

# THE CIRCUIT RIDER



The Anthony United  
Methodist Church

225 N. Bluff

Worship: 9:30

Church School: 10:45

## NEWS FROM THE ANTHONY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

### *A Thanksgiving Letter from Pastor Bruce*

Dear Beloved Church Family,  
Not long ago I was feeling quite tired from the workload of my job. Soon afterward, I found myself in a conversation with a colleague from a neighboring district. As we shared stories about our respective ministries, I asked him to tell me his favorite thing about being a pastor. Without hesitation, he testified to the privilege he feels in serving his parishioners and helping each one of them grow in Christ. For the next few days that word, privilege, stuck in my mind. I am always committed to the work I believe God gives me each day, but if I had been asked that same question, would I have called my work, "a privilege"? And my bold re-

ponse is, "Yes, indeed!!" Even in seasons of exhaustion, I thank God for the grace He gives me to put one foot in front of the other each day and serve those He sends my way. Helping people grow in spiritual maturity and Christlikeness is truly a great privilege.

As we approach this season of Thanksgiving, please know my heart is filled with deep gratitude for each of you. This time of year gives us a special opportunity to reflect on the blessings God has so graciously poured into our lives—and one of the greatest blessings I count is you, my dear parishioners.

I thank God daily for your faithfulness, your prayers, your generosity, and the way you embody Christ's love both within these church walls and out in the world. Whether you serve quietly behind the scenes or lead boldly from the front, your contributions are seen, valued, and deeply appreciated.

Your support and encouragement strengthen me as your pastor, and your hunger for God's Word inspires me to continue preaching, teaching and shepherding with joy. I've seen the Spirit move among us this year—in baptisms, celebrations of life, in answered prayers, in worship, in the way you've cared for one another, and in your steadfast commitment to our mission.

In 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3, Paul writes, "We give thanks to God always for all of you constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." That verse captures how I feel about you.

This Thanksgiving, may your homes be filled with joy, your hearts with peace, and your tables with abundance. But above all, may you feel the nearness of our Lord, who is the Giver of every good gift.

From my heart to yours—thank you for being such a precious part of this church family. I am truly blessed to walk this journey of faith with you.

With love in gratitude in Christ,

Pastor Bruce Wilson



*Pastor Appreciation Sunday*

#### Pastor Bruce's Office Hours

Harper: Tues. 10:30-12:30

Anthony: Wed. 10:30-12:30

Thursday by appointment

Appointments welcome!



# HANGING OF THE NOV.23 Greens! FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Meet in Fellowship Hall for instructions  
Box lunch provided after decorating

## OCTOBER MINISTRY TEAM NEWS

Those present: Robert Chandler, Pastor Bruce Wilson, Mary Chandler, Lucinda Gates and Karen Cather  
Meeting opened in prayer by Robert

### Old Business:

- The directories arrived but because of an error on the company's end, we are waiting on reprints.
- The Country Living tailgate party is rescheduled for Oct.19
- Confirmation class is at HUMC. Bruce may need some help from team at some point.

### New Business:

- Laity Sunday Oct. 19. Bruce is asking people to share "Proclaiming God's Work in Our Lives" during worship.
- All Saints Sunday Nov. 2 will do the same as last year. Karen will set up.
- Hanging of the greens will be Nov. 23 with box lunches served.
- Not recognizing 5th Sunday in Nov. but will do a joint service at AUMC Dec. 28 and feature new and old Chrismos as they are being removed from tree for storage

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## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2

*Join us Nov. 2 as we remember those loved ones who have gone before us. You are invited to bring an item to place on the altar that reminds you of that person(s).*



We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

Dear Anthony Congregation,

Our day in ministry on Sunday Oct 12<sup>th</sup> went something like this: Anthony Worship, Harper Worship, Confirmation Class, Congregational Church Celebration Service, hospital visits, late dinner and children's bedtime. At the end of all that, Melissa and I exhaled and opened the Pastor Appreciation Card you presented to us. That moment was emotional and brought us to tears because your financial generosity blesses us more than you know. It is not easy to articulate our gratitude. With full and humbled hearts, we sing praise and thanksgiving for the abundant blessing God has given to us through your loving support and kindheartedness.

