



THE MESSENGER

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WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Thanksgiving is inseparable from true prayer; it is almost essentially connected with it. One who always prays is ever giving praise, whether in ease or pain, both for prosperity and for the greatest adversity. He blesses God for all things, looks on them as coming from Him, and receives them for His sake- not choosing nor refusing, liking or disliking, anything, but only as it is agreeable or disagreeable to His perfect will." ~John Wesley

This Thanksgiving take the time to pray. Pray with a grateful heart. Pray to offer praise to God for life and for loved ones. Pray for God to lead you in the path of God's choosing.

People have been so deeply affected this year by disasters and violence in our world. Pray for healing and work that must be done to restore lives and property. Pray to help people who are hurting. Pray so that the prayers are not words only, but turned into action.



God provides us with true blessings in abundance. We have joy and laughter; we have courage in the face of fear, hope where there is doubt, comfort when we have tears and sadness. God is with us in all things. John Wesley believed in the love and blessings of God. Even on his death bed, he said, "**Best of all, God is with us.**"

Pray for our faith community as we seek to strengthen and grow in Christ. Pray for the staff and leaders who work to make ministry meaningful. Pray for all the people who serve and provide resources for ministry to take place.

Thanksgiving is inseparable from true prayer. Give thanks to God, always with a grateful heart. I am thankful for you and our church. I am thankful for all that God is doing among us as we pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to lead us into the future.

Wishing all a blessed Thanksgiving!

Blessings & Peace,

Pastor Luis

PS. In observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday the office will be closed at noon on Wednesday, Nov. 23 and closed on Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25.

LOOKING AHEAD...

Our Christmas Eve services will be at 5:00, 7:00 and 11:00 pm. There will be no in-person Christmas Day services. We will have a pre-recorded service for you to watch that day. We encourage you to spend the day with your family & friends.

COMMUNION IN NOVEMBER

Due to the fall and winter flu/cold season we will begin serving communion by the pre-package individual cups beginning in November. Please pick-up your communion elements as you enter the Sanctuary.

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It's an easy way for anyone to give immediate donations. Checks may be mailed to the church at: 160 Johnson Ave., Sycamore, IL 60178.



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November 2022 Worship Schedule



**ALL SERVICES WILL BE IN-PERSON AND LIVE-STREAM
SERVICES ON FACEBOOK & YOUTUBE ONLY**

Saturdays at 5:00pm;

Sundays at 8:30 & 10:00am

www.facebook.com/SUMCIllinois/ or
www.youtube.com/results?searchquery=sycamore+umc
or www.sycamoreumc.org/live.

**First: Putting God first in living and giving—
Stewardship Journey**

November 5- Saturday Celebration

Pastor Joe Munro

November 6 - 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

All Saints Sunday/Service of Communion

Pastor Luis F. Reyes

Scripture Lesson: 2 Kings 17:38-41

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 6:21

Witness to the Word: "Naming Our Idols"

Holy Communion will be served at all services.

November 12- Saturday Celebration

November 13 - 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Luis F. Reyes

Scripture Lesson: Proverbs 27:25-27

Gospel Lesson: Mark 6:34-43

Witness to the Word: "Be Faithful, Save, and Give"

November 19 - Saturday Celebration

November 20 - Christ the King Sunday

Commitment Sunday

Pastor Luis F. Reyes

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 25:35-36

Witness to the Word: "Heart Giving"

November 26 - Saturday Celebration

November 27 - 1st Sunday of Advent

Hanging of the Ornaments

Pastor Luis F. Reyes

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 24:36-44

Witness to the Word: "We are Heading Someplace"



Those for whom we pray:

Eric Gabriel	Hayley Foord	Barbara Drake
Dan Butler	Merle Probasco	Tom Sanders
Diana Grace	Amy Walker	Diana Sanders
Carly Elder	Ryan Secor	Jim
Emily McLean	Jim Bernhardson	Marian Parker
Stephanie Landis	Rob	Jean Schmidt
John "Bud" Sackis	Nancy	Linda
Carol Berndt	Carole	Howard & Sue Keller
Calvin Foulk	Bob	John & Pat Sackis
Maggie Buie	Larry Thomas	Tom Snell & family
Riley Dunham	Lydia Greenawalt	Alice Kay Larson
Nate Lee	Lois Cullison	

