



COVENANT NEWS

The Newsletter of the First Congregational Church of Webster Groves

FROM THE PASTOR

Travelers and Caretakers on the Way

“I am the Way,” the banners and logos declare, quoting Jesus from John 14:6. This is a “triggering” phrase for me, as it may also be for you, having been so much in common use, to indicate that Christians have exclusive access to the Divine. It is followed by the statement, “No one comes to the Father except through me.” The space for a newsletter cover article does not allow for the amount of unpacking required for me to receive it without cringing.



We in the UCC are inclusivists, after all, and believe we are called to compassion and to the observance that justice and righteousness are not unique to Christians. *Is Gandhi in hell? Would God turn away Buddhists and Confucianists, Muslims and Jews, Bahai’s and Unitarians simply because their iteration of the Truth does not include the belief that the Christ is a Person of the Godhead? No!*

And what does any of this have to do with stewardship or making a commitment – financial or otherwise – to your faith community?

As they encourage commitment, the writers of our weekly fliers seem to take for granted that we know, “The Way” to which Jesus was referring means, “best practices.” It is a figurative road for us to travel. But even a figurative road, like literal roads, is an infrastructure (of our faith) that requires tending and maintenance.

The writers assert that our caretaking of the Way is given a fine example in commitment and stewardship. They emphasize the Christian concepts of Mercy, Gratitude, Trust, and Resurrection, and illustrate their meaning through the use parables and stories from Luke’s gospel. I also found this in the instructions they offer about the use of their materials:

The early Christian movement was known internally as well as to its persecutors as The Way (Acts 9). The life of faith is a way of being human, a way of interpreting, a way of practicing, a way of living. As we journey towards the reign of God, we are following in the tracks of others, ways walked by Jesus himself, paths as ancient as Abraham and Sarah. Today we are not just signposts pointing the way but the caretakers, the stewards of that way.

Although our church’s worship planners in this season of commitment have chosen oikos (household) as our theme from week to week, I hope you will take some time with the UCC Stewardship Council’s theme materials too. Christ is our Way, our road, our path, our journey, and let us take care – through commitment and stewardship – both to follow and tend this Way we travel together.

Peace.

Pastor Dave Jensen

November 2019

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WORSHIP NOTES FOR NOVEMBER 2019

This schedule is subject to change, as need may arise.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2 AND 16

6:00 PM — **Saturday Night Light: The Jazz of Preaching**, led by Youth Minister Erick Falconer and the SNL Band in the Jubilee Garden. With music made by young people and a message designed for all, this is a spirited, sacred time! Each month, we explore the life and thinking of a different “Jazz Apostle.” Watch your weekly eNews and Selected Upcoming Events circular in your Sunday worship bulletin for more information.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 9:55 AM — *Remembrance Sunday (Feast of All Saints and Souls celebrated); Sacrament of Christ’s Table; third Sunday of our stewardship commitment.* Scripture: Psalm 149; Ephesians 1:11-23; Matthew 11:28-30. This will be the third in our series, “**There’s No Place Like Home**,” and a service in which we remember those of our faith community who have died in the past twelve months. In a sermon entitled, “**There’s No Place Like Oikos**,” Pastor Dave Denoon reflects on the importance of finding one another in our times of grief so that we may be together the spiritual household or home (*oikos*, in Greek) all of us need. Also featured in this morning’s service will be the dedication of a new, stoneware communion set as a Memorial Gift honoring Joy Bennett..

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 9:55 AM — **Consecration Sunday**. Scriptures: Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Ephesians 2:17-22; Matthew 14:13-21. Rev. Janice Edwards Barnes is our guest preacher and Consecration leader on this last Sunday in our series, “**There’s No Place Like Home**.” The word, *oikos* is Greek for home or household. In Ephesians 2:19, the author used the word as a metaphor for our connection with God and one another. *Oikos* is the root word of *ecumenism* about which Tracey Harris spoke in Week 1, *ecology* which was Cliff Aerie’s topic in Week 2, and the central concept in *home* for Dave Denoon in Week 3. Jan, inspired by the song, “Rhythm of Life,” featured in our Laity Sunday service, October 13, brings *oikos* home (you might say) with a sermon titled “**Our Church, Our Home**.”

