

A scenic view of a valley with a church and colorful autumn trees. The foreground is dominated by a large tree with vibrant red and orange leaves. In the background, a valley is filled with green and yellow trees, with a white church with a tall steeple visible in the distance. The sky is a soft, hazy blue.

*F*or the beauty
of the earth . . .
Lord of all, to thee
we raise
this our hymn
of grateful praise.

STEELE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Welcome to Worship!
November 8, 2020

WELCOME AND PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN *"Holy, Holy, Holy"*

VETERAN'S DAY TRIBUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MORNING PRAYER

SERMON *"The Misunderstood Christ"* Pastor Kevin Lantz
Matthew 12: 1-14

INVITATION

SONG *"I Can Only Imagine"*

CLOSING



Welcome!
*Remind us again, O God, of your loving presence,
from which nothing can separate us.*

Prayer Concerns

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Phyllis Argabrite
Eloise Baumgardner
Rosetta Blake
Teresa Blake
Shirley Bowen
John Call
Carl Chapman
Patty Collins
Dana Godfrey, Sr.
Joan Gross
Georgeann Holbrook
Monica Jackson
Ben Maynard
Helen McClure
Brenda Morning
Peggy Morrison
Lois Silling
Reba Swann
Doris Wooten
Chuck Yeager

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES

Stephanie Adkins	(Friend of Chris Roy)
Bob Aken	(Brother of Debbie Lingenfelter)
Erik Ballengee	(Son of Kevin & Cindy Ballengee)
Simon Ballengee	(Grandson of Kevin and Cindy Ballengee)
Linda Bias	(Friend of Ron and Becky Nisbet)
Julia Canfield	(Sister of Karen Canfield)
Richard Chafin	(Father of Rita Kelley)
Avenelle Cummings	(Mother of Becky Nisbet & Brenda Cummings)
Suzanne Elliot	(Niece of Jim & Sandy Boggess)
Sherry Hagley	(Daughter of Delores Donahoe)
Tracy Jimison	(Daughter-in-law of Dick & Lou Jimison)
Nancy Perkins	(Sister-In-Law of Jack and Claren Perkins)

OUR CONDOLENCES to Chuck Yeager whose son, Jonathan Yeager passed away Sunday, November 1st and Patty Collins in the passing of her son, Bryan Collins on Wednesday, November 4th. Let's lift these families in prayer during this season of loss.

THE SPIRITUAL FORMATION TEAM will offer a four week Advent Study by Andy Stanley entitled "Who Needs Christmas." The study will be offered on Wednesday afternoon at 1:00 pm and on Sunday morning at 9:00 am in the New Fellowship Hall. Jack and Claren Perkins will lead the study. We will wear masks and practice social distancing. Books for the study are available for \$7.00. The Wednesday study will be held Nov.18, Dec. 2, 9, and 16. The Sunday morning study will start Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, and 20. If you would like to participate in one of these studies, please call the church office and let Lisa know as there have been a limited number of books ordered. Also, Cathy Conard will lead an Advent study using the YouVersion app with a zoom meeting for those who would prefer to do an online study. More information about this coming later. Again, if you are interested, please notify the church office.

THANKSGIVING FOOD BOX GIVEAWAY: Thankfully, most of us have the means to share food with those in need. Here is your opportunity! Sunday, Nov 22nd, we will be handing out boxes of food at the church with everything needed to prepare a Thanksgiving Dinner.

There are many ways you can help! You can donate food items from the list below, make a donation to the Mission Team to purchase turkeys, hams, and perishable food, pack food boxes, hand out food boxes, sign cards, and help spread the word! Contact a member of the Mission Team or call the church office for additional details.

Food items, please have these at the church **BY NOV 15TH** : Potatoes, sweet potatoes, green beans, canned pumpkin, whole berry cranberry sauce, sugar, stuffing mix

The generous themselves will be blessed, for they share their food with the poor. Proverbs 22:9

Our Christmas ANGELS will be virtual this year, but still very REAL! Watch for more info soon!

WINTER COAT DRIVE: Many people have used their time at home to clean out closets! If you have gently used, clean coats to get rid of, we are accepting donations for men, women, and children. Huntington City

Mission and Harmony House are having a coat drive and the coats we collect will be taken to them. As always, new donations are also appreciated. Coats on hangers may be taken to the Seekers classroom upstairs. Please include a note in the pocket sharing encouraging words and God's love. Thank you!



ANGEL TREE: COVID-19 has changed much in our lives. Many however at Steele Memorial UMC are determined to provide Christmas gifts for area children that without our help may receive nothing.

