

# 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 Message from Pastor Bruce*

*Friends, each week I meet with people of faith who are hurting. These people profess faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior but beyond that, they have distanced themselves from active participation in worship within a body of believers. When I ask them why they don't attend church, I receive a wide variety of answers. I know people who don't go to church because they don't like a particular style of music. I know others who won't go because their pastor is a woman. I know one who doesn't attend because the church uses the "wrong" translation of the Bible. Everyone has their reason. "This church doesn't offer communion the way I like and that one has a*

*pastor who preaches too long." I could go on and on. Every believer not attending worship has a firm reason for why they stay away. And my heart grieves for them. When I follow everyone's trail of reasoning, I eventually discover a wounded soul that has yet to heal. Truly, Satan is an expert at using our broken past to convince us in our present to stay away from worship with other believers in effort to protect ourselves from ever being hurt again. If you've ever been wounded by people in the church—by words that judged you, by actions that dismissed you, or by a community that failed to feel like home—you're not alone. Many carry deep and quiet grief from experiences that should have offered love. If stepping into worship still feels heavy or uncertain, that makes sense. Your story matters, and so does your healing. First, please allow me to say, "I'm sorry," on behalf of whomever hurt you. The sad truth is hurting people hurt people. No one deserves it. It just happens because we all sin and fall short of the glory of God. Secondly, I want to ask you, "Isn't it time to come home? Haven't you carried this burden long enough?"*

*This Advent, as we move toward a season that speaks of hope breaking into darkness, you're invited—gently, without pressure—to consider coming home to*

*the community of worshipers who need a savior just as much as you do. Come home. Not because everything is fixed, or because your pain should be ignored, but because you deserve a space where God's tenderness meets you as you are.*

*Come to wonder again.*

*Come to rest.*

*Come to sit in the candlelight and breathe.*

*Come even if you're unsure you can believe right now—remembering that Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28).*

*If you choose to return, come knowing that we would be honored to welcome you—as together we wait for the Light that "shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1:5). May this Advent and Christmas season be a time of deep blessing for you. We look forward to welcoming you in worship as together we celebrate the birth of our Savior.*

*Merry Christmas,*

*Pastor Bruce Wilson*







**ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM**  
**NOVEMBER MEETING**

Those present: Pastor Bruce Wilson, Curt Clark, Martha Hadsall, Kyle Carothers, Dan Cashir, Mike Cather, Lucinda Gates.

Dan provided the devotion.

Reports

- Get quotes from Pratt Glass for repair of back door by kitchen
- Signatures for SPRC recommendation form
- Income exceeds expenses by \$12,190.88. Moved and approved to accept 2026 budget
- Reviewed Nominations Report. Still have positions to be filled. Daycare management was discussed as a possible paid position.

Meeting closed with prayer

*'tis the season for*  
*Giving*

Each month AUMC is challenged to donate items for Obadiah's Pantry and your generosity is greatly appreciated. One commodity that Obadiah's consistently is short of is meat. It simply isn't available when the Pantry receives their allotments to distribute for the month. So for December we are asking for monetary donations so Obadiah's can purchase meat. There will be a box in the Narthex to leave your donations.





## ANNIVERSARIES

12/01—Troy and Meredith Atkins

12/31—Gerald and Pat Wolff

## BIRTHDAYS

12/01—Braxton Cashier

12/01—Lori Wilson

12/02—Karen Hall

12/05—Josh Rathgeber

12/06—Susan Croft

12/11—Cheris Coggins

12/11—Ty Hadsall

12/13—Liam Holden

12/13—Kathy Stewart

12/13—Mike Cather

12/15—June Kastens

12/25—Kolton Koehler

12/28—Cate Jensen

12/30—Martha Hadsall

12/31—Crystal Carothers

## USHERS

12/07/25—Susan Croft/Erin Albright

12/14/25—Kathy Stewart/Dustin Elliott

12/21/25—Dustin Elliott/Brian Hess

12/24/25—Matt Wilson/Cate Jensen

12/28/25—Dan Cashier/Diane Cashier

## LITURGIST

12/07/25—Kathy Stewart

12/14/25—Wanda Harnden

12/21/25—Suzanne Clark

12/28/25—Karen Cather

## GREETERS

12/07/25—Susan Croft/Erin Albright

12/14/25—Kathy Stewart/Dustin Elliott

12/21/25—Dustin Elliott/Brian Hess

12/24/25—Matt Wilson/Cate Jensen

12/28/25—Dan Cashier/Diane Cashier

## TECH DESK

12/07/25—Lori Wilson

12/14/25—Jennifer Wolff

12/21/25—Dustin Elliott

12/24/25—Lori Wilson

12/28/25—Bryn Cormack

## CHILDREN'S TIME

12/07/25—Karen Cather

12/14/25—Crystal Carothers

12/21/25—Joyce Kaup

12/28/25—Karen Cather



### OPEN TABLE

DATE	NUMBER SERVED	DONATION
11/05/25	49	\$194.00
11/12/25	67	\$293.00
11/19/25	64	\$243.00
11/26/25	No meal served	
Thank you volunteers and those who provide desserts each week!		