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 9:55 AM — *Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost; Reception of New Members.* Scriptures: Isaiah 65:17-25; Luke 21:5-19. Pastor Dave Denoon and Rev. Linda Smith, director of our Center for Counseling and Healing, team up again, for a dialogue reflection about “**Promises and Disappointments**.” Our scriptures of the day point toward the hope for fulfillment of God’s glorious future, but it’s been two thousand years, and things often don’t seem to be getting any better. In fact, for many, things are getting worse. Dave and Linda ponder together the prophecies of hope and justice and peace.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 9:55 AM — *Reign of Christ Sunday.* Scriptures: Psalm 46; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43. Message of the Day: “**Being Still**” How can we be still when the world is so crazy? What benefit can the world have from us being still? Pastor Dave Denoon dives into the words of an ancient temple anthem, to consider answers to these questions.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 10:30 AM — *Thanksgiving Day.* Student Minister **Merrimon Boyd** leads our annual observance of Thanksgiving. This worship service is followed immediately by a meal served in Memorial Hall. Turkey is provided; all the rest is potluck!

TRACEY'S BLESSINGS — GIVING THANKS



Recently, the “Faith: Continuing the Search” group has been studying, *Short Stories by Jesus*. The author of the book is Amy-Jill Levine, the Jewish professor of New Testament Studies at Vanderbilt University.

During our discussion about the “*Pearl of Great Price*,” I was reminded that people are often the best treasure. When we asked ourselves, what was our “*Pearl of Great Price*” or what was most highly prized, most of us mentioned children, grandchildren or family in many forms. People are the jewels in our lives. Family, friends, and relationships all make us feel that we are surrounded by love. Love lifts us beyond ourselves.

1 Chronicles 16:34 says, “Give thanks to the Lord because God is good, because God’s faithful love endures forever.” I hope you read this verse and before you eat that delicious Thanksgiving meal, you thank God with a prayer. Please ask those gathered around your table what their treasure and why do they need to be giving thanks? I hope people are named and loved around each of your tables, as that is the heart of Thanksgiving!

It seems the end of the year is fast approaching, as the leaves are falling, and the seasons (and time) are changing. Let us be thankful for all the beauty that surrounds us. I am thankful for the volunteers and staff that shared their time and talent with the children, in our vegetable garden. I am also thankful for the volunteers who give their time to teach and help families and children here at First Congregational Church. May all of you have a blessed Thanksgiving!

Please plan to attend our Advent Workshop on December 1, which will include raising funds for Heifer Project.

Many Blessings to All and Happy Thanksgiving!

Pastor Tracey
DCE and Student Pastor

FROM THE COORDINATOR OF YOUTH MINISTRIES & ASSISTANT MUSIC DIRECTOR



Please take a minute and let Pastor Erick or Pastor Tracey know ASAP if you would like a part in the Sunday School Christmas Program. The name of the program is “*A Gift For Christmas*.” We need as many of our young people as would like to participate!

Take a moment of your time to also think about what you are truly grateful for each day. Be mindful of your blessings and Happy Thanksgiving!

Blessings,

Pastor Erick

FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR



As we head into the holiday season, I would like to welcome comments on how our music department is doing. I am close to completing one year as your Music Director and I am glad that several people feel free enough to pull me aside for conversations on aspects of the music program. Please feel free to let me know what you like and dislike about our current trajectory. If you would like to remain anonymous, feel free to talk to John Paci who is the head of the Music Committee. I am looking forward to learning your holiday traditions at First Church!

