

The Good Shepherd Center  
Serving Monroe County  
Since 1986



At our fundraiser in October at Tsali Notch, We raised **\$24,000** to help feed the poor and struggling of Monroe County. Thank you for all you did to come and support our dinner.

Your next opportunity to give is at our annual Community Thanksgiving Service at First United Methodist Church on Thursday, Nov. 21st at 7pm.



Date	Church	Hostess
Nov. 5 <sup>th</sup>	First United Meth. Church	Donna Bradshaw
Nov. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Oakland Meth. Church	Deidra Crosby
Nov. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Hiwassee Church of God	Donna Bradshaw
Nov. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Vonore Baptist Church	Diane Bennett

You, as members of MPC, are invited to participate in this weekly mission project. Please contact one of the above MPC Hosts if you can volunteer.

Hostesses for November are:  
**Debbie Lowry & Pamela Madden**

**Daylight Savings Time ends  
Saturday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Don't forget to  
fall back!**



# SALT & LIGHT

All the news at Madisonville Presbyterian Church

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### From the Pastor's Study...

**Count your blessings... name them one by one...  
Count your many blessings see what God has done...**

As a young child, I remember my grandmother and my mother singing this catchy little tune. I liked this tune as a child because it was a catchy tune... but as an adult I like this song for its words because it gives some solid words of wisdom. The wisdom of counting our blessings and being grateful for the abundant blessings each one of us have received.

God's love for us overflows ABUNDANTLY! But so often instead of living aware of this abundance we get sucked into a scarcity mentality promoted by the news, social media, and commercials. We become painfully aware of what we don't have... and then begin to cling to what we have... that is not the life that Jesus has come to give us...

Walking with Jesus - living lives abundantly — involves living lives of GRATITUDE. In the book **One Thousand Gifts**, Ann Voskamp asks the question "How do we find joy in the midst of deadlines, debt, drama, and daily duties? What does a life of gratitude look like when your days are gritty, long, and sometimes dark?" Voskamp discovers and shares that the practice of gratitude — waking up each day practicing an awareness to God's everyday blessings. She found that in giving thanks for the life she already had, she found the life she'd always wanted.

May we all practice gratitude this month!

Deidra



MPC is proud to host a monthly meeting that is new to Monroe County. It is a support group for those who are experiencing memory problems, their family, friends and caregivers. This new initiative is headed by Access Medical & Dr. Barbara Levin and is funded by the Pat Summitt Foundation. This group meets on the 3rd Monday of each month from 7-8 pm. If you or someone you know is experiencing memory problems, please bring them to a meeting.

*News from Presbyterian Women*

PW will have their monthly meeting on Saturday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> at 11am at Jane's house. Deidra will be leading us in our last session on our Bible Study book.

**Worship News....**

- We will celebrate Communion on Sunday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- There is a Fellowship Luncheon after church on Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>.
- MPC is hosting the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Worship Service to support the Good Shepherd Center on Sunday, Nov. 24 Potluck and Dinner is at 5:45 and Worship begins at 7pm.
- Join us on Tues., Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> as we visit Martha Tillery. We Will meet at the church at 10am, have lunch & visit Martha, then be back by 1:00. There is a sign up sheet in the fellowship hall.

**September**

**Treasurer's Report**

General Fund for September

Collections Undesignated \$ 11,823.00

Collections Designated 1,338.00

Expenditures - \$ 11,724.36

Net for September: + \$ 1,450.78

General Fund Balance

unrestricted \$ 7,917.73

Circle Fund 886.04

Education-Scholarship Fund 1,247.64

Pot Luck Fund 5,784.05

Memorial Fund 4,210.94

New Roof Fund \$25,340.80

**November 2019**

**November Birthdays**

- Nov. 4 Adrienne Williams
- Nov. 6 Mary Wallis
- Nov. 7 Patsy Carson  
Ken Parris
- Nov. 12 Steve Standridge
- Nov. 14 Marjorie Hodges
- Nov. 17 Dixie Ducker
- Nov. 29 Butch Lay  
Jody Curtis



Upcoming Dates

**December 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Advent begins**

**December 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Christmas Fellowship Luncheon**