



# Faith *news*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH |  
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## United Women in Faith

Renae Graham, President UWF

UWF met on October 24 at the Oasis Community Room. The ladies have been busy preparing for the Annual Bazaar on November 5. We are very grateful to be able to host the Bazaar at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Marian Hall. Thank you to everyone who is helping with the Bazaar. Your donations of food, time, talent, monetary gifts, and support are so important to the success of our annual Bazaar! Again, thanks!

Election of Officers was held and officers for 2025 will remain the same:

President:	Renae Graham
Vice President:	Mary Bilslend
Treasurer:	Susie Powell
Secretary:	Kay Bockstadter
Prayer Guide Leader:	Linda Sample

Due to the Bazaar, Rachel and Ruth Circles will not meet for their regular meetings in November. Our next UWF Unit meeting is December 11, and will be held at the Wood River Senior Center. At that time, we will be packing Christmas Cookie boxes and the youth will deliver those for us. Many thanks to Mel Frear and her team for helping with this ministry!

Susie Powell presented the 'World Thank Offering' Program.

## Church Events

- **Nov 3 All Saints Sunday**
- **Nov 3 Daylight Savings Time Ends**
- **Nov 5 Fall Bazaar 8a-7p**
- **Nov 13 Youth Group 6:30-8:30**
- **Nov 17 All Saint's Service of Remembrance, 10:00**
- **Nov 27 Youth Group TBD**
- **Nov 28 Thanksgiving Day-office closed**

# Pastor's Pen—Rachel Nkonge

All Saints!

Losing a loved one is an experience that brings immense pain, as you realize that you can no longer be with that person. That separation between the people transforms into something deeper than just a farewell or a promise to meet again. It truly is a goodbye, one that signifies you won't see each other again in this life. Grief often accompanies this loss, manifesting as anger or profound sadness. In moments of despair, people frequently question God, asking why it had to happen, why them, and why it was too soon.

These are questions that sometimes are hard to answer because you just never know why. Would you call God unjust for sparing one's life and take away another one? Believing there are people in the world who do more harm than others, and yet have their lives spared may feel like an unjust situation. So, in return, we may rely on memories, or objects that remind us still of the ones we loved. Could it be a picture? A house or a recording. We want to keep alive the memory of the people who have gone before us.

We honor their memory by lighting a candle, reflecting on their lives and the impact they had on us. For those who have passed in Christ, we think about the wonderful disciples they were, which can strengthen our faith in God. Lighting candles symbolizes our hope of reuniting one day in a place free from sorrow, suffering, and pain. We believe that Christ will greet us with open arms, allowing us to be with Him forever. In Christ, we are all saints!