Many of you know that I am interested in multicultural music making and I am proud to offer to First Church and the entire community of the St. Louis area, Tambuco Percussion Ensemble from Mexico on November 10 at 3pm, here in our sanctuary (see page 9). This concert is being presented by First Church and my good friends at the Intercultural

Music Initiative (imusici.org). Check out their web page and future offerings!

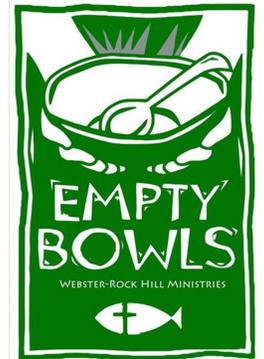
Dr. Leon Burke,
Organist and Music Director

2019 EMPTY BOWLS DINNER SHARE A MEAL & HELP FIGHT HUNGER

Sunday, Nov. 3rd from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm
Webster Hills United Methodist, Christian Life Center
1333 W. Lockwood (corner of Berry & Lockwood)

Gather with friends and family to enjoy a simple meal of bread and soup and take home the gift of a handcrafted bowl, which signifies all the empty bowls in the world.

Donation is \$15 Adults, \$5 students K-12 and children under age five eat free. We look forward to seeing you there!



EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT LEON, BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK

November 7 at 11:30

We will start at San José Mexican restaurant on Gore, in Webster for lunch. After lunch we will return to the church and gather in the Parlor to hear all about “Leon and His Stuff.” He will talk about music in general, his career, what he hopes for the coming years at First Congregational Church, and maybe some of his secrets. And he will answer any and all of our questions. *EVERYONE is welcome!*

MODERATOR'S CORNER NOVEMBER 2019

Since my last communication, much has been taking place at First Church. In addition to our critical on-going Stewardship campaign, the Strategic Planning Committee (StratCom) has been working on the Vision and Mission Statements. A preliminary draft was presented to the Congregation at an earlier date. Your feedback and suggestions have been processed and a final draft will be ready soon to present to you for approval.

StratCom has also engaged a firm to survey our existing property boundaries. This information will be used for future planning as well as developing a better understanding of the areas we are responsible for regarding maintenance and liability. This activity is currently underway.

The Three Ministries are in the process of developing a list of Special Projects that need funding outside of the approved church budget. These projects will offer meaningful ways for individuals to provide additional support for a variety of important projects. This list will be compiled and presented for your scrutiny in January. If you have any suggestions for items to include on the list, please contact me or the appropriate Ministry for consideration.

November will be an exciting month with many events and special offerings to enrich your church experience. *Saturday Night Light: The Jazz of Preaching*, the innovative and inspirational program offered by Erick Falconer and some very talented young musicians will be offered at 6:00 pm, November 2 and 16, in Sample Chapel.

Adult Education will present the screening of *From Paris to Pittsburgh*, a documentary produced by *National Geographic* that highlights how Americans are demanding and developing real solutions in a time of climate change. This will be presented following church service on the morning of November 10.

The worship services in November will feature Communion and Remembrance Sunday (November 3), the ending of the Stewardship campaign with Consecration Sunday (November 10), and the welcoming of new members to our congregation (November 17). There are many other activities taking place and I invite you to check out the church calendar at www.mychurchevents.com/calendar/73854700.

Just a reminder, **Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 3**, so unless you want to arrive an hour early, don't forget to change your clocks!

Together in Christ,

Mark Edwards
Moderator



FRIEND TO FRIEND VISITING TEAM

(Formerly known as the Special Friends) is seeking volunteers to support this very important ministry of our church. A Friend agrees to visit one of our members, who is unable to attend church, at their place of residence, once a month. They sometimes take a poinsettia or lily from the church for the special season or small items created by the children in our Sunday School. If you would like to volunteer to be such a Friend, or if you would like more information, contact Faye Dyer.

CLIFF'S CORNER

Jazz Noel: A Christmas Journey
December 15
2:00 pm Pre-Concert Conversation
3:00 pm "A Christmas Journey" concert



Once again *Jazz Noel* will be performed at our church. This is our 9th annual season. For most of those performances, First Church has been a sponsor and host venue.

