

## CALENDAR

<b>Sunday,</b> 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	<b>October 8</b> Morning Worship Coffee and doughnuts Sunday School for all ages Morning Worship Roy Lewis Rehearsal, 207
<b>Monday,</b> 9:30 a.m.– 3 p.m. 9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	<b>October 9</b> Kindermusik Prayer Group UMW, Laverne Garrard's home
<b>Tuesday,</b> 6:30 p.m.	<b>October 10</b> UMM, Fellowship Hall
<b>Wednesday,</b> 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:40 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	<b>October 11</b> Safe Sanctuary Training, 110 Junior and Wesley Choirs Dinner, Fellowship Hall Programs for all ages Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday,</b> 9:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	<b>October 12</b> Kindermusik Westabou Concert, Sanctuary Roy Lewis Rehearsal, 207
<b>Friday,</b> 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	<b>October 13</b> Homeschool Music Classes
<b>Sunday,</b> 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	<b>October 15 - Laity Sunday</b> Morning Worship Coffee and doughnuts Sunday School for all ages Morning Worship
<b>Monday,</b> 9:30 a.m.– 3 p.m. 9:30 a.m.	<b>October 16</b> Kindermusik Prayer Group
<b>Wednesday,</b> 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:40 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	<b>October 18</b> Junior and Wesley Choirs Dinner, Fellowship Hall Programs for all ages Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday,</b> 9:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.m.	<b>October 19</b> Kindermusik
<b>Friday,</b> 9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.	<b>October 20</b> Homeschool Music Classes

Please keep the Chancel Choir in your prayers as they are on retreat October 13 - 15.

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October 8 - 21, 2017

When we started our year, we said that the word LISTEN would be our theme word for 2017. I think I started out pretty well; even during Lent I did extra daily devotions on the theme of listening. However, I have to admit that my listening to God is not always what it should be.

When Peter and James and John saw Jesus transfigured on the mountain, God said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" (Luke 9:35b) If our relationship with God is to be healthy, we are going to need to find quiet space in our lives to listen again to God. Listening may be the most important part of our praying. Why is listening so important? Well, it takes the focus off of ourselves, and it helps us to hear what God is saying to us.

I hope that during October you will take the time to read the devotions that your friends have written and think and listen to God. Think about what you are grateful for and rest in the understanding of God's abundant and amazing grace. Before you get out of the bed in the morning, think up three new things you are grateful for, before even putting your feet on the floor. Or, if you forget, think up three things while you are in the shower or driving to work.

Have you ever had one of those spiritual, mystical awakening moments when you had a moment of light and grace enter into your presence? (I know it happens every time you hear one of my sermons.) I'm talking about moments when walking on a path, or sitting in a park, or hearing an anthem; when you feel the loving presence of God.

I believe that if we can listen with a grateful heart to God, we may open ourselves to more of those kinds of experiences. God is waiting to be present with us if we will calm ourselves and be still and listen with thanksgiving.

Some folk spend their time in the negative, looking always for the gloom in every situation while others look for the good. These are those who with a grateful heart are open to receiving the light and to becoming a beacon of light and love for others.

Listen with gratitude; listen with expectancy. Listening with a grateful, joyful heart will bring more joy into your life. Someone has said that you cannot feel both the positive emotion of gratitude and the deep emotions of fear or anger at the same time. That may be true.

Let's practice this attitude of gratitude and see how it goes.

Gratefully yours,  
Jody Alderman

**Worship Service  
October 8, 2017**

**Look Closely, but at yourself**

*Sermon Scripture: 21:33-46  
Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14*

**Worship Service  
October 15, 2017**

**Laity Sunday, Guest Preacher Charlie Tudor**

*Sermon Scripture: Matthew 21:1-14  
Exodus 32:1-14, Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4:1-9*

**UMW (United Methodist Women)** Women of all ages are invited to come explore fellowship, service opportunities, and bible study on the 2nd Monday of each month, September - May. This year we are discussing the book *Head Scratchers: When the Words of Jesus Don't Make Sense* by Talbot Davis, beginning October 9 at 7pm. Contact Mary Ottinger, 706-836-1308, for more information.

**UMM (United Methodist Men):**

Meetings resume on October 10 with a presentation by Margaret Woodward from the Downtown Business Development Office. Everyone is invited to attend. A dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. with the program to start at 7:30 p.m. Please notify the church office if you will attend.

**PACESETTER GROUP MEETING**

**Monday, October 23, 2017 - 11:00 AM - Fellowship Hall**

We are happy to have Susan Everitt, Augusta Red Cross Director, as our speaker. She will tell us how local volunteers assisted evacuees during the recent hurricanes. She will also speak about Red Cross history, training and volunteer opportunities. Join us and be inspired by Susan's dedicated enthusiasm for helping those facing disaster. Lunch following the meeting - \$7.00 - for those wishing to stay.