We extend our sympathies to the families of:

Alice McMillan
 Charles Kidd (Renae Wilkinson's father)
 Tierny Cayo (Karen Buck's great-niece)

The Service Personnel and Their Families

Cpt. Mark Browning,	PO3 Samuel V. Bell
*SGT Ben Bushno	CPT Ed Richter
SGT Shaune Clark	*SGT Brock Grimaldi
SGT Matthew Einhorn	E4SPC Alexis Jones
PFC Timothy Einhorn	E3PFC Max Keller
PO1 Frank Incapreo	A1C Brock Larson
SSG Christopher Isabel	*Maj Steve Haack
*Lt. Col. Garrett Slack	PV2 Caden Grimaldi
SFC Matthew "Scott" Stewart	PV2 Rachel McMillion
MMN1 Frank Huftalin	*CPL Joshua Caraballo
LT Matthew Herbaugh	SPC Sutit Jackson
PVT Trevor Bassett	<i>*indicates deployed personnel</i>



Thank you, dear church family, for the warm way in which you have welcomed me back to pastoral care duties these past few months. My attention has now shifted to training Buzz Wheeler to take on the newly created position of Minister of Congregational Care & Outreach. I am pleased to say that I am already passing responsibilities on to him. I will continue to help with hospital and other such visits for the immediate future while Buzz settles in. There is always room for more to serve our Lord within this congregation and beyond Sycamore UMC's walls. I hope our paths cross in such capacities in the years to come.

By God's grace and with great fondness,
 MaryLou

SYCAMORE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ROTARACT OF SYCAMORE DRIVE-THRU




CURBSIDE



WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 16

4:30 - 7:00 PM

\$15

Buy Tickets By 11/9



Hosted by & proceeds benefit Rotaract of Sycamore

CHICKEN STRIP DINNER Fundraiser

LAST DINNER FOR 2022 SEASON!

THE DIRTY BIRD

Each meal includes:

- 4 Piece Chicken Strips
- French Fries
- Coleslaw
- Roll and Sauce

NEXT DINNER WILL BE MARCH 2023

Sycamore United Methodist Church

160 Johnson Avenue, Sycamore
 Enter at south parking lot
 Follow signs around back of church
www.sycamoreumc.org



Fall Thrift and Bake Sale Grateful Thanks

Thank you to everyone who donated, worked, or shopped at the UWF Fall Thrift and Bake Sale. Besides earning several thousand dollars for our mission work we served many organizations and causes. We donated items to Camp Cedar, immigrants heading to New York, the DeKalb County Home, Family Service Agency's Country Store, Open Closet, another church's Quilt Ministry, ABC Pre-School, SUMC Sunday School, Food Pantry clients, and Coat Ministry clients. Left overs were sent to Wayside Cross in Aurora. Each year we are pleased that so many items can be kept out of the landfills and go to those who need it.



MISSIONS AND MINISTRIES

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS THIS MONTH

Our Food Pantry is continuing to serve its clients each Monday.

Present needs are: chicken noodle soup, canned pineapple, boxed instant potatoes, cake mixes, canned ravioli, and toilet paper. Monetary donations are always welcome.

Let's remember that there are those who don't know where their next supper will come from.

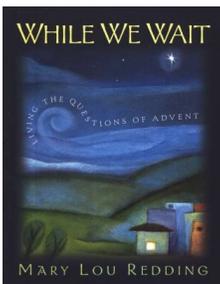


HOPE HAVEN MEAL ASSISTANCE NEEDED for November 14, 21 and 28

Prepare or buy just 1 course or the entire meal to feed 50 people! Deliver your contribution to Hope Haven in DeKalb or drop it off at the church by 3:30 on Monday. Please call the church if you are interested.

WITH JOY DINNERS IS NOW LIFT (LIVING IN FAITH TOGETHER)! October 14th from 6-6:45pm generations will gather around tables with the sharing of food, fellowship, and learning. This free will dinner centers around a scriptural theme where groups will break bread, study, play and pray together.

We hope you will join us as we get nurture our connection as a community of faith.