In Christ,

Pastor Bruce & Melissa Wilson



## Obadiah's Pantry

### NOVEMBER CHALLENGE:

### MICROWAVE POPCORN

AUMC donated 35 boxes of tissue to  
Obadiah's Pantry  
43 families consisting of 76 adults and 35  
children, received food in October

Enter His gates with **thanksgiving**;  
go into His courts with praise.  
**Give thanks** to Him and  
praise His name.

PSALM 100:4

## a grateful heart

### November Scripture Writing Plan

|                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Psalm 100.1-3        | 1 Chron. 16.11-12 |
| Psalm 100.4-5        | Psalm 30.4-5      |
| James 1.17-18        | Psalm 30.11-12    |
| Colossians 3.14-15   | Psalm 57.9-10     |
| Colossians 3.16-17   | Psalm 86.11-1     |
| Psalm 95.1-3         | Psalm 92.1-4      |
| Psalm 107.1-3        | Psalm 138.1-3     |
| Colossians 2.6-7     | Psalm 138.4-6     |
| 1 Timothy 2.1-2      | Psalm 138.7-8     |
| Hebrews 12.28-29     | Psalm 7.17        |
| 1 Thess. 5.16-18     | 1 Cor. 15.56-58   |
| 1 John 3.1           | Romans 6.16-18    |
| Psalm 9.1-2          | 2 Cor. 2.14-16    |
| Psalm 28.6-8         | 1 Timothy 6.6-8   |
| 1 Chronicles 16.8-10 | Psalm 118.28-29   |

Take time each day to write out a scripture

## Prayer Concerns

Pray for our community, country and world  
Pray for Pastor Bruce, Melissa, Piper, and Parker  
Prayers of thanksgiving for rain  
Prayers for friends and family of Madge Mayo  
Prayers for June as she continues to heal and get stronger  
Prayers for Gerri Highbanks as she continues treatment  
Prayers of gratitude for our volunteers  
Pray for those with unspoken needs  
Prayers for Pat B. for her upcoming surgery and recovery  
Prayers of comfort for those with anxiety and depression  
Pray to seek ways to better serve others  
Pray for Misty for her upcoming surgery and recovery  
Prayers that we may boldly bring others to Christ  
Prayers for travel mercies during the Thanksgiving season  
Prayers for Trina during cancer treatments  
Prayers for healing for Jonna  
Prayers for Kade and Aubrey  
Prayers for Gabby Coggins recovering after car wreck  
Prayers for Kari O'Riley's mom dealing with health concerns  
Prayers for Lori Wilcox as she seeks a treatment for cancer

## OCTOBER OPEN TABLE

| DATE     | SERVED | AMOUNT COLLECTED |
|----------|--------|------------------|
| 10/01/25 | 59     | \$153.00         |
| 10/08/25 | 64     | \$308.00         |
| 10/15/25 | 71     | \$346.00         |
| 10/22/25 | 73     | \$285.00         |
| 10/29/25 | N/A    | N/A              |

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# OUR CHURCH FAMILY IN OCTOBER



