



# MESSENGER

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## Inviting all: Prioritizing inclusivity

By Jim Patterson  
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At a recent meeting of the Flames at [Centennial United Methodist Church](#) in Roseville, Minnesota, the agenda was about understanding and being inclusive of Deaf people.

“Christian friendships are one of the best gifts the church can offer to people with hearing loss,” the lesson began. “Deaf people and people with hearing loss may feel isolated at worship services. We can communicate in ways besides sound.”

Centennial has made it a priority to be as inclusive as possible.

The Flames are already sympathetic to the church’s goal. They know about striving to fit in when you’re a little different. The group of a dozen or so developmentally disabled adults gathers once a month at Centennial, although COVID-19 has pushed the meetings online for now.

“People with intellectual disabilities take longer, or need different ways to learn things,” says Eve Newman, a charter member of the Flames, which have been meeting since 2010. “It may take us longer, but we’re still very, very much capable of learning new things.”

## As inclusive as possible

“(The Rev. Brian Hacklander) really is working toward more inclusivity of all people in our church,” said Debby Newman, Eve Newman’s mom who started the Flames project and keeps it organized. “It’s just part of what Centennial is, and he’s so affirmative.”

Hacklander, who has been at Centennial for 19 years, says the congregation has been open to new ideas such as adding a second campus and becoming a reconciling church. Both happened during his tenure.

“I’m just so grateful for that (openness), and look forward to everything that God will be doing into the future,” he shares.

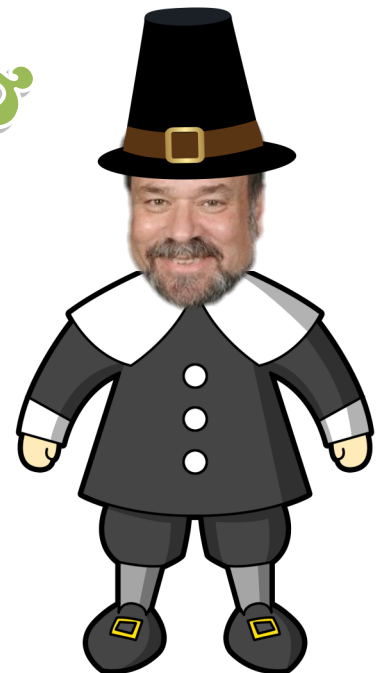
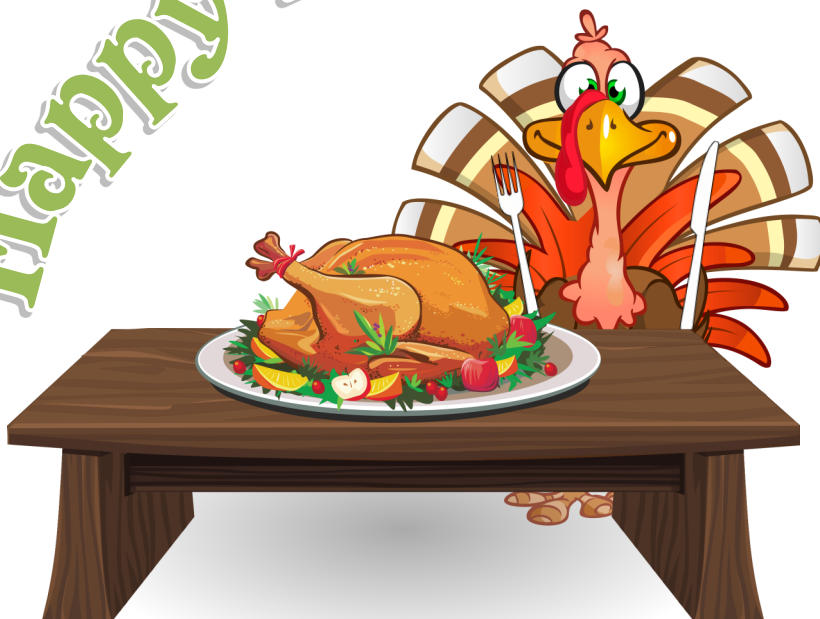
The church wrote a congregational ministry plan in 2010, Hacklander said. The mission statement begins “**We invite everyone to see God in their lives.**”

Debby Newman has led the effort at Centennial for people with special needs.

