

November 2021

Monthly Newsletter of Howell First United Methodist Church

Bell Ringer



A Month of Gratitude

Mark Your Calendar

11.7

YOUTH Lock-In

11.7

Daylight Savings Ends

All Saints Sunday

Euchre Tournament

11.18 & 19

Nut Order Pick-up

11.25 & 26

OFFICE CLOSED

11.28

UM Student Day -
Special Offering

I am declaring November to be a Month of Gratitude. During our pandemic our culture had not been permeated with the spirit of gratitude. Instead, people have thought themselves to be entitled to unemployment checks, free masks, free vaccines and free speech and when any of those things have been in short supply, they have expressed free anger. Now I am not interested in debating entitlements, but would like to consider God's call on us in turbulent times. You see, God's call to quarrelling people is gratitude. He invites us to be thankful. I have never met anyone grateful and entitled at the same time.

Paul tells us in 1 Thessalonians 5:18, "Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus." Paul also says in Colossians 3:15, "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful."

For each of the thirty days of November I will be sharing what I am Thankful for. You may find them on our website and Facebook Live.

Please join me in November for a new Worship Series of Gratitude. This may just be our best Thanksgiving ever.

Pastor Scott



**Current Stephen
Ministers:**

*Lance Schuhmacher,
Jim Rutherford,
Bill Buyers,
Gloria Shadaker,
Jan Clay,
Rick & Mary Lou Dell,
Tom & Marge Burkert,
Nancy Milner,
Patti Van Loo*

We have a flag pole in our front yard with a solar powered light that shines down on our flag. It's very bright and illuminates the ground below. At times when I awake in the middle of the night I can see it glowing, but slowly diminishing its brightness. When the days have been dark and dreary, it has very little light showing, if at all. It needs the sun's power to keep it going strong.

Isn't that the case of our faith? We need the power of His Son, Jesus Christ. How often do we feel downtrodden and alone? Trials come upon us quickly and unexpectedly. We experience loss of a loved one, we lose jobs, we suffer from illnesses and injuries, failed marriages, wayward children, and it can cause our faith to diminish. Without the Son, we can lose hope and find ourselves doubting. It's times like this we need the support of Christian friends who know how to draw on His power to restore that faith, to return hope, and refill our lives with remembering God's love. As Stephen Ministers we listen, we care, we seek to find God's words of encouragement, we pray and then we wait on God's radiance of healing to shine forth in your lives. He is the producer of the power to make that relationship strong again. He restores your ability to walk in His brightness and return you back on His path for your life.

If your faith is diminishing and need to replenish the power of God's love in your life, please do not hesitate to request a Stephen Minister. Speak to Pastor Scott, or one of the Stephen Ministers.

