



Covenant News

November 2021

FROM THE PASTOR

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Daylight Savings Time Ends
on Sunday, November 7
Turn your clocks **back** be-
fore you go to sleep on
Saturday the 6th

"The Revolution Will Be Televised"

By the rivers of Babylon where we sat down
And there we wept when we remembered Zion.
'Cause the wicked carried us away in captivity, required from us a song.
How can we sing King Alpha's song in a strange land?
So let the words of our mouth and the meditation of our heart
Be acceptable in Thy sight, O Fari!

("By the Rivers of Babylon," The Melodians, 1970; adapted from Psalms 137 and 19)

Over the years as the pastor here, I have heard observations about the vibrancy our church once enjoyed. And wherever I speak with other pastors, I hear through them their congregations' concerns that things for them are not as bounteous as they once were. In fact, in every church I have ever served members have lamented over how sadly different things in the present are from the ways and numbers they so fondly remember. Can we return? they wonder. If not, how can we rejoice?

The scriptures cited above in the wonderful song by the Melodians were written during an interim time when the lands of the Jewish people had been seized by the Assyrians and Babylonians and many of the people relocated to the capitals of those empires. The Temple on Mount Zion had been leveled, and Jews found themselves feeling devastated: How can we sing the songs of Zion in a strange land? Though I am loath to compare our laments to theirs, I cannot deny mainline Christians' feelings, and these are feelings of loss... even feelings of defeat.

At my suggestion recently, Pastoral Assistant Halley Kim and recent Eden seminary graduate Merrimon Boyd organized a series of consultative sessions with active church members. Each is a part of one of the underrepresented generations among our worshipers and leadership – specifically, Generations X, Y (Millennials), and Z. Participants range in age from 17 to 60 years. We've been asking, "What does First Church get right?" We've also been asking, "Where are we needing improvement?" or "What new initiatives could we be undertaking that might draw more people our age?"

You can imagine among a group as creative as we are at First Church that no one answers the first question without having something in mind about the latter two. Broadly speaking, everyone is in agreement that we have a Congregation well worth our support. Equally as broadly speaking, it was observed that we are missing the mark with regard to communication among ourselves, so our ability to support is impinged. Going further, they have said that our worship is rather dated and uninteresting to many of them, and for a church that depends on drawing in newcomers – especially those of younger generations – staying the same worship-wise really shouldn't be an option. Perhaps there are new ways of gathering we need to consider. Of course, everything needs to be live streamed and available for download, to view and participate in at times other than at 10 o'clock on a Sunday morning.

These are just a few of their observations and suggestions, and the other program staff and I are committed to adapting to the group's lead. There's still more to come, as they continue to meet, imagine, and reimagine. It may feel like a revolution, as if we are "sing[ing] King Alpha's song in a strange land." But we'll work with you to find what feels most consistent with who we say we are and to approach something like the blessings we once knew.

Peace.

Pastor Dave Deacon

WORSHIP NOTES FOR NOVEMBER 2021

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

Sunday worship each week will be shared in person for those who wish to attend and streamed live on YouTube, starting at 9:55am (bit.ly/FCCWG-YT).

At the time of publication, masking is required in the Sanctuary and in the halls of the church.

Sunday, November 7 – *Sacrament of Christ's Table; Remembrance Sunday.* We honor the memories and spiritual legacies of members who have died in the last twelve months, as well as our own departed loved ones, with the lighting of candles and the sharing of communion. Message of the Day: **"Remembrance."** Scriptures: Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9 (apocrypha); Revelation 21:1-6a.