HERE'S A SNEAK PEAK AT OUR ADVENT STUDY, LED BY PASTOR LUIS!

Sometimes we wonder whether there is anything new we can learn from the Christmas story. This study approaches an all-too-familiar narrative from perspectives we may have missed. Weekly, we will dive into questions asked by Tamar, Ruth, Mary, Zechariah, Mary, and the Magi that mirror our own questions of faith. We will embark on an "Advent journey in which God seeks us at many levels of our understanding and spiritual exploration". Within each chapter there are daily scripture readings and reflection questions in the margins, along with a special look at the spiritual discipline of breath prayer. Be on the lookout for more to come!

UWF DECEMBER MEETING

The UWF will have their unit meeting on December 1, at noon. It will be a potluck luncheon. We will celebrate the season with food and fellowship, elect and install new officers, and have a special guest speaker who has done Christian Ministry work in Haiti. In the spirit of holiday giving, we will also be collecting gifts for our church kitchen. Please bring an item from the list. No need to wrap this gift. On the wish list: terrycloth dish towels, heavy duty, thick potholders, bottles of dish soap, SOS pads, and those flat, rectangular, green pot scrubbers. Watch the bulletin or your email for more information on the luncheon.



"REFUGEE GOOD NEIGHBOR TEAM" NEWS

Our 2 Afghani refugee families continue to adjust well to their new life here in America.

The Haroon family have settled in to their new apartment. Haroon was able to return to his job at AJR with much better hours, now working M-F on a day shift. Haroon and wife Qadrya's son Mosa, turned one year old in October, he was born here in America, after they fled their home in Kabul in August of 2021. Our team is planning a birthday party to celebrate this occasion with the family. A birthday cake and a few gifts should make for a fun event.

The Masoud family will be welcoming their new daughter very soon, as Qalima is due any day now, due date is October 27th. Our team will be planning a small party for this family also, to celebrate their new baby girl. A cake and baby gifts will be taken to them sometime in November. We will be able to meet the baby then.

Both families are relying less and less on our assistance with taking them to appointments, shopping and help with understanding bills. We feel that within a month or two we can end our engagement with these families.

Your prayers for the families and for the Refugee Good Neighbor team are always welcome.

~Susan Mossholder and Vance Moore, team members

STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

Putting God First in Living and Giving

Do we worship idols? The answer may surprise you.

We have launched our fall pledge drive called *first: putting GOD first in living and giving*, developed by author and pastor Mike Slaughter of Ginghamburg Church, a United Methodist Congregation. We are made in God's image and are meant to be creators of life and hope, not the consumers of our culture's shiny gods. We have the ability to change the world and create a legacy that will live forever in the lives of generations to follow. That legacy starts when each of us takes the hard steps of financial discipline and fulfilling the call to generosity that God has placed in all of us.



The goal of this stewardship journey is not to make you feel guilty, nor is it to say that you have to be exactly like this or that person. The goal is for all of us to ask questions of ourselves and be open to the possibility that God will lead us in new directions in our lives. Ask yourself to look for the idols in your own lives (Hint: Most of them aren't animals made of gold) and name the ways these idols enslave us, holding us back from living in the true freedom that God desires for us.

Challenge yourself to consider the place that money, work, and debt have in your life.

Challenge yourself to ask what it means to be faithful, to save, and to give.

Challenge yourself to give with your hearts, not out of obligation or a sense of duty and not just when you think the recipient deserves your gift.

Challenge yourself to give the way God gives—freely, fully, with no favorites or expectations of repayment.

Please join your fellow church members and friends in "*first: putting GOD first in living and giving*" as you prayerfully consider your pledge for 2023. You should receive a pledge card in the mail. If not, please call the church office to obtain one, and return it to the church by weekend services November 19 and 20 so we may celebrate as a congregation our commitment to God, his mission, and ministry in 2023.

JOIN THE BUCKET CAMPAIGN

As you have probably heard by now, there is a serious issue facing our church building. The flat roof section of the original church, which is over 40 years old, is leaking badly. It caused water to set off a fire alarm during a service in August and multiple buckets are needed to catch dripping water during rainstorms. Church trustees had an assessment of the roof done for patching, but that is not an option. We need to address this problem before winter, so trustees took bids and accepted a contract to replace the roof for \$197,000. Our predecessors provided us with a wonderful house of worship, and now it is our turn to make sure it is fit to serve future generations. Trustees and your Stewardship Committee are turning to you in the congregation to pay for the new roof. We call this appeal "**The Bucket Campaign**" because we want to fill buckets with dollars, not drops of water from a leaky roof.