May all feel the power of God's everlasting love,

Patti Van Loo, for the Stephen Ministry Team



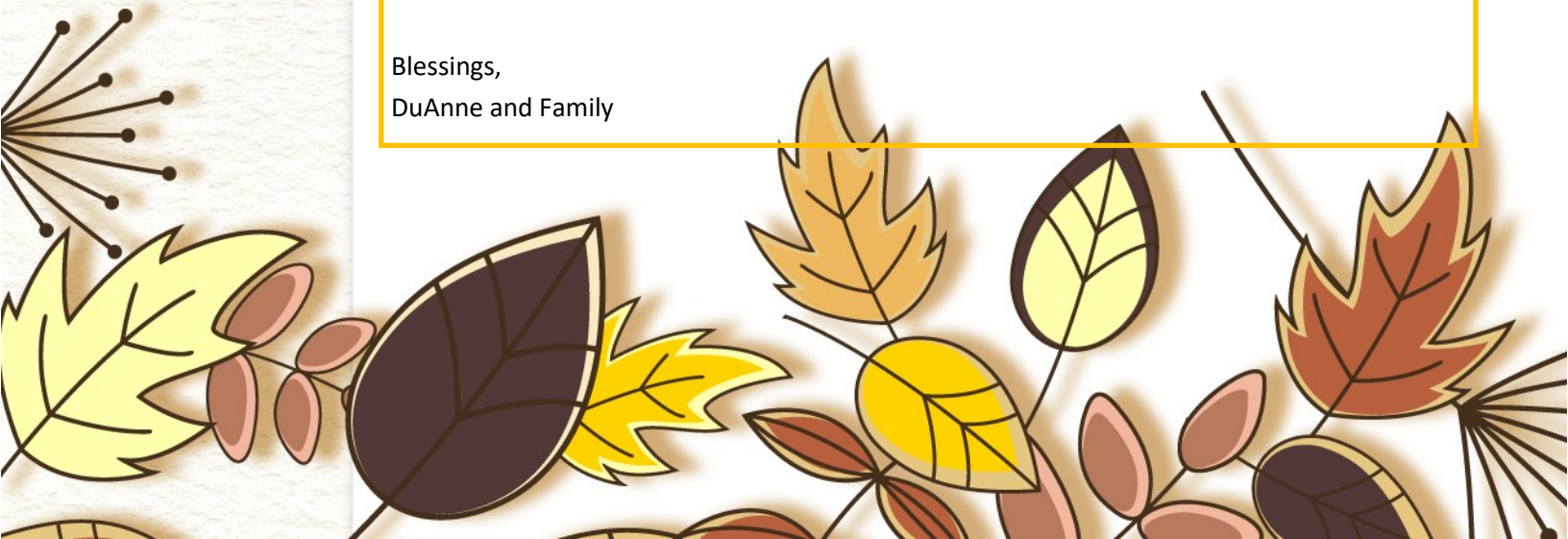
Dearest Church Family,

Thank you so very much for all your prayers, phone calls, cards, hugs, cookies and donations during Jay's fall and passing. They all meant so very much to our family.

You are truly a special church family that we are so blessed to be a part of.

Thanks again.

Blessings,
DuAnne and Family





Howell FUMC Financial Summary

01-01-2021 thru 09-30-2021

Income

	2021 Actual	2021 Target	Amt Over/ (Under)	Actual / Target	Y-T-D expected	Actual to Expected Percentage Over/(Under)
General - pledged	238,746.20	310,697.00	(71,950.80)	76.84	74.59	2.25
General - non-pledged	110,859.26	251,880.16	(141,020.90)	44.01	74.59	(30.58)
Loose Plate	2,498.15	8,000.00	(5,501.85)	31.23	74.59	(43.36)
Other	2,578.61	7,027.00	(4,448.39)	36.70	74.59	(37.89)
Total	354,682.22	577,604.16	(222,921.94)	61.41	74.59	(13.18)

Expenses

Budget split	Actual	Budget	Amt Over/ (Under)	Actual / Budget	Y-T-D expected	Actual to Expected Percentage Over/(Under)
21.16 1.0 Operating expenses	83,488.99	122,243.52	-38,754.53	68.30	74.59	(6.29)
9.36 2.0 Program expenses	25,018.81	54,085.00	-29,066.19	46.26	74.59	(28.33)
10.83 3.0 Ministry Shares	34,707.00	62,547.00	-27,840.00	55.49	74.59	(19.10)
58.56 4.0 Staff Salaries	246,508.03	338,228.64	-91,720.61	72.88	74.59	(1.71)
0.09 Payroll expenses	421.75	500.00	-78.25	84.35	74.59	9.76
100.00 Total	390,144.58	577,604.16	-187,459.58	67.55	74.59	(7.04)

Income Overage/(Shortfall) \$ (35,462.36)

As you can see from the above summary, our income is falling short of our expenses. The pledged giving is on track but we are still falling short. The Finance Committee is confident that we can overcome the deficit if each family can give at least an additional \$500 over and above your pledged/planned giving amount.