Jazz Noel is a modern-day reimagining of the Christmas story through the improvisational spirit of jazz featuring the music of the **Oikos Ensemble**. Also performing this year will be the **Terra Nova Singers** and the **Logos Readers**. Each year the essential Christmas narrative stays the same, but the artistry of the performers brings the story alive in new ways. It is a wonderfully creative experience that fills the soul with the blessings of Christmas.

This year's theme, "A Christmas Journey," will highlight the story of Mary and Joseph's precarious journey to Bethlehem and the plight of this young displaced immigrant family fleeing for safety to a foreign land—an inspiring message of peace and hope that resonates in these contentious times.

A new feature this year will be a pre-concert conversation with award winning theatrical producer, composer and music director, Mike Warner. "The Journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem and Beyond" will precede both performances at 2:00 pm and provide new behind-the-scenes insights into a story often taken for granted.

Jazz Noel is free and open to the public. A free-will offering will be received to benefit a local charity. We hope you will attend and bring family and friends to experience this Christmas blessing.

The Performers:

The Oikos Ensemble (www.oikos-ensemble.com) is a national jazz ministry under the direction of its founder and saxophonist, the Rev. Cliff Aerie. The band features some of St. Louis' most talented jazz musicians—Carolbeth True (piano), Glen Smith (bass), David True (drums), Tim Osiek (trumpet) and one of St. Louis' great jazz vocalists, Kim Fuller. Oikos has performed at more than 300 faith-based communities around the country.

The Terra Nova Singers are comprised of Arianna Aerie and Kevin Warner. Performing in St. Louis for the past decade, they have been featured soloists at many of the most prestigious early music concerts. Arianna and Kevin will present several ancient carols and then perform contemporary interpretations with Oikos.

The Logos Readers are an ensemble of select choral readers as part of First Church's Ministry of Imagination, Creativity and the Arts (MICA). Frequently featured in our Sunday morning worship, they have brought a refreshingly creative interpretive perspective on the Word.

Rev. Cliff Aerie

Director of MICA (Ministry of Imagination, Creativity and the Arts)

DID YOU KNOW...?

In the Prayer Chapel tucked into the NW corner of the upper level of our church is a plaque that has been placed on a pew in loving memory of Otilie Keisker 1956. But who is he? The prayer chapel was constructed in 1940 with pale blue walls, gray woodwork that harmonized with the rich tones of purple violet, burgundy and gold in the decorations. The atmosphere created was conducive to spiritual enrichment. It was to be used by individuals, small groups and for very small weddings. There had been a long felt need for this devotional chapel. It was inspired by the Prayer Circle that met each Tuesday morning. Otto Keisker designed the decoration. He painted a mural on the east wall, the Lord's Prayer lettered in gold. The altar and windows are of the Gothic style. Mrs. Keisker collected, in a book, prayers written by church members that was placed in the room. Augusta Kendrick gave the Bible used there. In recent years this little Chapel is seldom used and mostly forgotten.



However, around 2004 the Monday Morning Men began renovating it, giving it a fresh new look. There is a watercolor of this Prayer Chapel, done by Caroline Todd, now hanging in the Kishlar Room. Take a moment to view the watercolor or visit the actual chapel and reflect on those church members who went before us.

The Dickens Room, located on the lower level of the Education Building, is now used for meetings and includes a storage area for Scout supplies. It has been reported that Troop 301 had bonfires in this space which originally had a dirt floor! The troop, long sponsored by the church, took part in the Education Building Dedication in October of 1956. Scout Troop 301 installed in the room a bronze plate as a tribute to William Dickens who had been active in scouting programs and the church in the mid-1990s. His name appears on a Boy Scout Application For Charter form for Troop 301 in the late 1960s. His son W. Thomas Dickens III became an Eagle Scout in 1971.