**October is Warm Clothing Drive Month:**

Please bring warm clothing and blankets for distribution through our Clothing Closet. Socks, underwear, sturdy shoes and men's belts are always needed too. You may drop them off at the rack outside the church office or take them directly to the clothing closet during their open hours.

**Our Prayers**

**Jim Richardson, Sally Fisher, Leonard Brubaker, Bobby James, Laura Adams,** The family of Levings Laney, 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.

**Sunday**

Preaching The Reverend Dr. Jody Alderman  
Liturgist Allen Smith, 9 a.m.  
Dennis Hollins, 11 a.m.  
Lay Reader Rich Laschober, 9 a.m.  
Bonnie Hodges, 11 a.m.  
Ushers Kathy Morris, 9 a.m.  
William Walker, Lead Usher; Mark Fissel;  
Don Gordon; Suzanne Gordon; Phil Hargrove; Donna Leone;  
Vivian Stampley; Roy Stampley, Jr.; Charlie Tudor, 11 a.m.  
Acolyte Cooper Kight  
Crucifer Abby Kight  
Offering Counters Rolston Wilder and Stephen Hobbs  
Sound Technicians Ronald and Donna Strom, 9 a.m.  
Michael Young, 11 a.m.

**October 8**

**Sunday**

Preaching Charlie Tudor  
Liturgist Allen Smith, 9 a.m.  
Patty Strickland, 11 a.m.  
Lay Reader Allen Smith, 9 a.m.  
Stephanie Quattlebaum, 11 a.m.  
Ushers Bob Zeyfang, 9 a.m.  
William Walker, Lead Usher; Mark Fissel;  
Don Gordon; Suzanne Gordon; Phil Hargrove; Donna Leone;  
Vivian Stampley; Roy Stampley, Jr.; Charlie Tudor, 11 a.m.  
Acolyte Jack Kyzer  
Crucifer Evelyn Thomas  
Offering Counters Chip Matson and Becky Rogers  
Sound Technicians Ronald and Donna Strom, 9 a.m.  
Carol Capers, 11 a.m.

**October 15**

**Kitchen Dedication**

Join us for a dedication lunch October 22 after the 11 a.m. worship service as we dedicate the new kitchen and thank all those involved in the project.

**HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS**

**Bless This House:** In memory of Levings Laney by Curt & Patty Strickland; Bob & Sally Fisher; Nesbit & Ann Dasher; Gregory & Carol Capers; Grace Baily Heck; Claude & JoAnn Graybill; Judge & Mrs. H. Scott Allen; Samuel E. Tyson, Jr.; Dr. & Mrs. T. Barrett Trotter; Dorothy Millen; Richard Thurwell & The Geezer Gulf Group of Forest Hill GC; Martha G. Holley; Mrs. Samuel H. Sibley; Tom & Salli Cupstid and family; Harry & Carole Vaiden; Misfits Class; Campbell Vaughn Design Group; Mrs. Leo Fabisinski, Jr. & Leo Fabisinski, III; Beatrice Dodd; Ruth N. Cooper; Charles Stewart; and Ginger & Jeff Newlin.  
In memory of Lansing Lee, Jr. by Bob & Sally Fisher; Samuel E. Tyson, Jr.; and Stephen & Sandy Hobbs.

In memory of Cameron Johnson by Gregory & Carol Capers; Sandy Lewis; Stephen & Sandy Hobbs; and Ginger & Jeff Newlin.  
In memory of Levi Hill, III by Sandy Lewis.  
In memory of Bill Bohling by Stephen & Sandy Hobbs.

**Budget:** In memory of Levi Hill, III by Mason & Ramona Bias and Stephen & Sandy Hobbs

**Music Memorial:** In memory of Levings Laney by Frances Altizer & Joan Piercy.

**DCCM:** In memory of Levings Laney by Fay H. Stembridge.

**Endowment Fund:** In memory of Levings Laney by Molly & Monty Osteen and Lou M. Cheek.

**Wednesday Night Supper**

**October 11, 2017**

**Menu:** Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, tossed salad, lemon bisque, roll, tea, and coffee.

**Wednesday Night Supper**

**October 18, 2017**

**Menu:** Lasagna/chicken, steamed broccoli, corn on the cobb, tossed salad, ice cream, French bread, 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 place a reservation form in the offering plate or fill out a supper reservation form online under the programs tab.

**Wednesday Programs in October**

Sermon on the Mount Bible Study - with Lindsey Solomon (Adult), Rm 108  
Faith & Film: Luther (2003) (Youth-Adult), Room 112  
Guitar class with Jean (6th Grade-College), Room 206  
Homework Help (3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade), Library  
M & M Club (Methodists & Missions) (Pre-K - 2nd Grade), Room 109  
(2nd Wednesdays for Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Mission Project)

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