Inn  
Hay  
Stable  
Desert  
Silent Night

Camel  
Quiet  
Nativity  
Peaceful  
Faithful

Gold  
Sheep  
Myrrh  
Cradle  
Frankincense



# December 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> Int'l Maratheftiko Day	<b>2</b> Natl Mutt Day	<b>3</b> Open Table Meal 5:30-7:00  Ministry Team Meeting @ 7:00	<b>4</b> Natl Sock Day	<b>5</b> World Soil Day	<b>6</b> Natl Pfeffernusse Day
<b>7</b> 2nd Sunday of Advent	<b>8</b> Toilet Paper Appreciation Day	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Open Table Meal 5:30-7:00	<b>11</b> Natl Stretching Day	<b>12</b> Natl Cocoa Day	<b>13</b> Gingerbread House Day
<b>14</b> 3rd Sunday of Advent	<b>15</b> Natl Wear Your Pearls Day	<b>16</b> Natl Chocolate Covered Anything Day	<b>17</b> Open Table Meal 5:30-7:00	<b>18</b> Natl Re-gifting Day	<b>19</b> Natl Ugly Christmas Sweater Day	<b>20</b> Poet Laureat Day
<b>21</b> 4th Sunday of Advent  Caroling Party	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> NO OPEN TABLE MEAL Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 11:00 pm	<b>25</b> 	<b>26</b> Natl Thank You Note Day	<b>27</b> Radio City Music Hall Day
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Tick Tock Day	<b>30</b> Bacon Day	<b>31</b> NO OPEN TABLE MEAL  New Year's Eve			

# OUR CHURCH FAMILY IN NOVEMBER



Children's Message had a hand's on activity!



All Saints Sunday



All Saints Sunday



Jonna



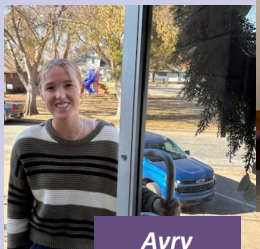
Crystal and Meadow



Lois



Shirley,  
& Joyce



Avry



Patty, Mark, Shirley, Danny & Dustin



Dan



Lois & Shirley



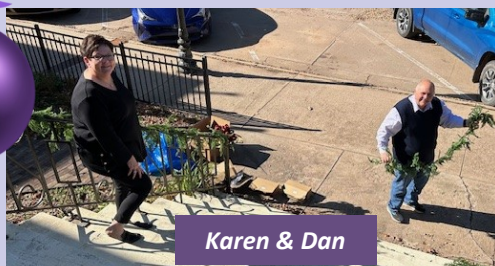
Martha & Fiona



Dustin & Diane



Dan, Diane & Shirley



Karen & Dan



From top: Jonna, Dan, Diane, Dustin, Lois, Suzanne, Curt, Lunna, Meadow, Shirley & Joyce





*The Youth Group met to help with a clean up project at the Chandler home.*



*Of course the Chandlers thanked them with lots of yummy treats!*

# Prayer Concerns

Pray for our community, country and world  
 Pray for Pastor Bruce, Melissa, Piper, and Parker  
 Prayers for Jerry dealing with a blood clot  
 Prayers for Don Jensen family following his passing  
 Prayers for June as she continues to heal and get stronger  
 Prayers for Gerri Hughbanks as she continues treatment  
 Prayers of gratitude for our volunteers  
 Pray for those with unspoken needs  
 Prayers for continued healing for Pat B. following surgery  
 Prayers of comfort for those with anxiety and depression  
 Pray to seek ways to better serve others  
 Pray for continued healing for Misty following surgery  
 Prayers that we may boldly bring others to Christ  
 Prayers for travel mercies during the Christmas season  
 Prayers for Trina during cancer treatments  
 Prayers for Kathy Stewart diagnosed with colon cancer  
 Prayers for Kade and Aubrey  
 Prayers for college students  
 Prayers for Kari O'Riley's mom dealing with health concerns  
 Prayers for Lori Wilcox being treated for cancer  
 Prayers for strength and healing for Pat W.

Anthony United Methodist Church donated 25 cans of chunky soups to Obadiah's Pantry in November.  
 Obadiah's served 62 families in November



## Pastor Bruce's Office Hours

Harper: Tues. 10:30-12:30  
 Anthony: Wed. 10:30-12:30  
 Thursday by appointment  
 Appointments welcome

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## SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

Day 1: Genesis 1:1-4	Day 17: John 1:6-9
Day 2: Exodus 13:21-22	Day 18: John 3:19-21
Day 3: Psalm 18:28-29	Day 19: John 8:12
Day 4: Psalm 27:1	Day 20: John 9:4-5
Day 5: Psalm 36:7-9	Day 21: John 12:35-36
Day 6: Psalm 89:14-16	Day 22: John 12:45-46
Day 7: Psalm 97:10-12	Day 23: Acts 9:1-4
Day 8: Psalm 119:105	Day 24: Acts 13:46-47
Day 9: Psalm 119:129-130	Day 25: Romans 13:11-12
Day 10: Proverbs 4:18-19	Day 26: Ephesians 5:8-11
Day 11: Isaiah 5:20	Day 27: Philippians 2:14-15
Day 12: Matthew 5:14-16	Day 28: 1 Thess. 5:1-5
Day 13: Luke 2:8-12	Day 29: 1 Peter 2:9
Day 14: Luke 2:29-32	Day 30: 1 John 1:6-7
Day 15: Luke 11:34-35	Day 31: Revelation 21:22-25
Day 16: John 1:3-5	

This writing plan can be used any month, hence the 31 days. Write each day's Scriptures in a notebook or our Faith Journal. Feel free to underline important words, read them aloud, or use these Scriptures as a springboard for your prayers.