United Christian Church, Yakima WA



Growing in Faith, Living in Hope, Serving with Love.

NOV 2024

From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Beloved family,

As we enter the month of November, a time traditionally associated with gratitude and reflection, I find it fitting to contemplate the intersection of thankfulness and the greatest commandment that Jesus shared with us: to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

In Matthew 22:37-39, Jesus emphasizes that these two commandments are foundational to our faith. Loving God fully invites us into a deeper relationship, one where we recognize God's abundant blessings in our lives. This month, let us take the time to reflect on all the ways God has shown love and grace to us. How can we cultivate a spirit of thankfulness in our everyday lives?

Being thankful is more than just expressing gratitude for the good things that come our way. It's a mindset and a lifestyle. When we love God with all that we are, we can't help but notice the beauty in the world around us, the kindness of friends, and the simple joys of life. Every blessing, big or small, is a reminder of God's goodness and faithfulness.

Equally important is our call to love our neighbors. In a world that can sometimes feel divided and tumultuous, showing love and compassion to those around us is vital. This November, let's challenge ourselves to express our gratitude not just in words but also through our actions. Whether it's volunteering, helping a neighbor, or simply offering a listening ear, our love can transform lives and communities.

Services: Sundays at 10am

Bible Study: 8:30am on Sundays

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Calendar Highlights:

Nov 2nd (Sat): 9am Workday and Finance Board Meeting
Nov 17th (Sun): Thanksgiving Potluck (after service)

Committee Reports:

Hands-On Mission:

We will be collecting non-perishable food to share with the veterans for their Thanksgiving meal. The donations will be delivered after Sunday the 17th. It is a way for us to give thanks to those who have served our country and are often facing difficult challenges.

In December, we will be serving our local youth in the community by providing Christmas gifts. We will receive names and information later in November from the school counselor. It lets us provide a little cheer to those who are going through difficult family circumstances.

We thank you for your help and support in these projects of helping others in a "hands-on", personally involved way. Don't forget - the elementary school would appreciate volunteer time if you want to spend some time each day or week with the students.

May each of you have a blessed and bountiful Thanksgiving.

Marilyn Young and Committee

Hospitality Committee:

Nov 2nd at about 1:30 (after the workday crew has cleared out). Calling the women - come get a head start on the holidays! Sherri will give us some "Glam" make-up tips and demonstration... For a fun afternoon of visiting and primping --- bring a friend and join us.

Nov 17th is the Thanksgiving potluck following worship. The turkey and ham will be provided. Please bring a side dish. This year we are also inviting you to bring a pie to see which one is the "prize recipe" for the feast. Bring one pie and if we have a ton of left-over pies (and no one wants to take their pie home) we will be share the pie with the mission or Camp Hope.

Monthly Scriptures:

Nov 03, 2024 : Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

- Ruth <u>1:1-18</u>
- Psalm <u>146</u>
- Hebrews <u>9:11-14</u>
- Mark <u>12:28-34</u>

Nov 10, 2024 : Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

- Ruth <u>3:1-5; 4:13-17</u>
- Psalm <u>127</u>
- Hebrews <u>9:24-28</u>
- Mark 12:38-44

Nov 17, 2024 : Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

- 1 Samuel 1:4-20
- 1 Samuel <u>2:1-10</u>
- Hebrews <u>10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25</u>
- Mark <u>13:1-8</u>

Nov 24, 2024 : Twenty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

- 2 Samuel 23:1-7
- Psalm <u>132:1-12, (13-18)</u>
- Revelation 1:4b-8
- John <u>18:33-37</u>

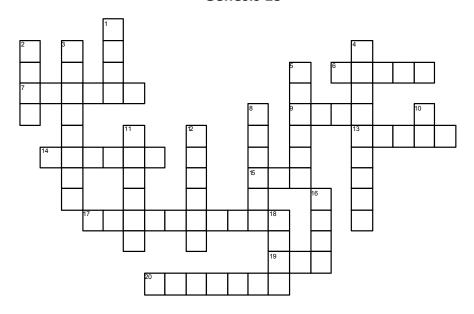






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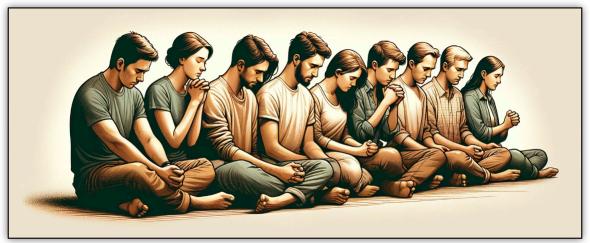
ABRAM AND LOT SEPARATE Genesis 13



