



Open Hearts • Open Minds • Open Doors

Handley

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Our Gifts & Presence Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018

Total Worship.....48
Total Sunday School.....20

Budget\$331

WE ARE VERY
blessed

GIVING THANKS



Next Thursday, we celebrate an American holiday, Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday celebrated on various dates in Canada, the United States, some of the Caribbean islands, and Liberia. It began as a day of giving thanks for the blessing of the harvest and of the preceding year. In the United States, Thanksgiving is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November. Although Thanksgiving has historical roots in religious and cultural traditions, it has long been celebrated as a secular holiday.

When attending school and in later life when teaching in preschool and elementary school for years, it was always an important activity to write about or draw about what you were thankful for. I guess I would ask each of you, as we look toward Thanksgiving, WHAT are YOU Thankful for??

As we savor each Sunday and each day and activity here in the life of Handley United Methodist Church, BJ and I are so very thankful for the church family we have had over the last 43 years. We are thankful for the people who taught our two sons and our granddaughter. We are grateful to and thankful for the love and prayers we have received from this church during illnesses and deaths within our own family. It brings us joy as we recall with thankful hearts ALL of the CRAZY adventures we have shared with so many. . . . Harvest Festivals (especially frozen food booth, selling and preparing auctioned dinners. . . .), Meals we prepared together in the church kitchen, Church Ski Trips and adventures on the Slopes!!, Vacation Bible Schools, Mothers'-Day-Out and eventually a pre-school, Retreats and Mid Winters at Glen Lake Camp with some of you who now have families of your own! I think of Worship Services, Weddings, Funerals, Easter services, Christmas Eve communion services. . .

Thank you Handley United Methodist Church for being such a Blessing and an integral part of our life! You have BLESSED US!

In God's Love,
Pastor Judy
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Bruce's Bible Study

Since it has been decided that Handley UMC is closing as of December 31 (and, by the way, I couldn't vote---for one thing, I'm clergy, and for another, I'm a member of Upper New York Conference and not Central Texas), I've found myself thinking about summing up my many years of writing this column by sharing some of the things I've learned, and not just at Handley, although that has been a tremendously positive experience.

One thing I have learned is that **the servant model of ministry is the way to go**. That's not at all popular in today's culture, where even ministers are supposed to "market" themselves, with their "portfolios" in hand, etc. Incidentally, there's nothing wrong with portfolios *per se*, but I find the idea of "marketing myself" very difficult indeed. When I was on tenure track at Texas Wesleyan, I was supposed to brag on myself about all the wonderful things I had done, etc., etc., and it was like pulling teeth without anesthetic. A member of my committee really chewed me out, saying that I had to do it. Well, I did, but I was super-glad when that ordeal was over. I notice that, in our world, it's the servants who get the work done. Think of Mother Teresa, for example. And we need to remember that Jesus **washed the feet of His disciples**.

Another thing I've learned (again and again) is that **God is never in a hurry**. We are! We're sort of like the little mouse looking at a 50-lb. block of cheese and saying, "Lord, I want patience, and I want it NOW!" I'll be the first to say that patience is not easy to learn! In my life, I have met maybe five people who were born patient, and that's pushing it. For most of us, it's a difficult lesson for us to put into practice. I can tell I've come a long way in that respect, but I know that God isn't finished with me yet, and I'm thankful! I find that when I'm willing to wait for God to "open doors" for me, things work out a lot better. Usually, the Big Boss has to drag me somewhere since I'm so afraid of getting ahead of Him ---- because when I get ahead of Him that's when I get into trouble! And as a comment, any time you think you've got to make a decision **RIGHT NOW, RIGHT NOW, RIGHT NOW**, don't do it! I have found that God always **gives us at least a minute or two to think things through and to make our decisions via prayer and rationality**, not just on the basis of emotion (which can be good, but it can also be faulty!).

I'll try to tell you more next week! God bless you!

Bruce

Thanksgiving Baskets for Eastside Ministries



Bring anytime
Before Wednesday,
December 5. ESM
gives them out
through Christmas!
Thank you!!!

