



# Countryside News

Open Hearts, Open Minds, and Open Doors

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## Dates To Remember

- November 1 All Saints Day  
First Sunday Fellowship Meal
- November 4 Worship Committee Meeting
- November 5 Outreach Committee Meeting
- November 7 Men's Bible Study Group  
Countryside Annual Soup Supper
- November 8 Veteran's Sunday  
Farewell Reception for the Wilsons  
Youth Group Meeting
- November 11 Veteran's Day  
Administrative Council Meeting
- November 14 Family Fun Night
- November 17 UMW Meeting
- November 20 Newsletter Deadline
- November 22 CUPS Thanksgiving Service  
Youth Group Meeting
- November 24 Annual Church Conference
- November 26 Happy Thanksgiving!
- November 29 Hanging of the Greens



## Pastor's Word

### Gratitude

The late, Art Linkletter once asked a little girl named Debbie, who was studying science, "What is salt?" And Debbie replied, "Salt is what spoils the potatoes when you leave it out."

We might ask "What is gratitude?" And answer, with little Debbie, that gratitude is what spoils life when you leave it out.

In Luke's Gospel chapter 17, the story of the Ten Lepers raises the issue of gratitude squarely. Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? Where are the other nine? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this one?"

Judging from this incident, nine people out of ten are lost in ingratitude. I know of a schoolteacher who in her fifty years of teaching received only one note of thanks for her efforts. Of all our human failings, ingratitude is perhaps most common.

Jesus' complaint has an edge of personal hurt about it. He seems to be asking what many of us ask from time to time: How do people get that way? As we are very much in to the harvest season, let us all demonstrate to all a thankful spirit that can brighten and invigorate a life that has been too often hidden in the shadows of thanklessness.

So, tomorrow morning when you sit down to your bowl of cereal consider this: Our gracious God puts into one acre of grain:

- \* 4 million lbs. of water,
- \* 6,800 lbs. of oxygen,
- \* 5,200 lbs. of carbon,
- \* 162 lbs. of nitrogen,
- \* 125 lbs. of potassium,
- \* 75 lbs. of sulphur,

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- \* 50 lbs. of magnesium,
- \* 50 lbs. of calcium,
- \* 40 lbs. of phosphorus,
- \* 2 lbs. of iron.

That's 4 million, 12 thousand, 504 lbs. of chemicals. To lose sight of the wonder of that is to lose a sense of appreciation and gratitude.

Peace!

Pastor Bill



**United Methodist Student Day with Special Offering - Sunday, November 29**

United Methodist Student Day calls the Church to support students as they prepare for life in uniting faith with knowledge. Your gifts will provide scholarships and loans to deserving United Methodist Students who attend or will attend a United Methodist - related college or university in our conference. **Please give generously!**

**Annual Church Conference - Tuesday, November 24, 7:00 pm @ Countryside UMC**

Conference Superintendent Rev. In-Sook Hwang will be leading us in this important gathering. Participating with us this year will be the following congregations: Allerton, Homer, Ogden/Broadlands, St. Joseph, and Sadorus/Parkville United Methodist Churches. Together we will pray, worship, share, and make important ministry decisions for the upcoming year. All members and friends of Countryside are invited.



**Iroquois River District Work Trip - July 18-23**

Members and friends of the Countryside UMC are invited to join members of the Iroquois District churches on a special work trip to Henderson Settlement in southeaster Kentucky on July 18-23. Yes, next July sounds like a long way off, but Henderson Settlement is asking for an approximate number of volunteers. If you are interested, please let Pastor Bill know as soon as possible. The approximate cost per person is \$200-265 and includes food and lodging. Any church sending youth must also send an adult sponsor who will be responsible for those youth. Also if you are interested in sponsoring a volunteer to have questions please contact the church office.



**From the Youth Group**

The Youth would like to thank everyone for their support of the Youth luncheon. We appreciate your helping us with our contributions to Edith.



## Stewardship

**Traditional Service-10:15AM**

**Liturgist: Pat Miller**

**November 8: Veterans**

Ushers/Greeters

Harold and Betty Thomas  
November 8: Veterans



## December Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the November newsletter is Friday, November 20. Please have all articles submitted to Brenda Hensch no later than noon. Articles may be submitted via email at [cumc.office@tswireless.net](mailto:cumc.office@tswireless.net) or placed in Brenda's mailbox in the church office.

## November Meetings

**Worship Committee will meet** at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, November 4.

**Outreach Committee will meet** at 6:30 pm on Thursday, November 5.

**Men's Bible Study will begin** at 8:00 am on Saturday, November 7.

**Administrative Council will meet** at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, November 11.

**Countryside UMW will meet** at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, November 17 at Yvonne Grussing's house.



## Countryside UMW

The Countryside UMW will meet Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00 pm at the home of Yvonne Grussing in Sidney. Note the early date because of Thanksgiving. Shirley Wheeler is assistant hostess. Program of thank offering will be given by Grace McCarrey. Officers for 2010 will be installed by Pastor Bill Lakota Eastin. Plans for the Annual Christmas Brunch will be discussed at this meeting. Women of the church are welcome.

Thank you.

Blessings,

Betty Thomas

## Thank You

We would just like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make the Halloween Open House on October 30th such a huge success. We had a bigger turn out than expected which was wonderful! Everyone had a great time! Who knows what we can do next year???

Thanks Again,

Jessi LeCrone and Brenda Hensch



# Countryside's Annual Soup Supper

Saturday, November 7  
4-7 PM

Fellowship Hall

Free Will Donation

Bring your family and friends