We thank you for your continued financial support and request that you prayerfully consider the additional giving.





MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

The memorial
committee will
meet on
November 4th at
1:15 PM in room
#6.

This will directly
follow a meeting
to end at 1:00 PM.
If you arrive early,
please wait in the
café with
patience!

**A BIG thank you for all of the prayers
and cards we have received from you
since our two accidents. Thank you to
Pastor Scott for your visits and calls!
We are so blessed to have such a loving
and caring congregation.
We love you and so does God!**

Blessings to all of you,
Wayne & Marie Chubb

The *Change* of the BELL RINGER

As a reminder, the Bell Ringer will discontinue at the end of the year. In January, the monthly newsletter will be replaced with the Weekly Update.

We know there is some concern with this. To lessen those concerns, Here is a bit of what to expect.

What will this look like?

The last Friday of every month a full calendar with any IMPORTANT must know information will still be mailed to those without internet or email capabilities. IF REQUESTED any article may be printed for pick up and left at the information/welcome desk for you to pick up throughout the week or on Sunday Morning. There will always be extra copies of the calendar there as well.

Anyone as it is now, may submit articles, thank you notes, schedules, etc. for any weekly update.

If you want something in a Friday Weekly Update, the deadline for submission is Wednesday at 1:00 PM the week of (or you may specify which Friday). If you do not make the deadline, the information will be held for the following week.

Each week will include updated calendars for the building, youth and fitness. Each week will include a feature article, usually written by Pastor Scott.

This is ever evolving, and may continue to change.

If you are not already on the email list, please call (517) 546-2730 or email jrhodes@howellfumc.com to be added.

Discipleship Ministries

November, 2021

Wednesday Weekly Activities

Wednesday Studies for Adults

4:00 - Wednesday Weekly Bible Study

Topic: The 10 Commandments

Room 10, led by Sue Rice

6:15 - Foundations Room 10, led by Rev. Scott & Carrie Otis

Wednesday Activities for Children

6:00 - 9:00 PM - Nursery ages 0-2

Room 7, led by Julie Greene

6:15-7:15 PM - BLAST

Rooms 11-12, led by Olive Hayden-Moore

Wednesday Activities for Youth

6:00-7:15 PM - Confirmation Class

Rooms 13-14-15, led by Danielle Burkhart



Fellowship Meal

<u>Date</u>	<u>Menu</u>	<u>Cooks</u>
11/3	Meat Loaf, Smashed Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Green Beans, Special Dessert	UMW Exec. Committee
11/10	Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Chips, Pickles, Dessert	Missions Committee
11/17	Sloppy Joes, Baked Beans, Chips, Peaches, Cottage Cheese, Cake	Dorcas/Mary-Martha Circle

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Weekday Studies

Women's Bible Study - Wednesdays, 11 AM

-see Vickie Edgington for Zoom link-

Sisters - Thursdays, 10 AM - Parlor

No Wednesday Meal or Evening Activities on November 24.

Happy Thanksgiving, Everyone!

Sunday Activities for Children and Youth

<u>Event</u>	<u>Age Level</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
Nursery	Ages 0-2	Room 7	8:45-10 AM; 10:15-11:30 AM
Faith Factory	Age 3-5 th Grade	Rooms 8-12	9-10 AM; 10:30-11:30 AM
Donuts & Prayer	Grades 6-12	Rooms 13-15	10-10:15 AM
Youth Group	Grades 6-12	Rooms 13-15	6-8 PM



UMW

November 2021

The committee for the Nut fundraiser would like to thank all of you who purchased nuts. The profit the UMW makes on this event will help support our mission projects. Again, Thank You.

Co-chairs: Janet Adams and Marilyn Kelley

Upcoming Events:

Peanut Brittle Making:

November 11, 12 & 13th (if needed) from 9 am to 12 pm. Sign up sheets will be in the Café on the counter for this event. If you are able to help with this event, please sign up we could use your help. You do not have to be a member of any circle to help make peanut brittle. We do have a lot of fun.

