



CALENDAR NOVEMBER ~ DECEMBER



Sunday, 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	November 19 Morning Worship Coffee and doughnuts, FH Sunday School for all ages Morning Worship Lucia Rehearsal
Monday, 9:30 a.m.– 3 p.m. 9:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	November 20 Kindermusik Prayer Group Soul Food: Franciscan Theology
Wednesday,	November 22 No programs
Thursday,	November 23– Thanksgiving Office Closed
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	November 26 Morning Worship Coffee and doughnuts, FH Sunday School for all ages Morning Worship
Monday, 9:30 a.m.– 3 p.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	November 27 Kindermusik Prayer Group Shake Your Soul Soul Food: Franciscan Theology
Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:40 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	November 29 Junior and Wesley Choirs Supper, Fellowship Hall Programs for all ages Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, 9:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.m.	November 30 Kindermusik
Friday, 9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.	December 1 Homeschool Music Classes
Saturday, 9 a.m.—12:00 p.m.	December 2 Deck The (Church) Halls!

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November 19– December 2, 2017

Have A Happy Thanksgiving, by giving thanks!
Do you want to increase the quality of your life? Do you want to have a deeper calm in your daily routine? Do you want peace of mind?
You probably do, but you don't want to work for it. Even as you are reading this article, you want to rush through it, so that you can move on with the day. I find myself rushing to get to the end of things too fast. I need, and want, to savor more of life.
We have all heard the phrase, "Stop and smell the roses;" but as soon as we hear it, we are ready to move on. How do we actually "stop" in order to smell the roses?
In today's fast paced world we find ourselves getting anxious when the red light doesn't change soon enough. We find ourselves doing something else in the four and half minutes it takes to cook a microwave meal because it's taking too long. When we stand in a line at the grocery store, we find ourselves becoming frustrated and impatient.
Here is what you do. During each day you have great opportunity to have mini retreats; a stop light here, a moment there. Take those 15-20 seconds to breathe in and breathe out. Pay attention to the world around you and give thanks. Before you answer the phone, take a deep breath in and out a few times.
Take these moments of time to be moments of Thanksgiving. Feel free to expand them. You may find some peace even in the busyness of life. So many blessings are overlooked because we are moving so fast; slow down and see what you see.
Psalm 46:1-3 reminds us "God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in times of trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth gives way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging."
But how can we know this if we do not do what verse 10 then says: "Be still and know that I am God..."
This will be our best place to find our peace and discover a heart of thanksgiving.

Blessing to you, Jody

Angel Tree Tag Gifts: Reminder that gifts are due back to the church by Wednesday, November 29th.

**Worship Service
November 19, 2017**

Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant

*Sermon Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30
Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

**Worship Service
November 26, 2017
Sheep and Goats**

*Sermon Scripture: Matthew 25:31-46
Deuteronomy 8:7-18; Psalm 65; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Luke 17:11-19*



Advent Decorations: Please contact Martha Spooner or Paula Matson, if you would like to remember or honor a loved one with any of the church decorations during the Advent Season.

Christmas Tree Decorating and Breakfast with Santa



Deck the (Church) Halls with us Saturday, Dec 2, 9am -12pm in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall! We'll also have a light Christmas breakfast, a visit with Santa, crafts and card-writing to our shut-ins and veterans. We need help from all ages!

Christmas Love Offering:

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee would like our congregation to express appreciation to the church staff with a love offering this Christmas. Throughout the year our staff has provided outstanding service to us. Please place your check or envelope marked "Staff Christmas Offering" in the offering plate on Sunday. Also, please take time to thank these fine folks for all they do for us throughout the year.

We have hired a church custodian: Brandon Germany. Brandon will be a valuable addition to our church staff. I want to thank Victor Loftiss, Sandy Hobbs, Nichole Kuehl and Tim James for their help with the interviews. We had over 80 applications for the position!

