

CALENDAR

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	November 5 –All Saints Day 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. 6:30 p.m.	November 6 Kindermusik Prayer Group Soul Food: Franciscan Theology
Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:40 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	November 8 Junior and Wesley Choirs Supper, Fellowship Hall Programs for all ages Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, 9:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.m.	November 9 Kindermusik
Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	November 10 Homeschool Music Classes
Saturday, 4:00 p.m.	November 11 Harvest Festival at Lake
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	November 12 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. 7:00 p.m.	November 13 Kindermusik Prayer Group Shake Your Soul Soul Food: Franciscan Theology UMW
Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.	November 14 UMM, FH
Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:40 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	November 15 Junior and Wesley Choirs Supper, Fellowship Hall Programs for all ages Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, 9:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.m.	November 16 Kindermusik
Friday, 9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.	November 17 Homeschool Music Classes
Saturday, 12:00 p.m.	November 18 Lunch for Towers guests

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November 5– 18, 2017

November is Thanksgiving month, and it follows our month of Gratitude nicely. It is a season of celebrating family and friends and sharing fellowship and food together.

Thank you to Rev. Jeff Newlin for sharing with us his thoughts on generosity and stewardship this past Sunday. One statement that has stuck with me this week has been, “Giving is love in action.”

He shared 5 steps to take advantage of the opportunities before us:

1. Giving begins with a desire. The question asked is, “Do you have a desire to give?” If not, begin to ask for one.
2. Ask yourself, “How much do I currently give?” Take inventory of your giving. What percent do you give away?
3. Set a goal in your giving, and give on a regular basis.
4. Live beneath your means. Pray about what you can give up.
5. Make a decision. The great thing about a pledge card or an estimate of giving card is that it helps us to pull together items 1-4.

On Sunday someone also handed me a flyer that their health insurance provider had given to them. It was recognition that there are great health benefits to being grateful.

Gratitude...

1. Opens the door to new friendships. Thanking someone encourages relationships.
2. Makes you feel better. Did you know that grateful people have fewer aches and pains and take better care of themselves?
3. Improves mental health. It reduces the toxins of feelings of envy, resentment, frustration and regret. Research confirms that being grateful makes you happier and can help to ease depression.
4. Increases our compassion and reduces aggression. Being grateful makes one more sensitive and empathetic.
5. Helps you sleep better. If you spend 15 minutes at the end of the day writing down the things you are thankful for, you will sleep better.
6. Improves self-esteem. Grateful people take the focus off themselves and are better able to celebrate the accomplishments of others.
7. Increases mental strength. Remembering your blessings helps you become resilient.

(This content was taken originally from a research study entitled, “7 Scientifically Proven Benefits of Gratitude That Will Motivate You to Give Thanks Year Round.”)

The truth is being grateful is good for the heart and soul. Have a grateful month.

Jody Alderman

**Worship Service
November 5, 2017**

Practice What You Preach

*Sermon Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12
Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22; 1 John 3:1-3*

**Worship Service
November 12, 2017**

Keeping Watch

*Sermon Scripture: Matthew 25:1-13
Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

Dear church family, thank you for the cards and notes we received as condolences for my mother's death. Your thoughts, prayers, and kindness have given me comfort during this difficult time.
-Debye Alderman

UMM (United Methodist Men):

On November 14 Dr. John Hayes will be speaking about Stith Mead. Everyone is invited to attend. A dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. with the program to start at 7:00 p.m. Please notify the church office if you will attend.

Angel Tree Tag Distribution: We will partner with the Salvation Army Angel Tree program again this year. Tags with children's name, age, gender, and Christmas wish list will be available from Ginny Allen on Sundays, November 5 and 12, 2017. She will be outside the church office before the 11 am service and in the narthex after the service. You may also choose to sponsor gifts for a child and have her shop for you. Gifts are due back to the church by Wednesday, November 29th.



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.