Eastside Ministries 2018 Holiday Dinner Bag list

Chicken Broth (1 can)	Corn (2 cans)
Cranberry Sauce (1 can)	Green Beans (2 cans)
Stuffing Mix (2 bags/boxes)	Yams (2 cans)
Jell-O (1 box-any flavor)	Fruit (1 can)
Pie Filling (1) & Crust (1)	Tea Bags (1 box)
or	
Cake Mix (1) & Frosting (1)	

Things I Learned at Handley UMC

1. Children can learn of God's love at an early age. Singing "Jesus Loves Me" and hands clasped in prayer before snacks.
2. Sunday school is important.
3. Youth are a challenge, and you love them! I learned so much from a Sr. High SS class. Then there was UMYF and Glen Rose trips.
4. Church staff is very important. The church secretary, financial secretary and janitor taught me valuable life lessons.
5. UMW was not just a group of old, church ladies. We had excellent studies, service projects and opportunities to serve beyond the local church. Special friends even taught me some "social graces."
6. Some remarkable men and women of faith taught me about church leadership and faith. It was an honor to attend Annual Conference as a delegate...with Judy, of course.
7. Blessed with Christian friends. I truly believe God puts people, of all ages, in our lives "in a season for a reason."
8. God has a plan. I loved my years at Handley UMC. What a blessing! I took with me all the things that I learned there, and God let me use this knowledge and experience in His service in another setting.

Carol Sue Greear

Regular Needs for Eastside Community Assistance

For Families:

**Canned Fruit
Pasta**

Baby Items:

Diapers, Baby Formula

Homeless & Family Food:

**Small Pull-top Meats &
Drinks, Canned Fruit,
Snacks, Mac & Cheese**

Clothing Items:

**Men's Shoes
Children's items:
including Infant 0-18 mos.
Towels & Sheets**

Feminine Hygiene:

Pads or Tampons

Other Items:

**Powdered Laundry Soap
Quart Zip-lock Bags**

New Babies 2018

If your family has had new additions this year, please let the church office know soon and we will acknowledge them at the Christmas Eve Service.
Thank you!



No Newsletter Next Week

Due to a short work week for the Thanksgiving Holiday, there will not be a newsletter next week.

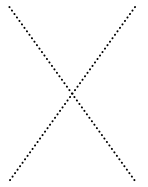
Short, Short Stories Needed

We are working on an idea to publish a little booklet of Remembrances from Handley UMC.
Creativity and brevity are a plus!

Handley Happenings

November 12, 2018

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Meetings & Events Schedule



NOVEMBER

November 13
Mail Out Newsletter

November 14
Backpack Buddies
Wonderful Wednesday

November 18
Thanksgiving Lunch

November 19
Finance and Trustees
Will Meet this Month!

November 21
Office Closed Today

November 22
Happy Thanksgiving Day!

November 26
Friendship Circle
Stuff Stockings

November 27
Grace Circle
Stuff Stockings
Mail Out Newsletter
& Calendar

November 28
Backpack Buddies
Wonderful Wednesday
Advent Study (confirm)

December Highlights

December 9
Choir Christmas Cantata

December 23
Children's Program

Usher Schedule

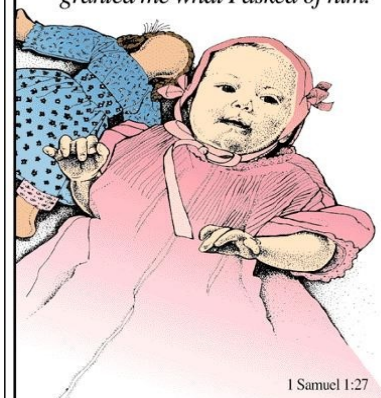
11/1/8—Nedia Dryden's Group
11/25—Mike Williams' Group

Sunday's Service:

"Are You A SBNRer?"
1 Samuel 1:4-20

I PRAYED

*for this child, and the Lord has
granted me what I asked of him.*



1 Samuel 1:27