

2026 Newsletter

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Arkansas Ramblings

Here we are in the season of Thanksgiving! However, do you ever find yourself walking the line between gratitude and discontentment? After all, if everyone were always content with everything, we would never invent anything new or find ways to improve existing processes. Houses might never get a fresh coat of paint, farming practices might never improve, and our gardens might never grow more abundant. So, is discontentment always wrong?

Grappling with gratitude for what we have while wanting something more is nothing new. Paul addresses this very topic in 1 Timothy 6, where he gives us several warnings about the things that can trap us here on earth. He is reminding us that Jesus is enough. There is no Jesus "plus." Nothing we do or gain here on earth can earn us a place in heaven. Paul doesn't say that more money, abundant crops, a well-kept house, or a beautiful yard is evil. Rather, he warns us about the idolization of possessions and the trouble it can bring. There is nothing wrong with wanting to improve our circumstances, but we must be careful not to let those desires overshadow our gratitude for what God has already given us. Constantly comparing ourselves with others can lead to discontentment and cause us to forget to give thanks and praise to God.

God has placed us here to bring glory to Him. Sometimes, that may be as simple as witnessing to someone about our faith or inviting someone to church. We may never know how a small act of kindness or a simple invitation can make a difference in someone's life. My heart was full recently as I talked with some members of our congregation. The blessings found in our church family are mighty! What a wonderful reminder of God's goodness and the people He places in our lives. Let's give glory to God and be thankful for the many ways He blesses us.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving this month, may we remember that true contentment doesn't come from having everything we want. It comes from recognizing all that God has given us and trusting that, in Christ, we have what matters most.

1 Timothy 6:6-7 "Now godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out."

Give thanks with a grateful heart!

Andrea

UPCOMING EVENTS



November 8

Ad Board/ Finance @ 4:30

November 12

WOF meeting @ 10:30



November 18

WOF Delivery of Meals



November 29

A Sunday of Music and Hanging of the Greens.



Soup and Sandwiches will be served before and after the Hanging of the Greens for everybody.

Church News

Special Prayer Needs

OUR COUNTRY, OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN, our church, our community leaders, our president, our farmers, Bobby Lewis, Tom & Cindy Herrick, Ed and Carol Davis, Alta Patterson, Trisha Theisen & Family, Eleanore Lewis, Rick Gubbels, Bettina Perkins, Tracy Lewis, Barb Madsen, Sally & Lyle Schram, Evelyn & Larry Dicks, Mark Nelson, Betty Nelson, Brad Harbaugh, Todd Verschoor, Rich Petersen, Everts Miller, and to the Family of Roger Nelson.

Remember our Nursing Home Residents!

Be A Part: If you would like to be part of the prayer support for our church, just send us your name and email.



Tithes and Offerings

Oct. 4 $ 800.00 Oct. 13 $ 837.00

Oct. 18 $ 871.37 Oct. 25 $ 300.00



Our Life Together



Our church is so blessed with so many talented and gifted members.

One of those members is Barb Madsen.

Not only does she bake tasty cookies and bars, she also colors very decorative pictures for us to enjoy.

Thank you Barb for sharing your talents with us.





Bettina Perkins is another one of those talented and gifted members.

She can still draw for being one of Anthon's Art teachers.

Residents at Willow Vale Wellness painted pumpkins









Rhonda and Gary Beeson ready for a night of trick or treating!



Our Life Together

All Saints Day was celebrated Sunday morning, November 1 at the Anthon Community Methodist Church.

All Saints Day is a Christian Holiday honoring the lives of those members and constituents of the church who have passed away during the year. .

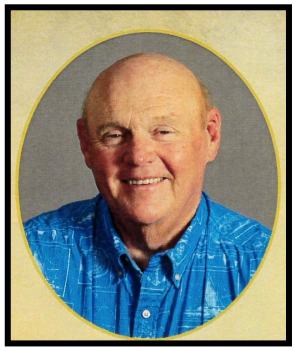
Keith Allman, Jerry Klindt and Roger Nelson were remembered by family members who lit candles in their memory.

Communion was served and votive candles were also lit in memory of loved ones.

