

CALENDAR

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	September 24 Morning Worship Coffee and doughnuts in Rm. 108 Sunday School for all ages Morning Worship Concerts with a Cause
Monday, 9:30 a.m.— 3 p.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	September 25 Kindermusik Prayer Group Pacesetters, Sanctuary
Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.	September 26 Ladies, Literature and Laughter Book Club at the home of Gwen Fulcher-Young
Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	September 27 Junior and Wesley Choirs & Parent Meeting Dinner, Rm 207 upstairs Upcoming Programs Overview Charge Conference, Sanctuary Chancel Choir
Thursday, 9:30 a.m.— 12:30 p.m.	September 28 Kindermusik
Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	September 29 Homeschool Music Classes
Sunday, 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	October 1—World Communion Coffee and doughnuts, Rm 108 & Courtyard, weather permitting Morning Worship
Monday, 9:30 a.m.— 3 p.m. 9:30 a.m.	October 2 Kindermusik Prayer Group
Tuesday, 8:00 a.m. —5 p.m.	October 3 SOA auditions
Wednesday, 8:00 a.m.—5 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:40 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	October 4 SOA auditions Junior and Wesley Choirs & Parent Meeting Dinner, Rm 207 upstairs Adult Program, UMYF, M&M Club Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, 9:30 a.m.— 12:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	October 5 Kindermusik Fort Gordon Rehearsal, Roy Lewis
Friday, 9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.	October 6 Homeschool Music Classes
Saturday, 9:00 a.m.	October 7 Guest Artist Workshop, Rms 204, 206, 207

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September 24—October 7, 2017

I'm excited about the month of October. It is my favorite month for a variety of reasons, such as the change in the weather and the leaves. October brings something new; it makes me think something fresh is just around the corner!

This October we will be emphasizing the word *Gratitude*. It is our theme for our stewardship month. We have invited persons within the congregation to write devotions and have put them together in a little devotional booklet that will be given out on October 1st. We will have a combined service at 11am that day as we celebrate World Communion Sunday. It will be a big day for our church and for Christians around the world as we come together as a people of faith sharing in God's redeeming love.

On October 8th all of our Adult Sunday School classes are invited to attend a special 4-week class taught by Dr. Nesbit Dasher on *Enough* which will coincide with our Stewardship theme of Gratitude. And on October 15th we will have Laity Sunday, with Dr. Charlie Tudor, our Lay Leader, bringing us the message that day. On October 29th, Dr. Jeff Newlin will be preaching and preparing us for the following week when we will bring our Estimate of Giving cards forward on All Saints Sunday, November 5th.

I hope that this will be a great month for you to consider what it means to be grateful. Being grateful enriches our lives; it opens us up to see the world of new possibilities, to see how we have been blessed and how we can bless others; being grateful helps to restore our souls.

During this season, I hope that we will ask the question: *How can I practice more fully a life of gratitude?*

It is my prayer that October will be a refreshing time for your soul; that the gratitude you experience in your thinking will flow into your actions, which will bring you even more joy. Hopefully, we can learn like Paul to be grateful in all circumstances. Learning to mature in the faith is about allowing even our brokenness to bring us closer to an understanding of the deep gratitude we have for all of life.

May this fall season bring you contentment, purpose, and pure joy!

The Peace of Christ is with you.

Jody Alderman

**Worship Service
September 24, 2017**

God Quest

*Sermon Scripture: Matthew 20:1-16
Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Philippians 1:21-30*

**Worship Service
October 1, 2017**

Safe to Say

*Sermon Scripture: Matthew 21:23-32
Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2:1-13*

Concerts with a Cause

September 24 3:00 pm

Timothy Albrecht, concert organist

"creative, fertile imagination ... electric performances ...
Lisztian virtuosity." – The American Organist

The cause: The Hale Foundation

September 26, 2017

The Ladies, Literature and Laughter September Book Club will meet at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at the home of Gwen Fulcher-Young, located at 2103 Summer Hill Lane, Augusta, GA 30904. Phone: 706-731-0832 or gfy@gwenfulcheryoung.com. Gwen will lead our discussion of

Praying For Strangers by River Jordan.
Please notify Gwen that you will attend.

We welcome you to join us!

Wednesday Night Programs and Supper Resume!