“She had support from others, but she had the passion and the expertise organizationally, and in terms of relating to persons with special needs, that could make this happen,” Hacklander affirms.

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# Happy Thanksgiving



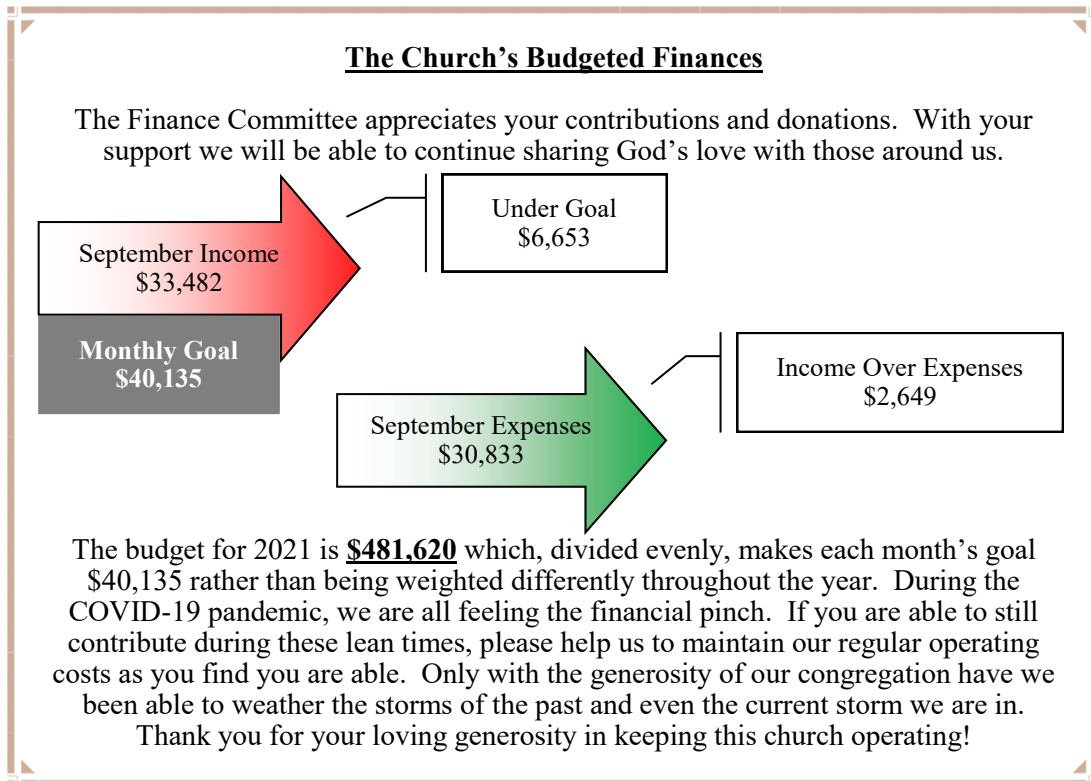
# November Birthdays

3 Naomi Hardy	13 Cindy Lennard
5 Alma Lasure	14 Jack Bouchez
5 Ted Page	16 Glenda Waring
7 Jeff Messer	16 Susan McLean
8 Roselle Hanson	18 Charlene Shireman
9 Janet Cook	19 Lynn Coleman
9 Yvette Boodhoo	23 Bob Russell
10 Jerry Copeland	26 Lisa Mick
11 Barbara Row	28 Kay Mustard
11 Victoria Thomas	

# November Anniversaries

3 Ed & Connie Springer  
13 Gary & Brenda Pittman

25 Paul & Mary Harvey



# Thanksgiving

COMMUNITY MARKET

NOV. 19-20 • 10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

THANKSGIVING FOOD OUTREACH AND RUMMAGE SALE

ALL PROCEEDS FROM RUMMAGE SALE WILL GO TO PURCHASING A NEW STOVE

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

DESSERT & TURKEY DONATIONS  
SET UP  
& DAY OF EVENT

SIGN UP ON BACK TABLE IN  
SANCTUARY



**VETERANS DAY**  
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

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Eve, 37, who suffered a brain injury from a tumor when she was 5, has been thriving, especially in the arts. She sells paintings and greeting cards with her art on her [website](#) and writes poetry and songs. She is employed as the assistant custodian at Centennial, a job in which she takes pride and enjoys.

