First United Methodist Church
Faith & Fellowship Newsletter
November 2026

Love God
Love People
Make a Difference
Make Disciples



PANCAKES WITH SANTA
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

Get ready for a morning full of pancakes, pictures, crafts, and plenty of Christmas cheer! Santa is coming to town, and the community is invited!

Join us for Pancakes with Santa on Saturday, December 5, from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Bring your appetite, your Christmas list, and your best smile! Kids (and adults, too!) can have their pictures taken with Santa and let him know what they're hoping to find under the tree. (No promises!) And the fun doesn't stop there! Head to the Youth Room for crafts and other fun activities.

Best of all, the event is FREE! Bring the kids, invite the grandparents, and tell your friends. Everyone is welcome!

Want to help make the magic happen? Contact Tammy Brabec at tbrabec@norfolkumc.org or call the church at 402-371-2785 to volunteer. Or, to contribute financially, simply mark your offering "Santa" or "Pancakes."

Thanks for helping to welcome our community into the church.

Giving Tree



Our Giving Tree will appear in late November, filled with ornament tags that list specific Christmas wishes from Grant Elementary families. This has become a joyful tradition in our church, and each year the families we support are deeply grateful. Tears of joy and sighs of relief are common as gifts are received and Christmas hopes become reality.

If you would like to join in, simply choose a tag and shop for the item listed. If you prefer not to shop, you may donate funds and our helper elves will take care of the rest. Just mark your contribution "Giving Tree," or purchase a gift card and leave it with the Scrip volunteer.

Thank you for sharing your kindness, generosity, and holiday spirit as we help make Christmas a little bit brighter for Grant Elementary families.

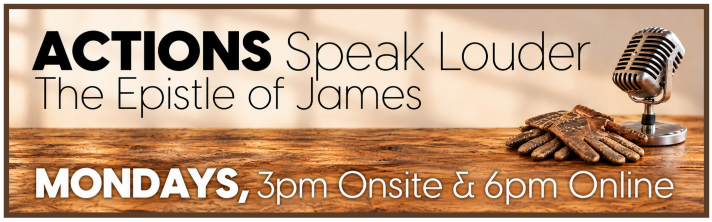


Stewardship Sermon Series
November, 1 - 22

Throughout November, our worship will follow a stewardship theme called "DIG DEEP: Where Living Waters Flow." Through biblical stories of wells, water, scarcity, abundance, and living water, we will reflect on what sustains us, what we have received from those who came before us, and how God continues to bring life from unexpected places.

Stewardship Sunday will be November 15. On this day you will have the opportunity to offer your Estimate of Giving for 2027. The estimate cards are simply a way for each of us to think intentionally about our personal stewardship goal for the coming year. As the old saying goes, those who aim at nothing will hit it every time.

This series is less about "digging deep" into our pockets and more about paying attention to the source, recognizing what has already been entrusted to us, and considering how we live faithfully with it.



Faith is more than what we believe. It's about how we live! The Epistle of James challenges us to put our faith into action through the way we treat others, the things we say, and the choices we make every day.

Join us as we explore this practical, sometimes challenging, and surprisingly relevant letter to the early church.

37th & Eisenhower

On Sunday, October 18, 2026, the congregation voted to sell the property at 37th & Eisenhower. Our Trustees will move forward with the process in the coming weeks and months. The proceeds will then be invested for future growth and income.

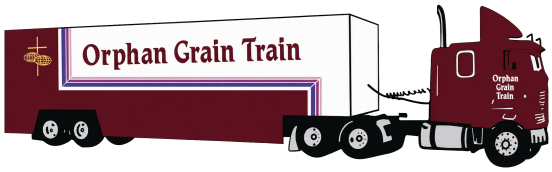


Our Children's Christmas Program will be December 13 during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. We will practice during Sunday School in the weeks leading up to Christmas. The focus this year will be traditional Christmas music.

Youth

The Youth Group participated in *Socktober*, an annual campaign to provide socks for children in foster care. We also packed over 100 food bags for Good Neighbors! Our devotions have focused on holding ourselves accountable. For fun, we had a Bible scavenger hunt.





Clothes Sorting November 20



SCRIP CARD ORDER FORM

Scrip Cards are great gifts… easy to wrap… easy to mail. They are also great for personal shopping, both in-store and online, and every card results in an instant rebate for the church. The proceeds are used for special non-budgeted expenses.