**TAIL GATE PARTY AT COUNTRY LIVING!**

**Avry goes to State Tennis!**



**Piper and Martha at "Talking Tombstones" event**



**FAMILIAR FACES PAY A VISIT**

## TRUNK OR TREAT FUN!



**The Chandlers**



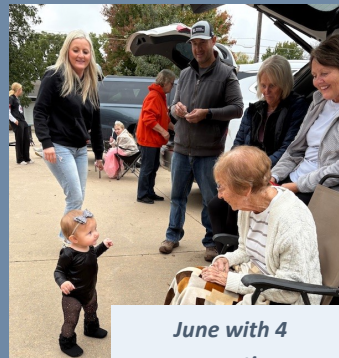
**Carolyn & Dustin**



**Martha & Linda**



**Hazel Family**



**June with 4 generations**



**Carothers Family**



**Lori, Beth and Jonna**



**Rathgeber Family**



**Diane**



**Jason & friends**



**Diane and Grandsons**



**Jenn and Karen**



# November 2025

| Sun                                                                 | Mon                                            | Tue                                                 | Wed                                      | Thu                                                                                        | Fri                                                        | Sat                                                                       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                     |                                                |                                                     |                                          |                                                                                            |                                                            | 1<br><i>Cinnamon Day</i>                                                  |
| 2 <i>All Saints Sunday</i><br><i>Daylight Savings ends</i>          | 3<br><i>Cliché Day</i><br><i>Office closed</i> | 4<br><i>Natl Chicken Lady Day</i>                   | 5<br><i>Open Table Meal</i><br>5:30-7:00 | 6<br><i>Natl Men Make Dinner Day</i>                                                       | 7<br><i>Natl Football Jersey Friday</i>                    | 8<br><i>Natl S.T.E.M. Day</i>                                             |
| 9<br><i>Wild Lights Trip</i>                                        | 10<br><i>Area Code Day</i>                     | 11<br><i>Veterans Day</i>                           | 12<br><i>Open Table Meal</i> 5:30-7:00   | 13<br><i>World Kindness Day</i>                                                            | 14<br><i>Natl Seatbelt Day</i>                             | 15<br><i>Natl Clean Out Your Refrigerator Day</i>                         |
| 16<br><i>Annual Charge Conference @ 2:30</i><br><i>Winfield UMC</i> | 17<br><i>Natl Butter Day</i>                   | 18<br><i>Natl Apple Cider Day</i>                   | 19<br><i>Open Table Meal</i> 5:30-7:00   | 20<br><i>Natl Rural Health Day</i>                                                         | 21<br><i>World Hello Day</i>                               | 22<br><i>Human Society Day</i>                                            |
| 23<br><i>Hanging of the Greens after Worship</i>                    | 24<br><i>Celebrate Your Unique Talen Day</i>   | 25<br><i>Natl Play With Dad Day</i>                 | 26<br><i>NO OPEN TABLE MEAL</i>          | 27<br> | 28<br><i>Natl Day of Listening</i><br><i>Office closed</i> | 29<br><i>Small Business Saturday</i>                                      |
| 30<br><i>First Sunday of Advent Brunch @ 10:45</i>                  | <i>Coming in December:</i>                     | <i>Advent Brunch every Sunday following Worship</i> | <i>Caroling Party Dec. 21</i>            | <i>Christmas Eve Service Dec. 24 at 11:00 pm</i>                                           | <i>Joint Worship Service with HUMC Dec. 28</i>             | <i>No Open Table Meals Dec. 17 through Jan. 31. We will resume Jan. 7</i> |



## BIRTHDAYS

11/08—Innslee Albright  
11/10—Bryce Cormack  
11/12—Jacob Clark  
11/14—Dusty Albright  
11/21—Brianna Hazel  
11/26—Dan Farmer

## ANNIVERSARIES

11/05—Mike and Karen Cather  
11/11—Dallas and Nikki Kenney  
11/24—Matthew and Lori Wilson

## USHERS

11/02/25—Susan Croft/Erin Albright  
11/09/25—Cate Jensen/Matt Wilson  
11/16/25—Dustin Elliott/Kathy Stewart  
11/23/25—Dan Cashier/Diane Cashier  
11/30/25—Brian Hess/Dorothy Nickel

## LITURGIST

11/02/25—Karen Cather  
11/09/25—Suzanne Clark  
11/16/25—Wanda Harnden  
11/23/25—Kathy Stewart  
11/30/25—Karen Cather

## GREETERS

11/02/25—Susan Croft/Erin Albright  
11/09/25—Cate Jensen/Matt Wilson  
11/16/25—Dustin Elliott/Kathy Stewart  
11/23/25—Dan Cashier/Diane Cashier  
11/30/25—Brian Hess/Dorothy Nickel

## TECH DESK

11/02/25—Jennifer Wolff  
11/09/25—Lori Wilson  
11/16/25—Jennifer Wolff  
11/23/25—Suzanne Clark  
11/30/25—Bryn Cormack

## CHILDREN'S TIME

11/02/25—Karen Cather  
11/09/25—Linda Francis  
11/16/25—Joyce Kaup  
11/23/25—Crystal Carothers  
11/30/25—Karen Cather



Country Living Residents always look forward to a visit and inspiring words from Pastor Bruce

## A THANK YOU NOTE

*Thank you—your kindness is greatly appreciated! I thank you for the great party. Everyone had a good time and received some nice prizes. It is always nice to see the young people and how they work together in the Lord's service. Thank you Karen for all your work. Bruce always has an inspiring message.*