Sunday, November 14 – *Stewardship Sunday; Pledge In-Gathering for 2022; Sunday after Veterans Day.* Complementing recognition of those who have served their country through the military will be prayers for peace in our Ritual of Commitment, this day. Pastor **Dave Denoon** turns to Psalm 1 and Matthew 25:14-30 for his message of the day: **"Christ's Commentary on Profit."**

Sunday, November 21 – *Reign of Christ Sunday; Thanksgiving Sunday.* Turning to John 18:33-37, Pastor Dave Denoon invites us to consider the meaning of Christ reigning over us. You would think, in a democratic denomination like the UCC, we'd call Jesus our President or Prime Minister rather than our Regent! Delving into the story of the Nazarene Rabbi, the pastor asks, **"What Is the Good News?"**

Thursday, November 25 – Thanksgiving Day. Although there will be no services conducted today, and no community meal in keeping with COVID restrictions, a brief devotional video will be available at our YouTube page – <http://bit.ly/FCCWG-YT>

Sunday, November 28 – *First Sunday of Advent.* This Advent, church members will talk about their Christmas "treasures," as we light the candles of the Advent Wreath. The Jesse Tree reappears, and we retell the familiar prophecies of the coming of God's Anointed. And on this first Sunday of Advent, Pastor Dave Denoon reflects on the relationship challenges we all face every day, but especially during the holidays, with a message (**"Practicing Tolerance"**) that bounces out from Romans 12:9-18 and John 13:31-35.

ROBES UNWORN

Pertaining to the Pastor's cover article, some may have noticed that he has continued his "summer casual" attire to continue into the autumn. This was no accident; his robes are not at the dry cleaners. One strong suggestion of the new Visioning Group was that worship gain a less formal feel. This has been his contribution to that effort, at least with regard to vestments.

He'll continue to wear seasonal stoles and is open to suggestions for how his attire might continue to foster an atmosphere of worship. For example, all his clergy shirts are short-sleeved. Should he expand this wardrobe, or is there another casual direction he might be following?

For our special services and other occasions, chances are that his robes will reappear. But for now, he's most Sundays, he'll be a little more comfortable.

WONDER AND WANDER,

Webinar is now at a new time – Thursdays at 2:00pm

(or streaming any time at <http://bit.ly/FCC-Wonder>)

Our new enrichment program, a Zoom webinar we call Wonder and Wander can now be viewed live at 2:00pm on Thursdays. Pastor Dave Denoon, Pastoral Assistant Halley Kim, and Rev. Merrimon Boyd approach a variety of religious and spiritual topics from their personal perspectives.

Most of the episodes address matters the pastor spoke about in his recent sermon series, "Progressive Christian Primer." To watch live, register at <http://bit.ly/JehovahJive>. The full series of episodes may be viewed at <http://bit.ly/FCC-Wonder>.

MODERATOR'S CORNER – GOD'S LOVE; ROOTED AND NOURISHED

When I was young there were homework assignments for Sunday School. These always included a “memory verse” to be learned “by heart” for the next Sunday. Many of you likely have a similar experience.

The earliest such memory verse I recall was “God is Love” from First John, 4:16. As a young person I suspected that this was assigned early in what we now call “faith formation” because it was so short. As I grew in my understanding of the place of religion in my life, I came to understand that this was also first because it is foundational. Our God is a God of love, not of wrath; our task is to spread that good news to the world so that it will be a better place; ours is a religion “Rooted in Love.”

Yes, you have seen this in a recent mailing to you from our church. It is the theme of this year's Stewardship campaign: ***Rooted in Love***. Our faith is rooted in love; our Christian community is rooted in love; the greatest commandment is to love one another.

In pledging to support our church, we are aware that the church is not just a building, but it is in the building that we find the locus of our Christian community where we come together to share our love for each other and to have the roots of our love nourished. The building must be maintained.

We can have and exhibit love for others without being led by the clergy, but plants often develop better roots when tended to by a gardener, so our Christian love benefits from the direction provided by our faith leader and our church programming requires staff, all of whom need to be paid.

Our faith is rooted in love and those roots are nourished by your pledges to our church. We are all “called of God” to do our part in providing the necessary sustenance for our church so that the love of God can flourish. Throughout the year individuals and groups of our church support the work of spreading God's love in many ways. But this is the time of year when we pledge the financial support necessary to this foundational task.

