



You know about the major events that occur in November – All Saints Day, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, Veteran’s Day on Nov. 11, Thanksgiving on Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>, and in some years, Election Day. Did you know that there is a plethora of important days scheduled in any month of the year? Here are a few interesting favorite days in November: Sandwich Day, Saxophone Day,

Clean your Refrigerator Day, Absurdity Day, Marooned Without a Compass Day, False Confession Day, All Our Uncles are Monkeys Day, and for Rev. David Madden, National Cashew Day. My all-time favorite day is the 12<sup>th</sup> of November, Tongue Twister Day.

I’m sure at some time during your childhood you learned, “Peter picked a peck of pickled peppers”, or, “Sally sells seashells down by the sea shore”.

Speaking of that old dastardly pickled pepper picker, it turns out that dear old Peter Piper was actually a real person, someone from our histories who was renowned for his taste in delicious spices and became immortalized as a result. He was quite the character. Pierre Poivre (pepper) was French and dastardly, which paints an image right there. He was also one-armed, and a horticulturist, which must have made planting tricky from time to time. To wrap it all up? His favorite way of getting seeds for planting his spices was at the tip of a sword and the roar of cannonball. Yep, you got it, he was also a pirate. When it was learned that he smuggled nutmeg and other spice seeds to plant in his garden, he got his rhyme, “Peter Piper Picked a Peck of Pickled Peppers”.

Here are some tongue twisters on which to practice. Perhaps you could challenge someone to a duel.

-Ezio Pinza’s (singer at the Metropolitan Opera) favorite was, “Three gray geese in the green grass grazing; gray were the geese, and green was the grazing.”

-Actor Laurence Olivier often warms up with this one before going onstage: “Betty Botter bought a bit of butter, ‘But,’ she said, ‘this butter’s bitter. If I put it in my batter, it will make my batter bitter. But a bit of better butter will make my batter better.’ So Betty Botter bought a bit of better butter, and it made her batter better.”

-Boris Karloff lisped, and the letter “s” was his problem. Among the twisters he used were: “She sells seashells by the seashore”; “Sister Susie’s sewing shirts for soldiers”; “Slippery sleds slide smoothly down the sluiceway” “A sniffer of snuff is enough snuff for a sniff for a snuff sniffer.”

-A twister used by some radio and television announcers before they perform is: “The seething sea ceaseth and thus the seething sea sufficeth us.”

–“The sixth sick sheik’s sixth sheep’s sick”. (According to The Guinness Book of World Records, this is the hardest tongue twister to learn.

-Nine out of 10 people can’t say this twice in rapid succession: “Sinful Caesar sipped his sniffer, seized his knees and sneezed.” - Frederick John in Insight

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## TOWN HALL MEETING AND POTLUCK

Please attend the annual Town Hall Meeting and potluck on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, during hospitality time right after worship service. Members of the COUNCIL will present to you a power point picture of what and how your church is thriving in 2017. There will also be a chance for you to review the 2018 pastor compensation package and to give a vote of confidence to the Single Board Governance to continue as the governing board of the Rupert UMC. Bring your favorite dish to share and enjoy the afternoon.

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### Thanksgiving is for Thoughtful People

“Think” and “thank” come from the same root. Thoughtfulness and thankfulness are much closer than we ever imagined.

A thankful heart is a thoughtful heart, and a thoughtful heart is a thankful heart. Similarly, when we are thoughtless, we are thankless. Scripture urges us both to thank and to think.

“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits . . .” Psalms 103

Forget not. Remember (think about) all God has done for you.

This interdependence of thinking and thanking is clear. The Thanksgiving season provides us with an excellent opportunity to recall consciously our many blessings, and to express gratitude actively.



The same afternoon at 3:30 p.m., Rev. Gwen Drake, Sage District Superintendent, will be here to conduct our Annual Charge Conference. This business meeting is open to everyone. Even though the same business will be discussed as was presented at the Town Hall, there will be opportunity for you to add any opinions and thoughts you may have about your church, and to give your vote of support for the 2018 slate of officers, and Rev. Madden’s compensation package.

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Last week I saw posted on a friend's Facebook page in big letters – 8 FRIDAY'S LEFT UNTIL CHRISTMAS. That couldn't possibly be right, but it is!