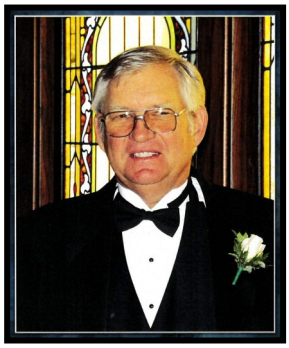
The service included special music and white carnations were given to each family.



Keith Allman



Jerry Klindt



Roger Nelson

Women of Faith by Kathy Hodgdon

It all started with a question at the October 2025 monthly meeting of the Women of Faith. How can we serve our community? We wanted to do something for community members struggling with isolated life challenges, aging, or illness. The decision was made to deliver a monthly meal to the homes of individuals. That day we came up with a list of nineteen names and set the first delivery date for October 29th. How has our program progressed since that date? Through September 2026, 294 meals have been served. 40 individuals have been the recipient of one of our meals in 25 homes in the community of Anthon. The most meals delivered in one month was 30. The least amount delivered was 19. All meals are free of charge to the individuals receiving them.

A few individuals have been on the delivery list only for a month or two due to recovery from illness. Most of the individuals have been on the list from the beginning.

Individuals in our church and a number from within our community have stepped in to help with delivery of the meals, some helping us every month since the beginning.

It has been a joy to serve as the hands and feet of Jesus. Those individuals that we deliver meals to, appreciate it and share that appreciation with us monthly.

For those who have supported this mission through your time, your donated food or financial support, we thank you for giving your time, energy, money and care to serve meals and bring comfort to our community members. Thank you for being the church.

Don't just attend church. Love the church. Serve the church. Give through the church. Worship Jesus with the church.

Encourage the church. Participate in church. Pray for the church.

BE THE CHURCH!

Church News

Anthon Community Methodist Church Minutes
Monday, 12 Oct 2026

The Administrative Board met in the church library at 4:30 p.m. with seven members present: Lay Pastor Shirley, Roger, Marilyn, Deanna, JoLynne, Mark and Joan.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. Roger moved we accept the minutes as printed; 2nd by Marilyn; all in favor, motion passed.

Deanna gave devotions on "Don't Give Up" from the Upper Room.

Pastor's Report

Worship:	All November services have been filled with local people. In January Jake Mitchell will be with us.
Finance:	Everything is doing well and is up to date. Our balance is $52,611.67.
Trustees:	Sue Wilson cleaned out the corner by the door and seeded the grass. New furnace was installed plus the faulty wire to the north has been fixed. Deanna reported there was no screen on the kitchen window so she washed the window and put the screen back on. Mark Demarest looked at the refrigerator with a defrost problem. He said to unplug it for 3-4 days, which Deanna did but although the towels under it were wet and saturated, still couldn't defrost completely. We probably need a new one.
Teaching:	The Adult Sunday School class is going fine. We've been watching the video "Jesus You May Not Know, by Dr. Jeremiah which is very interesting!
Missions:	We're still collecting blankets; and will be collecting gloves, hats, coats and scarves.
SPRC:	We met on October 9th. Lay Pastor Shirley will do one Sunday a month. Erin and Kathy are scheduled with a couple others who indicate they will come.
Women of Faith:	Had a really good meeting. Made our new menu which will be Tater Tot Casserole, a salad and fruit.
Old Business:	Tabled our donation to the Mapleton Food Pantry for now.
New Business:	Read the letter from Acuity for Workman's Comp. We need to do an audit which is due Nov. 15th. The audit period will cover 10/01/2025 – 09/15/2026. Deanna will call Acuity for more information.
	Mark moved we end our meeting, 2nd by Roger; all in favor, motion passed.
Next meeting:	9 Nov 2026 at 4:30 p.m. JoLynne will do devotions

Respectfully submitted:
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November Liturgist Responsibilities

November 8– Erin Baird

November 15– Tim Hoy

November 22– Marilyn Hladik

November 29– Kathy Hodgdon

***If you are unable to attend, please find your Replacement and let the church know by email.**

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

Roger & Marilyn Hladik	3
Mark & Deb Groszkruger	5
Shirley Nelson	8
Coni Miller	8
Marley Maynard	16
Ed Davis	19
Laken Nelson	20
Ms. Sheryl L. Ashley	22
Brenda Wolfe	25
Joan Meister	26
Emily Hoy	26
Leann Hladik	28



