, the Rev. Mary Huycke, will be leading the meeting. Come to see, listen, and participate in this important meeting of your church.

COMING SOON!

U.M.W. Country Fair & Bazaar is happening on Saturday, November 13th from 9:00a.m. - 3:00p.m. Pie and coffee are served for \$3.00 and a delicious luncheon for \$5.00. Set up begins on Friday, November 12th at 9:00a.m. We would really appreciate and welcome everybody's participation in the fun. We will need pies, baked goods; homemade items & store bought, Holiday items, attic treasures, help setting up, or whatever you wish to contribute. Please bring items to the church before November 12th. Please contact one of the following if you plan to help: Linda Key 882-3110; Carolyn Hart 973-2881; or Diane Herold 945-3526.

GBHEM Announces Online Consortium with 13 UM Theological Schools

The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of The United Methodist Church is pleased to introduce an Online Continuing Education Consortium in collaboration with the 13 United Methodist Theological Schools. The vision of the consortium is to provide theologically sound, financially affordable, and easily accessible continuing education programs to clergy and lay Christians around the world so they may grow in their theological understanding and leadership skills.

These non-academic credit courses provided by the participation of the 13 United Methodist theological schools ensure the quality of classes offered. Each school designs the course, provides the instructor, handles registrations and payment. They will manage the technological aspects of providing online courses. Costs of these courses will vary, with tuition or fees set by and paid directly to, the theological school that is hosting the online class.

The [online consortium catalogue](#) will serve as the gateway, providing a single entry point through an online catalogue and Web links to each theological school that is offering the classes. It will be open all year round so you will be able to take courses according to your schedule.

Now get started and enjoy learning!



PUMC FINANCES

September Budget -- \$9,099
September Income -- \$8,514
Difference for the Month -- \$(585)

Year-to-Date Budget -- \$88,280
Year-to-Date Income -- \$83,750
Difference Year-to-Date -- \$(4,530)

Pledge Sunday

November 14th will be our Pledge Sunday service. Letters, including pledge cards, will be mailed out the first week of November. The cards can be returned during the offering that Sunday, or they can be mailed in, brought to the office, or placed in the offering any other week. If you do not receive a pledge card in the mail, and want one, contact the church office. Support your church with your pledge!

Welcome Lesa!

Welcome to our new secretary, Millea Park! Lesa (pronounced Lee-sah) started work with us in early October. She is in the office on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, from 9 AM to Noon. Some of you have met her already, and if you haven't, stop by the office, or give her a call and say "Hi!"

Pastor Bo on Vacation

Pastor Bo will be on vacation from Monday, November 22nd to Sunday November 28th. He will be back in the office on November 29th.