All contributions are appreciated, but our target amount to fill a bucket is \$500. If 400 individuals or households each contribute \$500, we would have enough money to pay for the roof plus any unexpected extra costs. Maybe you can fill have a bucket for \$250, or maybe you can fill more than one bucket. Our bucket campaign runs through November 15. As of October 31, 2022 we have filled 100.5 buckets (\$50,265.00). If you have donated, thank you for your generosity. If not, please prayerfully consider your giving capacity and donate to "**THE BUCKET CAMPAIGN.**" You may make checks payable to "Sycamore United Methodist Church" and indicate "Roof" on the memo line. You may also go on-line at www.sycamoreumc.org/giving and designate "Trustees Fund." Or you may use the church "QR" code with your smart device to access the giving portal and designate "Trustees Fund."



Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.

MUSIC NOTES

As I write this month's column, I still have the music and the visuals of the many smiles, hand clapping and singing from the choir, the band, the trio's, quartets, and soloists. Most importantly, I also have the visions of YOU, our congregation, clapping, singing, lifting hands in praise, etc. from this past weekend's Revival Services continuously playing in my head too!!



To see that reminds me how gracious and good God is, and, when we call upon the Holy Spirit to be present, He never fails to show up in a BIG way! And that's what it's all about, being together, praising & singing for His glory and to His Holy Name, praying and listening to His word.

Many thanks to the many people who made the Revival so successful and memorable. To the many musicians, singers, and tech team for countless hours of rehearsal and preparation. Thanks to our Spiritual Leaders who, without their support, blessings, and prayers. To the office staff who puts it all together in the bulletin, advertising, postings, thank you! A special thank you to my big brother John, who did the graphic design of the Revival artwork you saw displayed on social media, church bulletin boards, information screens, et.al.

Reminders: Advent and Christmas are just around the corner. We will begin preparing for our Advent/Christmas Cantata with chamber orchestra. If you have been thinking about choir, now is the opportunity and a fun season to do it!



Children's choirs meet Wednesday's at 6:15- 6:45 p.m.

Handbells on Thursday's at 7 p.m. and of course, tech/av/video team is always in need of help. Your help.

And we are always looking for those who would like to sing or play their instruments or help lead music in worship services on Sunday mornings and Saturday nights.

A handwritten signature in black ink, located to the right of the paragraph about looking for musicians.

November Visioning Team Update



Discovering God's Future for Your Church

Welcome to the first Vision Team Update. Sycamore UMC has started a new journey to discover the vision God has for us for our future. The team has held three meetings so far, and will meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month. The Conveners, who will lead the meetings and come up with the agenda, are Peggy Carey and Donny Faulhaber. Ray Colwell and Jessica Gale are the Co-recorders and will take notes. The other team members are: Adam Holliday (SPPRC chair), Bob Armstrong, Jerry Armstrong, Zach Buie, Cheryl Calligan, Eric Cotter, Avery Gerdes, Carol Larson, Vance Moore, and Rob Stover, the staff representatives are Pastor Joe Munro, and Craig Fritz - they are non-voting members. Pastor Luis is also a part of the team, he has

helped us to find a process developed by Wesley Seminary in Washington DC that he has used before to guide us in this process.

Thank you to all 225 of you who took the Vision Survey. There is a lot of information here that you have provided. We as a team are just beginning to go through the survey data and putting it into a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats). This first phase of the process is about gathering data and learning who SUMC is today, and look at who we have been in the past. There is a lot to learn.

We are putting together pictures of the team so you can learn who we are, this will be shared on a bulletin board in the Concourse. Please feel free to reach out to us during this process with any comments or concerns that you have.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE & OUTREACH

Hello, Sycamore United Methodist Church. My name is Buzz Wheeler. I am the new Minister of Congregational Care and Outreach. This is my first Messenger article about the discipleship of the congregational care ministry programs and committees that we will be working on together as we go about the work of the church and God.