To safeguard our members this year we will have a virtual Angel Tree. If you are willing to sponsor an Angel, contact Sandy Rupert at 304.634.7812 or the church office at 304.736.4583 by **November 16th**. (Please indicate the number of Angels you would like to help.) Your Angels will be mailed to you by December 1st. Please return your gift (s) in a gift bag with your Angel card attached, this will assist with sorting. Gift bags are to be returned to the church by **December 13th** at noon. Presents will be sorted and distributed to families by December 21st

If you would rather make a monetary donation, this will be used to purchase needed gifts for Angels or provide grocery gift cards to give to each family.

The Missions Committee wishes to thank each of you for your endless support.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: GOOD NEWS, GREAT JOY! Yes, even with the pandemic, there is still good news and great joy! The good news of the season we all know is the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ! Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child gives us all the opportunity of sharing the good news while giving great joy to children all over the world!

This year there are two options to fill a shoebox: **OPTION #1-** "Build a Shoebox" online by using the link below. Its very easy to do, total cost is \$25 (including the shipping cost), nice items to choose from, and a very good way for us to continue to participate in this ministry.

Follow this link to get started: <http://links.samaritanpurse.mkt5705.com/>

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OPTION #2 - Purchase a plastic shoebox from the Dollar Tree, Walmart, or Hobby Lobby; and fill with personal hygiene items, school supplies, a toy, and \$9 (for shipping); and take your shoebox to the church office by **November 15th**. (I will take those shoeboxes to Lewis Memorial during the week of Nov. 16-23.) God bless you with whatever choice you make and whatever donation you can make to this ministry!
—Rosie W

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES: New offering envelopes for 2021 are available on the table in the Church hallway. Those interested in starting a new process for contributions can receive a boxed set by contacting the Lisa in the Church Office, 304.736.4583:



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE, One Hour Can Save Lives: Will you commit to giving another person a chance at more life? These days, it is easy to feel helpless. But with one simple act, you can help save lives. Despite all the uncertainty right now, one thing is for sure: blood donors are always needed. Nationwide, some-



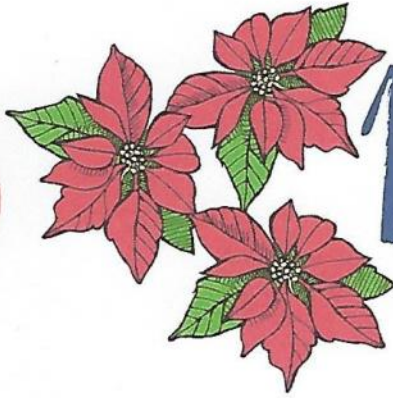
one needs a unit of blood every two to three seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime. So let's band together and take care of

our community and others by scheduling a blood donation. Show off your compassion and connect with others who share your giving spirit.

WHERE: Steele Memorial UMC Gymnasium
DATE: December 4, 2020
TIME: 1:00 to 6:00 PM

Short on time?? Visit RedCrossBlood.org and schedule your appointment. The Red Cross follows the highest standards of safety and infection control. In accordance with CDC guidelines, all donors are required to wear a face covering or mask.

Thank you for your commitment to saving lives!!



Poinsettia O R D E R S

Every year our sanctuary is decorated with a Poinsettia Tree during the month of December. Members of the congregation buy a poinsettia in honor or memory of a special person in their life. The poinsettias are used to form a tree. A list is compiled with names of all those who purchase the poinsettias and the person they wish to honor or remember.

This year, due to the pandemic, we will not have the traditional Poinsettia Tree, but will have a "Virtual" Poinsettia Tree. During the month of November, you can submit to the church office, along with a \$10.00 donation, the name of the person you wish to honor or remember. Please designate if it is "In Honor" or "In Memory" of that person. The names and donation must be received by **November 29th**. As in the past, a list of names will be compiled and will be inserted in the December Newsletter as well as each weekly church bulletin in December. Your \$10.00 donation for the "virtual" poinsettia will be given to our local food pantries to help those in need of food during this holiday season. Each \$10 donation will assist the food pantry to purchase 70 meals from our local Facing Hunger Food Bank. So little, but so much, for those in need!!

ORDERS MUST BE TURNED IN BY NOVEMBER 29, 2020.

In Honor of:

In Memory of:

Given By:

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT
November 1, 2020

Amount Received **Amount Needed Per Week:**
\$13,982.00 **\$8,579.05**

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE
Present: 92 Views: 308



<https://tithe.ly/give?c=1315386>

Help bring joy this season
Buy your gifts at smile.amazon.com
or with AmazonSmile ON in the app
and Amazon donates
amazonsmile

An illustration of a white gift box with a teal ribbon. A teal plant with three leaves grows out of the top of the box. To the left of the box is a white starburst shape.

AMAZON SHOPPING - Many of you may do Christmas shopping online. Did you know that if you use the Church's AmazonSmile account, we receive a percentage donation back to the Church?

Make a difference this holiday. Shop for gifts at smile.amazon.com/ch/55-0632144 to generate donations for Steele Memorial United Methodist Church!

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