Nut Pickup:

This will be on Thursday, November 18 and Friday, November 19 from 10 am to 1 pm in the Narthex. You may drive up to Door #2 (Narthex door) and we will bring your order out to you.

Holly Treats/Cookie Walk:

December 11th from 9 am to 1 pm

CIRCLES

Dorcas/Mary Martha: Wednesday, November 17 @ 10:00 am in the Parlor.
Program will be World Thank Offering

Faith: Monday, November 29th @ 6 pm in the Parlor.
Program: Christmas Party

Grace: Thursday, November 11 @ 6:00 pm in the Café.
Program: Preparing crafts for Holly Treats

Mary – Elizabeth: No Meeting

Ruth: No Meeting in November. Making of Peanut Brittle will be our meeting.

HOWELL FUMC YOUTH | GRADES 6-8

Fall 2021 Calendar

Youth Group | Sundays 6-8pm
Digging Deeper Bible Study | Wednesday 6-7pm
Confirmation Class | Sundays 11:40-1pm
Special Events

SEPTEMBER

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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2

Sep 5 | Labor Day Weekend

Sep 18 | Paint & Place Kindness Rocks 1-3:30pm

Donuts & Prayer: Begins Sep 12th

→ In-between services



OCTOBER

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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Oct 3 | Mission Trip Registration & \$40 Due

Oct 6 | Wed. Weekly Meal – Fundraiser 3:30-7:30pm

Oct 23 | Trunk-Or-Treat 5-6:30pm

Oct 31 | Halloween

SAVE the DATE



NOVEMBER

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Nov 5-6 | All-Nighter 7pm-7am

Nov 7 | Euchre Tournament Fundraiser 1-5:30pm

Nov 21 | Winter Retreat Deposit Due \$25

Nov 24-28 | Thanksgiving Break

FIND OUT MORE:

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday 8am, 9am, 10 ³⁰ am WORSHIP 8 ⁴⁵ am, 10am, 11 ³⁰ am COFFEE	1 7pm Missions	2 12-4 pm DAR 7 ³⁰ pm BSA364	3 Wed. Weekly	4 10 am Sisters 5 ³⁰ -9 ³⁰ LCGS 6 ³⁰ pm MOPS 6 ³⁰ pm VC364 7 pm Trustees	5 7 pm – 7am YOUTH ALL NIGHT	6 12 pm Children Rehearsal
7 Communion All Saints Sunday 2-5 pm Euchre Tournament	8 6pm UMW Ex. Mtg	9 6 ³⁰ pm CWRT 7 pm SSTEP 7 ³⁰ pm BSA364	10 Wed. Weekly	11 10 am Sisters 6 pm Grace Circle 7 pm Trustees <i>Veterans Day</i>	12 Peanut Brittle	13 Peanut Brittle 12 pm Children Rehearsal
14	15	16	17 Wed. Weekly 10 am Dorcas M/M	18 10-1 Nut Pick Up 10 am Sisters 6 ³⁰ pm VC364 7 pm Council	19 10-1 Nut Pick Up	20 12 pm Children Rehearsal 12 pm DAR
21 7 pm Stephen Ministry	22	23	24	25 OFFICE CLOSED <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27
28 UM Student Day *Special Offering	29 7 pm Faith Circle	30 7 ³⁰ pm BSA364	* PLEASE SEE FITNESS SCHEDULE on howellfuncc.com – 6 days per week!		Wed. Weekly 4pm Bible Study 5 ¹⁵ pm Meal 5 ³⁰ pm Bells 6 pm Confirmation 6 pm Nursery 6 ⁴⁵ pm BLAST 6 ¹⁵ pm Foundations 7 pm Band 7 ¹⁵ pm Choir	
						AA Groups 7 am Sun-Sat Noon Mon-Fri 7 ³⁰ pm Mon