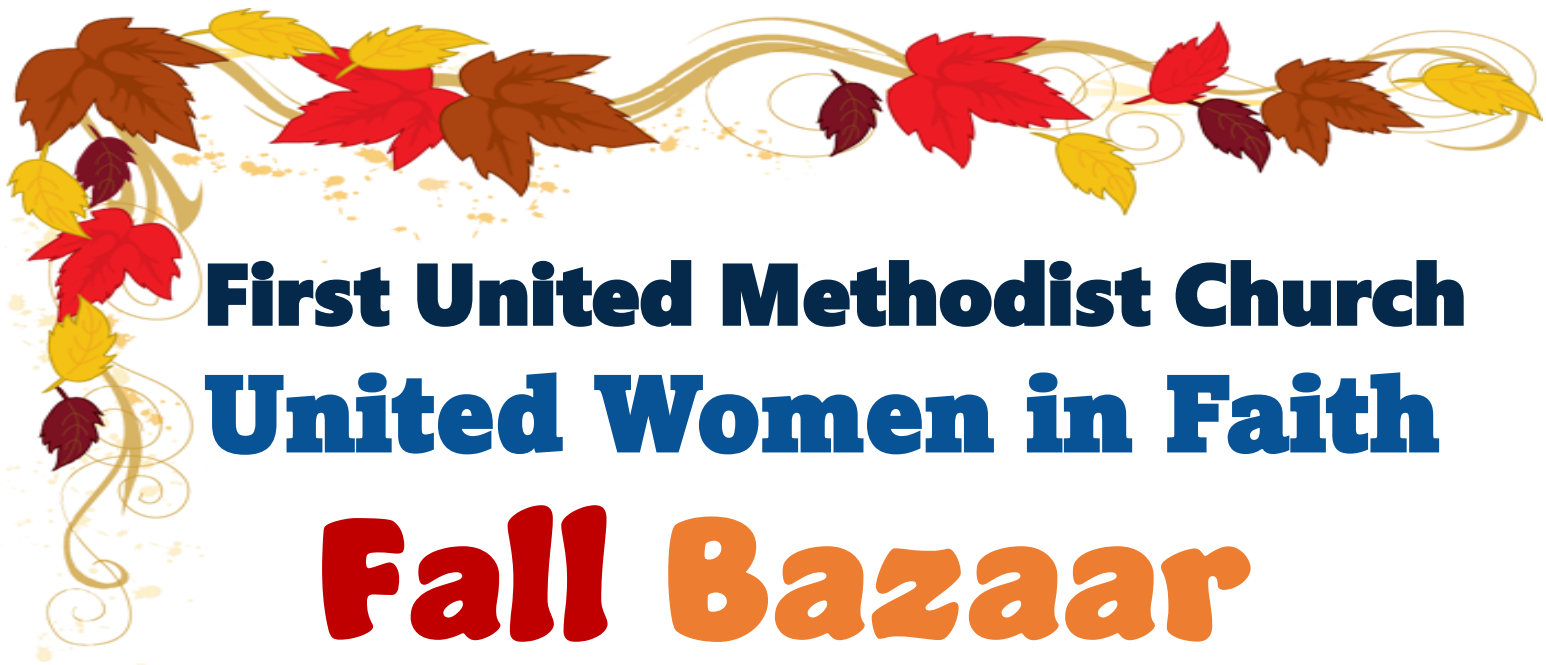


Verse for Thought:

<sup>2</sup>To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours:

<sup>3</sup>Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 1:2



**First United Methodist Church  
United Women in Faith**

**Fall Bazaar**

**Tues, Nov. 5**

**8:00<sub>am</sub> - 7:00<sub>pm</sub>**

Doors open at 8:00 with coffee & rolls!

Chili, chicken noodle soup (and more) with pie served 11:00-7:00.

***FREE WILL OFFERING***

Hand crafted quilts and more will be available for sale!

**408 W 11th St., Wood River, NE**

**St . Mary's Catholic Church**



# November 2024



Thank You, LORD!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Daylight Saving Time Ends Nov 3  					1	2  Tom Babel
3  <i>All Saint's Sunday</i> Dual Worship @Alda 10:00  Dillon DeVore Carrie Powers	4  Michael Meguire	5  <i>Election Day</i> Fall Bazaar 8a-7p  Steve Wheeler	6  Bible Study 9:30  Kim Thompson	7  Brian Earnest Faith Lehman	8  Audrianna Nutter	9  Jane Rickert
10  Dual Worship @Alda 10:00  Church Conference 3:00	11  Brad & Amy Earnest	12  Evonne & Marvin Kubert Larry & Peg Krause	13  Bible Study 9:30 Youth Group 6:30  Brenda Codner	14  Kadence Davidson Logan Brown Gillian Ogden Molly Ogden	15  Wilbur McCumber	16  Wilbur McCumber
17  Dual Worship @Alda 10:00 <i>All Saint's Service of Remembrance</i>  Jessica Price	18  Mark & Brenda Codner	19  Brad Desel	20  Bible Study 9:30	21  Blake Earnest Donna Duff Ron Miles	22  Preston Ammon	23  Jake Rickert Ben Rickert
24  Dual Worship @Alda 10:00	25  Justin Paulk Gary Quisenberry Allan Miller Allan & Joyce Miller	26  Jacob Morse Jersey Allan David & Rhonda Sidders	27  Bible Study 9:30 Youth Group, TBD  Briar Burr	28  Thanksgiving Day  	29  Preston Ammon	30  Jake Rickert Ben Rickert

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ Youth Group will be meeting at the Senior Center for the time being. They are looking for help with meals again this year. If you are interested in providing a meal (16-20 people including leaders), please contact Mel Frear or Anna Miller. Meal time is 6:30-7pm and they generally meet every other Wednesday.
- ♦ Church Conference is Nov 10 at Hastings First at 3:00.
- ♦ All Saint's Sunday-Service of Remembrance will be held on November 17 at 10:00.

United Women in Faith are very grateful for all the support we've received from our church family and community this year. We are donating the Salad Supper proceeds along with what was raised from the sale of all the old plastic chairs no longer in use. \$1,822 will be given to help pay our mission shares. Thank you again! We are looking forward to seeing you all at the Annual Bazaar held at the Catholic Church on November 5th.



Daylight Saving  
Time Ends

**Don't forget to change your clocks  
back at 2:00 am, Nov. 3 for Daylight  
Savings**

## Giving Report

### WOOD RIVER:

October: \$7,008  
September: \$7,714  
August: \$7,969

Average weekly attendance: 29

### ALDA:

October: \$608  
September: \$670  
August: \$650

Average weekly attendance: 9



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to create an account and be approved if  
it's your first time using.