- Chip Matson, Chair of Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Our Prayers

Vivian Stampley, Jim Richardson, Sally Fisher, Leonard Brubaker, Laura Adams, Dorothy Millen, Don Beck, The Hale House, New Bethlehem Community Center, The Stith Mead House, Military at home and deployed overseas, and the troubled corners of our world.

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Liturgist

Lay Reader

Ushers

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Crucifer

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November 19

The Reverend Dr. Jody Alderman
Allen Smith, 9 a.m.
Dennis Hollins, 11 a.m.
Allen Smith, 9 a.m.
Nesbit Dasher, 11 a.m.
Ronald Strom, 9 a.m.
Gerry Aldridge; Colin G. Gordy; Paul Greenway; Carol Klein; Bubba Nash; Charles Piercy; Warren Spooner, 11 a.m.
Abby Kight
Madison Hixon
William Walker and Melissa Spurr
Ronald and Donna Strom, 9 a.m.
Bobby James, 11 a.m.

November 26

The Reverend Dr. Jody Alderman
Allen Smith, 9 a.m.
Vic Johnson, 11 a.m.
Rich Laschober, 9 a.m.
Carol Capers, 11 a.m.
Frank Fidler, 9 a.m.
Gerry Aldridge; Colin G. Gordy; Paul Greenway; Carol Klein; Bubba Nash; Charles Piercy; Warren Spooner, 11 a.m.
Evelyn Thomas
Aiden Grant
Anna Butler and Gerry Aldridge
Ronald and Donna Strom, 9 a.m.
Carol Capers, 11 a.m.

Poinsettias: Purchase a poinsettia to provide decoration for our worship services on Advent IV and Christmas Eve and to honor or remember a loved one. The cost is \$15. Profits benefit our children and youth music programs. Order forms can be found: (1)online; (2) in the St. John office; and (3) in the wall rack under the music\bulletin board in our lobby. Payments can be made by check or cash or online. Please order by Dec 10.

HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

Bless This House: In memory of Laura Adams by Allen & Becky Smith. In memory of Levings Laney by Garry & Barbara Abair and James & Vickie Thompson. In memory of Betty B. Reagan by Joan & Charles Piercy.

Clarks Hill: In memory of Paul Kent Plunkett, Jr. by Constantine G. Verenes; Laura & Eugene Rollins; Garrett & Marci Fulch; Lorinda Fournier; Jimmy & Beth Smith; Frances F. Koger; Pamela Jones Plunkett; John Hollowell; and Donald White.

Endowment Fund: In memory of Levings Laney by Doctors Nasrolah & Beth Farokhi.

Happy Thanksgiving!

No Supper or Programs November 22, 2017

Wednesday Night Supper November 29, 2017

Menu: Beef Stroganoff, buttered noodles, ratatouille, tossed salad, apple cake, French bread, rolls, tea, and coffee.

Cost: Adults: \$7; Youth (7-12) \$3; Children (3-6) \$1; Children under 3 are free. To reserve or cancel, call the church office at 706-724-9641 by 12:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before. You may also fill out a supper reservation form online under the programs tab.

Wednesday Programs in November

Advent Study: Max Lucado's *Because of Bethlehem* (Adult), Room 108
United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF), 214
Homework Help (3rd-12th Grade), Library
M & M Club (Methodists & Missions) (Pre-K - 2nd Grade), 109
(-See flyers or stjohnaugusta.org for more information-)

Our Advent Study on Max Lucado's *Because of Bethlehem* continues Wednesdays, Nov. 29, Dec 6, and Dec 13, after supper. Books available but not required. Take the time for yourself to explore the question: "How am I preparing for the King?"

Heritage Academy Open House

Wednesday, November 15, 2017 - 11:45 a.m-12:45 p.m.
Did you know Heritage Academy could be your choice? Visit Heritage Academy and discover how we could be a perfect fit for your family. Call Beth Westergreen at 706.821.0034 for more information. For your convenience, a bag lunch will be served. Please RSVP by calling or emailing info@heritageacademyaugusta.org.