THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER

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November
Featured Speakers

This month's guest speakers include:

Nov 1	**Scott Killgore**
Nov 8	**Jim Rash**
Nov 15	**Dale Stewart**
Nov 22	**Greg Thogmartin**
Nov 29	**Melody Smith**

Be sure to join us in person or on Facebook Live 10:30 am every Sunday morning to hear more inspiring messages.

Missed Sunday's message, you can find the replay on our website at: **fccmaryvillemo.com/sermons**.

Seeing Our Stewardship

October 2026

General Fund

Beginning Balance	$	10,200.13
Income	$	10,057.00
Expenses	$	8,433.20
Ending Balance	$	11,823.93

Missions

Beginning Balance	$	2,561.69
Income	$	1,254.99
Expenses	$	24.99
Ending Balance	$	3,791.69

What happens when the life you know changes and God doesn't hand you a map?



Guest Speaker Angela Linville has made a guided study available that will help you answer that question. This is a continuation on her Spirit-filled message from Oct. 25, available on our website or YouTube channel, on what it means to surrender and become part of God's plans. If you would like a copy of the study, contact the church office.

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Sunday Mornings

9 a.m.
Sunday School Classes

10:30 a.m.
Service in the Sanctuary

Sunday Worship Attendance

Oct. 4	26	Oct 18	30
Oct. 11	24	Oct 25	32

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Keeping in touch with our church families

For Healing & Comfort...

Jason Ripple

Jon Nickerson

Prayer List Guidelines...

Names are added to the prayer list by request and remain on for two weeks unless we receive an update requesting to be left on. Please let us know what your request is and if we can share it with others. Contact the church office at 660-214-3414 or officemanagerfccmaryville@gmail.com with prayer requests.

Instant Church Directory™

Is your info up-to-date?

Has your family grown recently? Have you moved or changed your phone number in the last year? Do you have a new favorite picture of yourself?

If you answered yes to any of these, it's probably time to update your information in our directory. It's easy and only takes a few minutes. You can call or email to update your information or you can update it in the member app or on the member website.

Need some help figuring it out? Go to https://help.instantchurchdirectory.com/article/1295-how-members-submit-updates-to-their-information for more information or contact Virginia in the office at 660-214-3414.

Our Staff

Virginia Ripple
Office Administrator

Anita Dew
Organist

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Custodian

Johnathan Morrison
Audio/Live Stream Lead

Jay Ripple
Live Stream Intern

November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight Saving Time ends 8:00 – 9:00 AM Sanctuary Open 9:00 – 10:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 – 11:30 AM Worship	2 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM Circle of Joy 6:00 – 7:00 PM PEO 7:00 – 9:00 PM Nodaway Chorale	3 General Election Election Day 4:00 – 6:00 PM Northwest Youth Choir 6:30 – 7:30 PM Garden Club	4	5	6	7
8 8:00 – 9:00 AM Sanctuary Open 9:00 – 10:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 – 11:30 AM Worship	9 6:00 – 7:00 PM Team Planning & Board Meeting 7:00 – 9:00 PM Nodaway Chorale	10 4:00 – 6:00 PM Northwest Youth Choir	11 Office Closed Veterans Day	12 5:00 – 6:30 PM GS Troop 5720 6:00 – 7:00 PM GS Troop 2492	13	14
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22 8:00 – 9:00 AM Sanctuary Open 9:00 – 10:00 AM Sunday School	23 7:00 – 9:00 PM Nodaway Chorale	24 4:00 – 6:00 PM Northwest Youth Choir Concert	25	26 Office Closed Thanksgiving Day	27 Black Friday	28
29 8:00 – 9:00 AM Sanctuary Open 9:00 – 10:00 AM Sunday School	30 Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday 7:00 – 9:00 PM Nodaway Chorale	1 6:30 – 7:30 PM Garden Club	2	3 5:00 – 6:30 PM GS Troop 5720	4	5

The Bulletin Board

Following the Progress of FCC's Leaders

The following is a brief excerpt of the August Board minutes. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the FCC Leadership.

Finance Report: Finance Chair Coby Lamb reported September contributions were approximately $7,385 against a budget of approximately $10,005. Subsequent discussion consistently placed recent monthly contributions near $7,300. September showed an approximately $1,800 loss versus a budgeted $1,500 surplus. Year-to-date contributions were approximately $97,700, slightly below budget, and the year-to-date loss was approximately $28,000 versus a budgeted $29,000 loss.

Proposed 2027 Budget: The Board discussed the decline in contributions since the former minister's departure, including a reported 19% reduction during July–September and a decrease in giving units. A more conservative 2027 income projection of approximately $100,000 was used. With guest-speaker/pulpit-supply expense of approximately $10,400 included, the proposed budget projected an approximately $16,051 deficit. The Board discussed covering any necessary shortfall from General Fund Savings (approximately $70,000), using transfers as needed rather than all at once. The proposed budget did not support hiring a part-time minister under current contribution assumptions. The Board affirmed use of General Fund Savings as needed to cover the projected shortfall; existing trustee authority for transfers was noted. The budget remains subject to congregational consideration.