We are beginning to gear up again in preparing 100 Christmas Boxes to give out through the food pantry. We think we will be getting some turkeys through Idaho Food Bank, however, we don't know how many. Here is what we need for the boxes. If you can help, with the actual items, or with money, we would be greatly appreciative. (Needed by Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>)

- Frozen turkeys (100)
- Boxes of stove top dressing mix (75)
- Canned sweet potatoes or yams (80)
- Cream of mushroom soup (60)
- Packets of turkey gravy (150)
- Instant mashed potatoes (100 bags)
- Individually wrapped Christmas candy

We will be filling these 100 boxes on the evening of Friday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> and distributing them on Saturday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you again for the support you gave to Open Hearts Food Pantry during the month of October, be it donations of food and/or money, helping to unload the IFB truck, working in anyway on distribution days, or being of help in any other way.



The Brown-Bag Pipe Organist had a successful debut on Tues., Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>. About 24 people from the community and Rupert UMC stopped by to hear Judy play our 80 year old pipe organ. KMTV Channel 11 even came and prepared a short film, which was played on the news that evening. Judy's next date to play is Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> and then Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>, from noon to 1 p.m.

You can also catch Judy in the Oakley Valley Arts production of the comedy play, "The Man Who Came to Dinner", beginning Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Call Howells Opera House in Oakley for dates and tickets: 208-677-2787.

Good Evening my wonderful church Family! I am so sorry that you have not received a thank you from me until now. I must have gotten the mailing address wrong on the cards and am so sorry that you have not gotten any of them. I just want to thank you all for the wonderful support you have given me as I continue my journey through college. The scholarships you gave have really helped. I used the \$500 UMM scholarship to pay for the rest of my tuition for this semester, as I found out just last week that my loans and financial aid were not going to cover all of it. I used a very small portion of the Foundation scholarship to pay for books this semester and will continue to save the rest for the next semester's books. I am so blessed to have you as a church family. Thank you for all of your love and support!



Katie Davidson

(Katie's address is on file in the office, if you would like to send her a card.)



What a wonderful time at UMCOR West (in Salt Lake City)!! Along with a group from Washington state, Joyce and I worked on baby quilts and helped to assemble and pack layette kits. The layette kits are boxed, then the boxes are stacked on a pallet. After each pallet is complete, the group comes together, reciting a "hands on" Pallet Prayer. Our two days passed too quickly and definitely plan to volunteer again, PLEASE plan to join us!

Sherrie Mahoney & Joyce Orem

When Sherrie and Joyce left Rupert headed for UMCOR in Salt Lake City, they were able to take 8 filled cleaning buckets with them. We had already sent 8 filled buckets earlier through the Jerome UMC. We thank you all for your generosity in making this possible through your donations. It feels good to be a part of UMCOR knowing we are helping those devastated by the hurricanes.

In the last 35 days, UMCOR - United Methodist Committee On Relief has collected more than 44,000 cleaning kits! Together, they are worth over \$2,000,000. (Seen on Facebook, Oct. 18)



Hey! Our 8 buckets could be in the picture above.



Just a friendly reminder about the article last month concerning kitchen supplies. If you are on hospitality duty, or there is another function using the kitchen, and you either use up an item, or see that an item

is about to run out, please take a minute to write it on the board. There are a couple of people that check the board and will purchase those items. Please, no muttering about being out of something.

One other notice: Has anyone borrowed any of the deep (4") large baking pans? There seems to be at least one, maybe two of these pans missing.



Open House was held at the Parsonage during Hospitality Time on Sunday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>. It was a beautiful Sunday afternoon. Many came, enjoyed donuts and fellowship, and toured the parsonage inside and out. It was a great time. Thanks to the hospitality team and those who helped move sundry items to the parsonage & also thanks Rev. Madden for inviting us.



## OATS Family Center

OATS Family center is a non-profit community center. At OATS we offer a youth/family group twice a week. The purpose of the group is to build healthier family relationships and healthier, more productive members of our community.

We are big on community service. It is important to give back to others. As children do community service, it builds their self-esteem and gives them a sense of community and a sense of accomplishment. The youth at OATS have started a winter sock drive. All socks that are donated are going to be delivered to the Valley House Homeless Shelter in Twin Falls. One of the most requested items during the cold winter months are socks, so this is a valuable and much needed donation.



Rupert UMC is helping OATS Family Center Youth with their project. There is a decorated sock box in our foyer, where you may place your sock donations. They are accepting all sizes of socks - men's, women's and children's. Although new socks are best, they do accept gently used socks.



The highlight at the open house was the many rides Terri Bruns provided in her authentic Model T Ford. Sitting beside Terri is Jean Bartlett.