Lectionary Scriptures For November

November 03, 2013
All Saints Sunday
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Psalm 119:137-144 (UMH 840); 2 Thess. 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

November 10, 2013
Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Haggai 1:15b–2:9; Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 (UMH 857); 2 Thess. 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38

November 17, 2013
Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Isaiah 65:17-25; Isaiah 12 or Psalm 118 (UMH 839); 2 Thess. 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

November 24, 2013
Christ the King
Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79 (UMH 208); Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43

Lectionary Scriptures For December

December 01, 2013
First Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122 (UMH 845); Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

December 08, 2013
Second Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 (UMH 795); Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

December 15, 2013
Third Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 1:47-55 (UMH 199); James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

December 22, 2013
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 (UMH 801); Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

December 29, 2013
First Sunday After Christmas Day
Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148 (UMH 861); Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23

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Micah's Meditations

I absolutely love the months of November and December. They are my two favorite months of the year! There is just something about wearing a comfy sweater, watching the leaves dance in the wind as they fall from the trees, the smell of pumpkin pie and apple crisp, the fellowship of the Holiday House Bazaar, and gathering around the Thanksgiving table with loved ones. All of these wonderful things are followed by the lighting of the Advent candles, the glow of a lit Christmas tree, the coziness of a crackling fire in the fireplace, Christmas caroling, Christmas gatherings, more time with loved ones, and the beauty of the Christmas Eve worship service. It is a time of celebration!

But, things can become chaotic. It can be hard to stop and enjoy the love of our brothers and sisters. We are so preoccupied that we don't feel the love and presence of God, either. We can lose focus of what the season is truly all about. In "A Charlie Brown Christmas," this happens to Lucy, Sally, Schroeder, Snoopy, and the rest of the *Peanuts* gang. Charlie Brown even struggles with Christmas and what it is all about. But, good ol' Linus and his trusty blue blanket sing out the good news. In my favorite scene, he tells Charlie Brown and the gang about the birth of Jesus from Luke 2. This helps them to stop and remember what that wonderful love of Jesus is all about. They focus on that love and grace, and it changes their attitudes and outlooks. The love of Jesus changes everything! Joy to the world!

So, as we move into this festive and glorious time of year, may we stop and feel the love and presence of God. Let us slow down, focus, and take some time to share the love and good news of Jesus with our brothers and sisters, too. May it be a blessed Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas for each and every one of us! Amen.

Micah

Sunday Night F.I.R.E.
(Faith In Reaching Everyone)

Join us on the first and third Sundays of the month from 4:45pm – 6:00 pm for UMYF (seventh through twelfth grades). We have finished our study of Exodus and watched *The Prince of Egypt.* Our next study will be over Leviticus. We are in need of volunteers for F.I.R.E., and money for snacks. If you can help please contact Sharla at sharladwelcher@gmail.com or call 482-5267; 482-1536. Thank You!

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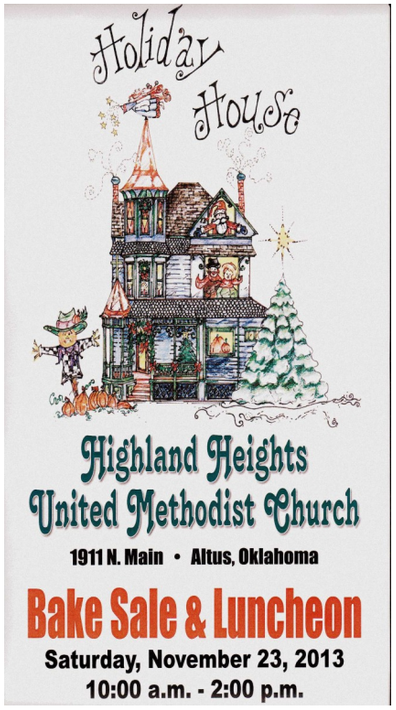
UMW Meeting Schedule

The next meeting will be November 13th at 2:00 pm. We will finalize plans for the Holiday House Bazaar on November 23rd.

The meeting for December will be the 11th at 7:00 pm. We will have our Christmas party and decide where our mission money will be donated.



Holiday House Bazaar

Mark your calendars: November 23, 2013!!! Highland Heights UMC will be hosting the annual Holiday House Bazaar bake sale & luncheon from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. The luncheon will start at 11:00 am and the cost is only $6.00. Stop by to check out our quilt, pickles, Collegiate wreaths, real maple syrup, nativity ornaments from the Holy Land, and many other goodies!!! The Quilt is a 90" X 106" and will fit a Queen bed. HHUMC will be accepting donations for the quilt and you need not be present to win.

Thank You!

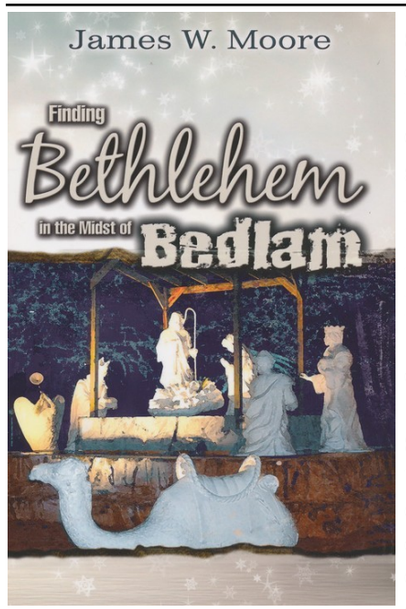
A big thank you to everyone who donated to the Undie Sunday drive. We collected NEW underwear, socks, and T-shirts for children seven and under in the Altus Headstart program. Your donation was greatly appreciated.

Fall-Winter Missions

For the month of November, we will continue to have a Food Drive for Community Cupboard. Please help to re-stock the pantry with the following items:
canned meat, soup, canned vegetables, canned fruit, dried beans, dried peas, pasta, rice, jelly and jam, flour, sugar, cornmeal, canned and powered milk, peanut butter, ramen noodles, instant mashed potatoes, crackers, hot and cold cereal, bar soap, laundry detergent, toilet tissue, baby food, and disposable diapers. Thank you for making this a "Bountiful Harvest" for the Community Cupboard.

Also, we will start collecting blankets in December to pass out during the cold winter months.

And don't forget about the ongoing project thru the year of collecting eye glasses.



Advent Bible Study

Why is it that Christmas always seems to be surrounded by chaos, confusion, and disorder? Reminding believers that Christ's birth in Bethlehem was also a time of upheaval, Moore reveals in five Advent-themed lessons how God triumphs over turmoil. The study will start on Monday, November 25th at 10:00 am or 7:00 pm, and finish on Monday, December 23rd at 10:00 am or 7:00 pm. Each session includes a key Scripture, prayer, focus for the week, discussion questions, and six daily readings. If you are interested in this bible study please contact Pastor Micah at micah.welcher@gmail.com or call 482-5267; 482-1536.

Advent Mail Out

We are getting ready to send out our Advent Letter and devotional. Each church family will receive an Advent packet, so if you know of any friends, or family members who would like to receive one please supply us with their names and addresses. Please have that information to us no later than Monday, November 25th.

Parsonage Open House

Please join us at 2512 N Robin ST for our Christmas Open House. Stop by any time between 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Sunday, December 15th, for a time of food and fellowship.

"Each photograph is a story captured in a single moment" ~M. Lopez

Getting ready for the Holiday House Bazaar!

Bottom Left: The Great Pumpkin Sale!

Invite TODAY Someone to Church
Family, Friends, Neighbors, Co-workers