Long-Term Transition Planning: Moderator Bob Ferguson outlined the need to assess the church's long-term future rather than rely indefinitely on savings. He reported contact with Regional Minister Paul Koch and proposed seeking guidance from Rev. Chad McMullen and the regional revitalization resources. The potential church transition team was described as approximately five people, possibly including finance, trustee, property, and experienced lay representatives; membership has not been selected. Possible outcomes such as revitalization, relocation, collaboration, or closure were discussed only as possibilities, with no decision on any outcome. The Board approved contacting Rev. McMullen to request assistance and a meeting as soon as practical. Bob will report back on available assistance and recommendations for team composition. A letter will be sent to the congregation explaining the situation.

Worship Planning: Guest speakers and lay-led services will continue while other approaches are explored. Suggestions included occasional prerecorded sermons or livestreamed messages during in-person worship and a backup sermon video if a scheduled speaker is unavailable. Speakers are scheduled through the end of 2026, with some commitments in early 2027; additional scheduling remains in progress.

Trustees Report: Trustee Chair Linda Baker reported that Nodaway Valley Bank identified an older "Sunday Prayer Share Group" savings account with approximately $562, apparently associated with the church but requiring further verification of authority and ownership.

Property Report: Property Team Member Allen Davison reported no major mechanical failures. A plumber repaired leaking toilet flush valves and associated shutoffs; the final cost was not yet known. Work on the front railing may be deferred until spring.

Sanctuary/Chapel Use: The Board discussed whether moving Sunday worship to the chapel or another smaller space could improve the worship setting and reduce heating/cooling costs. Technical considerations include livestream cameras, audio, and use of the sanctuary by other groups. Property and worship teams will consult Audio/Live Stream Lead John Morrison and investigate feasibility, then bring a recommendation to the November Board meeting. No relocation decision was made.

New Business — Leadership Elections: Bob will bring the proposed slate of 2027 officers, Elders, and Diaconate to the November Board meeting for approval. The date of the congregational vote will then be determined, allowing the required two week advance notice. The approved proposed budget will also be presented for congregational action.

FCC Leadership

Board Moderator: Bob Ferguson

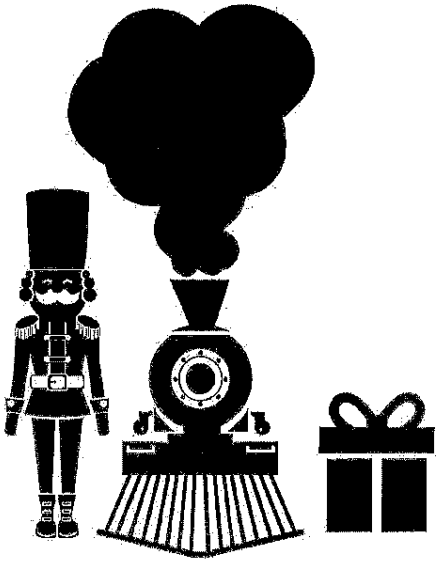
Stewardship/Finance: Coby Lamb

Worship/Elders: Guy Ebersole

Christian Life: Marsha Meyers

Treasurer: Donna Rickman

Trustee Chair: Linda Baker



Toys 4 Tots of Nodaway County

Celebrate the true meaning of Christmas with hundreds of children in need (newborns - 12-year-olds) in Nodaway County. Last year, the organization served 127 families and 227 children by providing gifts to children with the donations received.

October 13th - December 14th

Barrels & donation jars will be at the following Maryville businesses:

Beauty Bar, Clear Creek, Connections Bank, Daylight Donuts
Dollar General, El Maquey, Grays, Hangar, Hy-Vee gas and kitchen, Kawasaki, Maryville Forum, Mullock Health Care, Nodaway News Leader, Nodaway Valley Bank(s), Pagliai's, Pizza Ranch, Planet Sub, Rogers Pharmacy, Senior Center, Scooters, Southern Bank, Taco Johns, Haven Coffee & Goods

Ways to help: *monetary contribution, donate new toys, sponsor a toy drive or request to collect toy donations*

For more information, please contact: Terri Dawson 660-254-0941

Checks may be mailed to: Toys for Tots
PO Box 104
Maryville, MO 64468

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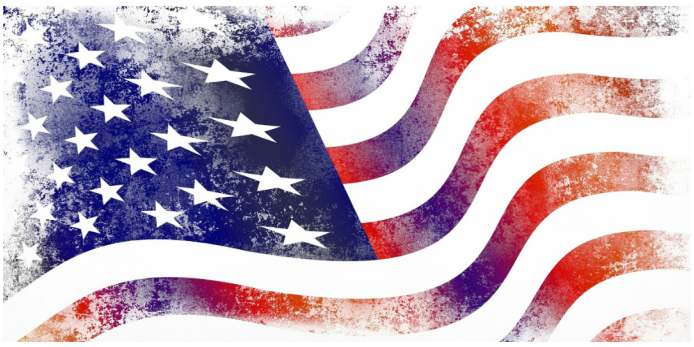
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