Kay Roush, Historian

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Eric Breitenbach	1	Peter McHugh	15
Lynda Morrison	2	Lili Calder-Smith	17
Becky Ruder	3	Jean Kohler	17
Paul Wentzien	4	Rick Herrick	18
Ann Hunter Lauenstein	8	Carolyn Woodsmall	18
Andrea Welnick	9	Jennifer Monaco	19
Carol McCoy	10	Mark Smith	22
Carrie Herrick	11	Shirley Moore	23
Bill Moore	11	Chris von Weise	25
Jan Ver Hagen	11	Kristy Barton	27
Charley Craig	13	Patricia Schutte	27
Joseph Weyhrich	13	Joan Musbach	30

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES IN NOVEMBER

SCREENING OF “FROM PARIS TO PITTSBURGH”

MEMORIAL HALL | NOVEMBER 10, 2019 – 11:15 TO 12:30

Adult Education will offer a viewing of *Paris to Pittsburgh* in Memorial Hall. This important film celebrates how Americans from coastal cities to the Heartland are taking action to transition to a clean energy economy and a more sustainable future in the face of our climate crisis.

FOR THOSE WHO CAN STAY PAST 12:30 – *This film runs 75 minutes, and ideally is followed by a Question and Answer period.* Nicole Muschinske, Community Coordinator of Interfaith Power and Light will be present after the screening, to discuss the movie, talk about what climate action is happening in St. Louis, and offer suggestions for next steps.

To view the first-rate trailer click on the image above.

Paris to Pittsburgh is a 2018 documentary film about climate change directed by National Geographic filmmaker Sidney Beaumont and documentarian Michael Bonfiglio and produced by Bloomberg Philanthropies, National Geographic, and RadicalMedia.

ALGONQUIN NURSES HOME HEALTH CARE SERVICES

MS. LISA OTTE | MEMORIAL HALL | NOVEMBER 17, 2019 AT 11:15 AM

Lisa Otte is the Patient Care Coordinator of the Algonquin Nurses Home Health Care I, LLC, and will be our presenter today. The owners, Mark and Steve have been involved in home health care since the 1980s. Algonquin Nurses Home Health Care has been family owned and operated since 1987. Until recently, this company has had four divisions with three Missouri branches. In 2017, one of the family members retired, so the company sold its Medicare skilled nursing division to Team Select along with the corporate name of Algonquin Nurses Home Health Care, Inc.

Mark and his brother Steve renamed the family-owned parts of the company Algonquin Nurses Home Health Care I, LLC. The company's No. 1 priority is their clients' happiness, and its goal is to keep people with health challenges in their own homes as long as possible by offering services that support that goal. These services include: Private Duty nursing, Medicaid Home Care, Veterans Aid and Attendance Benefits, Medical Alert In-Home Monitoring, Medical Equipment and Health Care products, Estate and Retirement Planning, and much more!

Come join us for a valuable presentation about a wide range of home health care services to help older and disabled individuals enjoy their time at home for as long as possible.

WE STORIES

MEMORIAL HALL | NOVEMBER 24, 2019 AT 11:30 AM



For decades most White parents have operated under the premise that their White children don't notice racial difference and that promoting a colorblind ideology was the most effective way to raise empathetic and caring humans capable of connecting across difference. It turns out that this hope was misguided and has not only resulted in harm for our friends and peers of color but also adults who are ill-equipped to appreciate the differences of others and recognize their own racialized experience. Instead we are learning that historically accurate, realistic, specific and color conscious practices are most

conducive to raising White children who are prepared to see the world as it is and leverage their power and privilege in service of racial justice.

Adelaide Lancaster, co-founder of We Stories, entitled “WHAT WHAT?” Adelaide will share observations from her own experience as well as from across 900 St. Louis area families who are taking up color conscious practices in an effort to raise more compassionate children who are capable of not just leveraging their privilege but also being good friends and peers to their classmates and neighbors of color. We will cover the truth about the formation of bias, how to best counter act it, the role of our own racial socialization experiences, what we should be expecting from White kids raised today, and how we can continue to build our family spaces to be both honest and loving as we collectively wrestle towards greater truth and reconciliation in our own families and communities.