*From Country Living Resident,  
Ruth Perry*





Join us for  
**Spark Sunday School!**

November 2: The Battle of Jericho, Joshua 6:1-20

November 9: Naomi and Ruth, Ruth 1:1-22

November 16: David and Goliath

1 Samuel 17:4-11, 32-50

### November 23: Elijah and the Widow

1 Kings 17:8-16

November 30: Jonah and the Big Fish

Jonah 1-4



***LITTLE LAMBS ARE THANKFUL FOR:***

**The Martha Vail Chapter of DAR recently visited Little Lambs Daycare to do some sprucing up at the facility. They also generously donated paper towels, toilet paper, sanitizing wipes, cleaning supplies and other items that the daycare uses regularly. THANK YOU DAR!**



**THANKFUL FOR OUR YOUTH! YOUTH SERVE HOT DOGS AND PLAY GAMES WITH COUNTRY LIVING RESIDENTS  
AT AUMC TAILGATE PARTY OCT. 19**



## A NOTE FROM COUNTRY LIVING RESIDENTS

*Hi Karen—We here at Country Living want to thank you AND your helpers for the FUN time here last Sunday. Thank you for giving your time, and all those happy faces. It was an afternoon we won't forget. Bless you!*

*Diane Couch, Ruth Perry, Barbara Atkins, John Gates, Kenny Clark, Norma Durant  
(residents at Country Living)*

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•Trunk or Treat will be Oct. 26. Robert will get barricades delivered. Karen will contact 1st responders about participating. Someone needs to get the train and something to pull it.

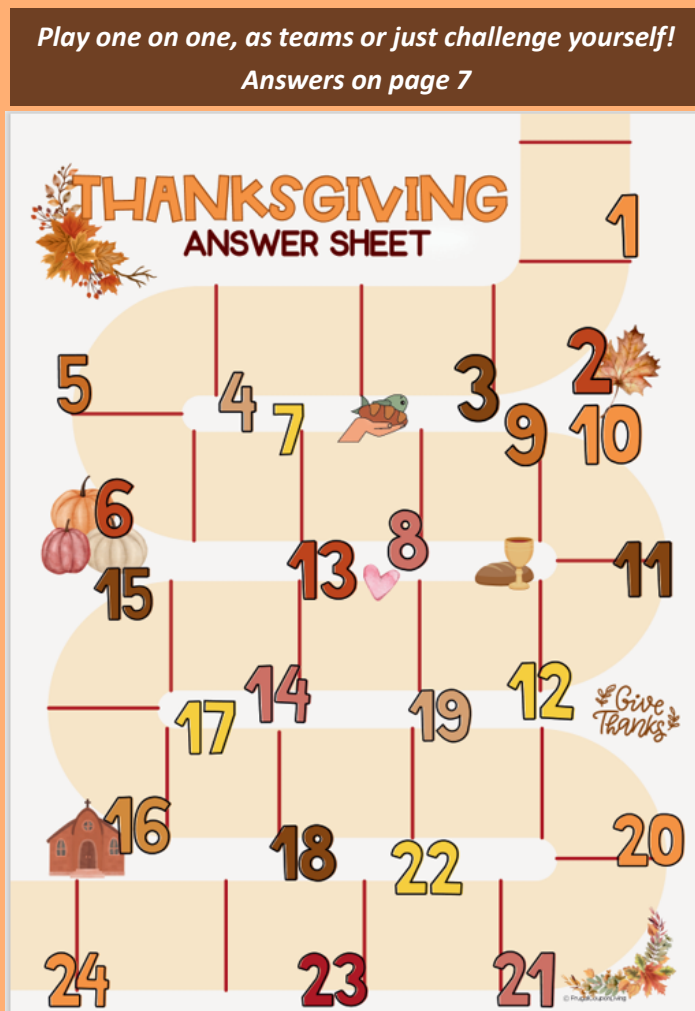
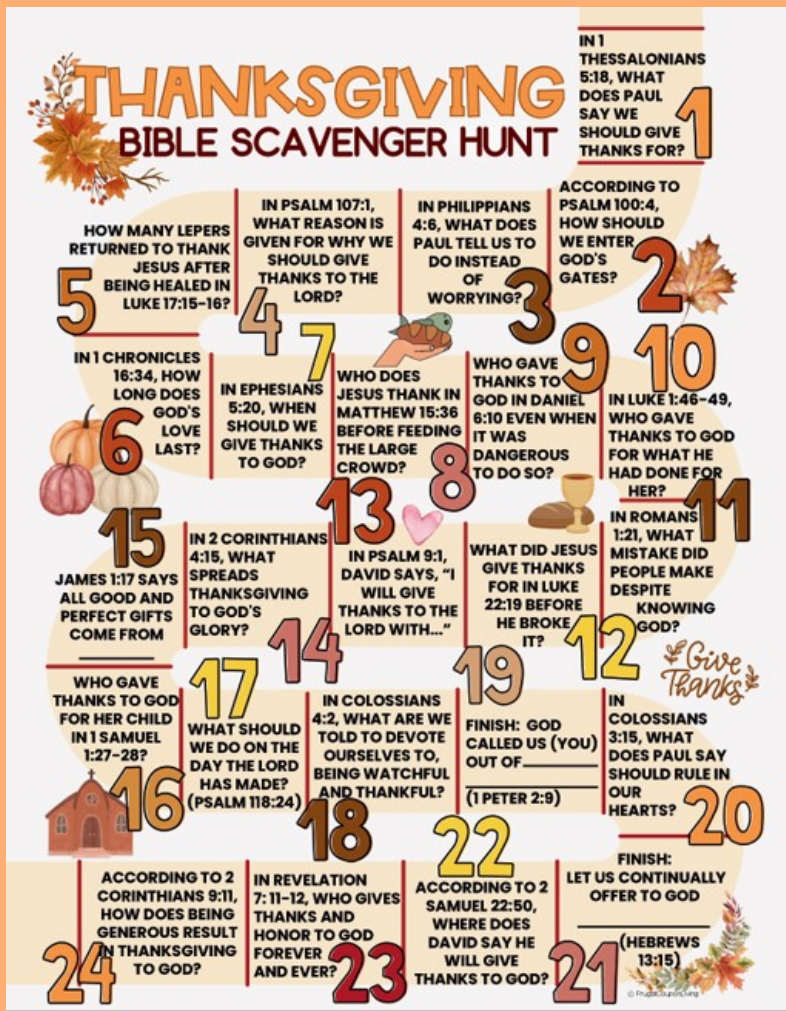
- No Advent study. Will do "The Chosen" study in January when it is not so busy.