Let's start with the quick bio. I am a retired Air Force officer. I was an aircraft commander on B-52D's and spent most of my career in air operations. I recently retired from the Boy Scouts of America where I oversaw camping and program activities for 4 different Boy Scout councils.

I am a life-long Methodist but was a Christmas/Easter Methodist until my faith journey started in earnest after the death of my wife in June of 2017. As part of my grieving process, God found me. I have a personal understanding about the process of grief and the realization that all God's children are loved and never alone. I enjoy people and love being around them.

I believe in Christian fellowship, sharing the Word, and in the healing power of prayer. I believe that scripture is all one needs for guidance on a faithful and righteous life.

I am all about teamwork. To be part of a team of talented individuals with the specific mission to provide the best possible spiritual, joyful, and religious experience that a church can provide is a responsibility and a privilege. I'm looking forward to working with you as we develop or facilitate solid outreach programs to make disciples of Christ.

I have not yet been involved in any refugee issues. I look forward to finding out more about this group as well as supporting it.

I am currently involved in the annual conference's Anti-Racism Task Force. I am a member of the Becoming the Beloved Community Committee. A group of six of us have developed curriculum and a four-hour workshop on Anti-Racism 101. I would hope one day to host this group here.

Due to my career with the Boy Scouts of America and my years as a camp/program director I am on the Northern Illinois Conference Board of Outdoor and Retreat Ministries that oversees the ministry of the two conference-owned camps and am the Scouting Coordinator for Prairie South District.

In conclusion, I want to make the world a better place. It will be a challenge I'm convinced I'm ready for and excited about. I welcome the prospect to become part of your team. I have so much to learn. Let's do it together.

YIC,
Buzz Wheeler



LIFE MISSIONS 2023

Support our youth as they prepare to travel to Kissimmee, FL in July of 2023.

Pasta Dinner
FUNDRAISER

Sunday, November 6
at 11:00 a.m. in the gym
Cost: Free will offering



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Fall is upon us, and we move into the time of year when we focus on gratitude and giving back. I am so grateful to all of you who helped to make our trick-or-treating a great success! It was so wonderful to see all the joyful faces flitting around the halls of the church!

Here's what fun fall programming continues to be offered:

- **Weekly Sunday School** is under way! Sunday School is offered at the 10:00 service for kids aged PK-Middle School. We start out worshipping with our church family and then head to have some spiritual fun! *Please be sure to register your child at the new digital kiosk weekly.*
- **Confirmation meets Wednesdays: 11/2 & 11/16.**
- **Christian Kids meets Wednesday from 3:45-5:15.** Students in grades K-5 (MS students can be helpers) are welcome to enjoy games, spiritual lessons, crafts, snacks, and service opportunities. The church bus picks-up at North Grove and North School. Registration fee is \$30 per semester for one child to cover cost of snacks.
- **Magic Mondays: 11/7 & 11/28** - Preschool kids are invited to start your week off with some faith-filled fun. We eat lunch together, sing songs, and hear an uplifting story about God's amazing love. Each session has a crafts and activities to help us reinforce the week's theme.

Looking Ahead:

CHRISTMAS IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!! Mark your calendars now.

December 11th following the 10:00 service, we will enter the Bethlehem Bazaar.

All are invited to come and walk amongst the hustle and bustle of Bethlehem. We will have hands-on activities, music, and more to experience what would have been during the time that Jesus was born.



I pray that you will join us and to connect within the life of this wonderful church. The chilly fall air whispers on the wind and rustles through the leaves. I ask you to stop and listen to see if the Holy Spirit is whispering to you to rustle up some of your time and talents in an act of gratitude and grace for this community of faith.

Blessings,
Becca Rome

ABC PRESCHOOL MINISTRY NEWS

I cannot believe its November! This year seems to be flying by way too quickly.

After a flurry of activity in October, we welcome the slower pace of this month. We will have our school pictures done the first week of this month. All the classes will be talking about the Harvest and Thanksgiving this month. That leads up to the Harvest Feast which is held in each classroom.



