

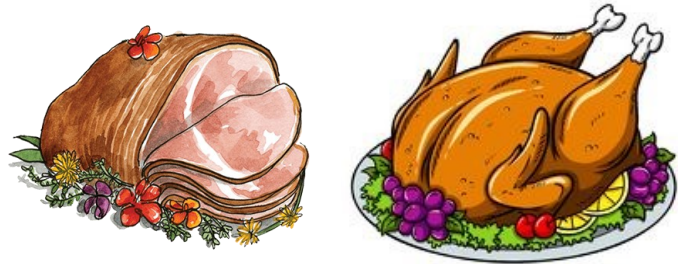
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**Let the United Methodist Men provide your Smoked Turkey and/or Ham for Thanksgiving this year!**

The spiral sliced smoked hams are 10-12 lbs. and the price is \$50.  
The smoked turkeys are 12-15 lbs. and the price is \$45.

**Last day to order a turkey or ham is Sunday, November 13.  
Date for pick up is Wednesday, November 23, from 9 AM - 12 PM in the  
Family Life Center.**

**To order, please fill out a form and place it in the Offering boxes, or give it to a member  
of the United Methodist Men. You may also call the church office to place your order.  
This is a fundraiser for the missions of the Burns UMM. Thank You!**

# *The Flame*

**of Burns Memorial United Methodist Church**

November 2022

*On Fire for Christ*

Issue Number 202

## From The Pastor

“October 6, 1774

I met those of our society who had votes in the ensuing election, and advised them

1. To vote, without fee or reward, for the person they judged most worthy
2. To speak no evil of the person they voted against, and
3. To take care their spirits were not sharpened against those that voted on the other side.”

— John Wesley, The Journal of John Wesley

Recently someone I love and have known for decades called me a bad name. It is not a big deal; it has happened before; I went to bootcamp. But what was shocking was that I was being put down because this friend of mine did not like my politics. I cannot remember another time in my life when we had to be so careful about what we say. Politics are just so divisive! I heard a joke the other day about this.

Question: How can you spend less on Christmas presents?

Answer: Bring up politics at Thanksgiving.

Now the reason the joke works is because it is true! (And if you are angry reading it, you illustrate the truth of the joke.) But it shouldn't be true. We should be able to have real conversations about the world that go beyond the careful and safe topics of “nice weather” and everyone's health. And we should be able to listen to the other side of discussions without getting angry. Why should we be surprised to find different political views? We have all had different life experiences, we read different books, watch different movies, work in different areas – why wouldn't it be expected that we would also vote different ways?

But are we not all Christians? Is not God our Father, making us a spiritual family? I love how The Lord's Prayer is a community prayer. Notice all the plural words: **Our** Father .. give **us** **our** daily bread, forgive **us** our trespasses, lead **us** not into temptation. Jesus in teaching the prayer seems to want to emphasis Christian unity .

And a key part of our unity is found in simply serving God, together. We pray, “your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.” And if you serve the Lord, and I serve the Lord, than since we work for the same boss, shouldn't we be able to work together? Regardless of who win in November of 2022, or November of 2024, don't we still have work to do, serving God in the here and now?

***The Flame* Deadline: November 21st**

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I for one am not going to think or say a negative word about those who vote differently from me. Will you commit to this as well? And, as always, let us pray for God’s blessing and wisdom for those who are elected. With all the problems in the world, our leaders all surely need wisdom and strength from God.

Grace & Peace, Pastor John

CHECK YOUR MAIL

Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine. -- Proverbs 3:9-10

On June 22, 1945 the George Doster Burns Memorial Methodist Church was organized, in a meeting at the Fleming School Building. We are now in the 77th year of our church! And with the support and commitment of loyal members like yourselves, we continue to press forward. It takes budgeting to plan for the future, and you should be receiving a 2023 Pledge Card soon. We encourage all our members and friends of Burns to fill out a pledge card for 2023. Please bring these completed pledge cards to the church on Sunday, November 20, 2022. As part of the service, we will dedicate our pledges, by the grace of God. This is not legally binding but is simply a prayerful commitment. (For those not able to attend on November 20, please mail or drop off the pledge card early, so that we can include this amount in the total pledge.) The November 20 Worship Service will be followed by a wonderful Fellowship Lunch. All are then welcome to the sanctuary at 1 PM to help decorate the church for Advent/Christmas.

BLESSING BAGS

Compass for Hope (CFH) is a ministry in Augusta, led by Michael Garrison, a local science teacher. CFH is known primarily for caring for the homeless population in downtown Augusta every Sunday, as well as giving all the attendees care bags each week. Our Mission Team is collecting items for the care bags to be given out the weekend before Thanksgiving. We are in need of 108 McDonalds gift cards to hand out in the bags. We will be delivering the items the week before Thanksgiving. If you would like to donate gift cards, or donate funds toward the purchase of gift cards or other items being purchased, please bring them by the office or drop them in the Offering Boxes on Sunday. Thank you for your participation in this important mission of our church!

Family Night Supper

November 16, 2022  
Dinner: 6:00 PM

Baby Back Ribs    Baked Beans  
Potato Salad      Rolls  
Dessert      Beverages

Nathan Krupa from Golden Harvest & The Master’s Table Food Ministry will be our Guest Speaker.

Adults: \$7  
Children 4 - 12: \$3  
Children 3 and under: Free

Please fill out the sign up form in the bulletin and place it in the offering box on Sunday morning.



### Thanksgiving Word Search

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DRESSING  
CRANBERRY  
YAMS  
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PILGRIM  
INDIAN  
FEAST  
FOOTBALL  
PARADE

MORE FUN: USE THE REST OF THE LETTERS IN THE ORDER THEY APPEAR, TO FIND THE ANSWER.

WHAT'S BLUE AND COVERED WITH FEATHERS?

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