

During the month of November we are always reminded of our *ThankfulnessI* We share our time with our friends and family. We count our blessings—our blessings include our church and our community.

In our early days, witnessing was the focus as the circuit-riding ministers brought people to Christ, and to our church. By the 1940's a new LUMC building, including room for Sunday school was needed and permission was given to build. However, (from Church History) "money was tight and there were

no church funds. The Finance Committee had to literally come up with the money to meet the monthly construction bills. Never has such dedication, such cooperation, such enthusiasm, such sacrifice been seen as that exhibited."

Whenever the "chips" have been down, our church family has pulled together; continued to make our church stronger; and found ways to support the needs in our community. In 1997, when the church steeple was replaced after the 1994 tornado, Mrs. A.L. George stated she has celebrated many occasions at the church, including baptisms and weddings. Looking towards the future, she stated "we have great aspirations for the next generation here, that is why we're putting the steeple up."



On **November 21** we are going to celebrate our church community's *Generous Past* and look forward to our *Abundant Future* through worship and luncheon celebration.

Lunch will be yummy, catered Hudson's, and includes BBQ and chicken.

A short program will follow lunch —celebrating and our past, present (including recognizing our new members) and our future

Luncheon tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children under 12.

They may be purchased before and after church October 31, November 7, 14.

Please plan to join in this Worshipful and festive day as we move towards *Thankfulness!*And the Advent Season