I am so happy to see our monthly Mission Projects return this school year. Our Mission Project for November will be our Thanksgiving Baskets! ABC Staff, families and Sycamore United Methodist Church families will join to put together 10 Thanksgiving meals for local families in need. You will find a list of our items that will be needed on a bulletin board located on the wall in the education wing hallway. Please feel free to sign up for one, two or as many items as you can contribute.

ABC recycles! Give us your trash for us to make into treasures! This month we are collecting stickers. They can be reused in the classrooms in our writing centers. The children love to send mail to each other, and some stickers make great stamps. Please drop these off to the Preschool office anytime.

We thank Sycamore United Methodist Church for all your support of ABC Preschool. We look forward to working together on many projects during the year.

Blessings,
The ABC Preschool Staff

NOVEMBER 2022 EVENTS CALENDAR

The deadline for the December issue of The Messenger is November 19th

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>NOTE: Pastor Luis will be attending the North Central Jurisdictional Conference of the United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne IN from Monday Oct 31st to Saturday November 5th.</p>		<p>1 6:00 PM Pack 141 Den 3 6:30 PM Young Adult Bible Study & Dinner 7:00 PM Book Study "Shiny Gods"</p>	<p>2 4:00 PM Christian Kids 6:15 PM Children's Choirs 7:00 PM Confirmation Class of 2023 7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p>3 7:50 AM B.A.D. (HS Breakfast & Devotion) 12:00 PM Staff Meeting 4:30 PM TOPS 5:30 PM Visioning Team 7:00 PM "Freeing Jesus" Book Study via Zoom 7:00 PM Handbell Choir</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 7:30 AM UMM Breakfast 5:00 PM Saturday Worship Service</p>
<p>6 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 8:30 & 10:00 AM Sunday Worship Services 10:00 AM Children's In-person Sunday School 11:00 AM LIFE Missions Pasta Dinner 11:00 AM Families in Faith 2:00 PM Girl Scouts 6:00 PM Middle & High School Youth Grp</p>	<p>7 10:00 AM Magic Mondays 12:30 PM Food Pantry 12:30 PM Coat Ministry 6:00 PM Adult Bible Study 7:00 PM Trustees</p>	<p>8 9:30 AM Mary Circle 6:00 PM Pack 141 Den 4 6:30 PM Young Adult Bible Study & Dinner 7:00 PM Book Study "Shiny Gods"</p>	<p>9 4:00 PM Christian Kids 6:00 PM LIFT Dinner 6:45 PM Children's Choirs 7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p>10 12:00 PM Staff Meeting 4:30 PM TOPS 6:00 PM Pack 141 Den 2 6:30 PM Pack 141 Den 5 7:00 PM "Freeing Jesus" Book Study via Zoom 7:00 PM Handbell Choir 7:00 PM Potawatomi Cub Scout Round Table</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 5:00 PM Saturday Worship Service</p>
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WE ARE STILL COLLECTING! The Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church is now helping to support the immigrants coming to the Chicago area that are in need.

Sycamore United Methodist Church will be the drop spot for our district.

The items SUMC is continuing to collect are: First Aid kits, Medicine for Adults (i.e. Tylenol or Advil), Personal Hygiene and Feminine Products, Duffel Bags.

Items will be collected for at least the next month and can be dropped off in the box in the Concourse.

Questions? Please call the church office at 815-895-9113

LAST CHANCE! BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

Reserve your

TEN COMMANDMENTS

Family Heirloom

This Thank-you Gift is for our FAITHFUL SUMC MEMBERS and is given at NO COST TO YOU (Privately funded)



Traditional Style in 11 x 14
Traditional Black Frame

HOW TO ORDER

- Select a style - Traditional or Contemporary
- Select a size - 11 x 14, 8 x 10 or 5 x 7
(5 x 7 only available in Contemporary)
- Select a frame Traditional black (w/gold beading), Black or Gold)
- Fill out an order form (see below) and return to church.



Contemporary Style in various frames



TEN COMMANDMENTS ORDER FORM—1 PER HOUSEHOLD

1. Select a style

- Traditional
- Contemporary

2. Select a size

- 11 x 14
- 8 x 10
- 5 x 7 - only available in Contemporary

Delivery is estimated to be in late December

3. Select a frame

- Traditional black (shown with Traditional Style)
- Black
- Gold

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____