



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"To be able to greet the sun with the sounds from all of Nature is a great blessing, and it helps us to remember Who is the real provider of all of our benefits."

---Thomas Yellowtail



TOPICS

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

In these challenging times, it is through our shared faith, love, and support for one another that we find solace and resilience.

200TH ANNIVERSARY HIGHLIGHTS

Explore the highlights of this historic event that brought our church family together in joy and gratitude.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

"Stay connected and plan ahead with our church calendar. Join us for upcoming events, services, and fellowship throughout the month!"

LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR



Familia,

It is difficult to believe that we are already in the month of November and many stores already have Christmas decorations out!! This month, however, is that bridge to the preparation to celebrate Advent and the great celebration/Fiesta of Christmas. Last month we celebrated the 200 anniversary of Methodists in Medford and this month Perhaps we can continue the celebration with the visit of our Bishop on Nov. 12th for our worship service.

This celebration can have an emphasis, along the whole month of November, on remembering those who came before us. The cloud of witnesses served through the Wesleyan tradition and facilitated the birth of the two United Methodist churches in Medford. I invite you at this moment to pause and think about how you became part of the church and the person or persons who invited you, guided you, and served before you. We keep them in mind as we wake up to the reality that we are at a difficult time in history facing a war at the intersections of politics and religion in the Middle East that will have long-lasting implications for this world.



In this light, one turns to the wisdom of those who came before us for guidance. There is so much grief for the life lost in this conflict and the destruction of everything that means home. In this light, one turns to the hope for peace and justice in this world. There is so much complexity to this conflict that one hesitates to speak. In this light, one listens and hopes for the grace and love of God for everyone impacted directly by the conflict - particularly women and children.

This month is one of remembering that God did bring us this far on the steps of our ancestors. It is important that we continue to walk and make the way marking the steps for those that will walk after us. May we continue to celebrate 200 years of Methodists in Medford and do our best to tell the complete story as a way to welcome Advent and Christmas.

---Pastor De La Rosa

200TH ANNIVERSARY HIGHLIGHTS!



200TH ANNIVERSARY HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)



THANK YOU!!

Words cannot express the appreciation for the organizing committee of the 200th anniversary celebration!!



NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2023 CALENDAR



NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- NOVEMBER 1ST.....ALL SAINTS DAY
- NOVEMBER 5TH.....TRUSTEES [AFTER CHURCH IN PERSON]
- NOVEMBER 7TH.....SPRC MEETING [ZOOM]
- NOVEMBER 12TH.....SPECIAL SERVICE- VISIT FROM THE BISHOP**
- NOVEMBER 13TH.....FINANCE COMM. [ZOOM]
- NOVEMBER 14TH..... LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING ZOOM]
- NOVEMBER 19TH..... THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE
- NOVEMBER 29TH.....HANGING OF THE GREENS AFTER WORSHIP



DECEMBER CALENDAR

- DECEMBER 3RD..... TRUSTEES MEETING [AFTER CHURCH]
- DECEMBER 3RD..... 6P.M. SPRC [ZOOM]
- DECEMBER 3RD..... 7:00P.M. CHURCH CONFERENCE
- DECEMBER 12TH.....7:00P.M. SPRC MEETING [ZOOM]
- DECEMBER 19TH.....CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM [ZOOM]
- DECEMBER 24TH10:30A.M CHRISTMAS SERVICE AND
11P.M. CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE [CANDLELIGHT SERVICE]