On November 14 we will consecrate our promises to support our church and join together in Memorial Hall for pie and mulled cider. What a wonderful way to cheerfully celebrate the cheerful giver! The members of Lady Elect will spend Saturday, November 13 in the church kitchen baking for this celebration.

November programming in our church includes many other important observances. We have all lost loved ones and the opportunity to remember those in worship on November 7 is very special. Plan to light a candle on Remembrance Sunday for loved ones you have lost, but hold close in your memories.

A service of Thanksgiving is planned for November 21 in our sanctuary. The Music Ministry is hard at work to make this service special. A devotional video for you to view on our YouTube channel is planned for Thanksgiving Day. As we count our blessings, let us not forget the blessing of being part of First Congregational Church of Webster Groves and the blessing of not only having enough to sustain ourselves, but enough to share for the spreading of God's love.

The season of Thanksgiving yields to the season of Advent on November 28. We are all grateful that all the wonderful moments of celebrating the seasons together that we had to forego last year are being planned for us this year. Let's all count the many ways in which our church enriches, nourishes the roots of love in our lives.

Joan Musbach
Moderator

FROM THE ORGANIST'S BENCH



The Music Department is gearing up for Hanging of the Greens coming December 12! Our ensembles are practicing to bring you the worshipful experience you have come to expect. Too bad that almost no one from the congregation attended the Artist Presentation Society's free recital by Anna Laurenzo, one of the winners from this year. Her recital was the kind of thing you hear only in the great halls of the world. She makes her Metropolitan Opera debut in the spring. I hope that more of you can attend another of the Artist Presentation Society's winner's recital on November 20 at 5:00 p.m. which features Leah Stevens, flutist. She works with underprivileged children and has been teaching master classes in selected

middle school and high school flutists. Her recital on November 20 will include a wide range of interesting pieces and sure to delight you.

I have some students in town from Paraguay who are studying with the Ariana Quartet. Look for our South American guests enhancing our worship as soon as I can schedule them. They are even playing at Central Reform Congregation (synagogue) as they are staying at the home of the leader of Klezundheit. Stay safe and be well!

Leon Burke

EXCITING CONCERT IN OUR SANCTUARY – NOVEMBER 20, 5:00 PM



The Artist Presentation Society again offers us the opportunity to enjoy wonderful music presented by gifted young artists. Leah Stevens, flutist, will be accompanied by pianist Stephen Uhl.

Ms. Stevens is a Flute Fellow at the New World Symphony in Miami Beach, Florida, and the Second Flute/Piccolo/Assistant Principal flute with the Owensboro Symphony in Kentucky. She has already won a long list of awards including First Prize in the Flute Society of St. Louis Young Artist Competition. Ms. Stevens is one of three winners of the Artist

Presentation Society Auditions in St. Louis for this year.

Ms. Stevens is also a teacher. Not only does she teach master classes, but she also teaches for an organization in Chicago that strives to provide music education to underprivileged children. She has been a recurring clinician for the Flute Society of St. Louis, teaching middle school and high school master classes.



Her performance at our church will include both classical and contemporary works. On the program are such interesting titles as: "Feathers and Wax," "Winters Spirits," and "East Wind for solo flute." This is sure to be a delightful way to end a fall Saturday afternoon.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Below are the church operating results for the nine months ending September. Pledge income remains above budget. A large pledge payment was received in August 2020 that has not yet been received yet this year. The remainder of the CARES Act PPP funds was transferred from endowment to operations in September for a total of \$62,300 received in 2021. On the expense side, expenses are relatively flat compared to last year except for Human Resource Expenses. The increase in this area reflects that changes we have made in staffing. Overall expenses are under budget by \$4,097.