Intercultural Music Initiative Presents

TAMBUCO PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE OF MEXICO

4-Time Grammy-Nominated Percussion Ensemble

November 10, 2019, 3:00 PM

First Congregational Church of Webster Groves



This free concert comes to our sanctuary and invites the community at large! Of course donations will be welcome. This concert is offered in partnership with the Intercultural Music Initiative (africarts.org and imusici.org).

With 20 years of international concerts and the recording of an original repertoire, Tambuco Percussion Ensemble has celebrated an acclaimed career, establishing itself among the finest percussion quartets today. Audiences throughout the world have enjoyed the musicianship of Tambuco in programs devoted exclusively to show a vast universe of percussion music.

Four time GRAMMY Nominees including Best Classical Album, Tambuco, was founded in 1993 by four distinguished Mexican musicians and is ranked among the finest and most innovative in the world. These four musicians refuse to be tied down to one style, with a repertoire ranging from structuralist percussion music to a wide range of ethnic drum music and avante garde sound interpretation. The one constant is their desire for perfection and unique, virtuoso performance.

The musicians of “Tambuco” use all conceivable and inconceivable means to realize their musical ideas. Tambuco has been awarded with many distinctions and prizes from cultural organizations in Mexico and abroad. Tambuco has offered concerts in five continents. They have performed in the USA (Lincoln Center, Kennedy Center), Tokyo (Ino Hall), London (Barbican Centre), Paris and Montpellier (Festival de Radio France), Germany (Berliner Festspiele), Australia (Queensland Music Festival) plus concerts in Spain, Portugal, Italy, Egypt, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia Cuba, Colombia, Brasil, Uruguay, Argentina and Canada, as well as practically all of Mexico’s concert halls.

MEDICAL DEBT ABOLISHMENT PURCHASING

Recently the national setting of the United Church of Christ joined the Illinois Conference and churches of the Chicago Metropolitan Association in abolishing approximately \$5.3 million in medical debt from 5,888 families, who live at or below poverty level there. (Read more at www.TinyURL.com/RIPdebt)

This was accomplished through the organization RIP Medical Debt. RIP Medical Debt was founded by retired debt collectors seeking to act with mercy on behalf of poor people unable to pay their medical bills. They purchase debt at pennies on the dollar, use the donations contributed to them, and forgive the debt. To learn more, go to www.RIPMedicalDebt.org.

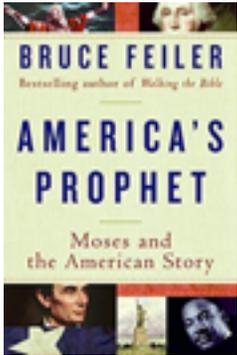


Rev. Traci Blackmon, UCC Executive Minister for Local Church and Justice & Witness Ministries, announces in a YouTube video the abolishment of \$5.3 million in medical debt through donations from Chicago Metropolitan Association churches and the UCC national setting. (<https://youtu.be/Lqi-HdFPRA0>)

The Missouri Mid-South Conference is joining this effort on behalf of families across the state of Missouri. Watch for information coming soon, about how to participate in this statewide relief effort. If you would like to participate immediately in the effort of the UCC national setting, please go to the website www.ucc.org/giving_tuesday, and click the “Donate” button at the top of the page

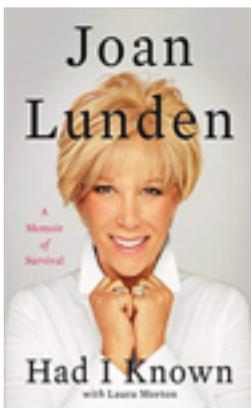
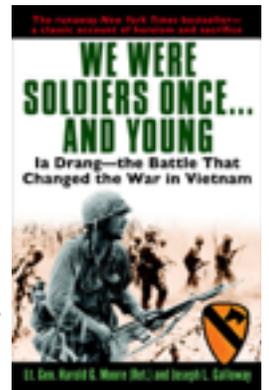
HOLIDAY LIBRARY ✓ IT OUT

Check out these books new to our church Library.