PLACE YOUR ORDER BY

November 15 for delivery prior to Thanksgiving
December 13 for delivery prior to Christmas
Order on Sunday Morning or Monday between 9:30AM & 1:30PM.

Orders must be paid at pickup with a separate check &/or cash.
Scrip purchases are not tax deductible.



MORE INFORMATION

Contact: Dixie Lederer
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Visit RaiseRight.com for a full list of retailers.

Vendor	Rebate	Select Value	Quantity	Total $
Amazon	1.25%	$10/25/50/100		
Arby's	8%	$10		
Barnes & Noble	8%	$10/25		
Bath & Body Works	12%	$10		
The Buckle	8%	$25		
Buffalo Wild Wings	7%	$10/$25		
Burger King	6%	$10/$25		
Cabela's	9%	$25		
Casey's	3%	$25/$50		
Culver's	10%	$10		
Dairy Queen	6.50%	$10		
Dick's Sporting Goods	8%	$25		
Downtown Coffee	15%	$10		
Franklin's	10%	$25		
Hy-Vee	3%	$10/25/50/100		
JC Penney	7%	$25		
Kohl's	7%	$25		
Lou's Thrifty-Way	3%	$10/25/50/100		
Maurice's	8%	$20		
Menard's	3%	$25/100		
Olive Garden	8%	$25		
Omaha Steaks	11%	$25		
Pizza Hut	6%	$10		
Pizza Ranch	8%	$25		
Red Lobster	8%	$25		
Sam's Club	2.50%	$25 or $50		
Scheel's	8%	$25		
Shell	1.50%	$25		
Starbucks	4.50%	$10		
Subway	6.00%	$10		
Target	2.50%	$10/25		
TJMaxx/Mrshl's/HmGd	6%	$25		
U-Save	5%	$25		
VISA Prepaid	1.25%	$25/$50/$100		
Walgreen's	5%	$25		
Walmart	2.50%	$10/25/50/100		
TOTAL Cards / Dollars			#	$

Name

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We keep a limited variety of stock on hand, so be sure to order early.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 ALL SAINTS DAY **8:30 AM** Worship Service - Sanctuary **9:45 AM** Children's Sunday School - Floor 2 **9:45 AM** Retirees and Wannabes Adult Sunday School - Room 110 **9:45 AM** Fellowship Coffee - Wesley Hall **11:00 AM** Worship Service - Sanctuary / Online	**2** **3:00 PM** James Bible Study - Room 110 **6:00 PM** James Bible Study - Online **7:00 PM** Ad. Council - Fellowship Hall **7:00 PM** Troop 122 - Wesley Hall	**3** **1:00 PM** Staff - Room 110 **5:30 PM** Everybody Eats - West Entry **6:30 PM** Methodist Identity Intro - Fellowship Hall **7:00 PM** Trustees - Room 110	**4** **5:30 PM** God Squad - Room 201 **5:30 PM** Pure Joy - Room 201 **6:15 PM** Choir - Sanctuary **6:30 PM** Youth - Fellowship Hall	**5** **6:45 AM** Early Risers for Christ - Wesley Hall **11:30 AM** Noon Kiwanis - Fellowship Hall	**6**	**7**
8 **8:30 AM** Worship Service - Sanctuary **9:30 AM** Potluck Brunch - Wesley Hall **9:45 AM** Children's Sunday School - Floor 2 **9:45 AM** Retirees and Wannabes Adult Sunday School - Room 110 **11:00 AM** Worship Service - Sanctuary / Online	**9** **3:00 PM** James Bible Study - Room 110 **6:00 PM** James Bible Study - Online **6:30 PM** Children & Youth Team - Room 201 **7:00 PM** Troop 122 - Wesley Hall	**10** **1:00 PM** Staff - Room 110 **5:30 PM** Everybody Eats - West Entry **6:30 PM** Methodist Identity Study - Fellowship Hall **7:00 PM** Pack 124 - Wesley Hall	**11** **5:30 PM** God Squad - Room 201 **5:30 PM** Pure Joy - Room 201 **6:15 PM** Choir - Sanctuary **6:30 PM** Youth - Fellowship Hall	**12** **6:45 AM** Early Risers for Christ - Wesley Hall	**13**	**14**
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