

Worship - Sunday 10 AM
Sunday School - during worship
(Sep-Jun)

Twins Talk

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Pastor's Corner

Welcome to November! Have you stopped to consider 2025 is 10 months old? What's the saying: Time FLYS! I cannot remember a more beautiful August-October. It comes at the price of a drought I wish we could help stop, but... the days have been spectacular! Crystal blue skies and mild temperatures - it is a gift to experience where we live!!!

For us at Twin Churches these wonderful days have been touched by the passing of some beautiful people which makes this Sunday a little more poignant.

Each year, on *All Saints' Day*, we pause to remember — not just the famous saints whose names fill church calendars, but all those who have shaped our faith and our lives in quiet, loving ways.

All Saints' Day reminds us that the "saints" are not distant or unreachable figures. They are the Sunday School teachers who taught us to pray, the elders who led with grace, the neighbors who showed us kindness when we needed it most. They are parents, friends, and mentors whose lives reflected God's love in small, steady ways.

It's a day to give thanks for that "great cloud of witnesses" who have gone before us — and to recognize that we, too, are part of that ongoing story. Through our actions, our compassion, and our hope, God continues the work begun in them.

As we honor with roses, say names, and whisper prayers of gratitude, we remember that the love of God never ends — it simply changes form, flowing through one generation to the next.

This *All Saints' Day*, let's embrace the truth that we are never alone. We are surrounded, inspired, and carried forward by the people who have gone before — and by the Spirit who binds us all together in love.

Steve

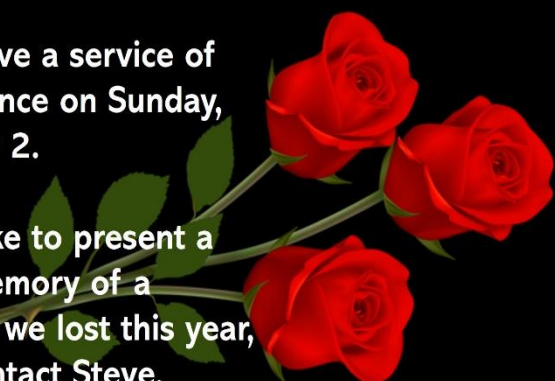
"No one has ever seen God; but if we love each other, God lives in us!" 1 John 4:12



All Saints' Day

We will have a service of remembrance on Sunday, November 2.

If you'd like to present a rose in memory of a loved one we lost this year, please contact Steve.



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Nov 2 – Sarah DePalma – *All Saints Sunday*

Nov 9 – Betsy Allen

Nov 16 – Sonnel Suba

Nov 23 – Lynn Howard

Nov 30 – Fellowship and volunteers – *5th Sunday, 1st Sunday Advent*

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A Successful Octoberfeast

From Janet Lanning
Fellowship Chair

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to this year's Octoberfeast take-out dinner. Whether you cooked squash, baked pies, and/or worked on Saturday at church, your efforts are very much appreciated! Here's a selfie of a part of our crew.

This was the first year since we began the take-out dinner in 2021 that we did not run out of (or low on) some food - stuffing, squash, potatoes, or turkey. Since we had quite a few leftovers to sell after church the next morning, some may wonder why we kept asking for sign-ups week after week. If you've ever worked in the kitchen during the dinner, you know that horrible feeling of getting low on something when we still have 50 take-out containers to be filled. Last year, we were scraping the pots to get every spoonful of squash. And, instant potatoes had to be added to our mashed potatoes to stretch them. For years, we ran out of stuffing.

About 2 or 3 years ago, our beloved Gaby McGhee realized that if she used a knife to score the top of the pan of stuffing, she could get 40 servings from each of 8 pans. (Forever a math teacher!) We haven't run out of stuffing since! So, thank-you for your generosity in all you donated.

On October 18, we had simply the best crew ever. People were at church all day cutting pies, filling cranberry cups, packaging rolls, filling gravy containers, etc. We had 2 expert crews. One was setting up the dining room to maximize space and organize stations to get the dinners packed up so efficiently. The other was outdoors setting up the drive-through to run as smoothly as possible. (We didn't count on having so many cars parked in the roadway from folks who were in the park. We'll need to look at this closely next year). The kitchen crew rocked as well. Thanks to all who stayed to help clean up.



You all are simply a wonderful group to work with!



"God Can Do It: We Can Help"

Mother Teresa said, "It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving."

With those words in mind, please consider a pledge to keep our faith active and our care growing in a world that continues to get more challenging every day.

Continuing God's work in our church and community cannot happen without all of us doing it together.

All pledges will be received and dedicated on Sunday, December 14.



**A Community Service
of Thanksgiving, Peace and Friendship**

Tuesday, November 25

Location and time – To be announced

Join us in celebration of our belonging to each other in our beautiful community of faith.

It's the Perfect Season for giving Thanks! Please join us!



Understanding that not everyone has a place to go on Thanksgiving Day, the Unitarian Church is inviting members of the congregations who participated in the ecumenical picnic this past summer to a "bring-a-dish-to-pass" Thanksgiving dinner at **Unity Hall in Barneveld on November 27 at 1:00 PM.**

Guests are asked to bring a dish adequate to serve 4-6 people such as squash, stuffing, cabbage salad, baked apples, baked beans, potatoes in some form, apple or pumpkin pie - or your own choice.