With *America's Prophet*, Feiler looks at Moses and the essential role the prophet has played in our nation's history and development. Bruce Feiler's most fascinating and thought-provoking book to date, *America's Prophet* delves deeply into how the Exodus story and America's true "Spiritual Founding Father" has inspired many of the most important figures and defining events in this country's history—from the Mayflower Pilgrims to the Civil Rights movement—and how Moses can provide meaning in times of national crisis, even today.

In November 1965, some 450 men of the 1st Battalion, 7th Cavalry, under the command of Lt. Col. Hal Moore, were dropped by helicopter into a small clearing in the Ia Drang Valley. They were immediately surrounded by 2,000 North Vietnamese soldiers. Three days later, only two and a half miles away, a sister battalion was chopped to pieces. Together, these actions at the landing zones X-Ray and Albany constituted one of the most savage and significant battles of the Vietnam War. *We Were Soldiers Once And Young* tells how these men persevered--sacrificed themselves for their comrades and never gave up--makes a vivid portrait of war at its most inspiring and devastating.



When former Good Morning America host Joan Lunden was diagnosed with breast cancer, she set out to learn all she could about it. After losing her hair, Joan appeared on the cover of People magazine bald, showing the world she would beat the disease. Her resolve empowered women everywhere. *Had I Known*, A Memoir of Survival is a chronicle of Joan's experience and the plan she followed to battle her disease and treatment. While her journey was not easy, it profoundly changed her in unexpected ways. It helped Joan redefine herself, her values, and her health. Following a new way of eating, Joan lost thirty pounds, became more aware of the food she was eating, and avoided many of the debilitating side effects of chemotherapy. Positive yet down-to-earth, told with honesty, warmth and humor, *Had I Known* offers unforgettable inspirational lessons for us all.

ROOM REQUESTS — “PLEASE, FILL OUT A FORM!”

If you wish to request one of the rooms at the church, you can find a *room request form* in the office, or ask Debbie to email you a form. This will allow us to have the room ready for you.

Thank you!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1 style="display: inline; margin: 0 20px;">November 2019</h1> 					1 <i>All Saints Day</i>	2 6:00 PM Saturday Night Light: <i>The Jazz of Preaching</i>
3 – <i>Sacrament of Christ’s Table Remembrance Sunday</i> 9:00 AM Brown Baggers 9:55 AM Worship 9:55 AM Youth in Worship 10:15 AM Sunday School 11:05 AM Coffee Fellowship 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM * Empty Bowls Fundraiser for WRHM	4 1:00 PM Center for Counseling and Healing 7:00 PM Scouts – Troop 301 (Boys)	5 9:30 AM Willing Workers 1:30 PM Communications Team	6 9:30 AM Yoga with Jeanene 1:00 PM Center for Counseling and Healing 6:00 PM Christian Ed. Task Force Planning	7 10:00 AM FAITH: Continuing the Search 6:15 PM Canterbury Bells 7:00 PM Scouts – Troop 301 (Girls) 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	8	9
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Seek Christ in each. Serve God in all.



November Meal-A-Month Shopping List

Canned Salmon or Tuna (in water)
Canned Spinach (no salt)
Applesauce (in plastic, no sugar added)
Powdered Milk, shelf stable milk, soy milk
Soap • Deodorant • Toilet Paper

Missing Someone?

Have you been missing someone for a while from worship
and other church events?

Please, let Pastor Dave Denoon or Parish Life Chair know.
Either will be happy to follow up for you.