Statement of Financial Activities

	2021	2020	Budget	Change to Prior Year	Change to Budget
Income				Higher/(Lower) Income	
Pledges and Gifts	\$ 245,155	\$ 287,027	\$ 236,250	\$ (41,872)	\$ 8,905
Transfer from Endowment	90,000	90,000	194,250	-	(104,250)
Benevolence	23,527	23,934	11,250	(407)	12,277
CARES Act PPP	62,300	-	-	62,300	62,300
Use of Space and Miscellaneous	30,168	25,290	35,336	4,878	(5,168)
Interest Income	13,247	13,839	8,700	(592)	4,547
Total Revenue	464,398	440,090	485,786	24,308	(21,389)
Expenses				(Higher)/Lower Expense	
Human Resources Expense	\$ 329,888	\$ 292,448	\$ 322,750	(37,440)	(7,138)
Facilities and Finance Expense	\$ 108,701	\$ 110,799	\$ 121,632	2,098	12,931
Benevolence Expense	\$ 32,815	\$ 35,699	\$ 24,000	2,884	(8,815)
Christian Education Ministry Expense	\$ 1,573	\$ 1,832	\$ 3,075	259	1,502
Parish Life Ministry Expense	\$ 6,235	\$ 2,399	\$ 8,400	(3,836)	2,165
Executive Ministry Expense	\$ 1,948	\$ 124	\$ 5,400	(1,824)	3,452
Total Expenses	481,159	443,301	485,257	(37,858)	4,097
Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	\$ (16,762)	\$ (3,211)	\$ 529	\$ (13,551)	\$ (17,291)

Statement of Financial Position

	2021	2020	Variance
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 107,027	\$ 207,538	\$ (100,512)
Prepaid expenses	65	2,314	(2,249)
Pledges receivable	97,094	61,238	35,856
Property and equipment	28,801	30,391	(1,590)
Minister housing long term receivable	60,000	60,000	-
Total Assets	\$ 292,986	\$ 361,481	\$ (68,495)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Unrestricted Designated Funds	15,292	21,002	(5,709)
Restricted funds for:			
Funds in Endowment Trust	45,815	40,309	5,506
Churchyard	36,007	33,760	2,247
Kishlar/Dickens Room Maintenance	58,096	58,096	-
Temporarily restricted funds for pledges	97,094	61,238	35,856
Memorial Funds	54,797	83,914	(29,117)
Long term liabilities	60,000	122,300	(62,300)
Unrestricted Net Assets	(74,113)	(59,137)	(14,977)
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 292,986	\$ 361,481	\$ (68,495)

If you have any other questions or want further detail, please let me know.

Thanks

Jennifer Jones, Treasurer

UPDATE FROM THE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

In November 2018, the Executive Ministry proposed the 2019 budget with the understanding that a Strategic Planning Committee (StratCom) would be formed. The following are the more significant activities that StratCom has been doing since it was formed:

In 2019, StratCom:

- Set their goal: Draft and implement a plan to restore the financial health of the church consistent with the church's mission.
- Met with the City of Webster Groves to learn about church zoning.
- Documented and inventoried church space for internal use, potential sale or lease.
- Hired a surveyor to determine legal boundary lines of the church property.

In 2020: StratCom:

- Recommended to Executive Ministry to contract with a real estate consultant as Project Manager (Zornesway).
- March, the real estate project was put on hold due to the pandemic.
- Performed Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats analysis to identify these items regarding the church.
- Zornesway showed the church spaces and met with several potential partners, including a space designer, construction company, caterer and senior living organization.

In 2021, StratCom:

- Received a below market bid from a real estate developer for the Gore parking lot.
- Researched alcohol being consumed in the church, finding alcohol can be served at the church. The church is covered under our current insurance policies if the event is church sponsored; however, the church cannot sell alcohol. If the event is not a church sponsored event (such as a wedding reception or trivia night), the church is not the responsible party. Rather the event holder is the responsible party and the church will request a certificate of insurance which shows the event holder has adequate insurance.
- Recommended to Executive Ministry to mutually terminate the agreement with Zornesway. Primarily due to the pandemic market environment, none of the many opportunities that were presented became viable options to move forward.
- Moved StratCom's focus pursuing renting church space. Consulted with NMBL Strategies, a marketing consulting firm that works in the not-for-profit area.

If you have any other questions or want further detail, please let me know.

