



THE LAMPLIGHTER



NOVEMBER, 2019

WOODRUFF GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Pastor's
Corner

I was pleased to see more in worship last Sunday. I was beginning to feel like Woodruff Grove's attendance was on the downward spiral. After looking at the past few years of attendance records it seems as though our church has been in a slump. I'm not sure why, and I don't think pointing fingers would solve the dilemma. The fact is people are not attending church.

There's a website called Missioninsite in which you can draw a box around any area in the US and get hundreds of reports of the people within that boxed in area such as: employment, income, religious affiliation, and housing statistics. What's interesting is that reports will give the past statistics, present, and future trends of that area as well.

It's obvious that the Woodruff area is financially doing better than the state average in many categories. However, the

churches in the area are struggling. It's obvious that the younger generation is not attending church and many have a less than desirable attitude toward the Christian Church.

As your Pastor I want to be accountable to all Christians. If there's a family you'd like me to contact, let me know. You too can extend a Christian hand and invite them to worship with us on Sunday morning.

We all need to be thinking how we, as a church, can reach our youth. Possibly our Education Committee could brainstorm some ideas to get our youth involved. We, as a congregation, vowed to bring our youth up in a Christian atmosphere. I think we owe it to them to make sure we follow through with our commitment.

There is much work to be done. If each of us does our part, Woodruff Grove UMC will continue to grow and thrive as a Christian church in our community.

Blessings,

Pastor Jim



Saturday, November 2nd from 9-3 Charge Conference @ Auburn UMC

Sunday, December 1st Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, December 29th Taking down the greens



Thank you to those of you who donated money, candy and time passing it out to the kids. This year Halloween day it decided to rain then snow so the Town of Wolcottville changed the day. Great decision! On October 27th I had the Youth put together treat bags. Alivia, Alayna and Arlene put together 200 bags. Thank you girls! We had a great time doing this. We passed out 163 bags. Down from last year. We did 200 and we ran out, but if you remember the weather was beautiful. I would also like to say thank you to those braving the cold. They were Marilynn, Molly, & Oriana Grossman, Glen Patterson, Bev Jordan, Bob Allread, Seth and Brenda Rife, Jacque Young, Stacie and Alayna Rasler and myself. We had plenty of candy and the help was amazing. We have a great time. There was even some other cars that have caught on to our trunk or treat and they joined us. Again thank you for your prayers,

those are always needed for a mission like this. God Bless you all. Stephanie Blake



November and December will be busy mission months for the mission committee!! We are planning on supporting a cottage of 12 girls at Bashor children's home. I will have their wish lists available very soon! Please begin praying for our girls now.

We will also be supporting the ARC angel program. We are blessing Caleb Young's classroom of 18. We have our work cut out for us but with God's direction we can help these people feel loved and blessed.

On another note... I want to personally thank each and every person that worked at the suppers, donated food, came and ate, or prayed for our success. God blessed us !!

Thank you all for your generous support of all of our missions. Linda



We have had great attendance at our monthly carry-in dinners. Thanks to all who continue to join us for food and fellowship. We have them the first Sunday of every month right after church. Bring a dish to church and share while getting to know our church family better! Next carry-in is December 1st.



NEWS

We are taking items already for our 2020 rummage sale. Please place donations by the garage door of the old parish house. However, if it is raining call the church office to set up a time that items may be dropped off. Jacque & Marilyn

Pastor-Parish Relations Committee

The PPRC Committee met on Monday, September 23rd. In the first order of business, the members agreed to schedule future meetings following worship service. The Sunday meetings will better accommodate members work schedules.

Pastor Jim shared his busy visitation calendar and asked to be informed of additional and new names.

Several reports due at Charge Conference were completed by Pastor Jim, with input from the committee.

Plans are in progress to publish an updated church photo directory. So be planning to pose for your photo shot early next year. This will be incorporated into our 150 years anniversary celebration.

Discussion has begun on a Christmas worship service and also a shared Lenten service.

PPRC exists to be able to share thoughts and concerns for the benefit of our Woodruff Grove family. Please feel free to bring your ideas to any committee member.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, November 10th @ 12:00.

Members:

Glenn Patterson
Eva Woodworth
Amy Thompson
John Russell
Pam Green
Tom Atkins
Melanie Grossman
Judy Fetters
Pastor Jim Taylor

To Contact Us

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Sunday Worship Service - 9:30am
Sunday School for all ages - 10:30am
Holy Communion served the first Sunday
of the month to all believers

Directions: 4 Miles Northeast of Wolcottville -
just North of Adams Lake on 450 East

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the transformation of the world!*