Congratulations to Evan and Logan Kuehl on the Eagle Scout Award, the highest rank to be earned in Boy Scouts of America. Evan also received the Bronze Palm and the Gold Palm at their Court of Honor held at the St. John Lake property in October. They wish to thank their church family for all their support and encouragement.

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.

Sunday

Preaching The Reverend Dr. Jody Alderman
Liturgist Allen Smith, 9 a.m.
Jim Garvey, 11 a.m.
Lay Reader Shirley Markle, 9 a.m.
Betty Aldridge, 11 a.m.
Ushers Kathy Morris, 9 a.m.
Charles Piercy, Lead Usher; Gerry Aldridge;
Colin G. Gordy; Carol Klein; Lansing Lee, III;
Roy Stampley, Jr.; Charlie Tudor; William Walker; 11 a.m.
Communion Stewards Betty Dyches, 9 a.m.
Paul and Corinthia Greenway, 11 a.m.
Assisting with Communion Carol and Greg Capers, 11 a.m.
Bread Baker Linda Gordy
Acolyte Ellie Kyzer
Crucifer Anna Doster
Offering Counters Charlie Tudor and Ted Klein
Sound Technicians Rich Laschober, 9 a.m.
Bobby James, 11 a.m.

November 5

Sunday

Preaching The Reverend Dr. Jody Alderman
Liturgist Allen Smith, 9 a.m.
Lee Herndon, 11 a.m.
Lay Reader Rich Laschober, 9 a.m.
Marion Butler, 11 a.m.
Ushers Bob Zeyfang, 9 a.m.
Gerry Aldridge; Colin G. Gordy; Paul Greenway; Carol Klein;
Bubba Nash; Charles Piercy; Warren Spooner, 11 a.m.
Acolyte Harper James
Crucifer Sam Tudor
Offering Counters Libby Hargrove and Clara Claussen
Sound Technicians Ronald and Donna Strom, 9 a.m.
Michael Young, 11 a.m.

November 12

Thank you Jeanne Lee; Lansing Lee, III; Bob Zeyfang; Paula Matson; Fredrica Clary; Nesbit Dasher; Linda Gordy; and Colin Gordy for your service at the Masters Table on October 26, 2017.

HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

Bless This House: In memory of Levings Laney by Philip & Jencie Hargrove, Bob and Jane Zeyfang, and Judith & Greg Goodwin. In memory of Levi Hill, III by Bob & Jane Zeyfang and Judith & Greg Goodwin. In memory of Lansing Lee, Jr. by Bob and Jane Zeyfang. In memory of Cameron Johnson by Philip & Jencie Hargrove. In memory of Bill Bohling by Philip & Jencie Hargrove. In honor of Carolyn Maund's Birthday by Frances Altizer and by Curt & Patty Strickland.

Budget: In memory of Mr. & Mrs. S.R. Hadden by Sylvia Hutsell. In memory of Levings Laney by Vince & Zell Ruczko.

Music Memorial: In memory of Betty B. Reagan by Tom & Becky Rogers.

Clarks Hill: In honor of Evan & Logan Kuehl by Curt & Patty Strickland.

Jeff Stafford Scholarship Fund: In memory of Lansing Lee, Jr. and Levings Laney by Chuck and Becky Moon.



Join us Saturday, November 11th beginning at 4pm at the Lake Property for the Annual Harvest Festival! Please bring a side or dessert, or, if you wish, enter your best crock pot of chili for the cook-off contest or your best apple-themed dessert! The church will provide hot dogs and drinks, dinner at 5:30pm. Games, campfire, hayride, and sunset photo opp! Don't miss it!

Wednesday Night Supper November 8, 2017

Menu: Meatballs/ chicken, spaghetti, green beans, fruit salad, peach cobbler, french bread, tea, and coffee.

Wednesday Night Supper November 15, 2017

Menu: Turkey, dressing, sweet potato casserole, cranberry sauce, assorted cakes, 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
Faith & Film (Adult), 110
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-)