Thanks

Jennifer Jones



Habitat is once again building houses, and the UCC has contributed \$40,000 towards the construction of one of them. We at First Church will join seven other churches working on this house in 2021. It's a new construction dwelling (as opposed to a rehab) and is located in the Gate District at 3429 Park Ave. Our work day is Saturday November 20 and we will be working along side the group from Parkway UCC. We need three workers who can commit to working from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Sign up sheet is in the office.

NEWS FROM CLIFF AERIE AND MICA



Our 18-month “Journey thru Creation” emphasis is nearing its conclusion. Our final worship was held on October 24 with Elston McCowen and Pastor Dave sharing a dialogue sermon on the theme of eco-justice. The Oïkos Ensemble led us musically, collaborating with the choir and the Logos Readers with creative interpretations of scripture and song. A special thanks to Jan Barnes, for using her wonderful artistry to create this altarscape for the worship.

It’s been an eventful, pandemic influenced adventure. I hope that you have been both

inspired and informed by our webinars, worship services, environmental resources, and our “Earth Walk” concert. There is one final event: Jazz Noel on Sunday, December 19 at 3:00 pm. This will be our 10th anniversary performance and this year’s theme, “The Return of the Light,” presents the Christmas story in the context of the Winter Solstice using jazz as our primary artistic medium.



Detailed information will be coming your way soon. In the meantime, I’d welcome your thoughtful critique of our “Journey thru Creation” program. How do you think it has impacted our congregation, perhaps even effected your life? Send your comments to me at cliff.aerie@firstchurchwg.org. I look forward to hearing from you.

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*Journey Thru Creation is a program of MICA (Ministry of Imagination, Creativity and the arts) and is made possible through a Vital Worship Grant from the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, Grand Rapids, Michigan, with funds provided by Lilly Endowment Inc.*

## PLENTY OF FRESH PECANS FOR SALE!

This year, the profit made from the sale of our wonderful, fresh pecans will go towards our Second Annual Christmas Tree Decorating Party in the Jubilee Garden. We are once again purchasing the 1-pound bags of Mammoth Pecan Halves. They will be \$14 each and are expected to arrive in mid-November. Please call Debbie at 314-962-0475 or send her an email at: [admin@firstchurchwg.org](mailto:admin@firstchurchwg.org) and let her know how many bags

you would like her to save for you. ***There are many bags that are not accounted for, so please feel free to place an order!***



## **OUR CHURCH DURING CHALLENGING TIMES**

### **Excerpts From 2020 *Reflecting & Sharing* by Church Members**

#### **Joan Musbach**

I consider the extent to which all life is preparation for the moment. Many of my 959 books (Yes, I have an Excel spreadsheet of my home library) were placed on the shelf with the words “Someday, when...” There is the piano, rarely touched for decades, saved with the words “Someday, when ...” There is the family history project boxed in the basement with the promise, “Someday, when...” There is the collection of videotapes (Yes, I still have a VHS player!) and DVDs, stashed in a “Someday, when...” cabinet. Never, did I foresee that the completion of that phrase would be, “Someday, when we have a pandemic...”

#### **Marilyn Claggett**

I love walking, hiking and gardening, so this is happening at the right time of year as far as that is concerned. This spring has been beautiful. I am turning the SLU teaching garden into a production garden this summer to donate the harvest to Campus Kitchen there and I garden at home as well. I do worry about those who need their jobs and work but must be concerned for their health.

#### **Linda Kopetti**

One thing I have noticed, as we have spent so much more time in this house, is that I'm using more of it! When we moved from Webster we ended up with another 4-bedroom home with a finished basement (not that we needed that much space). During normal times we don't use half of it. But, these are not normal times! I use the dining room for puzzles, one guest room for Zoom meetings, another for comfort while listening to presentations on Zoom, and then there is my sewing room, a place for creating masks etc. Another area of the basement is for the treadmill and a little scrapbooking. Silly, I guess but it seems to help to change the scene and perspective.