September 27th: 5 pm Wesley & Junior Choir with parents' meeting; **6 pm** Dinner: Grilled fish from Rhinehart's, ham, potato salad, coleslaw, fruit salad, banana pudding, hushpuppies, tea, and water

6:30 pm Program Overview for Adults, youth, and children, *6:30pm St. James Conference in Sanctuary, followed by a joint communion service, then the St. John conference. All church council members are encouraged to attend.

Our Prayers

The family of Levings Laney, Chuck Moon, Dorothy Millen, Bobby James, The Family of Cameron Johnson, Don Beck, Betty Petersen, Phil and Jencie Hargrove, Hildred Allard, 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
Liturgist

Lay Reader

Ushers

Acolyte
Crucifer

Offering Counters
Sound Technicians

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Preaching
Liturgist
Lay Reader

Ushers

Communion Stewards
Assisting with communion

Bread Baker
Acolyte
Crucifer

Offering Counters
Sound Technicians

September 24

The Reverend Dr. Jody Alderman
Rich Laschober, 9 a.m.
Jim Garvey, 11 a.m.
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Becky Moon, 11 a.m.
Frank Fidler, 9 a.m.

Charles Piercy, Lead Usher; Gerry Aldridge; Colin G. Gordy
Paul Greenway; Bubba Nash; Warren Spooner, 11 a.m.

Anna Doster
Lucy McJunkins
Anna Butler and Gerry Aldridge
Ronald and Donna Strom, 9 a.m.
Carol Capers, 11 a.m.

October 1

The Reverend Dr. Jody Alderman
Lee Herndon
Mary Ottinger
Chip Matson

Charles Piercy, Lead Usher; Gerry Aldridge;
Colin G. Gordy; Carol Klein; Lansing Lee, III;

Vivian Stampley; Roy Stampley, Jr.; Charlie Tudor; William Walker
Ashley and Abby Kight
Sandy and Steve Hobbs
Kathy and Pat DeLoach

Diddy Thompson
Lucy McJunkins
Aiden Grant
Marion Butler and Bubba Nash
Bobby James

In memoriam

Levings Laney September 27, 1912 - September 14, 2017

HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

Bless This House: In memory of Cameron Johnson by Doris & Leonard James; Dr. & Mrs. Leonard Brubaker; Mildred & Freddy Maynard; Melissa Spurr; Rich & Rita Laschober; Donald & Dorothy Beck; Judith & Greg Goodwin; Melvin & Ruth Johnson; Elizabeth A. Matney; and Patricia Herndon. In memory of Lansing Lee, Jr. by Dr. & Mrs. Leonard Brubaker. In memory of Bill Bohling by Wyck & Shell Knox. In memory of Levings Laney by David & Hildred Allard; Paul & Corinthia Greenway; Shell & Wyck Knox; Mr. & Mrs. William Walker; Dorothy Beck; Virginia Allen; Richard & Rita Laschober; Mary Thompson; Curt & Patty Strickland; and Patricia Herndon.

Kitchen Fund: In honor of Laverne Garrard by Richard & Rita Laschober.

Music Memorial: In memory of Cameron Johnson by The St. John Chancel Choir and Evelyn R. Byrd.

DCCM: In memory of Levings Laney by Becky & Tom Rogers.

**Community Service of Worship to Commemorate
the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation**

Sunday, October 1 at 5:30 PM

St. Paul's Church, Episcopal

Dr. Tim Owings will preach the sermon

Beulah Grove Baptist Church Choir will sing

As a sign of our unity in Christ we will celebrate communion with many area Protestant churches

Gratitude Devotional: On Sunday, October 1st, you will be able to pick up a copy of a devotional booklet written by the members and friends of this church, young and old. It will be our guide to inspire us and encourage us as we consider how we can respond to the grace of God. We hope that each family or individual will use it around the breakfast or dinner table to encourage conversation about how we can be more grateful. Be praying for your church as we reflect on how gracious God is and how grateful we are.

PACSETTER GROUP MEETING

Monday - September 25th - 11:00 a.m. - Sanctuary

Program: Primetime Singers from Trinity-on-the-Hill UMC
*No lunch will be provided due to kitchen & fellowship hall renovations. Please enter through the back door from Telfair St. parking lot and come directly to the Sanctuary.