## Racial and ethnic inclusion

In 2015, after a three-year discernment process, the congregation voted to become a Reconciling Congregation, meaning they “welcome and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation, who are also of every age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, and family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital, and social status.”

The next step for Centennial, based on a recommendation by the [United Methodist Commission on Religion and Race](#), is to “truly be welcoming and be in ministry with persons of color,” Hacklander reports.

“We are a predominantly white congregation, as is true of the vast majority of churches in Minnesota, although we’ve always had

persons of color in the congregation,” Hacklander continues. “But we realize that we can be doing more and we’re called to do more.”

Recently, Hacklander did his first adult-immersion baptisms in a local lake. The baptized men come from Burundi and The Democratic Republic of the Congo, where their custom was adult rather than infant baptism.

“To be asked to celebrate this, for them and with them, was really glorious,” Hacklander states. “And to go to a lake and invite the congregation across both campuses to join in witnessing that and being a part of that liturgy was really, really cool.”

Centennial is researching the possibility of supporting resettlement of another refugee family or individual, something the church has done as far back as the 1980s.

## Meaningful participation

The Flames are active at Centennial beyond their monthly meetings. They help out in worship services as acolytes, ushers, and reading Scripture. Some partner with youth groups and United Methodist Women on projects including potting plants for church members in

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United Methodist Eve Newman (left), who suffered a brain injury at age 5, is a member of the Commission of Religion and Race's Disabilities Ministry Committee. "I think that people with disabilities deserve to have opportunities to learn as much as people without disabilities," she says. Puppets (above right) were created by the Flames group members, including Newman. Angels (below right) were painted by Newman. Canva photo collage by United Methodist Communications.

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care centers. A few Flames have been confirmed in the church along with the regular annual class.

Eve Newman is a member of [The Disability Ministries Committee](#), a partner ministry of the Commission on Religion and Race, and she stresses that it's not a ceremonial appointment.

"I make cards for thank-you letters to people who give donations to

our committee," she said.

Eve says her church activities are "really important" to her.

"Because I think that people with disabilities deserve to have opportunities to learn as much as people without disabilities."

*Jim Patterson is a Nashville freelance writer. Contact him by [email](#). This content was published October 5, 2021.*

## All Saints Day

### In Loving Memory

*Our prayers are with each family member and friend of those who have gone before us since All Saints Day, 2020*

*John Pridgen — February 25, 2021*

*Bow Wooten — March 8, 2021*

*Donald Bolin — March 25, 2021*

*Lorene Schafer — April 2, 2021*

*Joan Page — April 19, 2021*

*Les Owens — May 18, 2021*

*Frank Kennedy — June 2, 2021*

*Joanne Albro — July 6, 2021*

*Herb Brown — August 17, 2021*

*Jeanette Hamed — August 18, 2021*

*Samantha Phillips — October 4, 2021*

*Roy Whitson — October 8, 2021*



# Veterans Honoring Veterans



At St. Francis Reflections we strive to care for our Veteran patients with dignity and honor and we have found that the bond between Veterans, regardless of generation, can never be broken.

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- Connecting a Veteran with fellow Veterans from our community
- Assist with identifying resources available through the VA
- Listen to life stories, even recording or videotaping a Veteran's reminiscences
- Attend activities celebrating veteran holidays and events



**"It is a privilege and humbling experience as a Veteran to honor those who served before me and show them their commitment to their country is never forgotten."**

~ Haywood Davidson

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## Veteran's Day Tribute

Join VITAS Healthcare in commemorating all US military service members with a Veteran's Day Tribute, including family members of deceased veterans, and learn about hospice benefits, services and programs available to Veteran's.

