

Business Office Hours:
 Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
 Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon
 Sunday Worship Services: 8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

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**World Community Day
 2006**

"Signs of Healing"
 All are welcome!
 November 3, 2006

St. Bede's Episcopal Church
 1601 S. St. Francis Dr.

Celebrating the gift of diversity, Church Women United has continued the tradition, which was started in 2002, with sponsoring Interfaith Services three times a year.

World Community Day 2006, "Signs of Healing" is an opportunity to reach out to women of different faith to come celebrate and worship together in an atmosphere of acceptance and peace. Refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m.

More information, please call **Barbara Mason at 983-7606.**



**United Methodist Women
 Holiday Bazaar**

November 18, 2006

St. John's United Methodist Church
 (Fellowship Hall, Parlor and Library)

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

From Classic to Christmas

A Christmas Musical treat
 for the whole family
 December 10, 2006
 at 4:00 p.m.



**St. John's United Methodist Church
 Sanctuary**

*St. John's United Methodist Church
 1200 Old Pecos Trail
 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505*



St. John's United Methodist Church

*The members of
 St. John's United Methodist Church
 welcome you to Worship.*

What a great time of the year this is. The trees glow with vibrant yellow and orange leaves. The air is crisp. The fall harvest gives us great fruits and vegetables to eat. Our own church building is framed by hundreds, if not thousands, of brilliant orange pumpkins. Families begin to plan for their holiday gatherings. Our national Thanksgiving Holiday is just around the corner. A time for us to focus on what "thanksgiving" really means: a giving of our thanks to God. Thanks for this beautiful world, thanks for friends, for family, for life itself. Not just our physical life, but the gift we have of eternal life through Christ, God's best gift to us.

So what is my response to all these and countless other good and great things God has given us? It's gratitude, of course. Yet, it needs to be deeper than mere words of thanks. How can I not give all that I am and all that I have back to God? Hasn't God given me all that I am...my personality, my body, my very breath? Hasn't God given me all that I have...family, food, friends, and this planet? Surely I did not create any of these.

For what are you thankful? Our Stewardship Campaign concludes on November 5th with Pledge Sunday. It is our formal time of pledging our financial commitment to God through the Church. Scripture tells us that we are to give to God the first and the best of the resources God has loaned us. God calls us to give the tithe, ten percent of our resources.

This is also a time of year when we are besieged by requests from all sorts of charitable organizations. Many clear out their closets of unused clothing and household items. Without a second thought, 'hole-y' jeans, threadbare shirts, worn-out shoes are dumped off at places like Salvation Army and Goodwill Industries. They are usually items that really should be dumped in the trash. It's so easy to give what is worn out. No sacrifice involved in giving meaningless leftovers.

As we prepare for our Thanksgiving Holiday, how will you prepare to give thanks to God? Will you be in worship regularly, giving God your time, giving God your praises of thanksgiving? How will you give thanks to God? Will what you give be an afterthought, from what is left over, tattered, worn out? What you really don't want yourself? Or will you give to God your best, and give to God first? Will you give sacrificially? So that it means something to you?

From one who has lost everything, who has faced the fears of no job, no money for home or food, who has looked death in the face and found hope and life itself in Christ...I walk this journey with you...

Pastor Stephanie

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