ACROSS

| 6 | Abram told Lot the whole land was before them. If you take the, I will go to the left. (Gn. 13:9) |
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| 7 | Lot, who went with Abram, had, herds and tents. (Gn. 13:5) |
| 9 | True or false: The land was not able to bear them, for their possessions were so great that they could not stay together |
| | (Gn. 13:6) |
| 13 | When Lot lived in the cities of the plain, he moved his tent to where the men of that city were wicked and |
| | sinners. (Gn. 13:12-13) |
| 14 | After God gave Abram the blessing to him and for all his descendants, he moved his tent and built an altar to the Lord |
| | at what place? (Gn. 13:18) |
| 15 | When Abram and Lot separated, how much land did the Lord promise to given to Abram and his offspring? (Gn. 13:15 |
| 17 | There was between the herdsmen of the two men. (Gn. 13:7) |
| 19 | When Abram and Lot decided to separate, who made the first choice? (Gn. 13::10) |
| 20 | Lot lifted his eyes and saw the plain of Jordan, that it was and Lot chose this land and journeyed east. (Gn |
| | 13:10-11) |
| DOWN | |
| 1 | When God gave Abram the blessing that his descendants would be as numerous as the dust of the ground, what did God |
| | tell Abram to do throughout that land? (Gn. 13:17) |
| 2 | Abram told Lot the whole land was before them. If you take the, I will go to the right. (Gn. 13:9) |
| 3 | Abram told Lot they must not quarrel, for they were (Gn. 13:8) |
| 4 | Abram was very rich in (Gn. 13:2) |
| 5 | Abram and his family journeyed from the south Bethel where his tent had been at the beginning, unto the place of |
| | which he had made there at first. (Gn. 13:3-4) |
| 8 | When Abram and Lot separated, Abram lived in the land of (Gn. 13:10-11) |
| 10 | When Abram and Lot separated, do you think Lot made a good choice? (Gn. 13:1-13) |
| 11 | Lot lifted his eyes and saw the plain of, that it was watered and Lot chose this land and journeyed east. (Gn |
| | 13:10-11) |
| 12 | Abram was very rich in (Gn. 13:2) |
| 16 | The Lord told Abram his seed (descendants, offspring) would be as numerous as what? (Gn. 13:15) |
| 18 | Abram was very rich in (Gn. 13:2) |





Thoughts and Prayers

We humbly pray for those caught in the midst of conflict and strife. May your love and peace surround them, offering solace and guidance during these challenging times. Grant them strength, courage, and the wisdom to seek peaceful resolutions. Let your compassion and understanding fill their hearts, and may they find a path towards reconciliation and harmony.

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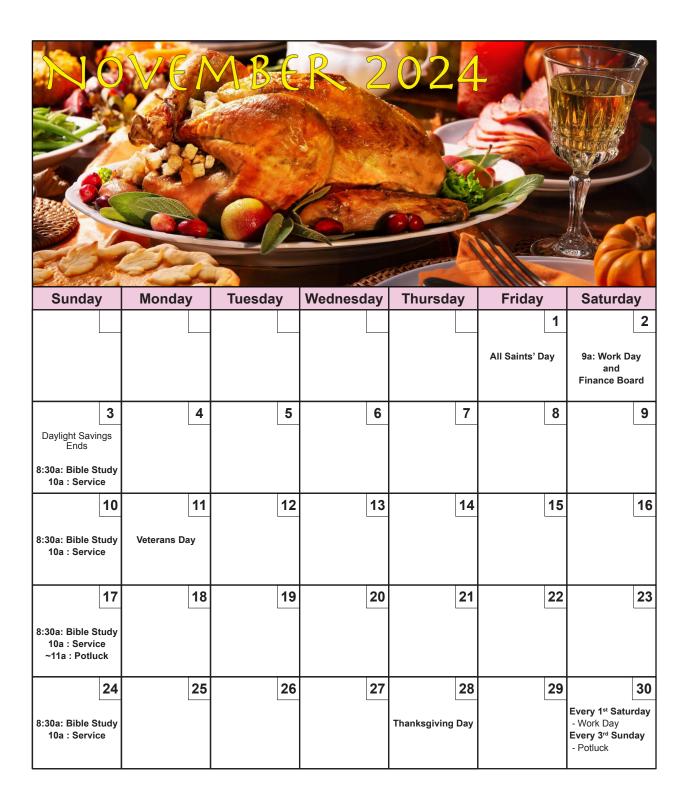
We encourage members to give as they feel led.

Your contributions enable us to continue our mission of service and love within our community and beyond. Every donation, big or small, helps in nurturing the seeds of faith, hope, and togetherness.

Whether it's supporting our local food banks, contributing to the maintenance of our sacred space, or funding community outreach programs, your generosity is the cornerstone of our growth and outreach.



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