THERE WILL BE TURKEY!!

Unlike the picnic, they have glassware, dishes, tableware and napkins at Unity Hall. And might I add, a dishwasher, which makes it all so much more fun.

Coffee, tea, cream, sugar and cider will be provided. (Please, no alcohol.)

Faith, Friends & Fellowship



Join us on November 30th at 10:00 AM for our next 5th Sunday Ecumenical Service, hosted by - US - and led by Pastor Steve Vance, followed by fellowship and light refreshments in the church house. We will be celebrating the 1st Sunday of Advent with music, candle lighting and anticipation.

Sunday School will be in session during the service for all youth who would like to attend.

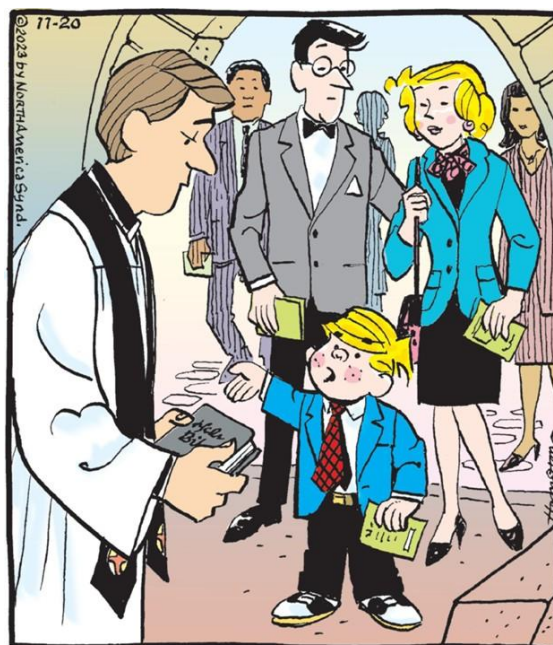
We welcome everyone to participate with the community choir. Rehearsals will be at First Pres on Thursday, November 13 and 20 at 5:15.

Volunteers are needed to make small sandwiches and cookies (finger foods for easy cleanup). Please see Janet Lanning to sign up

We look forward to seeing you all!



BUILDING REPAIRS - Our historic building got some much needed care - the metal roof and wood edges got a new coat of paint. Thank you to the property committee for doing their best to preserve our history and our future.



"WHAT HAPPENS WHEN EVERYONE STOPS SINNING... WHAT WILL YOU DO?"



November

- 1 Jeff Dittl
Benett Marconi
Cullen Dunn (Patty Aubrey)
- 2 Grandson)
- 4 Dale Jones
- 6 Cindy Rye
- 9 Hannah Kraft
- 12 Nancy Schoff
Jeff & Deb Dittl (A)
- 13 Taylor Koenig (Gaylord)
- 14 Jessica Brown
- 17 Hannah Ferris
Bonnie Churcher
- 18 Gail Smith
- 20 Lauren (Moseman) Smoak
- 21 Chris Aiken
Lynne & Merritt Howard (A)
- 22 Karen VanGorder
- 23 Emily Preston
Jalayna Fox
- 27 Leah Howard
Michael Bamford
- 28 Marie Mueller
Joe Rowlands

UPCOMING EVENTS

Worship Schedule

Nov 2 - Steve Vance - *Communion, All Saints Sunday*

Nov 9 - Steve Vance

Nov 16 - Bonnie Tryon

Nov 23 - Steve Vance

Nov 25 - Steve Vance - *Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service*

Nov 30 - Steve Vance - *Host 5th Sunday,
1st Sunday Advent*

Events

Choir Practice - Thursdays at 5:15 pm (*Except Wed, Nov 5*)

Nov 5 - Choir Practice - 5:15 pm

Nov 5 - Stone Soup - *see Betsy Allen for info*

Nov 8 - Park Coffee House - *Joe Davoli with Loren &
LJ Barrigar*

Nov 15 - Memorial Service for Gaby McGhee - 1pm
followed by Celebration of Life at 16 Stone Brewpub

Nov 22 - Park Coffee House - *Alexis Loomis & Red Bandana*

Nov 23 - Session Meeting after worship

Nov 27 - Thanksgiving Dinner at Unity Hall - 1 pm
(See article above)

*Check our website at "twinchurches.org"
for a complete calendar of events*

bits & pieces

Prayers are asked for:

- Dwight Putnam, his family and friends on the passing of his beloved Gail on October 7. Gail will be remembered for her beautiful smile, kind heart and many years as an outstanding Sunday School teacher.
- The family and friends of Gaby McGhee who passed away on October 11. A memorial service will be held on November 15 at 1:00 pm, followed by a celebration of life at 16 Stone Brewpub.
- Bob "the Builder" Griffith was in Rome Hospital with breathing difficulties but is now home. Bob is in need of new living arrangements and help with care for his dog. Check with Vicky Allen for details.
- Kathy Harvey and her family as they deal with health concerns and life changes. Safe travels as they visit their son, Gary, and family in Cleveland.

Joys are shared for:

- Visitor, Gary Turns, who was on his way to Lowes while visiting friends in the area and decided to stop and join us for Sunday worship. He thanked us for the warm welcome and even helped with a repair project after the service.

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