#### **Jenny Jones**

Memorial Day weekend has been a time when the Roush family spends time together at the cabin. We weren't sure how that was going to happen this year with the pandemic. Sure, one family could go to the cabin, but more than one family staying together in a small cabin? I was disappointed that we weren't going to be together this year. As we talked through it, little by little, we realized that while we hadn't been together; we hadn't been out either. Quickly, we decided that we felt safe to be together and could all go to the cabin!

#### **Margaret Gustafson**

I love to cook, even though I cook for one, but I like to share with friends who do not like to cook, or will just enjoy whatever I present. With that in mind, I have begun sharing what began with cinnamon coffee cake, proceeded to macaroni and cheese, and progressed to peach cobbler. The recent quarantine has given me pause to think of others instead of myself. In all of my meanderings I have one thought, and that is it is much more rewarding to think of others, when it is so easy to dwell on one's self.



## OUR GROUPS – NOVEMBER

### Practicing Our Faith

Practicing Our Faith is a small group of women that has met for over 10 years. The group includes women from our church as well as the community. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month in the Inglis Room (unless noted), at 6:30 pm, to support each other on life's journey. We generally read one or two books each year and use the books as a starting point for discussion. We are always open to new members. Feel free to contact any of the current members for questions.

#### Members include:

Jan Barnes, Jeanene Harris, Halley Kim, Ann Leonard, Barb Moore, Lynda Morrison, Libby Reimers  
Linda Smith, Chris von Wiese, Andrea Welnick

### Lady Elect — November

All women of the church are welcome to attend our monthly meetings. Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month, except in November and December. The meetings are held in the Parlor at 7:00 pm, unless noted.

Lady Elect will be making pies on Saturday, November 13, to be eaten on Sunday, November 14!

### Journeyman are Meeting Again!

To get around holiday and vacation schedules, the group set the next two dates as **December 2** and **January 13**, both at **8:30 AM to 9:30 am in the Parlor**. They will get back to a regular schedule in February, 2022.

### Tax-Wise Giving to FCCWG, Part One Memorial Hall — November 7, 2019 – 11:15 to 12:15 Mark Cereghino, Jennifer Jones, and Robert Moody

As we prepare for our annual Consecration Sunday, Executive Ministries will offer Part One of a Smart Giving Seminar — Tax Wise Giving. The presentation will offer some steps one may take to plan tax-efficient gifts compatible with current regulations. Mark Cereghino, Jennifer Jones, and Robert Moody will review ways one may plan this year's gifts to First Church. **Part Two, about legacy giving and estate planning**, will be presented in March 2022, allowing interested individuals time to reflect and prepare questions. The November presentation will begin at 11:15; handouts will be provided.



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|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Eric Breitenbach  | November 1  | Jean Kohler       | November 17 |
| Braeden Hood      | November 2  | Rick Herrick      | November 18 |
| Lynda Morrison    | November 2  | Carolyn Woodsmall | November 18 |
| Becky Ruder       | November 3  | Jennifer Monaco   | November 19 |
| Paul Wentzien     | November 4  | Ellie Paci        | November 19 |
| Trina Hill        | November 7  | Mark Smith        | November 22 |
| Andrea Welnick    | November 9  | Shirley Moore     | November 23 |
| Carrie Herrick    | November 11 | Chris von Weise   | November 25 |
| Bill Moore        | November 11 | Kristy Barton     | November 27 |
| Jan Ver Hagen     | November 11 | Charleston McCoy  | November 27 |
| Nina Thompson     | November 12 | Pat Schutte       | November 27 |
| Joseph Weyhrich   | November 13 | Anton Didriksen   | November 30 |
| Peter McHugh      | November 15 | Joan Musbach      | November 30 |
| Lili Calder-Smith | November 17 |                   |             |

## OUR PARTNER AGENCY



This article is about one of our Partner Agencies called Shepherd's Center. The Benevolence Committee was happy to award funding to them again this year.