**Wednesday, November 10, 2021 | 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm**

### **Wickham Park Senior Center**

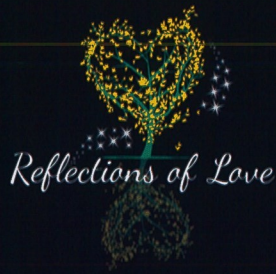
Main Building  
2785 Leisure Way  
Melbourne, FL 32935

Each veteran will receive a certificate and pin during the ceremony. Refreshments will be provided. Space is limited.

### **RSVP to Kathleen Turnquest**

321.294.4787 or Sign Up  
at Wickham Park Senior  
Center Front Desk





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To pre-register and include your loved one's name in the service, please visit:  
[ReflectionsLSC.org/ReflectionsOfLove](https://ReflectionsLSC.org/ReflectionsOfLove)

*November 1st | Rockledge and West Melbourne | 6:00pm*

Rockledge Tree Location: 1600 Huntington Ln, Rockledge, FL 32955  
West Melbourne Tree Location: 3000 Minton Rd, West Melbourne, FL 32904

*November 3rd | Titusville and Palm Bay | 6:00pm*

Titusville Tree Location: 424 S. Washington Ave, Titusville, FL 32796  
Palm Bay Tree Location: 120 Malabar Rd, Palm Bay, FL 32909

*November 4th | Cocoa | 6:00pm*

Cocoa Tree Location: 750 Brevard Ave, Cocoa, FL 32922

In-Person seating at each event is limited to 50 people  
We are adhering to CDC guidelines for masking and social distancing

A donation in honor or memory of your loved one will bring tribute to their life through a light on the tree, and will help support those who are grieving in our community through our free grief support programs.

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# Celtic Christmas



Rehearsals

Thursdays 6pm-7pm



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## Calling all singers!

We are inviting everyone in the community to join us in singing this year. If you would like to join us or know singers in the community that you'd like to invite, our doors are open to accept all who wish to participate! This is a well-loved concert featuring many of Christmas Carols and songs that we all know and love performed with a Celtic flair.

Rehearsals will be every Thursday from 6pm-7pm



## Student Ministry Update

Every First Sunday, our youth have a Sunday Fun-day. In October, the students had the chance to have a pumpkin carving contest in hopes of winning a gift card! Through our Sunday Fun-day, we have had the opportunity to reach many more students outside of the church. In addition to Sunday Fun-days, our 7th-12th grade weekly Sunday school class just finished reading Genesis through the book of Numbers. For more information on weekly/monthly events, contact Lauren Good at [LPeterson@fumctitusville.com](mailto:LPeterson@fumctitusville.com).






## Children's Ministry Monthly Recap

Last month, our children and youth ministry took a small road trip to Black Willow Ranch in Mims for their annual pumpkin patch. It was a fun time with lots of laughter and pumpkins!



# November 2021

## First United Methodist Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1 All Saints Day</b> 	<b>2</b> 7:15 Rotary Club Mtg. 10:00am Book Study 6:00pm Pageant Rehearsal 6:30pm Soliloquy Rehearsal 8:00pm Broadstreet Rehearsal	<b>3</b> 9:00am Patchwork Friends 3:30pm Joyful Noise Rehearsal 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm Vivos Voco Rehearsal	<b>4</b> 9:30am PEO Meeting 11:00am Virus-Side Chat 6:00pm Pageant Rehearsal	<b>5</b> 1-3:00pm Food Pantry	<b>6</b> 7:30am Garden Club 8:00am Comm. Breakfast 1:00pm Pageant Rehearsal
<b>7</b> 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service	<b>8</b> 10:00am Sara Fernandez Bible Study	<b>9</b> 7:15 Rotary Club Mtg. 10:00am Book Study 11:00am Virus-Side Chat 1:00pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Pageant Rehearsal 6:30pm Soliloquy Rehearsal 8:00pm Broadstreet Rehearsal	<b>10</b> 3:30pm Joyful Noise Rehearsal 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm Vivos Voco Rehearsal	<b>11 Veteran's Day</b> 10:00am Retired Teachers 11:00am Virus-Side Chat 6:00pm Pageant Rehearsal	<b>12</b> 1-3:00pm Food Pantry	<b>13</b> 8:00am Comm. Breakfast 1:00pm Pageant Rehearsal
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206 S. Hopkins Ave  
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