•Set Nov. 9 as the date to attend Wild Lights at Sedgwick County zoo.

•Set Dec. 21 as the date for caroling.  
Pastor Bruce closed with prayer.  
Next meeting will be Dec. 3

1. In all circumstances 2. With thanksgiving and praise 3. Pray with thanksgiving 4. For He is good; His love endures forever 5. One 6. Forever 7. Always and for everything 8. He thanked God 9. Daniel 10. Mary, the mother of Jesus 11. They did not honor him or give thanks 12. The bread, which represents His body 13. With his whole heart 14. Grace as it reaches more and more people 15. Above 16. Hannah 17. Rejoice and be glad in it 18. Prayer 19. darkness into His wonderful light 20. The peace of Christ, and be thankful 21. A sacrifice of praise 22. Among the nations 23. Angels, elders and living creatures in heaven 24. Generosity leads others to give thanks to God





Play one on one, as teams or just challenge yourself!

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## ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP MINUTES FOR OCTOBER

Those present: Gerald Wolff, Lucinda Gates, Pastor Bruce Wilson, Curt Clark, Martha Hadsall, Kyle Carothers, Mike Cather  
 Kyle opened with prayer.

Mission and Goals were reviewed and the same three goals will be used for 2026.

Reviewed the new Pastor Compensation form from the District Office. After discussion it was moved and seconded to raise Pastor Bruce's base salary by \$2000, making his salary \$31,500.

It was moved and seconded to raise Lucinda's wage to \$16.50 an hour.

Pastor Bruce reported the Nominations committee is making progress but still has a ways to go.

- Trustee's Report: Mike will call Reida Pest Service to have them spray the church and get an estimate on what it will cost to treat regularly. Martha requested that Mike visit with Betty about keeping the outside swept outside by the main doors of the church, especially with leaves blowing around. Danny Mark trimmed the trees around the church and daycare.

- Finance Report: Curt reviewed the bank balances with the committee. He presented the financials through September 30, 2025.

Income exceeded expenses by \$8,349.66.

Bruce reported he has visited with Bryan Hilgemann about possible work with the youth. Nothing was decided.

Curt closed with prayer

