

**ARMA/GRACE/MULBERRY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
NOVEMBER 2008 NEWSLETTER**

8:00 am Worship Service -- Mulberry

9:30 am Worship Service -- Grace

11:00 am Worship Service – Arma

Church School – following Children’s Moment -- Arma

COME WORSHIP WITH US!!!

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WHAT KIND OF VOTE WOULD JESUS GET?

I want you to imagine with me that you are living in the springtime of the first century and not in Southeast Kansas, but in the city of Jerusalem, the capitol of Israel. I would like you to suppose with me that you had not heard all of the stories and simply listen to me as I comment on the news – a decision being made concerning leadership.

What kind of vote do you think Jesus will get on November 4? The report from the northern district is that he is a very popular person. He has been talking to large crowds of people, and he has given hope to those who are discouraged. He has given the promise of peace of mind to those who are possessed, and he has offered healing to people of various diseases. It is said he has provided food for the multitudes on two occasions, and he had so much food that there was some left over, which is an indication of his concern for the hungry and poor. It is said that he takes the babies in his arms and blesses them. It is also reported that wherever he is asked to go, and whatever he is asked to do, he is willing to go and do what he can to be helpful.

When the news goes out that he is about to enter another village or town, it is said the people are so eager to experience his great spirit that they actually go out to meet him. It seems he has time for anyone and everyone. He has compassion for people, whether they are rich or poor, sick or healthy, young or old, influential or powerless, pious or a sinner. He cares about people. It is said that he has performed many miracles.

In spite of his power, his wisdom, his influence, he appears to be so humble. Instead of riding a white stallion of triumph as a conqueror who is coming into the capitol to claim the city, he comes riding on a donkey to symbolize that he has come into the world to serve humanity. It is quite a sight! It is an interesting and powerful rally. What do you think his chances are?

I stop the report with that because you already know the rest of the story. You already know what kind of vote he got. He was not made a king, instead he was betrayed by one of his best friends. He was arrested and put through the mockery of a trial. He was denied. He was whipped within an inch of his life. He was scorned, cursed, humiliated and spat upon. He was crucified, and when he was dead he had to be buried in a borrowed grave because everyone had deserted Him.

On Sunday we gather to say with the crowd “crown him” but what about Tuesday? As much as I would prefer to believe and hope that I would have stood, and would still stand with the Sunday crowd and shout “crown him! He’s king.” I am honest enough to admit often by Tuesday or Thursday in my own selfishness somehow that loyalty slips and I would rather he not be as close to me then as he is on Sundays. Does that every happen to you? I also know he deserves better than that. I encourage you, then, to join with me in renewing our vote of confidence in Christ as the only one who deserves to rule over us. You have only one vote, but you have one vote. What kind of vote will Jesus get?

Pastor Don Foster

GRACE NEWS

PRAYERS: Please keep Jeanine Rogers, Vera Little, Charlie Engelhardt, Irene Jones, Evelyn Cole, and George & Vivian Tretbar in your prayers.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Nov 2** **Holy Communion**
- Nov 4** **Election Day!!!!**
- Nov 23** **Grace Annual Thanksgiving Dinner at 12:30 pm**
Arma and Mulberry UMChurches will be our Guests

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- Nov 12** **Barbara Tustin**
- Nov 12** **Judy Reese**
- Nov 17** **Don Bough**
- Nov 17** **Hannah Kramer**
- Nov 17** **Coetta Trahan**
- Nov 27** **David George**

PRAYER: **Lord Jesus Christ, we are grateful that we can**

always come to you just as we are.

Thank you for the love and forgiveness you

offer us. Amen

It is never too late to return to Christ.
John R. Adair

ARMA NEWS

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Nov 1 Cleanup Day at the Church
Nov 12 Administrative Council
Nov 23 Thanksgiving Dinner at Grace – 12:30 pm
Nov 24 Hanging of the Greens – 6:00 pm

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nov 4	Sandra Hohenwalde	Nov 13	Muriel Stroud
Nov 5	Brett Doubledee	Nov 14	Toby Nemmers
Nov 6	Diane Cameron	Nov 16	Joe Polhlopek
Nov 7	Christie Parrish	Nov 16	Kathy Anselmi
Nov 7	Jordan Doubledee	Nov 19	Brenda Banks
Nov 7	Mildred Nicoletti	Nov 21	Joe Verga
Nov 10	Ben Cole	Nov 24	Madeline McAllister
Nov 10	Rachel Cameron	Nov 27	Charlotte Culbertson
Nov 11	Linda Culbertson	Nov 27	Dori Pipkin
Nov 12	Natalie Huber	Nov 29	Lois Loeffler
Nov 13	Mike Garrett	Nov 30	Laura Farley

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Nov 22 Ernestine and Sonny Anselmi

NOVEMBER GREETERS

Nov 2 Dennis Bedene and Debbie Lance
Nov 9 Piper and J.T. Richardson
Nov 16 Youth
Nov 23 Linda Manion
Nov 30 Teresa and Alan Yarnell

FINANCE COMMITTEE

All coins collected during October and November are designated for the Christmas food baskets for community needy families.

U.M.W.

UMW will meet November 19. Norma Lockwood has the lesson, Marlene Singel has the devotions and hostess is Nadine Jones. We will meet at the church to go to Bamboo Palace. We will come back to the church for our meeting.

This is new hope you can use this FROM OUR UMW COOKBOOK. Try it for a good dinner.

- p. 41 Don Foster's meatloaf
- p. 22 Ellie Foster's potato salad
- p. 15 Wilma Lollar's coleslaw
- p. 66 Madeline McAllister's Strawberry Angel

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Last month the youth group traveled to Wesley House to help shelve food that had been donated at the PSU football game. Lunch was provided and the youth then had a study session about helping those in need.

The youth group will be having a meeting on Sunday, November 9th, at 2:00 p.m. Weather permitting they will play miniature golf and eat after. If it is too cold for miniature golf, they will watch a movie at the church and have pizza. Any youth ages 6th through 12th grade are invited to join the fun

FOCUS ON CHURCH FAMILY

All Saints Day will be observed during the worship service on Sunday, November 2nd. Each year during this service, remembrance is paid to those members of the church who have passed away since last year's All Saints Day.

During the worship service this Sunday, the following individuals will be recognized during this special service:

Deceased	Date of Death
Lorraine A. Chippeaux	December 23, 2007
James H. Cowan	January 21, 2008
Henry J. Utermoehlen	June 20, 2008

Also during this service, those individuals whose memorial funds were used during the past year for specific purchases for the church will be recognized.

Carry-In Dinner to follow All Saints Day Worship Service

A carry-in dinner will follow the All Saints Day Worship Service on Sunday, November 2, 2008. Please join us for this fellowship dinner – everyone encouraged to bring a dish.

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