Shepherd's Center is located nearby in Glendale. It provides a number of free services for seniors. Some of their most requested services are listed below. For more information you can go to their website at [www.shepherdscenter.org](http://www.shepherdscenter.org) or call them at 314-395-0988.

### **Free Services for 55+**

- medical transportation (medical, dental, therapy appointments)
- simple home repair
- seasonal yard cleanup
- tech tutoring - help with personal devices


### **Exercise and Educational Programs Online** (all of in-person classes are filled with waiting lists)

- chair yoga
- interval exercise
- November online lectures
  - Author Visit with Michael W. Heyer: A U.S. Army Soldier's Cold War Memoir 1970-73
  - A Virtual Tour: The African American Military History Museum, Hattiesburg, MS
  - Medicare in the 21st Century
  - Online Art History

### **Day Trips and Volunteer opportunities are also available. Check it out!**

Next time that you are in Memorial Hall, take a moment to look at the Benevolence Board. It gives information on our partner agencies.

# NOVEMBER 2021

| SUN                                                                                                                                                                                       | MON                                                                 | TUES                                                                                                      | WED                                                                                  | THURS                                                                                            | FRI                                 | SAT                                                                           |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1 All Saints Day<br>7:00 PM Scout Troop 301B                        | 2<br>10:30 AM Staff Meeting<br>1:00 PM Communications Team – Zoom                                         | 3<br>9:30 AM Yoga with Jeanene<br>6:00 PM Bridge Club                                | 4<br>6:00 PM Canterbury Bells<br>7:00 PM Scout Troop 301G<br>7:30 PM Chancel Choir               | 5<br>6:00 PM Vigil for Black Lives  | 6                                                                             |
| 7 Daylight Savings Time Ends<br>Sacrament of Christ's Table<br>9:00 AM Brown Baggers<br>9:00 AM Nursery Care Available<br>10:00 AM Worship<br>10:15 AM Kids Church<br>11:05 AM Fellowship | 8<br>7:00 PM Scout Troop 301B<br>7:00 PM Three Ministries (Zoom)    | 9<br>10:30 AM Staff Meeting<br>6:30 PM Confirmation Class<br>6:30 PM – Practicing Our Faith – Inglis Room | 10<br>9:30 AM Yoga with Jeanene<br>6:00 PM Bridge Club                               | 11 Veterans Day<br>6:00 PM Canterbury Bells<br>7:00 PM Scout Troop 301G<br>7:30 PM Chancel Choir | 12<br>6:00 PM Vigil for Black Lives | 13<br>9:00 AM –Lady Elect pie making – kitchen                                |
| 14<br>9:00 AM Nursery Care Available<br>10:00 AM Worship<br>10:15 AM Kids Church<br>11:05 AM Fellowship                                                                                   | 15<br>7:00 PM Scout Troop 301B<br>7:00 PM Executive Ministry (Zoom) | 16<br>10:30 AM Staff Meeting<br>7:00 PM Lady Elect – Parlor                                               | 17<br>9:30 AM Yoga with Jeanene<br>6:00 PM Bridge Club                               | 18<br>6:00 PM Canterbury Bells<br>7:00 PM Scout Troop 301G<br>7:30 PM Chancel Choir              | 19<br>6:00 PM Vigil for Black Lives | 20<br>5:00 PM – APS award winner, Leah Stevens (flute) in recital – Sanctuary |
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| 28 – Advent<br>9:00 AM Nursery Care Available<br>10:00 AM Worship<br>10:15 AM Kids Church<br>11:05 AM Fellowship                                                                          | 29<br>7:00 PM Scout Troop 301B – Memorial Hall                      | 30<br>10:30 AM Staff Meeting                                                                              |  |                                                                                                  |                                     |                                                                               |



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*Seek Christ in each. Serve God in all.*

## MEAL-A-MONTH NOVEMBER

*(Please leave donations in boxes in Narthex)*

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

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Have you been missing someone for a while from worship and other church events? Please, let Pastor Dave Denoon or Mary Edwards, know. Either will be happy to follow up for you.

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